

# skyline new Snote. 4.13



March at Kasper's brought all sorts of surprises, starting with **Stan Lore** visiting from South Carolina and **Randy Silver** stopping by to show off the wedding album he created for his daughter's event in Hawaii. With **Richard Clarke** and **Howard Allen** in attendance, **Ann Frank Mariposa** and I were treated to a seminar on Veterans Affairs by these vets.



Altho he said he would return to celebrate his birthday on the 25th, Randy did not, but we did enjoy his birthday cake, joined by by **Bob Falaschi** and **Tim Allen**. Even though it is basketball/baseball season, the conversation skeet shooting.

was bowling and Joe Galindo (Class of 65) also joined us.

Kasper's in April will be April 8; I have to the duration, but that certainly does not gathering on the 22nd.

be in Nevada for preclude any



Washington State voters affirmed our rights to marry and after 19 years together, we are legally married.

**Mena Hankins Quilici** and  
Cheron Dudley 3.30.13

Shayne -

You don't know me, but I am the older brother of your classmate Craig Fremming who died in 1991.

I enjoyed browsing your website and that your last class reunion was your 45th in 2009. Two years ago I attended our 50th.

I have never forgotten when I lost Craig, and I will never get over it. It was an accident southbound on the 880 at A Street.

Another name on the blog was Gerhard Brorstrom. I attended Oakland High and one of my classmates was Kristine Brorstrom. I wouldn't be surprised if they were related.

I also enjoyed the blog by Jenny Foreman reminiscing about the old school.

Take care. Some of us are still out there.

Bruce Fremming [bfrem@earthlink.net](mailto:bfrem@earthlink.net)

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I am pleased to report that my home has sold (actually in October, nice birthday present!) I thought I would miss it, but frankly, not... A quarter acre, three BR and two full baths with cathedral ceilings was a bit much for yours truly. I'm happy in my very nice third floor, one BR apartment with cathedral ceilings, fireplace, and an awesome mountain view. Three flights of stairs is great exercise, especially taking up purchases...

The answer to Martha Gooby's quiz is that after removing the first

letter of each word, the remaining letters are a palindrome, i.e., spelled the same forwards and backwards... thanks for the fun!

Regards, **Elizabeth Nicholson (Beth Beeby)**

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**Dick Street:**

After Skyline, 1964 to 1967, I was in Junior College. First Merritt College, then Laney College. I was accepted to California State College, Hayward, later Cal State University, and the recent past name change, a change I opposed, to (California State University East Bay). 1967 and in 1969 while still attending Cal State (I graduated in 1971.) I got a draft notice from the army but a school and family deferment put military service on the back burner, I latter applied to the United States Coast Guard as I was not unpatriotic and did not want to be a "draft dodger". The Coast Guard found me to old at that point. I also returned to Laney College and tried out for the baseball team after having played a full year there in 1966. There also I was advised that I would not (probably) want to be on a team of mostly 18 and 19 year old players, but I made a good impression as a third baseman and redirected myself and finished out my baseball career (semi-pro) playing until 1981. As for the military, I attended Coast Guard meetings off and on aspiring to be an an honorary member in good standing.

I played baseball to 2011, I was in organized softball programs in San Francisco, Alameda, Oakland, Martinez and Pleasant Hill.

I was accepted to the Public Works Department in 1986 and have been employed in that capacity for over 25 years.

I have been collecting baseball cards for many years, read, follow baseball, presently the over 65 league (Antiques) who play in California and have games at a High School near Modesto.

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Thank you. Even though I don't know anyone in your letters, I really enjoy getting them. Here is something for the future that I thought you would enjoy:

Very puny!

- . I changed my iPod name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- . I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- . When chemists die, they barium.
- . Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.
- . A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- . I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop any time.
- . How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
- . I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- . This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- . I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

- . I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.
- . They told me I had type A blood, but it was a type-0.
- . PMS jokes aren't funny, period.
- . Why were the Indians here first ? They had reservations.
- . Class trip to the Coca-Cola factory -- I hope there's no pop quiz.
- . The Energizer bunny arrested and charged with battery.
- . I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- . Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils ?
- . When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- . What does a clock do when it's hungry ? It goes back four seconds.
- . I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me !
- . Broken pencils are pointless.
- . What do you call a dinosaur with a extensive vocabulary ? A thesaurus.
- . England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- . I used to be a banker, but then I lost interest.
- . I dropped out of communism class because of lousy Marx.
- . All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. Police have nothing to go on.
- . I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.
- . Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes.
- . Velcro - what a rip off!
- . Cartoonist found dead in home. Details are sketchy.
- . Venison for dinner ? Oh deer !
- . Earthquake in Washington obviously government's fault.
- . I used to think I was indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

**Joan (Freiburghouse)Bannan** H:209-599-4432 209-681-5007New Mobile  
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 from **Nick McIntosh**

**This is for all my high tech & advanced computer, smart phone, iPad friends out there.....** <http://vimeo.com/61275290>

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 also from Nick:

**Attachments:** [RickeyandRobinson2013-42,themovie.docx](#)

This was sent to me by an associate with whom I have worked on some baseball projects most of which had to do with Oakland players.

As **Tom LaMarre** has chronicled, Oakland arguably could field the best team of all U.S. cities.

Hi all: I  
 believe you should see the movie, "42," which chronicles the inspiring story of Mr. Rickey and Mr. Robinson. I explain why in the attached. You will enjoy it far more if you can also visit some, if not all the links.

Mr. Rickey and Mr. Robinson made baseball and the nation listen when they changed everything in 1947. In fact, Mr. Rickey now called baseball the “proving grounds for civil rights.”

Here is an inspiring sidebar, one that has largely gone unnoticed by scholars for more than a half century; hopefully, someone in academia, some day, will research fully, prepare, and write a biography of Coach Powles, while some of the stars he coached are still alive to help tell his story; I knew his greatness personally, I played against his McClymonds High School and his Bill Erwin American Legion baseball teams in the mid- to late-1950s:

More than 3,000 miles away from Brooklyn, in Oakland, California, George Powles returned from World War II and became a coach at McClymonds High School (Mack). He was there but a little more than a decade, 1947-1960. During that very short period, Coach Powles educated, inspired, and coached young, black, student athletes in all sports at Mack and helped them to follow promptly along the trail blazed and through the doors opened by Mr. Rickey and Mr. Robinson. Among the most notable of Coach Powles' more than a dozen high school stars who made it to the show were baseball stars Frank Robinson, Vada Pinson, Curt Flood, and Curt Roberts (the first black player on the Pittsburgh Pirates and signed by Branch Rickey in 1954 after leaving the Dodgers and becoming head of the Pirates), sprinter Jim Hines, and basketball star Bill Russell. Coach Powles substantially aided Castlemont's Joe Morgan, too (I played against Joe, too). All of these fine men and star athletes credit Coach Powles with providing them with the necessary tools to make it in the still very challenging nation that lay outside Oakland, especially for those who played in the minor leagues in the South before going on to the big leagues. (One of Coach Powles' kids against whom I played was Aaron Pointer, the last professional baseball player to hit .400. He did hit .402 in 1961 of the West Carolina League; <http://cardboardgods.com/images/AaronPointerArticle.pdf>; we both made first string All-City in Oakland in 1959; I continued in school, Aaron played ball.)

Frank Robinson became Major League Baseball's first black manager. Bill Russell, even earlier, became the National Basketball Association's first head coach, the first such position of leadership by a black man in any major sport. Joe Morgan is now a national television commentator, respected and revered all over the nation. Curt Flood helped changed baseball, too, by catalyzing the end of the player reserve clause. (Flood v. Kuhn (1972) 407 U.S. 258; Snyder, A Well-Paid Slave, Curt Flood's Fight for Free Agency in Professional Sports (2006); a young law professor now, Brad is one of the finest baseball writers in the nation.) Frank Robinson and Joe Morgan are in the National Baseball Hall of Fame, along with Mr. Rickey and Mr. Robinson. Mr. Flood should be with them. Bill Russell is in the NBA Hall of Fame.

And, one more inspiring side bar:

But, even with all that, there remained a huge blind spot in the Major Leagues. Our nation is based on the rule of law. We permit judges to decide our disputes and submit to what they decide. Judges are important in the life of the nation.

Umpires are baseball's judges. Baseball players permit umpires to make the game's calls and submit to what they decide.

Umpires are important in the life of the game. Of all those who work and play in the game of baseball, you would expect the game's judges, its umpires, to be selected by the Major Leagues entirely on merit, but that wasn't so in 1946, 1947, and it wasn't so for almost two more decades.

It wasn't until 1966 when Emmett Ashford, an umpire in the Pacific Coast League, became the first black umpire in Major Leagues when the American League signed him. It had been a long, slow haul for him. Fifteen years earlier, in 1951, he had taken a leave of absence from his Post Office job for a two-month trial in the Southwestern International League to become the first black umpire in organized baseball. Les Powers, the league president, said Mr. Ashford had the makings of a big league umpire. Although he was right, he could have little imagined how long it would take to prove it.

After the 1951 season, Mr. Ashford was offered a full-season job in the Southwestern International League. He resigned from the United States Postal Service, leaving behind fifteen years of pension. "For some people, it might have been a hard decision--giving up assured future security for the uncertainty of umpiring," he later related. "But not for me."

Even before he was signed as an umpire in the Southwestern International League, he had a dream. It began in 1947, as a 32-year-old soldier listening to the radio while sitting on his bunk at a segregated Army base in Louisiana. He was startled and thrilled when he heard a report that Mr. Rickey signed Mr. Robinson to play for the Dodgers. He then resolved to become the first black Major League umpire.

It took him 20 years and it didn't happen until a year after Mr. Rickey died without knowing how he and Mr. Robinson had inspired Mr. Ashford. (Mr. Ashford's daughter, Adrienne Bratton, has written a fine, little book for children, *Strrr-ike!! My First Biography: Emmett Ashford, Baseball Umpire* (2004).)

In going to the show, Mr. Ashford prevailed over his friend and fellow Pacific Coast League umpire, Bob Motley, who had come to the league from the Negro Leagues. When he arrived in 1958, Mr. Motley carried a letter from the Negro Leagues' president to CeCe Carlucci, the senior umpire in the Pacific Coast League. The letter asked Mr. Carlucci to mentor Mr. Motley in the same careful fashion he had already done with Mr. Ashford.

As was Mr. Rickey and Coach Powles, Mr. Carlucci was ahead of his times. While a soldier in World War II, he helped build the AlCan Highway connecting the lower 48 states to Alaska through Canada. White and black soldiers shared this important responsibility, but they were segregated. Even so, white officers looked the other way while Mr. Carlucci organized evening meals and campfires during which white and black soldiers ate and sang together. It was thus no surprise that Mr. Carlucci was eager to help, first Mr. Ashford, and then Mr. Motley, in the otherwise all white umpire corps of the Pacific Coast League of their day. Mr. Carlucci umpired more

than 5,000 professional games. He is the only umpire in the Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame.

Mr. Motley and his son, Byron, have written a fine book, Ruling Over Monarchs, Giants & Stars: Umpiring In The Negro Leagues & Beyond (2006).

Most cordially, Nick (Judge George Nicholson}

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## Birthdays

### April

- 1     Barbarah Uhlig Harbidge
- 3     Kathy Costa Rocco
- 5     John Briggs
- 9     Sidney Plummer  
      Don Sarver  
      (Kathy Ray Pittlick)
- 13    Cindy Gibbs Parker
- 16    Gerhard Brostrom
- 18    Judy Long Lofing
- 20    Melissa Silverman Willaby
- 24    Gary Montgomery  
      Sherri Gribben Hester
- 25    David Niemand  
      Mark Kamena

### May

- 05    Andrea Thompson
- 07    John Close
- 08    Kathy Currier Wilson  
      Jim Barranti
- 12    Laynee Melmet Goodstein
- 25    Marti Heath

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"I started my own fashion label at 50, became a musician and learned Italian and French in my 70s, took tango and trapeze at 80 and walked into my first yoga class at 85. So, if you think you're old, think again!" (Read Phyllis Sues story here »

<http://huff.to/10cvnro>)

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**Do not regret growing  
older. It is a privilege  
denied to many.**



Spring cleaning? New wardrobe? Richelle and I would be glad to get your gently worn clothes and household items for Courageous Women, an organization that provides job readiness resources to homeless women. Courageous Women Association, Inc., 1714 Franklin Street # 100-276, Oakland, CA 94612, Phone/Fax: 510.273.2412 <http://www.courageouswomen.org>

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