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The Class of '66 is starting organize for their 50th Reunion. If you are a sibling, friend, relative or just happen to have contact information for anyone in that class, please send information to Ethel Chang, now [@<cheng182@gmail.com>](mailto:CHENG-HSIN CHANG) or skylineclassof1966@gmail.com.

Mail bag:

I have been keeping in touch with folks such as **Kathy Costa**, she is a writer and has visited the islands several times while in the process of writing her book . If you or anyone who went to school with us & will be visiting Oahu, I'm in Honolulu (a few steps from the center of Waikiki) feel free to have them look me up so I can suggest places to visit or show them what the average tourist would never get to experience or see. I have been in the islands now for 27 years.

My son Scott moved to Hawaii several years ago and married a Japanese girl from Japan and produced two adorable Keiki (children) which are the apple of my eye. My heart is not big enough to hold all the love I have for them, God has truly blessed me. Now if I can just afford to stay in Hawaii that would be wonderful!

Mahalo, **Kathy Cotton**

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One thing I think we both agree on is that there are over eight million stories in the Naked City and they all deserve to be told. **Al Stirling** was one of a kind type of guy if you knew him. I am sure that the community he lived in will miss him. **Neil Golden**

I'm very blessed to be alive

Lvs to everyone

Bob Whitesides

Really enjoyed reading about our fellow classmates. Didn't realize that Al Stirling, & Stan Lore were in Vietnam the same time period I was. I was in the Seabee's & was at the DMZ during the TET offensive 1968. I made it home safely, as did my brother (Charles Wofford, class of 63) he also was a Seabee. I retired from the Navy in 1998 after enlisting in 1965. Currently I am on the Engineering team at the Hilton in Branson, Mo. still putting in 40+ hours a week, my wife, Starr (class of 1969 in Erie, Pa) works on the Showboat Branson Belle. I also teach the Bible study on Wednesday nights in Lampe, Mo. at the Lighthouse Gospel Church. Thanks again, **Ron Wofford**

Cheryl (Barrett) Lugo: I am sorry that I have been out of the Facebook loop completely. We had company. Then Bob got really weak. He went to the doctor and then had a massive heart attack. He passed after 9 days in Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. We are making arrangements for his burial. He will be greatly missed.

And condolences to **Clint Rylee** on the passing of his mother. And to **Pam Saxe Thompson** on the loss of her consort

'Can you believe those below are this side of 70?



Marsha Standish, Sue Bingham Pate, Renee Cameto, Judy Belcher and someone who badly needs a hair cut on the way to “Hey, Hey, LBJ”an excellent solo performance by D. Kleinberg heyheybj.weebly.com at the Marsh.

Duffers and friends - Tom and I have put our heads together re: October golf reunion. And we have come up with some fun ideas!

Here is the plan that is not yet set in stone:

Sunday, Oct. 4th - Giants last regular game of the season at AT&T against CO. (this is set in stone if you care to attend....)

Monday and Tuesday (don't know which day will be which) we have decided to go back up to the "whine" country of CA and we are planning on playing Oakmont CC in Santa Rosa and possibly Fountain Grove or one of the other great courses in the area. Of course, a wine tour (tasting) will be involved.

I am researching hotels in the area and will let you know what pops up looking good for us.

If you are planning on attending, please clear your calendars for Oct. 4 - 7th. If there is additional interest, we may plan a third day of golf somewhere in the area or closer to Petaluma/Bay Area.

Hope everyone is healthy and hitting the golf course/driving range often...he, he.

*Take care, Den Mom, **Clare***

Ed note: to the non-duffers.....you, too, are welcome at these little staycations.....just ask Sharon McWalters how much fun can be had! sdc

Sunset in Sedona — [Donna Smith](#) with [Mary Ann Anderson](#), [Elaine Walker](#), [Karen Juul Mihok](#) and [Linda Roesch](#) at [Scenic Sedona](#).....yayas rule.



And at the Asylum Restaurant
in Jerome

This newSnote is extra long because of wonderful list of things to do provided by Phil Bateman. See below

Mike Marcum and family



This is my favorite pic of **Al Stirling** - it's high school Al, complete with button-down collar and cardigan. It makes me feel like I'm sitting across from him having lunch.

I see him as an understated, yet powerful man who loomed large in my life. I always felt better after talking to him. He had a gift. He could connect with me on a spiritual level, without me even knowing it!

The last time I saw Al, we were at El Toro MCAS, waiting for transportation. Al, safely returned from Vietnam (thank God!), was going home to his family in Oakland, his military service coming to an end. I was a freshly-commissioned Navy Ensign, on my way to Pensacola for flight training. My military service was just beginning. Talk about your crossroads! I was a little nervous about about the challenges I was facing, but, as always, I felt better after seeing Al.

As I said, he had a gift - **John Close**

Hello Friends and Family! Happy Day after Mother's Day. I am a month earlier here in Switzerland(Wittenbach village near St. Gallon), starting my 19th assignment as a Major League Envoy Coach. My flight over made up for all of the previous easy flights, as Air France wanted to recharge me for my extra bag, then I had to haggle 27 french people to keep my seat (everyone wanted to sit together and give me a seat that a chihuahua would fit into), and the crowning move was the hour connection in Paris where I was the last person aboard the flight to Zurich as I had to re-enter security and clear passport control in that short time frame. I hope that my next experience with Error France is more successful!

I hit the ground running on Tuesday as I had a practice that evening and was throwing batting practice when a line drive through an undetected hole in the protective screen found my elbow and removed any feeling of jetlag. I have worked everyday since and had games in Embrach and Sissach (near Basil) this

weekend, which entailed about an hour and a half travel each way. The games this early in the assignment are a challenge as I am instructing as we play, and I have not seen most of my players yet. And they all have that "do you understand nod", when they don't really understand. It is like an at bat; if they don't understand by the 3rd time, it's too late! A funny thing happened at a 13-15 year old practice on Wednesday. I had 3 instruction stations on hitting and at the second round I would ask the player what batting technique that he was working on to improve. When I asked Yannik the question, he responded with "Not hitting cars." I countered with, "No, I told you that you needed to stride towards.....whaaaat.....???" Unknown to me at the station before, he was hitting off of the tee, and the ball went through a hole in the net, out into the street and hit the door of a passing car. The driver stopped and got out to access the damage, and when my assistant went down to face the music, there became joy in Mudville as the ball luckily caused another dent in an area where the car had been hit the week before. Whew! And the show goes on.

After the games on Saturday, I attended a "Green Festival" here in Wittenbach, kind of as a PR ploy to meet some town dignitaries. The first person that I met was the village mayor, who was trying to get an electric powered bicycle to power. I thought that it would be nice to lighten the mood by stating that I was impressed and the town should be proud that their administrators save the budget by riding bicycles. Mr. Mayor responded that actually as part of the "Green" theme activities, he had agreed to trade his vehicle for this bicycle for two weeks. So I took it a step further and said, "Wow, if a town treated me like this, I think that I would go be Mayor in another village." I don't think that Mr. Mayor shared my type of sense of humor. We did have some successes throughout the evening, and my personal success was trading a baseball tee shirt to a Racklette Cheese server for his apron. Even the small victories are huge in certain environments.

This year's assignment is for 7 weeks, and after one more week here, I move to Zurich for 2 weeks, then to Dulliken (between Zurich and Bern) for two weeks, and then finish up with one week in Thun. If you are tired of and have no patience for another summer of these ramblings, you have the option of telling me now. I hope all of you are enjoying the spring season. All the best! **Rick Steen**

I thought you'd enjoy a few photos. I came across the first one while driving to a wireless store a few villages away. When the going gets tough, the nurseries move their inventory to a major road. You'll notice that these ancient olive trees aren't easy to move. In agricultural areas, farmers sometimes eliminate some olive trees to plant crops. Rather than discard them, they recycle and pick up some cash. If someone is landscaping, they can shop for older trees rather than planting a small sprig that will take years to reach the size they'd like. I bought such a tree more than 10 years ago, and it's doing quite well in my garden. These guys could probably make a fortune in California. **Sheri Buttimer Halgrimson**



FOR MORE of SHERI's and RICK's adventures, try

Attachments: [rick:Sheri.pdf](#) [unkno](#)

Tom Cherry forwarded this little blurb about his adopted hometown

Tellico Plains: Located in Southeastern Tennessee is the 'gateway to the Cherokee National Forest.' A charming, antiquated mountain town in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, Tellico Plains' beautiful mountainous scenery, rolling countryside, quaint farmlands and scenic pathways make it a perfect getaway for those seeking a simpler way of life and breathtaking views. Tellico Plains offers a multitude of outdoor activities within the nearly 700,000 acres of the Cherokee National Forest, including biking, boating, fishing, swimming, camping, hiking and kayaking and, similarly to Townsend, Tellico Plains is a fantastic location for nature-watching. The town is also home to Bald River Falls, a magnificent waterfall flowing over 100 feet.

Richard Clarke becomes part of the WES Cafe Crew: Here's the review:

Richard's soup a HUGE hit!!! People raved. It was delicious!

Gauntlet thrown@ Come on you guys.....WES also needs "security guards" (badge/package checkers - easy on old knees), warehouseman and drivers. Please contact Emmy Johnson Fearn ('65) emmyf@sbcglobalnet.com or

White Elephant Sale

Volunteer Application Procedure

Know anyone who would like to volunteer at the WES?

The best volunteers are referred by our volunteer force, and now is a good time to have new people start before the January rush.

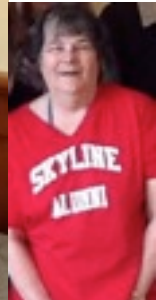
All new volunteers will:

- 1. submit an application (available in the WES office)**
- 2. complete an orientation**
- 3. be assigned to a department by the volunteer coordinator before beginning work**

The volunteer coordinator will contact the applicant by phone to answer questions and schedule an orientation. Orientations are currently scheduled at 9:30 every Friday and Saturday that we are in the warehouse.

Fentons Extravaganza!!!

Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz and Gay Parker set the tone.....and Gay the fashion note. **Randy Silver and (Neal) John Evans** contemplate what is coming. **Bruce Quan** tries to compete. Note extra whipped cream.



George Szymkiewicz, Doug Bartman, John Evans, Bruce Quan, Gary Sommer, Don Sarver, Mildred Caldwell Swafford, (Row 2) Judy Belcher, Marsha Standish, Shayne Del Cohen, Sue Bingham Pate, Barbara Uhlig Harbidge, Sue Girton Glanville, Tom La Marre, (Bottom row) Randy Silver, Cheryl LaMarre, Cynthia Young Harelson, Maureen Sarment, Dick Street, Carol Vierra Szymkiewicz. Also attending were Gay Parker, Lesley Evans and Doug Harelson. Sign says, "To all that wanted to be here, we had a great time". Thanks, Tom

I wanted to be at Fenton's. My lucky star is beginning to rise so I had to attend to it. I just don't know where it is heading yet. Hope you had fun without me. **Neil Golden**



And it turned out to be Sue Girton's actual birthday.....what a way to celebrate!!

The next "tube steak event" (as characterized by Don Schnarr) otherwise known as Kaspers (canine cuisine) will be **June 8**.

Skyline '64 Annual Birthday Party will be at Kaspers on **July 20**. Don't forget!

Attachments: [looking for my wallet and ...wmv](#)

<http://www.governing.com/generations/government-management/gov-senior-playgrounds-popping-up.html>

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BIRTHDAYS!!!!

- June** 1 Elaine Hendrikson
- 13 Kathleen Lofing Crawford
- 15 Sandy Tyler
- 19 Bob Nordgren
- 22 Bill Giacometti
- 26 Craig LaBarbera
- Russ Union
- Jennifer Morag Keene
- 29 Sue Gracie Lanphear
- July** 01 (Twinkle Fontes Martin)
- 06 Georgina Mew Chew
- 10 Jayne Ross Pike
- 12 Vicki Oding
- 13 Susan Nicholson Wood
- 13 Carol Hansen Hartman
- Shari Bates MacGregor
- 16 Jay Goodrich
- 17 Gary Sommer
- Wolfgang Werner

Do you remember
the time when we
couldn't wait
to **grow up?**
Hmm..
What the hell
were we thinking?!

18 Judy Israel Hoeshler
20 Cathy Karsh Cobel
27 Robert Kelley
29 Janice Johnson McIntyre
30 Richard Clarke
Carol Gorden Gilder

David Brooks NYT What Is Your Purpose? MAY 5, 2015

Every reflective person sooner or later faces certain questions: What is the purpose of my life? How do I find a moral compass so I can tell right from wrong? What should I do day by day to feel fulfillment and deep joy?

As late as 50 years ago, Americans could consult lofty authority figures to help them answer these questions.

Some of these authority figures were public theologians. Reinhold Niebuhr [was on the cover of Time magazine](#). Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel wrote about everything from wonder to sin to civil rights. Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote a book called “On Being a Real Person” on how to live with integrity.

Other authority figures were part of the secular priesthood of intellectuals.

John Dewey advocated pragmatism. John-Paul Sartre and his American popularizers championed existentialism. Hannah Arendt wrote big books on evil and the life of the mind.

Public discussion was awash in philosophies about how to live well. There was a coherent moral ecology you could either go along with or rebel against.

All of that went away over the past generation or two. It is hard to think of any theologian with the same public influence that Niebuhr and Heschel had. Intellectuals are given less authority and are more specialized. They write more for each other and are less likely to volley moral systems onto the public stage.

These days we live in a culture that is more diverse, decentralized, interactive and democratized. The old days when gray-haired sages had all the answers about the ultimate issues of life are over. But new ways of having conversations about the core questions haven’t yet come into being.

Public debate is now undermoralized and overpoliticized. We have many shows where people argue about fiscal policy but not so many on how to find a vocation or how to measure the worth of your life. In fact, we now hash out our moral disagreement indirectly, under the pretense that we’re talking about politics, which is why arguments about things like tax policy come to resemble holy wars.

Intellectual prestige has drifted away from theologians, poets and philosophers and toward neuroscientists, economists, evolutionary biologists and big data analysts. These scholars have a

lot of knowledge to bring, but they're not in the business of offering wisdom on the ultimate questions

The shift has meant there is less moral conversation in the public square. I doubt people behave worse than before, but we are less articulate about the inner life. There are fewer places in public where people are talking about the things that matter most.

As a result, many feel lost or overwhelmed. They feel a hunger to live meaningfully, but they don't know the right questions to ask, the right vocabulary to use, the right place to look or even if there are ultimate answers at all.

This is true among the young as much as the older. In fact, young people, raised in today's hypercompetitive environment, are, if anything, hungrier to find ideals that will give meaning to their activities. It's true of people in all social classes. Everyone is born with moral imagination — a need to feel that life is in service to some good.

The task now is to come up with forums where these sorts of conversations can happen in a more modern, personal and interactive way.

I thought I'd do my part by asking readers to send me their answers to the following questions: Do you think you have found the purpose to your life, professional or otherwise? If so, how did you find it? Was there a person, experience or book or sermon that decisively helped you get there?

If you have answers to these questions, go [the website for my book, "The Road to Character,"](#) click on First Steps and send in your response. We'll share as many as we can on the site's blog called The Conversation, and I'll write a column or two reporting on what I've learned about how people find purpose these days.

I hope this exercise will be useful in giving people an occasion to sit down and spell out the organizing frame of their lives. I know these essays will help others who are looking for meaning and want to know how to find more of it.

Mostly the idea is to use a community of conversation as a way to get somewhere: to revive old vocabularies, modernize old moral traditions, come up with new schools and labels so that people have more concrete building blocks and handholds as they try to figure out what life is all about.

[Tree Project Aims to Put the Oak Back in Oakland](#) By PATRICIA LEIGH BROWN

A campaign to "re-oak" Oakland has begun, which started when volunteers planted an inaugural stand of 72 coast live oak saplings in plastic buckets in a West Oakland park.

<http://www.upworthy.com/barbara-was-hired-at-a-top-notch-design-firm-at-91-here-are-5-amazing-things-shes-done-so-far?c=upw1&u=f676ba0eeef2d569f8ba34f0de43c86a92ca8ed9>

Thought you might like to know about some of **the great concerts, events, movies and theater productions scheduled for the summer (most are free)**. Maybe I'll see you at one or more of these events. (Maybe you know of some additional events you would like to add.) So grab your BART Clipper card and journey on out. **Phil Bateman**

BAY AREA SUMMER CONCERTS/EVENTS 2015

Oakland Paramount Theater **\$5** Organ Concert at 7:30 pm Classic Film at 8 pm _____

Fri. June 26 Jaws Fri. July 17 West Side Story

Orinda Theater 2nd Thurs. 7pm Free June 11 Karate Kid July 9 Close Encounters of The Third Kind

Woodminster Outdoor Theater Opening Night Tickets \$18 all seats (Dark Mon, Tues & Weds)

July 9 – 19 Mary Poppins
August 6 – 16 The Producers (*Ed note: Gary Sommer's nephew is the director for this production.*)
Sept. 4 – 13 Aida

MORAGA COMMONS PARK

Free Summer Concert In The Park Thurs. 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

June 18 Moonalice - Bay Area 60's
June 25 Forejour - Foreigner Journey tribute
July 4 FUNdamentals - rockin' dance band (7pm concert)
July 9 Mixed Nuts - decades of rock
July 16 Mania - Beatles tribute band
July 23 Stealin' Chicago - Stealy Dan-Chicago tribute
July 30 Foreverland Band - Michael Jackson tribute
August 6 Chris Gardner Band - country/western
August 13 Spazmatics - 80's rock & dance
August 20 Houserockers - cover & dance band

Alamo Park & Rec. – Laverna Park 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

June 19th - The Sun Kings
July 3rd - Mixed Nuts
July 17th - Houserockers
July 31st - The Fabulous CruiseTones
August 14th - Moonalice

Lafayette – Rock The Plaza Fridays 6:30 – 8:30 pm

June 5 The 925 Band
June 12 The Megatones
June 19 The Accents

June 26 Lamorinda Teen Idol Finalists

San Leandro Annual Cherry Festival

Downtown off Davis Street near BART

Saturday June 6 11 am. – 6 pm.

DANVILLE 30TH ANNUAL MUSIC IN THE PARK CONCERTS

Oak Hill Park 6 – 8pm Guest Artists TBA

Sat July 11 .. Sat. July 31.. Sat. Aug. 8 .. Sat. Aug. 22

South Shore Center Alameda Sat. 7/18 5pm The Sun Kings (Beatles Tribute)

More events to be announced soon

Broadway Plaza Walnut Creek Summer Concert Series & Thursday Night Block Party!

6pm - 7pm: Thursday Night Block Party at Stanford's Parking Lot/Main Street Parking

7pm - 8:30pm: Live Concert

Concert Line Up

August 6: Petty Theft

August 13: The Unauthorized Rolling Stones

August 20: Journey Revisited

HAYWARD "B" STREET PARTY - FREE Foothill @ B Street Near Hayward BART

Thurs. June 18, July 16 & Aug. 20 5:30 – 8:30 pm Music/Info. Booths/Classic Cars/Food Booths & More

SAN RAMON Central Park (Alcosta @ Bollinger)

Sat. 7/4 Calif. Beach Boys 5-8 pm

All others Sundays at 6pm

7/12 Big Bang Beat (Party Band)

7/19 Notorious ('90's sounds)

7/26 Elton John Tribute Band

8/2 Rebel Yell ('80's sounds)

8/9 FourJour (Foreigner/Journey Tribute)

ROCKIN' THE PLAZA (BLACKHAWK) FRIDAYS 7 – 8:30 PM FREE

July 3 Evolution (Journey tribute)

July 10 Pride & Joy (Pop & Soul)

July 17 The Cheeseballs (70's to today)

July 24 Foreverland (Michael Jackson tribute)

July 31 The Boys of Summer (Eagles tribute)

Aug. 7 Unauthorized Rolling Stones

Aug. 14 Rockskool (80's tribute band)

Aug. 21 Tainted Love (Best of the 80's)

ALAMEDA ART & WINE 10am – 4 pm SAT – SUN JULY 25 – 26 Park Street

33rd Hayward Zucchini Festival Kennedy Park \$4 Seniors August 15 – 16 10 am – 8 pm

The Fremont Festival of the Arts Near Fremont BART August 1 & 2 10 am - 6 pm

Lafayette Art & Wine Festival Sat. September 19 & Sun. September 20, 2015

Stern Grove 19th Avenue & Sloat San Francisco Sundays 2 pm Free

June 14 Doobie Brothers/The California Honeydrops

June 21 Pacific Mambo Orchestra with Sheila E. & Marlow Rosado/Salsamania

June 28 Randy Newman/Hot Club of San Francisco

July 5 San Francisco Symphony

July 12 Amy Hanaliali I and the Stern Grove Festival Orchestra/Halau 'o Keikiali i

July 19 tUnE-yArDs/DakhaBrakha

July 26 San Francisco Ballet

August 2 Mary Chapin Carpenter/Bhi Bhiman

August 9 Morris Day And The Time/Con Brio

August 16 Talib Kweli/Zakiya Harris and Elephantine

Montgomery Village Santa Rosa 5:30 - 8pm 911 Village Court (Highway 12 at Farmers Lane)

Saturday June 6 - Pop Fiction

Sunday June 7 - Wendy Dewitt

Thursday June 11 - Journey Revisited

Saturday June 13 - Notorious

Sunday June 14 - Brenda Reed & The Collaboration

Saturday June 20 - Paperback Writer

Sunday June 21 - Catch A Wave

Thursday June 25 - David Martin's House Party

Saturday June 27 - Garratt Wilkin & The Parrotheads

Sunday June 28 - Michael Brandeberg Jazz Trio

Saturday July 4 - Sh-Boom

Sunday July 5 - Hot Rods Band

Thursday July 9 - Laay Smith & Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers

Saturday July 11 - Johnny Vegas & The High Rollers

Sunday July 12 - Model T Show, Traveling Fair

Saturday July 18 - Summer of Love/Big Bad Boogie Rock

Sunday July 19 - Cripple Creek

Thursday July 23 - [Wonderbread 5](#)

Saturday July 25 - Nathan Owens & Legends of Motown

Sunday July 26 - Michael Brandeberg Jazz Trio

Thursday July 30 - Super Huey

Saturday August 1 - Tainted Love

Sunday August 2 - [Gator Nation](#)

Thursday August 6 - Kalimba

Saturday August 8 - Greg Wolfe's Rod Stewart

Sunday August 9 - Buck Ford

Sunday August 16 - Michael Brandeberg Jazz Trio

Thursday August 20 - Nicolas Bearde

Saturday August 22 - California Beach Boys

Sunday August 23 - Mixed Nuts
 Saturday August 29 - Foreverland
 Sunday August 30 - Bennett Friedman and Michael Brandeberg Jazz Trio
 Saturday September 5 - Caravanserai
 Sunday September 6 - Elvis Tribute
 Thursday September 10 - Tainted Love
 Saturday September 12 - Mustache Harbor
 Sunday September 13 - Jamie Jameson Band
 Thursday September 17 - Slim Man
 Saturday September 19 - Sun Kings
 Sunday September 20 - Silverheels
 Thursday September 24 - Unauthorized Rolling Stones
 Saturday September 26 - Chicago Tribute Authority
 Sunday September 27 - Michael Brandeberg Jazz Trio
 Saturday October 3 - Rebel Yell
 Sunday October 4 - Dean Grech
 Thursday October 8 - Sinatra Tribute Band
 Saturday October 10 - Price & Joy
 Sunday October 11 - Beatles Flashback

Santa Cruz Beach FREE Friday Night Bands FRIDAY NIGHTS - June 19 through September 4, 2015
TWO FREE SHOWS EACH FRIDAY!
 6:30pm and 8:30pm on the Beach Bandstand

2015 Schedule] June 19

Eddie Money "Take Me Home Tonight" June 26
The Edgar Winter Band "Free Ride" July 3
The Sun Kings tribute to The Beatles "Help!" July 10
Macy Gray "I Try" July 17
Berlin featuring Terri Nunn "Take My Breath Away" July 24
Soul Asylum "Runaway Train" July 31
Wang Chung "Everybody Have Fun Tonight" Aug 7
Y&T "Summertime Girls" Aug 14
Everclear "Santa Monica" Aug 21
Blue Öyster Cult "(Don't Fear) The Reaper" Aug 28
Smash Mouth "All Star" Sep 4
Papa Doo Run Run "(Santa Cruz) Beach Party"

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**ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR 2015 Big O Tires Concert Series, 8pm nightly :**  
 6/17 – War (Funk, R&B)  
 6/18 – Brian McKnight (R&B)

6/19 – The Original Wailers (Reggae)  
 6/20 – Kutless (Christian Rock)  
 6/21 – Tierra (Latin R&B)  
 6/22 – The Boys of Summer (Eagles tribute, Classic Rock)  
 6/24 – The Beach Boys (Pop/Rock)  
 6/25 – Rodney Atkins (Country)  
 6/26 – Tower of Power (Funk, R&B)  
 6/27 – Con Funk Shun (Funk, R&B)  
 6/28 – Tanya Tucker (Country)  
 6/30 – Steelin' Dan (Steely Dan tribute, Pop/Rock)  
 7/1 – Foghat (Classic Rock)  
 7/2 – Kansas (Classic Rock)  
 7/3 – Morris Day & The Time (R&B/Pop)  
 7/4 – Blues Festival (multiple performers / Blues) (1pm – 9pm)  
 7/5 – Berlin featuring Terri Nunn (Pop/Rock)

**California State Fair – Sacramento Free Concerts every night at 8pm**

July 10 Morris Day And The Time  
 July 11 Paul Rodriguez  
 July 12 Air Supply (40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour)  
 July 13 MKTO  
 July 14 Led Zepagain (Led Zeppelin Tribute)  
 July 15 Martina McBride  
 July 16 Ashanti  
 July 17 KY-Mani Marley  
 July 18 Queen Nation (Queen Tribute)  
 July 19 Jerrod Niemann  
 July 20 War  
 July 21 Caravanserai (Santana Tribute)  
 July 22 Theory Of A Deadman  
 July 23 Britt Nicole  
 July 24 Chase Rice  
 July 25 .38 Special  
 July 26 Brett Eldredge

**Oakland City Center Weds. Concerts**

**JUNE 2015**

|         |             |                               |                                                                         |
|---------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 3  | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">The Sun Kings</a> | Hear your favorite Beatles tunes with The Sun Kings Direct from Alameda |
| June 10 | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Hot Einstein</a>  | Relive the 90's with Hot Einstein                                       |
| June 17 | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Atta Kid</a>      | Check out this East Bay funk with a New Orleans soul                    |
| June 24 | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Fito Reinoso</a>  | Spice up your life with Fito Reinoso                                    |

**JULY 2015**

July 1 Noon to 1pm [The 415s](#) Come check out the Bay Area's newest and most elite addition to the pop/variety dance band scene.

|                    |             |                                   |                                                                                  |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| July 8             | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">William Robert</a>    | Join us to hear William's velvety sound and amber voice                          |
| July 15            | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Zydeco Flames</a>     | Get up and groove with the Zydeco Flames                                         |
| July 22            | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Mic Gillette Band</a> | Join us to hear a world-renowned trumpet and trombone player                     |
| July 29            | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Dynamic</a>           | Dynamic blends hip-hop with rock and soul                                        |
| <b>AUGUST 2015</b> |             |                                   |                                                                                  |
| August 5           | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Stompy Jones</a>      | Check out Stompy Jones and their fireworks of vintage rhythm and blues           |
| August 12          | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Supermule</a>         | Enjoy this SF based soul-funk band.                                              |
| August 19          | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Tim Hockenberry</a>   | Come hear this multi-instrumentalist (piano, bass, trombone, vocals), songwriter |
| August 26          | Noon to 1pm | <a href="#">Pure Ecstasy</a>      | Come enjoy the crowd-pleasing Motown sound of Pure Ecstasy.                      |

**Concert & Event Information Compiled By Phil Bateman as of 5/30/15**

**Subject to change**

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**The reinvention of Oakland**

by [Sara Benson](#) · Nov 26 2014

Although it's nicknamed 'Brooklyn by the Bay,' Oakland is an incomparable California original – diverse, cultured and always inventive. Too often overshadowed by San Francisco, Oakland has recently become a hotspot all on its own, with artists, chefs, fashion designers and DIY entrepreneurs making walking the streets here a daily experiment in the unexpected. Ready to escape SF's chilly fog? Cross the bridge and explore our favorite spots to eat, drink, shop and play in Oaktown.



A sunny afternoon in Uptown Oakland. Image by Greg

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**Vivid urban art scene**

As the tech invasion of San Francisco continues, some of the Bay Area's creative, cutting-edge types have emigrated to join Oakland's arts scene. The center of all the action and the best place to begin your urban exploration is Uptown, where vibrant contemporary art spills onto the streets on the first Friday of every month. Uptown's main artery, Telegraph Avenue, fills with food trucks, artisan vendors and live bands, while nearby galleries like Vessel [vessel-gallery.com](http://vessel-gallery.com) host social [Art Murmur](#) events. Don't miss



seeing the Great Wall of Oakland [greatwallofoakland.org](http://greatwallofoakland.org), a giant 10,000-sq-ft video projection on the side of an Uptown building, showing off new works by local artists and consciousness-raising community programming. Try your own hand at making art by signing up for a class at Rock, Scissors, Paper Collective [rpscollective.org](http://rpscollective.org).

The first Friday of each month sees Oakland's creative residents take to the streets. Image by Greg Linhares / City of Oakland



#### **Oakland's new tastemakers**

Get acquainted with the new Oakland by eating your way through the city's hip and revitalized neighborhoods. Start your strolling in Uptown, an incubator for adventurous restaurants, gastropubs and cafes. Sample regional Spanish-inspired tapas at Duende [www.duendeoakland.com](http://www.duendeoakland.com), or seasonal, modern Californian fare at Flora [www.floraoakland.com](http://www.floraoakland.com) inside the gorgeous art-deco Oakland Floral Depot building. Detour to West Oakland to try chef Tanya Holland's 'new soul' cooking with a Deep South spin at Brown Sugar Kitchen [brownsugarkitchen.com](http://brownsugarkitchen.com).

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In North Oakland's trendsetting Temescal neighborhood, superstar [Bakesale Betty's](#) sees lines snaking out the door and down the block for its fried-chicken sandwiches and strawberry shortcake. Wood oven-fired pies and seasonal antipasti at Pizzaiolo [www.pizzaioloakland.com](http://www.pizzaioloakland.com) are equally worth the wait. Decorated with nostalgic chalkboards and library card-catalog drawers, [Homeroom](#) dishes up over a dozen kinds of macaroni 'n' cheese, including a 'Mexican Mac' spiked with chorizo, chipotle pepper and lime.

Down by the scenic shores of [Lake Merritt](#) every Saturday, the Grand Lake Farmers Market [www.agriculturalinstitute.org/grand-lake-oakland](http://www.agriculturalinstitute.org/grand-lake-oakland) brings together cheese makers, mushroom hunters, apple growers and dozens of other local food producers. Food trucks roll up offering famished shoppers everything from dim sum and pumpkin tamales to gourmet popsicles. Amble up Lakeshore Avenue for a warm slice of veggie pizza on a sourdough crust from the original worker-owned cooperative bakery [Arizmendi](#).

Still hungry? There's a lot more to try all over town: the market halls of [Old Oakland](#), [Emeryville](#) and [Rockridge](#); Piedmont neighborhood gems like Michelin-starred [Commis](#) restaurant and old-fashioned Fentons Creamery [www.fentonscreamery.com](http://www.fentonscreamery.com); Mexican taquerías in the Fruitvale district; and the pan-Asian kitchens of [Chinatown](#), where you can peek inside on a Savor Oakland [www.savoroaklandfoodtours.com](http://www.savoroaklandfoodtours.com) food-centric walking tour.



Grand Lake Farmers Market. Image by

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### Drinking & after dark

No taste better represents the new Oakland than [Blue Bottle Coffee Company](#). Hidden among the produce market warehouses near Jack London Square, this nationally revered coffee roaster is obsessed with crafting the perfect cup. Visit on a Saturday afternoon for coffee tasting and insights into the single-origin beans and the roasting and brewing processes.

When it comes to cocktails, Oakland has as much of a storied history as San Francisco. After all, this is where the world's most beloved tropical cocktail, the mai tai, was invented. Order yours with a little paper umbrella at North Oakland's [Kona Club](#) tiki bar. For fashionable hand-crafted spirits, make a beeline to the buzzing cocktail bars of Uptown. Peruse creative libations on the ever-changing menus at Dogwood [bardogwood.com](#) or at busy [Make Westing](#), which built its own bocce ball court.

After dark in Uptown, Oakland's glittering restored art deco theaters light up with landmark neon signs. The [Fox Theater](#) stages indie music concerts, while the [Paramount Theatre](#), home to the city's symphony and ballet, screens classic movies and serenades movie-goers with a historic Wurlitzer organ. Over at the reincarnated [New Parkway Theater](#), sprawl on a comfy sofa and drink beer while you watch second-run flicks and cult movies, or meet locals at trivia, bingo, open-mic **and 'nerd' nights**.



The beautiful Fox Theater is a great venue for concerts. Image by Josh Sanseri / Visit Oakland

### Locally made goods & vintage shops

Here's something Oakland still shares with San Francisco: a devotion to the DIY aesthetic. 'Made in Oakland' isn't just a motto, it's a lifestyle choice. In the burgeoning Uptown district, no boutique better shows off the city's eclectic style than OwlNWood [www.owlnwood.com](#), which carries both local designers and vintage pieces from the '70s, '80s and '90s. Downtown, the street-art-inspired original designs printed

on tees, hoodies and hats by Oaklandish are proof of local pride. North Oakland's Temescal neighborhood is the place to hunt for fashion-forward apparel, 'upcycled' furnishings, hand-made jewelry and so much more, especially along Temescal Alleys [www.temescalalleys.com](http://www.temescalalleys.com). Closer to Berkeley, [Rockridge](#) has the city's most eclectic mix of shops – antiques, books and records, interior design, whimsical gifts and a trove of boutiques, including vintage-happy Pretty Penny [prettypennyclothing.com](http://prettypennyclothing.com).

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The Temescal Alleys neighborhood is a favorite for locals when it comes to shopping, eating and drinking. Image by Greg Linhares / City of Oakland

Gertrude Stein lamented the loss of her childhood home in Oakland with the famous words 'there is no there there,' but Oakland has plenty of deep historical roots that are still evident today just by looking up at its buildings. Between May and October, take a free, city-sponsored walking tour of restored Victorians in [Old Oakland](#), Uptown's art-deco landmarks or the city's historic [Chinatown](#). See the local government [website](#) for details.

Year-round, dig deeper into multicultural local history at the [Oakland Museum of California](#). Show up at this museum near Lake Merritt on Friday nights, when admission is half-price and food trucks, a beer garden, DJs, live bands, dance lessons and art workshops energize the crowds. Another stirring story about how Oakland became what it is today is told at Downtown's African American Library and Museum [www.oaklandlibrary.org/locations/african-american-museum-library-oakland](http://www.oaklandlibrary.org/locations/african-american-museum-library-oakland).

Don't want to spend your time stuck indoors? For an entirely new perspective on Oakland and the entire San Francisco Bay, sign up for a stand-up paddle boarding lesson with California Canoe & Kayak [www.calkayak.com](http://www.calkayak.com), an outdoor outfitter based on the waterfront by Jack London Square. Then brave a trip on the new [Bay Bridge Trail](#), the walking and cycling path that climbs onto the newly opened East Span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge – never mind the vertigo.

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