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I feel like the proverbial kid in the candy shop. The Mail Bag was so full of people responding to the reunion notice. Within 48 hours there were 100 affirmative answers and lots of "news".

So as we proceed on to planning, volunteers will be needed for two major functions: 1) tracking the missing and 2) coordinating one of a series of exhibits. If either interests you, please let me know.

If everyone takes a pledge to contact one old (oops, friend of long standing) with whom they have not had contact for more than 10 years, we will go a long way on improving our roster. Let me know who you find and their contact info. If you need search ideas, let me know. sdc

I can't think of any changes for me, except I SURE don't look like my graduation picture, of course no one else does either. Funny how the years creep up on you, isn't it?

Wayne Loomer

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Nothing new since our last visit. I continue to volunteer with the Solano Land Trust (my daughter Nicole is Executive Director.) Currently help with their National Accreditation (consult on policy and best practices) and their annual budget. It's wonderful to be able to give back to the community after my retirement from the State 5 years ago.

Don and I also continue to spend a lot of our extra time at our cabin by the Little Grass Valley Reservoir, and enjoy our 5 acre country property outside of Vacaville. It's also great fun to play a game of golf with my son Greg, visit with my 91 year old mother and hunt for lizards with my grandson Bryson. I've been so greatly blessed.

**Michele (Reynolds) Frost**

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Daughter Marie getting married this summer late June.
Just back from a magic weekend in New York, culminating with dinner with one of our distinguished Skyline alumni, viz. Mr. Tom Hanks. He's the spokesperson for our Foundation fundraiser to be launched next year. **John Lyman**

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Life Living in Danville, semi-retired, active, enjoying travel and friends. Open to contact from old acquaintances. Father of 2, step-father of 2 more and grandfather of 8. Amazing..... I still feel

30 something. If you're reading this, congratulations, for you made it this far too. Lot's left to do so get to it! **Bruce Anderson**

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I am in the throngs of retiring as Administrator for a group of 13 general/vascular/trauma surgeons here in the Eugene/Springfield area of Oregon. I've been with the group for almost 21 years now, so the tie is hard to cut, but I am also very ready to join my husband in retirement, travel and spend time in my art studio.

Heidi (Johnson) Stolp

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...can we have a food fight? Looking forward to it.

**tom stallard**

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I didn't even realize 50 years was coming up! Say it isn't so!

Sharyn Carroll

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Other than less hair(multicolored) and more so to the left of center politically, with some slight (physical) wrinkles, I should be recognizable to most of my classmates who haven't attended Kaspers regularly. I intend to attend the reunion unless it becomes more expensive than a Stones ticket.

**Joel Kuechle**

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Karen Keeney

Co-Founder, Orion Network for Evolution

www.OrionNetworkforEvolution.com

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I'm in for a food fight reunion in the cafeteria!

**Richard Clarke**

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34 teaching days left. I will support wherever you choose even the cafeteria might be fun!! **Martha Gooby**

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If I physically can make it I will. I have had some parts replaced since the last reunion and some need a major rebuild soon.

**Jay Goodrich**

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I can't believe it will be 50 years! Yikes - how did this happen!

Mena (Hankins) Quilici

[Mena Quilici](#) shared [Cheron Dudley's photo](#). 4.11

A tree just fell on our house. Yikes indeed! We are fine but the house is not. Cheron had just moved the cars. We heard a huge crack and saw it falling towards us. Didn't know I could move so fast!

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I still go down to Kaspers once a week, it seems like 10 years since seeing you there last. Do you remember Herb Kennedy ?, I discovered he was a neighbor about that time, and I became good friends with him and his wife Velma , He had just attended the 2004 reunion. He died last June at 81; he castigated me for not going to the reunion, so I will probably attend the next one in his honor. **Gene Bulkeley**

Ken  
McCracken



John Close and bride-to-be Lynda



Denis Powers

**KASPER DAYS FOR MAY:  
6 AND 20 @ 12:30**

My daughter having moved from Berkeley to Dublin, Ireland, it is unlikely that I will make the reunion. **Henry DeWitt**

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Thanks for the info., My wife (Starr) & I will be coming to the reunion. The only change in my life since leaving Skyline are: I was five foot two when I graduated & then after going to UC Berkeley, I grew ten inches. The team of doctors had found that my growth hormone was not being produced to keep up with the growth of the length of my spine. They put me on growth hormones in 1965 & the rest is history. I believe I have grown through my hair!! LOL. I also went to Vietnam in 67&68, was on the front lines for the TET offensive & made it home without a wound (I did break a toe). I drove earthmovers in Vietnam, was in Mobile Construction Battalion 5 out of Port Hueneme, Ca. & received the combat action medal with 2 bronze stars. I also shot expert on M16 & Pistol, which was a miracle since I had never even fired a weapon

prior to joining the Navy. I retired from the Navy in 1998 & enjoyed my entire time in the Seabees. Feel free to post this information. It just may freak out taller people that picked on short guys in high school. **Ron Wofford**

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**And on a sadder note:**

**Rochelle Mason Turner** passed away after a long battle with COPD. She led a full life with a 30 year marriage to her best friend Kirk, living in Africa for several years and extending her love to her friends, family and animals.

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**BIRTHDAYS**

**May**

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

**June**

- 13     Kathleen Lofing Crawford**
- 19     Bob Nordgren**
- 22     Bill Giacometti**
- 26     Craig LaBarbera**  
**Russ Union**  
**Jennifer Morag Keene**
- 29     Sue Gracie Lanphear**

**Meanwhile the Den Mother pronounces:**

*Duffers -*

*Hey - it's Den Mom here with important info. LaMarre and I have been busily checking out IN ADVANCE (this time) the place and time of our golf reunion for this year. The dates will be Oct. 1,2,3 which equates to a Tues, Wed, Thurs. For those of you still working it means getting a couple of days off. We will play in the Monterey area. Tom is working on great rates for 2 days of golf and we will also find a host hotel with great rates for us. What we need from you is a PRELIMINARY head count so we can negotiate our reduced rates. Also, since a lot of our Titans have retired recently and play golf and they are not on our email list, please forward this email to them so they can join in the fun.*

*Hope all is well and you're hitting 'em straight.  
Den Mother,    Clare Simpdon    [matetwo@aol.com](mailto:matetwo@aol.com)*

*Which engendered the following chatter:*

*Clyde:* By the way could you have the Skyline private jet pick us up at the Truckee airport?

Clare:

The jet will be in for its annual service during that time but the Brett Harte Shuttle Bus will be on its regular schedule and I'm sure you can get a ride with that.....but its route only takes it as far as 98th.

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## **Oakland waterfront project jump-started by Chinese investor**

By Matthew Artz Oakland Tribune 04/11/2013

OAKLAND -- In a surprising and possibly landmark deal for Bay Area development, a Chinese firm is reviving a \$1.5 billion project that would transform 65 industrial acres south of Jack London Square into a new waterfront neighborhood.

Zarsion Holdings Group, a Beijing-based real estate and investment firm, is teaming up with Oakland-based Signature Development Group to build 3,100 homes, 200,000 square feet of shops, 30 acres of park space and a marina with 200 boat slips.

The partnership announced Wednesday by Gov. Jerry Brown during a ceremony at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, is a huge boost to Oakland's already red hot real estate market and a harbinger of increased Chinese investment in California real estate.

"The massive influx of Chinese investment will put thousands of Californians to work and dramatically improve Oakland's waterfront," Brown said.

Kevin Van Voorhis, a senior vice president with Colliers and a veteran in the commercial property purchases market, called it a "mega deal."

"This is one of the largest investments in Bay Area real estate that I've heard of by a Chinese investor," he said. The project, known for years as Oak-to-Ninth but now dubbed Brooklyn Basin, never got off the ground after the City Council approved it over significant community opposition in 2006.

The financial collapse killed demand for new housing. When the market picked up, domestic banks still were hesitant to provide needed capital to get the project moving, Signature Senior Vice President Paul Nieto said.

Signature recently appeared ready to give up on the project. In 2011, the firm proposed housing a new UC Berkeley laboratory at the site, but the university chose a different location

**The connection with the Chinese firm was made through Bruce Quan, a college friend of Oakland Mayor Jean Quan (no relation) who grew up in Oakland and is also an official with Zarsion.**

Mayor Quan said the city is talking to many investment groups in China about Oakland projects, including new sports stadiums, but "this is the first (deal) that we absolutely brought home."

Zarsion will provide an initial investment of \$28 million that will allow Signature to complete drawings and begin work on the first phase of the project, which will include 1,300 housing units.

Additional contributions would come "as needed," Nieto said. He added that Zarsion, which is both a real estate developer and investment firm, would be a co-developer and that its financial contribution would be "substantial."

The deal continues a wave of institutional money flooding Oakland's real estate market, Colliers Vice President Scott Greenwood said.

"It's hard to understand why domestic banks weren't interested in this considering the strength of Oakland's residential housing market," he said. "Sometimes it takes something like this for them to realize what they are missing and that they should get in the game as well."

Chinese investors from 2000 to 2011 funded 165 deals in California worth \$1.3 billion, according to the research firm Rhodium Group.

Van Voorhis said there is a lot of money in China available for investing in Bay Area real estate, but cautioned that cash won't necessarily flood the nine-county region because of government restrictions placed on the flow of capital outside the country.

Signature obtained development rights to the waterfront property from the Port of Oakland in 2001 and got council approval for a project five years later.

The development is expected to generate about 10,000 jobs over the eight to 15 years it will take to build.

Nieto said the first of four phases should be complete by 2021, with decontamination work beginning next year and construction beginning in 2015.

The housing will be a mix of condos and rental units and the 30-acres of shoreline parkland, including a link to the Bay Trail, will be comparable to San Francisco's Chrissy Field.

The project's location on the waterfront was one of the major reasons for the stiff opposition it faced in Oakland. Although it will add park space and make the shoreline more accessible, critics were concerned that a private development would limit community use of the once public property.

"I do question a sprawl of condos as the wisest use of our waterfront," project critic Naomi Schiff said. "It's the latest step in the privatization of our coast."

George Avalos contributed to this story. Contact Matthew Artz at 510-208-6435.

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***Hope you all got to hear the NPR Special on Oakland. Aired 4.17.13***

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**Porpoises are Back in the Bay**

San Francisco Bay was once home to harbor porpoises, where they dwelt happily for hundreds of years. But in the early 1940s, they fled the Bay, which had become too dangerous and polluted to call home. Since then, a whole generation of Bay Area folks has grown up here, never knowing that porpoises once lived, played, and thrived right in their backyard.

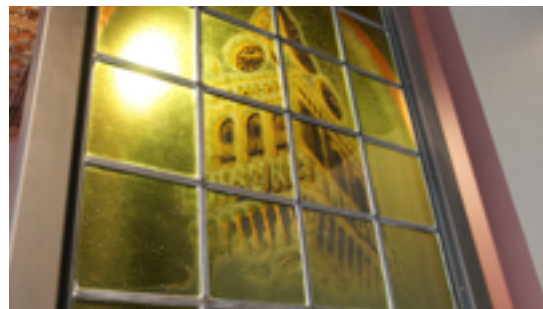
Now, more than 70 years later, they're coming back! Their return is a sign that things are getting better and that we're on our way to a cleaner and healthier Bay.

**These porpoises bring the Bay to life- they are playful and incredibly smart -- and they deserve a home right here in the Bay.** The only way to keep the porpoises here is to keep pollution out -- and that means getting the San Francisco Regional Water Board to stand up to the worst polluters.

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[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=6IYISQ6DVwk&vq=medium](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=6IYISQ6DVwk&vq=medium)  
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A Newspaper Office With Less Newspapers, More Beer  
**Tribune Tavern Beer mussels and bike-delivered brews in a newspaper building**  
**Joe Starkey**

Set in a historic building in Oakland that used to house a newspaper until, well, you know, Tribune Tavern is a food-focused pub overseen by a chef who spent time at A16 and SPQR. Situated on the ground floor of the Tribune Tower, this wide-open space has seating for 178 (including 28 spots around a horseshoe-shaped bar) in an interior that feels early 1900s thanks to the original marble entryway & bar-top, a communal table made from old wheelbarrows found in the building (?), and tin roof tiles.



A bunch of local artists were commissioned to work on this space to make stuff like this hand-blown (uhhh) stained-glass image (ohhhh) of the Tower.



And this stylish chandelier that kinda resembles the mecha-spider from *Wild Wild West*.

The menu (presided over by the aforetalkedabout pedigreed chef) is a gourmet upgrade on the grub you'd normally expect from a pub, including this beer mustard-accompanied potted rabbit, or why Bugs always thought "What's up, Doc?" was

so funny.

And while the mains are definitely [steak-focused](#), you can still grab deliciousness like these pork trotter and cheek fritters that are basically a stew encased in a delicious, crispy golden crust.

To wash everything down, they've got a pretty extensive bar program with 10 different wines and eight local crafts on tap, two of which are cask ales delivered on a custom-made bicycle from Linden Street Brewery. Oh, and yes, there's a full cocktail list (with crazy stuff like sous-vide ingredients) presided over by a vet of Plum Bar and what former newspaper writers now call the internets (Haven).



[Want to know more about the Tavern Burger?](#)

[Tribune Tavern, 401 13th St, Oakland, CA 94607, 510.452.8742 Website Menu](#)

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**Sent by Jayne Ross Pyke**

**Someone did an awesome job putting this together - and with sound to boot. At the very end of the video you'll hear the song "Thunder Road" sung by the star of the movie for which it was the theme! Not uncommon except this is the one and only song ever recorded, for publication, sung by Robert Mitchum! Cars we drove in the 50's and 60's...**

<http://cruzintheavenue.com/CarsWeDrove.htm>

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**[from Nancy Kinkner Mulligan](#)**

**Brand new Wile E. Coyote**

An honest to goodness, brand new Wile E. Coyote - Roadrunner cartoon made with today's technology (but all of the old humor).

Enjoy!! This is the first Roadrunner done with computer graphics. Lots can be done with computer graphics that will be far less expensive to complete than those old Disney style drawn animations. The computer graphics look good, and the video still has that Roadrunner fun. Only 3 minutes, but 3 minutes of fun! Be sure to go to "full screen" mode <http://www.wimp.com/looneytoons/>

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**[Annette Funicello, 70, Dies; Beloved as a Mouseketeer and a Star of Beach Movies](#) By DOUGLAS MARTIN**

**Ms. Funicello won America's heart on television in "The Mickey Mouse Club" and later captivated adolescent baby boomers in slightly spicy beach movies.**

[ArtsBeat: Video Highlights From Funicello's Career](#)