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Susie Wilson Dozier died earlier this week from complications of COPD. No further details available at "press time".

"Yearbooks: Who's Who pictorial of Us" - a sage comment by **Gene Dangel** who joined **Tim Kendall, Neil Golden, Howard Allen, Barbara Bowles Holt, Don Schnarr,** and **Wendy Osanna** where the conversation turned to the activities, inventions, and research done by grandparents.....a fascinating seminar.

And on the subject of yearbooks. Our Skyline64Reunion.com site will become our 50th Anniversary yearbook, so it is up to you to post what information you wish to share. A "now" picture is essential. Words of wisdom, stories of your journey, reflections on your time at Skyline - all are good topics about which to pen a line or two.

**James Morgan:** "Self-employed artist/designer/craftsman for most of my adult life and builder/contractor for a good part of my life as well. Love music .and embrace the hope that humanity will learn to love unconditionally, and work towards fairness and an equitable distribution of wealth and genuine opportunity for as many as possible. If art, sensitivity and fairness were truly embraced it could be a much better existence for all."

I used to live on Skyline Blvd. Left Skyline High in '64, Joined the Navy and got out in '67, went to Laney College part time and worked in construction, then I bought the family machine shop business, and now I am a rigger (machinery mover) with my own trucks and equipment. Now living in Castro Valley, soon to retire... I always wanted to be a cop when I grew up. My family and friends thought that was a crazy idea. As it turns out, they were right. My addiction is NASCAR and dirt track auto racing. I started out in racing in 1984 as a track official In Grass Valley, CA, And have worked at Marysville, Petaluma, closed Baylands in 1988, and then Antioch Raceway. **Al Newman**

I am so grateful that God allowed me to live into my sixties. These are the best years of my life. I finally found true love, after accepting the Holy Spirit for the second time. I think the first was to

please my girlfriend at the time. This time Pam's mom advised me to do it, and after I did my life was altered for the better. Since then, the Lord anticipates my needs and supplies them in advance. I can almost tell when a vehicle breaks down by a surplus in my income. I am so blessed, the five years that I have been in dialysis are true gifts, especially since Pam has made them wonderfully happy. It was not so many years ago that renal failure was a death sentence. Also, I am still able to work part time, doing what I love to do, teaching. I lead a blessed life, truly!

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She graduates this year with a bachelors degree in liberal studies, wishing we could afford to continue with her education in psychology, regretfully, we know of no scholarships or grants I am corrupting Pam by taking her out to eat three or four times a week. I get lazy, and enjoy being waited on, and love spoiling Pam. She is the best thing to ever happen to me. We enjoy eating at the Wildfire Restaurant at the Running Creek Casino in Upper Lake. Except for Judy's Junction, the three local casinos are getting to be our favorite eating places. I never expected to enjoy Indian casinos so much. we actually indulge ourselves in a small ministry to the young workers there. Pam gets alot of satisfaction in sharing God's love with those who need counsel and encouragement. I am so proud that she is graduating with honors, while spending three or four days a week, six hours or more taking care of her invalid mother and aged father. Both of her siblings are disabled and in pain, though they both soldier on, she must bolster them actually in many ways, and assist them when they need it.

**David Gebhard**

**Dennis Osanna** [#GIVEN TO ME IS 9](#) [The nine things you probably don't know about me.](#)

- 1... Wendy and I went to the same high school. She was a year behind me. I didn't like her, thought she was a bitch, she thought I was a trouble maker. Ran into her while on leave from the army in 1967, got married in 1968, 45 years later we are still married. boy she has patience.
- 2.... I raced cars at Baylands raceway Park in Fremont, CA.
- 3...I collect anything to do with COORS LIGHT. and Pheasants.
- 4...I have a 1968 Pontiac Firebird that I want to restore one of these years.
- 5...Before I got out of the army I was a tank commander. Wish we could drive them on the road today
- 6....My favorite food is Lasagna, tortellini soup, meat loaf, tri tip, smoked pork butt. HELL I eat it all
- 7...I cherish all my family and friends.
- 8... I will support my grandchildren's dreams and activities as long as they are on the right track.
- 9...Don't mess with my family, or friends.

**Geri Sanford-Saunders** (in recalling November 22, 1963)

Fifty years ago today ... as I watch the images and hear his words again after so long, the ache comes back. We were so hopeful then, so young, and with our beautiful first couple, anything seemed possible. He said we should go to the moon, and we did ... and then it was all over in an instant. I was a senior in high school at my lunch break when we heard. It was impossible. My US Government class was next, and Miss Giannini could hardly speak. Then English class, and Mrs. Foster just read to us as if we were in Kindergarten and that felt right because we were all in shock. It was the end of such a hopeful time ... and I wish those who were not there could feel for just a moment, the wonder of that time, before he was taken from us.

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## Birthdays

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02 Peggy Tisdell Cross  
03 John Lyman  
04 Dennis Bushnell  
07 Dennis Cooney  
09 Susan Buikema  
12 Marsha Standish  
12 Margaret Pachner  
Joe Peak  
Jan Descombes Bassett  
18 Jon Rawitzer  
25 Valerie Ranche  
26 Linda Conradi  
27 Phil Bateman  
27 Shirley Donaldson Whipple  
29 Rodney Burge

Jan

1 Bob Alton  
1 Debbie Goldfarb Denos  
1 Scott Noble  
3 Cathy Wight Brown  
8 Michele Ayers  
8 Lisa Wallace  
15 Cheryl Merrick Hultgren  
17 Debbie Agee Roessler  
18 Karen (Juul) Mihok  
18 Richard Street  
25 Wayne Loomer  
29 Dave Gebhard  
Janet Johnson McIntyre  
30 Marlen Edelmann Jacobs  
Dale Matsui Satake

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### Again, for your Reunion adventure planning:

30. Lace up your running shoes for the annual [Oakland Running Festival](#) in March
31. Ogle the ceiling at the [Rotunda Building](#)
32. Stroll through the streets of [Old Oakland](#), enjoying the shops and architecture
33. Trace your family history at the [California Genealogical Society](#)
34. Tickle your taste buds at the [Eat Real Festival](#)
35. Whoop it up with the Black Cowboys in the annual [Black Cowboys Parade](#)
36. Bask in the sun or take a swim at [Lake Temescal](#)

- 37. Relax with a massage at the [Claremont Hotel and Spa](#)
- 38. Mingle at the mansion in [Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate](#)
- 39. Celebrate all things Californian at the [Oakland Museum of California](#)

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**\$14 -- SF Bay Cruise w/Golden Gate Views, Half Off**

By Caroline Patience | Source: Blue & Gold Fleet

**Why we love this deal**

- Blue & Gold Fleet earns a 2013 Certificate of Excellence and 4 stars from TripAdvisor
- Cruise along Crissy Field and the SF waterfront and under the Golden Gate Bridge
- For \$18, regularly \$36, embark on the "Escape from the Rock" cruise, an Alcatraz-themed tour
- **Valid for a full calendar year -- buy multiple vouchers and plan ahead for visitors**  
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Greetings Fellow Skyline Alumni:

I hope that this email finds you all doing well. This letter is going to more than 60 alumni representing 45 different years of Skyline graduations

The Skyline Boys Basketball program needs our help. They have been invited to participate in a tournament in San Francisco and they need financial support for the tournament as well as for new uniforms and equipment. As of last week they had only \$127 of the \$6,000 they need!

If you ever played sports at Skyline, had a friend that played sports at Skyline or attended a sporting event when you went to Skyline, this is your opportunity to give back.

Any donation helps. If you can, please send a check made out to "Skyline Basketball" to Coach Justin Anderson at Skyline (see attachment) and write "Skyline Class of 'xx" on the memo line. I know Coach Anderson and he will use the money wisely. He told me the other day that his players all have a 3.0 GPA or better!

All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a letter. Please feel free to pass this on to your classmates. Let's see how much the Alumni can help!

Thank you and Go Titans! Don Routh, 101 Greenwich Ct, San Ramon, CA  
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**GREEN ACADEMY INFORMATION/OVERVIEW:**

The Renewable Energy and Environmental Technology Academy at Skyline High School (Green Academy) is connected to the industry sector Energy, Environment and Utilities.

The Academy began in the fall of 2010 with the 10<sup>th</sup> grade through a grant from the Department of Education as a California Partnership Academy. In the fall of 2012, the Academy received an extended grant from the California Energy Commission that expanded the Academy to grades 9-12. The current grant extends to 2017.

**INDUSTRY SECTOR CAREER PATHWAY:**

This sector is designed to provide a foundation of knowledge and skills in careers related to energy, environment, and utilities. The pathways emphasize real-world, occupationally relevant knowledge, skills, and experiences of significant scope and depth in Environmental Resources, Energy and Power Technology. The standards integrate academic and technical preparation and focus on career awareness, career exploration, and preparation for entry to technical-level employment, and alignment with postsecondary programs focused on energy, utilities, and related fields.

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

The mission of the Green Academy is to provide students with an opportunity to succeed in green energy careers and post-secondary education in the area of environmental technology. The Green Academy provides students with a comprehensive educational experience consisting of engaging and rigorous academics and hands-on learning. Students graduating from the academy are ready to pursue occupational training programs at the community college, post-secondary education, or directly enter the work force in an entry level technical training position with career potential.

**GREEN ACADEMY COURSE OFFERINGS:**

ALL Career Technical Education classes are posted on Skyline’s UC Doorways list.

- Pathway Green CTE 9th grade - Biological lab science
- Pathway Green CTE 10th grade - Elective science
- Pathway Green Environmental Chemistry 10th grade - Physical lab science
- Pathway Green CTE 11th grade - Physical lab science
- Pathway Green CTE 12th grade - Biological lab science

Skyline High School offers courses: English, Social Science and Math course are also posted on UC Doorways for Skyline High School  
(Big History - 9th grade course is a UCCI developed course that is currently undergoing revisions and is anticipated to be UC approved as "A" History/Social Science in 2013)

**GREEN ENERGY Academy, Tracy A. Ostrom, Academy Director**  
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<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/gallery?section=resources/traffic&id=9222365&photo=1>

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**Oakland: Skyline High celebrates, praises new principal**

**By Mimi Rohr, Correspondent**

**Posted: 11/27/2013**

OAKLAND -- Skyline High School Principal Vinh Trinh was named the permanent principal of the school this year after serving six months as the interim principal and is receiving high praise from students, graduates and parents.

"He's a rock star. He's the hardest-working man in the Oakland Unified School District," said Lucas Cooperstein, a Skyline graduate in 2013.

The class of 2013 painted a rock on the senior lawn with the words, "In Trinh We Trust," in honor of Trinh.

Trinh joined the school's administrative team as a vice principal under the leadership of Principal Troy Johnston in 2010 and became the interim principal in December 2012 after Johnstone was injured breaking up a fight at the school.

Skyline High School Principal Vinh Trinh poses next to a rock on the senior lawn that was painted by the class of 2013 with the words, "In Trinh We Trust," in honor of the principal.

Eighteen buses arrive daily from all over the city, bringing some 1,900 students to Skyline each day. "They come with experiences we haven't had ourselves," Trinh said. "It is part of my job to figure out what they need to succeed."

"If you are looking for a diverse high school experience with a good college preparation program, this is a good place to be." said Jocelyn

Wong-Rolle, a parent teacher student association board member and the parent of an 11th-grader and a recent graduate who is a freshman at Harvard University.

When Trinh arrived in 2010, he said that students were hanging out and not going to class. But things are different today. During passing period, Trinh zooms around the campus at warp speed, addressing students by name, encouraging students to get to class.

"You (students) need to know the principal," Trinh said.

Test scores are rising and the suspension rate is dropping.

"We are aware of what we need to do," Trinh said. "I know where I want the school to be."





"He is no-nonsense. He knows what he wants," Cooperstein said. "He is unrelenting with his willingness to help kids at Skyline that are on the right path. He will help you when no one else will. He works tirelessly like no one else. He really cares about the kids of Skyline."

"If it weren't for Trinh, I wouldn't be at a four-year university," continued Cooperstein, who explained how he walked into Trinh's office his junior year and told him that he wanted to go to a good college. "He (Trinh) told me I would have to try harder."

Trinh helped Cooperstein map out his entire schedule. Cooperstein is now a freshman at San Diego State University, studying international business.

The Skyline administration has made it a point to know every student, and they have followed through on their promise, said Wendy Morrison, the parent of a junior, who also has a sophomore at Oakland Technical High School.

"I feel like it is a nurturing environment," Morrison said. "It is a school with a violence problem. It's not everywhere. It's not in your face. It's not hard to avoid it. I feel like my kids are safe. The reality is it's the same environment they live in. It's Oakland."

"We have got to make sure the campus is safe, or there will not be much learning going on," said Trinh.

The school this year adopted a conflict-resolution program called Restorative Justice after feedback from faculty that the program they used last year wasn't working.

"My message to the staff is, 'We can't do this alone.' In order to transform a school, we need everyone. This is a huge school. Every student is unique. We can't really force buy-in," Trinh said. "I'm fortunate to be in a position where I feel like I have the students', parents' and staff's support. It makes it easier."

"This is a place of great potential," said Vincent Tolliver, the school's music teacher. "We have good leadership and benefit from a stable faculty. But I don't like where things are going from a district perspective. We tell kids that school is important, but how you let a place look is important. Maintenance is not well supported. We tell kids to aim high, but we are asking them to start from a very low place. I think it's about priorities."

Trinh had previously been an assistant principal at Roosevelt Middle School for 10 years. He emigrated to the United States from Vietnam when he was 6. He has a bachelor's of science in integrated biology from UC Berkeley and a master's in education from Harvard University.

"I make time to talk to students, parents, staff and the community," Trinh said. "I'm all about relationships. That's who I am."

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**[Tugboat rises from Davy Jones' locker off Oakland](#)**  
**[Sunken mystery boat among first of crafts raised to clear waterway](#)**

Justin Berton, San Francisco Chronicle

It was hardly as dramatic as a raising of the Titanic, but when the nose end of the Captain AI, a 105-foot rust bucket of a tugboat, poked above the surface of the Oakland Estuary for the first time in more than 15 years Monday, a few men ashore got lumps in their throats. "I'm pretty excited right now," said Will Duncan, the on-scene coordinator with the federal Environmental Protection Agency, as cranes slowly lifted the tug. "It's been a mystery to us since March," when the Captain AI showed up on 3-D mapping of the estuary floor.

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To all the Oakland naysayers:

**[Most Dangerous Neighborhoods in America](#)** **[riseagainamerica.com](#)**

[These 20 neighborhoods are the biggest hotbeds of violent crime in America. Can you guess which city boasts 4 of them?](#)

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**[Wave of female chef/owners shape hot Oakland scene](#)** **[www.sfgate.com](#)**

[The historic food hall has undergone a makeover of late, with Cosecha moving in and Sarah Kirnon's Caribbean soul food spot, Miss Ollie's, opening next door.](#)

<http://www.sfgate.com/recipes/article/Wave-of-female-chef-owners-shape-hot-Oakland-scene-4969785.php>

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<http://news.travel.aol.com/2013/11/14/oakland-california-48hour-itinerary/>

**[48 Hours in Oakland, California - AOL Travel Ideas](#)**

**[news.travel.aol.com](#)**

[What to do, where to eat and how to make the most of your time on a weekend or 48-hour trip in Oakland, California.](#)

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- **[Caldecott Tunnel fourth bore opens](#)**

[www.sfgate.com](#)

[\[...\] unlike, say, the Key System trains or the sturdy gray girders of the old Bay Bridge eastern span, the merging and guessing games required to navigate the three-bore Caldecott Tunnel will be missed by few, if any, drivers. The goal of the fourth bore, which has been planned since the third bore...](#)

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<http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/gallery?section=resources/traffic&id=9222365&photo=1>

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"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!  
Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.LIVE  
HAPPY IN "13" .....obviously old post.....we'll go for '14! sdc





~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!  
~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!  
~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.... especially golf.  
~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.  
~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".  
~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..  
~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... ???  
~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, you don't go anywhere to wear it.  
~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!  
~What used to be freckles are now liver spots and it seems everybody whispers.  
~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.  
~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

**Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!**

It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.



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"The average wage was \$7.75 per day..."

*\$7.75 in 1933 had the same buying power as \$135.83 in 2013 :-)*

which translates to \$35,316 annual income (260 days@ 8hrs/day)

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and from my world:

[retrô - LET'S TWIST AGAIN - Indian stile](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oSzhOEWw8c4>

