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New photos in new album of March 10 Mini-Gathering



March, 2012

**On top of Mt. Toro, all covered with snow, the Salinas
Valley, so fertile below**

**Did anybody else in the late 50's, trek up to the top of Mt. Toro at least once with a piece of cardboard, just to be able to sled down the hill on about an inch of snow?
The Winnett family did it with no winter clothing protection.**

CHANGE EMAIL



KATHY SILVA

Paso Robles

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THIRD TIME SHOULD BE A CHARM




MIKE MCCAULEY

Petaluma

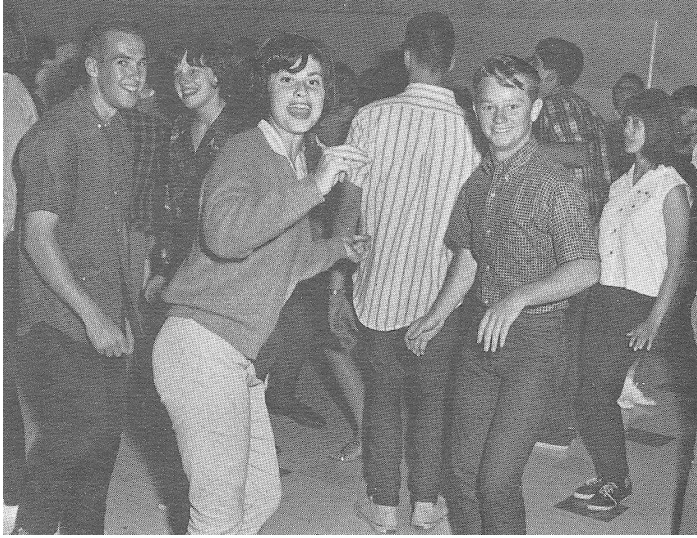
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address. Please try again. . .  I tried to convince AT&T they should change it, but it's not going to happen! Barbara and I will not be able to attend the mini-gathering at the Bernardi's in Visalia on March 10. We will be in Kelseyville, CA with family. Mike

MINI-GATHERING – MARCH 10



Demetria Vellis



Demetria and family

As always, it was great seeing everyone again at the Goode/Bernardi's. Gary and I would like to thank both Franco and Kathy for hosting such a lovely event for all of us who were able to attend. Both Kathy and Franco were very gracious hosts to welcome us all into their lovely home.

We had a wonderful time, and visit with each of you who attended.

I'm starting to realize the more of these gatherings we are able to attend, the better I'm able to know some of our classmates I didn't know in high school. At times, I can't believe we are in our 60's! We are all pretty lucky that we don't show our age!

The BBQ Ribs Franco made for all of us were delicious. The best we ever had!!
Nice job Franco!

By the way, that comment came from my husband Gary, who raved on the Ribs. I guess I had better learn how to BBQ Ribs (ha!). No joke,... I do most of the barbecuing in our home.

A short message for the Banks, Susan (Rice) and Tom, I lied (haha), I stayed awake all the way home!! We were so wound up from the wonderful evening we had with all of you who were there, we enjoyed the evening tremendously.

Until next time,
Gary and Deme (Demetria Vellis) Van Rossum 🌹

OUR HOSTS



Franco and Kathy (Goode) Bernardi
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Teen Angel



Still Perfect After All These Years

Thanks to everyone who brought the delish appetizers



Roger and Donitta (Moe '65) Lundquist, and Kathy Goode

Special thanks to Franco and Kathy
for inviting us to their lovely home
for lots of laughter and reminiscing (we talked about you if
you weren't there, but we took no one's name in vain)
for preparing scrumptious dinner and breakfast for their
fellow NSHS grads
and for lodging one of us (sorry I set off your burglar alarm)





Food prep starts night before



**Franco's BBQ Ribs to die for with
a little laying on of hands blessing by Meredith Crews**



Franco shines up the El Camino and dresses in his best under-shirt for the party



Teen Angel and his "I love Kathy" tat

AND THEN THE NSHS GRADS SHOW UP



Back Row: Roger Lundquist, John Whitehead, Franco Bernardi, Peggy Propst, Susan Rice, Tony Ziganay



More of this group shot on the website so everyone gets a chance to look their best



Seated: Kathy Goode, Mike Wallace, Carolyn Winnett, Demetria Vellis, Meredith Crews

ALONG CAME THE TAG-ALONGS



Standing: Gary, Deme's hubby: Sandy, Tony's wife
Seated: Tom Banks (NSHS62), Susan Rice's hubby:

Millie, John Whitehead's wife



Donitta Moe (NSHS 65), Roger's wife

I'll show you mine, if you show me yours.....

The Bionic Men



Roger Lundquist and Tony Ziganay sharing their metal hardware

ALL OF THE REST OF THE PHOTOS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE AT

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SOME WITH IRREVERANT CAPTIONS...I COULD NOT RESTRAIN MYSELF.

CLICK ANY PICTURE TO ENLARGE AND READ CAPTIONS OF WHO'S IN PICT

Photos shared by Carolyn Winnett and John Whitehead

IF OTHER PHOTOS ARE RECEIVED, THEY WILL BE IN APRIL'S NEWSLETTER

AW SHUCKS! WE MISSED YOU AT THE MINI-GATHERING



Linda Satre
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I would love to come, but Kate([Kathy Schoch,Woodland, schochs2010@yahoo.com](mailto:Kathy Schoch,Woodland,schochs2010@yahoo.com))



and I are meeting up in Berlin on April 1 and traveling to Poland.

Why you ask? Because we have never been there.

So I will be busy getting stuff done here so I can hopefully put out all the fires in the office before I leave.

Have a great party! Linda

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Steve and Sherry (Ostrander) Culver
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WE WERE GONNA COME, BUT THE ARTHRITIS ALWAYS PICKS A MOST INOPPORTUNE TIME TO FLARE. MY DR. HAS ME MAKING SOME ADJUSTMENTS WITH MY MEDS

(PREDNIZONE) A FEW DAYS PAIN WAS THE RESULT. I WAS BUMBED. I KNOW EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME. HOPEFULLY I'LL BE HEALTHY FOR THE NEXT ONE. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING SOME PICTURES.

BTW, BEEN LOOKING AT THE TOP PICTURE WITH NEAL BARNES IN FRONT ROW LEFT. IS THAT MR. MEAD'S CLASS AND IF SO, IS THAT ME THIRD FROM THE LEFT AND YOU BEHIND ME????? I CAN PICK OUT A FEW OTHERS. I KNOW I WAS IN MEAD'S CLASS, 6TH GRADE. LET ME KNOW. THANKS. STEVE C.

***Yes, that's Mr. Mead's class. Yes, that's you. Yes, that's me behind you. Here's the link to all the Santa Lucia school pics we have on our website.**

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Some familiar NSHS names

Top row: ?, Dana Abbott, Duncan McCarter, Richard Clark, Carolyn Brown, Sandy Freeman, ?, ?, ?

Middle row: Michael Propst, Kathy Silva, Carolyn Winnett, Alfred Cunha, Mike Wallace, ?, Peggy Propst, ?, Erna Cruysen

Front Row: Neal Barnes, Tommy Jameson, Steve Culver, ?, ?,?,?, Greg Lowe, ?



Trina Northcutt

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Can't make it to mini-gathering in March. I will be having cataract surgery. Back surgery this week. Actually, procedure, not surgery. Rebuilding 2 crushed vertebrae. I know I'll be feeling blah, and not the chirpiest bird in the nest. Going to be a busy year. Having everything done on my insurance before I retire. Teeth redone. New smile.....the other eye for cataracts...gum surgery. Shit! I'll be worn out for sure. But everything is 100% covered as opposed to when I go on Medicare. Oh yes, and new glasses after all my cataracts are gone. Too bad face lifts and waist liposuction aren't covered (ha!). I now say the sedan is getting a major over haul before I park it in the garage. Trina



Henry Carrasco

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Sorry, Franco and Kathy. Won't be able to make the mini-gathering. Have a conflict. Let me know when you come to Salinas or Castroville. Henry



Nancy Archer

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Wish I could be there, but problem..... I'll be in Nashville.



Rodger Williams

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Tell everyone that I said hello..



Gayle Gomez

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I went to Portland for a few days and had a great time on my birthday. Sorry I can't come to the gathering in March. Please tell everyone I said hello, and I'll see everybody at the 50th!



Joanne Minor (NSHS '66)

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Have fun and hi to all of your classmates and any of mine you see.



Jim Small
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Would like to come, but too far away. I am looking forward to the 50th. See you then. Jim



Joyce Plaskett
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**Have a great time at the mini. I will look forward to seeing pictures!!!
Unfortunately, I will not be attending the mini reunion on March 10th. Too much going on here in Salinas, as I'm selling my house and packing up as fast as I can. I've made an offer on a house in Woodland (about 20 miles north of Sacramento on I-5) just 4-5 doors from my sister, Faye. I'm down sizing a bit inside the house (no family room or formal dining room), but the outside is fabulous. There's a swimming pool with spa; covered patio; gazebo; and built-in place to barbecue.**

After I get settled, I was thinking that I could possibly offer our next (or next-next) mini reunion at my place. I'll make certain it's in the summer, so we can spend most of the time outside in the pool/spa. The gazebo could serve as a bar. Would be a lot of fun! See you next time!



Ira Ridgway
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Wish I could come, but just started a new job, Part-time 3-4 days , PGA West- Greg Norman Golf course in La Quinta, 3 miles from home. Couldn't be at home that much and need to get back into the golf business. Say hi to the class from me. If they are ever in the desert, Palm Springs area. call, 760-408-0233 , would like to get around of golf in with them if they would like. Have a great time . See ya , Ira



Jeannie Rapstad (NSHS '66)
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Thanks very much for including me in the invitation. I hope all of you have a wonderful time. Best regards, Jeannie



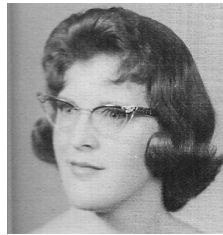
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Poor timing again. We get back from vacation on the 8th and friends flying in on the 10th from Missouri. Would love to be at the mini-gathering in March. Tell everyone hello and hope to make the next gathering. Ricki



Kathy Shaw
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Was hoping to attend the mini party on March 10th, but life intervened. A very close friend (he called me his daughter) passed away Feb. 7th and I have been helping "Mom" with everything. We are having a Celebration of Life on the 18th and I'm in charge of the plans. Tell everyone hello for me. Kathy



Laura Catt
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I won't be able to come to the March mini-gathering, as I was down at Christmas, and my charge card is higher than I have ever gone to, YIKES! Hope everybody has lots of fun. Later, Laura



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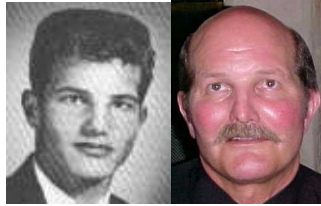
Looks like my hubby will be having surgery for his carpal tunnel syndrome. So we won't be able to make it to the gathering on March 10th. Hope you all have a great time and really wish we could be there.

SINCEREST CONDOLENCES

Lucy Tuttle Roberson (1923 - 2012)



Beloved Mother of Tim Roberson



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Lucy Roberson married in 1943, she raised her family in Salinas, where she worked as a seamstress. In 1973, she began fighting for women's rights. She was active with the National Organization for Women and in 1975, co-founded the Salinas 'Women's Crisis Line'. In the 1980's, the entity became the Women's Crisis Center where she remained active as co-founder, volunteer advocate/counselor, and finally a Board member until her retirement in 1998. In 2008, she moved to Oakdale.

She loved bowling (participating in tournaments until age 82), traveling, camping, Lake Tahoe, and the company of her family. She was well respected and a trusted friend who believed in the Golden Rule and Paying it Forward.

Her hero was her mother. She was ours.

She is survived by her husband, Herbert W. Roberson and their six children; daughters, Sandy (Paul "Skip") Morris, Laura (John Stavely) Roberson-Giusta, and Leslie (Russell) Hancock; sons, Tim (Elaine Williamson-NSHS 65) of Salinas, Michael (Barbara)

And Dan (Karen); Numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.



Elaine (Williamson- NSHS 65) Roberson
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I'm Elaine, Tim Roberson's wife. He has asked me to send you a quick note to let you know why you haven't heard from him in such a long time. Tim is in poor health, and has a hard time sitting at the computer for any length of time. I don't want you to get the wrong idea, he isn't in critical condition. He is just battling so many health issues that they take away all his energy. For him, just getting himself showered and dressed can take 2-3 hours sometimes. Traveling is out of the question.

He does enjoy reading the newsletters, so please keep them coming. One of these days he hopes to get up the energy to send you a note himself. In the meantime, he says hello to you and all the others out there that share in your news. Sorry we can't participate in the get-togethers. Tim & Elaine Roberson

IN MEMORIAM



Barbara Lou Cornett
(1926 – 2012)

Barbara Lou Cornett, 85, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012. She was born October 23, 1926, in Elkhart, Indiana.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in nursing at Vanderbilt University and a Masters of Arts in school administration at San Jose State University. She began her career as an operating room nurse, first at the University of California, San Francisco and then at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. In 1967, she made a career change that started a remarkable tenure in education that spanned six decades. Her

career in education began at North Salinas High School where she was the school nurse as well as a classroom teacher. She then went on to become the director of special education and assistant superintendent with the Salinas Union High School District. She retired in 1992, but continued as a consultant to a number of school districts throughout California. In 2003, she was elected to the Monterey County Board of Education, where she served as president for a term and served as a board member until her retirement in 2011.

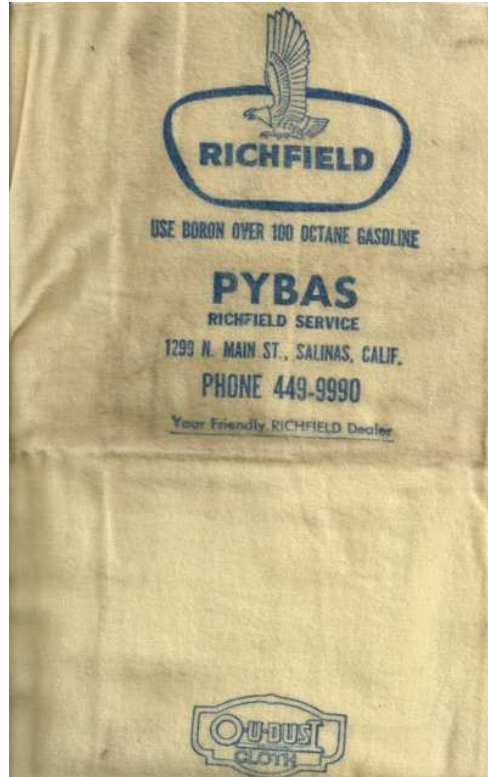
She served on the boards of the Salinas Golf and Country Club, the American Heart Association Central Mission Trails Chapter, her home owners association and the California Women's Golf Association. She was a member of the Salinas Women's Club and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of women educators.

WE GOT MORE PICTURES AND MEMORIES TO SHARE



Peggy Propst
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I just came across this in my Mustang and it brought back some fond memories. It's a dusting cloth that Mr. Pybas gave to all his customers. Imagine that I still have it.



It was Gary's (Blaine TN, tnriver@comcast.net) father's station on the southwest corner of Main and Curtis Street. On the other side was the Flying "A" station and Mr. Carr owned that one. That was Mrs. Carr's husband, and she was the school teacher at Santa Lucia School when we went there. They lived on Douglas Street. Lots of memories in North Salinas...that's for sure.



There was also the branch library on North Main Street. (deceased) Merle Pearson's mother was the librarian. There was the Airport Market, Mr. Beck's car repair behind the Richfield Service Station and on and on.

Mr. Beck and his wife had a son named Louis that lived on the corner of Fourth and Curtis. Louis was a couple years younger than we were. Very nice family and I



use to spend a lot of time with Mrs. Beck at her house. (Missouri City TX, nealbarnes@att.net) Neal Barnes' mother taught me how to knit when I was about seven.





Gene Hohman



“Just got a great pic of my warrior son. Gene”



2006. We've watched Tyler (on right) grow up. Here with Gene, his two sons and grandson



Me 'n Ginger



Well, finally got around to sendin' a pic. My lovely bride and some weather beaten ol' codger....in the wind and slappin' leather.....Ol' Man

Tom Brown, Phoenix, olmanitw@yahoo.com



FIRST DATE

Since you don't get on facebook, you haven't seen this picture yet. This is a picture of our first date, back in '68. Millie is wearing the long white gloves because of a bicycle toppling that left some rode rash. Probably the first time I ever wore a tux and it may have been Millie's first formal. Little did we know the next time I would wear a tux would be at our wedding! John



John and Millie Whitehead
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APRIL BIRTHDAYS

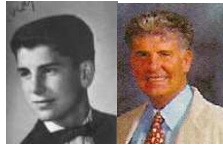
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A REAL CASE OF IMPAIRED JUDGMENT
(WELL, ALL THOSE JOHN'S LOOK ALIKE TO ME)

I GOT THE BIRTHDAYS REVERSED FOR



JOHNNY CALECA
DOB: 2/18



AND **JOHN CURCIO**
DOB: 2/12

From John Curcio: “Like many of our classmates, this was the big “M” year for me – about a ream of stuff arrived from Medicare and, on my birthday itself, an email telling me I was qualified for a prostate exam and a colonoscopy. Gee, thanks and all, but I’ll take a raincheck on those “gifts”! (Chico, jecurcio@pacbell.net)

From Johnny Caleca: “ Spent my 65th at Golden Gate Fields Horse Track betting on the horses with my two sons and their families. Had a blast, won the first two races outright, then all went down hill for the remaining five races. What a blast.

This is the second time I have been confused with John Edward Curcio. The first was on our graduation night at SHS stadium...Mr. Weakley did not call my name as a graduate. Instead, he called “John Edward Curcio” when I received my diploma. He apologized to my family so many times but I didn’t even know what happened. My Grandpa Caleca, who spoke Italian, came all the way out for my graduation and waited patiently to hear the “Caleca” name. He never heard it, because Curcio got the call. Ha! Ha! How’s that for gossip. Johnny”



THE SALINAS TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD Dave Nordstrand, The Californian, March, 2012

A dress was a must on the day shift, and it was a sin to chew Juicy Fruit on duty. Those were among the rules in the years Lorraine Diaz worked as a switchboard operator for the phone company.

“Your supervisors would listen to your every word, too,” Diaz recalled. “If you didn’t say things just right, they’d take you into another room. They’d read you the riot act.”

That was a part of life as a Salinas telephone operator in a bygone era. For 30 years from 1952 onward, Diaz, who today lives in Corral de Tierra, worked as a telephone operator.

“It was strict, but I loved it,” she said.



Former Salinas telephone operator Lorraine Diaz is pictured with an image of herself from her time as an operator in Salinas. Travis Geske/The Salinas Californian

The big board

A Salinas High School graduate, Diaz was one of a line of women who wore headsets and sat on swivel stools facing a long switchboard. Little lights, a galaxy of red stars, twinkled across the big board.

The building in which the operators worked was at 340 Pajaro St. There, they kept their eyes on the switchboard. No gazing about. That was a rule, too.



The telephone, of course, was on an evolutionary trajectory and still is. In 1928, for example, the first desk phone with transmitter and receiver in one handset debuted.



By 1965, the first “Trimline” phone was on the market. It featured contoured lines to fit the palm and a rotary dial tucked into the handset. Now it’s cell phones and smartphones.

Early in her career as a telephone operator, Diaz’s father worked for the Spreckels Sugar Co., and the family lived in Spreckels.

Diaz hopped the bus to and from work. “If it was a night shift, my mother would be waiting up for me,” Diaz said.

Another Salinas

In those days, though, Salinas was gentler, smaller, quieter, safer. Men still wore suits and ties and white cotton shirts, perhaps ironed that morning by a stay-at-home mom. Jeans in church were not yet accepted.

Bette Kraul, 88, was a telephone operator who became a supervisor. “I graduated from Salinas High in 1942 and worked at the phone company five years,” Kraul said.

Her tenure spanned much of World War II. Given Pearl Harbor, given ferocious fighting in the Pacific, coastal America was on alert to the chance of enemy attack. “We kept the front door to the work area locked and had black-out shades because of the war,” Kraul said.

Rude callers

Another company rule related to obnoxious callers. The nastier the caller became, the sweeter the phone operator was to be. “You’d say, ‘Yes, Sir, Mr. So-and-So,’” Kraul recalled. “You know, the nicer you were, the faster they’d calm down, like a baby.”

Operators handled mostly long distance calls. Those included calls between friends and family. The operators also played a key role in the town’s business life. A Salinas Valley grower, for one, might want to do business with a New York City customer.

The women — few men were yet phone operators — earned \$53 a week, according to a 1956 company pay schedule. Kraul said her salary was enough to rent an apartment and live independently.

A tragic incident

Even in the most secure workplace, tragedy can intrude. So it was at the phone company. Two switchboard operators went out for lunch one sunny day. Both were killed in a car wreck.

“Workers were devastated,” Diaz said. Now 78, Diaz is married to Roy Diaz, one of the few survivors of the Bataan Death March, an atrocity of World War II. Looking back on her career, Lorraine said she enjoyed her job but especially the people she worked for and with.

Supervisors were strict but fair, she said. “Thirty years. It’s a long time,” Diaz said. “We worked together. I still keep in contact with a lot of them.

“We were all like a family.”



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April 1...



April 8...Easter



April 10...Golfers Day



Top Row

Ben Storment, Nick Losada, Kenny Carlin, Frank Reyes, Pete Lukavich,

John King, Tony Ziganay



Middle: Steve Culver, Jimmy Minor, Danny Sabado



Seated: Danny Mack, Roger Lundquist, Ed Shaw, Mike Gigous, Ira Ridgway

April 17...Tax Day



April 19.....National Garlic Day



April 22...Earth Day



April 27....Arbor Day



Enjoy Spring



Ahhh Yeah Flowers!

“The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is a knowledge of our own ignorance”

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. Franklin". The ink is dark and the script is elegant and flowing.



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