

# skyline. new Snote. 11.16

Kasper Days for November are the 7th and 28th.....There will be a Fenton's Special on November 17 at 2pm.....longest distance traveled to attend is projected to be won by John Lyman but y'all out there are welcome to give him a run for it! Please let Tom LaMarre ([tdtom7@aol.com](mailto:tdtom7@aol.com)) know if you'll be attending! (Friends and relatives welcome!).

Season's Greetings! WWW (before the Internet, there was the Wicked Witch of the West.



Mr. Jorritsma was one of my favorite teachers. Fair, no-nonsense and caring. Wouldn't have known about his passing except for your newsletter. **Keith Brehmer**

Hi, Mr Jorritsma was one of my favorite teachers! He never made me dissect! It's hard to believe I eventually went to nursing school! Thanks for bringing him to mind. **Dianne Ressigue**

"He was one of my favorites (biology and physiology). I wish I could go"..... **Cynthia Young Harelson** on the road in Cesky Krumlov, Czech Republic.

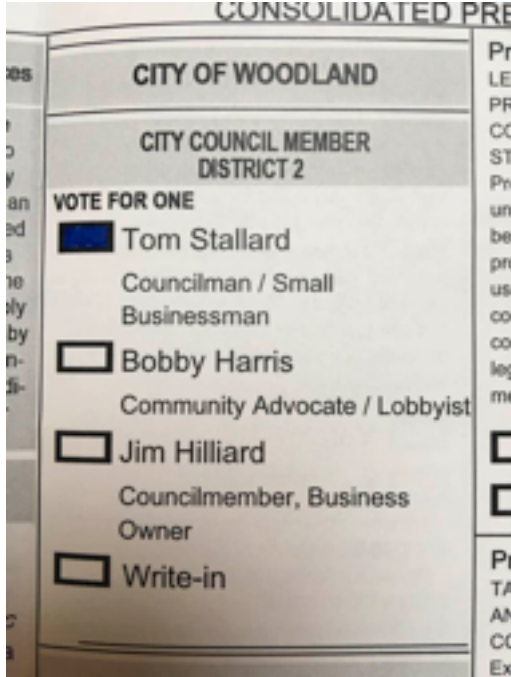
*Barbara Harbidge. Gay Parker and I attended Mr. Joritsma's service and I signed ALL of US into his book. A small but loving gathering, and if one did not away with anything, they didn't hear the constant "GO, BEARS" from all the speakers (Bob Blesse, you have competition!). True teacher to the end, Mr. Joritsma willed the bulk of his estate to a California foundation for the support and training of teachers.*

*As we were walking back to the car, two Blue Angels flew over.....fitting for the Korean War Vet. sdc*

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**Tom Stallard**

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Yep. I voted for myself. Felt good, too! 🗳️

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It's a rare that I respond to the newsletter sent to me, however I decided this was an opportunity that I couldn't pass up. **Joel Kuechle** wrote about his moving to Berkeley. I had to smile about his comment of 30 years of crapola. Well, to ease his "pain" I would like to inform him that in the 30 years I have lived in Hawaii I'm the queen of moving. I have moved 42 times. I know it sounds nuts. I don't have a good answer. One thing I know for sure I'm not a hoarder. The least I have to move the better off I am. I travel light and keep things simple. I'm sure after this move Joel will have gotten rid of a lot of stuff that will never be missed. The older we get the less we need. Good Luck Joel, enjoy your new home in Berkeley.

One more thing, I read Tom Lehrer's thought to ponder. I have one I'd like to share.... "***In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson.***"

Aloha friends and blessings from the island of Oahu. **Kathleen Abfalter Parker**



**Bruce Quan** It is almost all over but the waiting for the count. Planning my election party at Park Burger on (trumpets) Park Blvd. if you need entertainment the night of Nov 8. But before the curtain comes the kudos. Could not have done this without some of the stellar support and assistance of so many of you, from donations, to walking, to yard signs, letters to the editor,

email blasts and moral support. And special thanks to Richard Clarke who should be the City Administrator or Head of Public Works, and, of course, Joaquin who is adding sign set-up to round out his skills as birthday candle blower-outer.

It has been a remarkable three months in reacquainting with many, meeting many and visiting so many nooks and crannies of this great city. If you still are wondering what to do with some ime during this last week, we've got plenty of activities!



**Cynthia Young Harelson** in Cesky Krumlov

Thousands of Asian tourists here and they think I'm Muslim or something. They smile at me and snap a photo. It is cold and damp :-)



My hair shouldn't be peeking out.

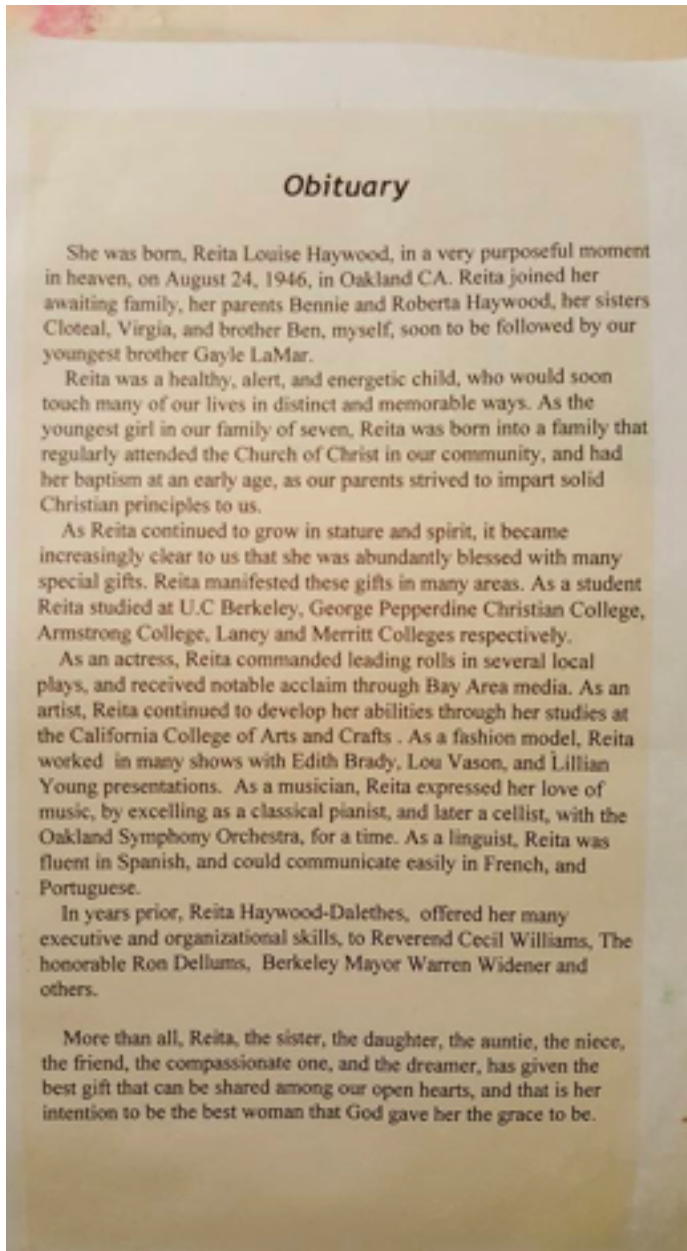
**John Bulger:**

After HS I spent a couple years working in a machine shop. I was drafted in 66 and got out in 68. I joined the carpenters union and got my Contractors License in 77. Worked my license till 94. Worked as a superintendent till 2010 when I retired. I always knew that this would be my career . I particularly enjoyed the weekly meetings with the architects engineers and owners. In 1970 I married Julie who had 2 kids Matt and Allison, 2.5 and 5 years old. Julie died in March 2006 and I was diagnosed with cancer in November. I kept working and dating during the 6 months of Chemo. In 2009 I found a fantastic lady from Brazil who has a 26 year old daughter so now I'm putting a 3rd kid through collage. Everything has changed for me in the last 3 weeks 10/11/16. I have been diagnosed once again with the same Agent Orange Cancer. The chances aren't as good this time but there is a chance, so that's all I need. It is odd that the only people I recognize are on the deceased list. *(pics wouldn't copy from Classmates)*

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**Marsha Standish** visiting with **Heidi Johnson Stolp** in Oregon.



### Obituary

She was born, Reita Louise Haywood, in a very purposeful moment in heaven, on August 24, 1946, in Oakland CA. Reita joined her awaiting family, her parents Bennie and Roberta Haywood, her sisters Cloteal, Virgia, and brother Ben, myself, soon to be followed by our youngest brother Gayle LaMar.

Reita was a healthy, alert, and energetic child, who would soon touch many of our lives in distinct and memorable ways. As the youngest girl in our family of seven, Reita was born into a family that regularly attended the Church of Christ in our community, and had her baptism at an early age, as our parents strived to impart solid Christian principles to us.

As Reita continued to grow in stature and spirit, it became increasingly clear to us that she was abundantly blessed with many special gifts. Reita manifested these gifts in many areas. As a student Reita studied at U.C Berkeley, George Pepperdine Christian College, Armstrong College, Laney and Merritt Colleges respectively.

As an actress, Reita commanded leading rolls in several local plays, and received notable acclaim through Bay Area media. As an artist, Reita continued to develop her abilities through her studies at the California College of Arts and Crafts. As a fashion model, Reita worked in many shows with Edith Brady, Lou Vason, and Lillian Young presentations. As a musician, Reita expressed her love of music, by excelling as a classical pianist, and later a cellist, with the Oakland Symphony Orchestra, for a time. As a linguist, Reita was fluent in Spanish, and could communicate easily in French, and Portuguese.

In years prior, Reita Haywood-Daethes, offered her many executive and organizational skills, to Reverend Cecil Williams, The honorable Ron Dellums, Berkeley Mayor Warren Widener and others.

More than all, Reita, the sister, the daughter, the auntie, the niece, the friend, the compassionate one, and the dreamer, has given the best gift that can be shared among our open hearts, and that is her intention to be the best woman that God gave her the grace to be.

My community choral group The Distaff Singers is having its annual benefit concert at none other than Skyline High School's Farnsworth Theater on October 22 at 2:00 p.m. We raise funds for public school music programs and after-school programs. Hope to see you there! Check out our website, [distaffsingers.org](http://distaffsingers.org).

### Valerie Ranche

*(we missed that performance but I am sure there will be others!)*

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### Deeana McLemore shared Berkeley Repertory Theatre's photo.

Saw "It Can't Happen Here" at Berkeley Rep with Marty Hoffman yesterday. Scary, thought-provoking political drama about issues in 1930s that are repeating now.

After living in Germany and speaking in depth with people who lived when Hitler came to power, I know how apathy about civil rights and voting combined with economic woes and fear mongering led to the horrors of WWII Germany. It can happen here unless we are diligent about critical thinking and voting and helping to get everyone to vote. Today there is no need to register to vote in Germany because they register their residency with the city where they live. Every German citizen is sent a ballot and can vote. Election day is Sunday so that most people are off work and can easily vote.

### H.S. Music Potpourri from Tom Simpson

"Shop Around" – Smokey Robinson and the Miracles ("Classic")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQGxa3FiXKM>

"Nobody but Me" - Isley Bros 1963/Cover by Human Beinz (Dish TV Ad, 2016)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4F6PRhxaGQ>

\*"Little Latin Lupe Lu" – Righteous Brothers, 1963 (Movie "High Fidelity", 2000)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MMS9niabUpA>

**Mr. Mattel** has located **Tom Van Buren** in Phoenix (**Gay Parker** has the story.)

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### **The Class of '66 celebrated their 50th!**

Anyway, it all went GREAT! Friday Meet & Greet was a great way to start with about 122 in attendance. Actually there was a golf tournament the day before named the Travis Davis Tournament in memory of one of our classmates (the male organizers were friends of his). Saturday we had only 4 no shows, but some cancellations the week of (medical reason, and one actually passed shortly after cancelling), but still had 222 people. It was packed, and everyone had a great time. The only hitch was the PA system for the speakers - too hard to hear in the two rooms. We had a larger turnout than expected so had to spread into a second room across the hall. There was dancing to pre-recorded music (many songs from you - thanks), although I never made it to the dance room. I was one of the last to leave, and we were kicked out due to the late hour. Even then, I felt I hardly saw anyone, or at least not as many as I had hoped to visit.

#### AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

Sunday at Skyline. I did not go. Apparently they had around 100 people for a light breakfast. Tim kindly opened the gate and stayed to lock up. Unbeknownst to Tim and the reunion committee people, two people stayed chatting not knowing everyone was supposed to leave, and ended up being locked inside. They had to call the fire dept to let them out. I hope this did not cause any problems for Tim. Did you hear from him?

When is your next reunion? People are already asking when our next one will be.  
**Cheng-Hsin Chang**

And now, Class of 1967 is into planning their 50th.

For the BH crowd and Skyline Art crowd:

**Carol Squicci** added 3 new photos. Carol's Art <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100008125246832&fref=nf> exhibit: Spritzer's Cafe, this month. 734 Central Ave., Alameda 94501. Showing with artist from Danlander Studios. Reception: Sunday, Nov., 13th. I'll be there 10 to noon. Stop by for a look and a treat or any time you're in town.

Congrats to **Steve Whitgob**, proud papa

[Too Many Doctors Have To Deal With Bigoted Patients](#)

This doctor is trying to change that. [huffingtonpost.com](http://huffingtonpost.com) By [Anna Almendrala](#)

## Birthdays

Nov

- 01 Barbara Bowles Holt
- 03 Clint Rylee
- 03 Karen Dodge Wetherbee
- 05 Sheila Oxley
- 06 Barbara Renouf
- 08 Sidney Cummings
- 08 Joel Kuechle
- 11 Joetta Christopher
- 10 Barbara Smith Stott
- 10 Jennifer Foreman Williams
- 11 Tom Smith
- 12 Lorrie Miller
- Marlene Siegel Anthony
- 13 Carol Vierra
- 14 Tom LaMarre



- 15 Kent Willis
- 15 Carlee Wells King
- 17 Cathi Trebotich Beaubien
- 19 Gayle Smith
- 20 Ron Wofford
- 21 Nancy Klinkner Mulligan
- 26 Christopher Perry
- 27 Diane Breen Helman
- 27 Rick Steen
- 28 Diane Squaglia Fly
- 30 Calvin Brugge

Dec

- 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

*"Whatever the future holds and as satisfying as my life is today," he wrote, "I miss the '60s and I always will." Tom Hayden (RIP)*



This should  
make you  
feel about  
nine years  
old.

**[Oakland: Joaquin Miller Elementary launches world language program](#)**

The program includes a daytime class, taught by an instructor, two times a week for 30 minutes at a time, and also time spent using language software, called...

[eastbaytimes.com](http://eastbaytimes.com)

**[pergolaReport](#)**

The Pergola and Colonnade at the end of the eastern arm of Lake Merritt was constructed in 1913, designed by... [ecovillage510.org](http://ecovillage510.org)

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[North on Broadway from today's Jack London Square. About 1865.](#)**

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### **Origin of Phrases Explained**

#### **'A SHOT OF WHISKEY'**

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents and so did a glass of whiskey.

If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

#### **'THE WHOLE NINE YARDS'**

American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges.

The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

#### **'BUYING THE FARM'**

This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000.

This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

#### **'IRON-CLAD CONTRACT'**

This came about from the iron-clad ships of the Civil War.

It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

#### **'PASSING THE BUCK / THE BUCK STOPS HERE'**

Most men in the early west carried a jackknife made by the Buck Knife. When playing poker it is common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted then "the buck stopped there".

#### **'RIFF RAFF'**

The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raft – or riff-raff, meaning low class.

#### **'COBWEB'**

The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

#### **SHIPS' 'STATE ROOMS'**

Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

#### **'SLEEP TIGHT'**

Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a criss-cross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

#### **'SHOWBOAT'**

These were floating theaters built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played the small towns along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat" these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention-grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

#### **'OVER A BARREL'**



In the days before CPR a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in a effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely effective. If you are over a barrel you are in deep trouble.

'BARGE IN'

Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

'HOGWASH'

Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off was considered useless "hog wash".

'CURFEW'

The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu", which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles before sleeping for the night. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu", which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a "curfew".

'BARRELS OF OIL'

When the first oil wells were drilled they had made no provision for storing the liquid, so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of barrels of oil, rather than gallons.

'HOT OFF THE PRESS'

As the paper goes through the rotary printing press, friction causes it to heat up. ...therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press, it's hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

There, don't you feel smarter now?

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***The French restaurant, Le Petit Chef, came up with an original way to entertain guests while waiting for their orders. By using a projector on the ceiling and animation on the table, there appears to be a small chef who prepares a meal on your plate. It makes a good laugh. A great way to cheer up.***

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yBJEP4IsRFY>**

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Yesterday afternoon I went to our local gun shop to get a small handgun for personal protection.

When I was ready to pay for the pistol and ammo, the cashier said, "Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did as she instructed.

After the hysterical shrieking stopped, I learned that she was telling me how to place my credit card in the card reader.

I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to seniors a little more clear.

I still don't think I looked that bad!! 📺

**from Sue Conners**

I've learned....That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned....That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned ....That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned....That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned....That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned....That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned....That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in any other way.

I've learned....That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned....That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned....That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned....That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned....That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned....That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned...That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned....That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned....That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned....That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned....That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned....That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned....That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned....That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned....That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned....That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned....That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned....That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

I've learned....That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned....That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned....That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned....That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.