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Don't know which is more exciting.....**Henry DeWitt's** role in the Pluto Mission or our **Birthday Party**.....maybe its **Ben Leet's** way of relaxing or **Jennifer Foreman Williams** continuing to ring our bells! "Whatever"....it has been an eventful month, from saying good-bye to John Janowski one day and celebrating our lives the next at our annual birthday party.

When I asked if he were involved in the Pluto Mission, **Henry DeWitt** wrote:

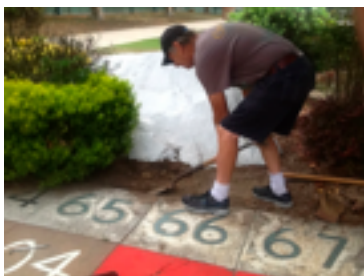
Actually yes. I wrote and maintain a simulator that is used to verify all command loads before being sent to the spacecraft. Expect to be involved with the spacecraft and the team for a few more years.

And when I emailed "Go, Kepler team!" to **Neal John Evans**, got this back:

"Right, and big involvement from my colleagues at UT. Currently in Singapore, on the way from Taipei to Perth. First time in this part of the world... Leslie and I spend over three weeks exploring south and east Australia, from the Great Barrier Reef to the Great Ocean Road on the Southern Ocean. Then she went back while I went to Taipei for a 4-day meeting. Now I am in Perth for another meeting, so dipped my toes in the Indian Ocean for a trifecta... Cheers"

Meanwhile, up at SHS, the hunt goes on for time capsules. In planning their 50th Reunion, the Class of '65 decided to dig theirs up and got permission from the administration to do so. They invited '64 and '65 to join in.

Having absolutely no recollection of any of this (major case of CRS combined with my stay-at-home-and-read-a-book teenage) I referred it to the class officers (sans Torbohn). No one had a clue but Neil Golden went along (Seen observing with Tim Hallahan '65)



Despite having the right tools and a great amount of expertise, the efforts of Greg Black and Rick Kirske yielded nothing. The mystery remains. Do any of you know? (Note from the archivist part of me: this is what happens when you don't have documentation).

<http://skyline65oakland.weebly.com/shs-campus-42810.html>

Meanwhile there are other realities amongst the Class of 1964.....



cloud meditation (Ben's sailboat in upper left corner) — with [Ron Lansing](#) and [Ben Leet](#) at [Elk Lake](#).

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**Sharon Gellatly-Holcomb** announces the dramatical musical, KING DAVID, based on the story of David with music by Alan Menken and Tim Rice will be presented in four performances August 6-9 at the Church at the 3Crosses in Castro Valley. Tickets are \$5 [www.3crosses.org](http://www.3crosses.org)

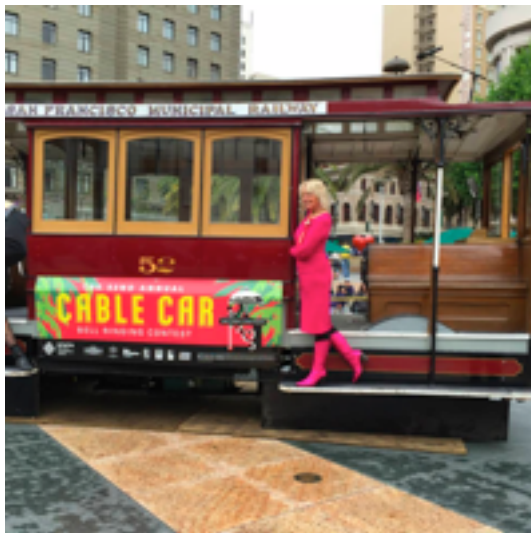
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**[Jess Gibbs Gadsby](#)** I visited the David Sheldrick Wildlife Sanctuary

when I was in Kenya. They do wonderful work in rescuing baby elephants, caring for them at the sanctuary, and hoping to release them back into the wild some day. I have adopted a baby elephant to help support this cause. smile emoticon So sorry about this baby elephant. frown emoticon

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And **Jennifer Foreman Williams**, former Miss Cable Car returns to clank in another

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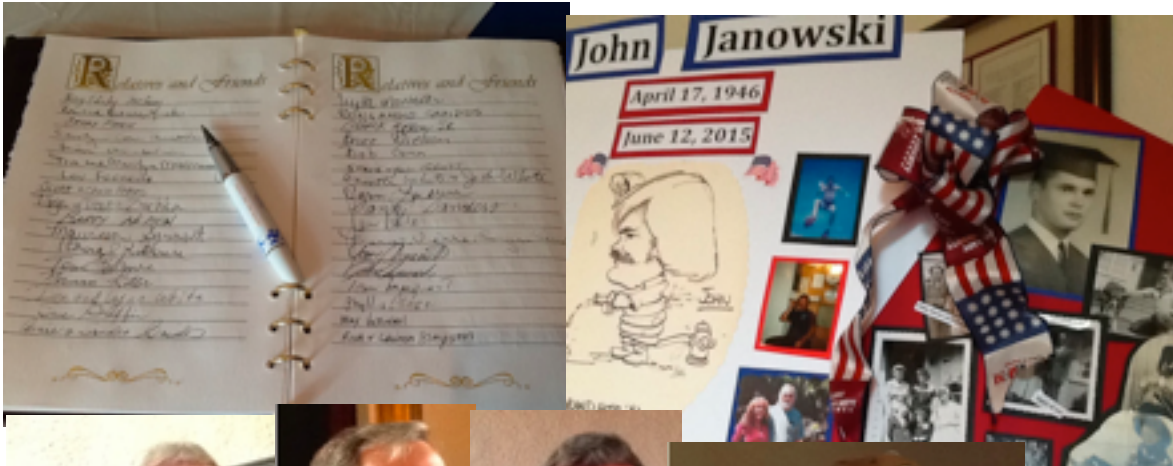
**While Marti (Martha Gooby) Micks** runs.....  
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And **Marsha Haner Johnson** tries to recall a conversation: Our son, Karl Johnson, is

pondering his professional future. He has his BA in Environmental Resources Engineering from Humboldt State and is a GREAT guy. He worked for three years as an environmental consultant regarding

contaminated groundwater, and the last three years he's been working in the solar industry, all in the bay area. At our 50th Skyline reunion I was talking with *someone* who worked in water treatment for East Bay Municipal Utility District ~ I think east of the bay area, maybe Sonora area, and they said they'd be happy to talk with Karl about EBMUD possibilities. Are you that person I talked with????? Info or any other recommendations from any classmates would be welcomed. Karl can be reached at [kjohnso@gmail.com](mailto:kjohnso@gmail.com)

**They came to say good journey to John Janowski**



**Steve Wilson**

**Roger Sexton**

**Steve Hill**

**Bob Conn**

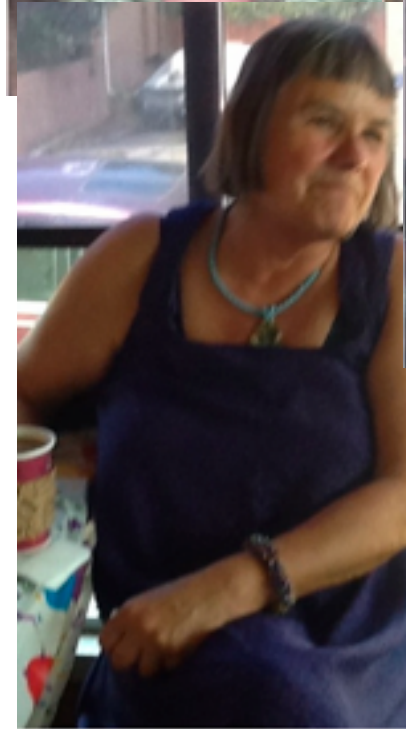
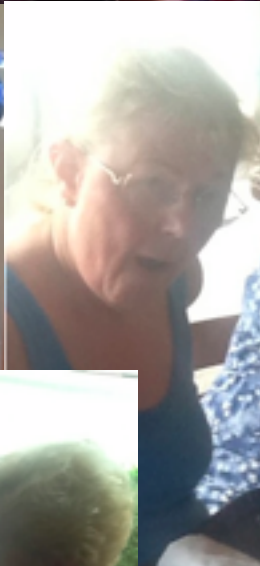
**Dorian Glanville**

**Steve Kicherer**  
addresses the  
assemblage

Also in attendance:  
**George/Carol**  
**Szymkiewicz,**  
**Maureen Sarment,**  
**Sue Girton**  
**Glanville, David**  
**Pierce, Gary**  
**Sommer, Barry**  
**Nelson, Tom/**  
**Cheryl LaMarre**  
and several 65'ers.



And then to celebrate “We’re so fine @69”



**Pat Carr,  
Jean  
Kurz,  
Steve  
Whitgob,  
June  
Stark  
Casey  
(looking  
sweet 16),  
Lisa  
Wallace,**

**Sharon  
Gellatley-  
Holcomb, Linda  
Barkas, Pam  
Kenyon Ostrom,  
Barbara  
Harbidge, Also in  
attendance, Don  
Schnarr, Steve  
Wilson, Tom and  
Cheryl LaMarre,  
Geo/Carol**

**Szymciewicz, Melissa  
Siverman Willaby, Patricia  
Marshall Monson, Tim  
Kendall, Gary Sommer,  
Claude Saunders, Bob  
Falaschi, Maureen  
Sarment, Cynthia Young  
Harelson, Richard Clarke,  
Howard Allen, Rick Steen,  
Carrie Clinton and our  
candle-blower, Joaquin.**

The next Kaspers will be August 10, followed by a return to Fenton's on August 24 at 1 pm. Contact Tom LaMarre [tftom7@aol.com](mailto:tftom7@aol.com) re Fenton's to be part of the head count.

**Birthdays**

**August**

- 03 Rene Dokos Rores  
Richard Ott
- 07 Bruce Quan
- 12 Bob Main
- 15 Doug Wood
- 16 Judith Israel Hoeshler
- 17 Shayne Del Cohen
- 18 Marilyn  
Hope
- 18 Susan Louise
- 20 Cathy Freel Bellinghausen
- 20 Mike Marcum
- 21 Maureen Sarment
- 23 Ken McCracken
- 25 Bob Falaschi
- 26 Janet Streb Greenwood
- 27 Donna Jenkins
- 28 DeeAna McLemore
- 29 Katheen Hender Catanho
- 30 Roxanne Vallis
- 31 Bob Blesse  
Lynne Beitelspacher Head

**Sept**

- Carol LaDolce Donato
- Margaret Rait Muat-Jones
- Virginia Keller
- Larry Day
- Bill Dye
- Marsha Haner Johnson
- Phil Rocco
- 06 Steven Daniel
- 04 Michael B. Myers
- 08 James Morgan
- 09 Tom Cherry
- 14 Tom Lamarre
- 16 Donna Goeppert Knobbe
- 17 Richelle Lieberman  
Willard Newman II  
Dennis Ossanna



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|----|-------------------------|
|    | Neal John Evans         |
| 21 | Terrence Robert Monohan |
| 24 | John Herrera            |
| 26 | Roger Sexton            |
| 27 | Jessamine Gibbs Gadsby  |
| 28 | John Ballinger          |
|    | Sue Telford Smith       |
| 28 | Donald Schnarr          |



### **Written by a 90 year old**

by Regina Brett, 90 years old, of the Plain Dealer, Cleveland , Ohio .

"To celebrate growing older, I once wrote the 42 lessons life taught me. It is the most requested column I've ever written.

My odometer rolled over to 90 in August, so here is the column once more:

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short – enjoy it..
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and family will.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Stay true to yourself.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. Save for retirement starting with your first pay check.
9. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
10. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present.
11. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
12. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
13. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it...
- 14 Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
15. Get rid of anything that isn't useful. Clutter weighs you down in many ways.
16. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
17. It's never too late to be happy. But it's all up to you and no one else.
18. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
19. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
20. Over prepare, then go with the flow.
21. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.

22. The most important sex organ is the brain.
23. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
24. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
25. Always choose life.
26. Forgive but don't forget.
27. What other people think of you is none of your business.
28. Time heals almost everything. Give time time.
29. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
30. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does..
31. Believe in miracles.
32. Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
33. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
34. Your children get only one childhood.
35. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
36. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
37. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
38. Envy is a waste of time. Accept what you already have not what you need.
39. The best is yet to come...
40. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
41. Yield.
42. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

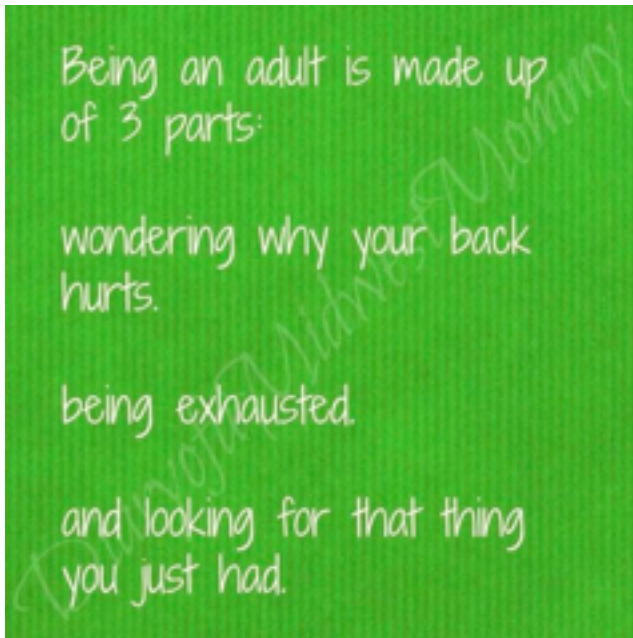
**#Fairyland4Grownups FAQ:**  
**Get in the Know! 07 Jul,**  
**2015**

*For most Oaklanders, Fairyland is shrouded in mystery. The park is famous for being off-limits to adults, unless they're accompanying a kid. But on Friday, August 14th, Fairyland will open its gates to grownups for three glorious hours. You've probably got questions, and we've got answers! Wonders await.*



**When and where is this happening?**

The Fairyland gates open for grownups on Friday, August 14th, from 7-10 pm. You can enter at the main gates (look for the big shoe). The official address is 699 Bellevue Avenue. You can visit



the Fairyland website for directions and parking info: [fairyland.org](http://fairyland.org)

We will start pre-screening folks at 6:30 so that you can enter the gates right at 7 for the full experience. Have your ID and ticket ready at pre-screen so we can keep things speedy! Leave unnecessary bags and bulky items at home!

### **What's actually happening at the party?**

There will be a giant dance party over in the Old West Junction, presided over by DJ Dion Decibels. There will also be adult puppet shows and other surprise attractions around the park. We'll have beer and wine (included in the ticket price), plus, a bunch of Oakland's finest food vendors will be slinging snacks on the grass! And the best part: you'll be

allowed to explore the entire park, from the pirate ship to the card maze. The rides won't be operating though, because rides and adult bevies don't mix. (Note: you won't be able to go to the top of the pirate ship or go down the dragon slide).

### **How much do the tickets cost?**

Tickets are \$30 a person (plus fees from Brown Paper Tickets if you buy online) and they're pre-sale only so there won't be any extras for sale at the gate. A limited number of online tickets will be available for sale at 11am Friday, July 24. Follow Oaklandish on [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#) for the link on the 24th. Ticket proceeds benefit Fairyland, helping them keep admissions low (or even free) for local kids. Fairyland has lots of amazing outreach programs: camp scholarships for low-income kids, animal therapy for children with developmental issues, and free field trips for students. This party will help keep those programs running, so thanks for your support!

### **Do I need to bring anything?**

All you REALLY need to bring is your ticket and ID, but we'd recommend carrying some extra cash for food vendors and Fairyland souvenirs! Fairyland will have Magic Keys available that activate storybook boxes around the park and they'll even have their special edition pewter magic keys!

And since this is a kiddie park, please don't bring anything you wouldn't want a toddler picking up off the ground in the morning (like cigarettes, glass bottles, etc).

**I bought a ticket, and now I can't go to the party.**

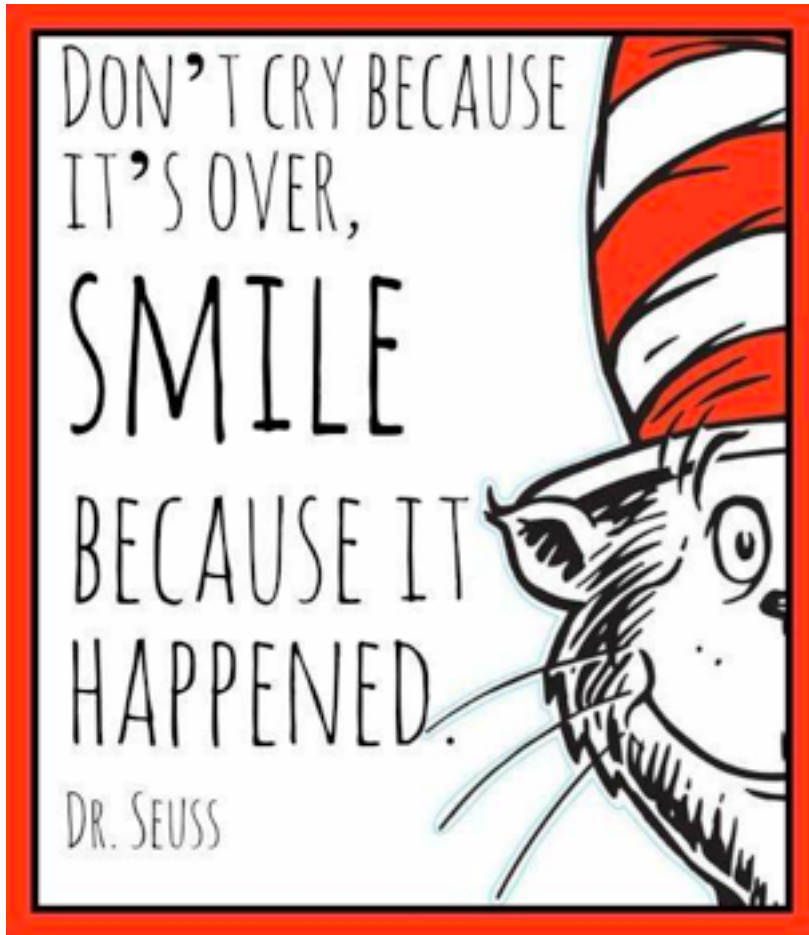




**Can I give my spot to a friend?**

Sure! If you want to give your physical ticket to someone else, that's no problem. Tickets and

proof that you're over 21 are all you need for entry. If you need to change the name that the tickets are being held under at Will Call, please email us at [info@oaklandish.com](mailto:info@oaklandish.com) before noon on the day of the event. We will not be able to change Will Call names after noon on the day of the event.



**If I ordered online will I get my tickets in the mail?**

Nope – your tickets will be available at Will Call on the night of the event. They'll be under the name of the person who purchased the tickets, so bring your ID and try to arrive as a group! You might want to arrive early, since once you collect your tickets from Will Call you'll have to get in line for

entry to the park.

**What time does Will Call open?**

We will open our Will Call booth at 6pm on the day of the event. See you there!

**Do I need to wear a costume?**

Not at all. Fairyland accepts all dreamers, regardless of their attire. Lots of people do wear costumes, though. And come on...you know you'll probably have more fun in a tutu.

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Mark your calendars for August 1 & 2 and join the fun as we celebrate 15 jubilant years of showcasing Oakland/East Bay culture!

2015 Highlights:

- Blues & BBQ Blowout featuring 2nd Annual Oaktown Throwdown

- Elevate Oakland Stage
- Gospel Showcase
- BANDALOOOP
- Turf & All-Styles Dance Battle
- National Poetry Slam
- World Dance Festival
- Kinetic Arts Circus Stage
- Beer + Wine + Great Eats
- Family Fun Zone and more!

Art + Soul is delighted to have been voted **Best Music Festival** in the 2014 *East Bay Express'* Readers Poll. <http://www.artandsouloakland.com/>

From Patricia Marshall Monson:

Who knew!!!! Fun to see Oakland shine just a little bit more. I know you all contributed to the #1 ranking!

<https://www.aclsmcmedicaltraining.com/the-10-best-cities-for-heart-health-in-america/>

California's deep drought is shifting public attention to putting fresh water to new and more valuable uses. The city of Oakland is a center of innovation. Its wastewater treatment plant generates more electrical energy than it consumes for operations and is the centerpiece of a recycling project to eliminate the city's solid waste production. Meanwhile, a watershed management project is restoring the natural pollution-cleansing capacity of the city's 15 creeks and the Lake Merritt central park.

This week, Circle of Blue reports on how a [growing California city is treating its water resources with more respect and simultaneously improving its economy and quality of life.](#)

[Oakland's Web of Waters Shapes New Economy, Civic Energy](#)

A nationally significant program of storm water management daylights streams, renovates a centerpiece lake, restores an estuary, and empowers a West Coast city.

[Oakland's Water Treatment Plant Generates Its Own Energy and Then Some](#)

Plant is at the center of a big move to also solve city's solid waste problem.

**[Anonymous Donor Gives \\$34 Million to Oakland Schools & Organizations](#)
[16 Jul , 2015](#)**

The San Francisco Foundation, an organization well-known for its philanthropical endeavors, was given \$34 million dollars earlier this year by an anonymous donor who wanted to help support schools and non-profits in Oakland. According to the SF Gate, that money will be divided amongst, "15 nonprofits in Oakland and could create 2,502 jobs and 731 units of affordable housing." The article went on to break down where the money will actually go -- a list that included longtime community cha.....

Joaquin Miller: Oakland's first hipster?

Over the past year, I've overheard Oakland natives complaining about the [influx of hipsters](#) moving to Oakland. However, this trend is as old as the city itself. Poseurs have been coming to the East Bay since the pioneer days. Today we honor one of these famous poseurs, Joaquin Miller, on his 175th birthday.

[Joaquin Miller](#) was known as the "Poet of the Sierras," and lived in a white cottage he called "[The Abbey](#)" in the Oakland hills from 1886 to his death in 1913. He earned his fame as an eccentric poet who told tall tales, and as a fashion icon. His house and hillside monuments now make up [Joaquin Miller Park](#). Looking closer at this early Oakland fashionista, let's examine his portrait from the early 1900s.

Although the West was won decades earlier, Joaquin Miller still chose to dress like a gun-toting, flamboyant cowboy. In this photo, he's standing on a box of Winchester bullets, with a revolver and decorated rifle. To top it off, he's in a leather fringe jacket and leather fringe pants.

And if his outfit wasn't enough for turn-of-the-century Oakland, to further accentuate his false claim that his "cradle was a covered wagon pointing west," he brought a miner's pick to the Duchess of Devonshire's reception in London.

On top of all his fashion antics, he was a prolific writer, producing countless news articles, some memorable poetry, and a memoir of his experience among Native American tribes in Northern California called [Life Amongst the Modocs](#), which would make even James Frey blush. Miller's memoir is now classified by scholars as fiction.

Here are Joaquin Miller's hipster qualifications:

- Facial hair ✓
- Born in the Midwest and moved to West Coast ✓
- Obsessed with Robert Browning ✓
- Obsessed with obscure subjects, reading things others aren't reading ✓
- Hang out with artistic innovators, even though not a great artist himself ✓
- Take on a funny name ✓
- Ride a fixed-gear bike *
(**Inconclusive. It's possible Miller rode a penny farthing, although no photo evidence remains.*)
- Wear vintage clothing that's anachronistic to current fashion ✓
- Bohemian look (dress more rugged or poor than you actually are) ✓
- Pioneer the latest cultural trends ✓
- Environmentalist ✓
- Listen to obscure music ✓
- Write sonnets ✓
- Constantly write about where you are and who you're with ✓

Never one for an understatement, Miller called himself the “Byron of the Rockies,” and crafted a public persona of one-upmanship, which would meet (if not surpass) today’s standards of hipsterdom. He was a complex figure, having documented native American massacres and planted tens of thousands of trees in the Oakland Hills, and a literary pioneer, predating John Muir in his writing about California’s natural beauty.

Miller was also a Confederate sympathizer, and scholars are still trying to separate fact from fiction. No matter what you think of him: his personal life, politics, and writing — he was undeniably an Oakland fashion pioneer by paradoxically bringing fashion back fifty years to the Gold Rush era. I hold up a Pabst Blue Ribbon in honor of this Oakland fashion icon’s 175th birthday.

All of these photos were provided courtesy of the splendid Oakland History Room. View more images of Joaquin Miller [here](#).

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[As Development Boom Bubbles, Oakland’s Arts Scene Increasingly Troubled](#)

Last January, when Mayor Schaff proudly preened in a Burning Man-style art car during her inauguration, hopes were high that art would become a priority. After...
oakulture.wordpress.com