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With a great deal of sadness, I am sharing the passing of **Neil Golden** on 1.25.18. There will be a memorial at St. Lawrence O'Toole (High Street) on February 10 at 1pm with a reception following. If you are planning to attend, please let me know so I can give the family an approximate headcount and also send precise information.



And also embarking on a final journey was **Dave Gebhard**, also on 1.25. Memorial also not set. Stay posted.

All I can do for these quiet, gentle souls is to quote W.H. Auden at the burial of William Butler Yeats: Earth, receive an honored guest.

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**Cynthia Young Harelson, Martha Gooby Micks, Marilyn Hope Bonine and Don Schnarr** obviously having too much fun at LyLuck on 1.25. Also having a good time that day were George/**Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz**, Kathe Williamson, **Joel Kuechle, Barbara Harbidge**, Doug Harelson, **Gary Sommer, Marsha Standish, Susie/Gene Dangel, Cheryl/Tom LaMarre, Gay Parker, Carrie Clinton**



and **Dick Street**.

Well I thought I'd be the only one at Kasper's on 1.8 (after all the cancellation calls I got - warm rain and we are such wooses!) But it turned out to be one of those days with great conversation. From local sports teams to art history of Florence, there were also updates on replaced body parts, pets, traffic, etc.

Enjoying the repast were **Don Schnarr, Barbara Uhling Harbidge, and Cynthia Young Harelson**. Kathe Zuber Williamson flew in and out **Karen (Kipi Rawlins) xxxx, Bob Falaschi, Don Sarver and Gene Dangel** (pictured below).



I really enjoyed seeing all of you again and look forward to future events. I can't make the lunch at Ly Luck because I will be off in Southern India with **Margaret Morrison**. **Kipi/Karin**

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On 1.29 the Boys' Table at Kaspers was convened with **Gary Sommer, Bruce Quan, Richard Clarke, and Dan Wightman** while **Renee Cameto** talked with the **LaMarres** and **Martha**



Gooby Micks shared a moment with **Jerri Clarke**. Also in attendance were **Cynthia Young Harelson, Melissa Silverman Willaby, and Barbara Uhlig**.

Next Kaspers is February 12.



We have had a great holiday with two of our children and families spending over 2 weeks with us. Jay came from Germany and Carin came down from Washington! So, we did a lot of talking and eating! Our usual family activities. The weather was fantastic so we did some outside activities you can do in Arizona. We were on San Diego when the satellite was launched, much to our surprise we saw the whole thing from the balcony where we spent a week. I'll have to send you a picture our grandson took. We were at the right place at the right time. We have much to be thankful for and pray for peace, joy, and love for all of mankind. **Dianne Paulson Resseguie**

On another topic. I was just watching Nightly Business Report which was interviewing Warren Buffet. He said that he still uses only a flip phone. See! You and I are in very good company. The difference being that we lack the billions of dollars that Warren has. Where did we go wrong??!! LOL **Don Schnarr**

Mena Quilici added 2 photos and a video. (On the co-housing experience)

What a fun week it's been in the Village. Painting in the art studio, shared dinners, a marmalade demo one morning, Tuesday morning Tai Chi, a concert this evening (Combo Choro, Brazilian music) in our Common House, and tomorrow is another movie night. The Social Activities are blossoming!

Tom LaMarre shared a memory.

Now it's my 54th anniversary as a sportswriter! Lucky me.

Don't know where the time has gone, but it was 48 years ago today that Sports Editor George Ross of the Oakland Tribune hired me as a prep writer and copyboy. It's been my great privilege to have been in the business in one capacity or another ever since, including 15 years with the Tribune, 22 with the L.A. Times and the last several with The Sports Xchange. That's not to mention side gigs with Golf Vacations, California Golf, Pro Football Weekly, Golf Today and others. Thanks to the many people who have helped me along the way.



Grab Your Friends and Escape to a Remote Cabin Cluster on a Norwegian Island

Weary city dwellers can find serenity in this array of cabins on the Norwegian archipelago of Fleinvær, where the Northern Lights make regular appearances. By [Lucy Wang](#) -

My grandfather immigrated to Oakland from Haugesund in 1912. There were eleven siblings in the family. Two of my cousins and their children and grandchildren still live in Haugesund and Stravanger...and Bergen. About 40 in all.

My grandmother immigrated from Sykklyven to Oakland in 1912. I have many cousins there spread over several families...another 40 to 50 or so. We have traveled to Norway on three trips spending a total of nine weeks. The two sides of the family do not know each other. My grandparents met in Oakland.

The house my mother grew up in is on Wisconsin St. She went to Bret Harte and Fremont HS. My Grandfather was a seaman/fisherman and was captain of a tug/dredge boat in the Bay and worked on the excavations for the Bay Bridge. He was also partners in a tuna boat operating out of Moro Bay.

Last summer I got a call from "Cindy" in Boulder Creek who thinking her call would be taken as marketing said, "don't hang up I think we are cousins". Our cousin Kari in Sykklyven (the one with the cottage offer) gave her our number. Cindy and her husband were going to Norway and wanted to inquire about driving etc. We met for lunch, had a great time, and both of us felt this strange "connection" like we had known each other for years. I have a very complete and detailed genealogical chart and there she was. Turns out our Great great great great great grandparents are the connection but on separate branches of the tree....all from Sykklyven. Small world.

Our last trip was in July 2016 when we picked up Sue's new Volvo in Sweden. Took off straight away for Norway with the sole purpose of visiting family. We had a wonderful time seeing them all again. Since our last visit in 2004 several of my cousins have been married and have little ones of their own. **Gene Dangel**

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**QUOTATION OF THE DAY**

*"Obviously he likes Norwegians because they are white. But he knows nothing about Norway, a country with single-payer universal health care and free college education. Why would anyone want to leave Norway for the U.S.?"*

[Mae Ngai](#), an immigration historian at Columbia University, responding to the president's reported comments.

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And on a related note, I must recommend **"The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu"** by Joshua Hammer.

Did you see the post on FB in the Forgotten Montclair Group by Dorothy Londagin about Eleanor McDonald, an art teacher at Montera? Of interest is one of the photos she posted, which



Mrs. Eleanor McDonald gives some pointers on freehand sketching to John Winford (foreground) and Frank Johnson (on stool) in a fine arts and crafts class at Westlake.

is attached. I'll be back in the U.S. next August. **Bob Blesse**

We have been saying au revoir to so many these days - from parents in their nineties who had good, long runs to cultural icons who accompanied our journeys. But the following is really bad and sad:

Melanie (Witts) Baltezare's oldest son Brian (age 43) died of a massive heart attach on Saturday, January 13. He was is great health (ran, ate vegan) and about to leave for a 2 week trip to Australia, so this is a huge shock. As you may know, Melanie's husband passed away about 2 years ago. If anyone would like to contact her (she is really broken and in shock), her email address is maybill10@yahoo.com. She is living in Pleasant Hill in the house where she and Bill raised their two boys. Shared by **Deeana McLemore**

Biblical proportions describes our population at this point in time. 9 billion (almost) is 7 billion more people than were on the planet when we graduated from Skyline. Already difficulties feeding this many. Not to mention fresh water. Every time I see Greenland melting away, I wonder why the water is not being captured. Tres valuable. Elizabeth Nicholson (**Beth Beeby**)



Birthdays 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

March

- 01 Al Newman
01 Diana Robinson
03 Martha Gooby Micks
04 Mildred Caldwell Swafford
04 Judy Card
Dennis Bushell
04 Delsa Pauletich Ham
05 Sharlyn Brennan Tucker
Doug Bartman
Tina Illick Coolahan
08 Michael McGarry

My mind says I'm in
my Twenties.. My
body says yeah,
YOU WISH!



- 10 Renee Cameto
11 Roy Langridge
Jim Tompkins
21 Diane Cecil Laspina
23 James Pashayan
25 Randy Silver
27 Gary Caso
Larry Helzel
Roger Kientz
28 Dennis Bruns
Ben Leet
29 Karen Boswell Palmer



[7 Birthday Traditions from Around the World | Mental Floss](#)

mentalfloss.com/article/52335/7-birthday-traditions-around-world

Aug 29, 2013 - The Western idea of celebrating a *birthday* with cake and candles has certainly caught on in other parts of the world, *but* many cultures have long-standing traditional ...

Tradition maintains that a *child* is held upside down and is “bumped” on the floor, once for every *year* of their age plus *one* for good luck.

from Mr. Hills: Yep. It is I.

New Year’s Postcard From 1909 Unlocks Decades Of Bernal Family History

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Oh my God, what if you wake up some day, and you’re 65, or 75, and you never got your memoir or novel written; or you didn’t go swimming in warm pools and oceans all those years because your thighs were jiggly and you had a nice big comfortable tummy; or you were just so strung out on perfectionism and people-pleasing that you forgot to have a big juicy creative life, of imagination and radical silliness and staring off into space like when you were a kid? It’s going to break your heart. Don’t let this happen.

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pickings

– ANNE LAMOTT

A Talk by the Head of Daimler Benz

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/interesting-talk-md-daimler-benz-jonathan-brathwaite>

For your reading pleasure....a brave new world...

An interesting talk by the Head of Daimler Benz -- a bit mind blowing to say the least!

He predicted an interesting concept of what could lay ahead.

Software will disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years..

In a interview, the Head of (Mercedes Benz) Gerd Leonhard said their competitors are no longer other car companies, but Tesla (obviously), and now, Google, Apple, Amazon 'et al' are.....

Uber is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and are now the biggest taxi company in the world.

Airbnb is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties.

Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year, a computer beat the best Go player in the world, 10 years earlier than expected.

In the U.S., young lawyers already can't get jobs. Because of IBM Watson, you can get legal advice (so far for more or less basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. So, if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% less lawyers in the future, only specialists will remain.

Watson already helps nurses diagnosing cancer, 4 times more accurate than human nurses. Facebook now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans.

Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars will appear for the public. Around 2020, the complete industry will start to be disrupted. You don't want to own a car anymore.. You will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it, you only pay for the driven distance and you can be productive while driving. Our kids will never get a driver's license and will never own a car.

It will change the cities, because we will need 90-95% less cars for that. We can transform former parking spaces into parks

1.2 million people die each year in car accidents worldwide.. We now have one accident every 60,000 miles (100,000 km), with autonomous driving that will drop to one accident in 6 million miles (10 million km). That will save a million lives each year.

Most car companies will probably go bankrupt. Traditional car companies will try the traditional approach and try to build a better car, while tech companies (Tesla, Apple, Google) will take the revolutionary approach and build a computer on wheels.

Many engineers from Volkswagen and Audi are completely terrified of Tesla.

Auto Insurance companies will have massive trouble because without accidents, car insurance will become much cheaper. Their car insurance business model will slowly disappear.

Real estate will change. Because if you can work while you commute, people will move further away to live in a more beautiful neighborhood.

Electric cars will become mainstream about 2020. Cities will be less noisy because all new cars will run on electricity.



I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager)

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager,
only 60 years later.

I don't have to go to school or work.

I get an allowance every month.

I have my own pad.

I don't have a curfew.

I have a driver's license and my own car.

The people I hang around with are not scared
of getting pregnant and they do not use drugs.

And I don't have acne.

Life is great.

shared

Electricity will become incredibly cheap and clean: Solar production has been on an exponential curve for 30 years, and now you can now see the burgeoning impact.

Last year, more solar energy was installed worldwide than fossil. Energy companies are desperately trying to limit access to the grid to prevent competition from home solar installations, but that can't last. Technology will take care of that strategy

With cheap electricity comes cheap and abundant water. Desalination of salt water now only needs 2kwh per cubic meter (@ 0.25 cents). We don't have scarce water in most places, we only have scarce drinking water.. Imagine what will be possible if

anyone can have as much clean water as he wants, for nearly no cost.

Health innovations: The Tricorder X price will be announced this year. There are companies who will build a medical device (called the "Tricorder" from Star Trek) that works with your phone, which takes your retina scan, your blood sample, and you can breath into it.

It then analyses 54 biomarkers that will identify nearly any disease. It will be cheap, so in a few years everyone on this planet will have access to world class medical analysis, nearly for free. Goodbye, medical establishment.

3D printing: The price of the cheapest 3D printer came down from \$18,000 to \$400 within 10 years. In the same time, it became 100 times faster. All major shoe companies have already started 3D printing shoes.

Some common spare airplane parts are already 3D printed in remote airports. The space station now has a printer that eliminates the need for the large amount of spare parts they used to keep in the past.

At the end of this year, new smart phones will have 3D scanning possibilities. You can then 3D scan your feet and print your perfect shoes at home

In China, they already 3D printed and built a complete 6-story office building. By 2027, 10% of everything that's being produced will be 3D printed.

Business opportunities: If you think of a niche you want to go in, ask yourself: "In the future, do you think we will have that?", and if the answer is yes, how can you make that happen sooner?

If it doesn't work with your phone, forget the idea. And any idea designed for success in the 20th century is doomed to failure in the 21st century.

Work: 70-80% of jobs will disappear in the next 20 years. There will be a lot of new jobs, but it is not clear if there will be enough new jobs in such a small time.

Agriculture: There will be a \$100 agricultural robot in the future. Farmers in 3rd world countries can then become managers of their field instead of working all day on their fields.

Geoponics will need much less water. The first Petri dish that produced veal is now available and will be cheaper than cow produced veal in 2018. Right now, 30% of all agricultural surfaces is used for cows. Imagine if we don't need that space anymore.

There are several startups who will bring insect protein to the market shortly.. It contains more protein than meat. It will be labeled as "alternative protein source" (because most people still reject the idea of eating insects).

There is an app called "moodies" which can already tell in which mood you're in. By 2020 there will be apps that can tell by your facial expressions, if you are lying. Imagine a political debate where it's being displayed when they're telling the truth and when they're not.

Bitcoin may even become the default reserve currency ... Of the world!

Longevity: Right now, the average life span increases by 3 months per year. Four years ago, the life span used to be 79 years, now it's 80 years. The increase itself is increasing and by 2036, there will be more than one year increase per year. So, we all might live for a long time, probably way more than 100.

Education: The cheapest smart phones are already at \$10 in Africa and Asia. By 2020, 70% of all humans will own a smart phone. That means, everyone has the same access to world class education.

Every child can use Khan academy for everything a child needs to learn at school in First World countries. There have already been releases of software in Indonesia and soon there will be releases in Arabic, Swahili, and Chinese this summer. I can see enormous potential if we give the English app for free, so that children in Africa and everywhere else can become fluent in English. And that could happen within half a year.

Are you ready for all this?!?!?

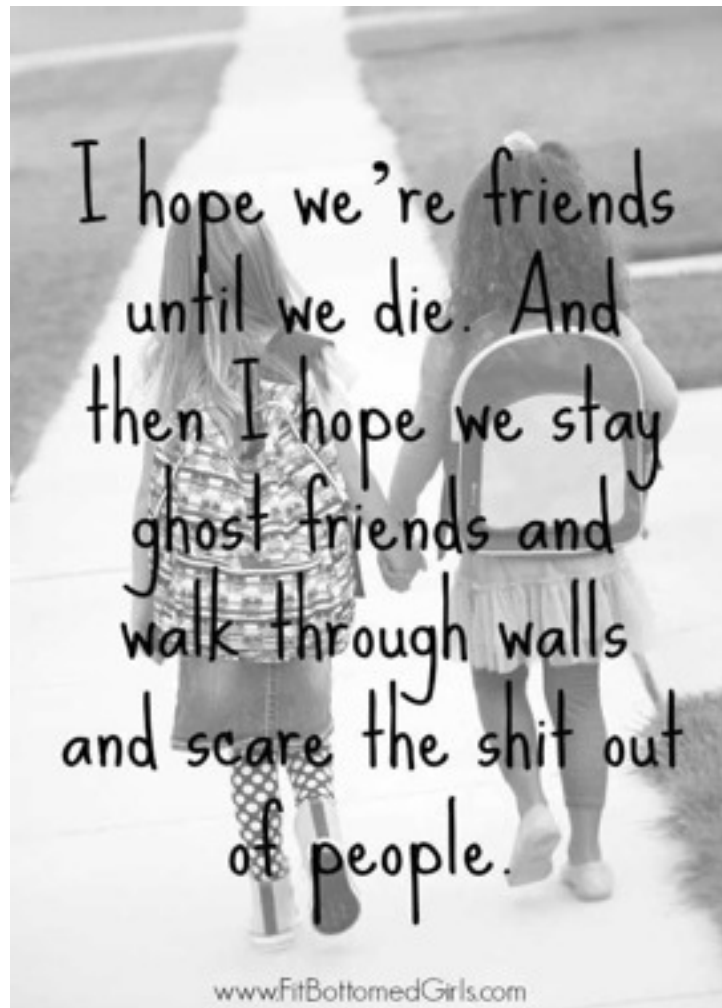
(Photo by San Francisco Chronicle)

The Resilient by Design Bay Area Challenge entered its final phase on Thursday (Jan. 11), with each of the 10 world-class design teams being assigned a specific location on the San Francisco Bay shoreline to prepare for sea level rise (see the sites [here](#)). State officials estimate there's a 67 percent likelihood that sea levels at the Golden Gate will rise by 1.1 feet by 2050. Those troubling figures build off of a 2015 study by the Bay Area Council Economic Institute that estimated the Bay Area could suffer more than \$10 billion in economic damages due to flooding from a 150-year storm event under present-day sea levels.

The final Resilient by Design sites were the result of months of research and interaction between design teams, community members, and experts in government, industry, and academia. The final designs will be unveiled this spring. The Bay Area was awarded financial support to host Resilient by Design by the Rockefeller Foundation shortly after Bay Area voters approved the Bay Area Council-backed Measure AA campaign for a \$12 parcel tax to fund multi-benefit flood protection/wetland restoration projects along the Bay shoreline. To learn more about Resilient by Design, [contact Bay Area Council Vice President, and Resilient by Design Executive Board Member, Adrian Covert.](#)

[Read the San Francisco Chronicle's story on Resilient by Design>>](#)

My Valentine to y'all



from Nancy Klinkner Mulligan

Murgatroyd, remember that word? Would you believe the email spell checker did not recognize the word Murgatroyd?
Heavens to Murgatroyd!

Lost Words from our childhood: Words gone as fast as the buggy whip! Sad really!

The other day a not so elderly lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy and he looked at her quizzically and said "What the heck is a Jalopy?"
OMG (new phrase)! He never heard of the word jalopy!! She knew she was old.... but not that old. Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory after you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology.

These phrases included "Don't touch that dial," "Carbon copy," "You sound like a broken record" and "Hung out to dry."

Back in the olden days we had a lot of 'moxie.' We'd put on our best 'bib and tucker' to straighten up and fly right'.

Heavens to Betsy! Gee whillikers! Jumping Jehoshaphat! Holy moley!

We were 'in like Flynn' and 'living the life of Riley', and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell?

Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes and pedal pushers...AND DON'T FORGET... Saddle Stitched Pants

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, Well, I'll be 'a monkey's uncle!' Or, This is a 'fine kettle of fish!' We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth, the words we've left behind
We blink, and they're gone. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel.. Don't forget to pull the chain.
Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers.
Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills. This can be disturbing stuff! ("Carter's Little Liver Pills" are gone too!)

We of a certain age have been blessed to live in changeable times. For a child each new word is like a shiny toy, a toy that has no age. We at the other end of the chronological arc have the advantage of remembering there are words that once did not exist and there were words that

once strutted their hour upon the earthly stage and now are heard no more, except in our collective memory.

It's one of the greatest advantages of aging.

Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth...

See ya later, alligator!

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WE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE FABULOUS 50'S.. NO ONE WILL EVER HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN...

WE WERE GIVEN ONE OF OUR MOST PRECIOUS GIFTS:.....OUR MEMORIES.....

