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2008 GREAT IFE ALUMNI REUNION

AUGUST 28 TO SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

Marriott Hotel, Walnut Creek

San Francisco Bay Area, California, United States

Theme: *Breaking into the Top 200 World Universities*

FAST FACTS ABOUT CALIFORNIA



LOCATED ON THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES ALONG THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

MOST POPULOUS STATE IN THE UNITED STATES (ABOUT 37 MILLION PEOPLE)

FOUR LARGEST CITIES ARE LOS ANGELES, SAN DIEGO, SAN JOSE, AND SAN FRANCISCO

THIRD LARGEST US STATE BY LAND AREA AFTER ALASKA AND TEXAS

EIGHTH LARGEST ECONOMY IN THE WORLD IF THE STATE WERE A COUNTRY

NAME CALIFORNIA DERIVED FROM ORIGINAL AMAZON INHABITANTS RULED BY QUEEN CALIFIA

CENTRAL VALLEY OF CALIFORNIA GROWS ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE FOOD IN THE UNITED STATES

NINE OF THE TOP 200 UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD ARE IN CALIFORNIA - STANFORD, CALTECH, UC BERKELEY, UCLA, UC SAN DIEGO, USC, UCSB, UC DAVIS, & UC IRVINE

THE MAJOR REGIONS OF CALIFORNIA AND THE WHAT THEY ARE KNOWN FOR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO	-	SEAT OF STATE GOVERNMENT
SAN FRANCISCO/SAN JOSE	-	TOURISM, FINANCIAL NERVE CENTER, BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
SAN JOSE	-	SILICON VALLEY AND TECHNOLOGY
NAPA/SONOMA VALLEY	-	WINE COUNTRY

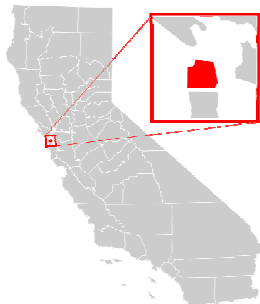
CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

FRESNO, MODESTO, STOCKTON - AGRICULTURE

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA	-	HOLLYWOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, AEROSPACE
RIVERSIDE/SAN BERNADINO	-	MANUFACTURING AND BEDROOM COMMUNITIES
SAN DIEGO	-	BEACHES, TOURISM

FAST FACTS ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



SAN FRANCISCO IS LOCATED ALONG THE WESTERN COAST OF CALIFORNIA.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL TOURIST DESTINATION

FAMOUS ATTRACTIONS INCLUDE THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, FISHERMANS WHARF, ALCATRAZ ISLAND, SONY METREON, & LAWRENCE HALL OF SCIENCE



Partial View of San Francisco Skyline & Bay Bridge



San Francisco Bay Cruise Passing Below Golden Gate Bridge



Tourists at Fisherman's Wharf



Alcatraz Island, Site of the Movie 'The Rock'



Typical San Francisco Cable Car



Sony Metreon Entertainment Complex



AT&T Park - Home of San Francisco Giants Baseball Team



Lawrence Hall of Science



Palace of Fine Arts and Exploratorium



Lombard Street - A must see attraction

SOME OF THE BIGGEST TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNET GIANTS GREW OUT OF BAY AREA HUMBLE BEGINNINGS - HEWLETT PACKARD, GOOGLE, YAHOO, ORACLE, INTUIT, INTEL, CISCO SYSTEMS, EBAY, CRAIG'S LIST, MONSTER.COM ETC

EXPECT WEEKLY BULLETINS FROM THE REUNION COMMITTEE. BULLETIN TOPICS TO INCLUDE GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, SCHEDULED TOURS, THE ENDOWMENT FUND, SHOPPING, AND OTHER LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

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