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**It has been a rough month for many:**

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci\\_28832413/valley-fire:-former-mercury-news-reporter-leonard-neft-identified-as-third-victim](http://www.contracostatimes.com/news/ci_28832413/valley-fire:-former-mercury-news-reporter-leonard-neft-identified-as-third-victim)

[http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_28829074/valley-fire-blaze-grows-73-700-acres-35?source=rss&utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=gplus](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_28829074/valley-fire-blaze-grows-73-700-acres-35?source=rss&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=gplus)

[http://www.contracostatimes.com/breaking-news/ci\\_28829073/valley-fire-three-dead-identified](http://www.contracostatimes.com/breaking-news/ci_28829073/valley-fire-three-dead-identified)

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Lake-County-man-69-missing-after-home-destroyed-6506942.php>



With apologies to **Cathy Freel** whose birthday is September 19 and **Bob Barklow**, September 24. And for forgetting to report Fenton attendees **Gay Parker** and the effervescent **Maureen Sarment** who also posted this great pic:

from **Richard Clarke**: Check this out. Not sure if this ever hung at our Kaspers, but it's cool anyway. Also this Collective is a neat place to see some local artists at work.

<http://www.collectorartshop.com/store/craig-baxter%3A-kaspers-hot-dogs-screenprint-16x20-framed/dp/17541>

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While I have not lived in Oakland since 1967, I still feel that my hometown pulls on my heart



strings. I remember going to the T & D theater so see a movie with friends, the Morris Minor auto showroom (wishing I had one), and picking up my Mom from work in the evenings at the See's Candy store on Telegraph.

I'm doing well at Midwestern University's College of Dental Medicine where I have moved from the Clinical Dean's position to Associate Dean for Admissions, Continuing Education, and Graduate Studies.

I've slicked back my hair since this picture...lol Best to all, **Jim Pashayan**

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The Oakland Library --- Melrose Branch was where I checked out my library books until I was 13. I lived on 41st Ave. between Foothill and East 14th St. until I was 13. I loved going to that library.

My husband, Terry, worked at Montgomery Ward's when he was in High School and some of his college years. **Nancy Klinkner Mulligan**

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I have been corresponding with **June Stark Casey**. In here last correspondence, she mentioned that she was in the process of undergoing 30 treatments for breast cancer. I was wondering if anyone else was interesting in writing her, snail mail or email. Of course she is concerned about this. Thanks. **Kent Willis** (*Ms. Casey was recently spotted enjoying the Class of '65's 50th*)

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from **Roy Langridge**: <http://vimeo.com/52231459>

**Devin McCracken**

Thank you everyone for the prayers and well wishes for my dad/ **Ken McCracken!**

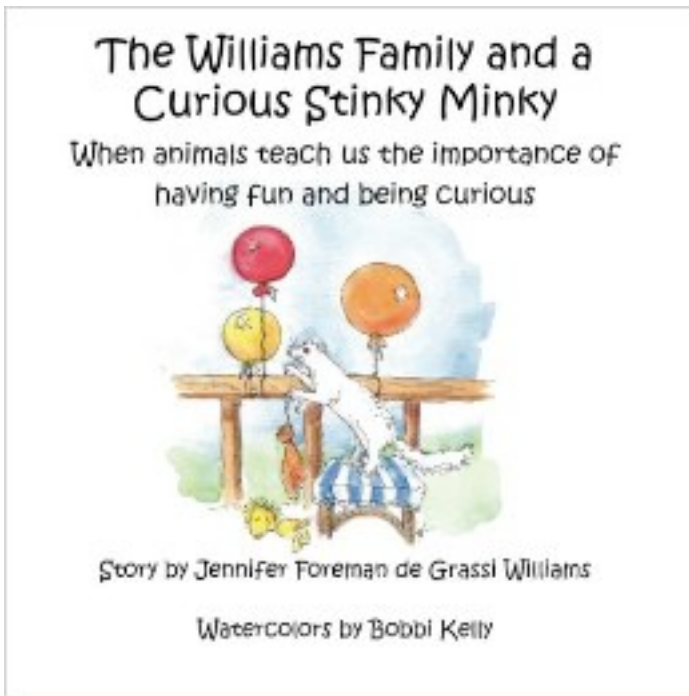
Everything went well, they did find two blockages one at 98%! Gave him a little roto rooter job and now two new stents in place!

Lets pray that these stents last another 10 years because Doc said next time he'll be waking up with a zipper installed on his chest!

Thanks again everyone

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**Rod Panzer** has retired from dentistry and moved to Willits.



[Jennifer De Grassi Williams](#)

I am very excited that book #5 in my series of children's books is now on Amazon. It is about our beloved ferret whom many of you knew. The watercolors for my story are by my dear friend and artist, Bobbi Kelly. She has captured the personality of our Minky so well. More importantly, I want to share that there will be a book signing on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 11-2 at my favorite River City Coffee Shop and Cafe, next to George's Bicycle Shop on State Street. This signing is very special as I will have my five children's

books there for \$10., with all proceeds going to a dear friend and fellow educator, Sylvia Haneke. Sylvia was recently diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic cancer. Her expenses are great. Sylvia has been a lifelong educator in the Meridian School District and has given her heart and soul to many, many students. If you cannot make it to the signing, but would like to purchase books, please let me or Donna Battazzo know. Thanks, as always, for your continued support. Please share this post if you'd like...



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**Gary Caso** joined the last group of Kasper revelers (**Barbara Uhlig Harbidge, Gay Parker, Richard Clarke, Howard Allen, Don Schnarr, Maureen Sarment, and Gary Sommer**) who were treated to a special birthday cake brought by **Tom and Cheryl LaMarr**, accompanied by their granddaughter.

The next Kasper Days will be **October 5 and 12.**

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 It has been awhile since you heard from me. I have been working closely with the Skyline Leadership teacher on several initiatives and a group of us from classes of '68 - '72 have been supporting the Coach Fardella Fund to benefit Skyline football.

If any of you are planning a reunion it would be great if your class would consider raising money to help support our alma mater. If you need ideas or a contact at Skyline I would be happy to help.

Thanks and Go Titans!! Don Routh (Class of '70), 101 Greenwich Ct, San Ramon, CA 94582  
 Cell 510-517-0363 [donrouth@comcast.net](mailto:donrouth@comcast.net) [www.del-corazon.org](http://www.del-corazon.org)





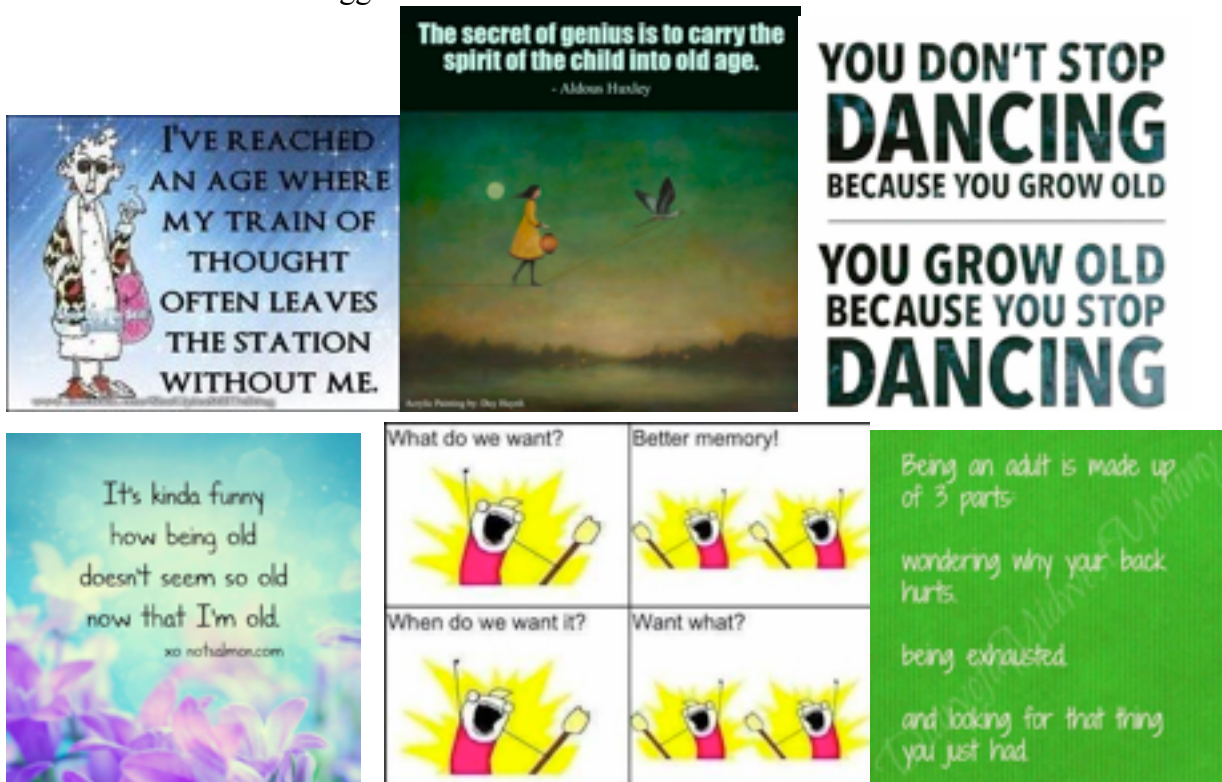
Forgot to post these from Neil and my trip up to campus on the search for elusive time capsules. So much talent!



<http://www.upworthy.com/watch-this-guy-blow-a-babys-mind-by-explaining-the-miracle-of-life?>



- 08 Sidney Cummings
- 08 Joel Kuechle
- 11 Joetta Christopher
- 10 Barbara Smith Stott
- 10 Jennifer Foreman Williams
- 11 Tom Smith
- 12 Lorrie Miller
- Marlene Siegal
- 13 Carol Vierra
- 14 Tom LaMarre
- 15 Carlee Wells King
- 17 Cathi Trebotich Beaubien
- 19 Gayle Smith
- 20 Ron Wofford
- 21 Nancy Klinkner Mulligan
- 26 Christopher Perry
- 27 Diane Breen Helman
- 27 Rick Steen
- 30 Calvin Brugge



*“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.” – Mark Twain*



***If My Body Was a Car!***

**This is just too funny - scary how true it is!!!**

***If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model.***

***I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull...***

***But that's not the worst of it.***

***My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close***

***My traction is not as graceful as it once was.***

***I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.***

***My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.***

***It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed.***

***My fuel rate burns inefficiently.***

***But here's the worst of it,***

***Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter, either my radiator leaks or My Exhaust Backfires***

***(and with a nod to Mrs. Foster; this should read "If My Body Were A Car" sdc)***

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**Modler Antoine**

Lost in time...

This man is 104 years young. He has more swag than some youths...

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**90-year-old former CEO would rather hold babies than sit on board of Children's Hospital**

When Cornell Maier retired in 1989 as chairman and CEO of Kaiser Aluminum, he was offered a seat on the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital board of directors...

mercurynews.com

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<http://www.trendingly.com/spitfire>

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**retailing and restaurants7 Oakland neighborhoods that are more walkable than San Francisco**

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**technologyTwo tech giants vie to fill Oakland's Sears Building**

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**<http://purposebuiltcommunities.org/our-network/oakland-castlemont/>**

**Bring the Soul Train Title to Oakland**

Friends of deFremery Park will have a second attempt at breaking the Guinness World Record for largest soul train line held by Arizona at 425 people on **October 10, 2015**.

So break out your boogie shoes and register in advance online [HERE](#) for \$10.

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**Oakland Elementary School Uses Tupac’s Poetry to Help Children Deal With PTSD**

Awesome. mic.com|By Mic

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**Guerrilla Grafters Secretly Graft Fruit-Bearing Branches onto San Francisco Trees**

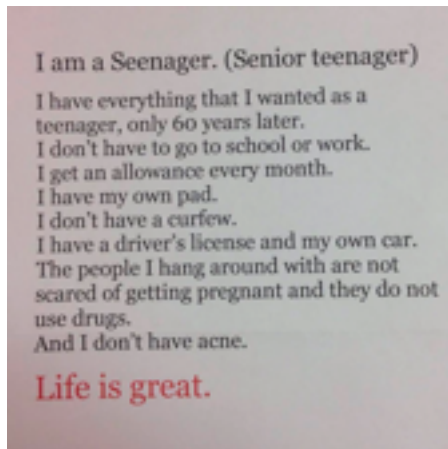
Guerrilla Grafters is an organization that grafts fruit-bearing branches onto sterile fruit trees along the streets of San Francisco. inhabitat.com|By Mark Boyer

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**Drew School Sam Cuddleback III Assembly Wing Vertical Garden  
San Francisco, CA, USA  
1,720 sf. Greenwall**

**Project Description & Details**

Founded in 1908, Drew School is a fully accredited co-educational college preparatory school enrolling 250 students in grades 9 through 12. Designed by Bonnie Fisher and Boris Dramov of Roma Design Group, the new \$15 million Drew School Sam Cuddleback III Assembly Wing, performing arts space, and classroom building is among the first high school buildings in the Bay Area to attain LEED Gold Certification for New Construction and for School Pilot. Opened in 2011, green features of the award-winning new assembly wing include an external 1,720 sf vertical garden designed by Patrick Blanc, a 2,630 sf living roof designed by Rana Creek, recycled and sustainable USGBC-certified materials, and environmental sensors.



Covering the street side wall of the new Sam Cuddleback III Assembly Wing, the hydroponic vertical garden is made up of about 4,579 native Californian plants and approximately 64 of the 105 species are from the San Francisco Bay area. The vertical garden and greenroof combined cover about 30% of the building surfaces, or approximately 4,350 sf of plants, which is double the size of the original parcel of land from the 1800's. The greenwall plants were arranged from sun loving down to shade loving

understory species; just a few include flannelbush, Red buckwheat, Douglas iris, Santa Rosa Island sage, blue-eyed grass, and maidenhair fern. Helping students develop a deeper



understanding of environmental systems, they study the plants on the wall as a living lab for many subjects such as botany, chemistry, and physics. Besides being an extraordinary educational resource for the high school, the Drew School vertical garden brings a vibrant lushness to the public environment of San Francisco.

Find [more photos and additional information](#) about this project in [The International Greenroof & Greenwall Projects Database](#).

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<http://www.footballinsiders.com/when-stabler-davis-re-lit-their-eternal-flame/>

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[http:// www.trendingly.com/california-in-the-60s](http://www.trendingly.com/california-in-the-60s)

<http://encyclopedia.thefreedictionary.com/silly+putty>

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[This ex-Black Panther started an urban farm to create jobs for ex-inmates](#)

**KATIE HERZOG**

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### **What Flows Beneath Temescal**

**Temescal Creek defenders see an opportunity to unearth the creek in the public consciousness.**

**by Coby McDonald on September 08, 2015**

When Joan Marie Wood moved to Oakland’s Temescal district in 1983, the neighborhood’s most recognizable landmark was an X-rated movie theater called The Pussycat. Since the theater’s demolition in the 1990s, the site at 51st and Telegraph has sat largely vacant: a Christmas tree or pumpkin lot during the holidays, an occasional outdoor movie screening space, but mostly just a patch of dead grass surrounded by chain-link fence.

But Wood knows something about the site many newcomers to the area may not: 15 feet below ground is the hidden resource of Temescal Creek, a landmark worthy of neighborhood pride — if only more people knew it was there.

With a developer now eyeing the site for a retail and residential project, creek advocates like

Wood see a chance to help the creek flow back into public consciousness. “There’s a fantastic, rich history about the creek that could be told,” she says. “We would like to see that integrated into the site design.”



Like many urban streams in the Bay Area, Temescal Creek was buried during the intense urban development of the 1960s and ‘70s. It now flows through concrete culverts from Lake Temescal in the Oakland hills, through the flats of Oakland and Emeryville, into San Francisco Bay — out of sight and largely out of mind.

Before its burial, the creek had long been a locus of human

activity. A Huchiun village was less than a block from the proposed modern development, and the Native Californians built large sweat lodges beside the creek. Early Spanish settlers referred to the lodges by the Aztec word *temescalli*, which later gave the creek its name.

Spanish landowner Vicente Peralta chose a spot near the creek as an ideal setting for his adobe house and orchard, and in the following decades, the village of Temescal grew around his hacienda. In 1868, the creek provided Oakland's first municipal water source when mining hydrologist Anthony Chabot dammed it to form Lake Temescal. Soon after, a green space known as Humboldt Park was built at the present-day development site, providing a popular place for locals to stroll, picnic, and fish.

But Temescal Creek's appeal would eventually be its undoing. As Temescal grew from village to town to big-city neighborhood, houses were built right up against the creek edge. Neighbors dumped trash and other pollutants into the stream, and flooding during winter rains became an issue. "Flooding is really a human problem, not a natural problem," says Kristen Van Dam, a riparian ecologist and former project manager for the Urban Creeks Council. Building properties right up to the creek edge, she says, "limits the creek's water-carrying capacity and puts homes and other resources in the path of the creek's natural floodplain."

A major flood in 1962 helped cement a growing view among some residents and city officials that the creek was a nuisance. Alameda County Flood Control announced a plan to culvert the creek, a process that began with the construction the section of Highway 24 between the Caldecott Tunnel and downtown Oakland. A section of the creek from Lake Temescal to Hardy Park in Rockridge was undergrounded.

Then the flooding got worse. "The hydrology of the creek was totally compromised by the freeway," says Bruce Douglas, co-founder of Friends of Temescal Creek (FoTC). The natural creek bed, he says, was able to absorb and release water slowly into the ground, while the concrete tunnel that replaced it allowed rain to rush downstream at high speed.

Undeterred, the county used the flooding to justify plans to culvert two more long stretches of the creek, including the portion that ran through Temescal. A small contingent of neighbors in Temescal and Rockridge fought hard to keep the creek open, arguing for its value as a place where kids played, community members gathered, and animals such as fish, birds, and amphibians lived. But the argument against keeping the creek won out. "Many neighbors saw it as a blight, a conduit of crime and trash," Douglas says, "something to be rid of."

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Resistance did at least win a three-block-long strip of land above the buried creek, which was set aside for public use. Later efforts by FoTC, another group called Friends of the Temescal-Rockridge Greenbelt (FROG), and more than 1,300 local volunteers transformed the barren strip into the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt, a public park with two playgrounds and a meandering path through native trees. The park also includes a "reconstituted creek," filled by water pumped

up from the culvert below. The pathway is lined with artistic and interpretive design elements referencing the history and ecology of the creek.

The faux creek was a compromise for those who fought to save the real Temescal Creek. But as local historian and FoTC member Jeff Norman writes in his book *Temescal Legacies*, “the small, flowing stream can still evoke a magical sense of the natural forces that surround us. In an intensely urban setting, where 50,000 people now share the Temescal watershed, that kind of experience, however subtle is precious.”

For Temescal Creek advocates, a similar sentiment informs their hopes for the site at 51st and Telegraph. Members of FoTC and FROG say the developer, the Nautilus Group, has been receptive to their

requests to extend the Rockridge-Temescal Greenbelt through the center of the development and to include information about the creek. Brian Caruso, a project executive with Nautilus, says the current development plans include an extension of the Greenbelt, but there’s been no decision about whether or not to include a creek-like water feature. “To the extent that these



design features, together with educational components, are feasible, they will be part of the design,” he says.

For FoTC, the dream scenario would be to “daylight” Temescal Creek at 51st and Telegraph and restore its natural creek bed, but Caruso says, “despite being an amazing idea, it is not feasible.”

The greenbelt extension would connect the trendy Temescal shopping district with the rest of the park, Wood says, providing an opportunity to spread knowledge about the creek. “A lot of people are moving into the area that have no idea there’s a buried creek here,” she says. “Part of being able to make different decisions in the future rests on building awareness in the population.”

When Wood first arrived in the neighborhood, she says, she had no clue a creek ran through the area. When she found out, she joined FoTC and became involved in water quality testing and participated in FoTC-organized creek walks that followed the creek’s tributaries to their sources.

“My hope is that we let the creek help us shift away from seeing every aspect of land as usable in the human economy,” she says, “and work toward a kind of collaborative environment where creeks have rights to exist and aren’t built on top of. That’s my dream.”

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## **Coal: Oakland Fossil Fuel Resistance**

The current focus of this campaign is to stop the threat of coal being transported into Oakland by rail for export overseas. Despite the opposition of the City Council, the Mayor, and numerous other politicians "saying" they don't want this new threat, the proposal remains on the table. (See A Coal... [sunflower-alliance.org](http://sunflower-alliance.org))

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*And for those that laugh at my inordinate recycling:*

## **Empty Pill Bottles Desperately Needed (Take your meds & help others!)**

### [Ginger Ail](#)

Pill bottles: they are those translucent orange soldiers that pile up all around us... in our drawers, bags, cabinets... sometimes I wonder – if I had saved every empty pill bottle since I got sick, *what would that look like?*

One of the things I have always hated the most about being sick, is you often need more help than you can give. That’s not always true, but there are definitely days or weeks like that for even the most functioning among us. I see those specials on tv and think: *I want to build a Habitat for Humanity house or dig wells in Africa (this might be a late night, insomnia induced thought but the general sentiment still stands).*

Neither of those will be happening in my lifetime, but that’s okay. There really are other things we can do, all of us, to help other people no matter how sick we are. Here’s one idea that only requires a bit of energy...

“Medicine Bottles for Malawi” is a project with an idea so simple, it’s brilliant. I’ve tried this myself so I can vouch for how easy it is to do and how good it feels to pass on something you know will help others.

Imagine you’ve walked miles to a remote village or hospital to receive any form of medical care you can find. You are given the medication you desperately needed and now you have to start the journey back home. You don’t shake the pill bottle maraca as you walk because there is no pill bottle, heck there’s barely medicine. The pills you received are wrapped in a tiny scrap of newspaper.

A scrap of newspaper is all the protection your precious cargo has. The more I thought about this, the more I realized it’s a bigger problem than it sounds like: no safe way to carry the meds home when you are most likely walking miles, no way to really protect the meds from moisture, loss, damage once you get them home. Apparently those orange bottles do more than you think and so can you...



**How to Help: Step 1:**

Take your meds and when you finish the bottle, don't throw it away! This includes bottles you might receive over the counter like for Advil, Motrin, vitamin bottles, supplements – as long as the bottles aren't large, send them on! (Large bottles just cost too much to ship).

**Step 2:**

Remove the label.

I find it's easiest just to peel them off, takes a few seconds, but you can also save up until you have a pile of the bottles and dump them into a bowl of boiling hot water.

**Step 3:**

Send them off!

*I used a large flat manila envelope, it's cheap & easy to mail.*

**Address it to: [The Malawi Project, Inc.](#) 3314 Van Tassel Drive Indianapolis, IN 46240**

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***And don't forget when you are cleaning a closet, wardrobe or kitchen that I collect clothes and household goods for Courageous Women, an organization that serves victims of domestic violence. See [courageouswomen.org](http://courageouswomen.org) 1714 Franklin Street, #100-276, Oakland, CA 94612  
Ph: 510.273.2412 Fx: 510.285.8390***