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O my! February just snuck up on us...at least me. A Valentine to each and every one.

Some reminders:

There will be no Kaspers this month as Skyline '64 will be going to lunch on Treasure Island's Fine Dining at the Job Corps (\$13 for a three course meal). So far we are at 20. If you want to go, let me know by 2.9. Be there at noon AND REMEMBER THAT THE TI EXIT IS NOW ON THE RIGHT going east to west. Some car pooling going on and rides available.

Congratulations to **Diane Breen Helmgren** and **Richard Street** on their retirements.

Some responses to last newSnote:

Gentle reminder from **Bob Blesse**:

Also, Skyline had a good autumn athletics season. OAL champs in:

Girls Volleyball Bowling—Bowling? Golf Boys Cross Country
Girls Cross Country <https://goo.gl/JNoSut>

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In reference to Oak Knoll:

I also was born there, 12/12/1946      stationed there, 4/06/67      discharged from there, 4/11/70

*David L Walker*  
*fmf, usn, usmc.*  
*class of '64*

Which sent me to google (fmf not being in my polite vocabulary)  
**News story** by Lance Cpl. Lance Denny, dvidshub.net:

The **Fleet Marine Force** pin is more than just a piece of metal worn on a sailor's uniform. It represents a rite of passage endured and a sacrifice made by the individual wearing it, and it signifies that the individual is an "FMF sailor."

It represents the devotion a sailor has to the Marine Corps and to learning every aspect of his or her job. To earn the pin, a sailor is required to learn Marine Corps history, how a Marine unit operates and what it takes to be a Marine mentally and physically.

The pin shows the level of dedication a sailor has to the Navy and Marine Corps. Upon completion of the 13 - 16 month process, a ceremony is conducted giving the sailor the right to wear the pin.

Not all sailors can earn the pin, said Petty Officer 1st Class Humberto Cabrera, Navy career planner with Marine Wing Headquarters Squadron 1, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, III Marine Expeditionary Force. Only sailors attached to forward-deployable Marine units are eligible to earn the FMF pin, added Cabrera.

Sailors must belong to an operational combat element of a Marine Expeditionary Force to start earning their pins. From the first day of arrival to their Marine Corps units, sailors can begin completing the requirements of earning the pin.

\*\*\*\*\*I am forwarding an email, below, from the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation group, including their Start With Hello student program that I think some of our Skyline gang might appreciate. The email begins with a survey and the usual request for donations. Following is Start With Hello, a program of "inclusion and connectedness" they are promoting in schools. It's free of charge and is a good concept. I immediately wrote my school principals - Montclair, Montera, and of course Skyline. (Please contact **Bobbi Lawler Feyerbrand** <[bobbi@fmlanddesign.com](mailto:bobbi@fmlanddesign.com)> if interested \*\*\*\*\*



The woman pictured on the left had the temerity to post that she wasn't aging well.....we should all be so lucky!

Congratulations **Joanne Belvedere Caglieri** on your natal notice and 51st wedding anniversary.

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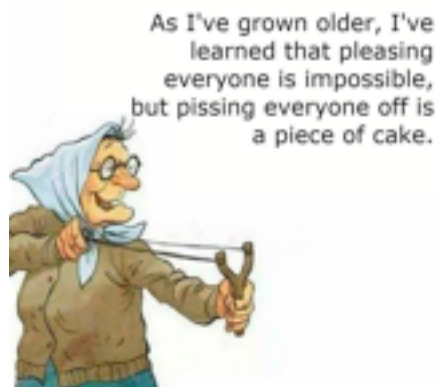
**Sharon Mc Walters** So many of my high school classmates marched today. So proud of my class & to be an American today. Keep peaceful & strong.

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*Repeating from last month (no responses):*

*There have been several peeps about a 55th reunion, now only two years away.*

*While your standing committee (yes, we're still standing and Renee Cameto has a new knee to prove new resiliency and now it is George Szymkiewicz's turn), is happy/willing/ready to proceed, in the months leading up to the 50th, several vocal souls stated they could do a much better job. While despite benevolent despotism, we have tried to be inclusive, but is it time to hand this off to those who actively complained? Your thoughts.....*



<http://www.godvine.com/Hilarious-Comedian-Shares-Why-Men-Shouldn-t-Go-to-the-Grocery-Store-2880.html>



## BIRTHDAYS

### February

- 1 Barbara Ann Brandon
- Michele Reynolds-Frost
- Susan Bingham Pate
- 3 Linda Allred Glaze
- 5 Cynthia Young
- 8 Roy Manson
- Rosemary Reitz
- 10 Gene Dangel
- 11 Stan Lore
- 13 Robin Kibbe
- Fred Runo
- 14 Diane Carniglia
- Joanne Belvedere Caglieri
- 21 Rod Bengston

### March

- 01 Al Newman
- 01 Diana Robinson
- 03 Martha Gooby Micks
- 04 Mildred Caldwell Swafford
- 04 Judy Card
- Dennis Bushell
- 04 Delsa Pauletich Ham
- 05 Sharlyn Brennan Tucker
- Doug Bartman
- Tina Illick Coolahan
- 08 Michael McGarry

## Don't Mix Your Meds!

Getting old is so hard at times.



Yesterday I got Preparation 'H' mixed up with Poli-Grip.

**NOW , I talk like an asshole .**

...but my gums don't itch



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Renee Cameto

11 Roy Langridge

Jim Tompkins

21 Diane Cecil Laspina

23 James Pashayan

25 Randy Silver

27 Gary Caso

27 Larry Helzel

27 Roger Kientz

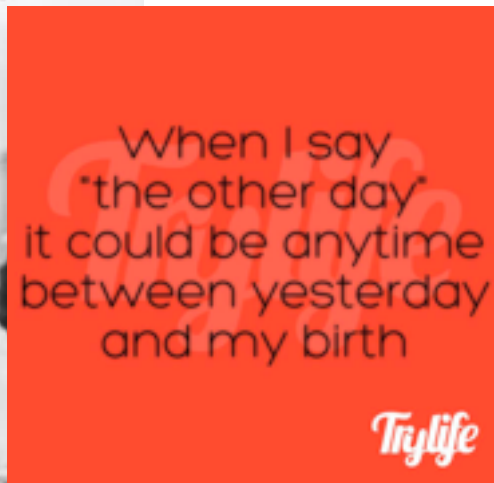
28 Dennis Bruns

Ben Leet

29 Patty Marshall Monson

Karen Boswell

Palmer



**California Man Tests Positive For Caffeine, Charged With DUI**

Joseph Schwab says he is prepared to fight a misdemeanor charge of driving under the influence after he was pulled over in 2015 and a blood test only showed traces...

nbcnews.com

**An iconic tunnel tree in a California state park is no more after huge storm**

Update on 'Live updates: Winter weather slams California'  
latimes.com | By Paige St. John and Matt Hamilton





[Rue Mapp](#)

To be in the presence of living things so enormous is its own conversation with the deep time of this earth, and therefore an intense encounter with all that is... [See More](#)

[Old Giants:](#)

[The Last Days of Oakland's Redwoods -](#)

An excerpt from Sylvia Lindsteadt's Lost Worlds of the San Francisco Bay Area on the logging of the East Bay's redwood trees. baynature.org

[Bruce Tatcher](#) Old grandpa in Leona Canyon.

The only verified old-growth redwood in the east bay. A core sample was taken in 1969, which proved it sprouted circa 1563....[See More](#)  
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**Today's selection -- from *The Long, Long, Life of Trees* by Fiona Stafford.** For many, the oak is considered to be the king of trees, living for hundreds of years and housing a seeming universe of insects, birds, lichens, fungi, and mammals within a single tree:

"If anyone in England were asked to name the national tree, the answer would undoubtedly be the oak, though, oddly enough, this would also be true for people in Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, France, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia and the United States of America. Poland's founding myth is rooted in the giant oak on a hill, where a great eagle nested, inspiring Prince Lech to build his own nest -- or rather kingdom -- there, while his brothers, Czech and Rus, set off to establish their realms in the south and east. The most famous trees in modern Poland are the three veteran oaks named

## Our Redwood Story

A request from a reader of the Knave for information concerning the days when redwoods were cut on our hills and sent to the mills has brought me a number of interesting interviews. Dr. John S. Engs tells me he received the following information from a Mr. Closson, who then lived with his wife in a house on the crest of the ridge at the base of Redwood Peak. "He was the owner of a rather large tract of land adjoining. On this tract grew many second-growth redwood trees. Back of his house was a fruit orchard which had been planted in a deep depression of the hilltop. He told me that in early days the area covered by his orchard had been a mill pond. The water had been impounded by a dam at the lower end. Many years ago the dam broke, releasing the water. He said, 'I have many fine second-growth trees on my place, and some day they will be worth money.' At that time his place was a popular Sunday rendezvous for hikers and horseback riders throughout the year. For the small sum of 25 cents Mrs. Closson served a bountiful luncheon of bread and butter, ham and eggs and coffee. For those bringing their own food she would furnish hot tea or coffee. I used to ride to their place nearly every Sunday morning for several years following the earthquake.

## Old Logging Road

"A few years later I heard that a group composed of his regular Sunday visitors, with Judge Snook at the head, organized an outing club and purchased the property, including the house, I think their intention was to develop the place as a sort of clubhouse. Unfortunately, fire destroyed the house soon after. In those days there still remained portions of an old road which joined the Joaquin-Miller road just back of Dimond Scout Camp. I was told it was part of an old logging road leading to Redwood Peak. On it logs were carted down and dumped into the creek at the head of Dimond Canyon; from there in the rainy season they were floated down to mill. I understood Mr. Closson to say that there had been a sawmill just below his place before the dam broke, emptying the water from the mill pond; after that, of course, there remained no power to operate the sawmill."

after these legendary brothers, which grow in the park at Rogalin, near Poznan, though Czech is now beginning to show his age. In Germany, oak trees were also a symbol of national strength, planted in war cemeteries to form the groves of heroes and commandeered by Bismarck as an emblem of unity. The oak appeals to separatists, too: the flag of the Basque Country depicts a shield ringed with a wreath of acorns and oak leaves. Everyone, it seems, wants to claim this tree as their own.

"Sturdy, stalwart and stubborn, the oak has always been admired for its staying power. As early as the first century BC, the Roman poet Virgil singled out the oak for its enduring strength, praising the depth of its roots and its consequent ability to withstand even the severest onslaughts



from the weather: 'Hence no winter storms, no blasts or rains uproot it; unmoved it abides, and many generations, many ages of men it outlives, letting them roll by while it endures.' Virgil's patron, Augustus Caesar, chose to wear the Civic Crown, the oak-leaf wreath that signified Rome's highest honour, when being immortalised in marble. In Ancient Greece, too, the oak was the tree of Zeus, most powerful of all the gods, whose commands were interpreted through the rustle of the oracular oak leaves at Dodona; and in Norse mythology, the oak was known as the tree of Thor, the thunder god.

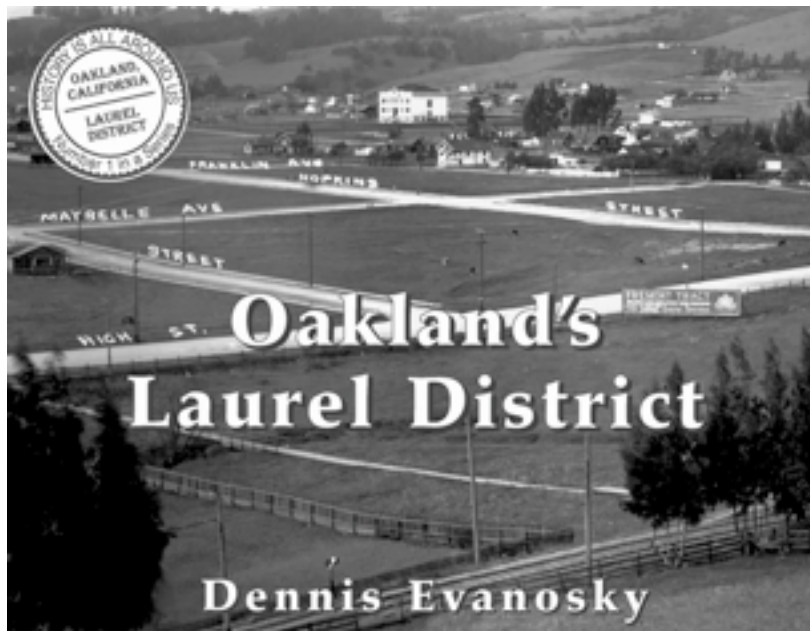
"The strength of the oak is immediately evident. Whether you come across a single tree standing straight by the gate of an ordinary field or a whole company of oaks, dotted across a vast expanse of grassy parkland, the sheer physical power of the tree is unmistakable. No other tree is so self-possessed, so evidently at one with the world. Unlike the beech, horse chestnut or sycamore,



whose branches reach up towards the sky, the solid, craggy trunk of a mature oak spreads out, as if with open arms, to create a vast hemi-sphere of thick, clotted leaves. The tip of a single twiglet might sprout four or five of these lovely, irregularly rounded leaves, and as each twig sends out any number of twiglets, a whole tree might be covered in as many as 250,000 leaves. As the temperatures rise in August, oaks put on an extra layer of foliage to make up for the mayhem caused by early summer moth larvae.

"The copious canopy of the oak attracts colonies of insects, birds and small animals. Tree creepers, nightingales, thrushes and wrens all move with relative safety, camouflaged against the rich brown trunk, but the oak also gives shelter to colourful redstarts, robins, nut hatches and wood warblers. In the older hollows, woodpeckers, little owls and barn owls will build their nests, though they might have to fend off the magpies that also frequent this densely populated tree. While blue tits and robins gobble up the caterpillars of oak moths, jays are so addicted to acorns that they will carry off as many as ten at a time, though this does give them a rather bulky fuselage. Since the oak is a favourite habitat of more insects, lichens, butterflies, beetles and fungi than any other kind of tree, it is the ideal home for birds, squirrels, dormice, bats and snakes. And that is before you begin to explore the life nurtured in the thick layers of dead leaves

or the rotting heartwood of fallen branches. The oak carries an entire world within itself, but its sinewy, Atlas-like limbs show no sign of strain. This is the King of Trees, the head, heart and habitat of an entire civilisation."



**The Long, Long Life of Trees**

**Author:** Fiona Stafford **Publisher:** Yale University Press  
**Copyright 2016 by** Fiona Stafford **Pages** 94-96

**Oakland History Oakland, California**

**1925**<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10211468982058839&set=gm.1874911919412124&type=3>

**Cornerstone Ceremony Oakland History ... See More Scottish Rite Center ... See More**

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This page that overlays historical photos over Google maps street views and lets you fade in and out. Amazing! [1860s - Wilcox Block , Oakland, CA, US](#)

Check out this and other historical photos at [WhatWasThere.com](http://WhatWasThere.com)

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### **[Latest Digitized Exhibit Now Online](#)**

80 years after the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge first opened to traffic, the **California State Archives** is providing a rare look at the construction of this California icon. The exhibit “Spanning the Bay” tells the story of one of the nation’s largest and most ambitious public works projects. This is the Archives’ latest digital exhibit hosted by the Google Cultural Institute.

**Old Oakland: View different historical layers: [1877](#), [1912](#), [1936](#), [1950s](#), [1967](#), present day [OpenStreetMap](#), [Microsoft VEarth road](#) & [aerial](#). See [below for sources](#).**

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## **Climate Change**

A Message from [General Manager Robert E. Doyle](#)

January – February 2017

The Park District's top priority is keeping our parks, shorelines, lakes and trails safe and well-maintained. A big part of that responsibility is preparing for the future: Taking steps now to adapt to a changing climate, and a rising San Francisco Bay.

We're starting to see some impact now. At Hayward Regional Shoreline, higher tides due to sea-level rise have led to increased erosion and occasional trail flooding. Many of our lakes have been subject to toxic algae blooms, and drought has had a significant impact on our forests and woodlands.

The National Research Council predicts sea-level rise of 36.1 inches along the California coast by the end of the century. We're working now to protect some of the East Bay's most vulnerable low-lying areas by repairing levees and restoring wetlands, which help absorb rising tides and provide a buffer to protect homes, roads and other urban infrastructure. In Richmond, we're restoring 60-acre Dotson Family Marsh (formerly Breuner Marsh) at Point Pinole Regional Shoreline, a major undertaking that's funded by more than 10 agencies.

In the East Bay hills, we're reducing the risk of wildfires by thinning trees and shrubs where our hills and ridges have become drier. We're also thinning eucalyptus, which pose a fire risk to adjacent communities because of density and flammability. Our goal is to maintain a healthy, biologically diverse ecosystem that's beneficial to wildlife and safe for residents, especially as droughts are expected to become more common.

Toxic algae has plagued waterways throughout the world in recent years. In response to toxic algae blooms in several of our lakes, we've worked closely with state and local environmental agencies to monitor all of our lakes, explore treatment options and ensure public safety.

Across both counties, we continually promote and expand our system of regional bike trails. These trails – including the San Francisco Bay Trail, Iron Horse Trail and others – take thousands of cars off the road by providing bike and pedestrian links to schools, workplaces, BART stations, shopping districts and parks.

But perhaps the most important step we're taking to prepare for climate change is preserving more than 120,000 acres of the East Bay's most special places in perpetuity, and providing opportunities to explore these lands. Whether it's a hike in the redwoods, a swim in a lake, a picnic in a shady glade or a kids' class on wildlife, we believe that experiencing and appreciating nature is the most important first step toward saving it.

See you on the trail!



This wintry scene is the Army anti-aircraft warning station near the south entrance to Tilden Regional Park after widespread Bay area snow storms last night and today.

Snow covers the anti-aircraft warning station near the south entrance to Tilden Regional Park on Feb. 5, 1948

[Chris Treadway](#) *to* [Lost Mastheads](#)

Snow covers the anti-aircraft warning station near the south entrance to Tilden Regional Park on Feb. 6, 1948

Lake Merritt, 1920's [Oakland History](#).  
Lake Merritt Pergola  
Built 1913





At my age, I have realized  
going bra-less  
pulls the wrinkles out of my  
face.