

# skyline . new Snote . 5.16

Thanks for the updates. Back in the day I went skiing with a couple of friends from the class of '65...Robert Waage (deceased) and Henry Kitajima. That trip ended in a broken leg and ankle, so here I am laying on the couch recovering from an ankle fusion needed after all these years from that trauma. Doing well though. Still working at Midwestern University in the College of Dental Medicine as the Associate Dean for Admissions, CE, and Graduate Studies. Pass along my hello and good wishes to everyone! **Jim Pashayan**



## The Ya Yas

Finished product. Fun time — with [Linda Roesch](#), [Ann Berit Moyle](#), [Elaine Walker](#), [Karen Juul Mihok](#), [Maryann Collins Anderson](#), and [Donna Smith](#).

## [David Gebhard](#)

I am out of the hospital, learning to survive as an amputee. I am blessed, as the Lord allowed me to keep half my foot. My wonderful wife is taking great care of me.

I am truly blessed. Great day, a prosectic / brace maker

says his brace will allow me to walk again. i am gassed  
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## THE DAY THE MUSIC DIED: From Tom Simpson

**La Bamba – Ritchie Valens** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jp6j5HJ-Cok>

**Chantilly Lace – The Big Bopper** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4b-by5e4saI>

**That'll Be the Day – Buddy Holly** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nrInsANB8Q>

**American Pie - Don McLean** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VsZFiMo8Tic>

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An incredible day here at Wright State. Tom Hanks on site to dedicate the Tom Hanks Center for Motion Pictures, then to participate in a gala celebrating our reaching out Capital Campaign goal of \$150 million. Also here was David McCullough, as he & Mr Hanks are collaborating to make a mini series of his Wright Brothers book (a great read), ala "John Adams". Also here was Eric Bork (Band of Brothers). Got to share stories with Tom re Bret Harte & Skyline. Go Titans.

Jennifer in the Teachers Hall of Fame, Tom Hanks a somewhat well known struggling artist...pretty proud to call Skyline my alma mater. **John Lyman**



**Carol (Vierra) and George Szymkiewicz** know how to celebrate!



**from Shirley Hay:**

[Birds and people - audio slideshow](#)

From the avian gods of ancient civilisations to battery hens of today, a spectacular new book by Mark Cocker and photographer David Tipling explores humanity's relationship with - and exploitation of - birds  
theguardian.com | By Mark Cocker



**Tom LaMarre**

With Clem Daniels, my all-time favorite Raider, my P.E. teacher at Skyline High and one of my mentors, but most importantly, my friend.

**Bob Blesse** Last fall, Vicki's mother and sister visited us and we went to Montalcino—a stunning hill town, famous for its wine. I took this early morning photo of the little cottage where V. and I were married



in 2004. I hope you enjoy it, please feel free to share

## **KASPER CALENDAR**

<b>May</b>	<b>2 and 9</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>6 and 13</b>	
<b>July</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY</b>



[The Tiger and The Skull](#) Thought you might enjoy this attached photo from the Junior Invitational at Sage Valley Golf Club (12 miles into South Carolina from Augusta, GA)...was a rules official there for the top 54 junior boys in the world! This was on the front page of the Augusta Chronicle this past Saturday!!!

Stained glasswork by **James Morgan**



**John Briggs**

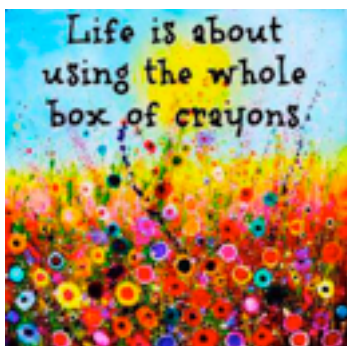
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Hello dear friends,  
I am heartbroken to tell you that my dearest Floyd passed away yesterday, April 28, As you know. he was ill for some time, but the pain of loss is no less. I am in tears as I write this. I will miss him so much as will his beloved children, Danny and Kristina. We were with him, holding his hands when he passed.

We have not made any arrangements for services as yet, but we will let you know..

With my love to you all,

**Millie Caldwell Swafford**



## May Birthdays

|    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 05 | Andrea Thompson         |
| 07 | John Close              |
| 08 | Jim Barranti            |
| 12 | Laynee Melmet Goodstein |
| 19 | Ken Hood                |
| 25 | Marti Heath             |

## June Birthdays

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| 1  | Elaine Hendrikson                                     |
| 13 | Kathleen Lofing Crawford                              |
| 15 | Sandy Tyler                                           |
| 19 | Bob Nordgren                                          |
| 22 | Bill Giacometti                                       |
| 26 | Craig LaBarbera<br>Russ Union<br>Jennifer Morag Keene |
| 29 | Sue Gracie Lanphear                                   |



From **Nancy Mulligan**: [Fwd: FW: What Your Body Does in a Day](#)

My goal for 2016 was to lose just 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.

Ate salad for dinner! Mostly croutons & tomatoes. Really just one big, round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza.

How to prepare Tofu:

1. Throw it in the trash.
2. Grill some Meat.

I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a



spider web.

I don't mean to brag but.....I finished my 14-day diet in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.

Senility has been a smooth transition for me. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero out they closed school?  
Me neither.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented....I forgot where I was going with this.

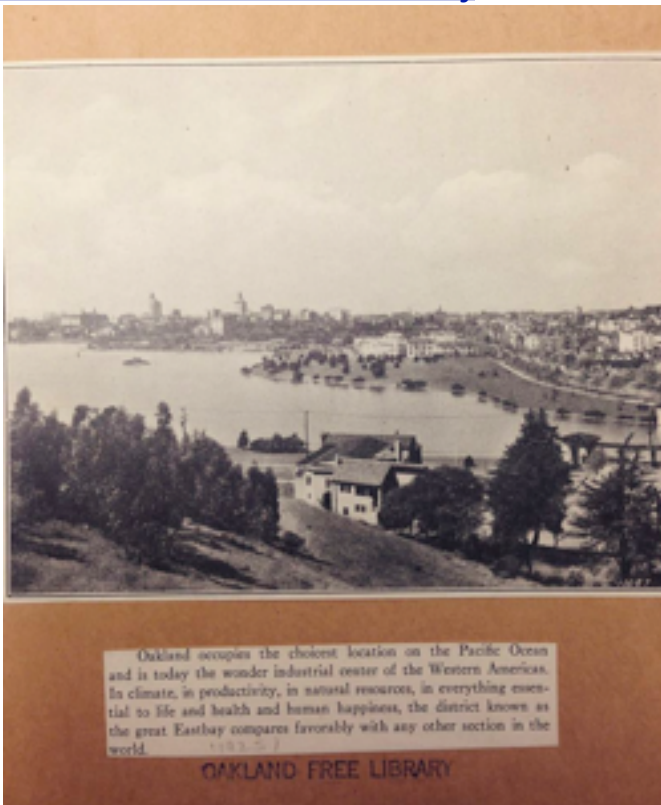
I love being over 50. I learn something new every day.....and forget 5 others.

A thief broke into my house last night.....He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.

My dentist told me I need a crown. I was like: I KNOW! Right?

I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.

<http://lakeshorehomes.net/about/history>



## **Oakland: Biff's to be torn down, replaced by 'hipster hive' of 255 condo units**

It's been a generation since the last night owl stopped by Biff's, the spaceship-looking landmark operating as a 24-7 coffee shop just off Broadway's Auto Row. ... bayareane.ws

## **Genova Delicatessen closing after 90 years in Oakland**

After 90 years of doing business in North Oakland, it's closing time for Genova Delicatessen. Temescal's lunchtime favorite is shutting its doors for good on April 30, the owners said Friday. eastbaytimes.com

## **Oakland: New life for quirky Gingerbread House building**

By Annalee Allen, [aallen@oaklandnet.com](mailto:aallen@oaklandnet.com)

For many years the charming dollhouse-like structure with bracketed eaves, dark brown bargeboard trim and cookie-cutter folk art-style attachments has stood on the corner of Fifth and Brush streets, sandwiched between a freeway offramp and the BART tracks. Many remember it as the home of the popular Gingerbread House and Tea Garden, owned and operated by T.J. Robinson, a Louisiana transplant who for more than 30 years served a smorgasbord of Cajun and Creole cuisine. Her biography states that she used her grandmother's recipes as inspiration for her cooking. In the 1990s, she was named one of America's Top Black Chefs.

Ill health forced Robinson to close her popular eatery in 2007, and she passed away in 2011. Many wondered what would happen to the quirky building, and nearly a decade would pass with no answers forthcoming.

The good news is starting this month a new business will fill the former Gingerbread House. According to news reports Angel Cakes cupcake shop is opening a retail location in the renovated space. With the help of Indiegogo crowdfunding, Jen Angel, a baker who has been using commercial kitchens in the area for the past several years to make her unique confection creations featuring fresh, local ingredients, will make a go of it. Testimonials to her creations on her website <http://angelcakessf.com> attest to her popularity and fan loyalty.

Checking the history files, I learned there are actually two buildings on that corner lot. The two little houses were estimated to have been built in the post-1906 earthquake era when Oakland experienced a building boom due to an influx of people leaving what was left of San Francisco. It is not easy to picture it now (with freeway and BART construction predominating), but this area along Fifth Street was at that time mostly residential.

There is another remnant from Oakland's early past nearby.

A block or two further south on Fifth Street stands a cluster of Victorian period buildings, dating from the slightly earlier pre-1900 era. Today this cluster is known as Bret Harte Boardwalk, for the colorful Gold Rush chronicler Bret Harte (1836-1902). Files reveal that as a young man, Bret Harte once lived nearby in a home with his mother and his stepfather. Bret Harte's stepfather happened to be Oakland's fourth mayor.

A contemporary of fellow essayist and novelist Mark Twain, Harte is best remembered for stories and poems featuring miners, gamblers and scoundrels from the 1848-49 California gold rush. Later he would become well known nationally as an editor and literary critic.

Although Harte's actual Oakland residence is no longer standing, the idea of developing a commercial destination named for him evidently occurred in the 1970s. The growing popularity of nearby Jack London Square may have had something to do with it. Bret Harte and Jack London did know each other, although London, born in 1876, was a generation younger than Harte. Like his predecessor, London made use of the tales and legends of another gold rush -- the Klondike Gold Rush of 1893 -- as inspiration for his many stories and novels.

It's good to see fragments from Oakland's past such as the Gingerbread House and the Bret Harte Boardwalk coming back to life. The hours open at the cupcake store vary, so check the website for days and times.

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*Found an alternative to TI Fine Dining - the Laney Bistro on the Laney Campus. Open Tu-Fri from 11:45 to 1. Slightly more expensive (pay by course) but delicious and, of course, presentation is part of the excitement. No reservations, so suggesting one be at the door by 11:44. Parking on 10th street (metered). Do make sure school is in session. sdc*

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### **Anonymous person donates \$34 million to help Oakland Unified School District, nonprofit...**

An anonymous person has donated \$34 million to Oakland schools and at least 17 nonprofit organizations to help children and low-income entrepreneurs. abc7news.com

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- **[Lake Merritt May Be Swimmable By Summer!](#)**  
[Oakland Officials: New progress towards making Lake Merritt Swimmable Residents and visitors to Oakland have flocked to the shores of Lake Merritt in recent years as the body of water has rebounded from its days of being known as the "Lake of 1,000 Smells". While water quality levels have still made swimming off-limits](#) [visitoakland.org](#)
- **[What would it take to make Lake Merritt swimmable?](#)**  
[Today, Lake Merritt is known as the Crown Jewel of Oakland, but it used to be called by a different name: the Lake of 1,000 Smells. To figure how to make it a swimming lake, it'd be good to know how it became un-swimmable in the first place.](#) [SFGate](#)
- **[What would it take to make Lake Merritt swimmable | Bay Curious, KQED News](#)**  
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- [http://www.insidebayarea.com/breaking-news/ci\\_29714678/drummond-tammerlin-drummond-column-ends-7-year-run](http://www.insidebayarea.com/breaking-news/ci_29714678/drummond-tammerlin-drummond-column-ends-7-year-run)

### [As Oakland Tribune disappears, a city mourns its newspaper](#)

The paper has escaped death before, from the era in the 1980s when its Gannett renamed it “EastBay Today,” to the years when it dropped the city’s name from its regal Old English-style nameplate and styled itself “The Tribune.”  
sfchronicle.com



### [The Origins of Hella](#)

Long associated with the Bay Area, 'hella' has gained widespread use. But how was the word born?

ww2.kqed.org

### [Joaquin Miller Monuments](#)

Odd stone and concrete monuments in the "Poet of the Sierras" eclectic folly garden  
atlasobscura.com

### [How Does Oakland Turn Food Scraps to Soil?](#)

Ride along with your food scraps as they make their way from the curb to the compost pile.  
ww2.kqed.org

A impressive success story on Oakland's composting program, in case you were wondering what happens after the green bins content leave...

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Oakland,...>



Oakland, located in the U.S. state of California, is a major West Coast port city and the busiest port for San Francisco Bay and all of Northern California. It is the third largest city in the San Francisco Bay Area, the eighth-largest city in the state, and the 47th-largest city in the U.S. with a population of 390,724 according to the 2010 census. Incorporated in 1852, Oakland is the county seat of Alameda County. It serves as a major transportation hub and trade center for the entire region and is also the principal city of the Bay Area Region known as the East Bay. The city is situated directly across the bay from San Francisco.

Oakland's territory covers what was once a mosaic of coastal terrace prairie, oak woodland, and



north coastal scrub. Its land served as a rich resource when its hillside oak and redwood timber were logged to build San Francisco, and Oakland's fertile flatland soils helped it become a prolific agricultural region. In the late 1860s, Oakland was selected as the western terminal of the Transcontinental Railroad. It continued to grow into the 20th century with its busy port, shipyards, and a thriving automobile industry. Following the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, many San Franciscans relocated to Oakland, increasing the city's population, housing and infrastructure.

A steady influx of immigrants during the 20th century, along with thousands of African-American war-industry workers who relocated from the Deep South during the 1940s, have made Oakland one of the most ethnically diverse major cities in the country...

Oakland has a Mediterranean climate with an average of 260 sunny days per year. Lake Merritt, a large estuary centrally located east of Downtown, was designated the United States' first official wildlife refuge. Jack London Square, named for the author and former resident, is a tourist destination on the Oakland waterfront. Progress has been made in reducing the city's high crime rate; violent crime is primarily concentrated in certain neighborhoods, although property crime remains problematic throughout the city...

The earliest known inhabitants were the Huchiun tribe, who lived there for thousands of years. The Huchiun belonged to a linguistic grouping later called the Ohlone (a Miwok word meaning "western people")...

Conquistadors from New Spain claimed Oakland and other Ohlone lands of the East Bay, along with the rest of California, for the king of Spain in 1772...

Continued development occurred after 1848 when, as part of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo following the Mexican-American War, the Mexican government ceded 525,000 square miles (1,360,000 km<sup>2</sup>); 55% of its pre-war territory (excluding Texas) to the US in exchange for \$15 million...

During World War II, the East Bay Area was home to many war-related industries...

Soon after the war, with the disappearance of Oakland's shipbuilding industry and the decline of its automobile industry, jobs became scarce. Many of the poor blacks who had come to the city from the South decided to stay in Oakland, and longstanding black residents complained that the new Southern arrivals "tended towards public disorder." The segregationist attitudes that some Southern migrants brought with them disrupted the racial harmony that Oaklanders had been accustomed to before the war. Many of the city's more affluent residents, both black and white, left the city after the war, moving to neighboring Alameda, Berkeley, Albany and El Cerrito to the north; to San Leandro, Hayward, Castro Valley and Fremont in Southern Alameda County; and to the newly developing East Bay suburbs, Orinda, Lafayette, Pleasant Hill, Walnut Creek and Concord. Between 1950 and 1960, about 100,000 white property owners moved out of Oakland—part of a nationwide phenomenon called white flight.

By the end of World War II, blacks constituted about 12% of Oakland's population, and the years

following the war saw this percentage rise. There was also an increase in racial tension. Starting in the late 1940s, the Oakland Police Department began recruiting officers from the South to deal with the expanding black population and changing racial attitudes; many were openly racist...

...Oakland, which had been racially harmonious and prosperous before the war, by the late 1950s found itself with a population that was becoming progressively more poor and racially divided...

at one point – she was seized in 1980 in San Francisco as a front for drug smugglers - impounded at Treasure Island, she sank. The ship was raised and unceremo... [See More](#)

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[Andrew Alden to Oakland History](#)

[After a careful review, I've photographed](#)

[sidewalk stamps left by eleven different firms that were proud to be from Fruitvale, California. My weekly post in Oakland Underfoot.](#)

### [Sidewalk makers of Fruitvale](#)

I count eleven different firms or practitioners who used “Fruitvale” in their sidewalk stamps. Here they are. One dated example from 1915. One example from 1927. One example from 1926. ...oaklandsidewalks.wordpress.com



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## [Gardening](#)

### **This Week in NWF History: Creating Wildlife Habitat in Your Yard**

**0 2/15/2016 // By [NWF](#)**

*Since 1936, the National Wildlife Federation has worked to conserve the nation's wildlife and wild places. As part of our 80th anniversary celebration, we are recognizing important moments in our history that continue to make an impact today.*

Gardening for wildlife is one of the easiest ways to attract and help wildlife to your area. In 1973, the National Wildlife Federation started the Backyard Wildlife Habitat program – now known as [Garden for Wildlife](#) – to encourage people to turn their yards into suitable habitat for wildlife such as pollinators, songbirds, and small mammals.

When people create wildlife-friendly gardens or landscapes, the National Wildlife Federation will recognize them as [Certified Wildlife Habitats](#). Each Certified Wildlife Habitat has the five essentials for a wildlife-friendly garden: food, water, cover, a place for wildlife to raise their young, and sustainable gardening. Whether you have an apartment balcony, a 20-acre farm, or an average suburban yard, you can create a garden that attracts beautiful wildlife and helps restore habitat in commercial and residential areas.

Since its start over 40 years ago, the Garden for Wildlife program has certified close to 200,000 gardens throughout the United States with a majority of these being in home yards. The program has also expanded to include certifying schoolyards, places of worship, farms, and even entire communities or cities!

Some sustainable gardening tips to get started:

- Use plants native to your area in your garden. Because they are indigenous to a specific region, native plants usually require less maintenance and are welcomed by wildlife, serving an important role in the local ecosystem.
- Make your own fertilizer. You can create your own nutrient-rich soil supplement by turning food wastes you would otherwise throw in the trash into compost for your garden.
- Eliminate pesticides in your garden. Instead, you can should try to select and maintain pest-resistant plants adapted to your area and learn to recognize and care for natural pest controls, such as ladybird beetles, beneficial wasps, birds, toads, and many others.
- Conserve water by planting natives and drought tolerant plants and reducing your lawn space. You can mulch planting beds with newspaper, leaves, bark, or wood chips. Mulching helps retain soil moisture and improve soil quality.
- Find more tips on NWF's [Garden for Wildlife](#) website.

You can also attract local wildlife by building or buying a bird house, bat house, toad abode or other wildlife-friendly product from the [Garden for Wildlife gift guide](#). Additionally, those that certify their habitat within the next year will help contribute to the [Million Pollinator Garden Challenge](#).

[Have the necessary components for a wildlife-friendly garden? Then certify your yard today!](#)