

Skyline News Note



December 2022



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December 5, 2022 1:00 pm

Holiday Zoom Party

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Reminder: No Kasper's in December (seems inappropriate to have a hot dog on the first day of Hanukkah) BUT WE WILL ENJOY EACH OTHER's COMPANY on December 16 at Fentons!

December 16, 2022 1:30 pm

Fentons with host, Tom LaMarre

4226 Piedmont Ave, Oakland, CA 94611



Mr. John Hills!!!

December 17, 2022

From our favorite centurion (John Hills):

"That's really nice of you to notice the occasion, Carol. Interesting related family data: My father hit a pedestrian 78, but his two sisters: one - 101; the other - 100."

Best wishes to John. You may congratulate him as well at m.johnhills@sbcglobal.net

On another note: Makeda (daughter) just called from Paris— she just won the Paris Photo/Aperture award for Photography Exhibit Catalog of the Year. (Little Harvard Museums (AKA Makeda) beat out NY MOMA!)

[https://www.parisphoto.com/fr-fr/programme/2022/photobook-awards-preselection.html](https://www.parisphoto.com/fr/fr/programme/2022/photobook-awards-preselection.html)

I'm over the moon. **Mike Marcum**

Editor's Note: Click on this image to see the Catalog.



Listed at \$849,000, this 0 bed/1 bath home in the Oakland Hills hit the market in early October.



Mike McGarry

In an email to this editor, **Sue Conner** let us know that **Mike McGarry** passed away early this year.



"Went to Alaska after graduation. Enlisted in the Marines in 1965. Went to Vietnam in 1966. Got wounded in Feb. 1967, Spinal Cord Injury. Was discharged in 1967 from Treasure Island, California. Went back to Alaska; lived and worked there for 20+ years in construction. Started a family there. Retired in the early '80s. Tried a little college. Currently living in the Mojave Desert. Yucca, Arizona. Health is good. Enjoying what time I have left."

Richard MacKenzie





Starting Top Left: **John Close** taking a Selfie; **Ken McCracken** and Grandson; **Dennis Osanna**; and **Marlen Edelmann** and Don Smart, celebrating their 5th anniversary.

Day After Thanksgiving Golf with **Doug Bartman**, **John Lyman** and **Gary Sommer** (Miss Wisecarver's Sixth Graders)

Dan Wightman RIP



I'm writing to let everyone know that our Skyline '64 classmate, Dan Wightman, passed away peacefully this morning (November 1, 2022) of cancer. Many of you will remember tall Dan, who played on the Skyline



TOP FIVE — Oakland Athletic League basketball all-stars for 1964 are, in front, Bruce Roberts, Oakland, and Bob Inglemon, Fremont, and, in back row, Calvin Criddle, McClymonds, Don Griffin, Fremont, Don Wightman, Skyline

basketball team and was selected as a member of the Oakland Athletic League All-City Basketball Team in 1964.

After high school, Dan attended the University of San Diego on a basketball scholarship, then graduate school in English at UC Irvine. He worked for the California Department of Water Resources for many years, first living in Fresno, then moving back to his boyhood home in Oakland. He married his wife, Sandy, in 1969 and they have four daughters and nine grandchildren.

Dan was a kind and gentle soul who brought joy to all those who surrounded him. He enjoyed getting together with Skyline classmates at Kasper's and Fenton's and attended all our reunions. He was particularly close with a few friends who formed a group called "The Fines" during our Senior year at Skyline. Dan will be sorely missed by us all.

Bob Blesse

A guys' gathering for Dan

It was very enjoyable, and as always, we enjoyed good food and great conversation. It was so wonderful to see our old friend, Jeff Ross (who was hoping to order four all-you-can-eats). We missed you, Dave and Tommy!

Along with that, we remembered our dear departed friend Dan, along with our equally loved friend, Frank.

Below you will find a photo of us raising a toast to these eternal friends. BB



(Lto R) **Doug Bartmen, Rick Steen, Bob Blesse, Richard Clarke, “Bo Bobet” (63) Ken Hood, Jeff Ross, Gary Sommer.**

Author's Corner

We have many authors in our class.
Let us know if you are one, and we will be happy to add you.

[Carol Kay Attia](#)

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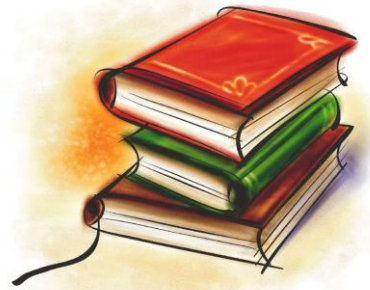
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[Kent Willis](#) and his [second book](#)

[Jennifer Foreman de Grassi Williams](#)





Stan Lore and Friends





MOVIE THEATERS

I was thinking about a column on “Life Without Garlic” but it ended up only one word. “Dismal.” So, let’s remember movies. Going to the movies with my sister is one of my favorite childhood memories. I’ve told you before how our mother would drive us down from the hills (a mile below Skyline and .9 mile to Montera. No bus service) to downtown Oakland. Marcia (Class of '65) and I would get lunch and then go to the Fox Oakland or the Paramount. Never the “T&D” which my mother called “the Tough and Dirty.” However, at one time it was a grand theater, 3rd in size to the Paramount and Fox. (Around 3,000 seats.) According to “Oakland Wiki” (oakland.wiki.org) “The theater had a ladies' tea parlor, and featured a number of canary cages and a large fish tank. The façade included large stone jars that *‘emitted steam and red lights, creating the effect of 'sacrificial incense' burning.*” Wow! I mean WOW! The ladies' bathroom in the Paramount (or was it the Fox) was pretty grand though; black marble. I don’t remember going to the Grand Lake in those days, although that is one of my favorite areas of Oakland. Nor the Parkway on Park Boulevard near East 18th. It was probably some kind of parental preference, like never taking us to the Sacramento Delta area.

Weren’t there usually two movies? And a newsreel? I don’t remember newsreels, but apparently, they didn’t die out until the mid-70’s (Wikipedia)

There were many smaller neighborhood theaters in those days. My sister and I always envied kids who could walk to stores for candy. We didn’t even *dream* of walking to a movie. We went to one on Fruitvale to see “The Lost World” (1960). (I had nightmares. Kind of pathetic because I was 13.) The movies were usually second run on smaller film.

Another smaller theater I remember was The Neptune in Alameda which had a blade sign and a marquee and about, 1000 seats, which seems pretty big to me. I remember seeing “Prince Valiant” (1954) there. One of my memories though is wrong, as I remember the theater as being on a long straight road along the beach in

Alameda. Apparently, it was on Central off Webster next to the Foster Freeze. The beach is about a block away, though.

I've mentioned how going to San Francisco to Cinerama was a big treat, especially since we were "Going to The City". I think we even wore gloves and a hat. My grandmother gave us little hats and fancy purses, and we loved them. I still have some of the purses.....black with embroidered flowers; gold mesh, etc. When I went to New York City on a theater tour, I was surprised how small San Francisco is for a major city. For us, it was a big deal.

Cinerama was awesome. It is strange now to watch a movie sometimes on a 10" tablet. But still absorbing. The first Cinerama movie was "This is Cinerama. (1952). "The Ten Commandments (1956) with Charlton Heston, the Arnold Schwarzenegger of the day. Who is it now? Chris Hemsworth? I adore "Thor". My husband was in a Cinerama film, Lowell Thomas' "Seven Wonders of the World." (1956) for about three seconds. My husband was a doctor's son who worked for the oil company and lived in Saudi Arabia until he was 13. Thomas was in Saudi Arabia, and my husband was with another white boy, both dressed in Arab garments.

But the really wonderful Cinerama movie was Ben-Hur" (1959) with Charlton Heston and a great chariot race. (But I liked Stephen Boyd best). I have to find someone with a huge TV though; I wouldn't like to see it on a tablet.

I only remember going once to a drive-in movie theater, the Island Auto Movie in Alameda, and it was with my parents. Not a boy. I know what some of you were doing there. We saw (I think) "The FBI Story" (1959). Apparently there was another drive-in theater across the street.

As usual, I procrastinated on this article; as you can see, I looked up a lot of stuff. A wonderful website about theaters is "Cinema Treasures" (cinematreasures.org) which has history and some photos. A photo site for historic California is "Calisphere." which is a University of California site (calisphere.org)

Mary Wood



It seems appropriate to say that Shayne and I care about all of you
and to wish you all
Joy in this season of winter



TWO TRADITIONS. ONE WISH.
PEACE ON EARTH.



December

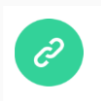


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