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Well, here's to us! Despite new knees and other assorted body parts the young puppies in this class are about to turn 70 while the more mature start the march to 71.



Maureen Sarment continues to travel but managed to find us at TI.

Dale Matsui and **Dhynniss** know how to celebrate their birthdays at Treasure Island (actually, true to my technology=challenged self, could not get all pics from TI to download).

Others in attendance: **Neil Golden, Diane Breen Helman, Jerri/Richard Clarke, Cheryl/Tom LaMarre, Doug/Cynthia Harelson, Mildred Caldwell Swafford, Debbie Agee Roessler, Barbara Uhlig Harbidge, Gary Sommer, Sharon McWalters, Kathe Williamson** and three other guests.

Don Schnarr on Lunch at TI

Although there were some obvious procedural glitches/shortcomings, I found the food to be just as good as ever (at least what was still available LOL) and all the socializing added up to a really good time. I hope we'll go back again since past dining history at that location has always been totally positive. I also really like giving support to a program that truly helps young people from around the country. It appears that they do an amazing job selecting and training their staff to be able to contribute to and thrive in our society. I give them very high marks!

The next Kasper's will be March 20; Tom LaMarre is working on another Fenton's Day for March or April.

I've been retired for 11 years now. My secret for enjoyment, stay curious!!
My passion, since I was 15, is my photography. It keeps me very busy, both as an amateur for friends, and as a professional for clients.

I've enclosed two photos of winter in my neighborhood this season. First, my street, Second, one of my four dogs, Tyson **Denis Powers**



From: Michael Marcum (*apologies to Mike; never got to posting this*)

Subject: Re: Lucia Berlin **Date:** Nov 2, 2016 6:55 AM

So I read rave reviews over a year ago—NYT, Paris Review, on and on—describing the author as a “writer’s writer” widely admired among writers but never breaking through with the public, with various writers noting the tragedy of such deserved acclaim coming so long after her death. So I bought the book, where it sat buried in the stack of others awaiting my attention.

Fast forward to last week. An Oakland childhood friend calls me and says “I know you must have read *Manual for Cleaning Women*.” No, I have the book, but haven’t read it yet. “Well, it’s so cool, a few of the stories set in our old neighborhoods, and you are in one of the stories.” What? No, I’m not. “Yes, you are, believe me, it’s you.” I wrack my brain, did I know a Lucia Berlin?

So I read the book, beginning with the story “Here It is Saturday”—and yes, set in our jails, I am mentioned a couple times, briefly, as “Bingham”, the guy who runs the jail; and with the specific back story, no doubt it is me. (That it took over a year for this news to reach me is a sad testament to my lack of literary friends.) It is a good story, but it *pales* in comparison to many of the other stories in the collection, which are brilliant and re-readable, lasting, they are *that* good.

So I ask myself how did our jail and me end up in one of her stories? Was she a prisoner? I call a couple of the artists that worked for me in the jails over the years. “Lucia! You remember, you hired her in the early nineties, she taught writing to the men and women, she published scores of chapbooks with her students’ work.” So it slowly comes back to me. I knew she was “a writer”, but I knew her only as a great teacher, one of hundreds of artists who worked in the jails. Now I

wonder, embarrassed, how could I forget her. I remember hearing that health issues forced her to leave us, and she went on to Naropa, where she later died.

The Bay Area and Oakland were but a minute in her long life, but the area inspired some of her most powerful stories. Delinquent acclaim is indeed sad. It is also wonderful.

Joan Bannan is a native Californian, who still lives in Northern California. She was born Joan Freiburghouse in Modesto. When she turned eighteen, she became Joan Mangini for the next twenty-four years. She changed her last name to Bannan—her grandmother's maiden name when her first book was published in 1990. She thought her mother's maiden name was too boring and that Freiburghouse would not fit on book covers.



Joan is a Christian. Her faith influences her writing, but she does not consider herself an evangelist nor does she feel called to explain her faith to her readers. However, her faith greatly influences her characters and the theme of each novel. She says, "I can't help it. I believe the world that is not seen is the real world. I allow my characters to be aided by divine intervention that is considered coincidence in the visible world. Christian friends call this type of coincidence, 'a God thing.'"

There are two frequently asked questions that Joan is asked: "Are your novels based on true stories?" and "How do you write?"

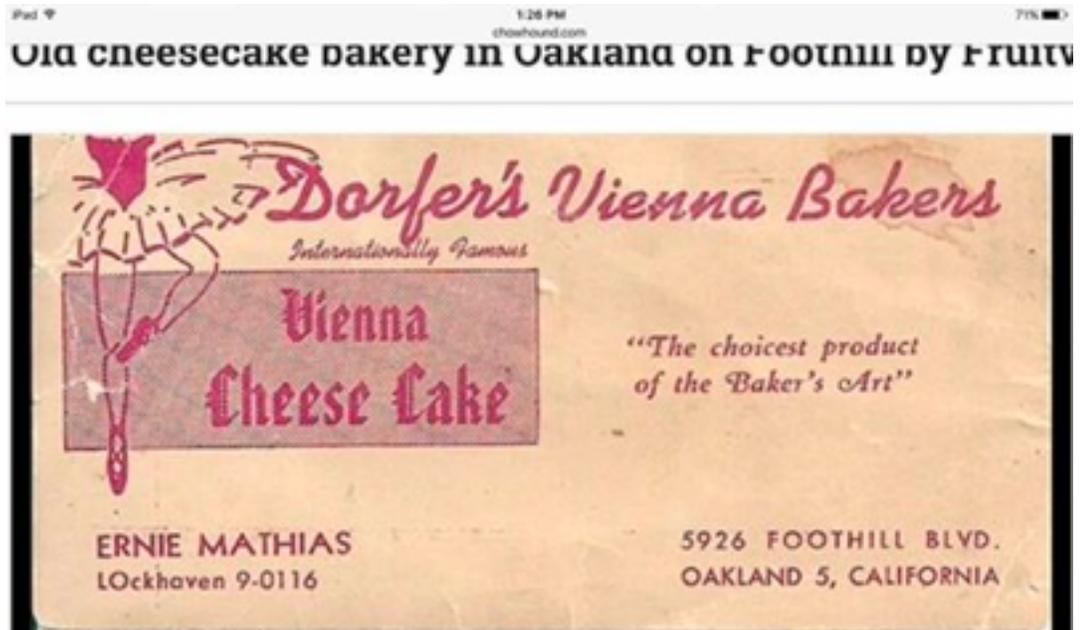
Her stories are based on true stories and true characters, but they are greatly embellished by her imagination. Many of her characters are inspired by combining the personalities of more than one person. See more

Joan's Latest 2.7.17 ISBN-10: 0962762415 ISBN-13: 978-0962762413

I just spoke with Carson Haines who spoke of your Skyline news letter. It was strange to speak with him after about 50 years and find we are living in the same zip code. Stan Names, California World Trade & Marketing Co, LTD, 2497 Carisbrook Court HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA 94542 510-888-9393 FAX 510-888-1482 stan@californiaworldtrade.com

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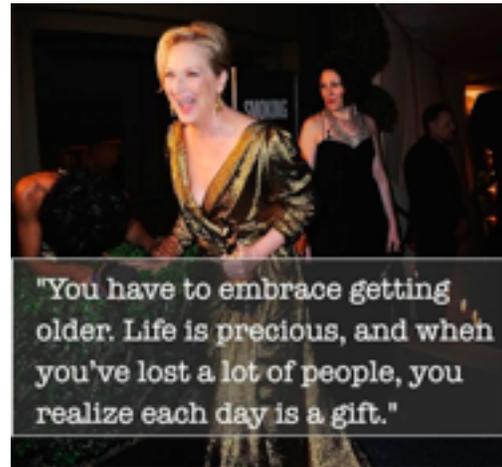
OK this is one of my favorite food items from growing up in Oakland in the 50s and 60's. The other Kasper hot dogs on Foothill Blvd and Sanfords French Restaurant in Montclair.



Birthdays

March

- 01 Al Newman
- 01 Diana Robinson
- 03 Martha Gooby Micks
- 04 Mildred Caldwell Swafford
- 04 Judy Card
- Dennis Bushell
- 04 Delsa Pauletich Ham

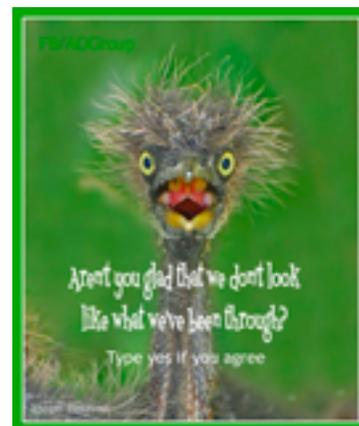


- 05 Sharlyn Brennan Tucker
- Doug Bartman
- Tina Illick Coolahan
- 08 Michael McGarry
- 10 Renee Cameto
- 11 Roy Langridge
- Jim Tompkins
- 21 Diane Cecil Laspina
- 23 James Pashayan
- 25 Randy Silver
- 27 Gary Caso
- 27 Larry Helzel
- 27 Roger Kientz

- 28 Dennis Bruns
- Ben Leet
- 29 Patty Marshall Monson
- Karen Boswell Palmer

April

- 1 Barbarah Uhlig Harbidge
- 3 Kathy Costa Rocco
- 5 John Briggs
- 8 Linda Barkas
- 9 Don Sarver
- 13 Cindy Gibbs Parker
- 16 Gerhard Brostrom
- 18 Carol LaDolce Donato
- Judy Long Lofing
- 19 Sharon McWalters
- 20 Melissa Silverman Willaby
- 24 Gary Montgomery
- Sherri Gribben Hester



- 25 David Niemand
- Mark Kamena
- 27 Gary Caso
- 28 Ben Leet



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"Grandma said I could sit on the booster chair or a phone book. What's a phone book?"

**Old Giants: The Last Days of
Oakland's Redwoods**
Sylvia Linsteadt on January 01, 2017

by



<https://baynature.org/article/old-giants-last-days-oaklands-redwoods/>



[Gene Anderson](#) shared his [post](#) to the group: [Oakland History](#).

[#TodayInOaklandHistory](#) February 13, 1916, Kingsley Wightman was born. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1469190116650975/permalink/1799638300272820/match=a2luZ3NsZXkqd2lnaHRtYW4%3D>

[#TodayInOaklandHistory](#)...July 5, 2007, we lost one of the [Legendary Locals of Oakland](#), Kingsley Wightman. He educated and entertained generations of [#Oakland](#) school children at the Chabot Observatory (now

[Chabot Space & Science Center](#)) https://oaklandwiki.org/Kingsley_Wightman

AS I GET OLDER I REALIZE:

1. I talk to myself, because sometimes I need expert advice.
2. Sometimes I roll my eyes out loud.
3. I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off.
4. My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance of idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie I tell myself is "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
6. When I was a child I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.
7. The day the world runs out of wine is just too terrible to think about.
8. Even duct tape can't fix stupid, but it can muffle the sound.
9. Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
10. "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering why I'm there.

Catch the critically acclaimed documentary – Can You Dig This – that explores the urban gardening revolution taking place in South Central LA while you enjoy a delicious, locally sourced meal prepared by [Let's Eat](#). Then learn and discuss how you can support SF's urban agricultural projects.

[Colin Michael to Oakland Now!](#)

Hey everyone, I'm starting a project called "Cultivate Community" which pairs gardeners with low-income families (a little like big brothers big sisters) who want to grow food/herbs in their backyard. I'm looking for volunteers who would be willing to put in an hour or two a week, flexible/tbd between the pair. We'll try to match people in the same neighborhoods, and right now our first families interested in receiving guidance are in Berkeley, but we will soon have families interested all over the Bay Area. Do YOU or someone you know want to be a volunteer? Do you know of any good resources to find such volunteers? Please private message me if so!
[#Crowdsourcempowersactivate](#)

[Oakland: Bishop O'Dowd hires farm-to-table chef – The Mercury News](#)

www.mercurynews.com/.../oakland-bishop-odowd-hires-farm-to-table-c...

6 days ago - Groffman, who specializes in creating farm-to-table meals, was hired to *teach* students and staff how to eat sustainably. (*Sarah Tan/For Bay ...*)

[Goats, Alpacas and \(of Course\) a Hen: Life on a Hobby Farm](#) By VIVIAN MARINO

Retirees who want to stay active and productive - and indulge a passion - are setting up small farms around the country.

<http://www.trendingly.com/i-dont-look-good-naked-anymore>

Join the Trails Challenge

Are you ready to explore your Regional Parks? Join this year's annual Trails Challenge - a self-guided, self-paced adventure through 20 different trails each year. Getting started is easy - no registration is needed. Just download the PDF online and get started. Finish at least five hikes or 26.2 miles of trails by Dec. 1st to earn your commemorative pin.

T-shirts and printed guidebooks are available free at participating Visitor Centers while supplies last. This program is free thanks to support from the Regional Parks Foundation and Kaiser Permanente of Northern California. [Trails Challenge](#)

[Peter De Costa to Old School Oakland \(When Oakland was Really Fun\)](#)
[February 1, 2016](#) ·

It's rained a lot so far this year, but nothing like the 9.5 inches of rain that fell within 24 hours in Oakland early in 1962. The result was this Oakland flood...



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[Earth. We are one.](#)

[Birds Gallery's video.](#)

- #1. "None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm." - Henry David Thoreau**
- #2. "Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength." - Betty Friedan**
- #3. "Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art." - Eleanor Roosevelt**
- #4. "Youth has no age." - Pablo Picasso**
- #5. "You don't stop laughing when you grow old. You grow old when you stop laughing." - George Bernard Shaw**
- #6. "Aging is an extraordinary process where you become the person you should always have been." - David Bowie**
- #7. "Anyone who keeps the ability to see beauty never grows old." - Franz Kafka**
- #8. "Some people are old at 18 and some people are young at 90. Time is a concept that humans created." - Yoko Ono**
- #9. "At age 50, every man has the face he deserves." - George Orwell**
- #10. "How old would you be if you didn't know how old you were?" - Satchel Paige**
- #11. "Wrinkles merely indicate where smiles have been." - Mark Twain**
- #12. "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C.S Lewis**
- #13. "There is a fountain of youth: It is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age." - Sophia Loren**
- #14. "Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many." - Unknown**

Construction on the Golden Gate Bridge began on January 5, 1933 and cost \$35 million to build. However, it was **completed ahead of the projected schedule and under budget by \$1.3 million**. Pretty impressive for such a huge undertaking. <http://www.city-data.com/forum/san-francisco-oakland/830406-historical-photographs-oakland.html>



President Johnson describes his domestic agenda and vision for a better America.

May 22, 1964

“.....Within your lifetime powerful forces already loosed will take us toward a way of life beyond the realm of our experience, almost beyond the bounds of our imagination.

For better or for worse, your generation has been appointed, by history, to deal with those problems and to lead America toward a new age. You have the chance never before afforded to any people in any age. You can help build a society where the demands of morality, and the needs of the spirit, can be realized in the life of the Nation.

So will you join in the battle to give every citizen the full equality which God enjoins and the law requires, whatever his belief, or race, or the color of his skin?

Will you join in the battle to give every citizen an escape from the crushing weight of poverty?

Will you join in the battle to make it possible for all nations to live in enduring peace as neighbors and not as mortal enemies?

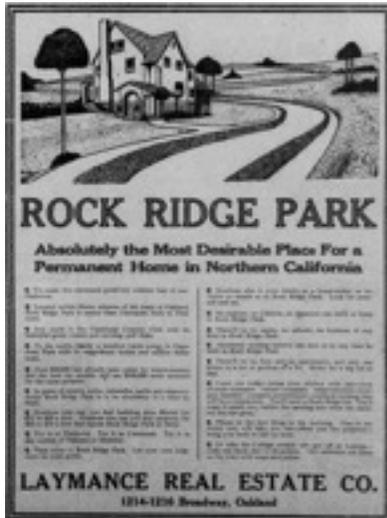
Will you join in the battle to build the Great Society, to prove that our material progress is only the foundation on which we will build a richer life of mind and spirit?

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<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/primary-resources/lbj-michigan/>

Michael Thorn *to* Oakland History

Oakland reminder: How Oakland's Rockridge neighborhood began: "No negroes, no Chinese, no Japanese can build or lease in Rockridge Park."



Native Wildflowers are Blooming

Spring is when our parks go Technicolor with wildflowers. Bring your camera, sketchbook, binoculars - whatever suits your taste to fully enjoy the magnificent displays around the East Bay.

Because the inland portion of the East Bay warms up sooner, wildflowers bloom there first. In March, start exploring Round Valley, Morgan Territory, Black Diamond and Brushy Peak to see lush hillsides of poppies, larkspurs and blue-eyed grass. Contra Loma is known for its fields of the very rare but beautiful *Fritillaria agrestis*. Head to Diablo Foothills to see another rare and sweet-smelling gem, the *Fritillaria lilacea*.

[Continue to letter from EBRPD General Manager Robert E. Doyle](#)