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March Program – Ladies of Preservation

The March program, for Women in History Month, will be a four-member panel from the Preservation Action Council/San Jose. Their presentation will describe active and on-going aspects of preserving our history. They will be:

- Kate Boruff – current downtown preservation issues
- April Halberstadt – the River Street project
- Bonnie Montgomery – women in medicine
- Bev Blockie – what she, as a tour guide, tells convention travelers

Two memberships in the PAC will be surprise gifts. Come prepared to ask questions.

President's Report

By the time of the next meeting, we should be able to present a proposal to change the membership requirements. This is being done to broaden our membership and to bring in people like our above panelists, none of whom would now qualify.

As another aspect of women's history, I will have available for sale my 85-page interpretation of my mother's *San Jose's Women*, the book that she did not finish. Since its December appearance, more than 200 copies have been sold.

Jim Arbuckle

Membership Report

Melita Kelly

Many thanks for all who have paid their dues for 2003. A great many of you have taken advantage of remitting before February 1. For those of you who have not yet paid, current dues are \$15, per member each and every year. If you are not sure of your status, check your mailing label. It is current as of January 15, 2003. If you feel that there is a discrepancy, please give me a call at 292-2385.

If your label says 12/01, you have been deleted from the membership, but if you remit by April 1, you will be reinstated and continue to receive the Trailblazer; otherwise this is your last issue. Send checks made to the California Pioneers to:

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New Members

Falcone, Marie	Totaro, Bertha	Zisch, Rosaleen
Freeman, Ronald James	Smith, Elaine M.	

Gone to the Golden Hills

Plesse, Walter	Snyder, Hildegard	Cecil Todd, PhD
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Dr. Todd died at age 93 in November in Leamington Spa, England. He came to Berkeley on a Fulbright Fellowship more than 40 years ago to continue his research on the Cornish miners. This work resulted in several books. He was a special friend of the Arbuckle family, and he was made a member of the Pioneers long ago.

Old Trailblazers

Leonard McKay's collection of Trailblazers, from Hank Calloway, is being offered to interested Pioneers. If interested, contact Jim Arbuckle.

Related to those old Trailblazers is the task of indexing them, to help the California Room and future historians. Any volunteers?

Hacienda Cemetery at New Almadén

Our two assets, beyond our bank accounts, are the Jackson Ranch in Morgan Hill and the Hacienda Cemetery at New Almadén. The cemetery is a California Registered Point of Interest and has received funding from the county's Historical Heritage Commission. For years, Dick Hill has led a team in restoring and maintaining this property. Pat Loomis has written on earlier history of the cemetery. Here is a little more recent background provided by members:

Dick and Nancy Hill – The Hacienda Cemetery

In 1974, Pioneer Gene Venum turned over to the Pioneers, by a quit-claim deed, the Hacienda Cemetery, which he had bought at a tax sale. Its prior owner, Ben Black, who wrote the song *Moonlight and Roses*, caused an uproar in New Almadén by his development plans for the area, and he eventually quit paying the taxes.

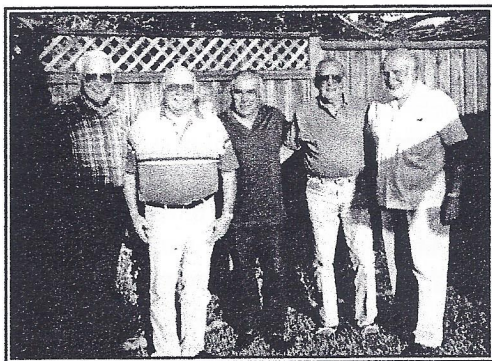
Earlier, Black had bought all the property east of Los Alamitos Creek from the Quicksilver Mining Company. His plan was to subdivide all of it, even the old cemetery! In the dark of one night, he cut a road, now Bertram Road, across the cemetery and over an unknown number of graves. The local reaction was so strong that he could not sell the lots. It was then that he ceased paying the taxes.

Trailblazer editor at that time, Hank Calloway, became the custodian of the old 1850s cemetery. In this task, he was helped by Tiny Rolindetti, the Boy Scouts, and students from West Valley College. Austen Warburton, our Parliamentarian, solved legal details such as encroachment problems and providing an accurate recorded survey (The County insisted that the new fence be on the survey line.) Also, part of one neighboring house is within the cemetery property, but Mr. Warburton was able to mitigate that problem. Other neighbors were parking cars and boats on the property. Bob Oliver helped by looking into property deeds and recorded property lines at the County Recorder's Office.

Dick Hill, after his 1986 retirement, began helping Hank Calloway, and Dick has continued the restoration task since Hank's passing. A fellow worker on the project, Bud Amaral, then recruited Ralph

Perez, Manny Carvalho, and John Dávalos. Bob Fisher was already part of the crew. Their work has been clearing the ever-growing underbrush and restoring pathways and grave cribs. Ralph, as "foreman", ordered materials, had them delivered and much of the work was done with his own tools at home. Manny Carvalho found his carpenter skills much needed. John, being a bit younger, added help in all ways.

It seems the work is never quite finished, as falling tree limbs fall and brush cover the grave cribs, which then have to be repaired. Mother Nature seems always to be trying to take back this tiny graveyard. Ralph had another reason to be interested in the cemetery as there are several graves with the name of Perez.



Dick Hill, Manny Carvalho, Ralph Perez, Bob Fisher, Bud Amaral

Los Californios in Monterey: A Lost History

This 45-minute documentary film, a thesis project of David Anaya at Cal State/Monterey, is being sponsored by Los Fundadores and the Santa Clara Arts Commission. The perspective is that of a Californio, prior to the American conquest. The free Santa Clara showing is on March 2nd at 1:30 PM at

The Headen-Inman House
1509 Warburton Avenue

For more details, call Ed Allegretti at 258-3269.

San Jose Retail Circa 1925

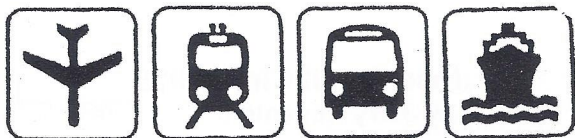
by Jerry Rosenthal

Those people who know me will remember that my family was in the retail business in downtown San Jose, on West Santa Clara Street, first in the one-hundred block just west of San Pedro Street, and later one block farther west.

When first established, my family's business, The Workingman's Store, was located at 162 West Santa Clara Street in an old building owned by the de Saisset sisters whose real estate holding downtown were substantial. After the war, they created a fund to build the Art Museum at the University of Santa Clara, and when they finally passed away, they left everything to the University.

When Dad heard of their museum bequest and rent plans, he bought the old Atlas Brothers tire company's yard at 218 West Santa Clara Street, between the Smith-Pascoe building and the Campen property. In 1949-50 after the war, I, with my father's backing, used my GI Bill money to build a second store. East of us, on the southwest corner of Almaden and Santa Clara streets was Doyle's Auto Electric which was in a livery stable building owned by Louis Oneal; the next building, also an old stable, had Pascoe, a plumber and Smith, who was an auto upholsterer. On the other side of 218, west of us, the Campens, Alden, Howard, and their sister, Helen Hall, had a bowling alley in their old wagon plant, and they later acquired the rest of the block including all of the property along Post street.

Across the street from the older store was the Farmers' Union, a large "co-op" kind of a store that combined groceries, hardware, and general implements. Next door to the Farmers' Union were the old Paul Masson champagne cellars. During prohibition, of course, the cellars were closed, but Mr. Masson would sit in front of the building in an old captain's chair and talk to the passersby. At lunch time Mr. Masson would go across San Pedro Street to the L'Moelle House then located on that northeast corner. There the men of the town, Mr. John McEnery, Mr. A. J. Hart, Mr. Phil Herold, Mr. Lion, and others, would meet to discuss the important matters of the day, both political and social, which is a subject to be considered later.



Touring with the Californians

March, 2002

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Reservations Marie Rider
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Treasurer Beverly Fisher
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Luncheon Pauline Hawkins
Registrations

Registration and Pickup Point

Registration begins at the March 1 luncheon. Checks are preferred, or exact cash. Preference is given to Pioneers members to register at the luncheon and through the following week. Non-members and guests may sign up starting March 10. If you do not get a Trip Flyer at the luncheon meeting, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to our Treasurer.

The Pickup Point (unless otherwise noted) is at Valley Village, 390 N. Winchester, Santa Clara, at the Dolores Street side.

DAY TRIPS

March 28, 2003. Friday — New Asian Art Museum (San Francisco)

The new museum is opening March 20 in the refurbished grand classical building that was formerly the San Francisco Public Library at the Civic Center. The space is now double that of its previous location in Golden Gate Park. On display will be 2400 art objects from the major cultures of Asia. The recently donated 832-piece Cotsen Japanese bamboo basket collection and the 167-piece Doris Duke SE Asian art collection will also be seen. The latter collection includes an 11-foot gilded throne for an image of Buddha. Lunch is

in Chinatown at the New Asia Restaurant, then we visit the Chinese Historical Society and Museum in the recently refurbished, Julia Morgan-designed building. This 1930 building had been one of her many YWCAs and is distinguished by its multi-tier structure with three Chinese towers, crenellation, and colorful ceramic roof tiles. The current exhibit has a history of the YWCA and a collection of photographs by Benjamin Chin showing Chinatown in the 1940s. Leave: 9:00 AM Return: 5:00 PM Cost: \$ 43

April 22, 2003. Tuesday — Polish Splendor (San Francisco)

Over 20,000 residents of Santa Clara County identify themselves as Polish-Americans. We will learn about their cultural heritage in the travelling exhibit at Museum. This only here, Houston, Polish 15th and 16th features the work of artists. The show-
with an Ermine Museum. The tour is audiophones. We top off the day with an included Polish luncheon at the Old Krakow Restaurant.



the Legion of Honor traveling show, appearing and Milwaukee, consists of Century art treasures and Polish and other European stopper is da Vinci's *Lady* (1485), from the Krakow self-guided, with optional

Leave: 9:00 AM Return: 3:30 PM Cost: \$ 40

May 23, 200, Friday — Davenport (Santa Cruz County)

This historic town, north of Santa Cruz, was founded in 1868 by Capt. John Davenport, a seaman from Rhode Island. It was a bustling whaling village, where the oil was processed, and is still a site for whale watching. The town's next industry was the Santa Cruz Portland Cement Co., which shipped from there to rebuild San Francisco after the earthquake, to the Panama Canal construction, and to the Pearl Harbor naval base. See the old St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, the Jail Museum, and the art enclave, noted for pottery, jewelry, and the world renowned Lundberg Studio which is known for its art glass. Lunch is at the Cash Store Restaurant, and save space for purchases from the Whale City Bakery.

Leave: 9:00 AM Return: 4:30 PM Cost: \$ 40

EXTENDED TRIPS

April 26 to May 10, 2003 — East Coast Cruise

Agency: Golden Gate Tours. Begin with a night at the *Waldorf Astoria* in New York City and a city tour. Then board the *Norwegian Sea* for 13-days calling at Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Boston, Martha's Vineyard, Norfolk, Baltimore, Charleston, and Philadelphia. Includes airfare, taxes, transfers, and baggage handling. Shore excursions are optional. Now on a Space Available basis.

Cost: \$2005 to \$2505, depending upon on cabin choice

May 16 to 23, 2003 — Plantations and Gardens of Georgia and South Carolina

Agency: Collette Vacations. Enjoy Southern hospitality and spring flowers with tours of Atlanta, Charleston, Beaufort, Savannah, Jeckyll Island, and St. Simons Island. Includes airfare and 12 meals.

Cost: \$1769

July 5 to 11, 2003 — The Rockies by Train with Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons

Agency: Golden Gate Tours. We explore the spectacular scenery of the Rocky Mountains on a two-day rail adventure aboard the *Montana Daylight*, following the original Northern Pacific Railroad line. We cross the Continental Divide to the headwaters of the Missouri River. Continuing on by coach, explore Yellowstone National Park, established in 1872. We will see Old Faithful, Norris Geyser, and Mammoth Hot Springs, along with abundant wildlife: bear, elk, bison, moose, and big horn sheep. Our night's stay is at the Old Faithful Lodge. Next day, we see the wonder of the Grand Tetons' sharply rising peaks. After a night's stay at Jackson, we continue with a tour of Salt Lake City. All expenses, from Valley Village. Presentation March 4, 3:00 PM at Mama Mia's. RSVP Rose at 293-0896.

Cost: \$ 1695 Single supplement: \$ 310

September 9 to 17, 2003 — Northwest Tour and Cruise

Agency: Golden Gate Tours. We fly to Seattle where the attractions of the Northwest await us. This includes a tour of the city, the *Pike Place Market*, an evening cruise to Tillicum Village, the *Boeing Museum of Flight*. Then we go to Canada for two nights at Victoria's *Empress Hotel* and High Tea, Vancouver's *Stanley Park* and *Gastown* and two nights at *Chateau Whistler Resort* and the mountains. We return to San Francisco, down the coast and make a grand entrance under the Golden Gate Bridge, on the Holland-America M.S. Volendam. Six nights, 14 meals, all transportation, plus handling and tips. Presentation March 4, 3:00 PM at Mama Mia's. RSVP Rose at 293-0896.

Cost: \$ 1525 to \$ 1775 depending upon cabin choice.

November 1 to 9, 2003 — Magical Malta

Agency: Premier World Tours. Featuring a one-hotel stay at the new Dolmen Seaside Resort, overlooking the Mediterranean, daily excursions take us to many sites. We tour the capital city Valletta, built in the 16th Century by the Knights of St. John. Then we see the Cathedral of St. John and the Grand Master's Palace. Visit the island of Gozo, its steep cliffs, citrus groves, a neolithic temple at Ggantija, Calypso's Cave, and shops featuring handmade lace; the medieval walled city of Mdina and spectacular views from the Dingli Cliffs, fishing villages, the Blue Grotto and the 3000 years-old Hagar Qim temple. All costs included. Presentation at Rose's on May 15th, 2:00 PM. RSVP Rose at 293-0896.

Cost: \$ 1759

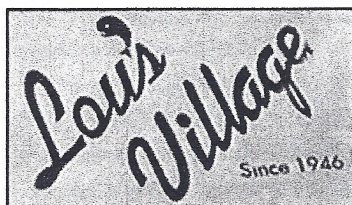
Quarterly Luncheon at Lou's Village
March 1, 2003 at Noon
Price (new): \$16.50

Reserve by Wednesday, February 26
Telephone: 554-7587

Menu

Swiss steak
Garlic, mashed potatoes
Seasonal vegetables
Green salad
Dessert - Chef's choice

If you would like a vegetarian meal, please contact Carol Arnoldy at 298-9043.



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