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This time of year I sometimes miss Oakland, because it is overcast and cool here and I prefer Oakland weather to anywhere else I have been. The lack of sun in the fall and winter gets to me more than I expected it would when we were considering this move. But the change that has been the most difficult to accommodate, which I didn't even think about, was being away from a familiar place, with all the connections I made during the 63 years I lived there. Oakland still feels like home to me, though when I visit now I realize I am missing something that no longer exists - Oakland is not the same and neither am I. So I guess it is that moving away put an exclamation point on the reality that the past is gone, whereas, if we still lived there I think I might not have noticed that in the same way ... if that all makes any sense.

On the plus side, we can walk to everything we want and need to do on any given day ... and we do; and there is no wait for anything; and no traffic; and people take time with each other; and kids grow up doing many of the same things that we did sixty years ago; and it is quiet and beautiful; and there are many local farms, in and just out of town, as well as a thriving "farm to table" food economy here, so it is possible to eat very well by sourcing food from within about 15 miles of town; and this is a very progressive community with a high percentage of people who are our age, so there is a real consciousness about what that means and how best to support that phase of our lives. From the mayor and city council members, to the people who own and work in the businesses here, that vast majority are our age. Like that. **Niles Powell**

This standoff is a concern I have been tracking and I appreciate the information sent. I am reading "The Real Indians Died Off" by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz and Dina Gilio-Whitaker and plan to pass it on to my grandsons. It highlights 20 myths about native Americans. My oldest son went to school in North Dakota and now works for the Yakima Indian Nation in Washington State. Anyway, I plan on writing many letters this year...so many issues! Have a good day,

Dianne Resseguie

Here is a short piece I recently wrote for the progressive blog blueoregon.com

Thought you might find it interesting.

Will Newman II Natural Harvest Farm

Black Lives Matter

There I was, sitting in my parked car at 3:45 am, waiting for 4:00 am to begin my job: 3 days a week I drove a 3-hour route through Portland and Gresham, recording and reporting gasoline prices. I had been doing just that for 3 years.

There was a knock on my window, and a flashlight shining in my eyes.

I rolled down my window and heard, “I’m Deputy (something). Show me your license and registration.”

“May I see some ID please?”

A tap of the flashlight on what may have been a badge, and “This is all the identification you need to see.”

Since I could see little in the dark, particularly with a flashlight in my face, and had no particular reason, nor any obligation, to deal with a security guard or the like, I rolled up the window.

He went away.

At 4:00 am I started the car and pulled out of the parking lot. At the first corner flashing red and blue lights appeared in my rear view mirror. I pulled over and a person appeared at my window. I rolled it down. “I’m Deputy Sheriff (something). May I see your license and registration, please?” “May I see some ID, Please?” He showed me his ID. I showed him my license, registration and insurance papers.

He said, “I don’t know what has happened with you in the past, but why didn’t you give these to my partner?” “Because he refused to show me his ID.” After a short conversation I was free to go.

So, what’s the point? You probably found that incident boring, or maybe figured I was kind of snotty, or the first deputy was an arrogant bully. But if you are white you may have missed the core or the story: I ignored a deputy sheriff and “got away with it.”

At the time, it didn’t occur to me that ignoring an arrogant bully, even if he was a cop, would be a problem for me.

I am a white male born into middle-class America in the mid-twentieth century. I am a fat old white guy, steeped in privilege, including the privilege of not responding to an officer of the law and “getting away with it.”

Simply because we don’t recognize our privilege does not mean it is not there.

How do you think that conversation would have gone if I was black (and male)? Worse yet, black and male and young?

And that is why we need to be reminded that black lives matter: Not because they matter more than others’, but because they are more at risk.

My vision is clouded by privilege, but I am slowly learning.

Will Newman II, Will@NaturalHarvest.us

An article about Oakland from "The Eugene Guard" an Oregon newspaper, dated November 10, 1925.... [See More](#)

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dave and I hope 2016 brought new experiences and joy to your families.

House updates: we had new kitchen counters installed and a new walk-in shower area in the masterbathroom. We are very happy with the result.

Travels: Dave, me and Rick went to Alaska in May/ June for 2 ½ weeks – absolutely gorgeous. We did a dome train from Anchorage to Fairbanks – drove back down to Anchorage via Denali - also trips to Seward, many glaciers, etc. It was fantastic and we definitely want to return.

*I went to Moose Jaw (Canada) to attend my friend’s 50th anniversary.

*At the end of September Dave and I went to the Bay Area in California for my 50th high school ‘get together’ (the actual reunion never happened so we had our own) – how fantastic to see friends from so many years ago (graduation in 1966). We were able to also visit Dave’s high school coach (Bud Call), Dave’s friend (Shayne) and two of our past students.

*We will be leaving December 10th - 25th to the Cook Islands and New Zealand – Dave, me, Rick and Sarah (past student who is now coaching).

Even though we might not keep in touch throughout the year we still think of everyone often and hope you enjoy this little bit of our life experiences. Thank you for sending pictures, updates and emails – we look forward to all of them.

We hope the New Year brings peace, love, joy and happiness to you and your family

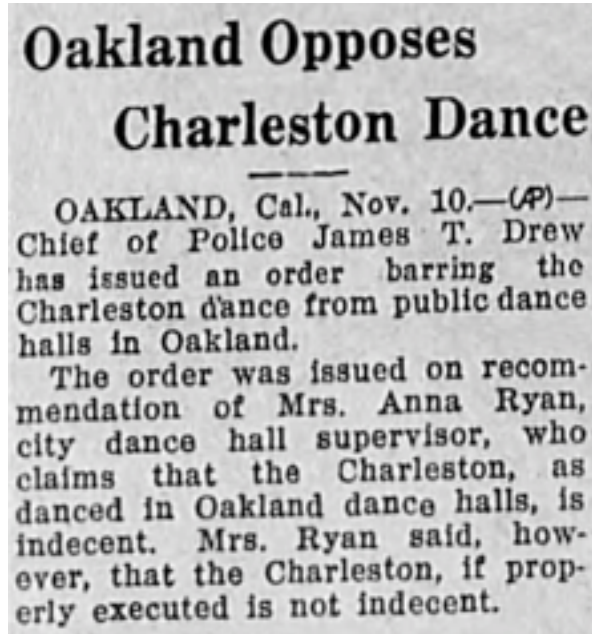
Love, Jonnie and Dave Niemand

Tom Stallard

Received a distress call from the North Pole that a Santa stand in was needed for Santa Sunday at the Gibson House so ...

Kasper attendees were surprised and peased with guest star appearances by **Barbara Bowles Holt** and **Mildred Caldwell** on 12.29. The next Kaspers is **January 9**.

Also taking headcounts for a Valentine’s Day on Treasure Island and Fentons in March.....please comment. sdc



While the winter months bring holiday joy and celebration, it is also a difficult time for those preparing for their final journey or fighting health issues. Sympathy and empathy to those who have lost their parent(s) over the last few months.....remember that they had 70 years of sharing/enjoying their creation!

To those with new body parts or exotic disease syndrome, just remember what an amazing time period we inhabit given medical technology. You are officially part of history!

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**Mark Buechley**

[The News-Review Obituaries](#) [Apr 26, 2016](#)

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at his home in Glide, Oregon, at the age of 69. As one of three sons of Robert and Georgia Buechley, he was born in Seattle and spent his childhood in several states due to his father's academic career. He met his wife of 48 years, Jerri Lynn (Siegel), in Oakland, California, and eventually made his way to Southern Oregon in 1969. Mark and Jerri Lynn raised their family in Azalea, and later moved to find their home along Little River in Glide.

A born entrepreneur and mentor, Mark was a man who loved new experiences and adventures - whether in the world of business or recreation. He was a life-long encourager to any who came across his path, always sharing his Christian testimony and revelations while generously giving from his experiences, knowledge, and resources.

Some of his favorite activities included salmon fishing in Canada, riding horses and fly-fishing in Montana, and enjoying life along Little River at his home in Glide. He enjoyed exploring Costa Rica and collected friends wherever he traveled.

He is survived by his wife Jerri Lynn; his brother Eric Buechley and his sister-in-law Sandy Buechley; his three sons and their wives Dean, Seth and his wife Helen, and Owen and his wife Sarah; and his grandchildren Danni, Cannon, Wil, Aaron, Gabriella, Evan, and Jonathan.

A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016, at New Life Christian Center, located at 1723 NE Vine Street, Roseburg, OR.

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And to those of the RHS family, we also lost **Ed Lamb**.

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**Joanne McKray August 20, 1931 - December 7, 2016**

Joanne McKray died peacefully at her home in Alameda, CA December 7, 2016. Her beloved husband, George, of 55 years, died 20 days prior to Joanne passing on November 18, 2016. Her sister Marilyn Zeigler of Wilmington, NC had passed just recently. Joanne is survived by her brother, David Helwig of Flinstone, GA, her stepson James McKray of Kings Beach, CA, and her stepdaughters Shandis McKray Pilat of Auburn, CA and Linda Nelson of Las Vegas, NV.

Joanne was born in Califon, NJ to Frederic and Charlotte Helwig on August 20, 1931. The family moved to Princeton (where they lived across the street from Albert Einstein!), and then to Knox, PA. They spent World War II in Macon, GA where her father, an Army chaplain, was stationed before he was sent to France. The war ended and the family moved back north to Youngstown, NY, a suburb of Niagara Falls, in time for Joanne to begin high school. She subsequently graduated from the College of Wooster in Ohio, and then spent seven years living in Greenwich Village in New York City where she acquired a masters degree in sacred music from Union Theological Seminary and her husband.

When George finished his fellowship at NYU the couple moved back to San Francisco, George's hometown. There he opened his law office while teaching part time at the School of Public Health at U.C. Berkeley, and Joanne took California required education courses at SF State. A year later they moved to Oakland and later Alameda. Joanne began 26 years of teaching choral music, world cultures and anthropology at Skyline High School in Oakland.

After she retired in 1990 the McKrays increased their foreign excursions, and over the years visited most of Europe and a number of countries in Asia and the Middle East. Joanne volunteered as a tutor in a literacy program and as a history docent at the Oakland Museum. Her major efforts concerned a succession of good government issues, working as a State Board member of Common Cause and a member of the League of Women Voters. They included the establishment of the California Fair Political Practices Commission, campaign finance reform, implementation of ranked choice voting, state redistricting for fairer voter representation, and government transparency. She was also active in the Alameda Democratic Club.

A private memorial gathering will be announced and held at a later date. Anyone wishing to make a memorial donation may do so to Midway Homeless Shelter (Building Futures for Women and Children, 1395 Bancroft Avenue, San Leandro, CA 94577), or to the International Rescue Committee (122 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10168-1289).

Published in San Francisco Chronicle on Dec. 18, 2016

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### **On a Happier Notes(s):**

**Bob Blesse** I'm quite honored to have four of my photographic images in the winter issue of the The Journal of the Sigh Press, an outstanding quarterly literary journal based here in Florence. You can view/download it at the link below. Don't forget to like The Sigh Press Facebook page! [http://thesighpress.com/.../Issue-11\\_Winter-2016.compressed.p...](http://thesighpress.com/.../Issue-11_Winter-2016.compressed.p...)

### **Tom LaMarre**

Tom Hanks of Skyline High in Oakland receives the Congressional Medal of Freedom from President Obama.



**Mary Wood**

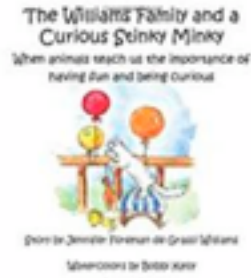
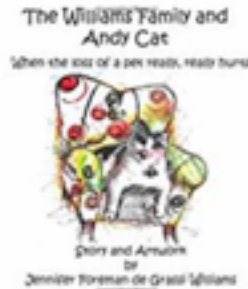
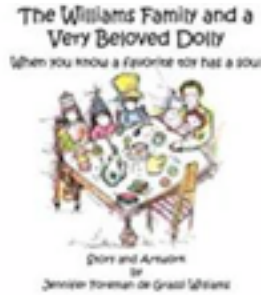


**ACLU Action Site Sharing**

·One thing I've never done in life is get out for protests, movements, politics, etc. (except for donations) Might as well try something new. I've signed up.

Just in case you didnt know, music is great for people with Alzheimer's. My stepmother remembered songs. Long after she no longer talked she could stil sing if someone started the the song. I played with a small band at Alzheimer day care center for a singalong today and the participation was great.

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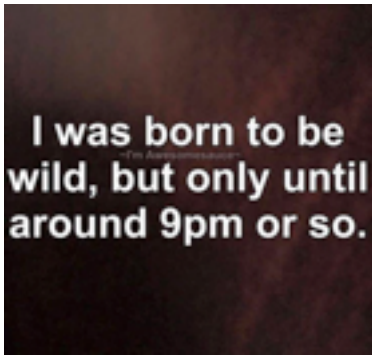


**Jennifer Foreman DiGrassi Williams'** book gifts to the world.

May be found on Amazon if not in your local bookstore

**Ben Haywood** plays for "his Skyline Homies".....  
<https://www.facebook.com/>

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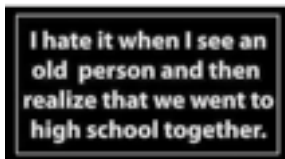
## Birthdays

### January

- 1 Bob Alton  
Arno Krippene  
Debbie Goldfarb Denos  
Scott Noble
- 3 Cathy Wight Brown
- 8 Michele Ayers  
Lisa Wallace
- 15 Cheryl Merrick Hultgren
- 17 Debbie Agee Roessler
- 18 Karen (Juul) Mihok  
Richard Street
- 25 Wayne Loomer
- 29 Dave Gebhard  
Janet Johnson McIntyre
- 30 Marlen Edelmann Jacobs  
Dale Matsui Satake
- 31 Bob Barklow

### February

- 1 Barbara Ann Brandon  
Michele Reynolds-Frost  
Susan Bingham Pate
- 3 Linda Allred Glaze
- 5 Cynthia Young
- 8 Roy Manson  
Rosemary Reitz
- 10 Gene Dangel
- 11 Stan Lore
- 13 Robin Kibbe  
Fred Runo
- 14 Diane Carniglia  
Joanne Belvedere Caglieri
- 21 Rod Bengston



**Congrats to McClymonds and Bishop O'Dowd High Schools, both winning state championships in their divisions.**

<http://www.eastbaytimes.com/2016/12/15/mcclymonds-warriors-historic-run-for-state-football-championship/>



### **BART at the Book**

**Passage Wednesday Jan 11 2017 6:00 PM**

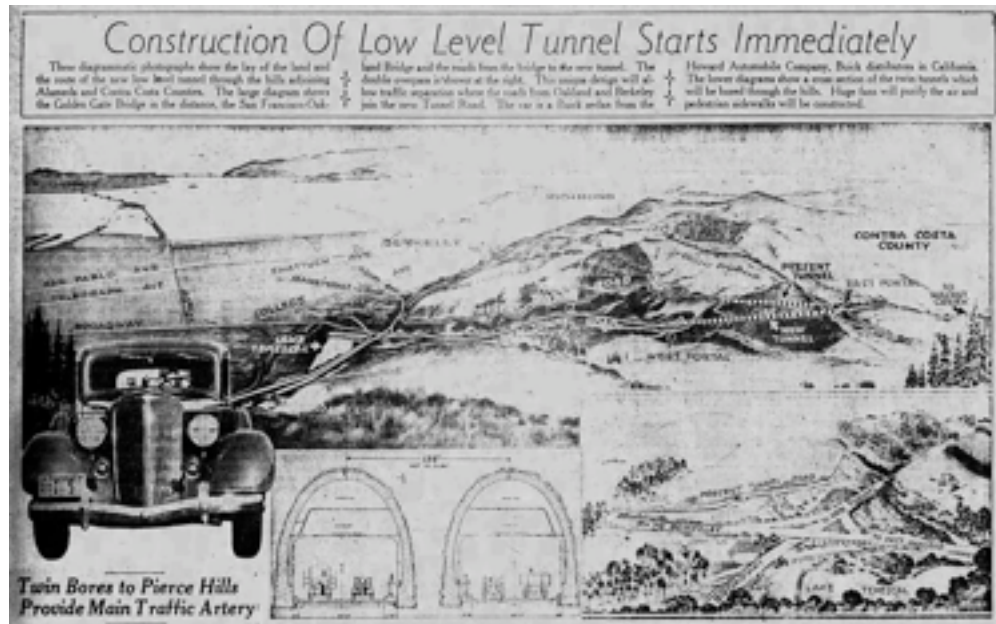
Book Passage 1 Ferry Plaza Bldg. #42, San Francisco, CA [map](#)

Join author and long-time agency spokesman **Michael C. Healy** in a presentation and signing of his new book, [BART: The Dramatic History of the Bay Area Rapid Transit](#)

[System](#) . In the first-ever history book about BART, Michael C. Healy gives an insider's account of the rapid transit system's inception, hard-won approval, construction, and operations, "warts and all." Construction of Bart Transbay tube 1970

[Chris Treadway to Lost Mastheads](#) ·

Tunnel construction to connect Alameda and Contra Costa counties begins in 1934







Construction of  
Oakland-Bay  
Bridge, 1933

[Oak Knoll  
Naval Hospital  
Demolition](#)

Night  
photographs of  
Oak Knoll:  
[http://bit.ly/  
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info on the  
time-lapse and  
video of the  
implosion of

Oak Knoll Hospital in Oakland California on Ap...  
youtube.com

### Volunteers Needed for MLK Jr Day of Service

Join us for a morning of habitat restoration in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Volunteers will remove invasive plants and debris from the shoreline, and help with restoration of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Grove.

The event will be held **Monday, January 16, 2017** from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline in Oakland. Registration is required. Register groups up to 100 people [online](#) or by calling our Reservations desk at 1 (888) 327-2757, Option 2. [Additional Details](#)



The Sharing Wall  
on this  
Lakeshore mural  
in The Trader  
Joe's lot is an  
evolving  
community  
dialogue of  
hopes, fears and  
organizing. It  
started on the  
corner and now  
covers most of  
the bottom.

[#LakeshoreWall](#)



*In context: Find out how [biogas from wastewater is powering the East Bay Municipal Utility District wastewater treatment plant in California](#) — and providing extra electricity to the Port of Oakland.*

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/12/17/realestate/temescal-oakland-multicultural-and-rapidly-gentrifying.html>

Yes, there's a new book on this magical place!  
[Children's Fairyland by Randal J. Metz on behalf of Children's Fairyland | Arcadia Publishing Books](#) [arcadiapublishing.com](http://arcadiapublishing.com)



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 \*\*\*\*\*Oakland has historically been a hotbed of renegade activity, where boundaries are redefined and trends are created rather than followed. To help encourage the continuation of this "trailblazers' legacy," Oaklandish supports artists and nonprofits who are doing pioneering work in our community. Here are the organizations you support when you spend your money with Oaklandish.

**2016 Innovator Award Recipients**

## **THE TOWN KITCHEN**

The Town Kitchen, was started with one goal in mind: to create a community through local food, one where low-income Oakland's youth are able to shine. The Town Kitchen specifically engages local youth with significant barriers to employment and education, and introduces them to the world of culinary arts. Kids in the program work with talented chefs and gain experience in food delivery services that allow them to thrive in the fields of business, technology, and workforce development. The Town Kitchen is shifting the way in which people engage with food and commerce, while celebrating values of humanity, creativity, social justice, and collaboration.

[thetownkitchen.com](http://thetownkitchen.com)

## **THE HIDDEN GENIUS PROJECT**

The Hidden Genius Project applies a targeted universalism approach to provide holistic support and technology training to under-served male youth in Oakland. The Hidden Genius Project's intensive programs provide nearly two years of training and mentorship to high school students in software development and design, entrepreneurial thinking, and a variety of life and leadership skills sure to help the students long after their time with The Hidden Genius Project. The Hidden Genius Project also hosts short-term catalyst programs, for boys of color aged 11-17 years old. These specific programs provide youth the opportunity to spark interest and gain exposure to relevant skills and careers within the technology landscape.

[hiddengeniusproject.org](http://hiddengeniusproject.org)

## **YOUTH ALIVE!**

Youth ALIVE! trains teens to lead violence prevention workshops with younger students, hiring young adults to work with youth who are hospitalized and recovering from violent injuries, urging them not to retaliate against their attackers. In the immediate aftermath of a homicide, they also provide crisis response and support for families and friends to promote healing and to calm tensions. In addition, Youth ALIVE! advocates for sensible policies that reduce gun, gang, family, and dating violence. Through the last 20 years, Youth Alive! has trained over 900 young people in Oakland and Los Angeles to be peer educators for over 45k teens.

[youthalive.org](http://youthalive.org)

## **COMMUNITY EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS**

The purpose of Community Education Partnerships (CEP) is to provide educational support to homeless children in the Bay Area. The primary function of the community-based organization is to recruit and train volunteers to provide high-quality academic tutoring for homeless children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. CEP recruits and trains volunteers to provide high-quality, individualized one-on-one academic tutoring and mentoring for pre-kindergarten through 12th grade homeless students. CEP provides all of its students with grade-appropriate backpacks, school supplies, and books throughout the school year. Additionally, CEP offers opportunities for Bay Area homeless students to participate in extra-curricular enrichment activities like field trips, summer reading clubs, family reading nights, and back to school nights.

<https://www.facebook.com/UnderstandingCompassion/photos/a.626035647536445.1073741829.624091487730861/786115678195107/?type=3>

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- [restoration of labyrinth](#)  
[A kind of spiritual awakening took place Sunday at Oakland's Lake Merritt when a group of do-gooders set upon a sacred labyrinth with rakes and shovels in an attempt to restore the concentric pathway's meditative powers. The labyrinth, essentially a spiraling 300-foot-long pathway for those contemplating their place in the Earth's karmic strata, had gone to seed since it was built in 1992 by Alex Champion, an artist who specialized in building sculptured gardens. Carl Singer of Oakland noticed the overgrown artwork next](#)

to a path at Lakeside Park during his weekly walk around the lake. Singer got permission from the park's Rotary Nature Center, which oversees the labyrinth, and recruited friends and other volunteers to help pull weeds, dig out the muddy path and restore a semblance of interconnectedness to the work. Champion, a retired biochemist with a doctorate from UC Berkeley, was awarded a \$5,895 grant from Oakland's Cultural Arts Division to create the maze-like design, which he said was based on "sacred geometry." With the help of two assistants and a bulldozer, he moved 30 tons of earth to scoop out a medallion-shaped symbol known as the Three Ring Chartres design and paved it with decomposed granite. Champion traced his interest in mazes, labyrinths and horticulture to Sunday mornings as a child in Dayton, Ohio, when he'd alternate between choosing church with Mom and gardening with Dad. The Lakeside Park labyrinth used to be popular with children, who spoiled more than a few meditative walks by adults contemplating the interconnectedness of all living things. Carl Singer, leader of the restoration project, said anyone interested in helping should join the group Lake Merritt Labyrinth on Facebook, where the work-party schedule will be updated.

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*As each year closes, many get nostalgic and/or review their year for wished/coulda/shouldas and then make the proverbial list for the next.*

*There have been several peeps about a 55th reunion, now only two years away.*

*While your standing committee (yes, we're still standing and Renee Cameto has a new knee to prove new resiliency), is happy/willing/ready to proceed, in the months leading up to the 50th, several vocal souls stated they could do a much better job. While despite benevolent despotism, we have tried to be inclusive, but is it time to hand this off to those who actively complained? Your thoughts.....*

*And since I am perennially late with Season's Greetings, here's mine to you! sdc*

