



The Hoskins Herald

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In early March Hugh managed two days of attendance at a local "SHARE" convention of IBM computer programmers nearby in Anaheim. He faithfully attended these for 25 years before his retirement in 1998 and really enjoys visiting with those who are still operating in the world of Big-Iron Main-Frames and in his special area of IMS. It is becoming a lost art, but interest in such systems is heightening lately as many of the experts in the field are retiring.

• **Faulty Boomerangs are NOT returnable.** •

In late May after the last of Hugh's chemo treatments (see at <http://tinyurl.com/hughstat>) we took a cruise to Alaska. This time we got to some ports that were new to us: Sitka, Kodiak, Homer, and (downtown) Anchorage. The scenery continues to amaze us, especially the view from Homer across Kachemak Bay. The view from the McDonald's there is likely the best of any in the USA.

After the cruise we stopped in Portland for a few days with Lianne, Mark, Emily, and Zachary.

• **Honesty is the best policy, insanity is a better defense.** • but

Late Oct found us recovering from an aching back and a really bad cold just in time to go on our ritualistic journey to Las Vegas. Nevada, for a week of stuffing ourselves at the ubiquitous buffets. We plan to return in late April of 2012 for whatever we may have missed.

• **If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.** •

We did experience a new phenomenon regarding one of our favorite sights: at just the right time and location on a sunny day, the Bellagio fountain's spray presents a really keen DOUBLE Rainbow.

• **Live such that when you die, the undertaker will be sorry.** • even

At Christmas-time, Emily and Zachary will be 6y-11m and 5y-2m.



• **Never test the depth of the water with both feet.** •

This year we attended several of the musical offerings at nearby theaters, especially at the Haugh Center at Citrus College where the programs meet our taste.

• **He who hesitates is probably right.** •

Our website, noted in the masthead, continues to expand. Hugh's flickering 19" CRT monitor finally stopped responding to being struck violently with a gloved hand on the case, so he got the 22" CRT handed down from Arliss's acquiring a new 27" flat-screen on which she can now read a census with one eye and obituaries with the other at the same time. The router was replaced with a 1.0Gbps unit; and Earthlink has doubled our DSL speed.

• **Experience is something you don't get—until just after you need it.** •

Arliss' genealogy research continues to grow. Charts and reports of which can be seen linked from our page at <http://tinyurl.com/gene0000>. Doug & Bridgette remain nearby and continue to be involved in bowling, its industry, and several tournaments.

• **If you have much, give of your wealth. If you have little, give of your heart.** •

Our embarrassingly-old mattress has now been replaced with a firm latex foam one on an adjustable platform with a massaging feature. We are still getting used to it.

• **Eating a lemon along with its zest can ward-off or improve many ailments. Check with Google.** •

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