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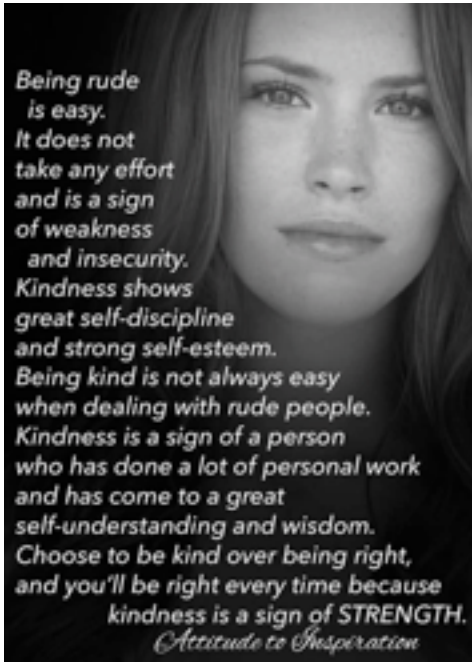
Reunion set for August 1, 2019.....at the Chabot Science Center .....details to emerge over the next few months.

Time to visit your profile at [www.skyline64reunion.com](http://www.skyline64reunion.com) and update! (See excellent entries by **Phil Bateman and Mena Hankins**. Do post a “Now” pic (“big hair” was not flattering to many girls). And kudos to those that already have.....lookin’ good!

Time also, to reflect on some friendships/personalities in the Memorial Section.

And if you have any info, please assist with Missing list.

Carol has added Birthdays to the Calendar section; please check and make sure your entry is there and correct!



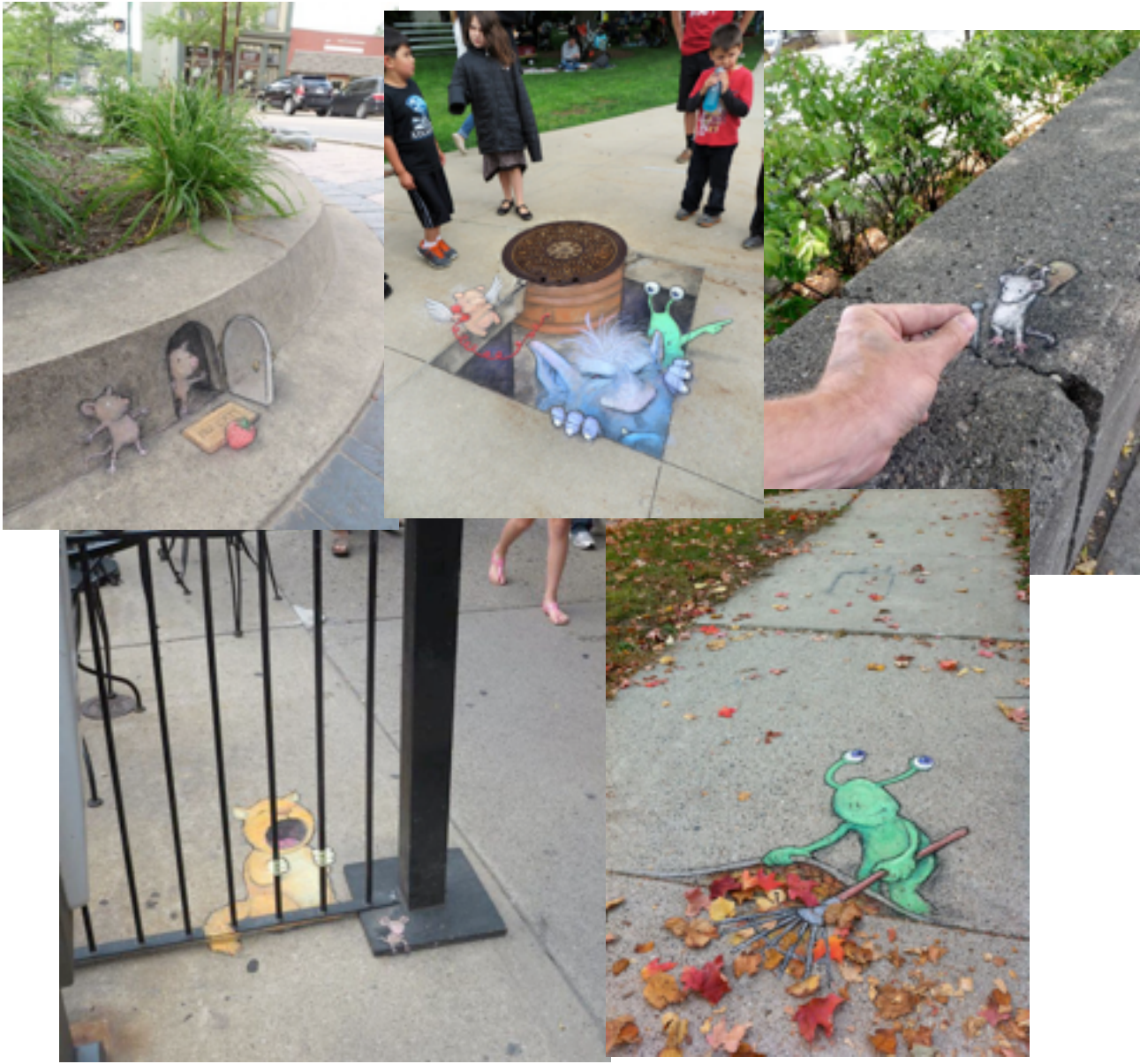
Very disappointed to report that some alums read of another’s personal tragedies and proceeded to send some very nasty notes.....unbelievable behavior at this age and not befitting of any Titans. The newSnote is to keep the tie that binds as a monthly smile at least and, at best, like another person facing challenges who read the newSnote and wrote:

***THAT’S EXACTLY WHAT I NEED RIGHT NOW!!!! I AM CONVINCED THAT A LITTLE NUDGE FROM THE UNIVERSE IS WHAT BROUGHT US BACK TOGETHER AT THIS TIME. I have been alone and unsupported for as long as I can remember—and it is time to reverse that trend.***

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It has not been a month for good news. Two classmates lost siblings on March 8 and now we have lost **Heidi Frisch Chunat**.

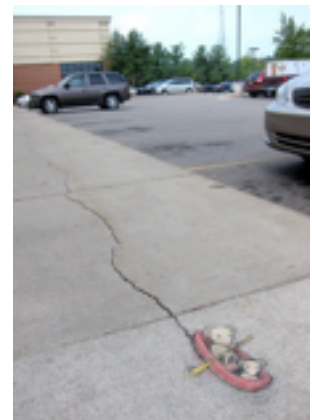
From **Mary Ann Anderson**: I wanted to let our classmates know of the passing of my friend **Heidi Frisch Chunat**. Heidi passed away in Holladay, Utah on March 8, 2018. She leaves behind her husband of 38 years, Charles and her son Glen and her 3 granddaughters. She also is survived by her brother, Brandon. Her brother, Randy, class of 1966 preceded her in death in 2010. Heidi graduated from Brigham Young University with a degree in social work and worked as a social worker for most of her life. She was smart, funny and frank and so fun to be around. She loved analyzing people. She will be missed.



**Niles Powell** sent these to bring a smile to the Mail Bag. (Slick to enlarge and really enjoy. <http://zinnart.com/>  
*David Zinn is an artist from Michigan. He runs around all day in the streets of Ann Arbor, with street construction, cracks, etc. on the road with chalk to create a lot of street fairy tales.*

**Recommended reading: Season of the Witch by David Talbot**

**The Bad Ass Librarians of Timbuktu by Joshua Hammer**



Enjoyed the article about both bridges. My Great Uncle, Angelo Rossi was Mayor of San Francisco during that time. He presided at the dedication of both bridges and my father was also present. **Debbie Agee Roessler**

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**Joel Kuechle** sent some pics of his latest trek in the Eastern Sierras. Click to enlarge.



**Ann Clark Guth** sent about Neil this from Hawaii:

My memories of Neil go back to Sequoia. I missed grades 7 through 10 as I attended school in Brookline, Massachusetts, but met Neil again at Skyline. However, our friendship grew when we were both at SF State. I'd spent my first two college years in Hawaii and learned what it was like to be in the minority again (I was definitely in the minority in Brookline being bussed to school in a military bus). He and I talked and talked and shared ideas. It was a special friendship; one for which I am grateful and from which I learned a lot.

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**Kathy Cotton Parker and Maureen Sarment** share a moment (actually several moments) of laughter in Hawaii.



**Maureen** joined **Kipi Rawlins, Richard Clarke, Gay Parker, Ton/Cheryl La Marre, Richard Street** at the 3.26 gathering at Kaspers. Unfortunately June Stark Casey was under the weather” and not able to attend. She loves correspondence, so send a note to 141 Westfield Way, Oakland CA 94619. The next Kasper’s will be **April 30.**

**Tom LaMarre** is organizing a **Fenton’s** event for **April 26th at 2 pm.** Please let him know you are attending at [tdtom7@aol.com](mailto:tdtom7@aol.com). He is also thinking of a Baseball day in May. Let him know if you are interested.

**Bruce Quan ([bruceqj@prodigy.net](mailto:bruceqj@prodigy.net))** and **Richard Clarke ([rbclarke64@yahoo.com](mailto:rbclarke64@yahoo.com))** are continuing their interest in a better Oakland by putting forward four initiatives to be on the ballot.

These initiatives address the root causes of some of inaction, neglect and poor judgement exercised by the city council and administration due to restricting/outdated ordinances. If you are interested in signing or carrying a petition, please contact them asap. A ballot initiative allows a community concern to be openly discussed. Even if you are not an Oakland voter, you can alert those that are.

#### **Removing the monetary limit for violation of a city ordinance.**

This initiative asks the voters to provide city government a more effective means to address resident's concerns.

Currently, the maximum the city can fine for a violation of any ordinance is \$1,000.00. The last time the Charter section was changed was in the last century.

This charter limitation does not reflect current economic conditions, nor does the charter provide a timely method of keeping pace with the economy, or does it provide the authority to develop innovative illegal dumping programs. As a result, the city's hands are tied while neighboring cities have enacted fines sufficient to deter illegal behavior.

For example, where neighboring cities have realistic fines to discourage illegal dumping (Union City where the fine is \$4,000.00 and San Jose where the fine is \$2,500.00, \$5,000.00 and \$10,000.00), because of the limitation, Oakland becomes a magnet for illegal dumping.

#### **Eliminating Rank Choice Voting**

This initiative asks the voters to abolish rank choice voting in elections and return to the simple one person, one vote system.

One of the primary arguments for the passage of ranked choice voting was it would increase voter participation in municipal elections. However, voter turnout since the enactment of ranked choice voting has relatively stagnant. Additionally, there have been significant complaints from residents that they do not understand the rank choice voting system and would be more likely to vote if the simple, voting for one person, was reinstated.

Until there is an effective way to reach and educate every voter, about the merits of any other system, the simple system of voting for one candidate should be used.

#### **Requiring a district candidate for council to reside in that district for more than 30 days, expand the term of office from four years to six years and limit service to two terms of six years or twelve years.**

Currently, a candidate for city council need only reside for 30 days in a district in which he/she wishes to run and if elected, can serve as many four-year terms as he/she desires.

Without living in a district for at least a year, how does a candidate know about specific problems of the district? For that matter, how will the voters really know the person their asked to vote for?

Judging from the state of the city and the pattern of failed campaign promises, a four-year term is insufficient time for a member of council to deep dive into city problems.

Incumbency breeds complacency in Oakland where an elected councilmember has what is tantamount to lifetime employment even if they are no longer effective.

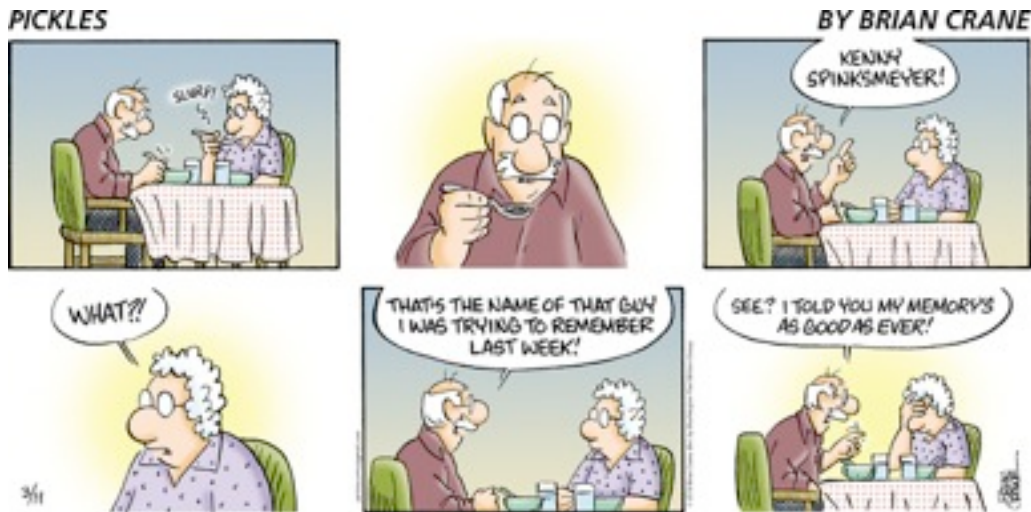
This change in the charter would require a one year residency period prior to running for office, give a councilmember a six year term to fulfill campaign promises and be limited to two terms or twelve years in office .

### Encouraging transparency in the operation of the City Auditor's office

Currently, the City Charter requires the City Auditor to submit his/her proposed budget to the Mayor and City Administrator (who control all the departments the City Auditor is charged with exercising oversight responsibility over) for inclusion in the general fund budget before submittal to the City Council for final approval.

Since the City Auditor is responsible for monitoring how the city functions both financially and operationally and has been elected to be the people's watchdog, he/she should not be subject to closed door, political budget shenanigans by the very people he/she should be keeping an eye on.

Changing the charter to have the City Auditor submit the departmental budget directly to the council's finance committee will increase transparency by exposing critical negotiations to the requirements of the Brown Act and Oakland's Sunshine Laws.



### More Re 55th Reunion Information

The Chabot Science Center was selected for several reasons. We are the children of the Space Age, from remembering when Sputnik went up, to all the moon shots, to the Tesla in Space, but mostly for the memories of visiting the Mountain Blvd observatory in grammar school.

Today the CSC is one of the very important extensions of the OUSD (last time I visited, there were 700 kids in attendance)(you'll love the very thoughtful snack bar menu and presentation) and in the days of science denial, a critical educational resource to be protected for future generations. We are proud to support the effort, although, after 15 years, we may have to raise the rate to \$100/person.....if you start putting away \$10-20/month, now, you can cover it by 2019.

This may be the last epoch in which many are mobile enough enjoy the telescopes and setting. The CSC is just finishing up an addition of a gracious, outside patio for greeting and and we will be in an existing room for dining.

Although some will not be happy with the time, an evening event on a Thursday, do remember that sunset is at 7:30.....and arrangements can be made for those that don't like night driving. The Center is three minutes driving time from the intersection of Joaquin Miller Road and Skyling Blvd. There is ample parking and handicapped accessibility.

There will be, of course, several other days of activity.....stay tuned.

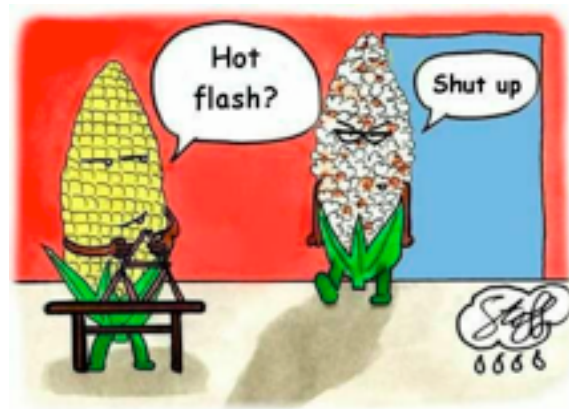
## Birthdays - do celebrate!



### April

- 1     Barbarah Uhlig Harbidge
- 3     Kathy Costa Rocco
- 5     John Briggs
- 6     Diane Breen Helman
- Bob Bevier
- 8     Linda Barkas
- 9     Don Sarver
- 10    Gail Gershanov Eiselman
- 13    Cindy Gibbs Parker
- 16    Gerhard Brostrom
- 18    Carol LaDolce Donato

- 18    Judy Long Lofing
- 19    Sharon McWalters
- 20    Melissa Silverman Willaby
- 24    Gary Montgomery
- Sherri Gribben Hester
- 25    David Niemand
- Mark Kamena
- 27    Gary Caso
- 28    Shirley Hay
- Ben Leet
- 29    Mark Kamena



### May

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

### [What crazy national day falls on your birthday?](http://www.studentbeans.com)

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We decided to take a closer look at all the weird and wonderful days you can celebrate...

**Remembering how excited Mr. Creaque was to share/teach this.....**

**[1953 Watson and Crick Discover Chemical Structure of DNA](#) by **Steven Field****

On this day in 1953, Cambridge University scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announce that they have determined the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule containing human genes. Though DNA—short for deoxyribonucleic acid—was discovered in 1869, its crucial role in determining genetic inheritance wasn't demonstrated until 1943. In the early 1950s, Watson and [...] [Read more of this post](#)

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**Woodminster:**

**[SoMa Bakery 'L'acajou' Expands To Oakland Hills](#) BY **CIRRUS WOOD****

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[City of Oakland | Oakland Public Works Sean Maher, City Administrator's Office](#) **AGENCY**

**The City of Oakland is seeking site coordinators to lead cleaning and greening projects for the 24th Annual Oakland Earth Day.**

Earth Day is Oakland's largest annual volunteer cleaning and greening event! In 2017, over 2,500 volunteers contributed an estimated 8,300 hours at 93 Oakland Earth Day sites, including some projects on Friday and Sunday. Volunteers removed over 600 cubic yards of green waste and nearly 300 cubic yards of trash from Oakland's streets, parks, creeks and shoreline!

Projects planned for the event include litter removal, habitat...[Read more](#)

[Mar 2 in General to subscribers of City Administrator's Office](#) [View or reply](#)

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**[How Zendaya Has Partnered With Google.Org To Help A Community School Bloom](#)**

**Mar 22, 2018 08:23 am**

By Susan Johnes Roses in Concrete Community School opened in East Oakland, California in 2015. And in the school's first year, Google.org provided \$750,000 to help launch its unique vision. The school's name was inspired by a book of poetry written by Tupac Shakur and aims to create a model for urban education that prioritizes [...] [Read More](#)

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**Giving SF Bay a Voice: Our 2018 Legislative Agenda**

The Bay Area is facing many serious challenges around housing, transportation, and economic inequality. And our state legislators have hard work ahead to tackle these issues on our behalf.

**But San Francisco Bay faces serious threats of its own, and it needs a voice in Sacramento.**

That is why we are working to advance [an ambitious legislative agenda](#) this year that will ensure our local leaders keep the Bay in mind when they make policy and spending decisions with environmental impacts.

**At a glance, our 2018 state legislative priorities include:**

- Securing robust funding in the state budget to match Measure AA funds for Bay wetlands restoration.
- Restoring Greenhouse Gas Reduction Funds for "Bay Smart" urban greening and climate adaptation programs slashed in the Governor's proposed budget.



- Passing a package of bills that would reduce plastic pollution in our waterways.
- Winning legislators' endorsements for a citizens' initiative Water Bond on the November 2018 ballot that would provide significant funding for Bay restoration and badly needed water infrastructure around the state.

[Please read our blog about the full 2018 State Legislative Agenda](#) for more details on all the efforts we are pursuing to keep the Bay clean and healthy – efforts on which we will be asking for your help over the weeks and months ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing interest and support. Warm regards, David Lewis



From SFGate (shared by  
**Melissa Silverman Willaby**)





### Marjory Stoneman Douglas

*The Everglades: River of Grass*, Douglas' first book, was published when she was 57. Of course, when you live to 108—which she did—that's barely middle age.

[http://www.yesmagazine.org/peace-justice/what-the-real-marjory-stoneman-douglas-would-do-20180329?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=YTW\\_20180330&utm\\_content=YTW\\_20180330+CID\\_f16a9b2c175ab67993969e07b5156f3d&utm\\_source=CM&utm\\_term=the%20real%20Marjory%20Stoneman%20Douglas](http://www.yesmagazine.org/peace-justice/what-the-real-marjory-stoneman-douglas-would-do-20180329?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=YTW_20180330&utm_content=YTW_20180330+CID_f16a9b2c175ab67993969e07b5156f3d&utm_source=CM&utm_term=the%20real%20Marjory%20Stoneman%20Douglas)

### MARJORY'S DAILY ROUTINE\*

10 AM	WAKE UP, Drink tea
10:05AM	SWIMMING at the Beach with friends
12PM - LATE	READING, WRITING, SLAYING FOOLS
LATE	DANCING

\*HAD LIFE FIGURED OUT

A repeat, but certainly timely!



I am a Seenager. (Senior teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later.  
I don't have to go to school or work.  
I get an allowance every month.  
I have my own pad.  
I don't have a curfew.  
I have a driver's license and my own car.  
I have ID that gets me into bars and the whisky store.  
The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant.  
And I don't have acne.  
Life is great. I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.