

**Community Comment September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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**I KNEW ALONG TIME AGO EUREKA WAS A SMALL TOWN WHEN I SERVED ON THE CITY COUNCIL SOME EIGHT YEARS AGO. I COULDN'T GO ANYWHERE, ALMOST, AND NOT BE APPROACHED BY A CONSITUENT OF ONE PERSUASSION OR THE OTHER. ESPECIALLY IF WE WOULD GO TO THE GROCERY STORE. UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN THERE, YOU REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND LOSING YOUR ANONTIMITY. I SWEAR I DIDN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND THAT WORD TILL ONE DAY IT JUST CAME TO ME OUT OF THE BLUE. THUS, MY REASONS FOR NOT RUNNING FOR ANYTHING JUST TO KILL THOSE RUMORS. THE REASON I PREFACE THIS PRIOR TO MY COMMENTS TODAY IS BECAUSE I HAD THE SO CALLED PLEASURE OF BEING A CUSTOMER AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL A FEW WEEKS AGO. FORTUATNELY FOR ME MY ANONIMITY DID NOT CAUSE ME THE SAME ANGST AS A DECADE AGO. LET ME START WITH THE LOCAL CITY AMBULANCE. ONE WORD, EXCELLENT. THEY GOT MY I-V STARTED AND EXCEPT FOR ONE TUG TO GET ME ON THE STRETCHER, I WAS GOOD TO GO FOR A DECENT RIDE TRYING. ER WAS SMOOTH AND BEING ADMITTED BY DOCTOR LEI HAN, WAS AN EDUCATION AND I WILL NEVER FORGET HER WONDERFUL COUNTENANCE AND HER SINCERE COMMENTS TO**

**ME ABOUT MY HEALTH AND LONGEVITY.**

**I AM TOLD I HAD THE BEST ORTHOPEDIC DOCTOR, KILGORE, IN THE COUNTY, AND SO FAR, SO GOOD. X RAYS CAME OUT PERFECT YESTEDAY.**

**NOW FOR THAT STAY IN THAT MOST COMFORTABLE STAY IN THAT BED THAT MAKES YOU WANT TO JUMP FOR JOY. NOT! I SWEAR, IF SOMEONE ASKED MY NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH ONE MORE TIME I WAS GOING TO .....SCREAM.**

**DIDN'T MIND SO MUCH THAT EVERY FOUR HOURS OF CHECKING THE VITALS AND GIVING THE PAIN MEDS. WHAT CRACKED ME UP WAS EVERY TIME THEY GAVE ME ANYTHING, THEY SCANNED MY BRACELET LIKE I WAS GOING THRU THE CHECK OUTSTAND AT COSTCO. CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE BILL.**

**FINAL WORD FOR THE NURSES. PRETTY MUCH TOP DRAWER. BUT, I WOULD SAY THEY NEED TO WORK ON GETTING THEIR COMMUNICATION DOWN A LITTLE BETTER. SHIFT CHANGES ARE THE WORST PART.**

**ACTUALLY, THE WORST PART WAS WHEN A NURSES AID, I AM GUESSING, ROLLS IN A WHEEL CHAIR AND SAYS, ARE YOU READY TO GO. "READY TO GO?" NOBODY TOLD ME I WAS LEAVING. EXIT NURSES AID AND WHEEL CHAIR. ENTER A SLEW OF FOLKS, SOME NURSES, SOME PHYSICAL THERAPY FOLKS, SOME, I DON'T KNOW WHAT. I GOT THE FEELING THEY WERE BEHND THE 8 BALL AND TO GET RID OF ME AS FAST AS THEY COULD. THEY DID AND LESS THAN AN HOUR AFTER THE WHEEL CHAIR EXITED, IT WAS BACK**

**AND THE RIDE TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD WAS THERE AND  
MOVING FASTER THAN I WOULD GUESS. WAS IT SOMETHING I  
SAID?**

**OH YEAH, I SLIPPED ON A GRANDKIDS TOY THREE WEEKS AGO.  
AND HAVE A 100% BRAND NEW HIP.**

**THIS HAS BEEN MIKE JONES FOR COMMUNITY CONVERSATION.**