The Cancer Scare

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Monday, July 04, 2011 - 10:45 am: Edit

I am scheduled to see a surgeon on Monday. The biopsy will be on Tuesday or Wednesday. They will know in a day or so after that if it is cancer or simply calcium showing up on the x-rays. I'll proceed from there.

The radiologist says that 75% of the biopsies performed are diagnosed as not cancerous. I am holding on to that thought.

By Loren Knight (Loren) on Thursday, September 10, 2009 - 11:26 pm: Edit

Thinking wellness for you.

By Sean O'Carroll (Terryoc) on Thursday, September 10, 2009 - 11:53 pm: Edit

Jean, good luck and good health to you.

As a cancer survivor, I know how scary it is to be waiting to know what the diagnosis is. You have my understanding and sympathy.

By Marcus J. Giegerich (Marcusg) on Friday, September 11, 2009 - 10:42 am: Edit

My prayers are with you Jean. My Mom-in-law is going through the cancer deal right now and it's not a fun ride.

By Will McCammon (Djdood) on Friday, September 11, 2009 - 03:52 pm: Edit

I'll keeping thinking good thoughts for you Jean.

By Glenn Hoepfner (Ikabar) on Friday, September 11, 2009 - 04:10 pm: Edit

I've got my Pom-Poms now, jumping up and down, cheering.
Go! Calcium Deposits Go! Go! Go! Go!

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Saturday, September 12, 2009 - 05:11 pm: Edit

You guys always brighten my day.
I did go to a Chubby Checker concert last night. The man can still sing and dance with the best of them. Over an hour and a half of dancing and singing and lots of audience participation (no, I didn't go up on stage, but one of my co-workers did) added up to a fun time. Add that to listening to Bill Nye the Science Guy on Tuesday and I did have a good week amidst the rest of things going on.

Things I liked from Bill Nye:

"If the theory says the bee can't fly and it does, there is something wrong with the theory, not the bee."

When asked what his favorite planet is:
"I was born on Earth. I live on Earth. All of my friends are Earthlings. I'd have to say Earth."

After a girl asked him if he would marry her:
"Ummm, no, not tonight, no." [pretending to write] "Bill Nye ends career on stage in Pembroke with an injudicious remark."

When talking about the sundial on each of the Mars rovers, Bill Nye said he told NASA how cool it would be, "It'll be like speaking Klingon — only it'll be real!" For more information, see here: [http://sse.jpl.nasa.gov/news/display.cfm?News_ID=6661](http://sse.jpl.nasa.gov/news/display.cfm?News_ID=6661)

He did talk about global warming and had practical (and fairly inexpensive) suggestions for being a little greener including: having a switch that turns things "really" off, having vampiric "wall warts" recognize when there isn't somthing at the other end and stop pulling power, having hot water heaters on the roof, more fuel efficient cars, and really focussing on wind power. He told the audience (mostly high school and college students, "I want you to change the world, and save it for humans. I know I am selfish, but I want you to save the world for you and me."

All in all, it was a good week, barring the worry. Since worry accomplishes little, I'm going to try focus on PD20 Klingons and try not to worry.

(BIG SMILE) Thank you guys (and the Steves and Leanna) for your support and warm thoughts here, on Facebook, through email, through IM, and even phone calls. You are so strong and so brave, you give me courage.

By Howard Bampton (Bampton) on Sunday, September 13, 2009 - 02:07 am: Edit

Smart chargers cost more than dumb ones. It is one of the corners companies cut to improve the bottom line... Me, I'd love to get them (and a standard or two for chargers so I don't have to carry around one per device). I'm not holding my breath.

By Mike West (Mjwest) on Sunday, September 13, 2009 - 04:31 pm: Edit

My thoughts are with you, Jean.

I hope your tests turn out to your advantage ...

By Garth L. Getgen (Sgt_G) on Sunday, September 13, 2009 - 05:56 pm: Edit
My Mom just got results back. She has to go back into chemo for the third time. Hope your news is better.

Garth L. Getgen

By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Monday, September 14, 2009 - 10:05 am: Edit
Keep us posted, Jean, we're praying for you.

By Mike Raper (Raperm) on Monday, September 14, 2009 - 02:48 pm: Edit
Definately; our thoughts are with you!

By Gary Plana (Garyplana) on Monday, September 14, 2009 - 03:05 pm: Edit
Hope they get it for good this time. Good luck!

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Monday, September 14, 2009 - 04:32 pm: Edit
Surgeon visit is through.
A physical exam found no lump/bump/hard spot. This is good.
The biopsy is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.
Theoretically, the pathologist's report should be in on Monday afternoon, but it could be Tuesday.
There is nothing I can do, so I'm going to focus on getting PD20M Klingons done.

Hmmmm....an E6's engines put out how many GWs of energy?

By Stacy Brian Bartley (Bartley) on Monday, September 14, 2009 - 04:38 pm: Edit

George W. is a unit of energy?
regards
Stacy

By ROBERT l cALLAWAY (Callaway) on Monday, September 14, 2009 - 04:57 pm: Edit
gigawatt stacy

By Roger Rardain (Sky_Captain) on Monday, September 14, 2009 - 05:07 pm: Edit

I believe it may be 1.21 gigawatts.
Gigawatt? Really? I mean I'd never make a smart a** comment or anything. Of course I meant that literally. The icon that was just meaningless...

regards
Stacy

I was thinking it stood for Global Warming, and was a measure of how much energy had to discharged by an attacking fleet in order to devastate the enemy's homeworld.

By Mike Curtis (Nashvillen) on Monday, September 14, 2009 - 05:36 pm: Edit

No, Roger, that is the Flux Capacitor

By Roger Rardain (Sky_Captain) on Monday, September 14, 2009 - 06:13 pm: Edit

I thought the 1.21 gigawatts fed into the Flux Capacitor. Hmm...

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 - 04:45 am: Edit

I needed that.

By Will McCammon (Djdood) on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 - 06:07 pm: Edit

Jean -

You could probably use a little of THIS too.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 - 06:18 pm: Edit

(BIG SMILE!)

How right you were.

By Will McCammon (Djdood) on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 - 08:06 pm: Edit

A little Hampster Dance goes a long way.

"Dah dah dee dah deedah deh dah dudoh..."

By Scott Moellmer (Goofy) on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 - 08:27 am: Edit
It's my cell ringtone. ;)

By Garth L. Getgen (Sgt_G) on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 - 03:45 pm: Edit

Jean,

when Mom had her last biopsy done, the doc tried to do it "be touch", using her fingers to feel the lump to put the needle in. They didn't get a good read, so Mom had to go back and have it re-done using ultrasound to place the needle. As Mom said, why the bleep couldn't they have done it the right way the first time?

Don't let the docs take any shortcuts.

Garth L. Getgen

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 - 04:36 pm: Edit

Garth, there is no "lump" (that can be felt) for the needle. The "deposits" are of interest because that is the sort of thing that cancer cells manufacture.

Thanks for the advice and concern!

And please pass on hugs to your mother -- this is no doubt a hard time for her, you, and the family.

By Glenn Hoepfner (Ikabar) on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 - 08:34 pm: Edit

I once heard a woman say that the best day of her life was when she was told she had breast cancer. It meant for her that the test saved her life.

Keep yourself in check, Jean. God forbid, should there ever be bad news, He still opens new doors. I hope this wasn't too morbid.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 12:14 pm: Edit

Ok guys, I'm off to get the biopsy done. You behave and don't poke the Steves or each other or blow up the BBS.

You are allowed to blow up starships!

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 05:21 pm: Edit

I am home safe.

Please continue to behave. I won't necessarily be online most of tonight.

By Fred J. Kreller (Kreller1) on Thursday, September 17, 2009 - 05:35 pm: Edit

Can we continue to blow up starships and naughty space monsters? Get some rest, Jean.
By Bill Stec (Billstec2) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 06:51 am: Edit

Jean,

All is not lost. My mother went through a similar scenario; they found calcifications, and her regular doc blew it off. She found another doc, had more tests run, found several 1mm cancers. She had them all removed asap; it's been 3 years now, no recurrence. She's on some drug just in case...It's quite beatable if caught early. She's 61, btw...

Get your rest and don't dwell on it. We'll pray for you just in case.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 09:28 am: Edit

Guys, I am at home today. The seatbelt either has to go across my neck (which is sort of stupid) or it has to hit the biopsy site which is Exceptionally Painful. No driving in to work today.

Still please don't blow up the BBS. You can blow up starships and naughty space monsters. You can even blow up space critters that are not naughty if what they would do would damage inhabited worlds or starships.

Now to wait until Monday afternoon (or Tuesday). I don't do waiting well (sigh). And there are no Steves to play Munchkin with me to distract me from waiting.

By Andrew J. Koch (Droid) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 10:05 am: Edit

What exactly do you mean by "naughty"?

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 11:26 am: Edit

"Naughty" as in behaving disobediently. ("Leave that star ALONE!" and they don't, for example.)

Not the other "naughty" wherein one fades to black in the trivideos. ("Oh you muscled Space Dragon! I feel certain 'urges' that I do not understand." "Let me show you my asteroid collection, mon petit chouchou.")

By Fred J. Kreller (Kreller1) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 11:33 am: Edit

Quality entertainment in this thread :-)

By Garth L. Getgen (Sgt_G) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 02:36 pm: Edit

Makes me wonder what sort of entertainment Jean has in her DVD collection. (!!) Or maybe she just like to curl up with a trashy romance novel.

Garth L. Getgen

By Stacy Brian Bartley (Bartley) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 02:50 pm: Edit
Muscled Space Dragons? I thought that was still illegal in your state Jean!
regards
Stacy

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 03:17 pm: Edit

That dialogue was found as part of "The Roche Files" -- enough said! Good grief, you wouldn't think that *I* created that snippet?!?

No, that was found in one of Olivette's eighth-grade notebooks. And since Olivette lived in California, I don't think it was illegal there.

And that's my story and I'm sticking to it!

By Stacy Brian Bartley (Bartley) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 03:19 pm: Edit

Jean
It's not the act that gets you. It's the cover up...

regards
Stacy

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 03:54 pm: Edit

While I was in library school, one of my classes was on genre novels included in the library. The theory was that librarians needed to understand what people read so we could help people find other books they would like. To do that, we had to realize that the genres were very broad with subcategories. The person who likes Asimov might not like Cordwainer Smith. The person who reads Marion Zimmer Bradley might not be the same person who reads Heinlein. To accomplish that goal, we read LOTS of novels that semester.

Romances break down the same way. Once upon a time, you could tell how much sex was going to be in the novel by how far down the bodice came on the heroine. The term "bodice ripper" came about in the 1970s as the bodice got lowered in a more radical fashion. (Most of the books were historical and got their social history SOOOOOO wrong -- After the Battle of Hastings, who ran around in England and was taking baths at every drop of the hat?)

So romances go from the formulaic Harlequins (girl meets boy, girl meets other boy, girl picks the right boy and they passionately kiss on the last page of the book after he proposes to her), to Westerns (see Harlequin, just moved to the west), to nurse romances, to historicals (some time period with certain time frames having their own niche), to romantic suspense (think Nancy Drew, with a scoop of true love and a marriage to come), to bodice rippers. Newer sub-genres include time travel and vampires (lots and lots of vampires -- whole series of vampires all who just need a Good Woman to set them right) as well as forays into military romances, religious romances, and fantasy.

Even in academic libraries someone has to handle the genre fiction. That seemed to fall my way. After
all, I read "all that weird spaceship stuff with aliens"!

And now you know more about the books you see in the supermarket than you ever wanted to know!

By Burt Quaid (Burt) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 04:07 pm: Edit

Funny story about those kind of books. My mother used to read them. As she read she would used a black marker to "redact" the naughty bits. Once she was done she would let my little sister read it.

She never could get the used book store to take them.

burt

By Stacy Brian Bartley (Bartley) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 04:22 pm: Edit

Actually the very earliest of the Darkover novels where quite Heinleinesque. They were young adult novels in the formula the Grandmaster created.

As to where they went subsequently...well quite different. On the other hand who would have imagined the author of Red Planet would write To Sail Beyond The Sunset?

regards
Stacy

By Fred J. Kreller (Kreller1) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 04:32 pm: Edit

"Bodice Ripper" is now my new catch-phrase.

By Kenneth Jones (Kludge) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 05:20 pm: Edit

Jean I've had a LATE day.

I'm not a Steve but heres your Munchkins.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 06:57 pm: Edit

(BIG SMILE)

I needed a lollipop!

By Mark Ewbank (Mark_Ewbank) on Friday, September 18, 2009 - 07:41 pm: Edit

"And there are no Steves to play Munchkin with me to distract me from waiting."

May I also recommend Chez Geek? And Fluxx?

(Family Fluxx is easy enough that non-gamers can grasp and like it, while Chez Geek is north of that line... as is standard Fluxx...)
I love Chez Geek and the expansions.

The only problem is that the furkids don't seem to "get" the rules are not to send the cards flying!

Well, I am off to the surgeon's office to hear the results of the biopsy. I keep reminding myself that 75% of the time, the news is good.

Still I know that the photon torpedoes should hit, but all too frequently don't, so I am hoping for courage and grace should the news be bad.

"Still I know that the photon torpedoes should hit"

Oh C'mon now, that's just dumb. You haven't played much Fed yet, have you?

But don't worry, your news today shall bee good.

The formal diagnosis is "atypical ductal hyperplasia" which basically means that instead of having one layer of cells inside a milk duct, I seem to have two.

I will have to do pre-op things on Sept. 30 -- an appointment with an anesthesiologist where we'll go over stuff and do some tests.

On Oct. 1, my parents will come down and we'll scope out the trip to the hospital for them. We'll find some places for them to eat or wander while they wait. That way they will be there for me and I will have someone to drive me home afterwards.

Oct. 2 the surgeon will do a "wire-guided lumpectomy". This will provide enough tissue to give to the pathologist.

Oct. 6 I will have another meeting with the surgeon to find out the diagnosis.

The odds changed slightly with this finding. Prior to the biopsy, about 75-80% of the results would be
non-cancerous. With this, the surgeon dropped it to 70% which is in line with the article I found and its conclusion that one-third of the excisions contained cancer (http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/articlerender.fcgi?artid=1190878).

Courage and grace are all I ask for.

By Will McCammon (Dj dood) on Monday, September 21, 2009 - 07:23 pm: Edit

I'll continue to keep you in my thoughts WebMom.

By Ryan Opel (Ryan) on Monday, September 21, 2009 - 07:29 pm: Edit

All good thoughts for WebMom.

By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Monday, September 21, 2009 - 07:53 pm: Edit

Our prayers are with Jean.

By ROBERT l cALLAWAY (Callaway) on Monday, September 21, 2009 - 08:33 pm: Edit

In the end we all face the darkness alone. Our family, our friend, our loved one may stand beside us, support us and cry for us. But we stand alone the only thing we have is what is inside us, our fears, our courage, our believe in something greater then ourselfs. When we face the darkness jeanie, we face ourselfs. I have no doubt you will win this test.

By Glenn Hoepfner (Ikabar) on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - 01:01 am: Edit

Jean,
The sum of Courage and Grace is Jean.
You never need ask for something that you always have had.

By Sean O'Carroll (Terryoc) on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - 01:38 am: Edit

Quote:

I will have to do pre-op things on Sept. 30 -- an appointment with an anesthesiologist where we'll go over stuff and do some tests.

Just make sure that they don't use "Griswold anaesthesia" -- "WHANG!" "Ok, she's out cold! Start cutting!"

By Steve Wagner (Waggs) on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - 08:15 am: Edit

That might be what it takes to put her out. Anyway, wouldn't that be sort of "poetic Justice"?!?!? [running away weaving and dodging]

I know WebMom.......no more brownies for the Klingon kid.
By Kenneth Jones (Kludge) on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - 09:52 am: Edit

Shame on you Steve making webmom have to engage her ECCM to deal with your Erratic Maneuvers.

Kommodore Kludge uses his D7L tractor to latch on to Steve Wagner. (Yep I do exist in the SFU.)

There you go webmom a sitting duck.

(Yes I am quackers 🐢)

By Marcus J. Giegerich (Marcusg) on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - 03:37 pm: Edit

Hang in, it'll work out.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 - 05:38 pm: Edit

Brownies all around for you guys. Yes, even the Klingon kid (Thanks, Kludge! Had he run away, he wouldn't have gotten his brownies!). In fact, the Klingon kid even gets these extras: a nice mop and bucket so he can clean up all that drool! I really hope he likes them!

By Steve Wagner (Waggs) on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 - 01:06 am: Edit

I wasn't going too far. Just behind the flowers so I could ambush that sheepdog again and get back that bone!!! But WebMom's brownies are better!!!

I know I know, go get the mop and clean up the mess.

By Ryan Opel (Ryan) on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 - 10:10 pm: Edit

Pffhhhhhttt.

Sheep Dog buried that bone somewhere and he ain't telling where.

Now I'm off to go guard against all things evil...terrorists, dognappers, kittynappers, wolves, cancer cells, mailmen.

By Glenn Hoepfner (Ikabar) on Thursday, September 24, 2009 - 04:44 pm: Edit

Jean,
I was hoping you'll create two new threads on the BBS. One labeled, "Evil Glenn", the other "Good Glenn"
I'm hoping to have the two topics combat each other without typing into either topic. But just in case, my fingers may have a say.

By Stacy Brian Bartley (Bartley) on Thursday, September 24, 2009 - 04:58 pm: Edit

There's a GOOD Glenn?
regards
Stacy

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Thursday, September 24, 2009 - 06:02 pm: Edit

Dear Glenn,

Ummm, there is a problem. First you have to convince SVC to design the game Hoepfner & Renfpeoh and he is busily doing business school through at least Friday.

Then we have to get cardboard involved in some fashion. (Cards are a no-go at this point.) I am thinking maybe an entry-level game where the Evil Andro Glenn battles it out with the Good Rest-of-the-Galaxy Glenn. We could have cardboard artwork to represent that (Gorn Glenn, Hydran Glenn, Klingon Glenn, even Bargantine Glenn).

Then we would also want to tie in our new minis -- maybe Good Glenn uses plasma attacks and Evil Glenn uses drones?

Next, we could tie into Fed Commander by suggesting that if Good Glenn wants to whang on Evil Glenn's ship, then one should use FC or SFB rules. (This does force SPP to create new EG and GG monster rules so we can port them over to FC.)

Of course, we could not forget the F&E guys. To avoid creating a new map, we could simply say that GG and EG are battling it out in the black parts. (NO, Do NOT drool on the ISC's space or some people will be annoyed at you.) In fact, one rule could be that if the EG and GG fight hits a hex that is occupied, all counters in the hex are tossed high enough that they go over the head of the tallest person present and if the counters land on black space then the ships they represent belong to one of the Glenns (1-3, GG; 4-6, EG); otherwise the ships are played as they landed, except they now belong to the empire whose space they landed in. Any that land on the floor were just eaten by Space Dragons and cannot be repaired or used for salvage even.

But first, you have to sell SVC (and Leanna) on H&R and that I cannot help you with accomplishing.

Good luck!

By ROBERT l cALLAWAY (Callaway) on Thursday, September 24, 2009 - 08:01 pm: Edit

It might be simpler to declare EG as the axis of evil and GG as the allies and NG as everybody else much less work

By Glenn Hoepfner (Ikabar) on Thursday, September 24, 2009 - 08:52 pm: Edit

I . . . um . . . withdraw my request. I hadn't realized the complications that were involved. I'll also hold off on the EG SSDs that I was about to submit.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 - 07:37 am: Edit
The countdown to my parents arriving is starting. They will be here at noon tomorrow and will be the ones to get me to and from Friday's biopsy. Today, my room turns into their room and I move to the daybed.

Homemade tomato soup is in the freezer. The chicken is cooked and sitting in its broth to absorb some moisture. It gets turned into chicken salad tonight. Potato salad also gets made tonight.

Today, is pre-operative meetings and tests. It is supposed to take only a few hours, but I've been told to allow all day. Communique #46 and the Ship Cards from Hydran Attack will be going with me. If I finish them, then I have a Very Thick book to read!

By Jean Sexton (jsexton) on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 - 01:54 pm: Edit

That was quick! X-Rays and EKG and blood work all done, anesthesiologist stuff done (I was told I did very well on my preparation), and paperwork filled out. I got to have a new blown vein in my hand. (I told her I blow them on that side, but she said they looked good and went in. Right after she said, "there now, that wasn't bad," she continued, "Well, that vein blew; I can't believe it!" I was good and didn't say, "I told you so.")

I was glad *I* knew what I was supposed to do on Friday -- I was told wrong three times out of five!

So I didn't get far on the Hydran Attack Ship Cards -- just to the Lyran war destroyer -- but I am happy I escaped.

By Sean O'Carroll (Terryoc) on Wednesday, September 30, 2009 - 10:26 pm: Edit

Good that things went well with the tests. Hopefully it's an omen and the actual biopsy will go as smoothly.

By Jean Sexton (jsexton) on Thursday, October 01, 2009 - 12:03 am: Edit

(sigh) I just checked the answering machine and the hospital messed up my blood work. It has to be done all over. I have to be at the hospital early and have more blood drawn.

Considering that, I don't think I want today to be an omen . . .

By Jean Sexton (jsexton) on Thursday, October 01, 2009 - 08:52 am: Edit

Back from the hospital. Lots of apologies from them after I told them about the nightmares last night. It seems that continuing to draw blood from the blown vein is probably what made my blood have clots in it that made it unsuitable for the labwork.

But I know it is right now because they kept me until they had done all the tests they needed to do!

By Gary Plana (garyplana) on Thursday, October 01, 2009 - 09:46 am: Edit

Jean, its good that things went better this time, but too bad that there had to BE a this time.
If the re-do on the lab work was necessary due to their error, if I read your post above correctly ... have them pick up the tab for the additional tests.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 07:28 am: Edit

Guys, I will be offline starting about as soon as this post goes up.

Please be good and do not use pointed words to poke each other or the Steves.

Please do not blow up the BBS while I am not here.

I know you won't let me down and when I am able to get back online that I will find a peaceful BBS.

Now, go out and blow up some starships!

By Steve Wagner (Waggs) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 08:52 am: Edit

Can I blow up the sheepdog if he comes into range????

Good luck Jean.

By Mike Curtis (Fear) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 09:40 am: Edit

Be aware, I am watching all day and can take care of most things that Jean can on the BBS. Not a threat, just a FYI...

By Shawn Hantke (Shantke) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 12:38 pm: Edit

so we are to FEAR you?

By Stacy Brian Bartley (Bartley) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 12:48 pm: Edit

He ain't got the Griswold...

See...it don't mean a thing if he can't take that swing -do wop do wop do wop

regards
Stacy

By Mike Curtis (Nashvillen) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 01:42 pm: Edit

Yes, you shall FEAR me... I carry the #10 Lodge and a 12" Dutch oven to boot...
Also, I am big enough to use both at the same time! 😊

By Jeff Wile (Jswile) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 02:11 pm: Edit

Mike,

the issue is that while Web mom isnt afraid to "do wop do wop do wop" with the #8 griswold when needed, she does it with due consideration, clear judgement and discretion.

There is a concern that you'll enjoy yourself too much while using the dreaded twosome (the #10 Lodge and the 12" Dutch Oven).

By Stacy Brian Bartley (Bartley) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 03:12 pm: Edit

Mike
Two at once? You pervert!
regards
Stacy

By Reid Hupach (Gwbison) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 03:18 pm: Edit

Actually I prefer a real heavy carbon steel 24"

WOK
the name even makes the right sound

By Steve Cole (Stevecole) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 04:07 pm: Edit

Jean is out of surgery. Everything went well, and they took out the small amount of stuff that they needed to. We won't have the pathology report for at least a week.

By Glenn Hoepfner (Ikabar) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 04:13 pm: Edit

Jean, God bless you health and your soul. I'm sure I speak for many here. I'd rather have my head bonged with your griswold than the alternative. We all love you.

By Scott Moellmer (Goofy) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 05:41 pm: Edit

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The alternative being what? You bonging Jean's head? 😛
Go Jean, get better, i want to hear more filksongs...

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Friday, October 02, 2009 - 11:06 pm: Edit

Guys, I am at home. Except for logging Dad on to check things he needed to check (and getting
exhausted in the process), this is the first time I have been on the computer.

I am shaky (when I walk) from the Percocet and I'm not staying awake consistently. I think I will sleep sitting up in my recliner.

Thank you all for everything you have done.

Guys, here are all the details I have currently. I'm pretty dozy with the Percocet and the lack of sleep earlier.

My mind is at peace -- they actually did check what they took out and all the margins were clear, so I shouldn't have to repeat the surgery.

I now get to have a lovely visit from Mom and Dad. I am so proud of you that you didn't raid the kitchen this time and snack on the tomato soup, potato salad, and chicken salad.

I may get inspired and use the #7 Griswold to make pineapple upside down cake.

By the way, the reason I don't use Lodge is that the old Griswold is far lighter and usually has (to me) a smoother finish on the inside. Griswold closed long ago, but is findable in flea markets and antique shops.

By Thomas Mathews (Turtle) on Saturday, October 03, 2009 - 08:40 am: Edit

Makes sure WebMom's pantry is stocked with dry ingredients for the pineapple upside down cake, and 2 fresh pineapples are available for use in the cake.

By Michael C. Grafton (Mike_Grafton) on Saturday, October 03, 2009 - 10:03 am: Edit

There was food?

By Tony L Thomas (Scoutdad) on Saturday, October 03, 2009 - 11:02 am: Edit

Actually saw two Griswold #8's (and a #7) at the Lebanon Flea Market last week. At only 25$ each, I almost bought one... just so I could defend against incoming shots... but the collection of 1960's SciFi DVDs a few tables over won the battle for Tony's affection.

Jean is correct. They were much lighter than my Lodge 10" and they had a smoother finish.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Sunday, October 04, 2009 - 08:10 am: Edit

I slept for the first time since Wednesday night. I think it was Mom's baked apples; they made me feel good inside. And Daddy planted some pansies for me in the shade garden. I must be the luckiest girl in the world to have two such wonderful parents and the support of all of you. Thank you for behaving while I was under the weather so much. I'll start climbing back.

By Gary Plana (Garyplana) on Sunday, October 04, 2009 - 08:49 am: Edit
Jean, I've experienced sleep deprivation due to illness, and it's the most awful thing in the world to have to lie there feeling lousy and/or in pain, and can't drop off, and have nothing to think about except how lousy you feel.

I pray to God that you don't have to go through that EVER again, and that you feel a lot better soon, Right now would be good.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Monday, October 05, 2009 - 02:38 am: Edit

Quick update before the Percocet knocks me out again. Mom and Dad say I am moving better. The bruising is extensive, but normal. Supper was Mom's honey-lime chicken, scalloped tomatoes (no cheese), some of my potato salad, and more baked apples. Warm goodness in food seems to knock me out.

Now to go back to my recliner and sleep.

Thank you all for behaving so well on the BBS and for all your kind thoughts. It truly is a blessing to work with such gentlemen as yourselves.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 09:10 am: Edit

My folks left today as they had medical appointments that could not be delayed easily. Due to some problems last night, I've had little sleep. Please continue to behave well on the BBS and don't poke each other (unless, of course, someone posts in Military History when that someone should be posting in Real-World Military).

By Loren Knight (Loren) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 01:28 pm: Edit

Ah so, so sorry.

By Glenn Hoepchner (Ikabar) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 04:21 pm: Edit

me, too.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 06:17 pm: Edit

Glenn, Loren, no worries. That's why there is a big smile after the comment. I was trying to tease you two!

(WebMom feels guilty and cannot bake brownies yet, so offers to share a bit of her Mom's pot roast and scalloped tomatoes)

By Glenn Hoepchner (Ikabar) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 06:52 pm: Edit

Mmmmmm, yummy.

Note: aren't past activities . . . history, even if a day before?

Regardless. I know what it all means. It was in the wrong topic.

But I'll take the pot roast and scalloped "potatoes" in a small plate.
By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 08:38 pm: Edit

No scalloped potatoes. Only tomatoes. Sorry. Not up to cooking yet.

By Loren Knight (Loren) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 09:15 pm: Edit

Stir fry, ah so good.

By Glenn Hoepfner (Ikabar) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 09:28 pm: Edit

Tomatoes?? only raw for me. Loren can have mine. Less cooking for you. However, pot roast . . . yummy.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 09:48 pm: Edit

Poor Glenn, you are missing out on yummy tomatoes. Bread coated with butter, diced tomatoes with brown sugar and basil, all cooked together until it is warm and bubbly and good. More for me!

(This dish feels very good on my sore throat -- sore from where they had the airway tube and which I made worse with a bout of coughing caused by allergies.)

By Loren Knight (Loren) on Tuesday, October 06, 2009 - 11:04 pm: Edit

Sore Throat for me = hot lemon and honey... mmmmm.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Wednesday, October 07, 2009 - 04:54 pm: Edit

New "weapon" and status report:

I'm awake more than I was and I'm not as drugged feeling. The sore throat is basically gone. (No, I didn't use Grandpa's remedy which is equal parts of honey, lemon juice, and hot rum; drink it until you feel better!)

My side is sore, but it is healing and I don't feel sharp pains unless I do something stupid. I am trying not to do stupid things.

One of the important parts for you guys to know is that I cannot use the #8 Griswold cast-iron frying pan. Instead, I have a lovely cane made of maple. It has a longer reach than the Griswold, it is beautifully balanced, and it has a nice knobby part about two feet away from the handle. I can even reverse ends and use the "crook" part to drag things into a better range.

So keep on being good and not poking the Steves and each other.

And thank you for your positive thoughts and kind words.

By Howard Bampton (Bampton) on Wednesday, October 07, 2009 - 07:46 pm: Edit

Jean, you really should learn to use that thing with your "off" hand- RSI and all. Do you really want to
have to go to the doctor for cortisone shots and explain that it is "Griswold elbow", and not tennis elbow?

By ROBERT l cALLAWAY (Callaway) on Wednesday, October 07, 2009 - 10:53 pm: Edit

Jean I remind you that the Deltion R&D offices sent you a BAMPOTION 14 AUTO LOAD STEWPOT 100 ROUND MAG was delivered to your home and set by our tech it fire and forget just set the target and press the button. We await your evaluation

By Fred J. Kreller (Kreller1) on Wednesday, October 07, 2009 - 11:50 pm: Edit

If there is one thing Jean does not need, it is smart weapons. She can cause enough damage on her own!

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Thursday, October 08, 2009 - 07:57 am: Edit

Rob, while the weapon is effective, it is a tad impersonal. There is something about the "WHANG" of the #8 Griswold that is quite satisfying. Even the "THWACK" of the cane isn't the same.

Howard, I am endeavoring to avoid that syndrome, but balancing right now is difficult. However, since you insist I should practice . . . oh wait! You are safe as you are the provider of the Birch Beer that keeps WebMoms mellow! I will practice on some other poor soul who merits the Griswold and he'll have to decide on his reaction -- poorer aim and weaker wrist = lower shot versus weaker wrist = less powerful hit. (evil grin)

Fred,

By ROBERT l cALLAWAY (Callaway) on Thursday, October 08, 2009 - 11:27 am: Edit

Jeanie we understand that the BAMPTON #14 STEWPOT may not give you the same satafaction that the GRISWOLD #8 does in your current condition it has several advantages.
1. autoloading no having to retrive the griswold if it slip out of your hand.
2nd weight/force on target the BAMPTION #14 STEWPOT IS FIRED at 1500 ft per second and weight 2.56 lb more then the griswold it a hard hitting fire and forget weapon, especial since your not at top form it packs a wallop that demands repect.
Third multable target capability
fourth The BAMPTON #14 STEWPOT IS AN ALL weather weapon rain,snow, black of night will not stop it.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Friday, October 09, 2009 - 06:19 am: Edit

Rob, I guess it will be added to the arsenal, but you do realize I have two heavy-duty weapons officers and one back-up weapons officer should I need them, right? They are pretty awesome; I call them Steve, Steve, and F.E.A.R. They've picked up the slack while I have been under the weather. I doubt that they need the Bampton #14 Stewpot, but should they desire it, can the Deltion R&D Offices deliver additional systems?

By ROBERT l cALLAWAY (Callaway) on Friday, October 09, 2009 - 10:38 am: Edit
Simply give the locations you wish the systems delivered to and we'll have them delivered overnight. With such legendary weapon officers as testers we are sure to be sale multi system to the Thoilans/Wyn as empire defense units

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Saturday, October 10, 2009 - 08:46 pm: Edit

BBS trimming for October is completed. There was a total of 2092 messages deleted from Games and Science Fiction, Social Networking, and Non-Game Discussions.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 09:52 am: Edit

Grace under pressure. -- Ernest Hemingway, Definition of "guts"

Today, I hear the diagnosis from the biopsy and find out what the "everything" is that they removed.

Today I need guts.

By Thomas Mathews (Turtle) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 10:02 am: Edit

We wish you the best and pray for you Oh Wonderful WebMom.

By Mike West (Mjwest) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 12:35 pm: Edit

Best wishes ...

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 01:00 pm: Edit

Guys, the news is all good! The biopsy showed only normal stuff and some fibro-cystic changes. Any abnormal cells are not there any more, so there is nothing to watch.

I have a follow-up visit in March to see what changes the surgery made so that there is a new baseline, and then I return to my normally scheduled doctors' visits in six months.

I want to thank all of you. You have given me hope when I had fear, helped me cross the rough spots, and kept me company when I was lonely. You may never really understand how much that mattered to me and how much I treasured your posts, emails, IMs, and phone calls. Knowing that you were there always lit the dark.

And I want to thank Leanna, Steve, and Steven who have also kept my spirits up. SVC never failed to check on me, Leanna has been like a sister to me, and Petrick has made me laugh when no one else could.

Now, what are you hanging around here for? Grab a brownie or a molasses cookie and get out there and blow up some ships! But do not blow up the BBS or I will thwack you with the maple cane or whang you with the #8 Griswold cast-iron frying pan. Maybe I am an Orion at heart as I can switch up weapons on you!

By Thomas Mathews (Turtle) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 01:08 pm: Edit
Grabs a couple of brownies, leaving some sugar in their place. Thanks for the brownies. Glad to hear everything is well and good for you. We continue to pray for your good health.

Ducks the #8 Griswold on the way out.

By Loren Knight (Loren) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 01:30 pm: Edit

Ahhhhh. All is at peace now.

By Dale McKee (Brigman) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 01:47 pm: Edit

Jean, that's fantastic news. Stay on top of it and be vigilant, but congratulations!

By Ted Fay (Catwhoeatsphoto) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 01:53 pm: Edit

Jean, so glad to hear you are well. God Bless,

Ted

By Jason E. Schaff (Jschafo297061) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 02:43 pm: Edit

Congratulations! This is wonderful news! (especially the part about the brownies 🍪)

Of course, you will probably be back on the hunt for jargon again. Our F&E fleets shall live in fear of the Swooping Sleeves.

By Scott Moellmer (Goofy) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 02:54 pm: Edit

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Ok, now i shall take up the challenge. SPP made you laugh when 'no one else could'? That's a gauntlet if EVER I saw one.

Unfortunately for me, if it's a competitive joke telling contest in Klingonese, i'm in deep doodoo.

By Will McCammon (Djdoood) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 03:54 pm: Edit

[sweeps up a few brownie crumbs... mostly from me... I think...]

Wubrfl newtz... [finishes chewing brownie and swallowing]

Wonderful news Jean! I'm happy that this ended well and ended in a way that doesn't leave you wondering if another show could drop. Now you can get back to the business of living.

I'm very happy for you today.

By R. Brodie Nyboer (Radiocyborg) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 04:53 pm: Edit
If there isn't already, there should be an old Fed lollipop destroyer or scout named USS Griswold.

By Sean O'Carroll (Terryoc) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 05:14 pm: Edit

So it wasn't a Denebian Slime-Devil's parasite-egg after all? THAT's a relief.

By Gary Plana (Garyplana) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 06:23 pm: Edit

Good news, Jean! Hope it stays that way!

By Will McCammon (Djdood) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 07:14 pm: Edit

R. Brodie Nyboer "If there isn't already, there should be an old Fed lollipop destroyer or scout named USS Griswold."

Brilliant. Definitely going on the DD mini I picked up recently. NCC-588 for the #8 ;)

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 11:13 pm: Edit

You bring me such joy. Thank you.

By R. Brodie Nyboer (Radiocyborg) on Monday, October 12, 2009 - 11:56 pm: Edit

I was trying to think of an appropriate hull number. Ol' #588, the "flying frying pan."

By Jeff Wile (Jswile) on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 - 06:35 pm: Edit

I was under the impression that DD588 has not been assigned a name yet...looking at the name registry I can find 587 and 589 but for some reason 588 seems to have been skipped over.

By Stacy Brian Bartley (Bartley) on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 - 06:42 pm: Edit

The value of a SPP induced laugh is the sheer unexpectedness of it. SPP did not have a sense of humor until issued one by the military. Since discharge he only has access to it on unexpected occasions rather like a reserve status. Like a gun he only uses it when standing orders require regards

Stacy

By Loren Knight (Loren) on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 - 07:29 pm: Edit

I have experienced SPP's humor. That is, he's made me laugh out loud via e-mail a time or two.

I don't think he is one to fire the joke gun on full auto. He's more like a sniper.

By ROBERT l cALLAWAY (Callaway) on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 - 07:39 pm: Edit
Jeanie the feds and Gorns are late back to work women the Lyrans and Deltion are shooting at people!

By Mark Ewbank (Mark_Ewbank) on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 - 08:27 pm: Edit

[munches a brownie]

Wonderful news, Jean!

:big thumbup:

By Marcus J. Giegerich (Marcusg) on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - 10:06 am: Edit

I just caught this. Most excellent!

By Shawn Hantke (Shantke) on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - 02:21 pm: Edit

Great news Jean, hope you heal soon!!! and thanks to you and SVC for the Starletter project. Now how much longer until you move to Texas???:+

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 - 02:56 pm: Edit

Oh my goodness -- I just realized that I have been working for the state of North Carolina for 26 years and 5 days. So that would make it 3 years and 360 days at the very latest. W00t! Happy dance!

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Saturday, September 20, 2014 - 06:58 pm: Edit

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 01:36 am: Edit

A year ago, I was facing surgery and not knowing if I had cancer. Your support and kindness got me through that trying time.

Tonight I read my mail and got the results of the latest test.

There is no sign of any cancer.

I wanted to share the good news with all of you. You're always there when I need you and I hope you will rejoice with me as I share this good news.

By Loren Knight (Loren) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 01:45 am: Edit

Hip, hip, hurray!!

Great news Jean.

By Steve Wagner (Waggs) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 02:01 am: Edit

Fantastic news!!!

By Terry O'Carroll (Terryoc) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 02:14 am: Edit
Quote:

There is no sign of any cancer.

Fantastic!! That's great news.

I wouldn't wish cancer on my worst enemy...

For my worst enemy, a quick, clean death! 😊

By Jacob Karpel (Psybomb) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 06:52 am: Edit

Congrats, Jean!

By Kenneth Jones (Kludge) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 09:39 am: Edit

Jean that's great news, I'm so happy for you.

By Jessica Schirmer (Jessieleigh) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 10:00 am: Edit

:-) That is awesome news Jean! Congrats!!!

By Gary Plana (Garyplana) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 11:55 am: Edit

Great news! The best kind. 😊

By John C. Barnes (Nitehawke) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 12:14 pm: Edit

Channeling Bill S. Preston, Esq.

"This is most excellent news, indeed"

By John Trauger (Vorlonagent) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 02:02 pm: Edit

"...and there was much rejoicing..."

By George Duffy (Sentinal) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 02:58 pm: Edit

By Michael H.Oliver (Mholiver) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 03:12 pm: Edit

Go girl Go
By Burt Quaid (Burt) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 05:04 pm: Edit

Good news indeed.

burt

By Nick G. Blank (Nickgb) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 05:15 pm: Edit

Fantastic!

By Jason E. Schaff (Jschafl297061) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 07:12 pm: Edit

Excellent news!!

By Randy O. Green (Hollywood750) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 07:21 pm: Edit

Very good news Jean. Congrats! Live long and prosper, as someone we all know would say.

By Jean Sexton (Jsexton) on Thursday, September 23, 2010 - 09:21 pm: Edit

Thanks y'all.

I'm going to try to do what I can on Y3 before Star Fleet Universe On Call starts at 9:30 tonight. I hope to hear you all there.

I wouldn't trade working with and for you guys. You are just grand people.