



The Hoskins Herald

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Well, there won't be as much to cover in this year's edition of the Herald, 'cause we weren't as active as usual, so will try to make up for it by using BIGGER type. Full disclosure: the house on the front is Lianne & Mark's during a real snow storm, in Portland, Oregon, where Mark is with Intel Corp..

- If at first you don't succeed,
failure may be your style. •

Mid-May found us on our ritualistic journey to the Fun-and-Sun capital of the Mojave Desert in Las Vegas, Nevada, for a week of stuffing ourselves at the ubiquitous buffets. Our goal is 21 buffets in 7 days, and we were a bit short this time. However, we made up for it by more shopping, sight-seeing, shopping, general gawking, additional shopping. Hugh got forced into a new pair of shoes and Arliss into a new purse -- both with coveted style and designer names. Games of chance are nearly always avoided.

- Some people wish to get what they deserve,
while others fear the same. •

We did find an unusual spot from which to observe one of our favorite sights -- the fountains of the Bellagio. A visit to the new Hoover Dam bypass bridge was put off until after its completion.

- Be careful of your thoughts,
they may become words at any moment. •

Due to continuing gathering of ascites in his abdomen, Hugh had another paracentesis in mid-April, and there was some discussion that chemotherapy might again become warranted, see at <http://tinyurl.com/hughstat> for more details.

- To meet an old friend in a distant land,
is like refreshing rain after a long drought. •

In late April, our daughter, Lianne, and our two grandkids, Emily and Zachary, flew in from Portland and paid us a nice visit. At Christmas, the young'uns will be 5y-11m and 4y-2m.



- Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day.
Teach him to use the Inter-Net,
and he won't bother you for many weeks. •

We had been considering upgrading to a high-definition digital TV, and when our old analog set learned that we were gettin' serious, then it decided to go on the blink, so we sped up our plans and got one that is sooo-BIG and overpowering that we have to salute it.

- Neither the string 0123456789 nor 9876543210
appears anywhere in the first 200-million digits of Pi;
after that, Hugh gave up looking.
The 5-trillionth decimal digit is a 2. •

Our new website, noted in the masthead, was acquired in mid-Spring and named after one of our addictions. As this is being written Hugh's CRT monitor is occasionally flickering at him, so there may be another upgrade coming in that area. The 10/100Mbps router is stumbling on several ports and may meet the same fate. We had our built-up roof re-coated, some gutters added, and two steel beams installed to protect Hugh's side of the garage as a precaution after he spun his wheels during a foot muscle spasm.

- There are no strangers in this world,
just friends we've never met. •

Arliss' doctor says that her health is that of a 40-year-old and that she'll likely live to be 100 -- as long. as she continues to come back for checkups. She continues her voracious genealogy research and obituary reading in a heroic attempt to fit more relatives into our families. See at <http://tinyurl.com/genenote> for the latest data. Doug & Bridgette remain nearby and continue to be involved in bowling and its industry.

- It is better to sleep on what you intend doing,
than to stay awake over what you've done. •

If all goes according to plan, by the time that you read this we will have made another trip to Las Vegas, because we forgot a few things last time. Also Hugh will have been for another treatment at the City-of-Hope, his second this Fall. The follically-challenged might enjoy the item at <http://www.flairhair.com> which is available at Wal-Mart and swap-meets.

- A mixture of honey and cinnamon can ward-off or
improve many ailments. Check with Google. •

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The ...



...Reason
for the
Season.

