

# Trivia

## Questions

## Answers

What famous author was a special news correspondent with the Sacramento Union Newspaper?

Mark Twain

What ironic fate did the man who discovered gold in California ultimately suffer?

James Marshall died thirty years after his historic discovery a broken, penniless man.

What flower was brought to Sacramento by Col. James Lloyd Lafayette Franklin Warren?

Warren introduced the camellia flower to Sacramento in 1853. Today camellias can be seen growing all over the city and there is even an annual Camellia Festival.

What famous labor leader was Sacramento the first to honor with a municipal holiday?

Cesar Chavez

What year did Sacramento become the capital of California?

1854

Who were the "Big Four"?

Leland Stanford, Charles Crocker, Collis P. Huntington and Mark Hopkins. They were the financial backers of the transcontinental railroad which started in Sacramento. It began with the initial meeting the "Big Four" joined by railroad designer, Theodore Judah, above a Hopkins' Hardware store in Old Sacramento.

What claim to fame does Old Sacramento's Eagle Theatre have?

It was California's first theatre. The Eagle was built on the Embarcadero in Sacramento in 1849, but was destroyed by a flood a few months later. Today a replica of the Eagle stands in Old Sacramento.

What group of historic figures have streets named for them in the Arden area of Sacramento?

The Arden neighborhood features many streets named after famous inventors and scientists. Look for Edison, Watt, Tesla, Howe, Fulton, Marconi, Whitney and more.

Of which famous delivery company was Sacramento the end point?

The Pony Express began its 1,980-mile mail delivery service in 1860. The journey between Sacramento and St. Joseph, Missouri required 200 relay stations, 500 horses and 80 riders to complete the ten-day service.

What 2006 movie, based on a best-selling novel, included scenes shot in Old Sacramento?

Memoirs of a Geisha

What does Sacramento reportedly have more of, per person, than any other city in the country?

Trees, earning it the nickname "The City of Trees."

Which Sacramento landmark opened in 1935?

The Tower Bridge. It was the first vertical-lift draw bridge in California. Over the years the bridge has been several different colors, most recently painted gold in 2002 after a public vote.

What legendary rock band recorded a live album in Sacramento?

The Beach Boys' album "Beach Boys Concert" was recorded live in 1964 at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium.

What distinction did Time Magazine give Sacramento in 2002?

Time Magazine recognized Sacramento as the nation's "most diverse city."

# Celebrities

Many celebrities have called Sacramento home. Some were born here, some were raised here, some went to college here, but all of them left their unique mark on California's capital city.

## TV/Movie Stars

Joan Lunden – TV Host- “Good Morning America”  
Molly Ringwald- Actor – “Pretty in Pink” “Sixteen Candles”  
Tom Hanks – “Saving Private Ryan” “Forrest Gump”  
Sam Elliot – Actor- “Tombstone” “The Big Lebowski”  
Lisa Ling – TV Journalist – “The View”  
Joe Carnahan – Director – “Smokin’ Aces” “Narc”  
Max Baer Jr. – Actor -“Beverly Hillbillies”  
Carlos Alazraqui – Actor – “Reno 911”  
Mark Goodson – Producer – “The Price is Right” “The Match Game”  
Timothy Busfield – Actor – “Thirty-something” “Sneakers” “Revenge of the Nerds”

## Sports

Derrek Lee – Baseball – 2005 National League MVP  
Dusty Baker – Baseball – Long time SF Giants manager  
Summer Sanders – Swimming – Olympic gold medalist  
Steve Sax – Baseball – 2nd baseman for Dodgers and Yankees  
Bill Cartwright – Basketball – NBA Champion  
Teddy Bruschi – Football - 3-time Super Bowl champion  
Natalie Gulbis – Golf – 2007 LPGA Evian Masters winner  
Mark Spitz – Swimming – 7-time gold medalist

## Music

Deftones – Alternative Rock/Metal – “Elite” “Minerva”  
Tesla – Rock – “Love Song” “Signs”  
Cake – Alternative Rock- “The Distance” “Never There”  
Timothy B. Schmidt – bassist from Poco and the Eagles

## Other Notables

Joan Didion – Author – “Democracy” “A Star is Born”  
Wayne Theibaud – Artist – Famous for pop art of desserts and gumball machines.  
Cornel West – Philosopher – Currently professor of religion at Princeton.  
Anthony Kennedy – US. Supreme Court Justice  
Thomas Kinkade – Painter – The “Painter of Light”  
Herb Caen – Columnist – San Francisco Chronicle