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A catch up newsletter---perhaps for February 2013. This will not be my last newsletter.

As you are aware, the pituitary gland (basically brain surgery) was performed on me Dec 07, 2012. The following weeks were the most difficult I have ever encountered. I could probably contribute it to the steroids I was taking and the hallucinations resulting from the steroids. The most difficult of all was the blindness. I only had the very slightest of vision in my right eye. My left eye was totally void of sight. For all practical purposes I was blind.

I had an army of you folks praying for me. I was lying in bed sometimes around the 20th and I heard a slight pop inside of my head. I don't know what happened but a glimpse of vision returned to my left eye. At the appointment with my eye doctor, Dr Nakanishi (a man of about 70 years of age) he emotional told me that I had received a miracle, Vision had returned to my left eye. In his entire career he'd only seen this happen 5 or 6 times.-----I tell you folks, this was a miracle and I cannot thank God enough! Your prayers were answered!

I still can't see well enough to drive and my beloved grandchildren are reaping the profits from me paying them to drive me around.

Now business news. I have recently tried to phone Bernice Sims. Her phone is disconnected. She is 86 years old and I fear for her. I wish her the very best. Sam McMillan is alive and as talkative as ever. He is also 86.

Louis Vuittonet is painting ferociously. That man is a genius when it comes to turning out artwork.

And we come to Steven Chandler, who has been one of my favorites for years, I thought for a while he'd went nuts as all he was doing were these Frankenstein "horror" type images and placing them on facebook. Then for some reason he changed back and now great paintings are appearing on ebay where he often sells.

Well I must break the news about our gallery. We never reopened following my surgery. We are closed. Everything in the gallery will be auctioned off sometimes in May or June. Yes, there will be Finsters, Savitskys. Sudduths—all of mine

With exception of those painted or made especially for me, bearing my name.

The auction is being conducted by Hewletts of LeGrand, California. It will be carried nationwide by Live Auctioneer. I understand it will be advertised in Raw Vision magazine of London.

You have been the greatest customers, artists, potters. carvers. And beautiful friends. It has been such fun and it was breaking my heart to quit so I thought to myself, I ain't going to quit. At 76, I still have another career left in me! So, I have not got it totally figured out but I plan on endless searching on the internet and everywhere to bring you the very best of art. I will have to limit my inventory but it will be the very best out there. -----and I will continue to publish the newsletter!

I almost forgot—look for a huge folk art gallery to open in the Lodi, Calif area soon. There will be artist parties, wine tasting, and I am not sure what all. The owner is Mike Mallott (I refer to him as Hollywood Mike). Please note that I will be standing by to assist Mike but I am not part of the ownership and/or gallery.

I am so happy to be alive and again to thank you for your prayers and thoughts that were sent my way.

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