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Thanks to all that comment on the “great (May) newSnote”. I’d like to point out that it was “great” because so many of you chose to ewrite in and share. There is great joy in Mudville when the email bag is full.

Some peeps have asked why the reunion committee has started planning so early. First off, this is the 50th (a half century!). As people retire, they are dispersing further away and need to plan the time and finances to attend. Then there is the issue of those who are not on the elist.....which represents 60% of the class.....so sufficient time to track ‘em down is needed.

Mr. Richard Adams as well as **Dan Wightman** and **John Ballinger** have taken on the task of “finding” former staff and faculty. If you know where anyone is, please check in.

Phil and Kathy Rocco and **Dennis and Wendy Ossanna** have graciously stepped up to be greeters again.

Dale Matsui Satake, Victor Gong and Neil Golden will reprise their roles as class officers.

Golf Tourney - stalwarts **Clare Simpson and Tom LaMarre** will coordinate this.

A reminder to those that don’t/can’t play, there is always a no-host luncheon at whatever courses are selected. Apparently there are no tennis players wanting to hit the courts.

While the committee “coordinates”, there are many opportunities for others to get involved, no matter where you live, so if you have time, consider taking one of these:

Trackers - use your research/internet skills to find our “missing”. You will not be given more than 10 unless you wish/find out how much fun this is.

Exhibit Coordinator

(need one for each feeder grammar and jr high school plus one for transfer-ins.....design to be of coordinator’s choice)

Memorabilia Table Coordinator

In Memorium Exhibit - let’s celebrate those who can only join in spirit.

Audio-Visual Tech

Skyline Work Day (Sunday morning) - our 2004 challenge worked and there is now an official Skyline Beautification Committee whose chairman has agreed to set up an event just for us (families welcome) with his other members but we need a designated individual with whom he can work.

Sunday Afternoon Picnic - make it a simple potluck; still needs a coordinator

Mail Bag:

Tom LaMarre

Cheryl and I want inform all of our friends on Facebook that our son, David, has been hired as head football coach at St. Francis Catholic High School in Gainesville, Fla. Here is the article in the Gainesville Sun: <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20130503/ARTICLES/130509796?p=1&tc=pg>

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We're all doing great back here in Ohio. Daughter Marie getting married in June, son Matt has returned to school at Ohio State, & son Max just completed sophomore recital (classical guitar @ Oberlin). Gail just completed counseling certification, and I'm still working (although kinda winding down).

I want you to know that I don't really feel superior to any (all) of you just because 2 weeks ago today I was having dinner with Tom Hanks in New York. Well...maybe just a little superior. Here's the story. He's the spokesperson for our Foundation here at Wright State, and a group of us were invited by him to New York to the play he's in ("Lucky Guy") and then to have dinner with him afterwards. He's every bit the nice guy he seems to be. Funny, engaging...and had plenty of time to spend with each of us. We shared Oakland and Skyline stories (BTW...if any of you happen to meet him and he asks about the guy who was Homecoming King, MVP of the football team, sent all the girls into a tizzy just by looking at them, and was a scratch golfer to boot, please just nod your head and say (uh...yeah, that Lyman...what a guy). We were there for three nights, staying in the Renaissance Hotel on Time Square, saw a number of plays, toured Juilliard...it was a magic weekend to say the least.

Oh, and as an added highlight, sitting across the aisle from us at "Lucky Guy" was Bruce Springsteen. **John Lyman**

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Duffers -

Good news! We have made enough reservations to lock in our block of rooms at the reduced room rate. In case you haven't made your reservations yet or know of someone other than golfing people that would like to join in, we have until September 1st to book to get the same reduced rates.

For those of you attending, keep in mind that we are going to visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium Tuesday so if you would like to join in, make sure you get to Monterey early on Tuesday.

Practice up and hit 'em straight! See you all soon!

Den Mom, Clare (Simpson)

Ed note: All readers should know that they are also welcome at the annual golf event. For non-duffers like me, it is usually two relaxing days in a nice clubhouse or hotel room with which to catch up on some work, complimented by great frivolity and company for dinner. This year's event is scheduled for October 1-3.

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I received an award from the Forensic Mental Health Association of California for significant contributions in the field of criminal justice mental health..Just in time for my upcoming retireme



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Take care, **Millie (Caldwell) Swafford**

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And congratulations also to **Martha Gooby Micks** on her last week of work! (no pic)

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[Photos: Pioneer School of the Arts murals | Local News Photos | Idahostatesman.com](#)
www.idahostatesman.com

Kindergarteners worked on a mural about the four seasons. The entire Pioneer School of the Arts on McMillan Road has been working with artist **Jennifer Williams** to create six 4'x8' grade level murals that incorporate their courses of study.

Reminder: Annual Birthday Cake/Ice Cream @ Kasper's on July 15 @12:30

Birthdays (if yours is not listed, please check in!)

June

- 16 Kathy Crawford
- Bob Nordgren
- 22 Bill Giacometti
- 26 Craig LaBarbera
- Russ Union
- Jennifer Morag Keene
- 29 Sue Gracie Lanphear

July

- Twinkle Fontes Martin
- 06 Georgina Mew Ches
- 10 Jayne Ross Pike
- 13 Sue Nicholson Wood
- Shari Bates MacGregor
- 15 Annual Birthday Party - Kasper's 12:30**
- 17 Gary Sommer

What happened in my birth year? whathappenedinmybirthyear.com

p://jonathanturley.org/2013/05/15/for-mothers-everywhere/#more-64302

Dress Code (from Skyline HS site 2013)

Spring has arrived, summer is just around the corner and the weather has begun to warm up. This is a reminder that all students are expected to dress appropriately for school:

- Students must wear footwear at all times-bedroom slippers are not allowed at school
- Students may not wear halter tops, strapless, running shorts, muscle shirts, tank tops or spaghetti strapped tops
- Students may not show their midriffs
- Students can wear shorts but it should not be shorter than 6 inches above the knee
- Students must cover undergarments at all times

Students who are dressed inappropriately for school will be sent home to change and may return after they change. Parents and/or guardians, please help support the school and your child and make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately.



CyberHigh and Credit Recovery

Seniors: The last day to complete all of your CyberHigh courses will be Friday, May 31. Please make sure to take all of your quizzes and tests by 4 pm on this day. We will not accept any grades and/or give credit after 4 pm on Friday, May 31.

Oakland featured in AAA's "Most Delicious Doughnuts Ever"

doughnutdolly.com 510.338.6738

donutsavant 510.972.8268

[Sad news over in Oakland today, as the Chron reports that the Merritt Restaurant & Bakery in East Oakland was completely gutted by a fire earlier this morning.](#) No one was harmed, but the 60-year-old spot is now closed indefinitely. The fire, whose cause is unknown, started in the first-floor storage room and spread to the second-story office. The owner's husband says she plans to rebuild and reopen. [Chron]

Chron's version: <http://www.sfgate.com/default/article/Popular-Oakland-restaurant-burns-4499625.php>

Fred Finch builds \$8M housing center to prevent homelessness - San Francisco Business Times bizjournals.com

[A new transitional youth housing center aims to prevent homelessness before it starts. ...](#)

Check out oaklandish.com for a fashion statement

History / Inspiration

For decades, Boy Scouts have used merit badges to demonstrate their mastery of basic outdoor skills. Oakland presents its own mix of charms and challenges — rites of passage that every East Bay citizen must experience for themselves. In turn, we designed a series of patches to mark your progress as a Townsperson.

Your first four assignments are as follows:

- One lap around Lake Merritt, the jewel of Oakland. Extra points if you manage to cover all 3.15 miles without stepping on a single goose turd.
- Mastery of local pothole geography, including knowledge of just when and where to swerve on at least three main thoroughfares.
- At least one two-wheeled near-death experience, complete with scrapes and grease stains.
- One party at your basecamp (aka Oaklandish headquarters), in the very heart of downtown Oakland. That's Den 1444, of course.

<http://oaklandish.com/extras/patches-pack.html>

About the designer

This product is designed by Oaklandish. Everyone we work with is involved in creating artwork, choosing colors, or selecting fabrics. It's a detailed process that doesn't end until the shirts are folded and ready to represent Oakland.

<http://oaklandish.com/extras/sticker-pack.html>

The first-ever Oaklandish product was a sticker – a simple black tree, with roots growing ever deeper. We started giving them out at events, and they showed up everywhere—on cars, post lamps, bus stops. That's how we began to know the true extent of local love in this town. Hundreds of thousands of stickers later, it's time for a new round of designs.

From the Port of Oakland cranes, to the Rebels of Oakland, to the Oaklandish rig: these are the iconic symbols that *we* choose to stick to our city. They're emblematic of the oddball spirit and true originals that define this town.

Stickers are easily portable, and a reminder while waiting for the bus or walking past a stop sign (Stop. Hammertime!) of the unique city that connects us. So stick one on your car, computer, or water bottle to carry that extra bit of local love with you everywhere you go.

[The Driver Was Delighted To See No One Took The Parking Spot Across From The Courthouse](#)

by [jonathanturley](#)

The courthouse in Oakland turns out to also be the home of a flock of Black-Crowned Night-Herons. It appears that regulars knew



that this parking spot comes with an added cost. It is not always location, location, location.

and speaking of cars:

[Click Here: Two Classics, One Car.mp4 - YouTube](#)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHwwwJ83oWo>

**Restaurant Walk Encore: Dimond Night Out Tuesday, June 4th, 2013
6pm-8:30pm**

The Montclair Lions Club wants to invite you to attend their next food and fun event in the neighboring Dimond District - Dimond Night Out, June 4th

Walk the Dimond Business District, enjoy tasty samples or goodie bags from 24 participating merchants, with music, and a Jumpy House and activities for children.

24 restaurant and merchant participants. Dimond Night Out Passports (tickets) are \$20 each.

Passports are available at the following merchants in Dimond:

Dimond Café, 3430 Fruitvale Ave. Flavor Brigade, 3540 Fruitvale Ave.
Kelly's Corner, 2029 MacArthur Blvd. Paws & Claws, 3446 Dimond Ave.

For questions contact Montclair Lions President, Howard Neal, at 510-339-0233 or hneal@nealaw.com

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**Montclair Fine Arts Sidewalk Festival Featuring an Artisan Wine & Craft Beer Tasting Event  
June 28-30th, 2013**

**38th annual event features more than 80 artists**

The Montclair Fine Art Sidewalk Festival celebrates art in the outdoors when more than 80 artists from the Bay Area and beyond will be displaying their wares against the scenic backdrop of Montclair Village and the Oakland Hills. This free festival is set to take place Friday and Saturday, June 28th and 29th, from 10am to 6pm, and Sunday, June 30th from 10am to 5pm

**Montclair Artisan Wine & Craft Beer Tasting Event Saturday, June 29th, from 11am - 5pm**

As a featured addition to the Montclair Art Festival, Montclair Village will host a beer & wine tasting event on The event will showcase tasting booths with more than 20 artisan wines and craft beers, as well as a music stage, community and select vendor booths, and a kid's activity space.

Vendor forms are available at: [MontclairVillage.com](http://MontclairVillage.com)

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Laurel Music Festival "on Hiatus" for 2013

<http://www.godvine.com/Smart-Baby-is-an-Awesome-Geography-Whiz-3264.html>

Oakland: Camron-Stanford House to celebrate new Victorian garden with gala benefit luncheon, tours By Marta Yamamoto, Correspondent 05/02/2013

OAKLAND -- The Victorian garden at the Camron-Stanford House on the edge of Lake Merritt is ready for viewing, one of the most important events to happen to the house in decades and too momentous for a single day of celebration.

The museum has set aside this entire weekend for a Garden Gala fundraising luncheon and free docent-led tours and is inviting the public to share in the festivities.

For the past 40 years, the Camron-Stanford House Preservation Association has had a plan to create what could have been a Victorian garden in 1880s Oakland but lacked funding to implement it. Receiving a grant last year put the project into active mode.

"What we've created is a horticultural history lesson," said

Ann Swift, board president and retired Piedmont City Clerk. "It is our hope that it will be used by garden clubs, horticulture students and people studying early California gardens and wanting to see one up close and personal."

Though not original to the house, the garden has been designed using photographs and documentation of other gardens in Oakland at the time, including those within properties that ringed Lake Merritt. Special care went into selecting plants for the garden.

"We were assisted by botanical historian and landscape architect Thomas A. Brown," Swift said. "He checked plant catalogs from Oakland from the 1880s to be sure that the species we selected were available at that time in Oakland."

Created as an educational tool, the garden demonstrates as much of Victorian culture as it does horticulture and, like the interiors of Camron-Stanford House, is designed in the Victorian Decorative style.

Board member and landscape architect Bobbi Feyerabend of Montclair has been involved with the project for 20 years and describes connections between the garden design and Victorian society.

"There are nice places to walk because Victorians believed in fresh air and they liked a lot of different plants that had special meanings to them which was called the 'Language of Flowers.' They would make bouquets of special plants, like rosemary for remembrance and roses for beauty, that would send a message," she said. "All of these things were taken into account when the garden was designed."

The back garden represents the first phase of the museum's full landscape plan and represents one of the last major pieces of the preservation originators' vision as well as enlarging the museum's ability to serve and interest the public.

"The garden provides a beautiful place for people to rent for weddings and where other events can take place," said Jean Wieler, board member and Piedmont resident. "We plan to develop education programs around horticulture, Victorian gardens and appeal to school groups and garden clubs. We will be doing many docent-led programs and tours and will be seeking volunteers interested in being involved."

Maintaining the garden, completing the landscape plan for the front garden and developing programs requires funding, and day one of the celebratory opening addresses that need. The

Garden Gala promises three talks by garden experts, including keynote speaker Dr. Judith Taylor, author of "Tangible Memories: Californians and Their Gardens"; Jill Perry, curator of the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden; a tour of the garden led by Bobbi Feyerabend; and a gourmet luncheon served on the veranda.

"Day two is our gift to the community, an absolutely free day to come, take guided tours of the garden, enjoy tea and snacks on the veranda, visit the gift shop and go into the house to the period rooms to see what the interior of a Victorian house would look like," Swift said. "At 12:15 p.m., Mayor (Jean) Quan will perform a ribbon cutting."

The garden, facing Lake Merritt, is an asset to all of Oakland and one that can be viewed through a period wrought-iron fence year-round. It's a piece of Oakland's history, long envisioned and now ready to be shared.

FYI www.cshouse.org.

Camron-Stanford House Museum is located at 1418 Lakeside Drive, Oakland, 510-874-7802,

Lake Chabot Bald Eagles Have a Chick Photo by Mary Malec

A bald eagle pair that built a nest last year in a restricted area of Anthony Chabot Regional Park has returned, built a new nest, and has a new chick.

The nest is in a restricted area of Anthony Chabot Regional Park, visible with a scope or binoculars across the lake, from West Shore Trail in Lake Chabot Regional Park, at Alder Point and on the dam, or from a boat on Lake Chabot.

This year it can be seen from more easily accessible locations. We ask that eagle-watchers stay on the trail and use the observation points we recommend.

Read more and see [photos and videos](#) of the bald eagles, courtesy of Mary Malec on our website.

RAMSAR Recognition for San Francisco Bay

The International Convention on Wetlands has officially designated the SF Bay estuary as a Wetland Site of International Importance. The East Bay Regional Park District, with 19 shoreline parks, is a major partner in preserving one of North America's most ecologically important estuaries, accounting for 77% of California's remaining perennial wetlands. The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands is an intergovernmental treaty that embodies the commitment of its member countries to maintain the ecological character of their wetlands, and to plan for the sustainable use of all of the wetlands in their territories.

Thought you might enjoy this well shot video. <http://vimeo.com/62831216>

Designed by Design Action Collective

OAKLAVIA BY THE LAKE - WALK, BIKE, STROLL, DANCE THE LAKE

OAKLAVIA.ORG FOR DETAILS

OUR LAKE DAY June 9th SUN 11am-4pm

Take BART or AC Transit to the event. Info:511.org

Then and present:

Come play in the streets and parks surrounding Lake Merritt-transformed through Measure DD!
LAKE MERRITT BOULEVARD GRAND OPENING (formerly 12th Street)
2pm Dedication Ceremony Hosted by the Measure DD Community Coalition
oaklandnet.com for details

WHERE TO RETIRE:

You can retire to **Phoenix**, Arizona where...

1. You are willing to park 3 blocks away because you found shade.
2. You've experienced condensation on your hiney from the hot water in the toilet bowl.
3. You can drive for 4 hours in one direction and never leave town.
4. You have over 100 recipes for Mexican food.
5. You know that "dry heat" is comparable to what hits you in the face when you open your oven door.
6. The 4 seasons are: tolerable, hot, really hot, and ARE YOU KIDDING ME??!!

OR

You can retire to **California** where...

1. You make over \$250,000 and you still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
3. You know how to eat an artichoke.
4. You drive your rented Benz to your neighborhood block party.
5. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.
6. The 4 seasons are: Fire, Flood, Quake, and Drought.

OR

You can retire to **New York City** where...

1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan .
2. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
3. You think Central Park is "nature."
4. You believe that swearing at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.
5. You've worn out a car horn. (Note: if you have a car).
6. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

OR

You can retire to **Minnesota** where...

1. You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco .
2. Halloween costumes fit over parkas.
3. You have more than one recipe for casserole.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

OR

You can retire to the **Deep South** where...

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "Y'all" is singular and "all y'all" is plural.
3. "He needed killin' " is a valid defense.

4. Everyone has 2 first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Mary Ellen, Betty Jean, Mary Beth, etc etc.
5. Everything is either "in yonder," "over yonder", or "out yonder."
It's important to know the difference, too.

OR

You can retire to **Colorado** where...

1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home and so he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

OR

You can retire to the Midwest where...

1. You've never met any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is four cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?"
5. When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say, "It was different!"

OR

FINALLY, you can retire to **Florida** where...

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind -- even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.
4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
5. Cars in front of you often appear to be driven by headless people.

And since there are alums at each site, expert advice is available!