

EHS Missing Link '56

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If you're within the sound of my computer/typewriter, it means we made it through another corn and tomato season and are getting ready for the upcoming seasonal festivities, so congrats!

Un-Sound Waves

Sound is a vibration that moves in a longitudinal pressure wave through matter. Sound has all the classic characteristics of waves—frequency, wavelength, velocity and amplitude. Unlike electromagnetic waves such as radio waves, microwaves, and visible light, however, sound cannot travel through the vacuum of space...and Connie wonders why Bob doesn't listen to her after lunch.

Mevelyn's great-granddaughter stayed over and was saying her go-to-bed prayers.

Mevelyn whispered, "I can't hear you, dear."

And 5-year-old Milea Rose replied in a melodic voice, "Wasn't talking to you."

They've designed a new listening device for farmers with farm animals so they can listen to music around the barnyard while they work. It's called the E-I-E-I Opod.

SURPRISE!

When you get to Heaven

You will likely view

Many folks whose presence there

Will be a shock to you.

But, keep very, very quiet,

Do not even stare.

Doubtless there'll be many folks

Surprised to see you there.

Do you enjoy the newsletter?

Only you can keep it going.

Now is the time to help.

Any contribution is welcome.

Thanking you in advance:

East Class '56 workforce.

(How subtle is that?)

Here are some current subscribers to our cause:

Eugene Davis

Norma (Treanor) Burk

Cynthia (Moore) Huntley

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Harold Olson

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We have been asked the number of graduates is the 1956 class: 391

January: 111 June: 263 August: 17

We lost more of our classmates since last publication:

Don Spaw (4-23)

Doyle Ables (4-23)

Rosemary (McKinley) Hazen (4-23)

Dean Dawson (11-22)

Catherine (Rodine) Duver (08-15)

Bob and John Carr:

"Thank you for all you do to keep the Class of '56 informed and connected."

Harold Olson

I just stumbled across a private group involved with Woodrow Wilson Junior High. It was started in 2009 and has 1.5K members, so if there is any interest, proceed.

We will be Hilltopping it again, so you'll hear the sounds of chatter and chomping as the locals' lunch and libate, in October.

HILLTOP RESTARANT

2820 Hubbell Ave.

Monday October 9

11:30 A.M.

It has been suggested that we explore other venues for our semi-annual luncheons. Please bring and suggestions you may have to the luncheon for further discussion.

Hope you can attend and have some information to pass on for our next issue, speaking of which, 1,133,983 passed through the gates of the Iowa State Fair this year and a record 114,937 fairgoers was a record number for the first Sunday. Here are the people who attended our Spring Luncheon:

Jerry & Carole Hall

JoAnn (Brady) Wilson

Kay (Edwards) Alcantar

Janet (Bales) & Glenn Douglas

Don & Jo Sullivan

Carol Adams & John Jones

Bette Lou (Raymond) Neal

John Carr

Larry & Karen Watkins

Norma (Treanor) Burke

Bob & Connie Trotter

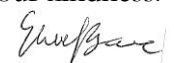
Dear Class of 1956

I am honored to have been selected for the Class of 1956 Scholarship.

I appreciate your help and will continue to work hard in my college classes.

My plan is to have future in the marketing field.

Thank you for your kindness.

Thankfully 

Last issue we touched on human composting, well somebody has gone beyond that and back...making stones out of the cremated remains of loved ones and using them as gifts or home decorations and for only \$950. May as well paint faces on them and have 'Pet Grandpa Rocks'.

Stonemasons in the middle Ages carved animal heads, **devils** and **grotesque faces** on water spouts to take rainwater from church or cathedral roofs and kept the water clear of the stone walls.

Say what you will about the **devil**, he's a hustler.

Speaking of hustlers, even though Bette Lou has quit teaching dancing, she is still out at Prairie Meadows each week shaking whatever she can.

I have quit doing DJ work on a regular basis but still getting involved with special events. On August 12th, I did the EHS Class of 1963 60th reunion. Ron Patterson's brother Bill was among some of those I knew.

Mevelyn has taken up a new hobby of finding cartoons to send out over the internet. I can't print any of them here...not because of content...I don't have the capabilities of reproducing hard copies.

If he can remember so many
jokes,
With all the details that mold
them,
Why can't he recall with equal
skill,
How many times he's told
them?

In these days it is hard to tell whether a person is waking to reduce or reduced to walking.

OCTOBER 30, 1938

On a foggy fall evening in October, America went to war with Mars! All normal programming was interrupted as listeners heard the startling news that there were "**explosions** occurring on the Planet Mars!" Reports followed stating that a huge, **flaming object** had fallen to Earth on a farm near Grover's Mill, New Jersey. More landings were soon reported and a frightened radio audience concluded that Earth was **under invasion** by aliens! This is the program that terrified a nation. Thousands fled their homes in panic. In the town of Grover's Mill, the local water tower was pumped full of buckshot as frightened believers fired at what they thought was a **giant Martian war machine**. The true power of broadcast made itself known on that **Halloween-eve** in 1938. (War of the Worlds: The dramatization of H.G. Wells' horror story of the Martian invasion of Earth was written for radio by Howard Koch and starred Orson Wells.)

Getting information from you people is so bad; I'm down to doing puzzles. Look carefully, each word in the pair contains a hidden word, and these hidden words are related to each other in some way. Example: unearth, seafaring (near and far)

millionaire, incubate
elbow, wheelbarrow
erupt, downer
scathe, doggerel
thumbtack, singular
scowled, moonlight
tinge, mouth
rumored, blessed
charming, legendary
improper, discontent
these, shells
egotistical, mainstay
migrant, unravel
potent, expansive
(DON'T MAKE ME DO
WORD SEARCH!)

A state patrol officer observed a car puttering along the highway at only 22 mph. flashing his lights, he pulled the car over. Approaching the car he noticed that it contained five elderly women, two in front and three in back, and they were all wide-eyed and **white as ghosts**. The driver obviously confused, said, "Officer, I don't understand. I was going exactly the speed limit. What's the problem?" "Ma'am," the officer replied, "You weren't speeding, but you should know that driving slower than the speed limit can also be a danger to other drivers." She said, "Slower than the speed limit? I'm following the posted speed exactly!" The officer, trying to contain a chuckle, explained "22" was the route number, not the speed limit. Embarrassed, she smiled and thanked him for pointing out her error. Before letting her go, he asked, "Is everyone in the car okay? Those women seem awfully shaken, and they haven't made a peep this whole time." She replied, "Oh, they'll be all right in a minute, officer. We just got off Route 141." (Bette Lou doesn't drive on the highways much, anymore.)

Every excuse I ever heard made perfect sense to the person who made it.

Heads or Tails

Here's a cool trick to see if the electricity in your freezer went out while you were gone. Freeze water in a paper cup and put a coin on top. When you get back check; if you coin is there, nothing okay, if it sunk, so did your electricity.

Greeting cards: When you care enough to send the very best but not enough to actually write something.

What was the best thing before sliced bread?

TV in '53

On January 19, most of the nation's television audience is watching *I Love Lucy* when Lucy Richardo gives birth to "Little Ricky".

Coke Time with Eddie Fisher premieres in April.

Topper premieres on October 9.

I Led Three Lives. It's the story of Herbert Philbrick, a Boston advertising executive who infiltrates the Communist Party in order to provide secret information for the FBI.

The top rated TV programs were:

I Love Lucy

Dragnet

Ford Theater

Fireside Theater

The Jackie Gleason Show

Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts

You Bet Your Life

The Milton Berle Show

Arthur Godfrey and His Friends

The Colgate Comedy Hour

This Is Your Life

ANOTHER DIMENSION:

Moviegoers didn't care what they looked like in the dark as they donned their cardboard glasses and prepared to have the action come at them in exciting 3-D.

When the Boston Braves moved to Milwaukee in 1953, it became the first MLB franchise to relocate in 50 years.

The first indoor shopping mall in the U.S. opened in 1956 in Minnesota.

The Honeymooners only ran from 1955-1956.

A man said to his wife, "When my time comes, six months after I die, I would like you to marry Dick." "But I thought you hated Dick!" "I do."

Tarzan ululates in the jungle.

I GOT A MILLION OF 'EM
Back in 1942, RCA sprayed gold on a recording of Glenn Miller's *Chattanooga Choo Choo* to commemorate the first record to sell over 1 million.

It was the first "gold" record, but not the first to sell 1 million. *Vesti La Giubba* by Enrico Caruso, 1901; *The Wreck of the Old 97* by Vernon Dalhart, 1906; *Dardanella*/*I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles* by Ben Selvin, 1919; *Wings of a Dove* by Ernest Lough, 1927; and Al Jolson's *Sonny Boy* in 1928.

Jeopardy! Contestants stand on adjustable platforms so that they all appear to be the same height on camera.

The Nelson Homestead Pioneer Farm and Museum near Oskaloosa features a Quaker meeting house and a mule cemetery.

JUST A PIT STOP

Located at the Madison County Historical Complex is the C.D. and Eliya Heath Bevington Privvy. It is an outhouse that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The three-hole stone facility was built in 1856 and serviced the Bevington-Kaser House and was both heated and wallpapered in its day. (As far as recommending this on a road trip...I'd have to pass.)



On May 6, 1957, Massachusetts Senator John Kennedy is awarded the Pulitzer Prize for his book, *Profiles in Courage*. In August, ABC premiered a show hosted by a 27-year-old disc jockey named Dick Clark. American Bandstand would remain with the network the next 30 years. On August 20, Major David Simons lands his high-altitude air balloon near Forbes, North Dakota. It's the end of a 32-hour flight that takes him higher than any human has ever been—101,486 feet. Some say this proves that man can live in space.

In September, American Motors creates a stir by introducing the first "compact car", the Rambler. Meanwhile, Ford come out with the "ultimate convertible", the Ford Skyliner, which retracts its hardtop into the trunk. In October, the world is stunned to learn that the Russians have launched *Sputnik*, the first artificial satellite ever. The Russians follow that triumph by putting a dog in orbit the first week in November. Among the best-selling children's books of the year are two by Dr. Seuss, *The Cat in the Hat* and *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*.

The "artificial strawberry flavor" in a McDonald's milkshake is made up of around 45 chemicals.

The Show Must Go On

Buffalo Bill Cody, the showman had wanted to be buried in Wyoming, but six months after his 1917 death, the owner of the Denver Post schemed to bury him at Lookout Mountain, now a tourist attraction.

The top grossing shows in the theaters during our formative years:

1953: Peter Pan

1954: White Christmas

1955: The Lady and Tramp

1956: The Ten Commandments

The sitcom *Friends* had Joey Tribbiani, your friend on the newsletter is Johnny Trivianni, who has come up with some trivia about our era, but provided no answers, that's your job.

What TV sitcom introduced "Vitameatavegamin" in 1952?

Marilyn Monroe was on the first cover of what magazines released in December 1953?

This German physicist developed the theory of relativity, died on April 18, 1955.

In 1956, what TV network's peacock logo was first introduced?

Name the Meredith Willson musical that debuted on Broadway in 1957.

Which singer released the hit single "Dream Lover" in 1959?

James Stewart plays a wealthy drunk who befriends an invisible 6-foot-tall rabbit in this movie. (We have one classmate with the same first name.)

Hexakosioihexekontahexaphobia is the fear of the number 666.

Who on earth had the time to figure that out and why would some dummy bother to let you know that?

My only consolation is you don't know if I spelled it right or not and probably won't take the time to find out.

A Police Officer stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

"Officer," the man began, "I can explain."

"Just be quiet," the officer snapped. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back." A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't counts on it," the driver answered, "I'm the groom."

January is expected to be a brrrr month. Oh well, there's always the possibility of snow days and no school. It's also the month that has given birth to many great musicians: January 8—Elvis Presley. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (January 27th). David Bowie was born on the same day as Elvis only 12 years later. Joan Baez was born on the same day (January 9) as Richard Milhous Nixon.

January 1—Day when many New Year's Resolutions are made.

January 2—Day when many New Year's Resolutions are broken.

January 16—National Nothing Day, to provide Americans with one national day when they can sit without celebrating, observing or honoring anything.

January 17—Thomas Crapper Day in honor of the inventor of the flush toilet.

While researching, I ran across a 1953 ad for a luncheon meat product called "Temt". It was made by Dubuque Packing Co. and was in a can similar to "SPAM" "Bake TEMT...broil it...fry it...combine it with other foods. You'll cheer the superior flavor from the state of Iowa, land of choice, young corn-fed porkers." (Sounds like it's the other "Other White Meat" that was pink.)

The apple doesn't fall far from the tree, but if the dog gets there first, it may be gone.

I won't pay \$1.25 at "The Dollar Tree" for flavored water, but add a little more flavor, freeze it and call it 'Italian Ice' and I'm in for two pints.

You can't enjoy the cream of life if you bottle up the milk of human kindness.

Only 55% of Americans know that the sun is a star.

Dear Bob, 4/19/2023

I certainly have enjoyed the EHS "Missing Link," and the clever writings to keep the '56 class connected.

Even though I was at East High only for my Senior Year, I have always remembered fondly the welcome and friendly class members and staff who made my time there very special. It meant so much to me after I had gone to two other HS's due to my father's military career.

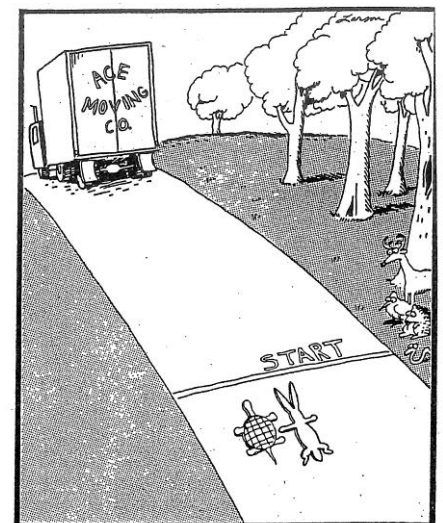
Thank you for all the work that goes into these class letters. Life goes on at a slower pace these days, but I've continued to do some traveling, busy with our children, 8 grandchildren and enjoying our homes and volunteering.

My Best to You and the 56'ers.

Cynthia Moore Huntley

This issue is a hodge-podge of bits and pieces I found laying around in Stephen Colbert's trash container; Meanwhile...

It's been verbalicious but persicaciously; it seems we don't even get started before it's over:



...until next time.