



**How about that new logo! You'll see it everywhere.
It means.....**

REUNION NEWS

Changes are taking place on the reunion website regularly from the intro page through the various links to the "contact us" link.

**Reunion Website Address
<http://www.nshs64.com/>**

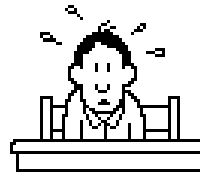
If you're still up in the air about joining us for the Friday night meet and greet, look again at that link. We're attempting to inspire you.

We'll be rounding out the 3 days of activities with announcement of Sunday plans soon.

By following the website, you'll know everything you need to know about the weekend events, long before the formal invitation is mailed to you.

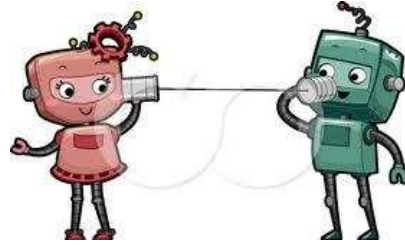
No surprises ...won't be like that first day of school at North High as a

freshman.



And you'll even know most of the people at the reunion.

**If you have a question or comment
Go to the Contact link on the reunion website**



and talk to us.

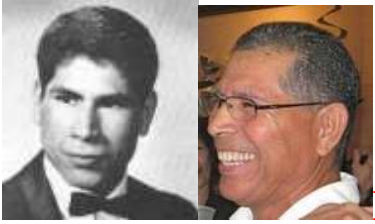
“I’m ready to go!”



“See all of you at the 50th!”



[Jack Rickey, Vancouver WA, jacksharley@q.com](mailto:jacksharley@q.com)



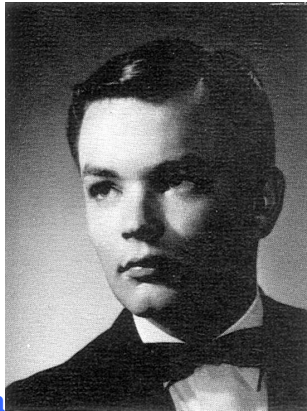
[Henry Arredondo, Madera,](mailto:arredondo0848@att.net)
arredondo0848@att.net

“See you at the reunion!”

The NSHS Class of 1964 Reunion is open
to anyone who wishes to join us ‘64 classmates in celebrating our 50th
Reunion. You will be glad you went and reconnected with the NSHS 64
grads.

Some who are joining our classmates at the reunion are:

From Kris Pearson, NSHS 82, krisnoel64@sbcglobal.net
My name is Kris Pearson Lippert and my brother was Merle Pearson, Jr. He was in
the class of 1964.



Merle D. Pearson

May 22, 1946 - March 13, 1965

I oddly enough am the class of 1982, NSHS. I am his baby sister. He died tragically
and unexpectedly on March 13, 1965. He was only sick a short time with meningitis
(the strain that there is a vaccination for now in the 21st century.) His girlfriend
during those years was Cheryl Steiner and best friends Richard Waldrop as well as
Alan Shrum.

My husband James and I would love to be able to attend his 50th Class Reunion.
I understand that this reunion is "open." We know so many of the graduates as
they have kept up with the family over the years. Kris

[From Cheryl Steiner SHS 66](#)

I found your reply message in my spam message box about the reunion, after contacting you on Classmates.com. I got to thinking about it and talked to a few friends who said they were also interested.

My gal-friends attended SHS and are interested in attending (know lots of NSHS '64 graduates); and wonder if you could add them to your mail list? Here are their names and emails:

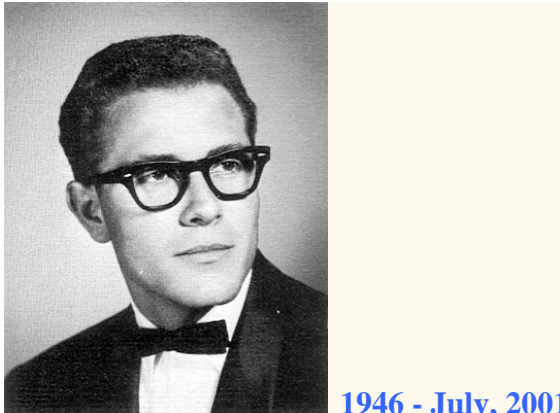
[Janice Stull Hansen SHS 67 \(friends with June Woodard\)](#)
rosshansen3@gmail.com

[Linda Campbell SHS 1968: linda898@aol.com](#)

[Susan Pepple; SHS 1966; slbaillie@caltel.com](#), and

[From Lola Stull Hill Ranagan\(shs65\): ljhill1@aol.com](#)

I was married to Jimmie Maricle from '65 till '69. Our son Jimmie Jr. was born on Jim's 21st birthday, so we had lots to celebrate! Jim died in July 2001 of colon cancer. After a 20 year enlistment in the Air Force, Jim retired in Baltimore. He remarried & had two more great kids. He would be the proud grandfather of two boys.



[Jimmie Maricle](#)

1946 - July, 2001

I graduated from SHS in '65 & through Jim, I made many friends from NSHS.



WELL HOW 'BOUT IT? ARE YOU COMING?

HOK? HOK? HOK?



ADDED TO MISSING LIST



Otilio Cardoza Calderon

He grew up in Castroville, and he's still somewhere around the Salinas area



Robert McCarty

Married name is Carr. On Classmates.com as of 2012



Add Emails

Johnnie Holmes

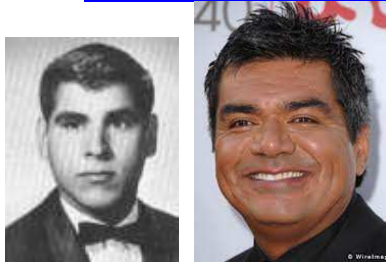
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sweetrosebud35@gmail.com



Joe Arredondo

Salinas, arredondo44@gmail.com



CHANGE OF EMAIL

John Montoya

Corcoran CA

papagrayhair71@yahoo.com



DELETE EMAIL

Carolyn Dupree (Suzie Kehoe)

Salinas



Diana Dunbar

Templeton, gramsfarm@yahoo.com



LET'S HOPE THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN



ONE GOOD PROOFREADER

In last month's email, I erroneously gave you the link to some other high school's website by accidentally leaving out

o-n-e l-i-t-t-l-e l-e-t-t-e-r

Our reunion website is <http://www.nshs64.com/>

Newton High School reunion website is <http://nhs64.com>



Many of you caught this and let me know:

“You probably heard already, but the link takes you to Newton High School.”

“You have a link that goes to newton high school in your notice.”

“Not sure what this is.”



.....And on and on and on...ad nauseam

One of our grads who has trouble speaking in complete sentences and may be suffering from an acute case of amnesia, thinks that he/we actually did graduate from Newton High School. This grad wrote the following.....

"I particularly enjoyed my visit to our old Newton High School (nhs64.com) site. Looking at those pictures brought back memories of turning over our houses in downtown Newton with Dave Bliss one night (boy . . . were we ever drunk).

Do you remember your Prom date with George Brusche?? Didn't you wind up eating a bad pizza that night before the prom and you threw up all over George's tux?? The story goes that you felt horribly guilty so in order to make amends you had sex with George as well as his three older brothers . . . that night.

But hey . . . you know me. My memory is subject to possible fabrication so if I'm wrong . . . just correct me.

If not count on me to spread that bit of gossip at our Newton High 50th

reunion.

Was our mascot the sloth or the armadillo . . . I can't remember."

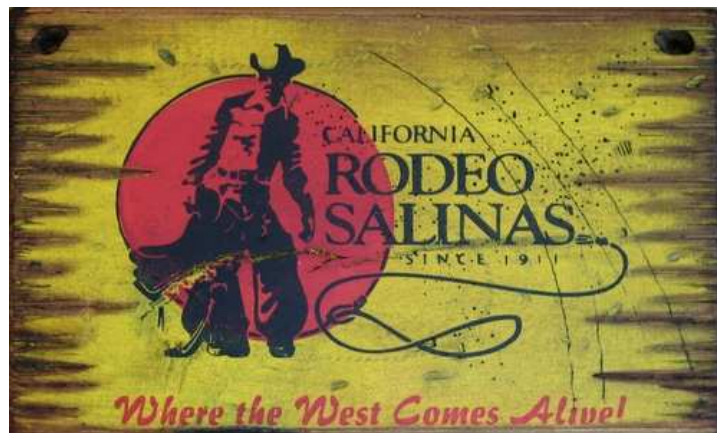


Be careful.

Some of you will be sitting next to this grad at OUR reunion. Play along with wherever he/she thinks they are.



ROOTIN' TOOTIN' CALIFORNIA RODEO TIME AGAIN



♪ WHEN IT'S RODEO RODEO RIDIN' TIME
IN SALINAS WHERE THE GREEN GOLD GROWS,
THE CROWD IS ALL A TWITCHIN'
AND THE BRONC'S ARE ALL A "ITCHIN,
TO GET OUT AND START THE BIGGEST SHOW OF SHOWS.

HERE COMES THE COWBOY BAND,
SAY, DON'T THEY SOUND JUST GRAND,
PLAYIN' "CALIFORNIA HERE I COME"
HERE COMES THE SHERIFF'S TROOP
A MIGHT PURTY GROUP
YOU AIN'T SEEN BETTER BACK WHERE YOU COME FROM.



That's the real deal.... two verses of the Salinas "Rodeo Time" song,
circa 1956
Do any other Santa Lucia Grade Schoolers remember singing this in the
5th or 6th grade for an assembly?

There is another attachment to the email,
with memory-packed photos of Big Week as we
remember it, with the gallery of our very own
little NSHS Buckaroos from the 50's.



WHO ARE THEY?



"FINALLY A PICTURE OF ME "



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NSHS EMAIL BAG



[Kathy Shaw](#)
Sacramento, pkhonig@sbcglobal.net

We were on a camping trip (I think it's still called camping even though it's in a 32 ft. toy hauler) with our motorcycle club over Mother's Day weekend.



© Ron Leishman * www.ClipartOf.com/437738

And we are leaving again for Susanville for another motorcycle camping trip for GWTA (Gold Wing Touring Assn.). It's called Spring Fling and members from all over California, Oregon & Washington will be attending. It should be fun with lots of riding possibilities.



Flying to Austin on June 4th - 11th for my great nephew's 1st birthday. Hoping not to have to travel to Dallas again for awhile, although my brother-in-law is not doing well with the prostate cancer and treatment, so who knows.

I found my kindergarten or first grade picture. I will try to scan it and send it to you. It was from Santa Lucia, later named George Kammann Elementary. I went there for a year or two, then to El Gabilan. In 5th & 6th grade, I spent half days at

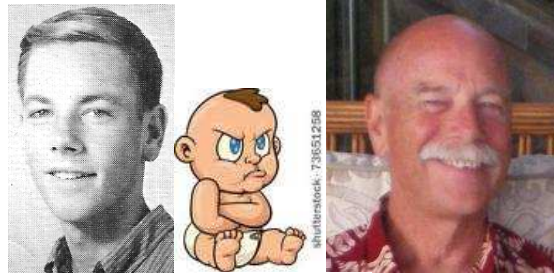
both schools in an accelerated class. I wish someone had written the names on the back of the picture, but no such luck. A few faces are familiar.



This is either kindergarten or first grade at Santa Lucia. I see Anne (Happy) Nelson, Sandy Freeman and Karen Rasmussen in the first row. Oh, and Kathy Silva.

I'm in back next to the teacher, of course, and I see Lewis Brown, but I don't know the others.

"I CAN'T BELIEVE MY MOTHER SENT ME TO SCHOOL IN SHORTS!!?"



PETE LUKAVICH
SOUTH LAKE TAHOE, PLUKE@CHARTER.NET



Pete – back row, 3rd from left, white shorts

"I LOVED THE PICTURE! I VAGUELY REMEMBER SEEING THAT PICTURE BEFORE. PROBABLY HAVE IT SOMEWHERE WITH ALL OUR OTHER PICTURES. TIM AND I HAD A QUICK TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE WHEN WE SAW IT. WE DIDN'T KNOW EACH OTHER BACK THEN."



TIM AND ELAINE (WILLIAMSON '65) ROBERSON
SALINAS, TARLAIN@ATT.NET



QUEEN ... of the Santa Lucia PTA carnival will be chosen from this group of candidates. Besides a crown, the winner will receive a transistor radio. The would-be queens are: First row: Joan Stefan, Carol Meme and Kamie Morrella; second row, Susan Hanley, Georgia Stefan, Mary Stefan, Maureen Dunlop, Sandra Hance, Becky Schaub; third row, Cecile Tramawan, Jennie Dennis, Duste Danilson, Kathleen Bolton, Carolyn Stalter, Debbie Perez, Melinda Hanley, Carolyn Wiebe; fourth row, Elaine Williamson, Doreen Rapini, Amanda Baker, Jana Amon, Cynthia Aslanian, Sandra Young, Carolyn Winnett, Rebecca Gallegos and Sally Bennett.

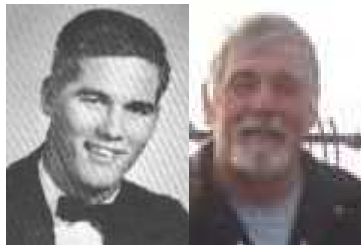
Elaine – back row, left end . Cecile – middle row, left end. Carolyn W. to right of Cecile...All Queens to be



All grade school class pics we have are now posted in the Grade School photo album at

<http://nshs64.blogspot.com/>

Some photos may be mislabeled by grade , and we've lost our captions. So if you can correct the grade level, and if you want to supply names, that would be great! If you can, just type them up so they can be copied and pasted right under the photos, instead of having to be re-typed. The less we have to re-type, the faster the captions are inserted. Thanks!



Jim Small

Rathdrum, Id, jim@smallsco.com

I should be going up North somewhere fishing, so at that special night, I believe the 21th I'll raise my glass to you on your birthday....



.....UNLESS the fish are biting. Jim

Later from Jim...the fish were biting!

Just came back from Alaska. We fished for 10 days. Rented a motor home and hit all the streams we came home with 70lbs of fish. Great time.

Speaking of grandkids....they're a lot of fun to be with. I take them fishing or 4-wheeling when we're camping. Then I stop by the ice cream place, jack them up with sugar,



wait about 20 minutes and then give them back to their parents. Ha Ha



Linda Satre
Fullerton, lkayross@aol.com

I'm going to Ireland in June



Could be Linda, Kissing the Blarney Stone



Could be Linda, doing the Irish Jig



[Sharon Jones](#)

Medford OR, Sharon_O@charter.net

You remember right...I was there at noon for the Sock Hop pep rallies with my poodle skirt, doing the twist and the stroll.

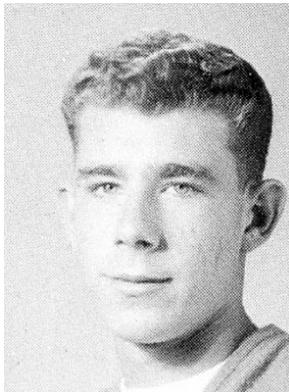
I remember Dave Davis, Steve Markley, and Dave Rigor, the guy in the funny suit at the games.



Mascot: Dave Rigor

[Dave Rigor, deceased](#)

“the guy in the funny suit at the games.”



[Dave Davis, deceased](#)

We are selling our house in Medford, too big, swimming pool to hard to clean, can't afford the darn upkeep....too expensive to keep cool in summer and warm in winter. We have no idea where to move. Any good ideas?

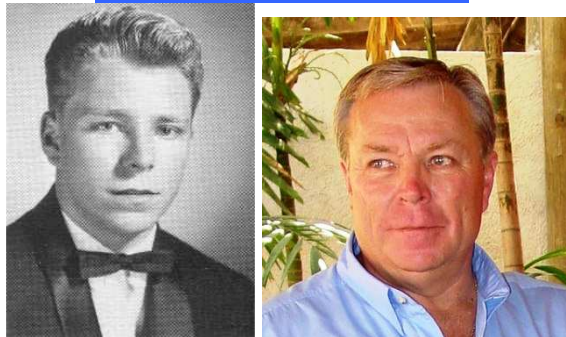
I worked at home as a medical editor the last 6 years and so I lost touch with all my co-workers. We lived in Prunedale for 35 years with family everywhere and of course, everyone's kids all grew up together. It's not quite the same here in Oregon. When the weather permits I am in the garden, but that is like 3 months a year. Sharon



EVERYONE'S IMPROVING



STEVE MARKLEY



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765 Leavens Court

Santa Paula CA 93060-1826

In May, Steve started another round of chemo, for his lung cancer which has gone from Level 4 to Level 2.

“As I sit in my recliner at the chemo facility, it’s just like flying, but no turbulence. It’s almost first class, but they won’t feed me more than juice and crackers”

“Thank you so much for conveying my message of thanks to all those who have encouraged me to keep up the good fight. It is all working for me.

Let it go on record, that staying connected is the best part of growing old and because of the NSHS newsletters, we are still connected.”

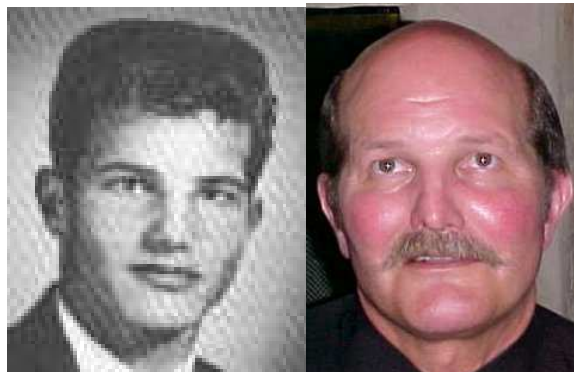
MIKE WALLACE



mike_wallace@yahoo.com
(that's two number ones in his last name)
1037 Scott Ct
Marina, CA 93933

Mike says he's over the hump. his head has come out of the fog. Going to therapy everyday. He got released to drive and goes into work a couple hours a day.

Tim Roberson



tarlain@att.net
20 Russell Road, #88
Salinas Ca 93906

I spoke with Tim who sounds stronger. He has a therapist coming in.

**His goal? To be able to walk again and be at the 50th Class reunion.
Let's cheer him on.**



REMEMBERING MERLE D. PEARSON, JR.



May 22, 1946 - March 13, 1965

“Merle “Bubby” Pearson (NSHS 1964) was one of those guys who contracted the fatal Fort Ord Spinal Meningitis Disease and died within 24 hours of diagnosis ...his body temperature reached nearly 110 degrees (I think). It was a real shock to family, friends and those of us who, in one way or another, were closely connected to him. Many of us had to get those very gnarly inoculation injections ...that hurt like hell ...but undoubtedly and thankfully prolonged our lives. During that time, he was dating Cheryl Steiner (SHS '66) whom he nicknamed “Pinky”.

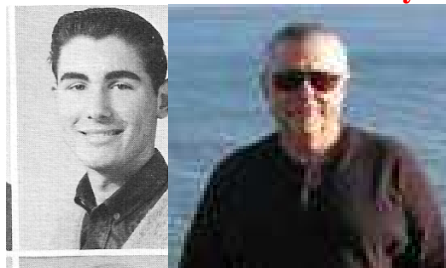
If I remember correctly, Bubby's younger sister, Kris was born the year he died. In fact, my sister, Janice and Kris's mother, Tat shared the same maternity room at SVMH, so my niece, Kimberly and Kris were born on the same day. Kris and my wife, Glenda, are cousins.

We've seen Kris at a couple of family functions this year, and she mentioned it'd be nice to speak with a few of her brother's classmates and former friends, to perhaps learn more information about him, his personality, etc. I'm sure it'd be a very positive event for her.

Even though Merle ('64) and I ('65) were in different classes we used to pal around quite a bit. He and I went to the same church; and, even though I never dated his sister Dayna, I had a huge crush on her and managed to hang-out at their home as often as possible. At that point in time, Merle and I were one of the hand-full of guys at our church in our age group who had cars ...we ended up double-dating quite a bit with several different girls and spent lots of time in the Monterey, Carmel, Big Sur areas ...best place(s) in the world to take dates. Remember those days(?) ...a time in history when boys and girls dated many different people, unless they were "steadies" ...it's not like that today; where dating is strictly a one-on-one / "hook up" basis. Kids today don't know what they're missin'.

You may have known Merle, Dayna and Kris's mom, Pauline "Tat" Pearson, she was one of the main librarians at the Salinas Valley Library, and she was the librarian at the small branch on North Main, up from Ron's Market. She is also one of the most respected Steinbeck historians in the world. Tat currently lives in an assisted-care facility in Salinas. Merle Pearson Sr. (92) currently lives in the family home in North Salinas.

Glenda and I will seriously consider attending the '64 Reunion. We are planning to be in Salinas for the Rodeo this year. I haven't been to the California Rodeo since I was a junior at North High. Personally, I'd rather attend the Calgary Stampede but guess we'll save that for another year. “



Best regards,
Stan Tharp, NSHS '65
Santa Barbara, stan.tharp@gmail.com



[Lydia Castro](#)
Arnold MO, lydia.castro24@yahoo.com

“Thanks to [Steve Culver](#) for the Salinas Memorial Day Observance and special honor for [Ernie Losoya](#) last month. May all of our departed classmates Rest In Peace. Lydia”

[In Memoriam photo album](#)
http://nshs64.blogspot.com/p/blog-page_23.html



**North Salinas High School Gym Got Its First New Wood Floor
In 50 Years**

[June 4 – Going](#)



[June 5 – Going.....](#)



June 6 – GONE in 3 days



June 12, New Maplewood – 15,000 nails so far



NSHS 64 JULY BIRTHDAYS

  <p>July 2 – Susan Matuszek – Salinas - ismccreight@comcast.net</p>	 <p>July 15 – Donald Steven Johnson – Woodland CA – dsjohn1@gmail.com</p>
 <p>July 5 – Keith Thomas Piel – Fairfield – gmapiel@att.net</p>	  <p>July 17 – Wayne Wilkins – Groveland CA – MerrilyWilkins1@aol.com</p>



July 6 –
Kathryn Louise Silva – Paso Robles – no email



July 18 – Charles A. Hermann
– Pahrump NV – no email



July 7 –
Kathy Eden Shaw – Sacramento –
pkhonig@sbcglobal.net



July 20 –
Jeffrey Mikeal Lott – San Diego –
jefflott01@cox.net



July 8 –
Vicente Caguimbal – Las Vegas –
vicamin@aol.com



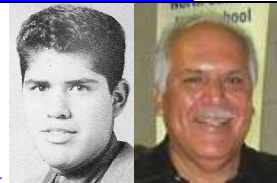
July 20 –
Roland Pascua – Salinas –
rpascua1@aol.com



July 9 –
Syble Brown – Salinas –
bcactusberry@aol.com



July 20 – Michael Leroy Penacho
– Medford OR – no email



July 10 –
Jess Ernest Arias – Carmel –
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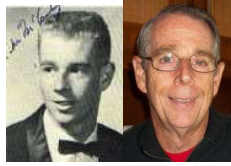
July 23 –
Ronald Vernon Bryson – Twisp WA –
lbryson71@yahoo.com



July 10 –
Marcia Lynn Pass – Vallecito CA –
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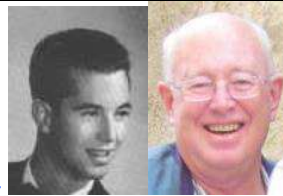
July 23 –
Edward Lewis Shaw – Salinas –
es1mac@aol.com



July 10 -
Michael Earl McCauley, Petaluma,
mccauleym0065@att.net



July 11 -
Franco Bernardi - Visalia -
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July 24 -
James Edwin Heintz - Phoenix -
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July 12 -
David Reno Andreotti - Granite Bay CA
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July 24 -
Sandra Lee McCabe - missing



July 12 -
Martin Martines Curiel - Salinas -
mmcjac@att.net



July 27 -
Merry Kathryn Goode - Visalia -
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July 13 -
Joann Julin Giles - Winnifield LA - no
email



July 28 -
William Charles Weinerth - Fernley
NV - williamweinerth@ymail.com

 <p>July 13 – Judith Jean Giles – Winnifield LA – no email</p>	
 <p>July 14 – James Mitchell DeNoon – Las Vegas – jdjazzguitar@yahoo.com</p>	<p>July 30 –</p>  <p>Melita Rianda Calub – Castroville – melitarvp@yahoo.com</p>
 <p>July 15 – Henry Dizon Ponce - Salinas, henryponce15@gmail.com</p>	 <p>July 31 – Don Ricci – Las Vegas- Katmandu01@aol.com</p>

GOTTA KEEP CELEBRATING



jb7murphy@aol.com **JoAnn Hammond**, (dob 6/1) Gonzales,
“I’ll try my best to party hardy..lol “

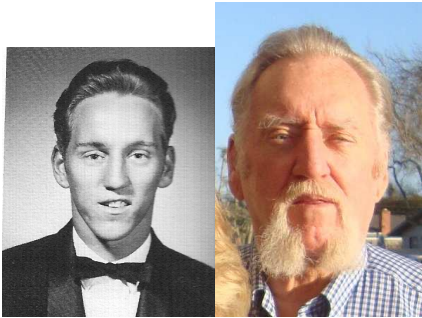


nlaraslo@gmail.com **Nancy Gonzales** (dob 5/25) SLO,
“Thank You Thank You I party all month :-)).”

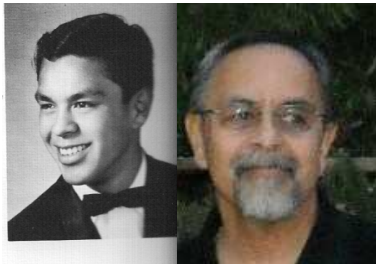


**Paulette Shaffer, (dob 5/19) Saddlebrook MO,
topjbennett@gmail.com**

“I’ve been celebrating since the 16th! In Dallas doing some epic shopping with a friend . Celebration ended at lunch yesterday... when her husband arrived. PJ”



**Richard Waldrop (dob 5/20) Salinas,
waldrop53@yahoo.com “Lisa and I spent a few days in Sonora at Black Oak Casino. Lisa did good on slots. Guess I was too old to win much but had a great time. Wally**



**Tony Ziganay (dob 5/20) Salinas,
zigenterprises@msn.com .**

“Hey... did what I could to the limit 🙄 (us old people can only do so much).”



**Sherry Ostrander, (dob 5/17), Salinas, jcca@ultimanet.com
“I had a wonderful surprise B-Day party with the whole family. Great time.”**



[John Pollock](mailto:jhpollcock2002@gmail.com), (dob 6/12), Los Angeles,
jhpollcock2002@gmail.com

We I were in San Francisco through the weekend visiting family and grandkids. Busy but enjoyable. We don't typically have a big deal for birthdays unless a grand kid is involved, then of course the sky is the limit.

My grandkids
walk all over me!

I mean we wouldn't invite Elvis or someone like that to a typical bday party. I'm sure you understand, kind of keeping the traditional heritage.



I think you're facetiously referring to this event...my 60th surprise in 2006.

I think you're facetiously referring to this



[Jim McGauhey](mailto:jmcgauhey@usa.net), (dob 6/14) Marysville WA,
jmcgauhey@usa.net

Gotta work all day. Deadlines. Oh well. Went flying last Sat and Sunday, and diving last Sunday. I'm going to try and sneak in a dive this weekend.

I've been doing volunteer work the last couple days at a great venue-an Olympic trials pool about 60 miles from home.

I'm doing video, but topside and underwater, at these pools where 55 teams of high school and college kids from around the world compete with underwater remote operated vehicles they designed and built.



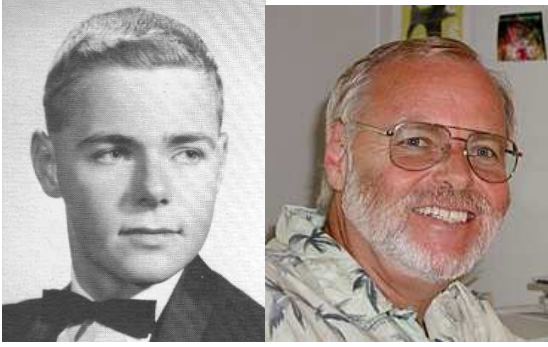
For the last 2 days, every 5 minutes, my phone has been chirping this blinkin' reminder that it's your birthday. I don't want to forget, so I just hit the postpone button, and 5 minutes later it chirps again!!

SO HAPPY BLINKIN' BIRTHDAY!!! You have been beckoning me from my pocket for 2 days now!!!

I'm helping with the live stream of this roboatics competition. You can watch it at www.marinetech.org We have 11 cameras, 7 stationary underwater, 2 remote vehicle piloted underwater cams, and 2 surface cameras. We have well over \$175,000 in video gear Last year up to 7,000 watched the stream at one time. We have 2 teams from China, 2 from Egypt, one from Moscow Russia, many other countries, and many US states.

I've been jumping around doing maintenance and re-setting cameras, operating surface cameras, working the switching board for the stream, etc. Jim





Charles Darnell (dob 5/15), Santa Rosa, typebees@sonic.net We spent my birthday viewing the Golden Gate Bridge from various vantage points and consuming an ample sufficiency and a great redundancy of wonderful foods. Beer and salsa viewing the bridge from Tiburon, Thai food and then some cheese cake to go. A very nearly perfect birthday. It is now 9:32 and the celebration has been over for about a half an hour. Since the Kalua coffee cheese cake:)

Chuck's photos of the Golden Gate Bridge



“A great fun walk. It's about a half hour walk up there but I will not be getting up at three in the morning to get there by dawn on the off chance of capturing a beautiful sunrise over the fog-bank bridge. Still a great day and 2.5 hrs of walking.

From beautiful Kirby Cove. You can camp down there at one of two spots. Might have to get on the list so I can get night shots of the bridges and City together.... Next time. Chuck. C”



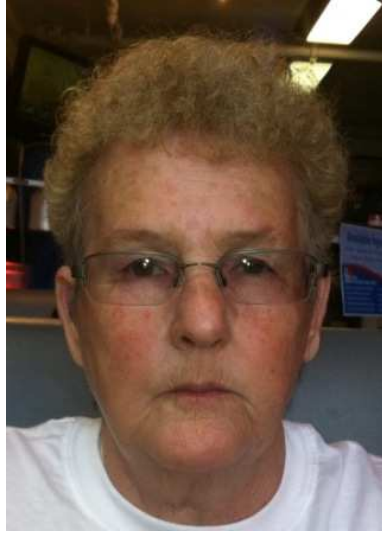


MYSTERY CLASSMATES REVEALED

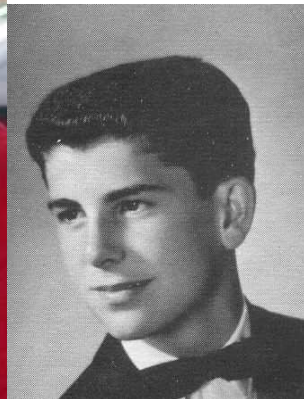


James Brown

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OH HAPPY DAY

HERE COMES SUMMER
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Wile E. Coyote – Road Runner



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To appreciate the California Rodeo Salinas in all its giddy-up glory,

a spectator-cowpoke needs to plant one pointy boot in the present and the other in the event's distant and dusty past.

No better place to visit that past than to step onto on the bunkhouse-like cedar flooring of the California Rodeo Heritage Museum. That's next to the arena, and it's open to the public during Rodeo days.

“What we have in that museum is a gem, a jewel,” said Anne Bramers, who is chairwoman of the museum. “What we try to do here is preserve the heritage of the rodeo and to educate people about it.”

Bramers, whose family owns a ranch in the Corral de Tierra area, took over management of the museum 22 years ago, and she remains attentive to its every western detail.

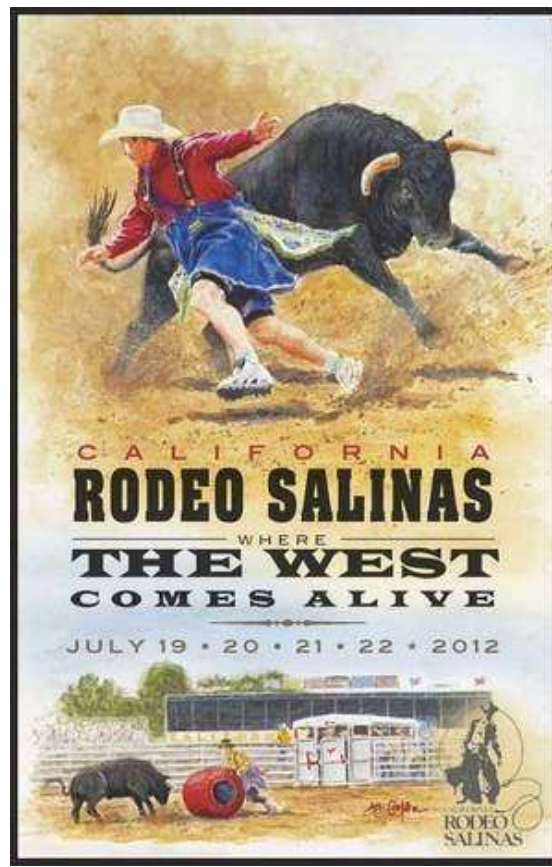
“Some people, for example, wanted this museum floor shiny,” Bramers said. “I said, ‘Not on my watch!’”

Shiny floors, after all, were not a feature of the rough-hewn American West.

Displays at the museum include strands of barbed wire in all their inventive thorniness. Century-old photos capture high-flying arena action. Several saddles include the one Jesse Stahl used. A working cowboy, a man able to toil in the branding-iron, high-noon heat of San Ardo, Stahl became the first African

American to ride in the Rodeo. A 1914 photo captures him and his bucking horse, an airborne duo suspended in space and time.

Among the wild clown outfits, each one capable of triggering homicidal fantasies in any snorting, mean-spirited bull, is one worn by Rob Smets. A popular wrangler/bullfighter, Smets was a Palma High School graduate. Now retired and living in Texas, he was awarded five Wrangler Bullfight Tour world records. He's featured on this year's Rodeo poster by artist Ash Cooper.

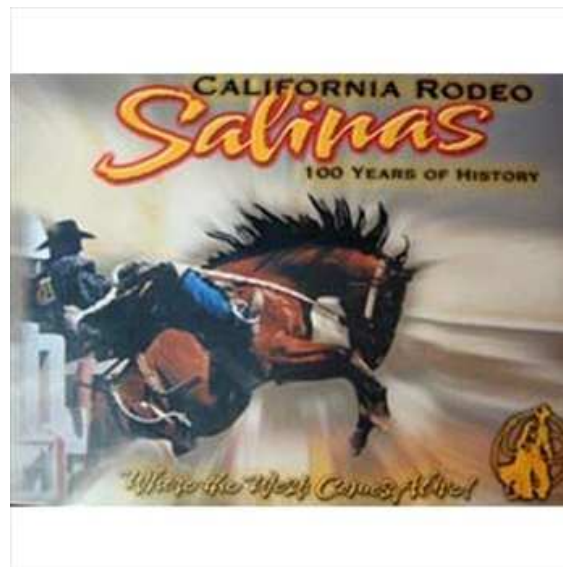


Funded by donations, such as those from the Harden Foundation and also Wells Fargo Co., the museum's mission reaches beyond rodeo-goers, Bramers said. Open by appointment most of the year, the museum during two weeks in May also hosts 900 area school children.

“When we get children in here, we have weavers and spinners and knitters set up,” Beamer said. “We want to give the kids a taste of what women did back in those early days. The woman who put on the demonstrations explain it, and the students are mesmerized.”

During this year’s Rodeo, Leslie Martins, a Salinas artist who works in silver, leather and turquoise will exhibit, in the museum, pieces from her collection that were inspired by the West.

The Rodeo dates to the early 1900s. At first, it was billed as a “Wild West Show.” Not until 1911 was the first Rodeo held, a week-long festivity.



Ilene Tuttle is the museum’s exhibit curator. Among other things, Tuttle is known for her displays at the Monterey Peninsula Airport, where she’s been creating them since 1985.

The museum does have a centerpiece. That would be its red-and-yellow replica of a Wells Fargo stagecoach, a vehicle that flew across the land on wooden-spoked wheels. For \$300, equivalent to \$7,000 today, it hauled passengers from Atchison, Kansas, to Sacramento, a spine-jarring 21-day ride across pitted prairies, rivers swift and cold and up rocky trails.



“I told Ilene we needed to tell a story of that trip, and she came up with a mural idea, which does it beautifully,” Bramers said. The mural depicts the stage route, simply and vividly. Photos of the terrain and wildlife en route help bring it to life.

Next up, when funds appear, is a re-design of the museum entrance, which Tuttle is working on. It might feature mannequins in historical garb near the door and a cross-section sampling of items in the greater display. One major frustration has to do with capacity, Bramers said. Donors continue to offer Rodeo-related items. Be it vintage saddle or strands of barbed wire, each piece is a part of the Rodeo story. Problem is there’s no more room to store things and no more room to expand, Bramers said. One thing does have space reserved. That would be a clown barrel, Bramers said.



“A barrel would really help tell the story,” she said.

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