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Ben Leet

This past week I underwent hip replacement surgery, and all is well. The cost for me under Medicare will be less than \$1,300. According to an OECD comparative study of medical costs and outcomes, we in the U.S. pay 2.5 times more for our medical and health services than the average for the other 34 advanced nations. While paying more than twice, our outcome is worse than most. There are several comparative studies and comparisons, the health care of the United Kingdom rates ... [See More](#)

An inadvertent, undetected trashcan click due to the screen flipping by itself led to my zapping the latest updated e-mail info you sent. Mea parta culpa. Looks like I should have shown up at Fenton's and added a microscopic layer of plaque anyways...Maybe next time, but I'm moving to Berkeley in a few weeks and 30 years of accumulated crapola is being prioritized and 1/2 of it jettisoned, and MAJOR downsizing is required, along with putting together IKEA's Rubic Cube-like bed frames and dresser drawers, so there have been an endless stream of epithets directed towards the Swedes due to their piss-poor wordless directions.

I pray you never have to move...Thanks, **Joel Kuechle**

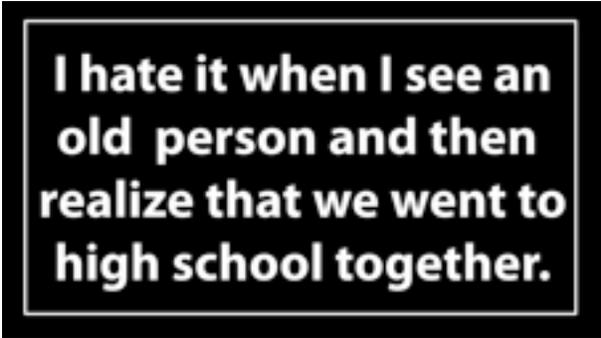
Always remember that one is given by fate only one lifetime in which to work and live for humanity. ... And above all, whatever happens, let us never for one instant, on the slightest excuse, forget we are human beings and belong to the brotherhood of man.

— Clive Branson

And my favorite quote about life, from Tom Lehrer:

"Life is like a sewer: What you get out of it depends on what you put into it."

Will Newman II - Natural Harvest Farm



Re Oakland Coliseum 50th:
And Cheryl was on the field that day in her Skyline High song girl outfit, along with the members of all the pep squads from the OAL schools. We were there for the 50th anniversary yesterday. Took care of our disappointment with the Raiders losing by stopping at Fenton's on the way home.
Tom LaMarre

Music Potpourri from Tom Simpson

Loco-motion – Little Eva, 1962

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKpVQm41f8Y>

The Lion Sleeps Tonight – The Tokens, 1961 (late '61)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mwy5uqemp6c>

Little Latin Lupe Lu – Righteous Bros, 1963 (Movie “High Fidelity”, 2000)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMS9niabUpA>

Congratulations to **Marlen Edlemann Jacobs** who completed a sixty mile walk fundraiser for Breast Cancer. During that time she took 142,679 steps which actually meant 63.84 miles, walked 490 stairs and burned 14,598 calories which certainly qualifies her for a free Kasper hot dog or Fenton’s milk shake the next time she is in Oakland!

Mary Wood BALTIMORE cont. The highlight of the day was make yourself waffles in a black gridiron that flipped This was at the "breakfast included" at the Homewood suites. I love the suites: it's like living in a neat & clean apartment. I still managed to misplace my glasses. (On the floor) Since it's Maryland i had crabcakes & a cream soup with crab for dinner. Superb but lacked the cuteness factor of the waffles. Also ordered crab dip but that will be a late night snack and breakfast. Question: at Hertz they brought me a pickup truck & at dinner the waiter brought me beer in the bottle & no glass. And i had a dress on for once. Do i need a makeover?

Didnt get lost today despite the fact the phone GPS and the car dashboard substantially disagree which direction we are going.

ps i couldnt get 2 nts at homewood so moved to Doubletree. Warm chocolate cookie at checkin. The room door had no slot for key. Buttonholed someone who explained u hold the card up in front of a round black circle that is over the handle. One of the best & the worst things about travel is newness



April Bell with Lisa Maria Wallace

My mom was commissioned to create these stained glass windows which went on to flank the front door of a house in Marin, c1977ish.... :) It was fun to watch her make these in our garage. And yes, there was some blood-shed.

Bruce Preville

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See this news article:

<http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2016/09/19/tuberculosis-case-at-skyline-high-school-prompts-health-screenings/>

It underscores the need for more monitoring and prevention programs.

Geri Sanford-Saunders

Just wanted to give you an update on what's going on in our lives ... After living in lovely La Mesa for the past 7.5 years, Wayne and I are moving back up to Oceanside! So very happy to be living close to our precious family again. Its been a long time coming, and we are very tired, and very, very happy! Did I say very enough? haha

Dave and Johnnie Niemand dropped in!
Life in Texas is good;
during their whistle stop tour they visited with Rich Rhoades and Coach Bud Call.



New Parts Division: Renee Cameto has a new knee. Everything is fine but she's not ready to do Mt. Matterhorn.

Gay Parker demonstrates the latest in head gear.....or a great Halloween costume!



And Bruce says thanks to all those of you who have donated, done/doing house parties, walk with him, write letters to the editor, or like Richard Clarke, keep him in line! Yard signs are available, to say nothing of many other tasks, so if you have the inclination, join in. Now it is time to get out the vote!

Jennifer De Grassi Williams

This has been a wonderfully crazy year with my family and three beautiful granddaughters, plus many trips. Hooray, I just published Book 6 of my children's series. You may order it through Amazon now, or pick it up at River City Coffee Shop in Boise (in 10 days when I take books there). A portion of the proceeds will go to the Ironwood Pig Rescue, with my other books having designated non-profits as recipients of a percentage of profits too. I will autograph all books that are at River City (and you can find the other 5 there also). If you have somebody special that you'd like me to autograph a book for, let me know and I can do that and leave

**The Williams Family Rescues
a Piggy Named Otis**

A moral about finding beauty
under many layers



Story and Artwork by
Jennifer Foreman de Grassi Williams

the book there for you. As you know the books are about the animals we rescued and that my children grew up with in our house. I write all the stories and illustrate every other book, with my best friend, Bobbi Kelly, illustrating the others. Book 7 is on its way by the end of the year and is about our pet rats.

This enote started the following:

Dear Don,
Hope you're doing well!

I can't thank you enough for coming in and speaking to my 7th Period Journalism class last week. You definitely made a long-lasting impact; my students reference your stories and your generosity all the time, and they want you to come back soon, if you can!

As you witnessed, they are a lively, passionate, and eager bunch--they feel a lot of pride in this paper, and they can't wait to get a student voice back on campus. We've already started assigning stories, and we already have some great material. All we need now is the funding to make it all happen.

I gave three of my students the task of setting up the GoFundMe page, and they delivered it to me this past Friday. They wrote the description, uploaded the picture, and set the funding goal all by themselves after doing research about how much exactly we would need to get the ball rolling this year.

So, here's the link! <https://www.gofundme.com/2mzdcz8v>

Again, I can't tell you enough how appreciative my students and I are of you and your colleagues' generosity and loyalty to this school. You're the best! Please let me know if you have any further questions about the site. You and your friends are lauded for being a crucial part of getting this paper back to campus. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Best, Laila Samimi
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**Don Routh sent this enote:**

Reviving Skyline's Oracle Newspaper

Greetings to Skyline Class Representatives from 1962 - 2012!!!

Please see the e-mail below. Last year our alumni helped Skyline produce it's first full on hard cover yearbook in several years and they are now be able to continue having yearbooks. Let's help them do the same with the school paper!!

You can donate by credit card (very easy) by following the Link below. Any amount helps.

Let's show the students that the Alumni care about Skyline!!

Thank you and please share this with all of your Skyline classmates!

Don Routh (Class of '70)

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I contacted the journalism teacher, Ms.Samimi, saying some of the Class of '64 probably would enjoy speaking with her class. (I never promise \$\$ on your behalf). Her response:

Wow! I am so humbled and gracious for these offers. I cannot wait to have some alums come in and carry on the Oracle legacy! When Don came in and shared some of his stories, the students couldn't get enough of it. Please let me know when any of you would like to come in--we are flexible!

Again, so appreciative.  
Best, Laila Samimi

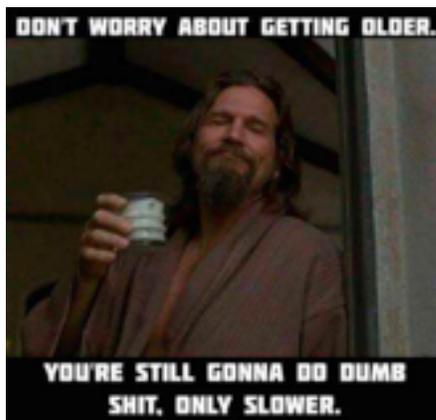
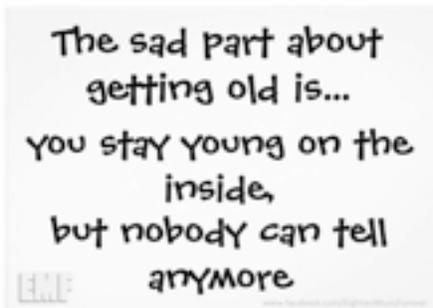
**So let Ms. Samimi or Tom LaMarre know if you would like to be part of this. sdc**  
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**From the FB Page “Forgotten Montclair” which many of you will enjoy!:**

[Anne Cronin Moore](#) Hey Montclair kids of any age: did you have rope swings in your neighborhoods? We did! On Saroni Drive there was a great one hanging from a huge Eucalyptus behind the Buechley's house. We held on with our hands, with no real foot hold as I recall. Out over a gully and the hill down to Sayre Drive below. All parents said we couldn't go there but we all did--and survived. Kids today are way too protected.

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Lots of story exchanges continue at Kasper's .....attendees in September **Maureen Sarment, Cynthia Young Harelson, Barbara Uhlig Harbidge, Ton/Cheryl LaMarre, June Stark Casey, Gay Parker, Bruce Quan, Carrie Clinton, Howard Allen, Kathe Williamson, Bob Falaschi, Neil Golden and Richard Clarke.**



## Birthdays

Oct 01 Carol La Dolce Donato Donato  
02 Sharon Smithburn Sutter  
05 Andrea Summers Hutton  
05 Robin Cole Rauch



06 Bob Whitesides  
09 Michael Edward Dickinson  
09 Tom Mortensen  
15 Bob Conn  
16 Clyde Batavia  
17 Al Mathewson  
18 Karl Hoenack  
21 Lois Roberts  
24 Nancy Brick Robinson  
30 Elizabeth Beeby  
30 Sharon Allphin  
30 Bob Sabatini

## November

01 Barbara Bowles Holt  
03 Clint Rylee  
03 Karen Dodge Wetherbee  
05 Sheila Oxley  
06 Barbara Renouf  
08 Sidney Cummings  
08 Joel Kuechle  
Joetta Christopher  
10 Barbara Smith Stott  
10 Jennifer Foreman Williams  
11 Tom Smith



12 Lorrie Miller  
Marlene Siegel Anthony  
13 Carol Vierra  
14 Tom LaMarre  
14 Kent Willis  
15 Carlee Wells King  
17 Cathi Trebotich Beaubien  
20 Ron Wofford  
21 Nancy Klinkner Mulligan  
26 Christopher Perry  
27 Diane Breen Helman  
27 Rick Steen  
28 Diane Squaglia Fly 30 Calvin Brugge

**MY LIFE HAS  
A SUPERB  
CAST BUT  
I CAN'T  
FIGURE OUT  
THE PLOT.**

## God's plan for Seniors

Most seniors never get enough exercise.

In His Wisdom God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His Wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's God's will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

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**from Gay Parker:**

### Police Activity League Camp Cleanup

Restore a Lovely Park, Prevent fire, Protect an endangered plant and Help the Police and Kids at the same time

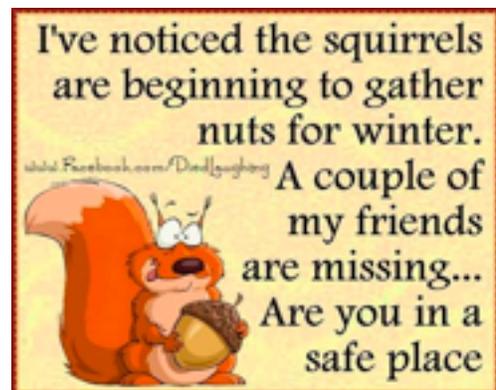
**Saturday, October 10, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm** PAL CAMP, 10100 Skyline Boulevard

Please join your neighbors for a work party at the Police Activities League's "PAL Camp" to pull invasive plants (French broom), limb up, cut weeds and get the dead wood out of this under-used gem of a park in Oakland on Skyline Boulevard, that is home to the endangered Pallid Manzanita. Due to lack of City money, it is currently un-maintained and overgrown. We will simultaneously help restore native vegetation, protect the endangered plants on site, reduce the hazardous fuel load in an area close to homes and make PAL Camp more attractive and fire-safe for Oakland children to use.

Sign in at the yellow gate across from Big Trees Trailhead in Joaquin Miller Park. This is south of Chabot Observatory between the Redwood Bowl Parking lot and Roberts Regional Park.

Sponsored by: Stewardship Div. of Oakland Public Works, the Police Activities League (PAL), Friends of Sausal Creek, Friends of Joaquin Miller Park and City Councilmember Annie Campbell Washington.

R.S. V. P. to [wendy.tokuda@yahoo.com](mailto:wendy.tokuda@yahoo.com)



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[Oakland Named Top West Coast Food City](#)

Oakland has been named the top West Coast food city in the country by USA Today.

[www.nbcbayarea.com](http://www.nbcbayarea.com)

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feature=player\\_detailpage](https://www.youtube.com/embed/GUBhE00h9U0?feature=player_detailpage)

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**Uber takes out \$8 million permit on Oakland building**

An uber commission.,,,,,,,,,,,,,,sf.curbed.com|By Adam Brinklow

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**From: sue conner <sueconner2006@yahoo.com>**

Love this! So few left that remember even half of these. Have fun and remember when life was gentle.

**How is this For Nostalgia?**

All the girls had ugly gym uniforms.

It took three minutes for the TV to warm up.

Nobody owned a purebred dog,

When a quarter was a decent allowance.

You'd reach into a muddy gutter for a penny.

Your Mom wore nylons that came in two pieces.

You got your windshield cleaned, oil checked, and gas pumped, without asking, all for free, every time. And you didn't pay for air.

And, you got trading stamps to boot.

Laundry detergent had free glasses, dishes or towels hidden inside the box.

It was considered a great privilege to be taken out to dinner at a real restaurant with your parents.

They threatened to keep kids back a grade if they failed...and they did it!

When a 57 Chevy was everyone's dream car...to cruise, peel out, lay rubber or watch submarine races, and people went steady.

No one ever asked where the car keys were because they were always in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked.

Lying on your back in the grass with your friends and saying things like, 'That cloud looks like a...'

Playing baseball with no adults to help kids with the rules of the game.

Stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger.

And with all our progress, don't you just wish, just once, you could slip back in time and savor the slower pace, and share it with the children of today.

When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited the student at home.

Basically we were in fear for our lives, but it wasn't because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! But we survived because their love was greater than the threat.

...as well as summers filled with bike rides, Hula Hoops, and visits to the pool, and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar.

Didn't that feel good, just to go back and say, 'Yeah, I remember that'?

I am sharing this with you today because it ended with a Double Dog Dare to pass it on. To remember what a Double Dog Dare is, read on. And remember that the perfect age is somewhere between old enough to know better and too young to care.

Send this on to someone who can still remember Howdy Doody and The Peanut Gallery, the Lone Ranger, The Shadow knows, Nellie Bell, Roy and Dale, Trigger and Buttermilk.

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I changed my car horn to sound like gunshots. People get out of the way much faster now.

Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers ; now they drink like their fathers.

I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes 5 years in a row.

I decided to change calling the bathroom "the John" and renamed it "the Jim." I feel so much better saying I went to "the Jim" this morning.

Old age is coming at a really bad time.

When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.

The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."

I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.

Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

Why do I have to press 1 for English, when you're just going to transfer me, to someone I can't understand anyway?

Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I am there.