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For the record, I'll hit the big **95** on 12 17 2017

John Hills, Member of Skyline's opening-day faculty.

Me: Shall we plan a party?

John : Thanks for the very nice thought, but, with my responsibilities here, I couldn't make it.

Thanks also for keeping Skyline news going- informative and interesting. It's such a pleasure for me to read about the activities and accomplishments of the many students I had plus all the others. [<m.johnhills@sbcglobal.net>](mailto:m.johnhills@sbcglobal.net)



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And for those band/orchestra people of '62/'63, I found John Motaratti (93) at 23400 Via Ventura in Cupertino 95014.

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**Ken Hood** takes over for LBJ in Austin, Texas.

## Adventure Guide

Hood

Leigh Parker



(Cindy Gibbs)

sent this beautiful pic of **Dixie Gladmand and Lynn Jennings** from her 1968 wedding.

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My husband and I were to arrive in Oakland yesterday for the weekend and could have made it to Kasper's tomorrow, but once again I had a grandma calamity! I got pink eye from our one year old, and a very bad 'daycare' chest cold from another. When I took them for a fun day at

JUMPTIME (one of those places with trampolines, blow up slides, etc.) I tried to navigate at a 90 degree angle over a missing stair and dislocated my patella over to the side of my leg. Yep... I fell backwards and was upside down when all the gorgeous paramedics tried to straddle me and pop it back in... and asked if any of them had ever experienced childbirth, because that is what it was all feeling like. A little morphine and a ride in the ambulance, and now a big brace finds me trying to rescue the feral kittens at the creek below my house and chase beautiful granddaughters around. So yes, I am hobbling with that and a small tear in my rotator cuff after falling off of a dresser hanging a picture. I am pretty much a mess, but still have a good attitude most days. So enjoy the chicken lips at Kasper's (probably didn't know I am a vegetarian/vegan) and someday

you might see me there ordering salad. Big hugs to all... xo  
**Jennifer de Grassi Williams**



I've always loved glamorous costume dresses, from the ones



Ginger Rogers wore to the extravagant ballroom gowns on *Dancing with the Stars*.

Bob Mackey famously dressed Cher in graceful cut-outs, hand-sewn beading and appliques. (Are there reruns of the late '60s *Sonny and Cher Comedy Hour*?)

I created the flattering red dresses above for my troupe. And on the right is my design for my big birthday bash this year. The sheer lace sides and sleeves made the look!

Ready to show off your best features and camouflage the others? Dance in a custom-made dress! [Find out more](#) and see more photos of my designs.

Shimmy on, **Dhyanis (Dianne Carniglia)**

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Another favorite reunion comment (some people are succinct): "For another reunion, a bar for liquor and a salad bar and I will be there." **Valerie Ranche Behrendt.**

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The Oakland Heritage Alliance announced the winners of its 2017 [Partners In Preservation Awards](#). Projects and individuals were recognized in a ceremony on Thursday, October 19 · [The Joaquin Miller Abbey](#) was saved from falling into disrepair by a team of landscape

architects, including Dale Risdien, Patrick LoChiatto, and **Bobbi (Lawler) Feyerabend**, in collaboration with the Friends of Joaquin Miller Park.

**Mailbag regarding fires:**

We are fine the fire is about 1 hour North East of us in Anaheim Hills and Orange. It is very smokey over Disneyland. **Nancy Klinkner Mulligan**

Fire is close to sister Joan's home in Napa, put apparently they have been spared. Brother Dick in Windsor is without power, and missed a day of dialysis. Brother Ted has a lot of smoke over in Pt Reyes, but no actual fires over there.

Still looking forward to getting out to California, hopefully by the end of the year.

Just back from a month in Italy. My biological clock is still trying to readapt to Ohio time zone. Great trip, although missed Bob as he was in Sardenia when we were in Florence. Last 2 weeks spent in Sicily. **John Lyman**

My sister and her husband live in Penngrove, next to Petaluma. They have not been evacuated but must wear masks since their home does not have a/c or other air filtration system.

**Stan Lore**

We are relatively fine here in Guerneville. Fires still N/E and S/E of us. No connectivity here—our Verizon tower burned, Comcast out—so I drive to Forestville to get a cell signal. Cash economy in town—credit cards not working—and ATM's empty, gas scarce. Smoke is unbearable. The fires are *terrible*. Thousands are in shelters. Winds expected to resume today. No one out of the woods. We are opening our house to a family, maybe two. **Michael Marcum**

**Nena Reiners** was ok when I spoke to her on Monday 3pm. It was Smokey in Calistoga and she was going to stay with friend who had air conditioning. Several places we had gone to early Sept to eat in Santa Rosa had burned down. **Gay Parker**

**Roger Kientz** Class of 64 & Diane (Yarbrough) Kientz class of 65 are alive and well in Vacaville. Boy is it smoky.

I live west of Santa Rosa in Forestville. My family was packed and ready to go on Tuesday, but have not had too. **Beanie (Diane Breen Helman)**

I just flew to SFO yesterday from WA State after visiting my daughter's fam.

Now I'm with Aileen Frankle in Oakland because of worse air in Santa Rosa.

Dave has been with cats in our home in Santa Rosa. He volunteers playing guitar at an evacuation center there.

May all of this stop SOON.

So many I know have lost their homes.

Homes look like they have evaporated.

Be well. Live, Lissa (**Melissa Silverman Willaby**)

We are still in one piece, all is well....No power for two days...So we were living in our trailer..... a lot of SMOKE & ASH!

We are about 3 or 4 miles from two of the fires. Lobo 30% contained & McCourtney 65% contained. About 8 miles south/east from the Cascade fire. We are in the voluntary evacuation area. we will keep a look out & hope for the best. JUST HOPE THE WINDS do not pick up over night. Lost power Sunday night, did not get power back until around noon Tuesday 10/10/17. So, God willing & the creek don't rise, winds don't blow. We will still be here. **Ken McCracken**

We are twenty miles north in lakeport, safe... **Dave and Pam Gebhard**

These events are tragic .  
The whole earth is very sad .  
I pray that we are all safe and  
Can endure well  
**Bob Whitesides**

Napa Wineries lost in the wild fires, so far:

1. James Cole Winery
2. Signorello Estate
3. William Hill Estate Winery
4. Kenwood Winery
5. Kunde Estatewineries
6. B.R. Cohn
7. Frey Winery
8. Nicholson Ranch
9. Chateau St. Jean
10. Stag's Leap Winery
11. Paradise Ridge"

[Melissa Willaby](#) :-

Wasn't expecting two big guys to show up at the house at 9:15 pm!

If Dave weren't here I would have definitely CALLED PG&E. And I did go over their ID's thoroughly!

We did get a call 3 nights and 2 nights ago to expect them...just didn't expect nighttime!  
Orange PGE vests too.

The calls did say to ID them, so they understood, and we thanked them profusely.  
They checked and turned on the water heater, gas stove and furnace. ( Since they turned it all off on Monday.)

Then we walked them to the next 4 neighbors to make introductions easier.

I am grateful. Others need so much more help.



The YaYas do Elton John:  
**Mary Ann Collins Anderson, Elaine Walker, Muriel Cooper, Linda Roesch** (Karen Juul Mihok was also “in town”.)

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I’m sending you this short summary and a link to a television series that I think is brilliant. Before you delete this, hear me out. First of all, even if you don’t have a television or are outside the United States, you should be able to stream this on your computer, tablet, cellphone, etc.

The TV series of 6 episodes will be on television in northern California in early November. Those in other US locations should check your PBS schedule.

The series was the idea of my talented cousin, Heather Giugni, a lifetime documentarian. The original series of 6 episodes was picked up by PBS in the US about two years ago. The ingredients of each episode produced by Heather are:

- recognized Hawaiian chef, Ed Kenney
- a food - i.e. poi, beef jerky, sushi, etc.
- a guest with ties or memories to the featured food
- a trip down memory lane tracing the origins of the featured food
- some cooking, food preparation hints, or dishes highlighting the featured food item
- stunning scenery and a look at Hawaiian culture at a very personal level.

As a member of a very large Hawaiian ohana, or family, I highly recommend these half hour episodes. Only something as interesting could arise out of such a melting pot that is Hawaii. This first episode features Jack Johnson, a recognized musician, ex-professional surfer, etc from the north side of Oahu. Jack and Ed visit California to trace the origins of smoked fish as made by Jack’s father back in the day. Without giving too much away, one of my favorite scenes is seeing a smoker with a previous life as a four drawer file cabinet - fantastic way to reuse and recycle! Ed and Jack hang out at the Monterey Bay Aquarium for part of the episode.

<http://www.pbs.org/video/california-wyd07q/>

Let me know if you’re interested in seeing future episodes (if you don’t have access to PBS), and I will try to send you the links when available.

Enjoy - sure beats the regular news these days..... Kalona (**Sharon Buttimer Halgrimson**)

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With all this talk about Reunions, it made me think about the All Night Party after Senior Ball.

Because we were a new school with no traditions, someone (I don't remember who), came up with a new idea for us, (Class of '64). There would be no All Night Party after the Senior Ball, instead...

The plan was to be on the Bay Cruisers on the last day of school, (night).

The class was so large that we needed two boats. No one else could be on the cruise but Seniors. In other words, no dates. Who decided who went on which boat? I passed around a petition that was signed by many, stating that we wanted the regular All Night Party where everyone could be together at a local hotel ballroom, and could bring any date that we wanted. That is how we ended up at the Claremont Hotel after the Senior Ball. Gail Roulund and I, with our Mothers, put the whole thing together.

Our Mothers knew each other from their weekly hair appointments. Remember those? **Sue Gracie Lanphear**

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[Linda Woods Briggs to Skyline High Class of 1964](#)

My cousin, Larry Woods, and I were both in the class of '64. He and his wife Sharon were at the 50th. I have just heard that he has stage 4 breast cancer spread to his liver.

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whoops! had a picture of Roger Keintz welcoming new grandbaby but “se fue”, so in deference to Chrystal Murphy’s abhorrence of white space, here is a grand old memory.





The Three Wisemen discussing

**Hallothanchanukmas**

**Dick Street, C.B. Haines and Howard Allen at Kasper's**

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One never knows whom one will see or what will happen at a Kasper's gig. It seems that over

50 years ago, one **Rick Steen** earned/was given (depending on one's perspective) a D+ on one of his report cards by then teacher June Stark, now lovingly called Mrs. Casey by the devoted.

Apparently this grade, ergo lack of annoyed Rick for over a half-century (his mother had noted on



STUDENT'S REPORT CARD—Year 19 63-64  
 SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL School  
 Student: **Steen, Rick** (First Name)  
 Home Room Teacher: Mrs. Johnson  
 Counselor: Mrs. Malvern

| SUBJECT        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Term | Year | GRADE MARKS |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|------|------|-------------|
|                |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |             |
| ENGLISH IV     | C | C | C | C | C | C | C    | C    | D+          |
| Other Subjects |   |   |   |   |   |   |      |      |             |

Word is probably due to items checked:  Attendance  Work  Attitude  Health

the back of the card, “Rick is trying for a scholarship....this will not help”) so on October 30, Rick showed up at Kasper's to ask Ms. Casey (to whom we owe belated birthday greetings from Oct 20) if she would change his grade.

She would not.

## Birthdays

### November

- 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  
Kent Willis
- 15 Carlee Wells King



- Joann Torbutt
- 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
- 29 Jeff Prevost
- 30 Calvin Brugge

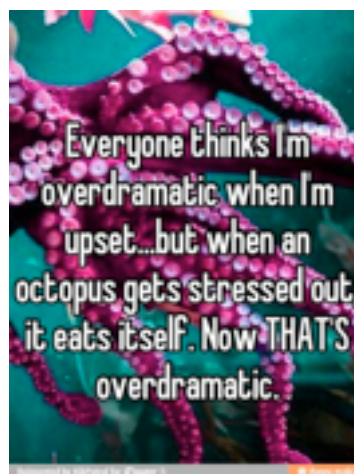
From Tom Mortenson

**Attachments: [How I stay in shape over age 701.mp4](#)**

**Dec 17 John Hills (94)**

### December

- 02 Peggy Tisdal 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



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## Adventure Guide

Discover and celebrate the San Francisco Bay your way, everyday!

The San Francisco Bay has the largest wealth of wildlife and biodiversity on the west coast. If you can't attend one of our special Bay Day events, here's your chance to explore all the Bay has to offer. Our senses allow us to experience the world in fantastically fun and memorable ways. Choose one or more of the five senses and discover stunning new views and the sounds of wildlife. Feel the splash of the cool Bay, taste local treats and breathe in spectacular blooms.

Get out and enjoy this big beautiful Bay! [See the Bay/Hear the Bay/Touch the Bay/Smell the Bay](#)

San Francisco Bay is the largest Pacific estuary in all of the Americas, making it a haven for both wildlife and people. **Over the past two weeks, 115 volunteers showed their love for San Francisco Bay by volunteering with Save The Bay for Coastal Cleanup Day and National Estuaries Week.** Together, we removed 1,000 lbs. of trash from the Oakland shoreline, removed over 2,000 lbs. of invasive plants from the Palo Alto Baylands, and watered hundreds of native plant seedlings that will provide habitat for endangered species. [Read more about Save The Bay's cleanup efforts >>](#)

**State Legislature Brings Home Wins for the Bay** The California State Legislature wrapped up its 2017 session last month with the passage of some significant environmental bills that will provide important benefits to San Francisco Bay and Bay Area residents. Check out the latest blog post from our Climate Change and Restoration Policy Program Manager, Beckie Zisser, to see some of the notable achievements that will help keep our Bay – and Bay Area air – clean and health



## [This Week In California History](#)

**October 6, 2008**

Mother's Cookies, an Oakland bakery for 92 years, filed for bankruptcy. It was founded in 1914 when Woodrow Wilson declared that Mother's Day would be a national holiday.

<http://ThisWeekinCaliforniaHistory.com>

**Maypole dance Mills College 1910**

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**[Vegan activist finds surprise McDonald's replacement - East Bay Times](#)**

[www.eastbaytimes.com/.../opinion-vegan-activist-finds-surprise-mcdonalds-replaceme...](http://www.eastbaytimes.com/.../opinion-vegan-activist-finds-surprise-mcdonalds-replaceme...)

1 day ago - *Rachel Krantz* in front of the boarded up McDonald's in *Oakland's Dimond District* where ... African American, and says “every group” is represented in his cooking classes. ... Get tech news in your inbox weekday mornings.

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Hey everybody! I'm an artist in Oakland and like many of you I have had a longtime fascination with Biff's Coffee Shop @ 27th and Broadway. I'm about to start a mosaic trashcan across the street from the Biff's site and thought this group would appreciate the project. Please donate if

[Click here to support Biff's in Oakland Mosaic Trashcan organized by Lizz Milota](#)

Remember Biff's on Broadway at 27th St? It made me really sad when that iconic round Google building just sat there derelict for years and then was finally demolished in 2016. 1960's 2016 While I didn't actually get to go to Biff's, I vividly remember going to its later incarnation as JJ's Dine...

gofundme.com

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**[33 things you didn't know about Oakland](#)**

There's hella Oakland history that's been overlooked. [sfgate.com](http://sfgate.com)

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**[Rachel Krantz – East Bay Times](#)**

[www.eastbaytimes.com/author/rachel-krantz/](http://www.eastbaytimes.com/author/rachel-krantz/)

1 day ago - *Rachel Krantz*. All Stories. Healthy meals replace Happy Meals in *Oakland's Dimond District*. Opinion: Vegan activist finds surprise McDonald's ...



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!!!" [#ProudOaklandResident](#)



[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.

Lake  
Merritt - "City Gem"

Lake Merritt, often referred  
to as the "crown jewel" of  
Oakland has snagged a  
wider net of admirers! The  
prestigious U.S. Rowing  
organization has recently

named Lake Merritt as the destination to house its [Masters National Championship](#) in 2018 & 2020. Oakland has hosted other water sports in the past, but this event is landmarked to be the largest.

With a strong sports community actively utilizing its spaces, Oakland Parks & Recreation boasts Lake Merritt as being the most visited and utilized outdoor space in the city for families and singles, alike. Historically, Lake Merritt was the first National Wildlife Refuge developed in the late 1800's. It also served as a resort of sorts for wealthy San Franciscans to get a way from hectic city-life. Presently, the park and its surrounding area offers a harmonious environment of beautiful nature and urban conveniences all rolled into one.

Want to know more about Lake Merritt? Visit us [online](#) . Interested in reserving a spot on the lake for an event? Contact Zermaine Thomas, Garden Center Director, at [ZThomas@oaklandnet.com](mailto:ZThomas@oaklandnet.com) or call (510) 238-2218.

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Frank Vigneri

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[Downtown Oakland tower would be East Bay's tallest building](#)  
Mixed-use office and housing tower would be Oakland's tallest.

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

## YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLDER WHEN

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1. You can go an entire day without taking one picture with your cell phone.
2. You have to increase your font size to "Billboard".
3. You get carpal tunnel syndrome because you have to scroll down so dang far to find your year of birth.
4. You look down and decide you really need to iron your t-shirt, then realize that you are naked.
5. You wake up feeling "hungover" when you didn't even go out, or drink the night before.
6. You realize that the punishments as a child like: naps, being grounded, and not being allowed to go to parties, are now your personal preferences.
7. The oldie music at the market and in elevators is now music that you actually like and remember.
8. You no longer refer to your knees (or hips) as left and right, they are now the "good" one and the "bad" one.
9. Your memory is getting so bad that you could actually plan your own surprise party.
10. The only one telling you to slow down is your doctor, not the police

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And belatedly

Season's Greetings from sdc

(www no longer means "wicked witch of the west").