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*North Hero News and World Review ….*

 *……. Mostly stuff no one else would print.*

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(A little early, but we’ll be moving soon.)

**Couplets**

It is2:00 A.M. We are awakened by Bailey. We get up and let Bailey out. (Actually, this is a very rare occurrence.)

 It is 2:10. We let Bailey in. (At least she attends to business with dispatch.)

 Back in bed, we lay there wide awake! Can't get back to sleep. What to do? Maybe mentally compose a Letter? Good idea. Problem with this though, … when we do finally fall asleep, come morning we won’t remember what we mentally came up with.

        Oh well, let’s see, … something really profound. Economic situation? Naw. Unemployment? Boo. Yes, how about this? Why are couples referred to in the sequence in which they are. We will use immediate family names since they must put up with us no matter what we say about them. For instance: Marc & Michelle. Hardly ever hear: Michelle & Marc. Hmmmn.

 Maybe sex? Right away this would seem inconclusive. Take announcements at a formal event. What should one conclude from:

*“****Ladies*** *and Gentlemen” ,* followed immediately by, “*announcing the arrival of* ***Mr****. and Mrs. …..”*

 Number of syllables? Well, along with Marc & Michelle, there’s Linda & Norm. As for multiple double syllable couples like David & Nancy/Carol & Gerry, they lead to the same inconclusiveness. .

 Alphabetic? Matt & Heidi. Sara & Bill. Greg & Kathi. We’re getting nowhere.

 Who wears the pants? Possibly on the mark, at least in an instance close to home. We’ve a highly respected, adversarial North Hero neighbor who in spite of great temptation will remain nameless. Oh, oh, … our Bill Gates’ thesaurus doesn’t recognize adversarial. Perhaps a word of explanation. Someone who enters the house and says right off,

*“Hey, you haven’t finished taping the sheet rock in the entry yet.”* i.e.: Adversarial Actually, we’ve more than one of these adversarial types. The man of the house seems to attract them, but we digress. This neighbor has solved the Lucile/Ken or Ken/Lucile dilemma (Is that oxymoronish?) to his complete satisfaction, … and included Bailey in the bargain. The following phone call should go down in posterity. Lucile answers phones. (Ken does so under duress.)

Phone rings.

Lucile does spam check, picks up and says, “*Hello*”.

Caller says, *“Hi #1 , can I talk to #3?”*

Lucile replies, *“No, … he’s in the bathroom doing #2.”*

 Hey, hey, hey, come morning we remembered and so are able to encumber you with our profound early A.M. ruminating. And all you couples out there, if you can shed light on why you are referred to as you are we would be glad to hear your reasoning. On second thought, … do you know how you are referred to?

Giving this whole subject additional profound thought, the last from Ottawa for a while, as next should come from North Hero. There may be a slight NHN&WR hiatus since we are not sure what the email situation is there, but … have a good Spring everyone.

Lucile, Bailey & Ken. (1, 2 & 3)