# skyline '64 new Snote 3.14

We are happy so many people have paid their Reunion registration already. If you RSVP'd earlier do not miss out on the \$75/ person priced admission. Remember, after June 12th the price goes up to \$100.00 per person.

First credit card – **Richard Clarke** and guest. **Frank Johnson** first check....always can count on those "Fines". See www.skyline64reunion.com Join the party!

# Mail Bag:

# **David Gebhard**

I still get excited over my work. It is a truism that when you enjoy what you do, it is not really work, the only regret that I have is that I never tried teaching until after my retirement age. It is so fulfilling, I love kids all over town saying hello Mr. Miyagi, yes that is the nickname the kids have given me, they say I look like the fictional movie character. It is so rewarding being part of their lives.

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**John Norheim** is a licensed real estate broker working exclusively in commercial real estate.



He served on the West Berkeley Area Plan Committee, and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce.

#### **Bob Barklow:**

On reading my family history book, I noticed how it mentioned that my gr-gr-grandfather had a deep respect for education. Some of his offspring became teachers and administrators. His eldest son, my gr-grandfather, James, turned 21 in 1883, was a teacher and later became the school superintendent of Coos County.

This got me thinking about what education was probably like at that time and then compared to the time that we were taught. And, mainly, it got me thinking about what is happening to education now.

Do you remember what our classmate, Jennifer, in the Nov. 2012, newSnote wrote, ... "a computer cannot feel or provide the feedback, the one on one explanation students need and

crave... somebody thinks that online classes are better than a teacher in front of the classroom...?" This really brought it to my attention.

My eldest daughter, Heidi, teacher of 6th gr, science, and my wife, Lori, teacher, 7th & 8th gr., special education at the same middle school, have the passion as Jennifer. They went through a state mandate of "teach for the test", this past year.

The best that came out of it was that the state evaluators, former teachers, valued how my wife could help individual students who couldn't understand one way, then let us try another. The evaluator felt their program was impractical. Also, on seeing Heidi's students eagerness in doing over the shoulder hand in hand projects together, the evaluators saw changes were needed.

When thinking of my favorite teachers, it is not because I liked the subject. I could not write a composition. Mr. Kennedy was about our age. He was interesting to listen to. He individually helped me. People that knew me knew that I was quiet. I could not get in front of crowd to speak. I had to take public speaking. Doc Costy quickly loosened me up. I felt our classroom became a family. The good speakers could help the scared ones. Doc built many bridges.

One on One can never be lost at school or at home. My youngest son, Tim, who averages 10 years younger than his siblings, love to go to preschool. Then, when he was 4, the year before kindergarten, he started fussing, crying, "I don't want to go!". In talking with his preschool administrator, he has known for those four years, she couldn't figure it out. It started, she said, after they were to spend a short time at the private school across the street to see what it's like in a kindergarten class.

I left work early to pick him up. I arrived. I saw him and his mates walking from the school toward the preschool. He saw me and ran to me. His eyes were red. "There are kids over there that call me a scribbler." Tim had his first experience of class competition. Lori and I helped him out with the situation. I soon wrote him a story. He liked that kind of thing.

Shayne, It is attached to this note. Let me know if it made the trip. As I'm writing this, I having Tim read the story. "Do you remember this?" He's laughing? "I was a cry baby? I never cried again. I liked it at Garlough" (his elementary).

He's giving me a smile. A nod. Thanks, Dad

#### Timmy Is a Scribbler

Preschool was a place I liked, When pretend play was done there. Now there came a change but, strange. The Joy I had 's no longer.

"Timmy is a scribbler",
Is what the others say.
It always makes me mad and sad
And I hide my work away.

Scared I am to go each day. They laugh and do make fun. Pictures I draw I try but cry. I will quit before I'm done.

Dad I feel does love me tons
And mom I know does too.
But will they still, like, hugg-ly and cudd-ly,
If they see the pictures I drew.

My folder had to have a few,
For mom and dad to see.

I wish a wind would blast and cast
My drawings far out to sea.

Right now I feel just awfully.
It's time for them to come.
They'll probably feel real sad not glad.
They'll think my drawings look dumb.

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### **Marlen Edelmann Jacobs**

Hearing aids are fixed...now every sound I hear makes me get up and look. Makes you realize how much you miss everyday. The broken hearing aid? Well, it's important to take the sticker off the battery before you insert it....Honestly, I need to pay attention!!

Note phrase "canine cuisine" originates with Tom Poole, **Marlen Edlemann Jacobs'** escort at a summer Kasper "do". Tom graduated from Fremont, so he has genuine oaklandish license.

The next Canine Cuisine Convocation will be March 17 at 12:30. Best wear Green!



**Bob Main** and two additional generations.

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### Commenting on the weather - **Beth Beeby**

My grandmother took us to see *Snow White* when I was ten. It was pouring raining when we left to take the bus to the Paramount Theater; still raining heavily when we left the theater. When we got home to Twin Oaks Way off Sequoyah, the back yard was GONE *in its entirely* to ~ 7-8 feet under the house. My grandfather built it on fill overlooking the creek running from the Naval Hospital just up Mountain Blvd. That's when I learned to build a retaining wall with my father... and added dump trucks more fill.

Which was nothing compared to the month my eldest son was born, January 1968. It rained for 28 days straight; we got 68" in the Santa Cruz mountains. The reservoir was full to the brim coming out of Los Gatos. Probably in 1980 or so when I went back from SLC, there had been devastating slides going "over the hill" from San Jose to Santa Cruz; the Nimitz was closed and the only access was old Highway 9. Mountains had slid away; huge redwood trees were all akimbo with roots in air, corners of roof tops of houses with chimneys sticking up above the mud were the only signs of previous habitation. Unsure of the mortality rate. It certainly got your attention... Then, of course, there was the Loma Prieta Richter 7 earthquake that destroyed downtown Santa Cruz, half the Bay Bridge with BART flattened on the lower deck, collapsed freeways. Home Sweet Home. Living on the edge. Just the way we like it. My daughter was on the 7th floor of her office building, working late in San Francisco; she was supposed to have gone home that night on BART to Berkeley, just when the quake struck. Providence and Guardian Angels, I say... I couldn't get through to her for two days. The good old days you never want to see again.

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Another member of the "New Parts Club"...I have no idea if I will be able to make it to the reunion? Time will tell. I had my hip replaced last year at the end of July. I am doing great...still walking with a cane; but gaining and getting more balanced. It is hard to do this time of the year, as the ice has covered the ground for months now. More snow due Wed. and Thurs...4-8" this time...would rather be in CA. Sure miss the weather....althought the drought is not good...glad to hear they are having some on Thursday. I have made contact with old school mates thru this website...its nice to share and have a sense of being close...even though I am thousands of miles away from everyone. Have a great day. **Judy (Long) Jenkins** in Maine

I just got off the phone with **Karl** (**Hoenack**). He is retired now from the trucking company and trying to enjoy life and what it has to offer at our age. He will not be able to attend the reunion this time, but told me to pass on regards to everyone. **Bill Dennis** 

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### The Greenhouse Project (Carson City, NV)

My name is Justin Anderson and I am the Activities Director at Skyline High School. I also teach the Leadership classes. Since taking over, I have attempted to create positive relationships with

our alumni groups. One of the main lessons that I teach our leadership students is that "once a titan, always a titan".

As many of you know, we have a huge stockpile of unsold yearbooks from the early years of the school to the most recent. We are having an ongoing fundraiser to raise money for the senior class trip in which we are selling old yearbooks for \$20. Here is a list of the years we have and number of books per year:

- 1963: 3 1964: 1 1965: 2 1966: 4 1967: 2- 1968: 9 1969: 1 1970: 12 1972: 5 1973: 1 1975:11 1976: 8 1977: 1 1978: 5 1979: 6 1980: 5 1981: 3 1983: 17 1985: 4 1986:1
- 1987: 1 1988: 16 1989: 27 1990: 2 1991: 3- 1992: 65 1993: 56 1994: 30 1995: 55
- 1996: 15 1998: 3 1999: 1 2000: 1 2001: 9 2004: 29 2005: 2 2007: 106 2008: 54
- 2009: 11 2010: 63

Please let me know if you are interested in a book by::

- emailing me at justin.anderson@skylinehs.org

As you can see, some years are more rare than others. The first person that emails me will receive the book and I will update the list weekly if needed.

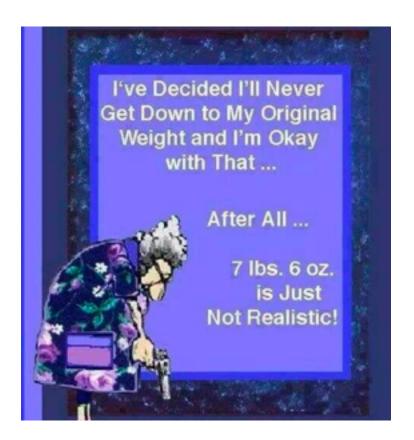
Again, thank you all for the support and remembering that once a titan, always a titan! We at Skyline greatly appreciate our alumni. Thanks again and Go Titans!

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#### **BIRTHDAYS**

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March	03	Martha Gooby Micks
	04	Mildred Caldwell
Swafford		
	04	Judy Card
		Dennis Bushell
	04	Delsa Pauletich Ham
	05	Sharlyn Brennan
Tucker		
		Doug Bartman
		Tina Illick Coolahan
	10	Renee Cameto
	11	Roy Langridge
	25	Randy Silver
	27	Gary Caso
	27	Larry Helzel
	27	Roger Kientz
	28	Dennis Bruns
		Ben Leet
	29	Patty Marshall

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## **April**

- 1 Barbarah Uhlig Harbidge
- 3 Kathy Costa Rocco
- 5 John Briggs
- 9 Don Sarver (Kathy Ray Pittlick)
- 13 Cindy Gibbs Parker
- 16 Gerhard Brostrom
- 18 Judy Long Lofing
- 20 Melissa Silverman Willaby
- 24 Gary Montgomery Sherri Gribben Hester
- 25 David Niemand Mark Kamena



## Reminder: Birthday list is not finite......always welcoming corrections/additions!

#### National March Days

- 1... National Pig Day and Peanut Butter Lover's Day
- 2... Old Stuff Day
- 3... I Want You To Be Happy Day and National Anthem Day
- 4... Holy Experiment Day
- 5... Multiple Personalities Day
- 6... National Frozen Food Day
- 7... National Crown Roast Of Pork Day
- 8... Be Nasty Day
- 9... Panic Day
- 10... Festival Of Life In The Cracks Day
- 11... Johnny Appleseed Day and Worship of Tools Day
- 12... Alfred Hitchcock Day
- 13... Jewel Day
- 14... National Potato Chip Day
- 15... Buzzard's Day and Everything You Think Is Wrong Day
- 16... Everything You DoRight Day
- 17... Submarine Day
- 18... Supreme Sacrifice Day
- 19... Poultry Day
- 20... Proposal Day and Festival Of Extraterrestrial Abductions Day
- 21... Fragrance Day
- 22... National Goof-off Day

- 23... National Organize Your Home Office Day and National Chip and Dip Day
- 24... National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day
- 25... Pecan Day and Waffle Day
- 26... Make Up Your Own Holiday Day and Spinach Festival Day
- 27... National "Joe" Day
- 28... Something On A Stick Day
- 29... Festival Of Smoke and Mirrors Day
- 30... I Am In Control Day
- 31... Bunsen Burner Day

# Elephants reunited after 20 years. wimp.com

After two decades, two former circus elephants, Jenny and Shirley, are reunited at The Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee. The reunion is a bittersweet moment for everyone involved. Watch to see the emotional encounter and response of the two friends.

How many bittersweet moments will we experience over the weekend of August 2? Get your tickets now and begin the trip down memory lane!



- 60. Identify birds at Lake Merritt's <u>Rotary Nature Center</u>, the country's oldest wildlife refuge
- **61.** Catch an art or history exhibit before your flight at Oakland International Airport
- **62.** See what 'There' is at City Center. It's a sculpture!
- 63. Listen to a Mariachi band at a Fruitvale district restaurant
- **64.** Sing along at a seasonal concert at City Center
- 65. Visit the past and future on an Oakland walking tour
- **66.** Marvel at the architectural beauty of Oakland's buildings
- 67. Celebrate the exotic at Oakland's Chinatown Streetfest
- 68. Board the floating lighthouse Lightship Relief at Jack London Square
- **69.** Voice your opinion at a <u>City Council</u> meeting

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#### SAVE THE DATE

# Women's History Month Celebration

Extraordinary Women of Oakland Past: A Dialogue with writer and social commentator Daphne Muse moderating



Alta Alice Miner Bates 1879-1955 portrayed by Richelle Lieberman



Anna Head 1857-1932 portrayed by Sandy Thredfall



Ida Louise Jackson, PhD 1902-1996 portrayed by Gloria Taylor



Jessica Mitford 1917-1996 portrayed by Lowise Rothman-Riemen



Mary Ann "Mother" Wright 1929-2009 portrayed by Danna Williams

Join us for a lively conversation among these remarkable historic women of Oakland and hear their thoughts on the United Nations's Millenium Development Goal 3 to "promote gender equality and empower women." Refreshments and networking to follow.

Saturday, March 22, 2014, 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM
Mills College, Carnegie Hall, Bender Room
5000 MacArthur Boulevard, Oakland, California 94613

Presented by the Alumnae Association of Mills College Education Committee and Progressive Oakland Women for Empowerment & Reform (POWER), and co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women Oakland-Piedmont, League of Women Voters Oakland, and National Women's History Project.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited.

To reserve seats or for more information, please call \$10.381.1973.

# **Green Roof Projects in Oakland:**

# Tassafaronga Village

Project Name: Tassafaronga Village Year: 2010 Location: Oakland, CA, USA

Building Type: Multi-Family Residential Type: Extensive System: Single Source Provider

Size: 2200 sq.ft. Slope: 4% Access: Accessible, Private

**Designers/Manufacturers of Record:** 

Architect: David Baker + Partners Architects Pre-vegetated Sedum Mat: Sempergreen

Waterproofing & Growing Media: American Hydrotech

The Tassafaronga Village is new neighborhood, situated on seven-and-a-half acres in the southern end of Oakland, has a range of affordable housing, green pathways, pocket parks, and open spaces. The development has achieved one of the first LEED ND Certified Gold Plans.

All buildings are designed to the highest level of green standard?LEED for Homes?incorporating a wide range of complementary green strategies including solar power for on-site generation of electricity and hot water.

Sempergreen pre-vegetated sedum mats were used as the vegetation option for the undulating greenroof, which has parts over a 3:12 slope. The Tassafaronga Village greenroofs were completed on March 15, 2010.

Read about the lovely Tassafaronga Village at the architect's website, David Baker + Partners, here. Learn about Sempergreen and American Hydrotech in The Greenroof Directory.

#### **The Transbay Transit Center**

# http://www.greenroofs.com/projects/pview.php?id=1221

The Transbay Transit Center will centralize the region stransportation network by conveniently connecting all points in the San Francisco Bay Area for more than 100,000 passengers per day. The TJPA is building a state-of-the-art bus and rail station the "Grand Central Station of the West" that will accommodate eleven transit systems from the Bay Area and Southern California. The new Transit Center will make world-class public transit options accessible, seamless, safe, and efficient.

Rana Creek, the California-based company specializing in habitat restoration and regenerative design, announced their win as the Lead Ecologist for the 5.4 acre park to sit atop the new state-of-the-art Transbay Terminal Center in San Francisco in late September, 2007. The Transbay Terminal Center and Tower will stand 70- feet-tall and stretch from Beale Street to Second Street. The structure will house commuter buses from around the area and provide the region with 5.4 acres of green space. The Press Release (see below) states, "The team was awarded the contract to construct a "living roof" over two competing proposals submitted during the Transbay Terminal Center Competition.

The first phase of the Transbay Transit Center Project commenced in December 2008 with the groundbreaking of the Temporary Terminal. Demolition of the Transbay Terminal commenced in August 2010; the first phase is under construction and on schedule to be completed in 2017.

Paul Kephart, Executive Director of Rana Creek stated, "Rana Creek's design will promote extensive energy savings for the Transbay Terminal Center as well as provide thriving habitats for Bay Area native plant and wildlife populations threatened by urban development. Not only will this green roof provide the people of San Francisco with a much needed public park, it will protect the endangered species, such as the Bay checkerspot butterfly, that have all but disappeared from this urban area."

The name of the 5.4-acre rooftop park on top of the Transit Center will be "City Park," which will include an open air amphitheatre, gardens, a trail for running/walking, open grass areas for picnics, lily ponds and more. Designed to house more than six native plant communities, the Transbay Terminal Center's green roof will feature bodies of water, statuesque trees and an urban park dedicated to sustainability.

The project will treat all water from the neighboring 82-story Transbay Terminal Tower as well as filter and process the exhaust from the below railways. Kinetic fountains powered by the bus movement will aerate the water for the rooftop wetlands. In order to create the most ecologically functional green roof, Rana Creek will use native plant communities, such as grasslands, that survive in similar bioregional conditions. The green roof build-up system will consist of a root barrier and water drainage system.

Visit the Transbay Transit Center <u>website</u>, where you can see a very cool 1:23 flyover video on Vimeo.

See the 9.28.07 <u>Press Release</u> from JRJ.com and the project profile from <u>Rana Creek</u>. Visit Rana Creek at <a href="http://www.ranacreekdesign.com/">http://www.ranacreekdesign.com/</a>.

http://www.greenroofs.com/projects/pview.php?id=656

## Other Green Roof projects in the area;

Project Name: Drew School Sam Cuddleback III Assembly Wing Vertical Garden

Project Name: City College San Francisc

Project Name: Literacy for Environmental Justice Living Classroom (EcoCenter at Heron's

Head Park)

California Academy of Sciences (CAS), The Osher Living Roof

http://www.greenroofs.com/projects/pview.php?id=509

**Nueva School, Hillside Learning Complex** 

http://www.greenroofs.com/projects/pview.php?id=727

SmithGroup San Francisco Officehttp://www.greenroofs.com/projects/pview.php?id=1350

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