

Skyline News Note



February 2022



Zoom

Recap of January 10, 2022

Ginny Howery (Virginia Huber) was one of the first ones on the premier 2022 Zoom. As any proud mom, she shared a great adventure undertaken by her son - the Iditarod Trail Invitational, a 350 mile bike race through "notoriously inhospitable conditions and minimal outside support". We wish him well and the resilience to make it through what is often up to 30 frozen days and nights.

Snow and cold seem to be attractive: the Szymkiewicz duo was going to Iceland next week.

Classmates checked in from disparate locations across the country....**Martha Gooby Micks** mentioning the temperature was 20 below in Minnesota...**Tom Mortenesen** reported 70 degrees in Palm Desert....**John Close** decrying the traffic in

San Diego....**Jess Gibbs** experiencing a 12 hour flight to Redmond....**Sue Bingham Pate** having a pleasant 10.5 hour flight from Amsterdam to SFO after visiting her daughter....**Carson Haines** enjoying Lincoln.

The meandering of conversation caused **Dale Matsui Satake** to mention that she had moved 17 times; **Dick Johns** scored closely with 14 military moves.....which included, in the words of **Nick Blackshere**, “an invitation to Viet Nam by the President of the USA”....Dick shared his “scared shitless” feeling. Later, alluding to the need to downsize, with his over 500 golf books in the background, Dick mentioned that the love of his life, **Barbara Lauck** was in LA for the next five months with daughter’s family. **Bob Main** shared his and Kathy’s migration to Washington state because of grandchildren.

John Close tried to take us for a ride in his restored Healey rather than give a song, but the technology failed. **Nancy Robinson** reported that her daughter had moved home and is now a chef at the Del Rio Country Club....one wonders if she is raiding her mother’s garden for ingredients as Nancy very busy is a Master Gardner.

Covid remarks/reports included those of behind-the-scenes with Moderna by **Gene Dangel** and the emerging impacts on our lives - for some, isolation; for others “extremely busy”....to playing mahjong online.....and our emergent fleece wardrobes.

Rodney Burge also checked in sans music. He had the philosophical questions of the day, “Is virtue its own just reward”? Which garnered many notable remarks. You’ll have to watch the recording but **Dale** the Sage said the key to goodness is to put oneself in someone else’s shoes.

The second question anyone could go back to any decade, which would be your favorite? Thus more lively pearls evolved, **Mary Wood** starting with the 50’s because “we were just sweet little kids”, **Martha Gooby Micks** with the 90’s because “we were past all the bad stuff”.

Deb Agee Roessler broke her silence by talking about doing a huge amount of volunteer work.

As always there were other names dropped: **Dyhannis (Diane Carniglia)** received a positive book review, Steve Prevost, Jim Ida , **Been (Diane Breen)**, **Cliff Eng**, **Jeff**

Prevost, Frank Johnson, Rodney Beaman, and Bob Brewer. We noted with regret the passing of **John Lyman's** wife, Gail and the passing of **Martha Gooby Micks's** stepmom, Ruby. At this point, there is no information about a memorial for Des Leonard.

"See you" next month!



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In a year of many losses:



It's with a heavy heart that I tell you and other Skyline

friends that wife Gail ended her battle with breast cancer as the new year began. She left peacefully with the family in attendance.

We had come out to California at the start of December to celebrate my 75th. Originally we were planning something grand (eg. Italy?), but covid and disease curtailed those plans. One of Gail's favorite places was Yosemite, so it seemed fitting to spend time there. After a few days in Temescal at brother Teddy's place, we visited Carmel for a few days and then on to Yosemite for some time at the Ahwahnee. We awoke the last morning to a snowy Yosemite Valley...it was pretty magical and majestic. Unfortunately Gail's crescendo pain was taking its toll.



PERRY MASON

This wintry January I've been time travelling to 1957.... binge watching *Perry Mason* shows. My excuse is that Rossmoor, my retirement community, has shut down facilities because of Omicron. Closure has been extended from January 31 to at least February 8. Frankly, I'm about ready to take risks. Except that I know a couple of people who were triple-vaxxed and are much younger (30, 50) and got Covid. They said it was 2 weeks pretty much in bed, too sick to take the stairs to the kitchen.

I'm looking forward to warmer weather. I do try to get out for a walk every day. I have to remember that living in Walnut Creek, the sun goes down earlier than in

We had the trip home from hell, better told over a beer. Suffice it to say it took 24+ hours from SFO to Cincinnati. We went directly to the hospital where Gail was admitted. They offered additional chemo ("Why do they put padlocks on coffins? So the Oncologists can't give anymore chemotherapy") but Gail declined. After her pain was brought under control she was discharged to home hospice care. So she spent her final 2 weeks at home. We feel fortunate we were given the opportunity to reflect on old times, relive shared experiences and say our goodbyes. When the time came early on Jan 2, it was a relief her suffering had ended. And as noted the entire family was with her. Most importantly, our granddaughter Laine...the apple of Gail's eye.

I plan to do some traveling...and will eventually be back to visit the west coast. And will look forward to getting together with you guys. Until then, know that I think of you and "the old days" frequently...and revel in the fact we have been friends over these many years.

John Lyman

Oakland...because of the hills. We have a little bit of fear out here of coyotes after dark in Rossmoor, which sure helps with leash laws. However, they come from the hills during the day, too.

Back to Perry Mason. I remember looking forward to watching *Perry Mason* every week and then switching channels to watch the last half of *Young Dr.*

Kildare. Unfortunately, according to Wikipedia my memory is completely wrong as *Young Dr. Kildare* didn't start until 1972 and *Perry Mason* ended in 1966.

Frankly, the mysteries are the least enjoyable part of the show. I've been devouring mystery books and thrillers, TV shows and movies for many years, and the standards for plotting are a lot higher now. The stories are sometimes not very credible. I'm used to TV shows which are close to real life....actually I learned a lot about current dating culture, etc. when CSI's were popular. On *Perry Mason* the solutions are thrown at you in the last 5 minutes. Perry has a habit of



Healey is back, and, having been up-graded, goes like stink. It was made 3 weeks after my Dad's, in 1956. Pops and I drove miles and miles in his Healey, as he made his house calls. He knew every shortcut and little-used back road in Oakland, and he wasn't shy about putting his right foot down. We bonded that way. Sometimes, I pour myself a shot of Rye and just sit in my Healey. My bond with Dad remains. We have a chat. Some things are more than things.

John Close

exposing the villain on cross examination on the witness stand and including a couple of facts that are new to everyone. Unfair.

What I like is the trip to 1957. The convertibles are fabulous: regal and completely unparkable. I notice the drivers sometimes slide over and get out on the passenger side. Remember bench seats? The other day a friend and I returned to a parking lot and found the car parked too close to the driver side of our car. She had to crawl over the handbrake. Fortunately, she is 5'2" and doesn't have an artificial hip joint.

What handsome guys Perry and Paul Drake are! Hamilton Burger is irascible and longsuffering. (He always loses.) Lieutenant Tragg has a very sly little smile, and as someone once pointed out, is the oldest cop known. And Della Street, whom Paul Drake inappropriately addresses as "Beautiful", is competent, calm, and sweet. Also smart. It is frequently she who explains the solution to the client in the two-minute wrap-up after the



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on Al Kyte's picture for his latest Blog Post

Welcome home to **Don Schnarr** who has one of the more intriguing stories of "Travel During Covid". Hopefully he will share on the next Zoom.



last commercials. (The old products are sometimes shown in the credits.)

Perry and Della, and sometimes Paul, work late every episode as indicated by the night scene outside the office window. I had forgotten that Della accompanies Perry on most of his trips outside the office. She never carries a pair of flats (no woman wore them then), and so is frequently stumbling through fields. Of course she is always in a skirt, or dress and sometimes a suit. We weren't allowed to wear pants to the office until 1974 (I think) and it had to be a pantsuit. Most of the women...and many of the men wears hats. I love hats, and have a small collection of beaded and sequined party hats and purses. But some of the ones on the show are pretty awful...British Royal Wedding. The femme fatales all have fur stoles which they wear on the witness stand. Some of the women wear gloves which are helpful clues when they leave them at crime scenes.

None of the actresses has her own eyebrows...at least they appear

*It is every man's obligation
to put back into the world at
least the equivalent of what
he takes out of it.*

-Albert Einstein



"Which is more important," asked Big Panda, "the journey or the destination?"

"The company," said Tiny Dragon.

drawn on. Or her own eyelashes, as each lash is separate from the others. Amazingly, they have ordinary size lips and mouth...and busts. Many can't speak in an ordinary voice though: they speak softly, sweetly and very slowly. Either my cataracts are getting worse or the actresses are often filmed through gauze as they are sometimes rather fuzzy, which as a result means they have perfect complexions and no wrinkles.

When Perry is walking with Della, he is always guiding her with his arm. How much more touching there was then! And Paul and Della are always invading Perry's personal space by sitting on his desk.

I am enjoying these tremendously. Now if I could only find "Rin Tin Tin."

Mary Wood



Click on this picture for a sweet look at the 1950's!
Thanks **Debbie Agee Roessler**

Barely the day started and... it's already six in the evening.
Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.
... and the month is already over.
... and the year is almost over.
... and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.
... and we realize that we lost our parents, friends.
and we realize it's too late to go back...
So... Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time...
Let's keep looking for activities that we like...
Let's put some color in our grey...
Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.

And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left.

Let's try to eliminate the afters...

I'm doing it after...

I'll say after...

I'll think about it after...

We leave everything for later like " after " is ours.

Because what we don't understand is that:

Afterwards, the coffee gets cold...

afterwards, priorities change...

Afterwards, the charm is broken...

afterwards, health passes...

Afterwards, the kids grow up...

Afterwards parents get old...

Afterwards, promises are forgotten...

afterwards, the day becomes the night...

afterwards life ends...

And then it's often too late....

So... Let's leave nothing for later...

Because still waiting see you later, we can lose the best moments,

the best experiences,

best friends,

the best family...

The day is today... The moment is now...

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away.

"Beautiful young people are accidents of nature,
but beautiful old people are works of art."

— Eleanor Roosevelt

A Few Things I Have Learned

by AudreyLovesParis

1. If you want an honest opinion, ask a child.
2. Sometimes you have to choose to be kind over being right.
3. A simple smile can turn someone's day around.
4. Choose your spouse carefully; that decision will affect your life more profoundly than any other.
5. Sunscreen won't seem important until you are older. Wear it anyway.
6. Never promise anything when you are happy and never make rash decisions when you are sad.
7. Going into debt to buy stuff just to impress other people is stupid. They're not paying your bills.
8. Travel as much as you can, as far as you can. Life is not meant to be lived in one place.
9. Stay friends with the people who are happy for your happiness and sad for your sadness.
10. Don't live in the past. You're not headed that way.
11. Sing. Dance. Love. Allow yourself to receive love.
12. When you are on your death bed, you will never wish you had spent more time at work.
13. Spend more money on experiences and less on things. fb/AudreyLovesParis
14. Spend time with elderly people and pay attention to what they say. They have a lot to offer.



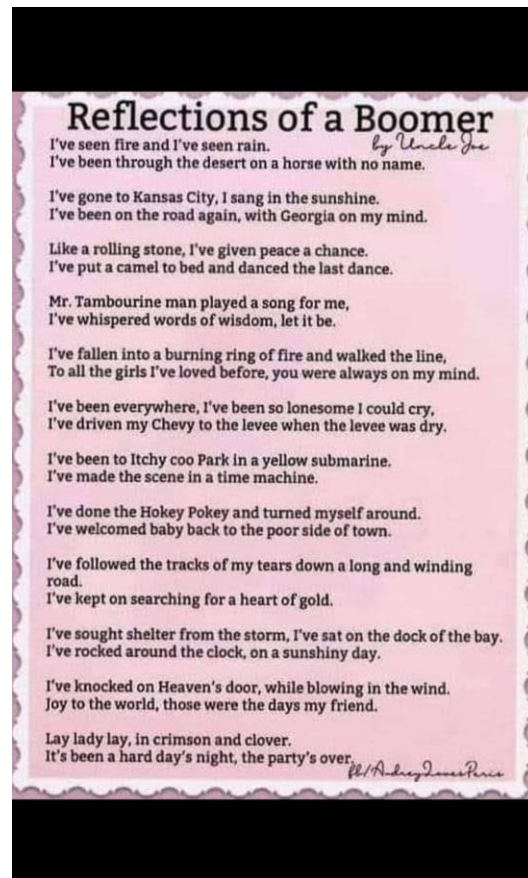
As we wave goodbye to our younger years we must also wave goodbye to some of the fads we loved. The following combinations Do NOT go together and should be avoided:

1. A nose ring and bifocals
2. Spiked hair and bald spots
3. A pierced tongue and dentures
4. Mini skirts and support hose
5. Ankle bracelets and corn pads
6. Speedo's and cellulite
7. A belly button ring and a gall bladder surgery scar
8. Unbuttoned disco shirts and a heart monitor
9. Midriff shirts and a midriff bulge
10. Bikinis and liver spots
11. Short shorts and varicose veins
12. In-line skates and a walker
13. Thongs and Depends

Laughing with a mouthful of Coffee

If you can't remember why you walked into the room, but you can remember the rest of these jingles...you are my people.

1. "My bologna has a first name"
2. "I don't wanna grow up"
3. "Gimme a break, gimme a break"
4. "The best part of waking up"
5. "Sometimes you feel like a nut"
6. "I'd like to teach the world to sing"
7. "Reach out and touch someone"
8. "If you dare wear short shorts"
9. "They're magically delicious"
10. "Meow, meow, meow, meow"



Author's Corner

We have many authors in our class.

Let us know if you are one and we will be happy to add you.

[Carol Kay Attia](#)

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[Shayne Del Cohen](#) and also OURSTORYINC.COM

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Condolences to John Lyman and Dhyanis (Diane) Carniglia





February

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Susan Bingham Pate
- 03 Linda Allred Glaze
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- 08 Roy Manson
Rosemary Reitz
- 10 Gene Dangel
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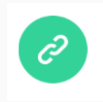


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- 03 Martha Gooby Micks
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Judy Card
Dennis Bushell
Delsa Pauletich Ham
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Doug Bartman
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