Wooden it be nice ...

to be a real boy

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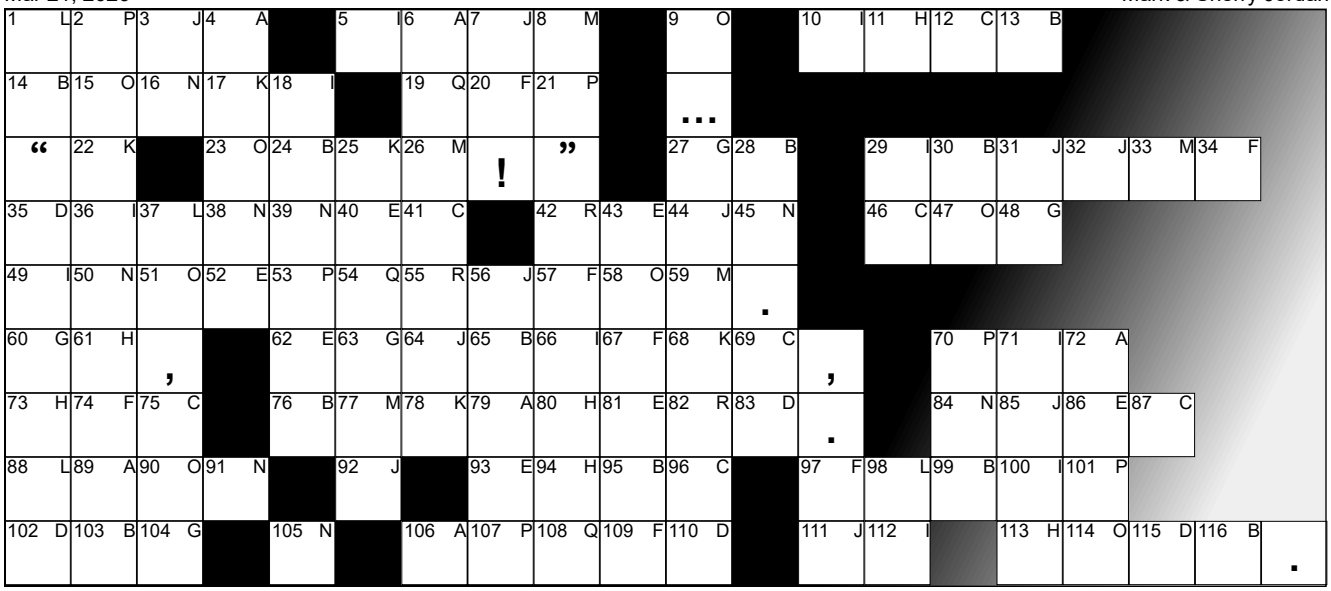


A ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
89 72 106 6 4 79

A marionette ... like the titular character in the story featured in this puzzle before becoming a “real boy”

B ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
24 95 76 13 116 30 103 14 99 65 28

Right this instant!

C ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
69 87 12 96 41 75 46

Persistent, personal foes

D ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
115 102 83 110 35

One holding the title

E ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
62 40 43 86 81 52 93

Jiminy who sang to this puzzle’s hero: “And always let your conscience be your guide.”

F ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
109 20 97 57 67 34 74

Category won by Nelson’s in Wakarusa in the “Michiana Best of the Best” competition

G ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
63 48 27 60 104

Hawpatch native (Topeka, Indiana, today) E. R. Latta wrote 1600+ of them back in the day

H ___ ___ ___ ___ ’ ___ ___
11 61 113 80 94 73

Midwestern state and its postal abbreviation

I ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
71 5 10 112 49 18 29 66 36 100

One who catches fly balls

J ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
3 7 31 56 111 85 32 92 64 44

“Here comes Peter ___, Hoppin’ down the bunny trail, Hippity hoppity, Easter’s on its way.”

K ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
17 22 25 68 78

Sandhill ___, birds making a comeback at Boot Lake Nature Preserve in Elkhart County

L ___ ___ ___ ___
1 37 98 88

Waikiki’s home

M ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
33 59 77 8 26

The five morals presented in the book this puzzle is themed on: 1.Obey your parents 2.Go to school 3.Avoid bad company 4. _____ has consequences 5.Virtue leads to reward

N ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
45 39 50 84 91 105 38 16

Drink of choice at a kid’s sidewalk stand on a summer day

O ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
114 23 58 9 15 90 51 47

State with a panhandle

P ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___
53 107 21 2 101 70

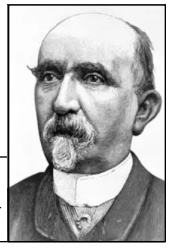
Movie-maker who put this old Italian tale on the big screen

Q ___ ___ ___
54 19 108

Individualist’s favorite word, followed by communitarian’s

R ___ ___ ___
55 42 82

Wonder



Puzzle solution found elsewhere in this edition

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R