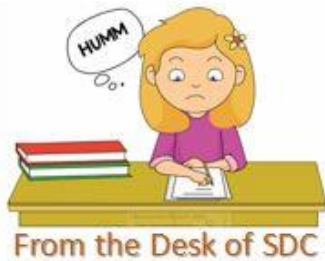


Skyline News Note



May 2022



Zoom Recap of April 11, 2022

The promised duet by **John Close & Jim Tompkins** did not happen. Perhaps their agent booked them into a bigger venue.

Carol mentioned she had cleaned house that day in anticipation of our “coming over”, her way of showing appreciation to those that participate in these Zooms.

As usual, conversation went from here to there, from serious to frivolous, but always giving participants a chance to commune with one another and pass essential information on.....or **Bob Main** to model his 1964 graduation cap.

A spirited conversation about world affairs, particularly Ukraine, included a frank discussion about rape and other military tactics. On the other side of the picture, **Tom Mortenson** shared his month’s story of meeting his wife’s relatives/friends at the Mexican border (Tijuana) before assisting them on to Portland.

The graduation cap pointed conversation to Reunion talk. Not enough alums have responded to make it a legitimate survey as yet, but the trend is Buffet in the evening in September, with all the other activities to be scheduled around that. 60’s music

and **Rodney Burge** on the piano were almost 100% in the poll. (For readers who have not yet sent a return, please do so).

Graduation generated a life expectancy topic in which personal information about smoking and drinking were revealed.

On to stories of parents during WWII (although Carol shared her grandfather's book of remembrance as a member of Teddy Roosevelt's White Fleet). Both of **Bob Main's** parents were in the service and married three days after meeting at a dance; **Donna Woody Russell's** father was a Marine serving on 27 islands, and **Dick John** being third generation of proud Army service. Dick's parents and grandparents are buried at the Presidio so the next turn in conversation went from the Presidio to the renovations in the neighborhood, the remarkable item being the park being built over the freeway ([See Articles Below on Overpasses and Parks](#)).

These parkways are being created all over the world, **Donna Woody Russell** commenting that she hoped there is signage to let the animals know where to go sparking the question, are those in Canada in French or English? Donna also mentioned that Davis has a toad hotel.

A few moments of nostalgic recollections were shared with the acknowledgement of Bobby Rydell's passing as well as the poor condition of Joanna Redding, **Richard Negley's** widow as well as cousin to **Sue Gardner**.

We were then joined by **Clyde Batavia** (Out of Africa), thrilled with the family adventure, not so impressed with airline security as part of the package.

Mary Wood complimented Clyde on his book which led to more in-depth description of his service career and subsequent work with surplus equipment and the life accomplishments despite his dyslexia.

Unusually quiet, **Nick Blackshere** was in attendance, **Gerhard Brostrom** was having trouble with his audio and **Sharon McWalters** joined from her car after she got off work.

Also quiet was **Nancy Brick Robinson** who did share that among other gardening updates, she has been asked to consider becoming President of the Modesto Garden Club. This took to some chit chat about **Mildred Caldwell Swafford's** upcoming Garden Tour.

Other classmates who flitted through the conversations (although not there) included **Jeff Barnes** (on the bassoon), **Claude Sanders**, **Patty Marshal Munson** and **Ed Lamb**.

There are those that do not participate in the actual zoom, but tend to watch the playback and really appreciate it....such is the word from **Rene Dokos Rores**.

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH: May 16 @ 1 pm



Have something to share with us? Please drop Shayne a note at the address below.

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Skyline Zoom April 11, 2022



May 9, 2022 Kasper's 2551 MacArthur Blvd, Oakland, CA 94602

May 16, 2022 Zoom Party

NO Zoom or Kaspers in June

July 11, 2022 Zoom Party

July 18, 2022 Birthday Party at Kasper's



We are again part of the "Bringing Back the Natives" garden tour and welcome you to come by our garden this Sunday, May 1, between 10 am and 5 pm. There is no cost and we hope you will stop by and say hello. Al and Barb Kyte. 57 Corliss Drive in Moraga



Come for the Fun
Stay for the Friendship
Save the date, May 16, 2022
1:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time

Join Zoom Meeting

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Kaspers is now open for seating! Actually since April but I didn't know. So pending any change in current COVID regulations, we can all gather on May 9!

Can't have an empty mailbox! The 1950 census was released today and although it's not properly name indexed, yet you can still have some fun seeing your existence with a little work. Here's the way I did it:

Go to:

<https://stevemorse.org/census/unified.html>

Be sure to select 1950 census at top then fill in the rest. Cross street(s) are important for narrowing down the ED district.

So far, so good! We had a birthday dinner with the family last night. Our apartment is a five minute walk from Morgan and Stefano's apartment, so visiting is very convenient. We are on Piazza Farnese which overlooks the French Consolate. We are 100 meters from the bakery, coffee shop, butcher, cheese shop and outdoor fruit and vegetable shop, etc. It has been cold here, but it looks like that will be changing in the next few days. Ciao



Don Sarver

(In response to an article)

It's interesting he speaks about fear and worry. Very imbedded thought pattern. I think fear and worry are friends, they point one in the right direction. Managing them is a problem, keeping them constructive. I also think condemnation and judgment are useful -- you can see I'm getting so old I'm losing my mind. Thought is not erased just because it is not expressed. And injury does not vanish just because you want it to go away. Habits of unreasonable fear,

Then click on the ED number(s) in blue below under heading "1950 ED numbers corresponding to your location"

Hopefully, there's just one ED number like for me.

Choose Family Search Viewer (seems easier than the other one), then click on the entry in results.

Look for the street name given on the left edge of each page to you find yours. Mine was on page 7 of 37, so it only took a couple of minutes. Your street likely appears on more than one page so continue searching until you find your household.

Submitted by **Keith Brehmer**

(Well, gang, we've made it into the first published census in which we appear! sdc)

A little update: we still live in Carmel Valley, about half the

worry, judgment, hatred should be balanced, but in general we should remain sensitive and alert to injuries, insults, cruelties, injustices. Also, "I heard someone say that Baba said" does not sound like a reliable quote. Climate change, and opinion change -- which will change? Dinner is getting cold.

Ben Leet

(Click on the Image for a story about the other Kaspers - with a "C")



My husband and I enjoy living in Placerville. I don't make it down to Oakland very often, but one of these days I hope to connect with the Caspers gang. Maybe I'll even see you on-line....

All the best,

Marsha Haner Johnson

time. The other half is spent in England, where our two grandkids are, and in Switzerland, where we used to live. The Monterey Public Library, the state's first public library established in 1849, is where I work up to twice a week half days when we are in the area.

Forgot to add, about a third of the way through writing my third book in the Heritage Saga series, this time centered around southern Italian ancestry. Cheers

Keith Brehmer



Sign up to watch Recuperative Virtual Vivid, which airs on May 8. My first performance since losing my beloved.

Dhyanis Carniglia

With regret, the following was received



Sharon Morjig

regarding **Sharon Morjig Leyman:**

I am going through my mother's emails and wanted to let you know she passed peacefully early Sunday

morning (April 10). She is finally healed and with our Lord. Her memorial service is on May 28 at 3 at San Ramon Valley United Methodist Church in Alamo. Please pass this onto her friends!!!

Thank you, Stephanie Leyman

My wife and I picked up four Ukraine refugees last Saturday at the Tijuana border. We showed them beautiful California before sending them to Portland. Two of the ladies are Mila's nieces and one is her daughter.

Tom Mortensen

The Best Hike in Every National Park

From a family-friendly loop through White Sands to a cave-laden climb in the Smokies.

Click on logo for the link.



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Among her many star-lit travels, **Gay Parker** was part of the Lily Tomlin entourage at Tomlin's Grauman's (now TCL Chinese Theater) induction



I was married for almost 41 years until my wife died of cancer April 2009. I have three children and three grand children. We all have cats. When I was at Elmherst I was a hall commissioner, dance commissioner, was on the traffic squad, and was in the band. (I played the clarinet.) I went to Elmherst 1958-1960. Transferred to King jr high for ninth grade. Went to Skyline High, where I graduated in 1964. Was married in 1968. Moved to Sun Valley, Nevada (between Sparks and Reno) in 2003 when our youngest son went away to college.

ent this to **Richard Clarke** and got this response: "Thanks. I've been to 19 so far and hiked several of the trails mentioned. Hope to visit them all before I die. Not much hiking anymore." Has anyone else achieved this record?



Sharlynn Brennan Tucker



Clinton Boomer

My other two kids and their families had already moved there. My daughter had a daughter now 17, and my son had a son who will be 12 July 31. My older brother is a retired high school biology teacher in Alameda, Ca. my younger brother is in real estate. He is the vice president and regional manager for Coldwell Banker. He lives in Scottsdale, Arizona. My first wife of almost 41yrs died in April 2009. I moved to Ridgecrest, Ca and remarried in July 2011. My new wife and I now live in Ridgecrest, Ca.

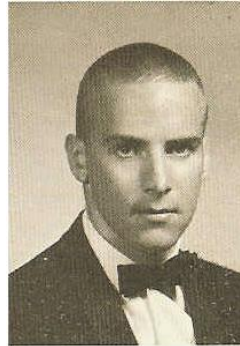
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Melissa Silverman Willaby has a different way of counting!



Click on the Image to learn more about the Mural Project in Montclair.



Robert Alton

From **Phil Bateman: John Herrera** let me know that our friend, **Bob Alton**, from King Jr. High and our 1964 class, passed away on April 26. I'm not aware of any services or plans but John, and I are hopefully meeting soon at Fenton's to down a few milkshakes and honor our friend.

65 Years old is still young!

How old is old? World Health Organisation (WHO) had declared that 65 years old is still considered young.

Before, based on the Friendly Societies Act (1875) in Britain, old was defined by age of 50. The UN has not adopted a standard criterion but lately 60 years old was referred as the border age to the word 'old'. However the health organisation had done a new research recently, according to average health quality and life expectancy and defined a new criterion that divides human age as follows:

- 0 to 17 years old: underage
- 18 to 65 years old: youth or young people
- 66 to 79 years old: middle-aged
- 80 to 99 years old: elderly or senior
- 100+ years old: long-lived elderly



Someone said "30 years ago", and my mind went "Ah yes! The 1970's", but they meant 1992, and now I need to lie down.

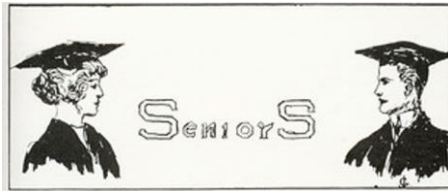
Skyline High Class of 1964 60th Class Reunion

We have had only 20 responses - we need to hear from you!!

It is almost two years away from the anniversary of our high school graduation sixty years ago and there have been indications that some are up for more partying.

Some have mentioned that they now prefer daytime celebrations (sdc still likes to dress up and go out at night) in easily accessible venues with adequate parking.

So! Give us some feedback. Please click on the "SeniorS Picture and take a brief survey.



Jim Buckley, Tim Reid, Frank Johnson, John Close, and Rich
MacIntosh Maybe 1956 - Submitted by John Close

16 D Oakland Tribune, Friday, June 2, 1961



Tribune photo

THE BEST—The eleven junior high school finalists in this year's Oakland Public Schools—Oakland Tribune Spelling Contest go over rules for Monday's test with Dr. Elmer F. Stolte, assistant superintendent of schools. They are (from left, seated) Dorothy Norwood, Ann Frank, Natalie Reid, Kathy Scanlon, Sally Holmes, and (standing) John Greenlees, Dolores Hoffschneider, Marylaird Wood, Dr. Stolte, Joel Kuechle, Pamela Fong and Robin McRae. Finals will be held at 1025 2nd St.

Top Junior High Spellers To Compete for City Title

Submitted by Joel Kuechle



As I started last week to update my online dating saga for this column, I was on Cloud 9. I had 3 guys who had written me that looked like keepers. Then it rained. Well, one guy was 90, so I might not have been keeping him a long time. Social Security says his life expectancy is 95.

The picture of the second reminded me of my late husband in that the guy was big, tall with broad shoulders, plus he advertised himself as an “affable Teddy Bear.” I like a man who can use the word “affable.” However, after a couple of emails and phone calls, he told me he was dubious about getting involved with someone disabled. Excuse me! My handicapped parking placard expired in March! Yes, I had a hip dislocation in August and a knee replacement in November! Are we talking about rock climbing or hang gliding? He also sent two quizzes about my sex life. (83 questions.) I told him, “You are not an affable Teddy Bear! You are pushy!” (Yes, I did. I was cross at being disappointed.)

The third guy wrote me daily emails, called daily, took me out to dinner, then broke up with me twice.... All in the first week. He was dating 8 women, and the first breakup was because he had chosen one. Two days later, he broke up with her. I agreed to go out again. Then I told him I thought we should date others as well, because he was too impulsive. He broke off again. Just what I was afraid of!

I am severely limited in my choice of men, because nearly all of them say “no baggage” and “no drama.” So, I don’t answer their ads. “Baggage” refers to prior relationships, I contend that everyone has baggage: if you are divorced, you have pain, regrets, and grudges; if you are single, you have pain, regrets, and grudges, and if you are widowed or “widowed”....well, we can understand each other’s pain and regrets.

If you never lived with a lover then you are a huge risk, because you never developed the ability to deal with pains, regrets, and grudges. I may be wrong about that. If you have had siblings, you are probably pre-conditioned to living together. If

the sibling was older, you are used to being told what to do. If you were the oldest, you are bossy because you were left in charge when the parents were out. It is not recommended that two oldest children marry: my late husband and I both were oldest. It was interesting. "Interesting" is such a valuable word. I don't think two youngest should marry, either: they are just totally incompetent at running their lives and happy-go-lucky because they never had to be responsible for their brothers and sisters. These are both conclusions of many psychologists.

"Drama" in my opinion refers to any conversation about feelings or issues in a relationship. I do so much drama that I even had a couple of guys I never actually went out with asked me, "What have I done now?" (They were long term phone relationships.) They never did understand.

I have identified two main questions which lead to drama. I know it is said guys don't talk about feelings, but in my case, it is more that I am too busy talking about my feelings. The first question is "Why would you do that?", and the second is "Why can't you understand how I feel?"

A typical issue is over apologies. A response I hate is "Let's move forward." Or "Where do we stand now?" That means, "I don't want to hear anymore". Or, "I don't have the slightest idea what you are talking about."

"I'm sorry" is not sufficient for an apology. It doesn't address whether a man knows what he is supposed to be sorry for. As the "What have I done now?" question shows, a man is often clueless.

A good apology to a woman is, "I am sorry I made you feel...". A very sneaky format for the apology is "I'm sorry you felt"...that accepts no culpability. If you don't know what to be sorry for, here is a BIG HINT: *just repeat what the woman has already told you.*

So, if "baggage" refers to prior relationships, what are "issues"? I guess "issues" are problems with the current relationship.

I have arrived at three conclusions about men, and I hope by the time I get to the end of this essay I will remember the 3rd. One is that men get hurt just as much as women. In other words, they are human. Guys reading this column, I am sorry to admit it took me a long time to figure that out, but in high school I thought you were Fascinating but Unapproachable Otherworldly Beings. (i.e., Aliens.) I think it was because I was more concerned at that age what people, particularly guys, thought of me, than who they were. It didn't help that I tended to walk down the hall at school looking at the floor.

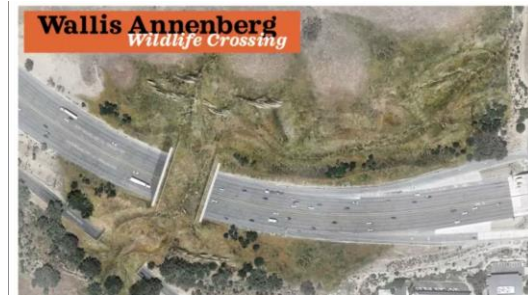
The second conclusion about men is that when it comes to daydreaming and love, men are romantics. Some cynical women say older guys are looking for "a nurse and a purse", but we all know guys who have taken care of beloved wives who were ill.

Several men have discussed going away with me on a romantic weekend even before meeting me. Now that is living dangerously. I don't imagine a romantic breakfast on the terrace. I remember what I was like at the office in the morning before I had coffee. My second cup of coffee.

Meanwhile, what I am thinking about these potential dates is, "Will his children like me? Do they run his life? Do they have power of attorney? (Joke. I am not that devious. Besides, he could rewrite it.) Any cute grandchildren nearby? Whose house should we live in? Did his wife choose all the furniture? What if I don't like it?"

Oh, I remember the third conclusion about men, which really isn't new. It is that men lie for sex. According to men, what women lie about is their age; they put up old pix. Well, men do, too! Men lie about being married....well, to be honest, I have been told women also do..... about being single when they are only separated, about already being interested in another woman. What is sad though is that men never admit in their profile that they can't drive anymore and don't have a car.

Mary Wood



[Shayne mentioned, in the Zoom Recap, articles about overpasses for animals and people. Click on the Images and read all about them!!](#)



LaMARRE, Cheryl Marie (Kern), was born on Sept. 26, 1949, in Oakland, Calif., and passed away from the effects of Alzheimer's Disease/Dementia on April 20, 2022, at home in Walnut Creek with her caregiver husband by her side. Cheryl was the devoted wife of John Thomas (Tom) LaMarre for almost 54 years (June 2, 1968), and was the loving mother of David William (Shelley) LaMarre and Brian Thomas (Mary) LaMarre, who are both high school history teachers and football coaches. During their marriage, the LaMarres lived in Oakland, Southern California, Florida and Walnut Creek. Cheryl is survived by her brothers Roger (Floy) Kern and Bruce (Teri) Kern, and she was preceded in death by their parents, Lyle James Kern of Minnesota and Jane Marie Kern of Michigan. Cheryl also is survived by several cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives. She graduated from Glenview Grammar School in 1961, Montera Junior High School in 1964 and in 1967 from Skyline High School in

Oakland, where she was a song girl as a senior. Cheryl was on the field for the Oakland Raiders' first game at the Oakland Coliseum in 1966 because the Raiders invited the spirit squads of all six Oakland public high schools to join the Raiderettes in inspiring the fans. Cheryl also graduated from College of Alameda in 1969 with a dental assistant's degree and worked in the dental industry for more than 30 years as a dental assistant, insurance consultant and office manager. Funeral arrangements are being made with Queen of Heaven Catholic Cemetery in Lafayette. There will be a Rosary at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, and her funeral will be the next day, May 20 at 10 a.m., both at St. Mary Catholic Church at 2039 Mt. Diablo Blvd., in Walnut Creek, CA 34596.

We have no words for all the heartache we are witnessing right now.

Hugs go out to:

**Rene Dokos Rores, Tom LaMarre and
the family and friends of Robert Alton**





Reminder! If you are looking for someone from our class, let Shayne or Carol know. We are happy to help look!!



May

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07 John Close
12 Laynee Melmet Goodstein
19 Ken Hood
25 Marti Heath

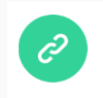


June

01 Elaine Hendrikson
11 Phil Saunders
19 Bob Nordgren
22 Bill Giacometti
26 Craig LaBarbera
Russ Union
Jennifer Morag Keene

29 Sue Gracie Lanphear

Have you looked at our Skyline 64 Reunion website recently? Wouldn't it be great if everyone updated their information and added a fresh biography? Need help doing that? Contact me; I am happy to help! The link to the website is the green button below. carol@george-carol.com



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