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Yesterday and today



Some had parking karma; others did not, but the energy, conversation, to say nothing of the cuisine went on for hours. If you did not join us, you missed **John Lyman (distance prize), Judy Belcher, Diane Breen Helman, Melissa Silverman Willaby, Gary Sommer, Cynthia (Young) and Doug Harelson, Dan Wightman, Rick Steen, Dick Street, Randy Silver, Dennis and Wendy ('65) Osanna, Richelle Lieberman, Gay Parker, Marsha Standish, Bruce Quan, Nena Reiners (distance driving award), Tom and Cheryl LaMarre, perennial cheerleader, June Stark Casey, Carrie Clinton ('63), Emmy (Johnson '65) and Jeff Fearn.**

More pics
by Gay
Parker on
FB page
Class of
Skyline
1964.



In sending regrets for not being at Fenton's: I will be just getting back from Chile next Sat (leaving tonight). Thanks to **Mike Marcum** for telling me about Lucia Berlin. Great writer, with lots of stories about Oakland/Berkeley and other places I have been. Some of the stories cut to the bone, others are whimsical." **Neal John Evans**

And **Don Sarver** not in attendance due to a (rumored) "blowout" retirement party also attended by **Patty Marshall Monson.**

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I have never been to a Skyline '64 event at Fentons nor one at Kasper's. I hope to make amends for this when I'm in the U.S. (primarily Reno and NorCal) this summer from June 22 to August 15. I am copying this email to Tom L. and hopefully, there will be gathering at one or both of these venues while I'm there. I might even give **Victor Gong** a run for his furthest away Kasper's title.

On the Skyline front here in Florence, **Doug Bartman** and his wife Nancy will be here in late May—it will be great to see them and I've planned a day for us in the nearby Chianti region. On the heels of Doug and Nancy's departure, **Clint Rylee** and his wife will be arriving and staying for several days. Looking forward to seeing them!

Always plenty to do here and we keep very active. Our involvement with St Mark's Church Florence continues to grow. In early April, we had a Royal visitor to St Mark's, HRH Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall who was in Florence with Prince Charles. Vicki and I got to meet and chat with her amidst all the media coverage. We have a very strong music program at St Mark's; Vicki sings in the choir and I have been producing videos of their singing and other services. On 12 March, we participated in an historic event as St Mark's and the choir gave the first Anglican evensong ever presented in the Baptistry of San Giovanni, perhaps Florence's most historic and oldest building.

Life continues to be good for us here in Florence. We have a ton of friends and there are constant rounds of coffees, aperitivi, lunches and dinners. Living here without a car presents difficulties in getting out into the countryside, so I enjoy my monthly jaunts in the region with our Waymarkers hiking group. I'm also quite active with my photography avocation and in early May will be doing a weeklong landscape photography workshop in the Val d'Orcia (Valley of the Orcia river) about 100 km south of Florence. This beautiful region is a UNESCO World Heritage site and contains some iconic photography venues. We have a raft of U.S. visitors to Florence on my return, then a month after that I leave for the U.S. My family reunion will be held in Plumas Co. just after I return. I'm really looking forward to catching up with family and friends while I'm in the U.S., including my fellow Skyline classmates. All best, **Bob Blesse**

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I loved the story. How true. And Fentons is one of my fondest memories. I remember the extraordinary coffee milkshakes and driving to Fentons in a 50's car. Enjoy your cholesterol-filled day on Saturday. **Linda Bulla**, from Oklahoma

Karen Juul Mihok

There are friends that are in your life for awhile, and then there are friends for a lifetime.....love my YaYa sisters♥📱

I like what Gay had to say. I've been renewing old friendships lately. I'll see Roger Sexton next week.

A short summary for me: Silicon Valley electronics engineer with buckets of patents - we moved to Hawaii 13 years ago (most folks don't know that I grew up there), spent all our money, came back to the mainland 3 years ago to make more money and make protons for nuclear fusion, and now we're heading back to Hawaii. I leave today on a road trip to visit some old friends and my two boys. Thanks, **Bob Conn**

After a long period in which it was mostly body part replacement, we seem to be in a rough period in which some are experiencing some significant ills.....our thoughts are with you.

Hello Friends: I wanted you to know that Phil had a stroke on Saturday morning. He is fortunate and we are very thankful that it was only mild, but still...a stroke is a stroke and can be a life-changer.

Phil's symptoms were: his left hand/ear/toes were numb/tingling and he was very off balance. All of his vital signs were normal. He didn't want to go to the doctor (men!) so he wasn't seen until several hours later. Hospital tests were: Angiogram, CT scan, Echocardiogram all of which showed nothing. The MRI finally found it at the base of his head. The mild stroke was a right ischemic pons which can happen before a major stroke.

He was hospitalized and moved by ambulance to Intermountain Medical Center but only spent one night there (I think they released him way too early). He will need neurological therapy and occupational therapy. He has to use a walker to get around and wear a heart monitor for 30 days. The first day he was home he fell twice and injured himself (because he doesn't need a walker, you know). Now, he always uses the walker. He is expected to recover fully.

I urge all of you and those that you love, to go online and look up the symptoms of stroke. As we get older the chances of stroke become higher.

Good Health and Love to you, Kathy Rocco
*May your troubles be less,
Your blessings be more,
And nothing but happiness
Come through your door!*

Joan didn't go to Skyline (John Swett, Bret Harte, Fremont) but this pic/story evoked so many memories (and pubescent angst), thought it relavent to share.

[Joan Fenton Truitt](#) updated her cover photo.
OK....Throwback Thursday deserves some silly on my cover page....



This was taken when we were graduating from the 6th grade at John Swett Grammar School in Oakland, CA. In those days, they taught all of us to dance as you see in this photo.....

Glenn Rice had a crush on me but I thought boys were a nuisance, late bloomer, I. ROFL

**Kasper's
May 8 and June 12 (12:30pm)
Annual Birthday Party is July 17
(at 1 pm)**

One way to find out if you are old is to fall down in front of a lot of people. If they laugh, you're still young. If they panic and start running to you, you're old.



ATTENTION:
Due to recent setbacks, my summer beach body will be postponed another year. As usual your patience is appreciated...

Birthdays

Oooops! Somehow Bob Bevier's birthday was omitted (*as was Beanie's -April*) from the April birthday list. Bob's B Day is April 6th. He 70 years old like me now! **Thanks, Beanie**

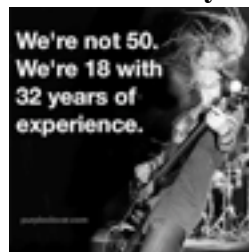
May

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

June

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

Actually 53 years of experience(s).





Philip Duhe to Oakland History
Oakland 1906
Home delivery of the paper
Back in the day. The wagon
was called a Dobbin.

Oakland Tribune Photo Archives

Oakland circa 1860-187 Broadway ...
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Oakland
The end of the line

[Tom Kincaid](#) This first gate at Mountain View is made of wood!
<http://mountainviewpeople.blogspot.com/2013/12/>

[Stan Lore](#)

Why did the blonde stare at the can of orange juiceBecause it said "concentrate"**[n will be visiting in Oakland soon.](#)**





A rendering of a 634-unit residential tower proposed in downtown Oakland.
Solomon Cordwell Buenz

East Bay Parks: More than Just a Pretty Place

The 120,000 acres of the East Bay Regional Park District are more than just a pretty place. There are creeks that provide drinking water, trails to walk and ride that help us live healthy lives, and grasslands that are grazed which support the local food economy.

And now we have an independent, scientific report by economists to prove that East Bay Parks are more than just a pretty place.

Based on this report, we now know that the Park District:

- Hosts 25 million visits a year. This is more than the A's, Raiders, Warriors, Giants, 49ers, Earthquakes, and Sharks combined.
- Provides a range of benefits to residents, businesses, and visitors that total about \$500 million annually. This includes the values of recreation, healthcare, property values, and other ecosystem services.
- Generates nearly \$200 million in regional economic activity every year that would not happen without the District. This includes visitor spending and grant-funded capital investments, and the multiplier effects of both.

What does that translate into? This scientific report conclusively says that the District is interconnected with many aspects of life in the East Bay including infrastructure, jobs, transportation, public health, and housing.

[Watch the Video or Download the Economic Impact Report](#)

General Manager Robert E. Doyle



The Holmes Book Company
274 Fourteenth Street
Oakland, California

[Cathy Leonard to Oakland History](#)

My favorite bookstore in all of Oakland was Holmes Bookstore located at 274 - 14th Street for 100 years. Here's a couple of articles for your reading pleasure. It was truly a sad day in Oakland when it closed.

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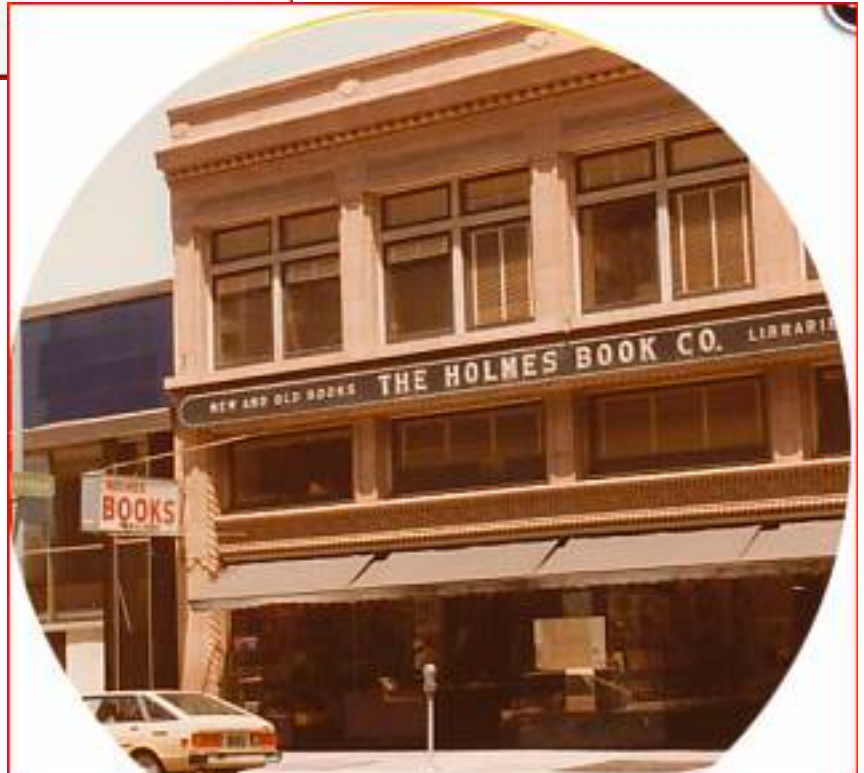
[David Mulshenock](#) I loved

Holmes Books. Since it closed I've wondered about the ghost, if he's still lurking, does he get lonely?

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www.streetstoriesoakland.com/
items/show/30](http://www.streetstoriesoakland.com/items/show/30)

[Holmes Book Company | Street Stories: Oakland](#)

An unremarkable location at best, the upper stories of this building stand empty while the ground floor is rented to the neighboring fabric shop; however, to the right person, this building represents a terrible loss to Oakland's history. Long-gone, but preserved in the memories of Oakland bibliophi...
streetstoriesoakland.com





“No straight lines and a surprise around every corner.”

Fairyland Motto

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article/old-giants-
last-days-oaklands-
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If they build it will they come?

The Zoo hired a Denver company to operate this and other retail operations vs a local firm, and the venue will only be accessible by Gondola.

[Take a peek at Oakland Zoo's \\$13M restaurant extension, which is reachable only by gondola - San Francisco Business Times](#)

The restaurant and gondola are part of a larger expansion project aimed at attracting more visitors to the zoo's California Trail, set to open in summer 2018. bizjournals.com

[Bennett Hall](#) IF you do not subscribe they have a paywall - sorry... here is the gist of it.

High above the Oakland skyline sits the Oakland Zoo's multimillion dollar new restaurant — reachable only by gondola. The project, which is under construction, opens to the public on June 5.

The restaurant building and interiors — perched 650 feet above sea level, with sweeping views of the Bay Area — cost \$13 million.

The new restaurant rests 650 feet above sea level in the hills above the current Oakland Zoo area.

The 150-seat restaurant will have a floor-to-ceiling glass wall for optimal views. Only visitors who have paid entry to the zoo can access the restaurant, which will also be available for corporate events, weddings and other large parties outside the zoo's operating hours.

The restaurant is part of the zoo's expansion project, dubbed the California Trail, which is aimed at attracting more visitors. They expect an increase of 15 to 20 percent. The entire expansion project, which cost a total of \$72 million, is scheduled for a summer 2018 completion.

The entire expansion will more than double the zoo's size — from 45 acres to 100 acres — with the new exhibit focusing on California's biodiversity. Located in the hills above the current zoo grounds, the project is 25 years in the making. The urban gondola is the first of its kind in California, said Erin Harrison, a spokeswoman for the Oakland Zoo.

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[Suzanne Carter](#) Some of the land they wanted had CA rare plants, a nice natural area, how ironic they took it to make a pricey exhibit, and a gondola for the 1%

[Jennifer Ramunno-Johnson](#) <http://www.californiatrail.org/faq.html> according to this the gondola will be included in admission. I don't know if that will still be true when it opens. I wonder how expensive that restaurant will be.

### [California Trail FAQ](#)

California Trail Frequently Asked Questions

[Robert Roland](#) Sustainable food source for thousands of years probably for native Ohlone and Miwok related Indians, possibly a hidden grinding bow well in a nearby rock formation like up on Indian Rock in Berkeley, young braves would hunt meat and fowl through out these hills with seemingly crude but effective hunting apparatus with out use of gunpowder, fish caught from nearby streams and abundant lakes.

[Andrew Alden](#) I'm thinking that's somewhere along the southern part of Skyline, although today it's mostly planted in pines.

The future is bright at the Oakland Zoo. We have big dreams and plans that will transform the Zoo and put us on the map as one of the most recognized Zoos in the country, especially for our humane treatment of animals and our world-wide conservation efforts.

In addition to our new Veterinary Hospital and BioDiversity Center, Oakland Zoo has broken

ground on a transformational project that more than doubles our size! The [California Trail](#), opening in 2018, will further our commitments to animal care, education, and conservation with a focus on this state's remarkable native wildlife.

1922

Henry A. Snow, recognized as a naturalist, collector, African big game hunter, film producer and museum advocate, established the Oakland Zoo in downtown Oakland. This first Zoo was located at 19th and Harrison in downtown Oakland and was later moved to Sequoia Park (Joaquin Miller Park). <http://www.oaklandzoo.org/History.php>

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**from Nancy Mulligan:**

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents,  
and we believe they will always travel on our side.

However, at some station  
our parents will step down from the train,  
leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by,  
other people will board the train;  
and they will be significant  
that is -- the love of your life,  
our siblings, friends, children,

Many will step down  
and leave a permanent vacuum.

Others will go so unnoticed  
that we don't realize  
they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy,  
sorrow, fantasy, expectations,  
hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship  
with all passengers  
requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is:  
We do not know at which station  
we ourselves will step down.

So, we must live in the best way,  
love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are.

It is important to do  
this because when the time comes for us to step down  
and leave our seat empty  
we should leave behind beautiful memories  
for those who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life.  
Reap success and give lots of love.  
More importantly, thank God for the journey.

Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

*(By the way, I am not planning to get off the train anytime soon but if I do, just remember I am glad you were part of my journey. sdc)*

Greetings from  
**Maureen Sarment**  
and her buddy who  
know how to live!



- Late breaking:
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Nadia Brooks, No Textbook, 4.26.17 Hamilton Ed Program - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CcsO8rKdDAE>

Support her opportunity of a life time to be a cultural ambassador in Edinburgh, Scotland @ The American High School Theatre Festival--Skyline High School Drama Student. Please donate: [https://skynetitanstore.myschoolcentral.com/asbworks/\(S\(kb52zwjq4zj2551ogtwk3ipu\)\)/apps/webstore/pages/Product.aspx?org=9374&pid=117](https://skynetitanstore.myschoolcentral.com/asbworks/(S(kb52zwjq4zj2551ogtwk3ipu))/apps/webstore/pages/Product.aspx?org=9374&pid=117)