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Mail Bag:

As I look at all of the news, and it's my fault for not keeping you up to date, I thought I'd take some time and give you some information about me.

Birthdate 3/23

After graduation in '64 and attending San Jose State College (in those days), I attended Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, graduating with a DDS in 1971. After graduation, married my wife Sharon and had two children. Now we have 5 Granddaughters. Much of my career was spent in private practice but always included teaching in dental schools. After teaching at USC, Case-Western, and the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health, I became the Associate Dean for Clinical Education at Midwestern University in Glendale, Arizona, where I remain today.

I love working with the young men and women who will become the next generation of dental health care providers. The challenge they present keep me young at heart. Now that I am in the "twilight" of my career, I often look back and think of all the wonderful teachers I had at Skyline. Mr. Joritsma (Biology), Mr. Kalm (German), Mr. Chin (Chemistry) were among my favorites.

I hope this finds you and all my classmates well.

Best, **Jim (James Pashayan)**

Beth Beeby's story about her hilarious field mouse and the chocolate made me laugh. The other photos and stories on the site were welcome cheer as well. Today was one of those days - flat tire at 11:00 a.m.; dead battery at 1:15p.m.; all while chauffeuring my husband around who sports a leg cast on his left leg (tendon repair.)
. **Valerie (Ranche) Behrendt**

We are still in Chile. Will be home the end of May, 2015. And yes, we are still enjoying the mission. We are working with family history still and are planning a conference in May of the leaders working with family history in the mission. Hope it all comes together!

I have a blog about the mission and Chile -- stottmission,blogspot.com

It is mostly pictures with comments. Nothing heavy about the church, more experiences we have had here. **Barbara (Smith) Stott**

I came across this photo of the Scottish Rite Temple in our family photos.



We go back 82 years to March of 1933. My mom, second row, fourth on the left pictured in a musical ensemble. She graduated from Oakland High School just 3 months later. Take care,

Denis Powers

Marlen Edelmann Jacobs

As some of you know, I was diagnosed with breast cancer in February. Tomorrow I hit the surgeon's office to have the dang little alien cut out. It is very small and non aggressive, but will still require 6 weeks of radiation. If you have been putting off your mammogram, please DON'T. The new technology catches it very early. Mine was 3 mm; so small they can't see it with a naked eye, or feel it. This was caught entirely because a very astute radiologist read my mammogram. Your life depends upon keeping those boob squishing appointments. Do get it done!!

(And congratulations to Marlen for a successful procedure to get rid of "the alien".)

Gary Sommer shares that his nephew DanielThomas, who recently became the operations director for the Penninsula Symphony, will be the director for the Woodminster Theatre production of "The Producers" this August.....get your tickets!!! (He also needs a house to buy/rent in the South Bay...any ideas?)



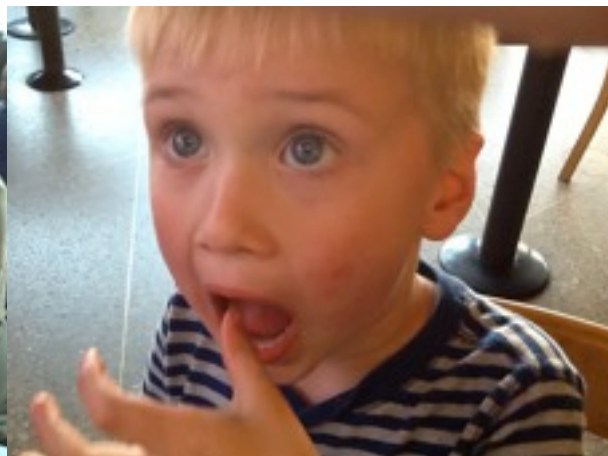
Sharon Mc Walters

Joel Kuechle



Stan Lore was the surprise guest at Kasper's on 3.23. A lively time was shared with Rick Steen, Richard Clarke/Joaquin, Joel Kuechle, Kathy Zuber Williamson, Tom/Cheryl LaMarre, Howard Allen, George/Carol Szymkiewicz, Barbarah (Uhlig) Harbidge, Cynthia (Young) Harelson, Gay Parker and a fly-by by Mildred (Caldwell) Swafford.

The next Kaspers will be April 6 and 27th.



Birthdays

April

- 1 Barbarah Uhlig Harbidge
- 3 Kathy Costa Rocco
- 5 John Briggs
- 8 Linda Barkas
- 9 Don Sarver
 (Kathy Ray Pittlick)
- 11
- 13 Cindy Gibbs Parker
- 16 Gerhard Brostrom
- 18 Carol LaDolce Donato
- 18 Judy Long Lofing
- 19 Sharon McWalters
- 20 Melissa Silverman Willaby
- 24 Gary Montgomery
 Sherri Gribben Hester
- 25 David Niemand
 Mark Kamena
- 27 Gary Caso
- 28 Ben Leet



Dave and Pam Gebhard

Judy Belcher and Maureen Sarment

May

- 05 Andrea Thompson
- 07 John Close
- 08 Jim Barranti
 (Kathy Currier)
- 12 Laynee Melmet Goodstein
- 19 Ken Hood
- 25 Marti Heath



May looks a little sparse for a lusty month, so please add/correct. sdc

Subject: No. 1 Song on day you were born

Also check the small message at the bottom of the song window--**tells you how many minutes you have lived!**

This one's a keeper. It plays the song that was Number One on the day you were born. And, if there is a video available with the artist, it will play the video. Enjoy!

<http://playback.fm/birthday-song>

"We were rich and did not know it! We were innocent and thought we were experienced. We were very fortunate to have lived in such an era."

<http://biggeekdad.com/2013/01/the-best-of-times/>

Cheryl (Barrett) Lugo changed her profile picture and sent this.

Why I Like Retirement !

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

(Look at those baby blues!)

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal ..

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.



Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

And, my very favourite....

QUESTION: What do you do all week?

Answer: Monday through Friday, NOTHING..... Saturday & Sunday, I rest.

Sacramento Northern Snake Road bridge, now a part of the "Montclair Railroad Trail," 2014 (Google street view).



(Left) Motors 603 and 604, operating in tandem as usual, reflect the afternoon sun as they cross the Snake Road trestle in Montclair in 1945. (Charles Savage)



[Playback.fm](https://www.playback.fm) | [#1 Song On Your Birthday](#)

What was the #1 song the day you were born? Or what about the day you graduated? Find out the #1 song for any day since early 1940 all the way until 2015! [playback.fm](https://www.playback.fm)

More from Cheryl's post:

SERENITY

Just before the funeral services, the undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, 'How old was your husband?' '98,' she replied....

'Two years older than me'

'So you're 96,' the undertaker commented..

She responded, 'Hardly worth going home, is it?'

Reporters interviewing a 104-year-old woman:

'And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?' the reporter asked...

She simply replied, 'No peer pressure.'

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The nice thing about being senile is you can hide your own Easter eggs and have fun finding them.

I've sure gotten old!

I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, fought prostate cancer and diabetes.

I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts.

Have bouts with dementia.

Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore.

Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92.

Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.



### FEELING OLD? EMF

- The band Bon Jovi was formed 32 years ago
- The Atari 2600 was released 38 years ago
- Alf made his first TV appearance 29 years ago
- The Breakfast Club was released 30 years ago
- Steve Perry will be 66 years old this year
- The first DVD movie was launched 20 years ago
- The TV series Dukes of Hazzard ended 30 years ago
- Google was created 19 years ago
- The first iPod was released 14 years ago

I feel like my body has gotten totally out of shape, so I got my doctor's permission to join a fitness club and start exercising.

I decided to take an aerobics class for seniors.

I bent, twisted, gyrated, jumped up and down, and perspired for an hour. But,

by the time I got my leotards on, the class was over.

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Know how to prevent sagging?  
Just eat till the wrinkles fill out.

It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker.

These days about half the stuff in my shopping cart says, 'For fast relief.'

**THE SENILITY PRAYER :**

Grant me the senility to forget the people  
I never liked anyway,  
the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and  
the eyesight to tell the  
difference.

**Always Remember This:**

**You don't stop laughing because you grow old,  
You grow old because you stop laughing!**

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**Pitching a Local Alternative for Lucas Museum**

Facing headwinds in Chicago over plans to build his Museum of Narrative Art, *Star Wars* Director and Bay Area Business Hall of Fame inductee George Lucas recently commented that finding another city wasn't out of the question. Lucas specifically mentioned Los Angeles, but the Bay Area Council humbly suggested in a letter to Mr. Lucas that he might also consider a city a little further to the north.

“It is a city with a rich history and immense promise,” said the letter from Council CEO Jim Wunderman. “Like your Rebel Alliance, it has battled great adversity against terrific odds. Of course, we are talking about the City of Oakland.” Wunderman went on to say that “there is tremendous excitement growing now about Oakland’s future. As the Bay Area economy continues its recovery, Oakland is poised for a great revival. Your museum could serve as a cultural and economic centerpiece to help Oakland thrive and prosper.”

There was no immediate reply from Mr. Lucas, but Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf embraced the idea and there appeared to be very favorable public reaction to media reports about the Council’s pitch. We wish Mr. Lucas only the best in securing a site in Chicago. But we’ll be watching closely next Friday when a decision in a lawsuit challenging the museum is expected.

[Read the full letter to George Lucas>>](#)

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**Walk the Sausal Creek watershed with Christopher Richard!**

There is a really, really fantastic [series of creek and watershed maps](#) put together by the Oakland Museum of California (OMCA). Christopher Richard was one of the people involved in that project, and he'll be leading us on a tour of Oakland's Sausal Creek watershed! Christopher



was a curator at the OMCA, and was the editor, publisher, webmaster, and biologist on the production team for the creek mapping project.

On this hike we'll follow the Bridgeview Trail until it's below the driving range, take the switchbacks down to the creek, then follow the creek to the bottom of Dimond Park.

This hike will be approximately **4 hours long** so bring snacks, plenty of water, and sun protection. Switchbacks going down the trail to the creek can be slippery and following the creek involves some rock hopping, so wear good boots as well. Come prepared for a real outdoors experience!

For those with mobility limitations, please be aware that this hike will be more strenuous than many other Wild Oakland walks.

**This hike will be limited to 20 attendees!** Please RSVP no later than 11:00 pm on Wednesday, April 8 to [info@wildoakland.org](mailto:info@wildoakland.org) to reserve a slot. Reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. Our meeting place and further instructions will be sent to walk attendees on Thursday, April 9.

If you sent in an earlybird RSVP, please e-mail [info@wildoakland.org](mailto:info@wildoakland.org) to confirm that you can still come. If you want to do the hike on your own, you can follow [this trail map!](#)

### Wild Fat at P.L.A.C.E.!

Our friends at P.L.A.C.E. for sustainable living are having a fundraiser on April 4 (this Saturday)! You can support one of Oakland's very best community spaces and eat delicious wildcrafted foods. Learn more about the event and buy your ticket [here](#).

**When:** Saturday, April 11 @ 12-4 pm

**Where:** This walk will be limited to 20 attendees; spots will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. Further instructions will be sent once your RSVP is received.

**Cost:** FREE!

**Contact:** Please RSVP to [info@wildoakland.org](mailto:info@wildoakland.org) no later than 11:00 pm on Wednesday, April 8.

### to do list

1. Make vanilla pudding. Put in mayo jar. Eat in public.
2. Hire two private investigators. Get them to follow each other.
3. Wear shirt that says "Life." Hand out lemons on street corner.
4. Get into a crowded elevator and say "I bet you're all wondering why I gathered you here today."
5. Major in philosophy. Ask people WHY they would like fries with that.
6. Run into a store, ask what year it is. When someone answers, yell "It worked!" and run out cheering.
7. Become a doctor. Change last name to Acula.
8. Change name to Simon. Speak in third person.
9. Buy a parrot. Teach the parrot to say "Help! I've been turned into a parrot."
10. Follow joggers around in your car blasting "Eye of the Tiger" for encouragement.

For more information, visit [www.wildoakland.org](http://www.wildoakland.org)

Contact us: [info@wildoakland.org](mailto:info@wildoakland.org)

Why is it I can remember the lyrics to my favorite song in high school 20 years later, but I can't remember why I came into the kitchen??

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS



And that about says it all!