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I had a nice dinner with **Don Sarver** and Terry a few weeks ago. They were here for their daughter's wedding at a villa in the hills above Florence. Attached is a photo of Don and I with the Ponte Vecchio behind us. **Bob Blesse**



[November 2 at 8:57pm](#) ·

The campaign is now over and the voting begins tomorrow. It has been a wonderful experience. I have met so many people, got great ideas for improving my home, walked the whole city, lost some weight, connected with people I haven't seen in years, made new friends, have attended many fun events in the city, learned how to create a website and learned how to make every minute count.

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The votes are in. Though I lost 52% - 48%, we did so much better than I thought was possible against an incumbent. Your support and friendship mean so much to me. We even had a fun evening at Schuller's Tavern. Thanks for being there for me! Love to you all!!

**Martha (Gooby) Micks**

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[Deeana McLemore](#) checked in to [Maverick Motel](#)

The meeting with the Bend and Klamath Falls Sheriff's reps and Search and Rescue people went well. They found the info on how my Dad would always buzz his Aunt's house when he flew over Oregon very helpful in deciding where to start searching the huge Klamath Lake. I saw some relative's (Dad's cousins) whom I hadn't seen in over 30 years. Going to the site where they found the foot and shoe today and to visit the memorial my brother George had done here in a cemetery next to where my Father's mother was buried. Have several more cousins to see, gathered some more info for the Sheriff and may go to Chiliquin to see other cousins.

What a trip to the past. I used to come up here and stay at the ranch with my great aunt and uncle every summer from about age 8 to 15. Had my own horse they kept for me. Left after the rodeo early in September. Dad would fly me up and come back for the Rodeo. In Klamath Falls

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With a heavy heart I have added Clare's name to our Memorial Page of the web site. Please feel free to share your thoughts about our remarkable friend on that page. [http://www.skyline64reunion.com/page.php?groupingID=memorials&sort=memorial\\_deceasedate](http://www.skyline64reunion.com/page.php?groupingID=memorials&sort=memorial_deceasedate)  
My condolences to all of us. **Carol**

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/rgj/obituary.aspx?n=clare-r-simpson&pid=176337875>

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Thank you, Tom. I will remember her as she was at the 50th as we worked and laughed together while arranging the table centerpieces before the event. **Bruce Quan**

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On Wed., **Robert Blesse** <[bob@robertblesse.com](mailto:bob@robertblesse.com)> wrote: Very sad. Clare was a wonderful person, so full of life, laughs, and enthusiasm. The golf jokes she emailed always brought a laugh. We will miss our Den Mom.

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Echo that, Bullet ! Clare was the quintessential cheerleader, always so energetic and positive.

We'll miss her spark. **Larry H**

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Well, I certainly echo what everyone else has said. She brought a smile to our faces, didn't she.

As I mentioned on Facebook, I suspect Clare has already organized a celestial golf outing...after of course sharing a glass of wine with Nic (who, dammit, is probably still smirking about his USC Trojans once again snuffing the Bears).

I've been told Clare did not wish a Memorial Service, and we certainly must abide by that request. But she certainly couldn't balk about a NON-Memorial, NON-Clare, golf tournament...NOT in her honor, BTW. So maybe her minion, who now becomes the BIG dog, could set up such a nothing-to-do-with-Clare golf outing.

Just sayin.....

One of Clare's legacies is that she brought so many people back together. I can only hope her final thoughts didn't dwell on the tears that would accompany her passing, but rather on the smiles that will remain long after those tears are wiped away. **John Lyman**

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WOW.....what a loss. Such a good friend, and so much fun to be with. I can only imagine now she and Nick are struggling to put together the pairings for that big golf outing we will all take part in.

She was always the tie breaker with regards to the argument as to whether Lyman purposely drove over Ballingers foot, (I don't think that will ever be settled, but then this is about Clare). I'll miss her! What a great spirit. **Bob Nordgren**

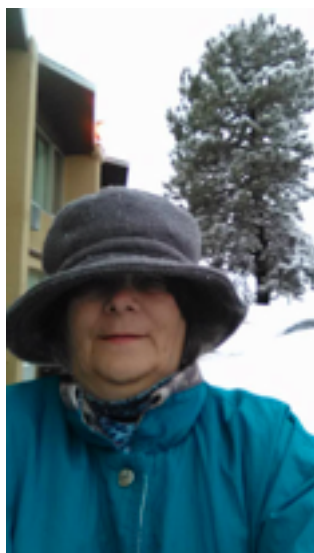
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There have been many more comments; to all of you, please post at [www.skyline64reunion.com](http://www.skyline64reunion.com) on Clare's memorial page.

## Gay Parker in Branson, MO

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You may not know that I am on the Board of Directors for the Mental Health Association of Alameda County (MHAAC), and that I have spent my entire career working on behalf of persons with mental illnesses and their families. My passion has been to push for better services at every opportunity. The MHAAC operates and provides financial support for various mental health programs as well as advocates for needed services. Just last week, after a grueling number of years trying to convince the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to approve the implementation of Laura's Law, the Board finally voted 5-0 to approve a pilot program. This law allows



involuntary outpatient treatment for some of the most mentally impaired individuals who do not understand their need for treatment. I believe this law will reduce some of the adverse outcomes which occur when serious mental illness goes untreated such as homelessness, harm to self or others, incarceration, unfulfilled potential, etc. In order to meet its budget needs, the MHAAC conducts an annual donation drive and asks each board member to help out with this effort. I am now contacting persons I know on behalf of the MHAAC to see if they can help with a donation of any amount. It is easy to donate by going to the website and clicking on their donation link or mailing in a donation to their office.

[www.mhaac.org](http://www.mhaac.org) or by mail: **Mental Health Association of Alameda County 954 -60th St. Emeryville, CA 94608 510.835.5010**

**Mildred Caldwell Swafford**

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KASPERS in November provided continuing education in the realm of humor, trivia, local history, life's challenges, and the "maturing" process. New faces included those of **Debbie Agee Roessler** with husband Lou, and **Marsha Standish**, along with the frequent and the infrequent: **Judy Belcher, Dick Street, Rick Steen, Bob Falaschi, Don Schnarr, Howard Allen, Babara Uhlig Harbidge, Gay Parker, Cynthia Young Harelson, Tom and Cheryl LaMarre, Maureen Sarment, Jeff and Emmy Johnson Fearn ('65) and Kathe Zuber Williamson ('66).**

**The Kasper Day for December is the 7th. On the 28th of December we will be convening at Fentons at 1 pm, Let [tdtom7@aol.com](mailto:tdtom7@aol.com) know if you are coming. A return to Treasure Island will be scheduled around Valentine's Day, the 10, 11th, 16th or 17th, but not yet confirmed.**

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Hello Former Titans,

My name is Justin Anderson. I am the leadership teacher at Skyline High School. I have been working with Don Routh and the Wheelchair Foundation for a few years now.

As you all know, my students and I recently posted a project on [donorschoose.org](http://donorschoose.org), a non-profit site that allows teachers and students to post resource needs for projects. The project that we posted was to support the creation of a 9-12 grade yearbook. Recently, our school stopped funding the yearbook class and we decided to take it over in our leadership class.

Following last week's email from Don Routh to you all about our project, I began receiving email after email letting me know that people were donating to the project. By noon that day, the project was fully funded!

My students and I were overwhelmed by the generosity and support from you all. I want to thank you all so much for helping us out.

Students were so excited and a bit confused at the same time. I received questions from one of my sophomores asking "Mr. Anderson, this is amazing...but these people do not even know us. Why would they donate money to our project?" I just had to explain to her "Once a Titan, always a Titan!"

We cannot wait to share with you our progress on the book throughout the year. My students are ready to work hard and put out an amazing yearbook.

Again, thank you all for the support. You have no idea how greatly appreciative and excited my students are.

Go Titans! Justin Anderson

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## Birthdays

And a retro HB to **Kent Willis** on November 14!

December 17 - I hit the big **93** (Send him a greeting.....<[m.johnhills@sbcglobal.net](mailto:m.johnhills@sbcglobal.net)>)

**John Hills** - Member of opening day First faculty

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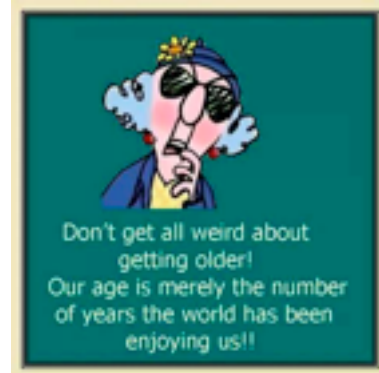
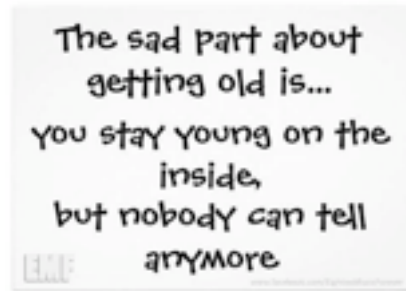
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**A Holiday Tradition at Dunsmuir-Hellman**

**BOX OFFICE NOW OPEN**

Call 510-615-5555 to purchase tickets!

For more information on Dunsmuir or A Holiday Tradition visit [HERE](#)

Dec 4-20 (TH-SUN)

**Holiday Caroling at Lake Merritt** will be back again this holiday season! Click [HERE](#) for more information!

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**Attachments:** [Coach Fardella 2014 Annual REport.pdf](#)

Holiday Greetings to my fellow Skyline Alumni...

As you think about giving back during this holiday season I hope you will consider the Coach Fardella Fund that supports the Skyline football program. I have attached their 2014 Annual Report.

Checks can be made payable to "Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation". **It is important to indicate "Coach Fardella Fund" on the memo line.**

Send checks to: Oakland Parks & Recreation Foundation, P O Box 13267, Oakland, CA 94661

Please pass this on!

Thank you, Don Routh '70, 101 Greenwich Ct, San Ramon, CA 94582  
Cell 510-517-0363 [donrouth@comcast.net](mailto:donrouth@comcast.net) [www.del-corazon.org](http://www.del-corazon.org)

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## **The Oakland Bucket List: 35 Things You Need to Do Before You Die**

**By Annie Crawford**

### **1. See a show at the Fox Theater**

Opened in 1928, the historic theater was shuttered in 1966 and remained dark until 2009 when they reopened the lovingly refurbished venue with the same wonderful Art Deco interior, gilded ornate glamour, and impressive facade it had in the Roaring '20s. Doesn't matter what you see (world-class rock, blues, R&B, hip-hop...), just see something. Extra credit points if you splurge and impress your date with VIP access. Double extra bonus points if you enter through the secret door in Rudy's Can't Fail Cafe.

### **2. Grab a seat in Section 149**

The Oakland A's superfans in the O.co's right field bleachers redefine superfandom with player-specific anthems, flags, musical instruments, special claps for different outs, and choreographed dances. Doesn't matter if you like baseball or not (or even if you're not an A's fan), you gotta sit there at least once. Bringing your own kazoo from home: optional.

### **3. Toast the past at Heinhold's**

Hit this sailor's bar in Jack London Square -- made from the bones of a whaling ship and opened in 1883 -- and try not to spill your drink (there's a crooked floor and tilted ceiling, both gifts of the 1906 earthquake that make this way harder than it sounds).

### **4. Take a gondola cruise on Lake Merritt**

Soak in the city from the center of the lake. Since 1999, the owners have been cruising lovebirds around the waters in traditional Venetian gondolas. It may be campy, but it's still totally great. Bonus: it's BYOB.

### **5. Visit Fairyland**

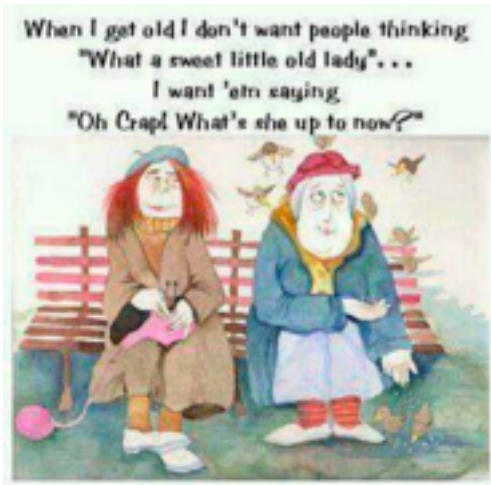
What's that you say? There's a magical theme park upon which Disneyland was based on right here in our backyard? Yes. Yes there is. And all you need to enter is a child and \$10. Oh, and if you're squeamish about procreation, don't worry: there's an after-dark boozy bash for big kids hosted by community superbiz, Oaklandish.

### **6. Lounge in a loveseat at the New Parkway Theater**

It's kind of like your living room (it's got movies, good food, adult bevs, and couches, too), minus the part where you need to clean it up. Oh, and bonus points if you go on one of the monthly theme nights, like Cult Night or Mystery Science Theater 3000.

### **7. Sing your heart out, piano karaoke-style, with Rod Dibble at The Alley**

This funky piano bar has been an Oakland institution since 1933, and Rod Dibble (now in his



80s) has been playing piano karaoke there for folks since 1960. Stop in before anything changes.

#### **8. Have a midday makeout in the Morcom Amphitheater of Roses**

Wander the paths by the reflecting pond until you find a nice little spot to get your daytime romance on at this gorgeous rose garden gem that you'll be kind of shocked even exists in Oakland.

#### **9. Sleep under the stars at Chabot Space & Science Center**

The After Dark events at Chabot are big-kid friendly. Bring a date, cuddle up with a sleeping bag, and learn about the night sky away from the crazy city.

#### **10. Tailgate with the best: Oakland Raiders fans**

The real party actually starts before you enter the Black Hole out in the parking lot where masterful custom BBQ grills and full bars are manned by Raider Nation fans in full-commit costumes. Dress in black, don't be a jerk, and get ready to rock.

#### **11. Raise a glass to freedom at the White Horse Inn**

Opened in 1933, this is the nation's longest continuously operating gay bar. Friendly to every type of lover, the funky dive boasts pool tables, the perfect barstools for bellying up, a round fireplace for lounging, and the requisite mirrored dance room with DJ booth.

#### **12. Get drinks before noon at Eli's Mile High Club**

Constant live music is the earmark of Eli's divey dive. That and strong drinks. In the '70s and '80s, it was known for blues. Now it's punk and rock. Stop by anytime after noon to get your liquid and/or aural fix.

#### **13. Watch the sunset from the Merritt College parking lot**

Sit high over Oakland with a bird's-eye view north towards San Francisco. Watching the sunset is a must at this sneaky spot, which's also perfect for fireworks shows. Just don't, like, tell too many people.

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#### **14. Raid the Grand Lake Farmers Market**

Saturday mornings are bananas here. You'll find loads of fresh fruit and veggies, breads and natural meats, and everyone and their mother. Grab to-go lunch, local kombucha, and stroll over for top-notch people-watching on the banks of Lake Merritt.

#### **15. Join the circus for a day**

Oakland fosters all kinds of creative weirdness, including -- but not limited to -- circus schools. You can let your inner circus star loose at places like Trapeze Arts and Kinetic Arts. Massive

warehouse spaces allow for flying trapeze, aerial arts, and other crazy shenanigans. And duh, follow it up with a damn good sandwich at 10th and Wood made by owner Vlad Levitansky, a former world-traveling circus clown. \_

### **16. Have the kind of breakfast God intended at Lois the Pie Queen**

Dreamy biscuits, fried chicken, and legendary pie make Lois the Pie Queen an Oakland eating institution. Lois has since passed on, but the family business stays strong. Just make sure you 1) save room for dessert, and 2) bring cash.

### **17. Drive up to Grizzly Peak on a clear day** (*SteenerFest had a spectacular view*)

If you want one of the best aerial views of San Francisco anywhere in the Bay, (spoiler alert: you do), this is where to go. And trust us when we say it's worth the winding drive up through the Oakland Hills (just watch out for bicyclists).

### **18. Take in a film at the Temescal Street Cinema**

The free outdoor summer movie series is one part block party, one part public art initiative, and one part thing you for sure need to do in Oakland before you die. Grab some popcorn, a lawn chair from home, and watch films made by local artists. \_

### **19. Savor the noodles at Shan Dong Restaurant**

Ask for the hand-pulled noodles at this long-standing Chinatown favorite. And yeah, it's worth the wait. \_

### **20. Celebrate Oakland on First Fridays**

Artists, food, performers, musicians, dancers, poets, DJs -- have you not already done this?

### **21. Take an evening stroll around Lake Merritt**

If you were gonna propose to someone, doing it surrounded by old-school lantern posts and the twinkling Necklace of Lights ringing the lake wouldn't be the worst place you could do it.

### **22. Get a sugar high at Fenton's**

An ice cream haven since 1894, Fenton's knows its sundaes. The always-packed location on Piedmont is the perfect place to indulge your sweet tooth with a wide swath of the Oakland community. It's got a total 1950s diner vibe (complete with paper boat hats), plus the long line moves quick and, best of all, you get to sample flavors while you wait. Bonus points if you go and take down the banana split challenge fast enough to get a free shirt. \_

### **23. Hear the Mighty Wurlitzer Organ play before your movie**

Get your grandeur on at the historic, 89-year-old Grand Lake Theater before the Friday or Saturday evening screenings when this bad boy roars to life once more. Who knew you could have *Mission Impossible* and the Mighty Wurlitzer in the same night? \_





**24. Eat one of the best sandwiches IN THE WORLD at Genova Deli**

If you haven't had a specialty sandwich or the homemade ravs from this O-town institution, you've been seriously doing it wrong. It's been serving up the best since 1926. Everyone in town knows this, too (including one of our editors, who named it one of the 15 best sandwich shops in the country), which means even though it has more than a half-dozen people making sandwiches, you'll still need to get a number and wait after you walk in.

**25. Go see a Warriors game** 2015 NBA Champions. Enough said. \_

**26. Cheese up at the Mexicali Rose**

When you need Mexican food covered in broiling cheese, eaten in decades-old vinyl booths, with Aztec warrior murals all around -- you go to Mexicali Rose. That's just what you do.

**27. Lick your fingers at Everett and Jones BBQ**

Dorothy Everett, badass BBQ queen and single mom to nine kids, started this East Bay empire in 1974. On Saturday nights, check out live blues with no cover while digging into some ribs.

**28. Get deep dish at Zachary's**

Zachary's Chicago Pizza will make your cheesy heart melt. You always have to wait. It's just how it goes. But it's worth it. Opened in 1983, it's now an employee-owned co-op, so you get some Oakland free spirit with your pie.

**29. Burn on at an American Steel Studios event**

An enormous pair of warehouses shelter a hive of metal workers, artists, creative superfreaks, and innovators that work in American Steel Studios. This is where much of the Burning Man art is born. Fortunately for the not-so-artistically inclined, you can crash wonderland when the front space gets rented out for events. It's pretty awe-inspiring in there.

**30. Visit Mountain View Cemetery**

Designed by the same man responsible for New York's Central Park, this serene retreat is nestled on top of Piedmont Ave and is the final resting place of chocolate king Domingo Ghirardelli, coffee pioneer James A. Folger, Samuel Merritt (all the Merritt stuff is named after him), and Jane K. Sather, namesake of Sather Gate and Sather Tower in Berkeley. It's also just a beautiful place to spend an hour or two. \_

**31. Ladybug it up in Redwood Regional Park**

This East Bay Regional Park District sweet spot is covered in dog-friendly hiking trails and a hidden grove of redwood trees. The best part, though, is the ladybug migration that happens each winter. You won't believe you're just a few miles from a BART stop. \_

**32. Check out all the secrets of Oakland** But especially that park at the end of the world...

**33. Drink a beer you've never tried before at The Trappist**

Which should be easy since there's a damn good chance you've never tried ANY of the beers on tap at this eight-year-old-but-it-feels-like-way-older specialty beer bar. \_

**34. Play a round of golf behind the Oakland International Airport**

Oh, you didn't know there's a golf course there? Because there totally is.

**35. Ask for some fish punch and write something on the ceiling after you finish it at Kingfish**

This institution puts all other things that call themselves institutions to shame. Its solution when a new condo development threatened to raze it? They moved THE ENTIRE BAR to a new street. Around since 1922, the Fish is located exactly one mile away from UC Berkeley, which previously had an alcohol-free dry zone radius of exactly one mile (see what they did there?).

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**related 13 East Bay Bartenders You Need to Know**

**The 11 Best Beer Bars in Oakland Uptown Oakland**

**Everywhere Worth Going To in**

*(Think we should come up with our own list?! sdc)*

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[Frank Somerville KTVU This picture showed up on my timeline the other day.](#)

[I figured it was some small town in the Mediterranean.](#)

And my first thought was:

“Wow I'd love to take my family there for a vacation.”

But then I looked a little closer. And I realized that I actually live where this picture was taken.

This is a picture of Oakland. It was taken by KTVU photographer Randee Deason.

This has to be one of the BEST pictures I've ever seen of Oakland. I seriously thought this was Spain or Italy.

I'd like to show this to some of my friends back east.

The ones who always say: “Why would you want to live in Oakland?”

I'm going to tell them: “This is why!!!”

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### *Thriller on Lakeshore, Halloween 2015*

Flash mob on Lakeshore Avenue in Oakland thanks to Hipline# youtube.com

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### **One man films a love letter to East Bay's park trails**

Denise Smith

Stan Dodson is an unassuming operations manager for La Farine, a three-store bakery chain in the East Bay, and he decided to produce a movie about his vision of Oakland. The 20-minute film, "Trailhead," is a look through Dodson's eyes at the...

sfchronicle.com (ps viewing of film at Dimond Library 7 pm December 2)

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### **Women Dancers Redefine Oakland's Street Dancing Scene**

Watch the all-female, multi-ethnic dance crew Mix'd Ingrdnts.

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Looking for a local charity to donate to this holiday season? Support Oakland Unite! *grin*

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### **Meet two amazing women who are still working at the age of 102. Yes, 102.**

One is a sculptor. The other is a caterer. Both are inspiring.

washingtonpost.com|By [Petula Dvorak](#)

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