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not let expectations hinder my path." Dalai Lama ~§~ "The spiritual

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path – is simply the journey of living our lives. Everyone is on a

Latitudes & Attitudes, Living Aboard, and the anthology *Making Notes: Music of the Carolinas*. She currently serves as president of Carteret Writers.

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spiritual path; most people just don't know it." Marianne Williamson

also nominated for the James B. Baker Award in poetry, Sam's Dot Publishing. He is a contributor in the *Silver Boomers* anthology about aging baby boomers and *Freckles to Wrinkles*, both by Silver Boomer Books. Michael Lee Johnson presently resides in Itasca, Illinois. He lived in Canada during the Vietnam era and will be published as a contributor poet in the anthology *Crossing Lines: Poets Who Came to Canada in the Vietnam War Era*. He has been published in USA, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Scotland, Turkey, Fuji, Nigeria, Algeria, Africa, India, United Kingdom, Republic of Sierra Leone, Thailand, Kuala Lumpur, and Malaysia. Visit his website at: <http://poetryman.mysite.com>.

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contributing writer for *Christian Research Journal*. She coordinates monthly poetry readings for the Write-On Writers of Coshocton, Ohio. Sharon and her husband Scott spend weekends blazing trails in the woods for their future home and writing/poetry retreat center.

Sharon Lask Munson grew up in Detroit, Michigan. After thirty years of teaching overseas and in Alaska, she is retired and lives in Eugene, Oregon. She has poems in *A Cup of Comfort Cookbook*, has been published in *Sandcutters*, *Manzanita Quarterly*, *Windfall*, *Verseweavers*, and *Earth's Daughters*. She spends her free time biking quiet country roads, writing poetry, gardening in pots, and taking long and interesting road trips to places she has never been.

Bill Neal, a native of Quanah, Texas, is a rancher, former newspaper reporter, retired trial lawyer, and an author. In 1964 he graduated with honors from the University of Texas Law School. He returned to his hometown where he practiced law for forty years. His books include *The Last Frontier: The Story of Hardeman County, Texas*; a collection of oral histories entitled *Our Stories: Legends of the Mounds*; *Getting Away With Murder on the Texas Frontier: Notorious Killings & Celebrated Trials* (2006); *From Guns to Gavels: How Justice Grew Up in the Outlaw West* (2008); and *Sex, Murder, and the Unwritten Law: Courting Judicial Mayhem, Texas Style* (to be published in September 2009).

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over it, but build no house on it." Indian Proverb ~§~ "Life is like

membership magazine of the National League of American Pen Women. She holds membership in The Society of Southwestern Authors, Abilene Writers Guild, and Trinity Arts Writers Association.

Carl Palmer doesn't own a wristwatch, cell phone or pager since retirement. With no structure or guidance, every day is Saturday. Carl gladly smiles when he can't remember the date.

Ken Paxton, married for over thirty years, is the proud grandfather of one, father of two and master of none. Employed in the hard disk drive industry he wonders, "Will flash memory one day make all drives obsolete?" For fun he enjoys hiking, camping, doodling on the piano and guitar, and writing...most anything.

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playing a violin solo in public and learning the instrument as one goes

Arlene Pineo's friends call her 'Arly,' a late bloomer who went back to college when her last child finished. She's had an interesting life, a third of it spent in Heidelberg, Germany, and Paris, France. Returning to the States in '92, she settled in Bedford, Texas, where she discovered the Trinity Writers Workshop and began to receive awards for her writing. She mainly writes narrative-driven fiction.

Lynn Pinkerton announced in the fifth grade that she wanted to be a writer when she grew up. After careers in social services and special event marketing, Lynn reclaimed her childhood aspiration and joined a writing group. She is contentedly writing and publishing and wondering why she didn't listen to her young self sooner. She lives in Houston, Texas.

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on." Samuel Butler ~§~ "To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most

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people exist, that is all." Oscar Wilde ~§~ "Life. A spiritual pickle

the Lake Shore Surf Club, the oldest fresh water surfing club on the Great Lakes (www.visit-sheboygan.com/dairyland/). You may find additional samples of his work by going to www.literati.net/Ries.

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Terry Sanville lives in San Luis Obispo, California with his artist-poet wife (his in-house editor) and two cats (his in-

house critics). He writes full time, producing short stories, essays, poems, an occasional play, and novels (that are hiding in his closet, awaiting editing). Since 2005, his short stories have been accepted by more than 70 literary and commercial journals, magazines, and anthologies (both print and online) including the *Houston Literary Review*, *Storyteller*, the *Yale Angler's Journal*, and *The Southern Ocean Review*. Terry is a retired urban planner and an accomplished jazz and blues guitarist, who once played with a symphony orchestra backing up jazz legend George Shearing.

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what Philosophy says: that Life must be understood backwards. But

Thomas Wheeler loves to tell stories. If a grain of truth or a worthwhile thought finds a way in, so be it. However, it's the smiles and giggles of friends and family that keep the words flowing. When not scribbling random thoughts, he is dedicated to his job as a fund raiser for the Society for the Elimination of Chiggers, West Texas branch. (Contribution should be sent to PO Box 2066 Abilene, Texas 79604.)

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Thelma Zirkelbach, a native Texan, is a recent widow who lives in Houston. She is working on a memoir of her last

year with her husband titled *The Final Chapter: A Love Story*. She has written romance novels for Harlequin and Silhouette under the pseudonym Lorna Michaels. After many years as a speech pathologist in private practice, she continues to work half-time with children, enjoying the opportunity to share in their lives and language.

Meet Those Following in the Path

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Hailey Kay Dods finds her name special, named for her grandmother. Now a junior in high school, Hailey has loved art all her life – her mother claims as a toddler KHailey truly began her “art career” as a “doodler!” In the fourth grade, she created her breakthrough piece, illustrating her first poem, which an author chose to include in her book. That inspired Hailey’s first self-portrait, leading the way to many new opportunities. She says, “This new journey offered to me by *This Path* is truly my gift from God.”

Nate Giesecke is 16 years old and a sophomore at Abilene High School. He went to Austin Elementary and Lincoln Middle School. Nate plays the trombone in the Abilene High School band and has been involved in marching, jazz band, and the steel drum ensemble. He is very involved in his Church youth group activities including attending the Christian Book Expo, Vertigo, and other

various activities with the youth group. A Life Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, Nate will soon be achieving his Eagle Scout rank.

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Riley McCone

Jordan Reyes is eleven now and lives in Abilene, Texas, with her mom and little sister. She gets to see her dad often. Jordan will leave Austin Elementary and go in 2009 to middle school. She was first inspired to write by a friend of mine named Riley Stirman in the 4th grade. “In 5th grade, writing became more of a regular thing in my life. People were impressed by my writing, and I was proud of it. This opportunity would have never happened without the help of two of my fifth grade teachers, Mrs. Dooley and Mrs. Niblo.”

that makes one forget the other saying: that it must be lived—forward.”

*Let go my bone!**The Quartet*

Becky says italics, Ginny says quotes.
 I vote resent...er...present.
 You do understand it's a typo (or a Freudian slip!), right?
 Freudian typo.
 Does anyone care that this is a made-up word?
 What's that noise?
 Old dogs learning new tricks. Woof!
 Arf!
 Ruh! Roh!
 Barbark!
 Oh Gawd! people are going to start
 questioning our sanity if we add barks
 arfs and ruh rohs to a poem!
 (You're just going to add this line as well aren't you?)
 I think it's woof, because I feel an ARF coming....
 Oh, it's stuck. Well, next time.
 That's disgusting!

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 quack quack quack
 You know you have to add Quark to the TM list, yes?

"Freckles to Winkles" – is that with one eye or two?
 Only "Hawaii" has two I's.

wink-wink

And yes, I think we're done!

Except for the paranoia bit.

You people scare me

That whooshing sound was this whole conversation thread
going right over my head.

I'm going to leave you nuts here on the tree and go to bed.

Attributions

Robert Frost 1874-1963 poem "The Road Not Taken" 1915 * **Dairy Queen** began 1938, Kankara IL, with 10 cent item, soft ice cream, became subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc 1998 * **Beach Boys** "California Girls" released 1965 * "**Hang on, Sloopy**" The McCoys, 1965, also recorded by Ramsey Lewis Trio and others * **Piggly Wiggly** ® became first self service grocery, founded Memphis, TN 1916 by Clarence Saunders * **Norman Bates**, played by Anthony Perkins (opposite Janet Leigh) in Alfred Hitchcock movie *Psycho* 1960 * **Red Hat Society** caught on from Jenny Joseph's 1961 poem "Warning" ("When I am an old woman...") loosely established as popular entity for fun 1998 * **Super Kmart** – founded 1899 as S.S.Kresge Company, Detroit, MI – 1962 became Kmart – 2004 merger with Sears, Roebuck and Company * "**Boo**" **Radley**, reclusive character in Pulitzer winning novel by (Nelle) Harper Lee, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, published 1960, JB Lippincott Co.- also Oscar-winning film in 1962 * **Brides Magazine** – 1934, celebrating 75 years this year (2009) * **Woodstock** – 3 day rock music festival Aug 15-18 in upstate New York (Bethel), 1969 * **Kingsbury** – Founded 1847 under another name, significant history of near beer during Prohibition, Kingsbury Breweries Company brewed and bottled between 1933 and 1974, existing to 1983 under another mfg * **Dick and Jane** (and Spot and Baby Sally) primary grades teaching reader by Dr. William S. Gray, published with Scott Foresman, artists Eleanor Campbell and Keith Ward, later Robert Childress, used from '30s to '70s in U.S. until phonics * **Dorothy off to Oz** with famous cast – *Wizard of Oz*, 1939 Black & White movie warps to TechniColor upon arrival in Oz * **Mamas and Papas** – California based group of '60s (1964 to 1969) Cass Elliott, Michelle Phillips, Lou Adler, John Phillips, Denny Doherty, sunshine pop music "Monday, Monday," "California Dreaming," "Got A Feeling" * **Summer of Love** – gathering of flower children at Haight-Ashbury – last ones out in October gave it a funeral, and left * "**The Sandman**" – America, 1972, songwriter D. Bunnell * **Molson's** – Molson Brewing Co, Canada's largest brewery and North America's oldest, begun 1786 by John Molson * **Naugahyde** ® - The Cruelty-Free Fabric™ from the '60s, developed by Uniroyal Engineered Products, at first in Naugatuck, Connecticut. A vinyl polymer coated plastic artificial leather (pleather) * **Magic Fingers** – by John Houghtaling, 1958, attachment mechanism, coin-operated, bed-shaking

are going, any road will get you there." Lewis Carroll ~S~ "Sometimes

“massage” for hotels, motels, phased out, but nostalgia purchaser bought rights to the name and continues * **Earth Shoes** – designed by Kalsø, a Copenhagen yoga instructor, 1957, made with heels lower than toes to simulate the workout of walking in sand * **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**, by Mark Twain, 1876 * **Hansel and Gretel** – German folk tale adapted by the Brothers Grimm * **Miss America** – First was 1920, Atlantic City NJ, first was 16-year-old Margaret Gorman, Miss Washington, D.C. * **Reeboks** – by UK company from 1890 because athletes wanted to run faster, grandsons started Reebok in 1958, came to U.S. in 1979 * **Sweet Potato Queens**® - sisterhood a little more unusual than Red Hat Society, Sweet Tea Queens, Ya-Ya Girls * **patchouli incense** – long history in Southern Asia and Far East as aromatherapy, incense, perfume, insect and leech repellent, in India ink * **Pendleton**® wool – 1863, English weaver came to Oregon, moved woolen mill to Pendleton in 1909 * **“I’m a Little Teapot”** – nursery rhyme for children * **Chop Sticks** – The Chop Waltz written 1877 by British composer * **“Who was that masked man?”** – The Lone Ranger, first on radio with Clayton Moore in 1933 * **“Girl Watching Robin”** print – most popular is vintage print, 1925 * **Philco** – Philadelphia Storage Battery Company (formerly Spencer Company), batteries, radio, then TV, record players to various appliances * **Oreo**® cookies – debuted 1912, best selling cookie in US, by merged baking companies forming National Biscuit Company (NaBisCo), now by Kraft Foods * **Cowgirl Museum & Hall of Fame** – Fort Worth, Texas, Established 1975 to honor women of the American West who have displayed extraordinary courage and pioneer spirit. Total is 176 inductees, first was Sacagawea * **Amos and Andy** – originated Chicago, one of first radio comedy serials, from ‘20s thru ‘50s, TV show from 1951 * **Fibber Magee and Molly** – husband and wife team Jim & Marian Jordan, radio show premiered 1935, ran to 1959, one of longest running radio comedy shows * **Carole King** – **“It’s Too Late”** – Grammy Award winner, from 1971 album “Tapestry” * **West Side Story** – book by Arthur Laurents, multiple award winner, Broadway show in 1957, movie musical in 1961, music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim * **Woolworth’s** – Frank Winfield Woolworth’s F.W. Woolworth Company, five cent store, opened doors in 1879, stores in US are closed, surviving stores in Europe are closing * **Noxzema** – skin cleanser, from Noxell Corporation in Maryland since 1914, then run by grandson of inventor, then Proctor & Gamble in 1989, and by Alberto-Culver since 2008 * **Otis Elevator** – Elisha Otis’ safety invention, the brake, in 1852 became the forerunner that allowed high-rise elevators, became Otis Elevator Company in 1898. United Technologies Corporation since 1975 * **Forrest Gump** and Tom Hanks line, “Life is like a box of chocolates...” – from 1994 Oscar winning movie * **Luby’s Cafeteria**, founded 1947 in San Antonio, Texas * **Quasimodo** – Hunchback of Notre Dame, the noble savage in Victor Hugo’s 1831 novel, *Notre Dame de Paris* (or **Nobel winning Italian poet, Salvatore Quasimodo**) * **“Bossa Nova Hand Dance”** – Connie

the road less traveled is less traveled for a reason.” Seinfeld

Francis, 1965 * **Mars Bar** – Mars, Incorporated, came to America from England in 1932 * **Daphne du Maurier** – 1907-1989, English artist and novelist, best novel *Rebecca* * **Edna Ferber** – 1885-1968, prolific author, wrote from 1920s through 1960s, Pulitzer Prize for *So Big*, resulted in movie *Giant* * **Taylor Caldwell** – 1900-1985, writing under multiple pseudonyms, wrote 45 notable books in 40 years * **Pearl S. Buck** – 1892-1973, born in US, grew up in China, daughter of missionaries, wife of missionary, acknowledged as Ambassador Without Portfolio, Nobel and Pulitzer prize winner, best-known of many novels, *The Good Earth* * Pink **Converse** – since 1908, called All Stars, Chucks, all styles, all colors, even Elvis wore them * **Wii** – 2006, newest generation of home video game console, marketed under it's own strength, not even Nintendo Wii, just Wii (pronounced "we," a simple and social sound) * **Chico's** – began as one small gift shop on a Florida island, grew into a clothing store, from 1985 to present experienced phenomenal growth * **Rosie the Riveter** – emblematic image of 20 million women "manning" the factories of the United States while the men served in WWII * **Big Ben** – cast at Whitechapel Bell Foundry, first rang across London May 31, 1859 * **That's Amore!** – Dean Martin, 1953 * **Sylvania TV** – produced 1949 to 1983 * **Viceroy** – 1930s, cigarette that popularized the filter-tip * **"The Bear Went Over The Mountain"** – lyrics origin unknown, children's song sung to the tune of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" * **Red Rover, Statues, Tag, Hide-and-Seek, Mother May I?** – children's games, some old, some older, many world-wide. Hide-and-seek was described by 2nd century Greek writer Julius Pollux. Called then, *apodidraskinda*. Nowadays, *kryfto*. **The Birds, Hitchcock movie** – 1963 thriller based on 1952 short story collection by Daphne du Maurier * **Toni** @ doll – by Ideal, Efanbee Toni Dolls introduced 1949, named for the home perm, came with permanent waved nylon hair * **Toni** – 1940s, first popular home permanent brand, Gillette acquired The Toni Company 1948 * **Crayola** ® - Binney & Smith 1903, coined from French *craie* (chalk) and *ola* (oil based). Stat: each child has used about 730 crayons by age 10 * **Mad Magazine** – 1952, by Harvey Kurtzman and William Gaines, now a Time-Warner publication. America's longest running humor magazine will become quarterly in April 2009 * **Capezios** ® - Salvatore Capezio rejected "walking in Dad's shoes" as a construction worker, became cobbler in 1887 at age 17, made shoes for dancers * **Hopalong Cassidy** – cowboy hero created 1904 by author Clarence E. Mulford's several books. Louis L'Amour wrote four more. The original 'galoot' (rude, rough talking) cleaned up his act when William Boyd took on the character. From books to radio, comic books, TV, movies. Boyd himself bought the rights in 1948. Horse sidekick, Topper * **Lone Ranger** – from 1933, TV show starting 1949 starred Clayton Moore with Jay Silverheels as Tonto * **Vicodan** ® - pain reliever Vicodin * **Band-Aids** ® - invented by Johnson & Johnson cotton buyer Earle Dickson. Inspiration: his wife was always cutting her fingers and bandages were bulky). Got him promoted to VP *

Kleenex® - invented 1920s as means to remove cold cream, Kimberly-Clark * **Plexiglas**® - acrylic sheet, manufacturing production began 1936 **Camels** – R.J. Reynolds, from 1917, Slogan “I’d Walk A Mile for a Camel” began 1921 * **Valium** – 1963, diazepam, for anxiety disorders, muscle spasms, alcohol withdrawal symptoms * **Lewis Carroll** “The Walrus and The Carpenter” poem in Chapter 4 of *Through the Looking-Glass*, 1872, delivered by Tweedledum and Tweedledee to Alice * **Earl Grey** tea, named after 2nd Earl Charles Grey (a Prime Minister) in the 1930s. Trekkies probably know Capt. Picard drank Earl Grey tea * **Coppertone**® - lotion to darken tans, by Miami Beach pharmacist Benjamin Green, 1944, owned by Schering-Plough Health Care Products now. Jodie Foster was Coppertone girl in TV ad at age 3 * **John Steinbeck** – (1902-1968) prolific American author of *Grapes of Wrath* and *Of Mice and Men* * **Chevron** station – company history is a story of mergers and acquisitions, then itself the subject of an attempted takeover * **Annie Oakley** – (1860-1926) born Phoebe Ann Mosey, sharpshooter career in Buffalo Bill’s Wild West Show * **Wal-Mart** – 1962 start by Sam Walton in Arkansas * **Schwinn** – from Chicago 1895, run by successive Schwinn 97 years, Pacific Cycle owns name since 2001 * **Ken**® – Barbie boyfriend, Mattel 1961, named after inventor Ruth Handler’s son * **Buster Brown** bob, pageboy, haircut worn by mischievous comic strip character created 1902 by Richard Felton Outcault, rights purchased for Buster Brown Shoes 1904 * **Quark** – a) science: a group of hypothetical subatomic particles thought to be the fundamental units of matter – term applied by physicist Murray Gell-Mann – b) software: founded 1981 in Denver, Colorado, so called because company goal is to “create software that would be the platform for publishing, just as quarks are the basis for all matter” * **Dale Evans** (born Frances Octavia Smith (1912-2001) singer/songwriter, movie star, author. Cowgirl sidekick and wife of Roy Rogers since 1947. Wrote theme song “Happy Trails” 1950 * **Roy Rogers** – (really Leonard Slye) 1911-1998, Cowboy musician in ‘30s with Sons of the Pioneers, TV show 1951-1957, radio show 9 years before – “**Happy Trails to You**” *
