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Serving the Classes of The Great '50's Decade. Photos and Stories Requested!

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**A HUGE THANK YOU TO
MY GOOD FRIEND
JUDGE
ROBERT "BOB" MILLER
WHS Class of 1957**

Bob Miller '57
WHS Senior Photo
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Bob and his wife Shirlee, who was raised in Howard, SD, have been married for 59 years, You editor has had the true pleasure of knowing Bob since 1947 and we attended Emerson grade schools together. Even though Bob was three years younger than I, we somehow become good friends and have remained so through WHS and then through Business School at the University of SD. There have been many periods

since our school years that we had no contact at all, but due to my immense respect and fondness of Bob I have always tried to follow his professional and distinguished career which has only increased my deep respect for him.

Bob first subscribed to the O&B in early 2010 and has been a staunch supporter ever since. I now want to thank him for his second Patron financial contribution, this one for a generous \$200.00.

I always want to publish a story on each Patron when they make donation to the O&B and Bob was certainly no exception but when I wrote him to check the correctness of some of my information he strongly objected to me running a story on him. He said everyone knows enough about him and convinced me that he really preferred I not run the story I had prepared. With the same respect I always show to all of my Patrons I agreed, but Bob I hope you don't object to me fulfilling what I always feel is my journalistic obligation to my readers to at least briefly bring them up to date on you. I assure you that if I don't give a tiny bit on your life and career I will get lots of criticism.

After graduating from USD Law School in 1963, Bob moved to Pierre as an Assistant Attorney General. He met Shirlee, who was Gov. Gubbrud's secretary, and they were married in 1964. In 1965 he went into private law practice in Philip. Then, in 1971, Governor Farrar appointed Bob to a circuit judge and he and Shirlee moved to Pierre (from 1975 -1986 he was the Presiding(Chief) Judge of the Circuit.) He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1986 and served there until 2001 when he retired. His last 11 years on the Supreme Court he was the Chief Justice.

The only other thing I could get out of Bob was that he and Shirlee have 5 children, at last report at least 5 grandchildren and that he still keeps very busy. He did tell me that in short, "he has been blessed

with a successful career, a wonderful family and good health". Of course I was so happy to hear that, I have always known Bob to be such a kind, gentle, compassionate and intelligent person and I feel he truly deserves all of the happiness and success life has brought him.

Right Photo: Chief Justice Robert A. Miller '57 swearing in Governor George Mickelson '59 for his second term as South Dakota Governor. Governor Mickelson's wife, Linda McCaren '59 Mickelson witnessing the swearing in.



**Grace Trautman "58
WHS Senior Photo**

On Aug 1, 2023, Harold and Grace Farrand
<hgfarrand@hotmail.com> wrote:

Jack, Here is an updated article telling about the travels of the gals that kept their vow to meet at the top of the Empire State Building...40 years late! You published the original article in 2012.

The first picture was taken in Omaha in 2014. back row: Songstad, Farrand, Thorpe. front row Verone Reynolds (not WHS), Briggs, Oyler

2nd picture 2015 in Pierre. Farrand, Libby, Thorpe, Briggs, Songstad

3rd picture State Capitol Veteran's memorial

4th picture State Capitol: Thorpe, Briggs, Farrand, Songstad

5th picture 2016 Texas. Songstad, Briggs, Watson, Thorpe, Farrand

6th picture Minneapolis. Songstad, Briggs, Thorpe, Farrand, Watson

7th picture Class Reunion 2018. Songstad, Briggs, Carolyn McClain '58, Oyler, Farrand....front: Edwina Jacobsen Lynch '58

8th picture 2023 Sioux Falls. Thorpe, Oyler, Farrand

Please let me know if you have any questions or need more information.
Thanks, Grace Trautman Farrand '58

1st published in the O&B in 2012: Here is an update of "A Vow Kept 40 Years Late, By Some Ladies of the Class of '58" (an article published August 11, 2012). These ladies made a vow in 1958 to meet at the top of the Empire State Building in 1960 and they did do that in 2000, 40 years late!



**Barbara Fitzgerald
'58 Songstad**



**Diana Vestergard
'58 Thorpe**



**Joyce Tornow
'58 Briggs**



**Rose
Brown '58
Oyler**



**Jeannene Reaves
'58 Libby**



**Roberta
Stevenson '58
Watson**



**Carolyn McClain
'58 Oyler**



**Edwina Jacobson
'58 Lynch**

The group consisted of: Rose (Brown) Oyler '58 Omaha, NE; Barb (Fitzgerald) Songstad '58 (deceased); Jeannene (Reaves) Libby '58 (deceased); Roberta (Stevenson) Watson '58 Golden Valley, MN; Joyce (Tornow) Briggs '58 St. Paul, MN; Grace (Trautman) Farrand '58 Billings, MT and Diana (Vestergard) Thorpe '58 Sioux Falls, SD.

We have continued to keep in touch and do some traveling! In 2014 we gathered at Rose's home in Omaha, Nebraska. One of the things we will remember about that trip is the awful storm that hit the area and we spent several hours in her lower level watching the continual broadcasting of the weather situation on the local TV station! 2015 took us to Onida, South Dakota, to visit our friend, Jean, and take a tour of the state capitol at Pierre, which included the beautiful grounds. Their Veterans memorial is outstanding! (Sadly, our friend, Jean, passed away shortly after that trip so we made a trip back there for her memorial service.)

As Bobbie was living in Texas at the time, we went there in 2016. A highlight of that trip was going to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden. The scary part was riding with the taxi driver...we should have taken Uber! Minneapolis was our destination in 2017 to visit Joyce and Bobbie, as both of them had moved to that area to be near their daughters. We enjoyed a day at the Arboretum in Roseville as one highlight. Then, of course, we went to our 60th class reunion in 2018! It was great to see so many of our classmates!

We gathered together in Sioux Falls in 2019 to attend the memorial service for our friend, Barb. Just recently, three of us were in Sioux Falls...a quick visit for Rose, Grace and Diana. We are amazed at the growth in our hometown....it sure doesn't look like it used to!

Since 2019 we have joined the current world of Zoom meetings and five of us keep up with a monthly session which gives us a chance to "see" each other and share our news. We are thankful to be able to continue keeping in touch although we really do miss our travels!





Peggy Servold '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 12, 2023, **Peggy Servold Teslow '57** pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote:

Subject: 1% ers

This very interesting statistics for some of us 1% er

99 % of those born between 1930 and 1946 (worldwide) are now dead. If you were born in this time span, you are one of the rare surviving 1% ers of this special group. Their ages range is between 77 and 93 years old, a 16 year age span.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE 1% ERS:

You are the smallest group of children born since the early 1900's.

You are the last generation, climbing out of the depression, who can remember the winds of war and the impact of a world at war that rattled the structure of our daily lives for years.

You are the last to remember ration books for everything from gas to sugar to shoes to stoves.

You saved tin foil and poured fried meat fat into tin cans.

You can remember milk being delivered to your house early in the morning and placed in the "milk box" on the porch.

Discipline was enforced by parents and teachers.

You are the last generation who spent childhood without television; instead, you "imagined" what you heard on the radio.

With no TV, you spent your childhood "playing outside".

There was no Little League.

There was no city playground for kids

The lack of television in your early years meant that you had little real understanding of what the world was like.

We got "black-and-white" TV in the late 40s that had 3 stations and no remote.

Telephones were one to a house, often shared (party lines), and hung on the wall in the kitchen (no cares about privacy).

Computers were called calculators; they were hand-cranked.

Typewriters were driven by pounding fingers, throwing the carriage, and changing the ribbon.

'INTERNET' and 'GOOGLE' were words that did not exist.

Newspapers and magazines were written for adults and the news was broadcast on your radio in the evening. (your dad would give you the comic pages when he read the news)

New highways would bring jobs and mobility. Most highways were 2 lanes (no interstates).

You went downtown to shop. You walked to school.

The radio network expanded from 3 stations to thousands.

Your parents were suddenly free from the confines of the depression and the war, and they threw themselves into working hard to make a living for their families.

You weren't neglected, but you weren't today's all-consuming family focus.

They were glad you played by yourselves.

They were busy discovering the postwar world.

You entered a world of overflowing plenty and opportunity; a world where you were welcomed, enjoyed yourselves.

You felt secure in your future, although the depression and poverty were deeply remembered.

Polio was still acrippler. Everyone knew someone who had it.

You came of age in the '50s and '60s.

You are the last generation to experience an interlude when there were no threats to our homeland.

World War 2 was over and the cold war, terrorism, global warming, and perpetual economic insecurity had yet to haunt life.

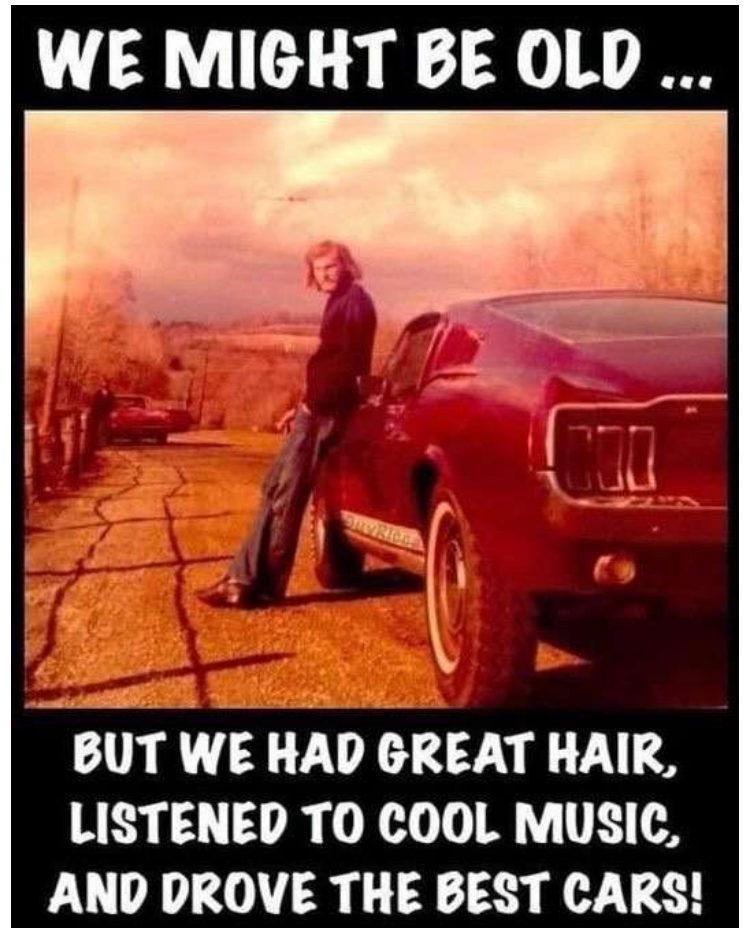
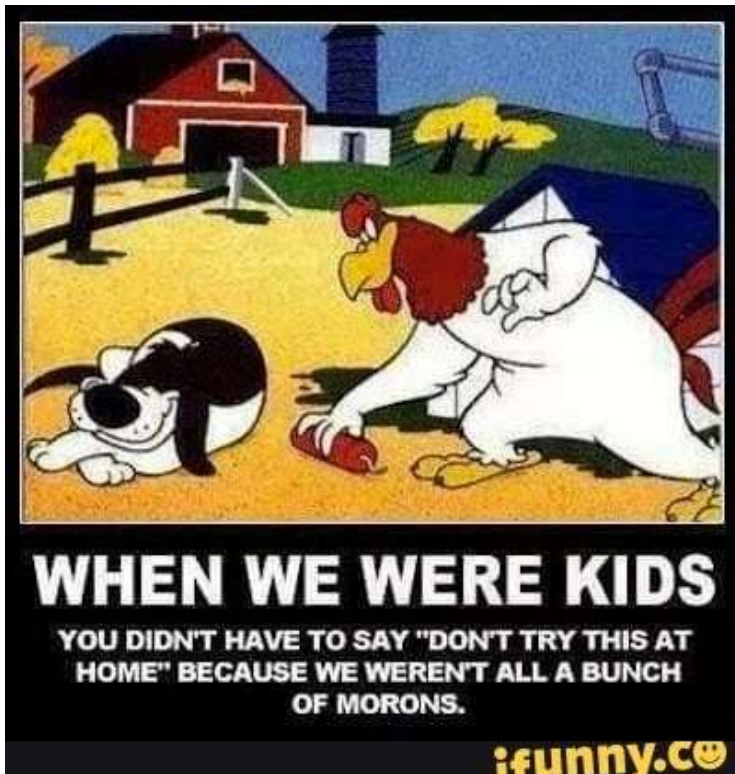
Only your generation can remember a time after WW2 when our world was secure and full of bright promise and plenty.

You grew up at the best possible time, a time when the world was getting better.

More than 99% of you are retired now, and you should feel privileged to have "lived in the best of times!"

If you have already reached the age of 77 years old, you have outlived 99% of all the other people in the world who were born in this special 16 year time span. You are a 1% 'er'!

Peggy Servold Teslow '57





**Great story from Myron Lee Wachendorf '59'
of *Myron Lee & The Caddies*.
myronwach@aol.com**

**DID I EVER TELL YOU MY GEORGE JONES
STORY?????**

The year was 1964 and we had been on the road with Bobby Vee most of the summer and ended up doing six days at the Texas

teen fair in San Antonio.

Our part of the show each day started at 10 AM and on that show was George Jones, Billy J Kramer and the Dakotas, Bobby Rydell, THE ROLLING STONES and us with Bobby Vee. George Jones and the Jones boys opened up the show each morning. You can imagine how hot it is in San Antonio in the middle of the summer so we would spend our afternoons at the swimming pool at the Holiday Inn where we stayed. most of the time it was just my band at the pool and a young lady who was traveling with Mr. Jones. George never came out to the pool and stayed in his room all afternoon drinking and sleeping.

We kind of got to be friends with George's young lady after seeing her every afternoon and one afternoon she said let's go in his motel room and get that SOB and throw him in the pool. we had all had a couple beers by then and that sounded like a great idea at the time.

She let us in the room and George was sleeping so we grabbed his arms and his legs and dragged him out of bed and thru him in the the pool which was near his motel room. I had hoped that he might be a good sport and spend some time with us out there but no, after calling us every name in the book he stomped back to his room and slammed

the door and it was the end of George for the day.

When I was a young teenager in high school I would go to all the country shows that came to town at the Sioux Falls Coliseum and Bob Kunkel the manager would act like he didn't see me and let me sneak backstage so I could see all the stars. George Jones was one of my idols and I never dreamed I would help throw him in a swimming pool.

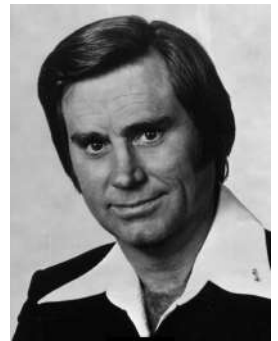
Myron Lee '59

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Thanks Myron, Love your stories. Jack



**Bobby Vee with
Myron Lee of the Caddies**



George Jones



Dick Clark introducing Myron Lee & The Caddies.

Bob and his wife started dieting a week ago.

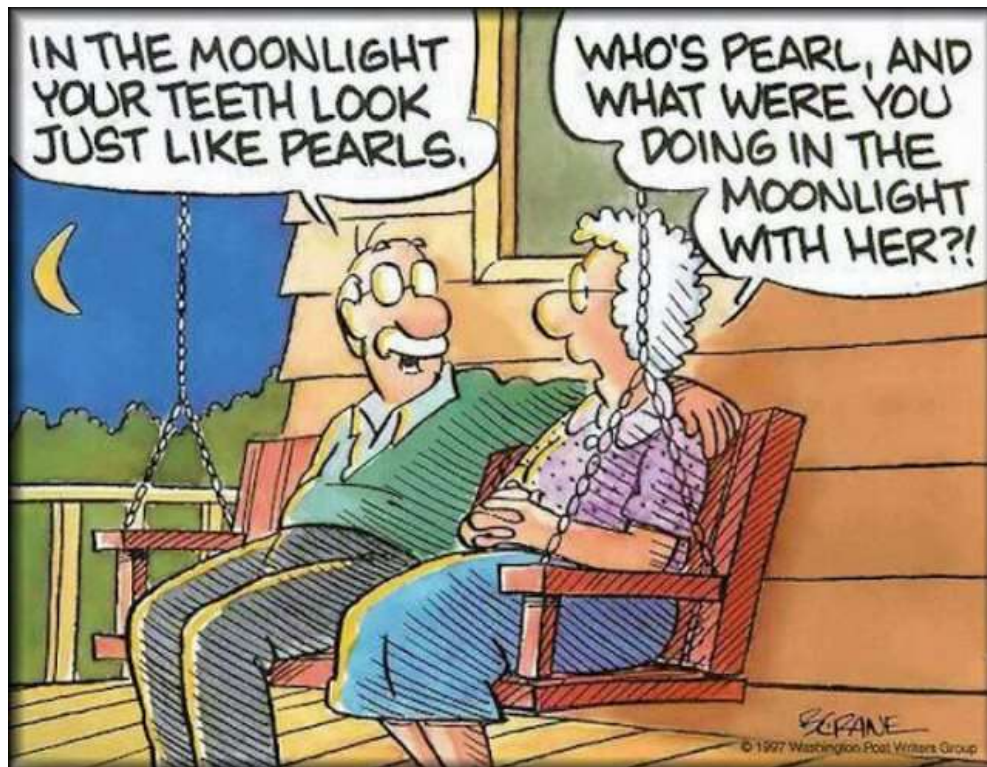
Bob's wife proposed that they should have a cheat day today.

She brought home McDonald's and KFC wings. Bob brought home his secretary.

From his hospital bed, Bob is wondering when men will ever begin to understand women.



*I JUST REALIZED MY TRASH
GOES OUT MORE THAN ME.*



UNBELIEVABLE!!!!

DAKOTA TERRITORY TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS SEPTEMBER 1872

A person today might wonder if they ever had teacher shortages back then?

But probably not because of the generous incentive program offered.

**After five years they MIGHT receive a .25 cent PER WEEK pay increase!
(That is AFTER 5 years - 25 cents PER WEEK, NOT PER HOUR.)**

INSTRUCTIONS TO TEACHERS

DAKOTA TERRITORY

SEPTEMBER, 1872

Teachers will fill lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks each day.

Each teacher will bring a scuttle of coal and a bucket of water for the day's use.

Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs for the individual tastes of children.

Men teachers may take one evening each week for courting purposes or two evenings a week if they go to church regularly.

After ten hours in school, the teacher should spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.

Women teachers who marry or engage in other unseemly conduct will be dismissed.

Every teacher should lay aside from his pay a goodly sum for his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.

Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barber shop will give good reason for suspecting his worth, intentions, integrity, and honesty.

The teacher who performs his labors faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of 25 cents a week in his pay providing the Board of Education approves.



**Carl Turco '58
WHS Senior Photo
Fortuna, CA**

On Sep 11, 2023, **Carl Turco .58** <mmparadise@suddenlink.net> wrote:

The things they can do with drones.....**amazing!**

This is an unbelievable 4th of July video using drone technology. See it here. Fantastic!!

GuinnessWorld Record

The drone show ended with the sentence that broke a GUINNESS WORLD RECORD. The team flew "Happy 4th of July 2023" with 796 drones. Drone firework displays made up the 200 drones remaining in the formation. Over 25,000 spectators watched the magic over North Richland Hills as the sentence glistened in red, white, and blue. After the show, North Texas Pyrotechnics put on a 20-minute fireworks

display for the audience. Sky Elements' FPV drone pilot dove through it all to get the dynamic shots that added flavor to the video recap. Check out the video here.

If you are unable to open this attachment go to Google and type in "GUINNESS WORLD RECORD Fourth Of July Drone Show ... July 5, 2023".

Thanks Carl, for this very impressive 4th of July drone presentation! It is amazing what Drones can do. They are obviously here to say.

Carl, while I have you on the line I have a question I have been wanting ask you for a long time. How in the world did you end up living in beautiful Fortuna, CA? That part of California is extremely beautiful and I have lots of wonderful memories of your area. During the 16 years I competed in rodeos I always especially enjoyed working the Fortuna Rodeo because of it's natural beauty.

For my readers who are not familiar with Fortuna it is a city of 12,500 people on the northeast shore of the Eel River, approximately 9 miles from where it enters the Pacific Ocean, and is on U.S. Route 101 in Humboldt County, California. Fortuna is 254 miles North, up the Pacific coast from San Fransisco on U S 101.

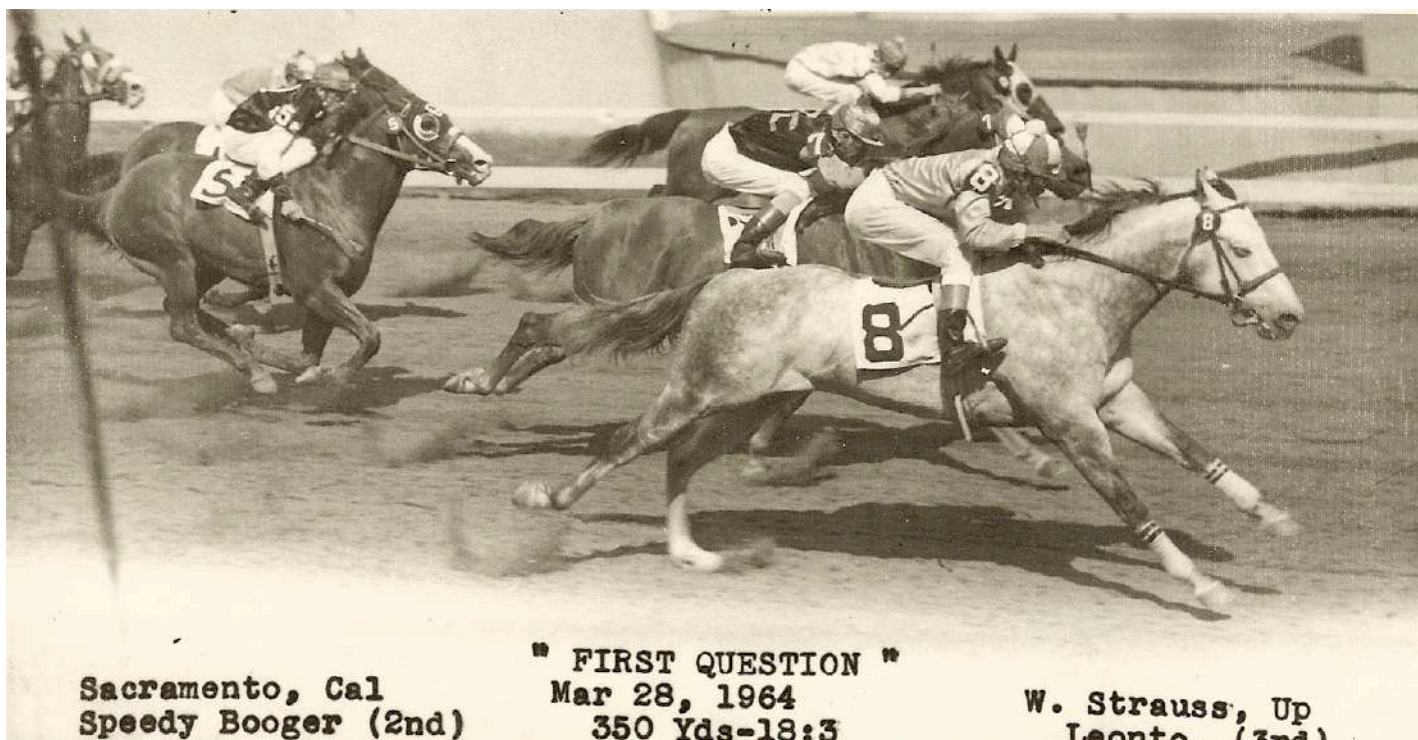
Just 7 miles away is Ferndale, CA, which is another neat quant small city in your beautiful area that I always enjoyed visiting. During the 16 years I competed in rodeos I always had reregistered Quarter Horses and Ferndale was home of the Humboldt County Fair which was one of the few California race tracks that offered pari-mutuel wagering on Quarter Horse racing. During that time two of my registered Quarter Horse stallions raced on Quarter Horse race tracks all across California. One of my horses, "First Question" is shown below winning a race in AAA time at Sacramento, California. So both the Fortuna and Ferndale area hold lots of wonderful memories for the Phillips family.

So Carl I am curious how long you have lived in Fortuna and what brought you there in the first place. It is truly a beautiful place to live.

Again, thanks for sending the drone story and hopefully you will now submit "The Carl Turco story".

Jack

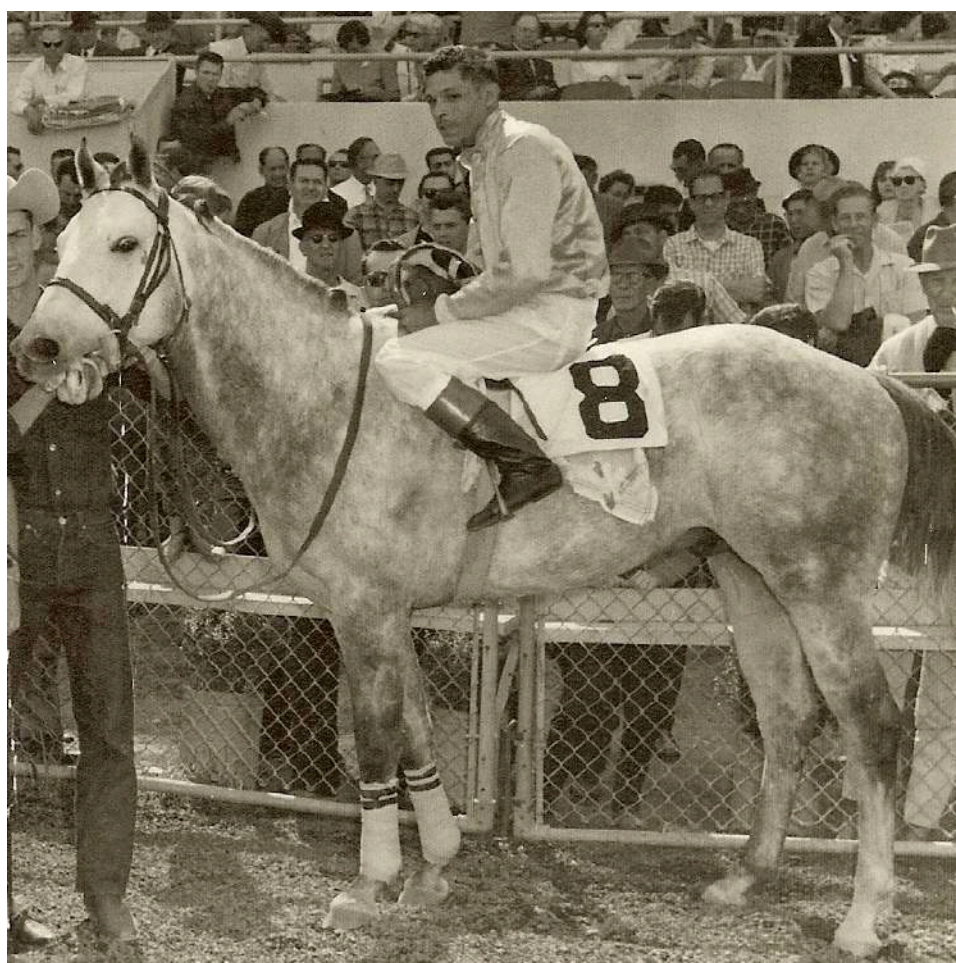




Sacramento, Cal
Speedy Booger (2nd)

" FIRST QUESTION "
Mar 28, 1964
350 Yds-18:3

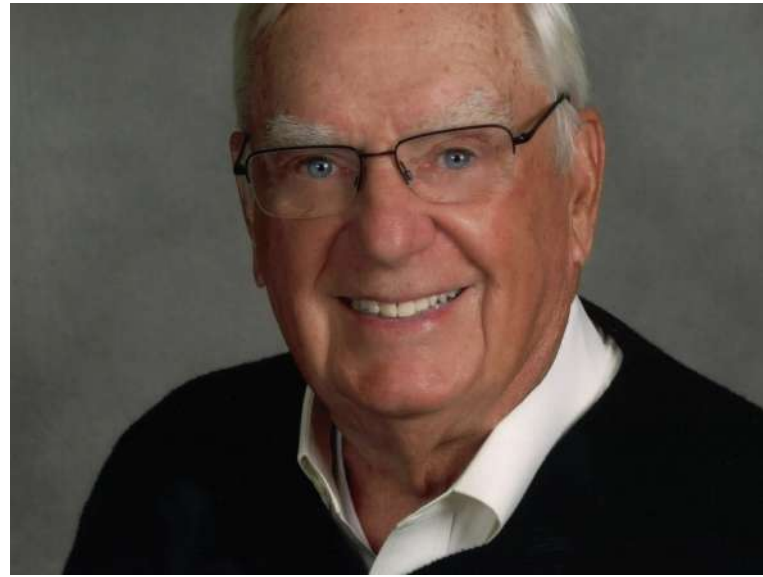
W. Strauss, Up
Leonto (3rd)



March 28, 1964, Sacramento, CA
First Question in Winner's Circle after winning in AAA time.



Dick Sweetman '54
WHS Senior Photo



As publisher of the Alumni O&B I recently discovered a huge green egg on my face & 2 angry Leprechauns on my back because the O&B failed to acknowledge that **Dick Sweetman '54 was named grand marshal of the Sioux Falls St. Patrick's Day parade held last March 18, 2023.**

As always the O&B thanks the Sioux Falls Argus Leader for their courtesy of allowing the O&B to reprint portions of their Sweetman story.

Living most of his life in Sioux Falls, Sweetman and his family have always found St. Patrick's Day as a fun-filled celebration. SIOUX FALLS — A long-time Sioux Falls businessman has been named grand marshal of the city's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.



The St. Patrick's Day Parade Extravaganza Committee on Wednesday, Feb. 1, announced Dick Sweetman as the 2023 grand marshal of the annual gathering.

Sweetman, 86, is part of a family long active in the Sioux Falls business scene. For nearly four decades, he served as head of Sweetman Construction, before transitioning to Terin Construction Co. for another 13 years. In addition to founding the Ellis and Eastern Railroads, he serves as president of Spencer Quarries and with his wife, Kathy, gifted the Washington Pavilion with a planetarium, to open this year.

Sweetman's heritage can be traced back 10 generations to southeastern Ireland, with his grandfather settling roughly 85 miles east of Sioux Falls, in Minnesota, in the late-1800s. Growing up near downtown Sioux Falls, and attending Notre Dame, Sweetman even became an Irish citizen in 2001, and maintains close contact with relatives that still live there.

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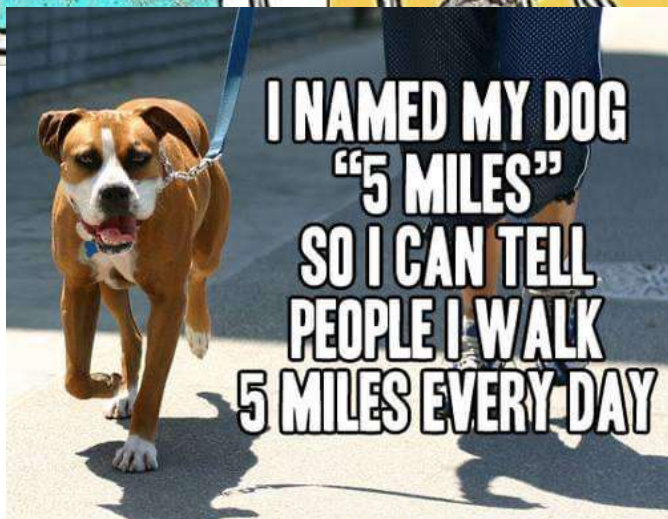
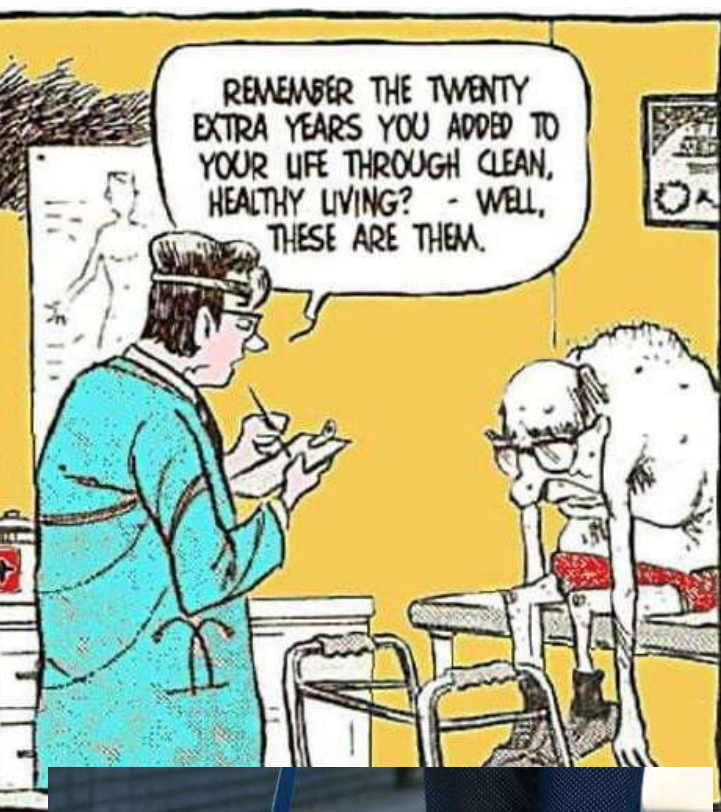
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"It seems that everyone can claim at least a little Irish blood in their veins, which is ample excuse to hoist a pint or two," Sweetman said. "It is also a joyful break in the middle of the dreary winter, and we thank the good saint for it."

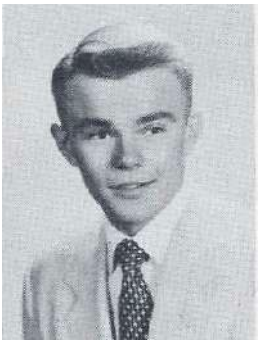
This year's St. Patrick's Day parade has been moved up a day to the Saturday following St. Patrick's Day, on March 18, instead of Sunday, when it has traditionally been held.

The traditional painting of the shamrock will take place at 11 a.m. on March 18, in front of Mrs. Murphy's Irish Gifts, with staging for the parade beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Main and Dakota avenues between 11th and 13th streets.

**Please see an additional story on
Dick Sweetman '54 and his family
on page 21.**



Letters to the  & B



Jim Wylie '51
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 20, 2023, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Excellent !!! You really went over the top with this edition.

It puts me in mind of our medical learning on how the brain works via the work of Dr. Penfield...

It is a H D tape recorder of everything we experience. We typically do not recall everything but it is there. He pointed out the difference between "recall"---remembering as in your phone number, and "relive" which is reaall but with the added feelings IN HIGH FIDELITY that you had

at the time of the occurrence

Jack, Your mission with the O & B has been a grand experience of both---a lot of recall (data) and a truck load (18 wheeler) of RELIVING.

In my view America would be in better mental health if every High School class by decade had a copy of our Jack. Bless you !

Thank you so much. **Jim Wylie '51**

Jim, you are always too kind, but please know I always appreciate your kindness. Jack



Elsie O'Connor Beck '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 20, 2023, **Elsie O'Connor Beck '50** <az.popeye6@cox.net> wrote:

I have had some health problems and I'm not in a position to contribute to your worthy cause at this time. I really enjoy reading about my old WHS classmates. I graduated in 1950 and attended college at Hamline University in Saint Paul. I have lived in Tucson Arizona for many years and love it here. Thanks for keeping those old memories

alive. 😊

Elsie O'Connor Beck '50

Dear Elsie,

First of all, please don't ever worry about making any kind of contribution to the O&B. I am just sorry to hear that you are having some health issues to deal with. Please just concentrate on winning your health battles.

I really thank you for your nice note and the updates on your life since WHS. Your friends and classmates from WHS will appreciate you bringing them up to date.

**Sincerely,
Jack Phillips '54**



Chuck Erickson '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 21, 2023, **Chuck Erickson '50** ericksonca@everestkc.net wrote:

The article was so genuinely appreciated by my family and me. Thank you!! I know the dwindling number of us that are left have been truly blessed by the Orange & Black. I was happy to see you recognized the friends I mentioned by going to the effort of getting their pictures included.

Chuck Erickson [50]

Chuck, you are so very welcome. I really appreciate you taking the time to write and I would like to thank you again for your super generous \$1,000.00 Patron contribution. I have said before how much all of the Patron donations have meant to me, but every time I say it I always feel that just words are so inadequate. I always wish there was more I could say or do to express how much everyone's continued support has meant to me.
Jack Phillips '54



On Jul 20, 2023, **Jim Redfield '50** jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Jack: Congrats to **Chuck Erickson '50** or his generosity. Remember him well. I joined the USNR as well along with **Jack Hamilton, Bob Beck, Wes Nyhhaug, Bob Bissel (All '50)**, and a bunch of others. Stayed in 'till 1992, on the rolls, & retired as a Commander, USN (Ret). Reserve took us young dudes all over the world for 2 weeks training each year. Ah, the memories your publication brings back. I will be 91 in August & still kicking!

Thanx again Jack for all you do for us '50 dudes & dudettes! My sister **Jean**

Redfield '54 is still in Sioux Falls!

Jim Redfield '50



Chuck Erickson, Jack Hamilton, Bob Beck, Wes Nyhhaug, Bob Bissel (All '50), and Jean Redfield '54



On Aug 31, 2023, **Laurene Larson Tema '58**

<lulutema@yahoo.com> wrote:

I saw an obit for Chuck Velure '57, in the Minneapolis Star Tribune this past Sunday, August 27, 2023. I don't know how to send articles, so please check it out.

Also, I learned not terribly long ago that **Carol Sue Hurd Scott, from the class of '58** had passed away. She died in 2019. You can verify that by typing in "Carol Sue Hurd obituary, Batavia, Illinois." I don't know if you print such late notices, but she should be on your twice-yearly list.

By the way, I'm from the class of '58, but got my start at Emerson, grades K-3. (Began in '45) I had to move on to Jefferson when it was built, so I was there for gr. 4-6, then on to Garfield, 7th only. They didn't have an 8th grade. I'm not sure why, because they hadn't opened the junior highs yet. Maybe they couldn't find a teacher.

Anyway, for 8th grade, we were bussed over to Longfellow. I probably could win an award for going to the most schools while living in the same house. By the way, my sister, **Vonnie Larson Foss '54, (Ron Foss '53)** was in your class at Emerson.

Here's an interesting little side note, **Carolyn Foss Volland, '54**, ended up becoming my step-sister when her Dad and my Mom got married. That's a whole 'nother story..... You may not know this but she was the WHS school secretary for a few years. Sorry for the digression from this e-mails intent. **Laurene Larson Tema '58**

Dear Laurene, You sent everything perfectly and you included enough so that I could find everything else. Thank you. I am just sorry for taking so long in using it.

First of all i appreciate you writing about the passing of Chuck Velure '57. I sent out a "Special Edition him on Sept. 6, 2023.

Your email is dated Aug. 31st so I don't know why I didn't add your name to the list of people that told me of his passing. I am sorry I didn't list you.

Secondly, I did not know of Carol Hurd's '58 passing in 2019. I will now just add her as a new listing in the master deceased list for the class of '58. Thank you for letting me know.

I remember your sister, Vonnie Larson at both Emerson and WHS. I didn't know her well but I always thought she was very nice and very friendly. I also remember her husband, Ron Foss '53 at WHS. He was a year ahead of me at WHS so i didn't know him. Sadly but according to my records they have both passed away.

Again Laurene, thank you for sending me so much good stuff.

Jack '54



Carolyn Foss Voss '54
WHS Senior Photo



Ron Foss '53
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Carol Hurd '58
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Yvonne Larson '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Chuck Velure '57
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

End of Letters To The Editor.

Please tell me if you think this joke is funny???

AVOCADOS

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6.

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again! Men will get it the first time.

Any Time Now???

The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from Consulate at Bergen, Norway. Reports from fishermen, seal hunters and explorers all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the gulf stream still very warm.

Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared.

Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds.

Within a few years it is predicted that due to the ice melt the sea will rise and make most coastal cities uninhabitable.

I neglected to mention that this report was from November 2, 1922 , as reported by the AP and published in The Washington Post OVER 100 years ago. This must have been caused by the Model T Ford's emissions or possibly from horse and cattle passing gas?

O&B EDITORIAL

The last 3 pages of this issue of the O&B newsletter are primarily connected to Las Vegas where I retired to 23 years ago and are NOT directly connected with WHS, Sioux Falls, or South Dakota. Over the past several years when I have included miscellaneous articles on Las Vegas articles I have received both positive and negative responses from my readers. However, because I think Las Vegas is one of the most beautiful and unique cities in the world and it doesn't seem possible but because it has now been my home for over a quarter of my life I enjoy sharing some of the amazing and unbelievably uniqueness of Las Vegas. So if you object to any non WHS/SF related stories you can stop reading now. Of course, as always I would like to hear your thoughts.

Jack Philips '54

Las Vegas - Entertainment Capital of The World!

Remember the Lettermen, the Duprees & Rod Stewart?

It is no exaggeration when Las Vegas advertises that it is the "Entertainment Capital of The World". It truly is and that is one of the reasons Debra and I love living here. Regardless of what genre of music you like Las Vegas offers it.

In the last couple of months Debra and I have seen wonderful artists from the '50s and '60s like the Lettermen twice, the Dupree's and Rod Stewart. We have actually seen Stewart 5 or 6 times over the past few years. They all were wonderful and brought back such great memories.

At the other end of the time spectrum my dear friend and classmate Dick Sweetman, WHS '54, brought some of his family including his 10 year old granddaughter Erin, to Vegas to see Adele perform. Please see more on "Sweetman" on page 21.



The Lettermen



The Dupree's



Rod Stewart

Sweetman Family Visits Las Vegas

On the first weekend in October Dick Sweetman '54, his lovely wife Kathy and their daughter Erin brought Erin's daughter Reni to Las Vegas to celebrate Reni's 10th birthday. Part of Reni's birthday present was to see one of her favorite recording stars, Adele. What a wonderful birthday gift for any 10 year old!!!



Adele



Dick & Kathy Sweetman



Dick Sweetman For #2 Sioux Falls Mover and Shaker.

As many of you know I haven't resided in Sioux Falls for many years I don't feel qualified to even begin to list the wonderful movers and shakers that have contributed to making Sioux Falls the beautiful, progressive and dynamic city it is today. I certainly take my hat off to each of them and the unbelievable job they have individually and / or collectively done.

I assume Denny Sanford would be at the top of most everyone's list for his amazing and generous contributions to making Sioux Falls the proud crown jewel of the midwest.

But I don't know of anyone that would be ranked higher than Dick Sweetman for the #2 position.

I am planning on running a tribute story to Dick in the next issue of the O&B and would greatly appreciate receiving letters of support from any of you that also appreciates Dick's value to Sioux Falls.

Thank you, Jack Phillips

Kathy Sweetman, Granddaughter Reni and Daughter, Erin.

INTRODUCING THE LAS VEGAS SPHERE

Cost \$2.3 billion

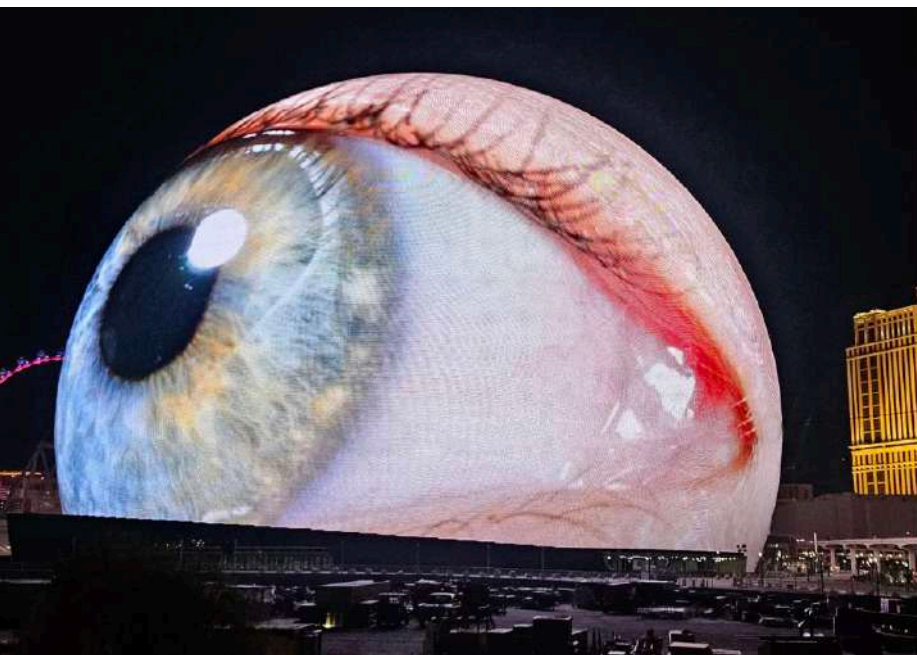
“The Sphere is a venture of epic proportions”

“They’re promising an immersive, high-octane spectacle that will redefine entertainment.”





It has been lit up as a giant snow globe Credit: Getty



the Sphere might revolutionize the concert industry.

Standing 366 feet tall, 516 feet wide and completely wrapped in video screens, the ball-shaped Sphere is an attention-grabber, even in the context of the visual overload of the Las Vegas Strip.

The Sphere at The Venetian Resort is a spherical music and entertainment arena

The Sphere offers a truly immersive and unforgettable experience.

Here are some additional details about The Sphere:

- **The interior of the Sphere is equipped with 160,000 square feet of 16K resolution LED screens.**
- **The Sphere is also equipped with 164,000 speakers, including speakers in the floor.**
- **The Sphere is designed to create a truly immersive experience for guests, with sound, light, and other effects that surround the audience.**

Sphere is not only the world's largest spherical structure but also a technological marvel whose innovations could offer a glimpse of entertainment's future.

Visitors entering through Sphere's grand atrium will encounter five lifelike, AI-equipped humanoid robots, all named Aura, which will converse with guests and introduce them to the wonders of Sphere — as a flesh-and-blood technical adviser stands by.

**The Las Vegas Sphere Is a “Mind-Boggling” Vision of the Future of Entertainment
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