

## THE HR UPDATE

In the words of Willie Nelson, "funny how time slips away." It seems like just yesterday that I came to Home of Hope but it has been three and one-half years. These past years have been interesting, challenging, sometimes frustrating but most importantly life changing. I have learned so much about you, what you do and what you care about. We've been through some hard times and some good times and I am forever changed for having known all of you and the wonderfully endearing people we serve.

Life is full of high moments and low moments but the important thing to remember is how to live in the in-between times. I hope that you will remember me as a professional who tried to make a difference in the workplace. I know you won't forget my corny jokes, my love of words and wacky sense of humor. I know that I will have your smiles imprinted on my heart. So, this is it, my final newsletter. I hope the next director will continue this means to communicate but if not, I will close in a profound way by quoting my childhood heroes, Mr. Zing and Tuffy:



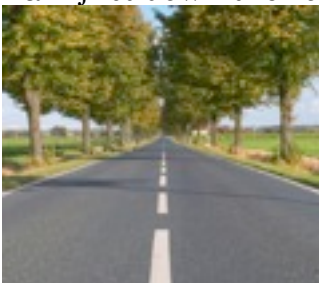
"Hello, hello, hello, good-bye, good-bye, good-bye.

We'll see you all tomorrow just as sure as pumpkin pie.

We like to say hello but we don't like to say good-by-

So, we say hello when we say good-bye."

I am just down the road in Claremore so when you get to the "big" city, give me a call!



**Last Trivia Time from Carolyn:** This name has a meaning both as a noun and an adjective. As a noun it is something you usually eat on a bun. As an adjective it is a synonym for honest. What is it?