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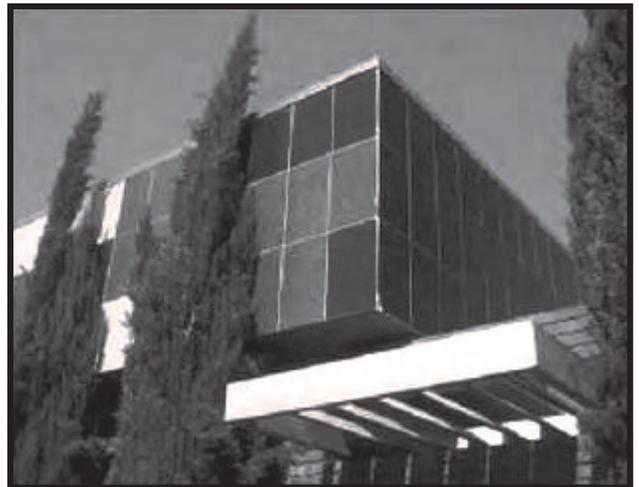
Appeal Court Sides with PAC*SJ But Fate of IBM Building Still Not Settled

In a unanimous decision, a three Justice panel of the California 6th District Court of Appeal agreed with Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Leslie Nichols that the City of San Jose violated the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in its decision to support demolition of IBM Building 25 to make way for a Lowe's Home Improvement store.

The Court of Appeal's Opinion, authored by Justice Nathan Mihara, agreed that CEQA did not support demolition of IBM Building 25, a sleek International-style building designed by prominent architect John Bolles, where the "flying-head" disk drive was invented. The Court further stated that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the demolition project did not adequately consider design alternatives. Lowe's contended that its business model required implementation of a very specific design that made it impossible to save the building. The Superior Court, and now the Court of Appeal, disagreed, ruling that Lowe's failed to demonstrate that a slightly smaller store on the same site would not adequately meet its needs.

The battle to save the historic IBM building has been ongoing. PAC*SJ has argued from the outset that there is enough room on the proposed site to accommodate both the Lowe's store and the IBM building. Lowe's on the other hand has been completely unwilling to modify their business plan one iota to respect the unique cultural resource located on its project site. The City of San Jose went against the recommendations of both its own Historic Landmarks Commission and Planning Commission when it sided with Lowe's and approved the demolition of what the court described as a "historically and architecturally significant building."

PAC*SJ wasn't alone in its litigation against the City and Lowe's.



The bold geometric artistic pattern of the front façade of IBM Building 25.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We look forward to the time when responsible organizations such as PAC*SJ will be included at an early stage in discussions with city officials and developers on projects being considered for approval. It would make life much simpler for all, given our pragmatic philosophy that preservation is *good for business*. We could then become allies rather than adversaries and our community as a whole would benefit. The inclusive process would be streamlined and efficient.

PAC*SJ has access to the expertise that can responsibly determine the historical value of structures in our community. People who own and/or desire to develop these assets should be knocking on our door, seeking our knowledge and input.

They would eliminate much frustration and may even save a significant amount of money. Again, our entire community benefits.

An old saying goes: "Give a man a fish and he eats for a day. Teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime." Using poetic license in applying this thought to our situation: "Preserve a building and we've saved one structure. Improve our preservation environment and we've saved our community's heritage."

Finally, I urge all of our members and friends to attend our annual Gala Founders' Celebration to be held this November 17 at the new City Hall Rotunda. This is always a fun event and a great way to enjoy yourself while helping PAC*SJ. See you there!

Joe Melehan
PAC*SJ President, 2006



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Appeal Court Sides with PAC*SJ (cont'd)

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The National Trust and the California Preservation Foundation supported PAC*SJ by filing amicus briefs in the Court of Appeal. The National Trust noted in its comments that reduced-scale and two-story prototypes of big box stores exist across the nation – even among home improvement retailers. The Trust also argued that layouts other than the traditional rectangle form favored by big box retailers should be considered. In response, the Court of Appeal directed the City of San Jose to prepare a new Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to address these and other comments.

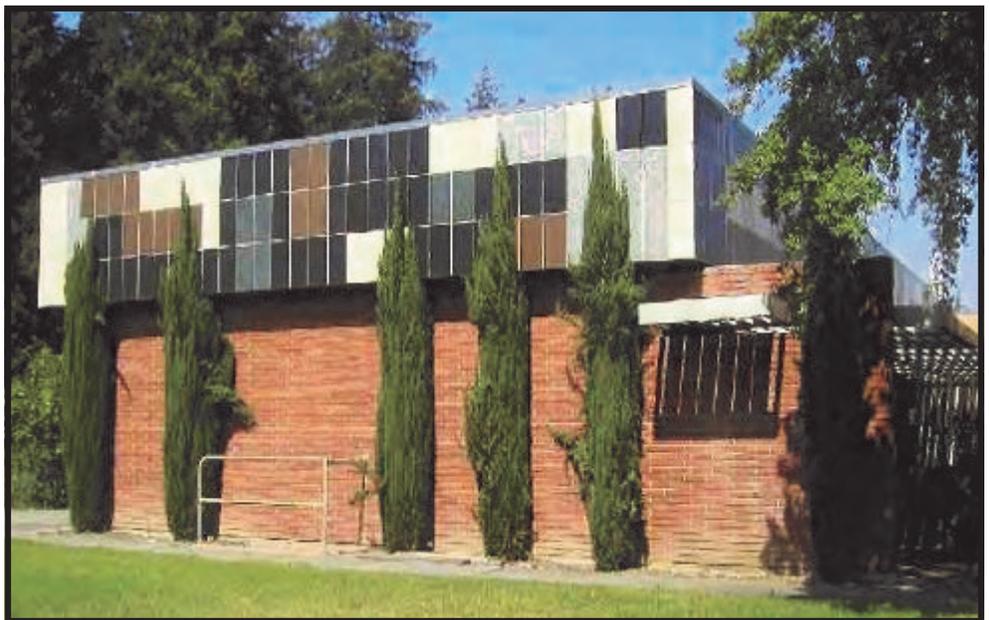
The City is now working on its revised EIR. PAC*SJ expects it to be a document that fully addresses and analyzes the feasibility of a range of alternatives in which the historic resource, Building 25, is retained. Lowe's has been unwilling to deviate from its original proposal, but under the law "less profitable" and "infeasible" are not synonymous. The impetus will be on Lowe's and the City to prove that the home improvement store simply cannot succeed if the historic building is allowed to remain. Given the flexibility of Building 25 to host a whole range of modern activities, that burden of proof will be much higher. A thorough analysis of these alternatives will make it much more difficult for the City Council to invoke

overriding consideration to justify demolition of the building.

The draft EIR should be released by the time this newsletter reaches you, and PAC*SJ encourages you to participate in the City's planning process by speaking out for Building 25 to your Councilperson. Even if you think Building 25 is ugly, please speak out, because this decision is about San Jose's right to stand up to big-box retailers and ask for more consideration for our culture and history. PAC*SJ has never suggested that Lowe's not locate in San Jose. We welcome the opportunity to have it in our community. We are saying that San Jose should demand a higher quality project. San Jose is not like other cities, and the one-size-fits-all solution favored by big-box retailers should not be forced on this community. There's no reason why San Jose shouldn't expect a project that addresses our community's needs by bringing in new retail while preserving a piece of our history and bringing it back into service. We have a right to ask for both and San Jose deserves as much. So please tell your elected officials that we want a better project for our community and that it doesn't have to be either Lowe's or IBM Building 25. It should be both.

Megan Bellue, PAC*SJ Executive Director

When IBM erected the Advanced Research Building 25 (pictured right) at its Cottle Road campus in 1957, the building was a symbol of Silicon Valley innovation. Today it might seem common fare for high-tech companies, but the one-story building with its floor-to-ceiling windows and symmetry was a notable shift from the industrial design of its day.



A Bit About Hangar One

Just to give you an idea of the size of Hangar One, it equals 11 football fields in length (1140 feet), is 308 feet wide, and 210 feet high, or the equivalent of 17 stories. Hangar One, built in 1932, is one of the world's largest buildings without interior supports and was nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. The Hangar has been referred to by some as the "crown jewel" of the Santa Clara Valley. Hangar One has also been inducted as a California Historic Civil Engineer Landmark by the San Francisco section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. NASA took over the administration of the Hangar and Air Base from the Navy in 1994 and changed the name to Moffett Federal Airfield, although the Navy still has the responsibility for the environmental clean-up of the Hangar and the surrounding areas.

Hangar One has housed giant rigid airships such as the USS Macon in the 1930's, L-ships during WWII, the first supersonic jets arriving in the 1950's, and finally the P3 long-range airplanes that flew out of Moffett for nearly 30 years, until 1994. It is said that the roar of engines could be heard 24 hours a day when Moffett Field became a master Jet Base, one of only nine in the U.S. Air Traffic Control classes were held inside Hangar One. There was a "Ready Room" for briefings on the second level of the Hangar. Radar trailers parked between runways provided the technology to land any aircraft in any weather. The P3s protected the Northern Pacific sea lanes and were undetected at an altitude of 20,000 feet.

The Moffett Field land was originally owned by Inigo Lope, (1781-1864), an Ohlone Indian, who was raised by Spanish Missionaries. His ranch became *Rancho Posolmi* and included 1,696 acres in 1843. In 1931, 1,000 of these acres were purchased by Bay Area communities and sold to the military for \$1, to



Hangar One today from Historic Shenandoah Plaza. Building 17, built in 1931, in front of Hangar One is an example of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture

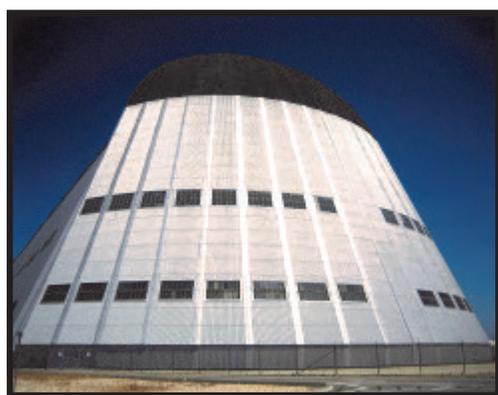
be used for the Air Base.

In the early 1930's, buildings on this site were designed with this Spanish heritage in mind. The buildings in the historical Shenandoah Plaza, on the west side of Hangar One, display graceful arches and red tile roofs. This Plaza was named an Historic District by the National Park Service in 1994.

The USS Macon, a hollow steel hull airship with twelve helium filled gas cells, was housed at Hangar One on October, 1933. In February of 1935, the Macon dirigible crashed at sea during a sudden storm off Point Sur on its 54th Pacific Coast flight and was just recently surveyed under ocean waters. Eighty-one out of eighty three aboard survived.

Moffett Field was named after Rear Admiral William A. Moffett who died at sea in the crash of the USS Akron, another of the early dirigibles. At one time, Moffett Field was the largest base of maritime patrol in the world. The Moffett aircraft guarded our Pacific Coast for more than seven decades.

The Navy says that demolition of Hangar One is less expensive than eliminating its dangers of lead, asbestos and PCBs. However, other groups such as NASA and "Save Hangar One" have argued that restoring the Hangar would not cost much more than the complicated demolition. Proposed plans for the Hangar include serving as a Bay Area emergency response center or a California Air and Space Center.



Close up view of Hangar One Today

Gayle Frank

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San Jose Election Coming, November 7th

Keep an eye on your mailbox! PAC*SJ has surveyed the city's candidates for Mayor and City Council to learn more about their positions on historic preservation issues. The survey questions included whether or not they support the city's historic design guidelines and if they support incentives for preservation. If you want to know how the mayoral and council candidates feel about historic preservation, then stay tuned. PAC*SJ will be sending out a special pre-election mailer with the results from the questionnaire. Look for it the week of October 23. The information will also be available on our website - www.preservation.org.

Candidates Receiving Survey Questions are:

San Jose Mayor

Chuck Reed, Cindy Chavez

San Jose City Council

Jim Spence, Steve Tedesco, Pierluigi Oliverio, Manny Diaz, Sam Liccardo,
Clark Williams, Art Maurice

PAC*SJ urges all those interested in historic preservation to evaluate each candidate carefully and vote for those candidates who value preserving our Valley history and culture.

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What can you do?

PAC*SJ advocates for the preservation and reuse of historic Hangar One at the former Naval Air Station Moffett Field in the Santa Clara Valley.

1. Join the Save Hangar One Committee (SHOC) at www.savehangarone.org.
2. Write your county supervisor, congressman and senator expressing your wish to find a solution to saving this unique, historic structure.
3. Attend public meetings and speak out for the preservation of Hangar One.



Hangar 1 with clam shell doors open, the dirigible USS Macon flying above



Moffett Field Gate/Hangar One, USS Macon above, circa 1933

THE DOG



Hot diggity dog! There's a glimmer of hope for the preservation of a very important historic structure in our valley! The good ol' US Navy is stepping back and reconsidering plans to demolish the 1933 Hangar One at Moffett Field. Doesn't mean it's safe, but at least the Navy is taking another look, thanks to all the howls from concerned citizens. Anchors Away!!

There's also some scary projects percolatin' along, so we defenders of our interesting history gotta' stay alert. Our two-legged city varmints are still lookin' to put a ballpark up Montgomery Street way, even though there's no money (like the city/county brouhaha over who gets to build a concert hall), and no team clamorin' to move to our fair city. This project DEIR threatens the demolition of several historic structures, including the Art Moderne style Sunlite Bakery building which was designed by architect Ralph Wyckoff who also designed San Jose's wonderful St. James Post Office; the old false-front wood structure which houses the popular Patty's Inn; the Stephens' Meat Company building, you know, the one with the flashing pig?; and a very well preserved Mission Revival apartment building with beautiful architectural details. Gets my hackles up!

And let's not forget the still-threatened Feed & Fuel Bar out New Almaden way, a rare 19th-century structure which served as an early stagecoach stop. I'll bet those stagecoach dogs had a rip roarin' time there!

One of my favorite places for amblin' down the path is the Bay Area Research and Extension Center (BAREC) on Winchester Road north of the Winchester Mystery House. There's 17 acres with a rich history of agriculture in our valley, and there is a current proposal to cover the area with

housing. Once that's done, there's no going back. Wouldn't it be better to have an agricultural park with room for botanical gardens, orchards, row crops and farming demonstrations, plus so much more?

Now let's have some good news! The Court of Appeals upheld the Superior Court's ruling that our fair city's two-legged leaders blew it again by penning and approving an environmental impact report that did not adequately address feasible alternatives to demolishing a historic structure on the old IBM campus. IBM Building 25 is where the "flying head disk drive" was developed, which allowed faster memory searches and reduced the hard-drive size. Now Lowe's Home Improvement wants to build a big-box store there and insists that Building 25 has to go. There's lots of acreage there, plenty of room for Lowe's and Building 25 to co-exist. And Lowe's could use the building for offices or even as their nursery section. Just needs a little imagination, and the will to be community minded!

By the way, it's kinda' ironic that 2006 is the 50th anniversary of IBM's development of the first computer hard drive at their lab on San Jose's Notre Dame Avenue. From RAMAC, which took up huge rooms, to iPod in fifty years! What a history!

This ol' dog is on a philosophical bent tonight, so please bear with me. Twon't be too long before there'll be some new faces in City Hall, and a new head of the pack. The Gonzo Dome has been kinda' tarnished lately, and it'll be a welcome relief to get some of the shine back. Both two-legged and four-legged citizens of San Jose want and need to have a renewal of faith and respect for our leaders. And just maybe that could work two ways, maybe those city honchos will sit down with my friends at PAC*SJ and seriously discuss the benefits of preserving important historic structures, how good historic preservation is good for business. Our city is young in comparison with the great cities of Europe and even our own East Coast, and those cities are where tourists go to see historic buildings, and where citizens have pride in place and history. San Jose lost much of its historic architecture back in the 60's and 70's, and we need to protect what is left. Historic architecture and mod-

THE DOG cont'd

ern architecture can and should co-exist in a great city, and that is what we should strive for.

PAC*SJ does not like to file legal action, such as with Building 25, and takes that action only as a last resort. Perhaps in the future, with all sides listening with respect, costly court filings could be avoided. Perhaps the city should hire a consultant to review the EIR, before it is in final form, to point out potential problems. The staff would need to really listen to suggestions instead of just blowing them off and plunging ahead. Perhaps NOW is the chance for new beginnings.

And speaking of new beginnings, if my ol' pal Leigh Weimers can do it, so can I! After some 12 years of growling and howling at the impertinence of those who would destroy our city's roots, I'm hangin' up my leash and headin' for the open trail. Time to see how historic structures are faring in other places. But beware, you varmints in City Hall, if you don't protect our historic assets, maybe one of my pups or grandpups will get their hackles up and start nippin' at your heels! A doggy-style reincarnation might take place. To all my loyal readers and friends, I wish you HAPPY TRAILS, and I hope our paths cross many times in the future.



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ON THE RADAR



IBM Building #25

The judge who heard Lowe's appeal ruled that a revised DEIR (Draft Environmental Impact Report) had to be prepared to consider additional alternatives to saving Building 25. The revised DEIR, released on 9/29/06, is being evaluated by PAC*SJ. The comment period ends on November 13, 2006. It is expected to be reviewed by the City Council in January.

Almaden Feed & Fuel Bar and Restaurant (AF&F)

Additional information was submitted to the Planning Department to add to the existing historic report on this building. In September the Historic Landmarks Commission voted to recommend to the Planning Commission that the historic value of Almaden Feed & Fuel Restaurant be further evaluated before a demolition permit is considered. The Planning Commission will vote on rezoning the land for housing with demolition of the historic restaurant in October.

Houghton Donner House

Neighborhood Housing Services will not be relocating and restoring the Houghton Donner House. The proposal for a high rise residential complex on the HD site appears to be stalled due to the downturn in the downtown residential real estate market.

Pellier Park

The final design has been approved by both the Historic Landmarks Commission and the Park and Recreation Commission. Hopefully, we will be able to enjoy the park next summer.

SoFA High-rise Proposal

The properties on the triangular area located between S. First and Market Streets across from the San Jose Stage Theater are being proposed for high-rise development. The demolition of the site of Herrold's first radio broadcast is part of this proposal.

Fountain Alley Parking Lot Project

The proposal for a high-rise residential/retail complex on the site is not going forward at this time.

Ballpark Site

The Sunlite Bakery building has been added as a historic building in the Ballpark DEIR for this site. The designation increases the chances of the building being saved if the site is ultimately used for housing.

Moffett Field's Hangar One

The Navy's last public meeting took place on Sept. 14th. The Navy said they are still studying all the options and no decision has been made. A date for that decision has not been determined. PAC*SJ strongly encourages saving this unique historic structure.

Arguello Gosbey House (aka the Hensley House)

At its October meeting, the Historic Landmarks Commission voted to make the Arguello Gosebey House, located at 456 N. Third Street, a City Landmark. Yay!!

The Almaden Feed & Fuel



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Almaden Feed & Fuel

Fabulous Hat Party a Fantastic Success!



A mini-shopper tries a hat



Andre Luthard and April Halberstadt

PAC*SJ's Fabulous Hat Party, held on Sunday, Oct. 1st, included over 100 unique, designer hats, hat boxes, feathers, flowers, gloves, dresses, and undergarments. All items were generously donated to PAC*SJ. The venue was a beautiful, carefully restored 1890's Victorian Home in the Reed Historic District. Although the unexpected rain surprised everyone, all the guests enjoyed trying on hats, touring the 3-story house, and sampling the homemade cookies and savory appetizers in the beautifully manicured gardens. To view the interesting selection of hats that were sold, go to our website, www.preservation.org.

Attendees numbered at least 150 and over \$8,000 was received from tickets and sales, which will be used to further PAC*SJ's educational goals. Donations of property, estates, and special items are needed for another festive event next year. In this way, PAC*SJ can continue to help preserve our architectural history and increase awareness of the importance of historical preservation.

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Party Hosts, Walter and Sandra Soellner, stand in front of display of flower hats



Guests enjoying delicious appetizers



Hosts, Walter & Sandra Soellner, with Jamie Angulo, Kristen Pendleton, David Guinther, April Halberstadt, Jane Guinther, and Naoma Sammons



Edie Pricolo trying on a vintage hat

PAC*SJ's Summer Sale Success Hits \$2000

PAC*SJ's summer salvage and garage sale has become a neighborhood swap meet. Wine racks purchased from a PAC*SJ sale two years by a resident on S. 14th St. were "regifted" to our August sale and sold to another member living on S. 6th St. Dog clothes worn by Millie on San Salvador St. are now in the closet of Jacque. Patio furniture donated by Board member Andre Luthard found a home with new Board member James Williams.

We had a great team of members and neighbor volunteers: Ellen Garboske, Sandra Soellner, Jane Guinther, Bev Blockie, Catherine Gowen, Tom Aldridge, Lucille Boone, Sheik Alli, and Andre Luthard. Retired California Room Librarian Bob Johnson prepared the BBQ lunch of hot dogs with all the fixings. Many thanks to the Salas Family and Patt Curia for use of their yards for the sale.

Special items in the sale included items from 2 estates including ikebana vases, new clear heart redwood double hung windows, oak chairs, hand made rugs, as well as the mundane house wares and glassware. New items kept arriving so the truly lucky shoppers were our volunteers that worked all day Saturday. Please join us for the next sale scheduled for early April. Save those wonderful



*Team of PAC*SJ members and Neighborhood Volunteers at Garage Sale*

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PAC*SJ CALENDAR

- Oct. 18 Monday, PAC*SJ Board Meeting, 6 - 8 pm , Le Petit Trianon, 72 N. 5th Street, San Jose
- Nov. 17 PAC*SJ Annual Founders' Celebration at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda, 6:30 pm
- Nov. 20 Monday, PAC*SJ Board Meeting, 6 - 8 pm , Le Petit Trianon, 72 N. 5th Street, San Jose

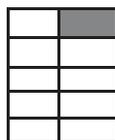
Coming In Our Next Continuity Issues

PAC*SJ will be featuring interesting historical homes in San Jose. If you have a unique story about your historical home, and would like to be featured in *Continuity*, contact PAC*SJ at info.preservation.org or call 408-998-8105. In our next issue of *Continuity*, we will showcase a Santa Clara Valley home that just turned 100 years old and its birthday party with guests in period costumes.

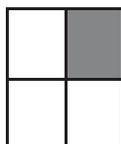
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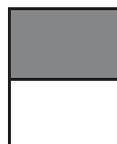
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The East San Jose fire hall, on what is now So. 23rd St.

Carnegie Library to the left ; date unknown

Photo from "Guardians of the Garden City" by Richard L. Nailen, Smith & McKay Printing Co., Inc.



Empire Fire House at 76 So. 2nd St., about 1880

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PAC*SJ Founders' Celebration cont'd



Left, the dome on fire at the Santa Clara County Courthouse, May 1931

Right, San Jose Firefighters work diligently to save the Santa Clara County Courthouse. Severe damage to structure and loss of the dome.

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Hat Party organizer, Patt Curia



A delightful confection of flower hats at Fabulous Hat Party

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Historic Preservation Events

“Early Cupertino”

By **Mary Lou Lyon**, Arcadia Press, \$20

Mary Lou Lyon, a popular author and teacher of local history, announced that her new history book will be on the shelves on Oct. 16th

Book Signings

Oct. 16th, 11-2 pm

Hot Dog Stand at Kelly Moore Paint Store,
1510 S. DeAnza Blvd, Cupertino

Oct. 29th, 3-5 pm

Cupertino Community Building
Between City Hall and Library, Torre Ave., Cupertino

Founders Day Fandango

Presented by Santa Clara County Parks, www.parkhere.org:

Saturday, November 18, 11 am to 3 p.m.

Santa Teresa County Park's Historic Bernal Ranch

Celebrate the anniversary of the founding of San Jose with a rancho-style fandango. Members of the Anza Expedition settled both the Pueblo of San Jose and the Bernal Rancho. Join us for a celebration of dancing and demonstrations with hands-on activities for all ages to commemorate our founders' contributions to the history of our area and the vibrancy of our community.

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Free Admission

Celebrate Founders Day 1777!

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Sunday, November 19, 12 to 5 p.m.

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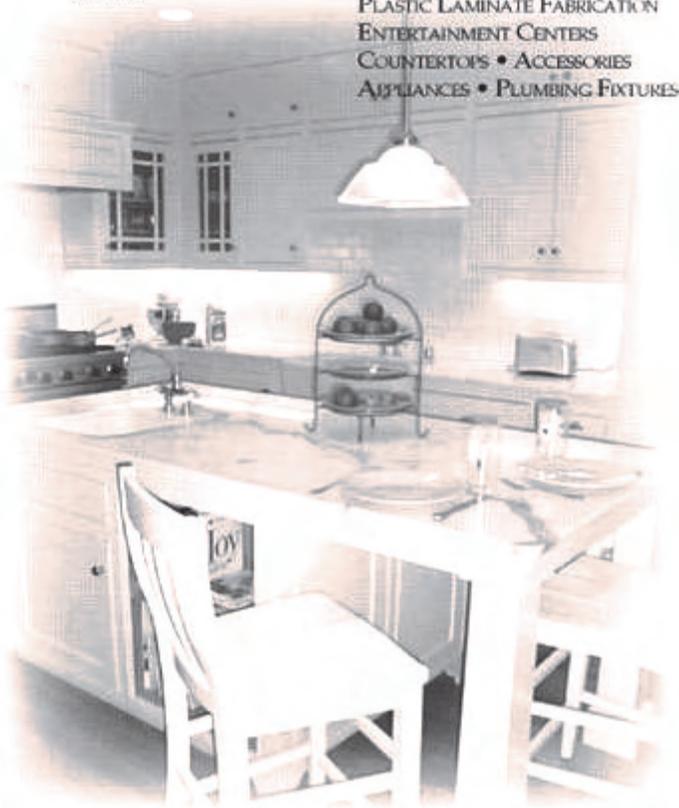
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The Nijiya Market is proud to announce the opening of its 10th store at **240 Jackson Street, Japan Town, San Jose**. The previous Dobashi Market (pictured below) was opened in 1912 by Kinosuke and Kame Dobashi and may have been one of the most enduring businesses in San Jose. The Dobashi's grocery delivery truck continued to serve many of the Japanese farmers until 1941. Chizuko and Larry Dobashi say it is time to retire and enjoy life. PAC*SJ is glad to see the building retained and the grocery tradition continuing with Nijiya Market.

Historic Preservation Events

2006 San Jose Conference

California Council for the Promotion of History

San Jose, the epicenter of the Silicon Valley, is a fitting venue for the 2006 annual CCPH conference, October 26-28, which explores the changing character of California through time. "From Adobe Bricks to Adobe® Bytes: Historical Transformations in California" interprets its theme broadly to include transforming circumstances, events, groups and individuals from all periods both before and after European contact. Topics that probe the issues, methods, and outcomes of public history practice in California and the western U.S. have been especially encouraged by the conference program committee.

CCPH will hold its 2006 conference at the historic [Sainte Claire Hotel](#) in San Jose. Built in 1926 as the focal point for the city's downtown renaissance, the hotel has been beautifully restored to its former glory. Located in the heart of downtown San Jose, the Sainte Claire is resplendent with handmade hardwood furniture, rich wall coverings, and ceiling murals. It is just a short journey from the hotel to various museums and other local attractions. PAC* SJ members, Beth Wyman and Bev Blockie will lead walking tours of downtown San Jose. Explore San Jose with CCPH. **Tickets can be purchased at www.csus.edu/org/ccph/conference**



Another of the restored houses on River Street

River Street Mixer a Success

There was quite a crowd celebrating the restored River Street Historic District on the balmy evening of September 14th. Barry Swenson Builder, Friends of Guadalupe River Park & Gardens, and PAC* SJ hosted a



Restored: Lowry's Irish Coffee House

Chamber of Commerce Mixer. These partners were instrumental in bringing this historic section of town back to life and wanted to introduce business leaders to this unique site in the Guadalupe River Park. Attendees enjoyed spirits and appetizers in the lovely courtyard set between the restored craftsman homes that now serve as offices, shops, and small businesses.

The Historic District consists of nine restored structures from the 1910-1915 period and were originally homes belonging to Italian immigrants.

Barry Swenson from Barry Swenson Builder spoke to attendees and remarked that " I'm more proud of my historical renovations and this development, than any other. This is a happy project and my Project Manager Bill Ryan did a great job".

PAC* SJ wholeheartedly agrees!



Jim Arbuckle, John Mitchell, Ellen Garboske, and Patt Curia enjoying friends and refreshments at River Street Mixer

Meet Our New Board Members



Jaime Angulo

PAC*SJ is pleased to welcome Jaime Angulo to our Board. Although Jaime holds a degree in mechanical engineering, his first love is assisting residents to improve their quality of life. Mr. Angulo has worked in construction and marketing for many years and for a number of community-based non-profits and public agencies. Jaime currently works for Neighborhood Housing Services Silicon Valley (NHSSV), a non profit organization that helps low and moderate income families to achieve the dream of homeownership. At NHSSV, he markets its programs to the community and assists neighborhood groups to address identified issues.

Jaime is a native of Colombia. He is married to Dayana Salazar, a professor at San Jose State University. They live in downtown San Jose in a historic home that they renovated.



James Williams

PAC*SJ welcomes James Williams to our Board. James brings 20 years of experience in accounting and finance to our organization. His management experience in Bay Area technology firms include accounting, budgeting, internal controls and financial reporting. Currently, he is employed by Sun Microsystems as Global Program Manager for the company's Sarbanes-Oxley Compliance Program. The Board looks forward to utilizing James' expertise in these areas.

James also brings us an energy and passion for historic preservation. He strongly believes that rehabilitation of historic structures makes economic sense for property owners and the community. Helping us educate our politicians, business community, and citizens of this fact will be a focus of James' efforts.

A Tennessee native, James has lived in the Bay Area for over a decade and currently resides in the Hensley Historic District of downtown San Jose. James feels PAC*SJ's mission is critical for making San Jose a desirable location for residents and business.

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Architecture Planning



They Left Their Mark: Wesley Hastings, Builder Architect

Wesley Hastings was one of our local architects who had little academic or professional training, but he managed to design a variety of interesting homes in San Jose. He was born in Canada in 1881 to Alfred and Ada Hastings. Alfred, who was born in England, was a carpenter by trade who decided to bring his family here in 1890. They settled on South 7th Street, and by 1902 he was listed in the city directory as a builder.



Hastings' two-story craftsman-style home on 13th Street.

Alfred needed an in-house architect, so in that same year Wesley went to work as an apprentice draftsman for the firm of Wolfe and McKenzie, our most important architects of that time. Alfred hoped that his son could be trained to plan the buildings that he planned to construct and sell.

After a year with Wolfe and McKenzie, Wesley joined his father as: "Hastings & Son, Designers and Builders of Modern Homes," with offices

in the old Bank of the San Jose building. The Hastings family, including their younger carpenter son, T. Charles, built at least thirteen homes in central San Jose during the years of 1907 to 1910. The most distinguished of these homes were in Naglee Park.

This author's favorite is the two-story craftsman-style home at the corner of 13th and San Antonio Streets (198 South 13th) designed and

built for Dr. Foster in 1908. Although the sleeping porch is now glassed in, the house remains unaltered with its rough-hewn beams, river rock chimney and covered entryways facing both streets.

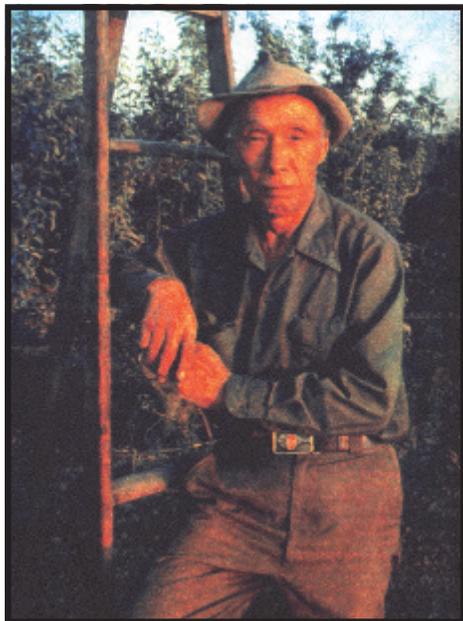
Another unique Hastings home is around the corner at 141 South 14th Street. It was built in 1909 for F. Louis King, founder of the King Conservatory of Music. Built of what appears to be concrete blocks molded to look like stone, it is a rare example of a non-brick masonry home in San Jose.



14th Street rare example of non-brick masonry home

Jack Douglas, SAH

Preservation Hero: A Tribute to Eiichi “Ed” Sakauye



Ed Sakauye; Preservation Hero

Eiichi Sakauye was born in San Jose on January 25, 1912. From the time he was born until the time of his passing last year, Ed lived at the same address. From his porch, Ed saw the valley change from a blanket of agriculture to the current high tech sprawl. His little farm is now surrounded by immense Silicon Valley companies.

Even early technology brought changes to Ed’s life. In 1920 the Sakauye family added a wall telephone, Ballard 17J11. Other milestones achieved in 1921 were electricity and the light bulb.

The only time Ed did not work on his family’s orchards was when the family was interned during the World War II. On December 7, 1941, Eiichi was 29 years old and in partnership with the family farm. Knowing that his family would be removed from their property in the early part of 1942, he made arrangements with the Farm Security Administration and with his neighbor, Ed Seely Sr., to take care of the property while the family was sent away for the duration of the war.

On May 31, 1942 the Sakauye family was ordered to evacuate and was sent to the Santa Anita Track Assembly Center where the horse stalls were converted into living space for humans. While there, Ed held various positions such as a cab driver for the Caucasians. He received \$12 per month.

On about September 9, 1942, Ed and his family arrived at Heart Mountain Relocation Camp in Wyoming after a grueling 4-day train trip. While there, he held four jobs for \$16 to \$19 a month. These jobs included Assistant Farm Superintendent for a 1,500-acre farm, Cooperative Weather Observer for 2½ years for the Denver Office, Chairman of Block Managers for 30 blocks, and Community Activities Coordinator (after working hours).

Ed convinced the supervisors of Heart Mountain to allow him to send for his cameras and take photographs of camp life. Ed was allowed to keep the still and movie cameras, and he documented everyday activity at the camp. Later, he published a book with these photographs titled *Heart Mountain, A Photo Essay*.

Ed returned to San Jose on December 15, 1944 and made arrangements with his neighbors for his family’s return. The West Coast officially opened to all persons of Japanese ancestry on January 2, 1945. Ed returned to Heart Mountain to prepare his family for the journey and they returned in January 1945 to begin the work of caring for the orchard. Pruning and spraying were the first jobs to be done.

Evacuees who owned property were able to begin restoring their farms but those who had leased land were unable to renew their leases. They were forced to seek other occupations. It was difficult for many of the families to find housing and work so many became sharecroppers. Ed was “proud of all of the evacuees who with great desire, aspiration and help from the Caucasian community at large were able to reestablish themselves, retain their dignity and make successful lives.”

Ed spent his whole life as an agriculturist, and he looked it. “His tanned, wrinkled face showed he had weathered many years, his rough hands showed he was no stranger to hard work. His mannerisms were of a gentleman, and when he spoke, “I knew he was a wise man,” said Jim Zetterquist.

Besides being a farmer, Ed was a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church, served on the Board of Education for Santa Clara Unified School District from 1966-1974, was Director of the Japanese American Resource Center/Museum, and was a member of the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission for 18 years.

Ed was very generous with his church, Japanese history enterprises, and museums. When Jim Zetterquist was serving on the San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission, he was asked to take a look at an historic home that was proposed to be incorporated into a high tech business development. “When I got out to the property there was Ed. It was his old pear ranch, and he wanted to donate that beautiful old home, known as the Emily J. Horn House, to be incorporated into the development. He

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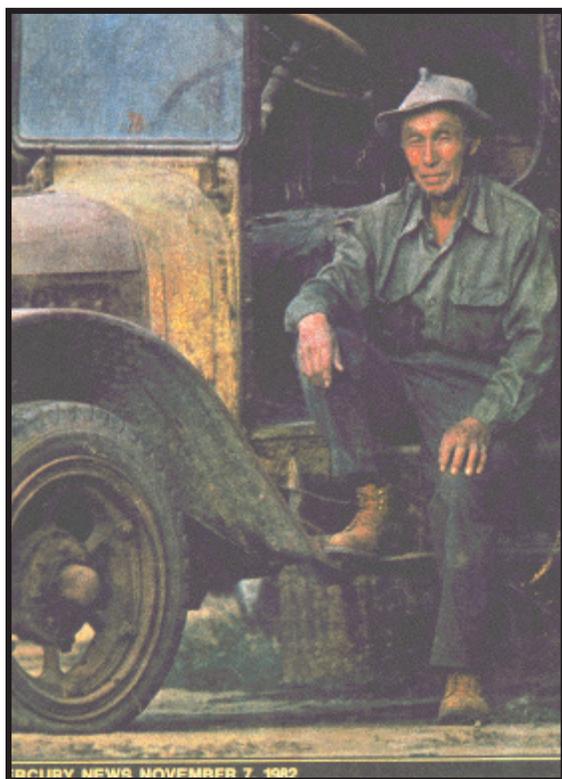
then showed me the four small houses in the rear that I remembered being out at the cannery where I had worked years before. He told me he wanted to donate them to the history museum". History San Jose is currently working on moving the houses to their orchard display on Senter Road. Ed also donated his vintage collection of farm equipment and antiques to History San Jose and the Japanese American Museum of San Jose.

Ed's pensiveness was legendary: "Ed was a quiet member of the County Heritage Commission," remembers Beth Wyman. "He could often listen through a long debate and then conclude with a telling remark, a real zinger, that showed he had not only been paying attention but that he was extremely knowledgeable and had been thinking seriously about the subject. Ed was a sweetheart, very smart and very funny." According to Bernal, "When I was Chair of the Commission, I had to prompt the quiet statesman to get his input. Ed would listen to what everyone else had to say and really believed in the democratic process. But in the end, he always had the reasonable answer. His thoughts were always right on the money."

When people think about Santa Clara County's agricultural past, Ed comes to mind. So, when the television show "Evening Magazine" came to town to do such a story, Ed was in the group of those interviewed, along with Beth Wyman, Joe Melehan, and Jim Zetterquist. "From the start the TV producer could tell Ed was a very special person," noticed Jim Zetterquist. "The producer soon decided to film another separate episode just about some of Ed's early experiences in San Jose. The producer labeled us the "Fruit Cocktail Club" as a joke, but I feel proud to be a member of any club of which Ed was a founding member."



*Ed Sakauye with his crop of pears, 1945
Photo by Hikaru Iwasaki*



Ed sitting on his 1917 truck

Photo by George Wedding; SJ Mercury. 1982

Ed was an expert at grafting and budding fruit trees. On a recent visit to his home, Paul Bernal was surprised by his encyclopedic knowledge of all things having to do with grafting. "Ed studied the lifetime of botanical experiments conducted by Luther Burbank, and Ed improved on some of Burbank's techniques. With great pride, Ed showed me a tree in his orchard that bore seven different kinds of fruit."

Ed certainly left his mark on our communities. His photos of the internment camp are rare glimpses that will live on for future generations. His commitment to Japanese-American history and Japantown allowed for the development of their heritage activities. "If you visit History San Jose, the Japanese American Museum of San Jose, or the Emily J. Horn House, you can't help but see the mark that Ed's generosity made on historic preservation," stated Jim Zetterquist. Ed was a man that had lived through a lot. I'm sure it was not easy being a Japanese American during and after WW II. When I think about Ed I think of a man that felt things mattered. Things like giving back to your community and leaving something behind. Most of all I think of Ed as a man that was at peace, at peace with his country, at peace with his community and at peace with himself."

Ed is survived by his wife Marie, and has two daughters, Carolyn and Jane. Marie has four sons; James, Dennis, Ronald, and Wayne.

by Paul Bernal, Beth Wyman and Jim Zetterquist

PAC*SJ Member Recalls WWII

Mrs. Alma Taylor is a long time PAC*SJ member who has documented her experiences during World War II. Below is a shortened version of her experiences; the full article can be read on our PAC*SJ website at www.preservation.org.

“On a quiet Sunday afternoon in December 1941, three young college girls living at the Wendt Apartments, a grand old Queen Ann architectural gem on the corner of South 4th and E. San Carlos Streets, across from the SJS gym, are studying while the radio is on, when the program is interrupted by an announcement that “Pearl Harbor has been bombed by the Japanese”, and that ships, planes and civilian installations have been hit.

Knowing that it would mean that their boyfriends, who later would become their husbands, were going to be in great danger, because they were all in the service, having been already drafted, the girls began to cry, as did thousands of other women all over the United States.

In his famous speech, FDR stated that with “confidence in our armed forces, with the unbounded determination of our people- we will gain the inevitable triumph.” He spoke of all the American people in the same breath as the enlisted soldiers, because it was clear that everyone would have to sacrifice and serve. Women on the home front rose to the occasion doing a kind of duty the world had never known.

A short time later, “Rosie the Riveter” became a reality. Six million women from coast to coast went to work in the defense plants and shipyards, some as riveters, some as welders and others in the offices of huge defense plants to help with the vital war effort.

Before the sun came up, many “Rosies” prepared for the most wrenching moment of the day; saying goodbye to their children. The men were gone, jobs had to be done, and someone had to care for the children. In some instances one woman would watch all of the children on the whole block while their mothers went to work at their war jobs with get-it-done dignity at Hendy Iron Works.

When women stepped on to the factory floor, they were so out of place, they might as well have been stepping onto the moon. Men who were still on the job would sometimes send Rosies out looking for a left-handed screwdriver, and the inexperienced woman went searching for a tool that didn't exist. Sometimes she came back laughing, and other times in tears. All of the workplace uncertainty was played out against the numbing fear of getting news that a son,



husband or father had been killed, or the irritating news that there was no meat, no sugar, and no gas.

Every women who bucked a rivet, welded a seam, polished a wing, stitched a parachute, inspected a casing or contributed to the war effort on the home front in those

years of hardship, earned the right to be very proud.

The 108th Congress made a resolution on May 4, 2004 honoring the contributions of the women, symbolized by Rosie the Riveter, who served on the home front during WWII.

On June 5, 2004, a memorial park in Richmond, California was dedicated to the “Rosies”. It contains remembrances and photos from many of the women who worked on the home front. The park is called the “Rosie the Riveter/ Home Front National Historical Park.”

Excerpts taken from an article written by Alma Taylor and transcribed by Carmen Salas



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Re-Use Is Part Of Preservation



Stair balustrades and newel post salvaged from a demolished home and reused in a carriage house.



Pergola: Glue-lam beams salvaged after use in a new foundation. The beams were shaped and white washed to obtain that "vintage" look.



Fence row: PAC-SJ salvage used to reconstruct this 1890's fence

Building salvage can be the result of a discouraging attempt to save an old building or the salvation in restoring an old building. Salvage used in a restoration project may allow the owner to use materials or products the same age as the structure. This has multiple benefits. 1) The salvaged piece could match a design element of the structure. 2) Wood is more likely to be from "old growth" timber or at least aged sufficiently to avoid warping. 3) Reproduction building parts often lack the distinct detail found on the original. 4) Reproductions also lack "patina," the appearance of a surface grown beautiful with age.

In the age of recycling, the use of salvaged pieces saves the natural resource of the object as well as the energy that went into its production. Working with salvaged building parts stimulates our creativity; "there must be a use for this thing."

The Preservation Action Council of San Jose has been supplying San Jose residents with salvaged materials for years. These pieces may be the product of new development or donated treasures that never found a use in a member's garage. Many pieces have made their way back into the restoration of homes in San Jose. New structures have been created using salvaged doors, windows, siding and elaborate trim work. A visit to our web site, www.preservation.org, may eliminate a discouraging search for that perfect building part needed to complete your project.

Norman Finnance, Board Member

Proud owner of a restored porch?

Our next issue will describe the benefits of porches and will highlight enclosed porches that have been restored. Send us your "before & after" photos to www.preservation.org to be included in our article.

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Membership Drive

PAC*SJ announces its membership drive for 2007. The Board of Directors invites all members to invite family, friends and neighbors to join our organization in order to strengthen our ability to advocate for a better San Jose.

The persons who recruit the most new members can win prizes including: **Dinner for 2** in downtown San Jose, **a family membership** in PAC*SJ, a **\$25 gift certificate** to be spent at PAC*SJ's Spring Salvage and Garage Sale.

- **Contest runs from Oct. 15 to Dec. 31, 2006**
- **Referrer's name MUST be included on the membership application.**
- **PAC*SJ Membership makes a nice gift!**

Membership Benefits:

Quarterly Newsletter filled with current information on local development and historic preservation issues, discounts to PAC*SJ events, first invitation to attend exclusive tours, e-mail alert service, volunteer opportunities at events or in office.

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We believe that historic preservation is **good for our quality of life and good for business.** We aim to integrate a strong commitment to historic preservation into the land use and development decisions of the City of San José that affect historic resources, as well as into the private decisions of property owners and developers. We try to bring owners and developers together to create historically sensitive projects that make economic sense.

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