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THE GREATEST AMERICAN WAR HORSE

THE LEGEND OF SERGEANT RECKLESS

Animals have acted as companions to humankind for thousands of years. They're a near-constant source of companionship, comfort, and aid. Unfortunately, military animals don't often get the recognition they deserve. One horse, in particular, was essential to the success of her regiment during the Korean War. Meet Sergeant Reckless.

Bought for \$250 in 1952 by a U.S. Marine Corps lieutenant at a Seoul racetrack, Sergeant Reckless was trained to carry ammunition for the 5th Marine Regiment. Her name was a play on the "recoilless" rifle ammunition she carried and a nod to the daredevil attitude of the soldiers who used them. Reckless was pivotal for her regiment in more ways than one. As Robin Hutton notes in her book "Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse," "Because



horses are 'herd' animals, the Marines became her herd. She bonded so deeply with them that Reckless would go anywhere and do anything to help her adopted family."

Sergeant Reckless' greatest achievement occurred during the final stages of the Battle for Outpost Vegas. During the bloody five-day campaign, Reckless made 51 trips to resupply guns over the course of a single day. By the end of the battle, she had carried 386 rounds of ammunition by walking 35 miles through rice paddies and mountain trails. After dropping off the ammunition, Reckless would then bring wounded soldiers back to safety. Reckless was trained to lie down when under fire and avoid barbed wire, and her ability to do so without needing human command saved many lives during the battle.

Reckless would close out her war career with two Purple Hearts and the rank of staff sergeant. She spent the rest of her years at Camp Pendleton in California. To learn more about this legendary mare, be sure to check out "Sgt. Reckless: America's War Horse" by Robin Hutton.

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THE SEASON OF GIVING BACK

This fall, we've been fortunate enough to participate in and sponsor many great local events. Some have already passed, but there are a few yet to come. In this season of giving back, I wanted to share a few of these events.

Back in September, we had a great time at the La Conquista Reunion Show. La Conquista was a prominent all-girl cumbia group from Monterrey, Mexico — though most of the members now live locally. What made this event truly special is the fact that this was a "one-time-only" reunion. In the mid-2000s, they were huge and also earned well-deserved Grammy nominations. It was great to see the group perform once more.

Moving into October, we sponsored the Texas Creator Summit, which was held at The Bay Jewel in Corpus Christi. This was the first year of the Texas Creator Summit, and it attracted entrepreneurs and creators of all kinds. It worked as a networking event mixed with informational talks as a way to bring local entrepreneurs together. Hopefully, they'll bring it back next year with even more speakers and resources. You can learn more about the Texas Creator Summit at TXCreatorSummit.com.

This month, we'll be participating in Coffee Waves' Small Business Weekends and Canned Food Drive. This event is running through the month of November. It's a mix of supporting local businesses and giving back to the community. We're no stranger to canned food drives, so you can be sure we'll be participating! As always, we encourage our team and everyone who can to give back. Food is always in need, and every can of food does help.

It's also a great way to highlight Small Business Saturday, which takes place the Saturday after Thanksgiving and Black Friday. Small Business Saturday brings attention to local



businesses that can often get lost in the rush of Black Friday, which is usually dominated by the big-box stores. Of course, when you can mix shopping with giving back to the community, it's a win-win. You support local businesses while benefiting local food banks.

Through November and into December, we're also joining forces with the Toys for Tots Toy Drive. This year, we're working with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fleet Reserve Association. The goal is to help collect toys for kids in military families. As many of you know, Corpus Christi is home to many military families that come from all walks of life. We want to ensure every family and every child has a gift to open this Christmas.

As always, you can learn more about all the events we sponsor on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/Herrmanandhermanpllc. We keep this page updated with all of our latest activities, and it's a great way to find more information on all the events we talk about in this newsletter as well as connect with the organizations we partner with so that you, too, can give back in your own way this holiday season.

-Greg Herrman

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ENGAGE YOUR KIDS ON THANKSGIVING

WITH THESE GRATITUDE-THEMED GAMES

Thanksgiving is an excellent time to teach children about gratefulness. By planning some fun, gratitude-themed games, you can impart a valuable lesson and spend some quality family time together. Get your kids in the holiday spirit by adding a Thanksgiving twist to these classic games.

Pictionary

Want to bring out your kids' creative sides? Pictionary is the perfect way to encourage artistic expression and grateful thinking. Try adding a rule where players have to draw something they're grateful for. This will get your kids thinking beyond turkey and stuffing and give them an imaginative way to express their gratitude. Plus, who doesn't love a good art contest?

Guess Who?

To play gratitude-themed Guess Who?, have each participant write down their name and something they're thankful for on a slip of paper and put it in a bowl. Then, at the dinner



table, have each person draw a random slip and read what it says without saying the name while everyone else tries to guess who wrote it. While Pictionary may get your kids talking about what they are thankful for, Guess Who? will tune them into what others around them are thankful for too.

Pick-Up Sticks

Like regular pick-up sticks, the goal is to remove a stick from a haphazard pile without disturbing the others. However, by using colored sticks that represent different kinds of thankfulness — such as places, people, or food — you can make players think outside the box. This will ensure you get a wide range of creative, thoughtful answers whenever the kids pick up a stick.

These modified games are great for helping your kids realize how much they have to be thankful for. Use these to spend some fun, educational, quality time with your family this Thanksgiving.



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WORD FOR IT



"I have only great things to say about the staff at Herrman & Herrman. Steven and Veronica were amazing and handled everything! Veronica was always available to explain procedures and answer any questions I had, very patiently at that. I was a bit intimidated at first, considering I had never been in an accident, much less talked to a lawyer at all, and am originally not from the area (college student), but as mentioned, Steven and Veronica took care of everything! I can honestly say I am 100% pleased with the outcome. Thank you!"

—Jolie X.

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Pump the Brakes on These
3 Bad Driving Habits

Honking

It seems that most cars these days come with the most shrill-sounding horn possible. Most drivers don't ever use their horns, but there are those who tend to use their horns in every possible situation, telling the world, "Here I am!" Whether they are in traffic, waiting at a light, or simply expressing their road rage, people use their horn as an expression of how they are feeling as opposed to using it for what it's actually for. Using your horn for unnecessary situations causes some people to panic and others to become angry. Don't be the cause of another road rage news article; use your horn only when it's really needed.

Straddling the Line

This common habit is when someone drives in the middle of two lanes and can't seem to figure which one to choose. This is extremely dangerous and impedes the flow of traffic by making



it difficult for someone to pass. As a rule of thumb, try to position yourself behind the car in front of you so your seat is directly behind theirs. Try to stick to the lane that makes the most sense for your commute, only switching to go around slower traffic or to make a turn or exit (and remember not to hog the left lane, as well).

Rubbernecking

"It's not polite to stare." It seems your mother was right on this one, folks. No one enjoys being in an accident, having to change a tire on the side of the road, or getting a ticket. Having people gawk at you from the highway doesn't make it any better. This slows down the flow of traffic, and when people stare at an accident or any other commotion on the side of a road, it can lead to further collisions and hazardous road conditions. It's dangerous and insensitive.



BURNISHED POTATO NUGGETS

There are countless ways to prepare potatoes, but not all are created equal. For irresistibly crunchy outsides and deliciously creamy insides, try this recipe. The result is sure to be the star side at your Thanksgiving table.

INGREDIENTS

- * 5 lbs russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 2-inch pieces
- * 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- * 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- * 8 cloves garlic, crushed
- * 2 sprigs rosemary
- * Kosher salt, to taste

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat oven to 425 F.
2. In a large pot, pour water over potatoes to cover by 2 inches. Salt water and bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Reduce heat and simmer gently for 10 minutes.
3. Thoroughly drain potatoes and let stand for 10 minutes. Toss gently and season with salt.
4. Meanwhile, combine both oils in a large pan and heat in oven for 10 minutes.
5. Remove pan from oven and add potatoes, turning to coat thoroughly. Return to oven and cook for 30 minutes, turning every 10.
6. Toss in garlic and rosemary and finish cooking for 8–10 minutes.
7. Drain and serve.

Inspired by Bon Appétit

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