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San Diego Padres and Ballpark Builders Make Room for History



30,000 square-foot Candy Factory Building Moves East 280 Feet

Searching for a site for a new stadium for the San Diego Padres baseball team, the City of San Diego selected the East Village, a warehouse district located near the historic Gaslamp Quarter. After initial plans called for demolition of several historic buildings, the San Diego Warehouse District was placed on the National Trust's 11 Most Endangered Places list for 1999. Later that year, then Western Office Assistant Director Courtney Damkroger helped broker a landmark settlement agreement among local group Save Our Heritage Organization (SOHO), Centre City Development Corp., the Padres, the City of San Diego, and the National Trust. The agreement created a Preservation Advisory Group to monitor treatment of historic structures as the project moved forward, including preservation, restoration, reuse and rehabilitation of nine buildings threatened under the original ballpark plan. Among the agreement's innovative solutions were incorporating the Western Metals Building into PETCO Park itself (a first in the nation) and relocation of the Showley Brothers Candy Factory.

On September 22, 2003, four years after the settlement agreement, Mike Buhler of the Western Office was on hand to witness actual relocation of the Candy Factory. The building was moved to make room for the "Park at the Park" beyond the centerfield wall at PETCO Park and will be incorporated into the East Village Square development, although its final use has not been determined. Built in 1924, the 3-story, 30,000 square foot, brick building produced candy until 1951, and was later used for apparel storage and, finally, downtown artists lofts. "Through the design and construction of PETCO Park, we're

committed not only to the redevelopment of downtown, but to preserving the historic integrity of the area," said Dick Freeman, Padres team president. "The preservation and incorporation of buildings such as the Candy Factory, and the Western Metal Supply Building in left field, are truly cornerstones of the project."

Without a doubt, moving the Candy Factory was one of the most ambitious undertakings required by the agreement. The 100 foot by 100 foot, un-reinforced brick building weighs 3 million pounds and the cost of moving it one block east of its present site, on wheels, is estimated at 3 million dollars. It is thought to be the largest brick building ever moved on wheels in California, requiring over 42 hydraulic dollies and an intricate cable winch system. The building's slow crawl toward its new home was launched with a ceremony attended by San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy, Padres president Dick Freeman, and representatives of Centre City Development Corporation, East Village Association, Save Our Heritage Organization, and the National Trust.

The move was not only a monumental feat of engineering, but also a testament to the effectiveness of the settlement agreement. "This unprecedented cooperation between the Padres, city, redevelopment agency and preservationists serves as a model of how to do it -- not just in San Diego, but the nation," said Bruce Coons, Executive Director of SOHO. "The success of the settlement agreement with the Padres and the dramatic relocation of the Showley Brothers Candy Factory have increased our effectiveness as an organization and historic preservation's visibility in our region."



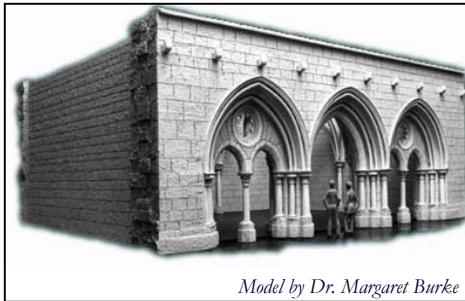
Michael Buhler, Bruce Coons, Mayor Dick Murphy

Two ways to keep up with the Western Office!

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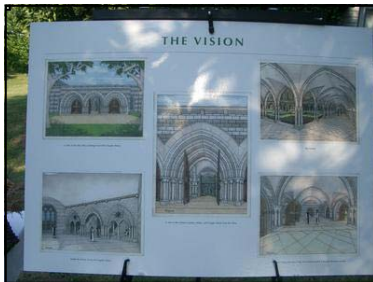
The Sacred Stones of New Clairvaux

Senior Program Officer Anthony Veerkamp represented the Western Office at a groundbreaking ceremony for the reconstruction of the Chapter House of Santa Maria de Ovila at the Abbey of New Clairvaux in Vina, California. This event marked a turning point in the saga of what have come to be known as the "Sacred Stones".



Model by Dr. Margaret Burke

Founded by Cistercian monks in northern Spain in the late 12th century by King Alfonso VIII of Castile, the Santa Maria de Ovila monastery and its chapter house have suffered many vagaries of fortune through its 800-year history. Like all Spanish monasteries, it was "secularized" in 1835, passing on to private owners who scavenged historic materials, eventually leaving the complex in ruins.



In 1931, the most intact portions, including the chapter house, were purchased by William Randolph Hearst and shipped to California for use in the construction of a private castle near Mount Shasta to be designed by Julia Morgan. The grand vision was never executed, however, and Hearst eventually gave the stones to the City of San Francisco, with the understanding that the entire monastery would be reconstructed as a museum near the De Young Museum in Golden Gate Park.

This project also eventually fell through, as the city couldn't raise the funds needed for reconstruction. The stones languished in storage, eventually falling victim to a series of arson-caused fires which destroyed nearly half the stones. Over time, many of the stones were incorporated into projects in Golden Gate Park, such as retaining walls in the Japanese Gardens.

Finally, some 70 years after the original dismantling of the chapterhouse, the Cistercian monks of the Abbey of New Clairvaux took an interest in the stones. After several years of negotiating, they were able to acquire the Chapter House stones.

The monks have worked tirelessly, planning and building support for the reconstruction of the Chapter house so that it may once more serve its historic purpose. Anthony was named a "legati" or ambassador to the project, helping to spread word about the abbey's efforts to finally make right hundreds of years of abuse and misfortune. The Abbey is now embarked on a painstaking restoration of the historic stones and reconstruction of the chapter house, which will become the center piece of a traditionally-designed Cistercian monastic complex.

The Western Office has also assisted the Abbey with efforts to preserve a very different aspect of its history. The Abbey is located on the grounds of the Leland Stanford Winery, said to have once been the world's largest winery and vineyard. The Western Office made a \$4,000 grant to the Abbey to conduct a structural analysis of the 2.5-acre, 1885 winery building. Based on the results of the analysis, the Abbey hopes to return the building to its historic use. In fact, the groundbreaking was followed by a reception at which the first 2002 vintage of New Clairvaux Syrah and Zinfandel was served.



To learn more about the Abbey of New Clairvaux

and the Sacred Stones project, visit: <http://sacredstones.org/default.htm>
<http://personalweb.sunset.net/~trapnist/>

IN THE NEWS

The Western Office is sad to note the upcoming departure of **Roberta Deering**, Executive Director of California Preservation Foundation, in San Francisco. Roberta will be returning to a past-life in Sacramento, where she will be Preservation Officer for the City, a position she held previously. Roberta's absence will leave a gap in the Bay Area's preservation landscape. The Western Office will sorely miss Roberta, a tireless advocate and collaborator and frequent visitor to this office. (See page 3 for **CPF Executive Director job announcement**).



Little Manila... new developments...



The Little Manila Foundation signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Urban Innovations of San Diego and will submit a joint proposal to the City of Stockton for the Gleason Park Redevelopment Area on October 3, 2003. Urban Innovations is currently the master developer for San Diego's Barrio Logan project, a partnership with the San Diego Redevelopment Agency. Included in the joint proposal is a commitment to acquire and rehabilitate the three historic buildings in Little Manila, which were included in the 2003 list of America's 11-Most Endangered Historic Places, protect the historic buildings in the area, and avoid displacement of current residents. To learn more about the guiding principles for the proposal or to download a sample letter of support, visit www.littlemanila.net.

IN MEMORIAM

Robertson "Robbie" Collins died May 23, 2003 in Singapore, from complications stemming from dengue fever. He made many good projects happen and stopped bad concepts of "progress" from moving forward and was well-respected in the extended preservation family here and abroad. He served the National Trust in many roles, beginning with his position on the Board of Advisors representing Oregon, to serving on the Board of Trustees as Trustee, Executive Committee Member, Vice Chairman, and Trustee Emeritus. He was one of the key players in moving the National Trust into many extended fields of operation for preservationists, heading up a strategic planning effort in the late 1970s out of which came the book *Preservation: Toward an Ethic in the 1980s*.

Although he recently lived in Singapore, Robbie was perhaps best known here for his work in protecting and improving Jacksonville, Oregon. His efforts there helped transform the faded gold-mining town into a premier tourism destination, culminating in the town's designation as a National Historic Landmark. Robbie was generous to the preservation movement in energy, interest, and monies, including his forward-thinking donation to the National Trust of preservation easements on six important historic buildings in Jacksonville. His interests also created a new career for him that took him around the world as a redevelopment specialist. Robbie worked in Manila, Hong Kong, Australia, China, Hungary and many other places. He developed a tourism plan for the famed Angkor Wat shrines and helped create the "Billion Dollar Plan" for revitalizing Singapore.

On Sunday, August 17th, Robbie's life was gracefully celebrated under a beautiful southern Oregon sky by a group of about 100 friends and family, who shared stories of his remarkable activities from around the globe. The Collins Family has established a fund to support Robbie's interests through the Oregon Community Foundation. While global in scope, the fund will focus on Jacksonville and Oregon. The web site is www.RECFoundation.org and offers more information on the funds' mission statement.

The Western Office is saddened to report the death of **Priscilla "Patsy" Bullitt Collins**. At the age of 82, Collins died June 25, 2003 at her home in Seattle after a long battle with cancer. Not one for fanfare, Collin's style was as unassuming as her nickname. She got things done in Seattle, the Northwest and around the world by quietly, tenaciously forging the word "citizenship" into an action verb. Her generosity produced profound results in her home town and home state, also reaching the historic preservation community and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Collins' gift to the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation of her family home in Seattle, the Stimson-Green Mansion, along with the catering company it houses and a sustaining endowment, can be credited with transforming the Washington Trust into a statewide preservation organization with staying-power and long-range expectations. Her generosity to the National Trust helped ensure and sustain Western Office activities in Patsy's home state and elsewhere in the Pacific Northwest.

HELP WANTED

Preservation groups and volunteers can now find each other through the National Trust's free volunteer database. Organizations **can submit openings o n - l i n e a t** <http://www.nationaltrust.org/volunteer/VSSubmit.asp>, while **individuals can search for opportunities at** <http://www.nationaltrust.org/volunteer/Search.asp>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Land Trust Alliance Rally 2003 Sacramento, CA, October 16-19

The Land Trust Alliance Rally is the premier conference for land trusts and those involved with private land protection efforts. The LTA Rally brings together land trust professionals, volunteers, public agency staff, attorneys, appraisers and other land conservation professionals from across the country and abroad. The Land Trust Alliance Rally is an unparalleled event offering you the opportunity to:

Learn the fundamentals of private land protection or delve deeper



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The California Preservation Foundation a statewide non-profit organization located in San Francisco, California, is seeking candidates for the position of Executive Director.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to work closely with major public and private sector leaders in local and statewide issues relating to the preservation and enhancement of California's historic built environment.

The Executive Director will oversee the day-to-day operations of the Foundation and be responsible for implementation of its plans for growth and advancement in membership, fundraising, educational programming, technical assistance, and outreach.

For more information about the California Preservation Foundation, go to www.californiapreservation.org. For a detailed job description for this position go to: www.californiapreservation.org/execdirector

Candidates should send their resumes as digital files attached to E-mail message immediately to: Peyton Hall, President, Board of Trustees, peyton@historicla.com

into emerging legal issues, funding mechanisms, organizational management techniques, and more; **Hear** the latest public policy developments and analyses from leaders in the conservation field; **Acquire** up-to-date information about current trends and issues in the field; **Meet** colleagues who have common concerns, unique experiences, and creative solutions for protecting land; **Inspire** new staff and board members and get them up to speed on important land trust issues; **Recharge** your commitment to land conservation.

Go to: <http://www.lta.org/> for more details.

California Main Street: Down for the Count

A year long effort to ensure continued funding for the **California Main Street Program** has reached an impasse. With only three employees, Main Street served 40 certified Main Street communities, helping to preserve the commercial hearts of towns throughout the state while contributing an estimated \$2.5 million annually to California in tax revenue. Main Street's future was put into doubt when the Technology, Trade and Commerce Agency, where it was housed, got the budget ax.

Freshman Assembly Member Nicole Parra authored a bill which would have transferred Main Street to the Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Historic Preservation and provided a budget of \$126,000. Assemblywoman Parra and her staff personally lobbied on behalf of Main Street, but her bill, along with all other bills requiring a two thirds Assembly vote, fell victim to partisan budget squabbles and died in the final hours of the legislative session.

The lobbying effort to save Main Street has been led by the newly formed California Main Street Alliance (CAMSA), an advocacy coalition of which the Western Office is a co-founder and member. CAMSA's efforts were supported by the California Downtown Association, California Redevelopment Association, League of Cities, the California Chapter of the American Planning Association, California Chamber of Commerce, and California Preservation Foundation.

Over the course of this year, the energetic and unflagging efforts of CAMSA members and Craig Scharton of Main Street Hanford guaranteed that California Main Street went from invisible to visible in Sacramento, garnering widespread legislative support along the way. Assembly Member Parra has indicated that she will reintroduce her legislation in January 2004 as an urgency bill, meaning that it would take effect when the Governor signs it. California Main Street had the votes once already and it should still have them in January. Stay tuned.

For additional information regarding California's Main Street Program go to: www.californiamainstreet.ca.gov

APPROACHING DEADLINES

National Preservation Conference **September 30 - October 5, 2003**, Denver, Colorado. The conference theme is **New Frontiers in Preservation**, focusing on a number of key issues that will affect historic preservation for years to come. To register and to learn more about the conference please visit <http://www.nthpconference.org/>

Applications for the National Trust's **Preservation Services Fund Grants** are being accepted until **October 1, 2003**.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Western Office prior to submitting an application. For additional information regarding these grants contact Anne Gailliot, Field Representative, anne_gailliot@nthp.org

The 2004 National Main Street Awards—sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation—is calling for **Great American Main Street Awards applications by communities** who have revitalized their historic downtowns and neighborhood commercial districts and for **Main Street Leadership Awards nominations for leaders** who have contributed to commercial district revitalization (e.g., (local heroes, civic organizations and business leaders). Winners receive monetary and trophy awards as well as national publicity and recognition. For more information about the awards program, past winners and applications, visit www.mainstreet.org/awards or call (202) 588-6129.

Deadline: October 31, 2003

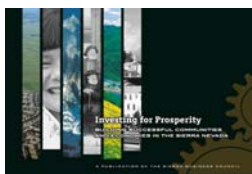
Preserve America, a White House initiative developed in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Department of Commerce highlights the efforts of the President and Mrs. Bush to preserve our national heritage. Goals of the initiative include a greater shared knowledge about the nation's past, strengthened regional identities and local pride, increased local participation in preserving the country's cultural and natural heritage assets, and support for the economic vitality of our communities.

The **Preserve America Annual Presidential Award** is one component of the initiative. The Award will honor individuals, governmental entities, and organizations for their commitment to the protection and interpretation of America's history and resources. Applications are available at <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/presidentialaward.html>

Deadline: January 15, 2004.

Communities may apply for special designation as a **Preserve America Community**, which will recognize communities that protect and celebrate their heritage; use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization; and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. For more information and to download an application, go to <http://www.preserveamerica.gov/communities.html>

Investing for Prosperity: Building Successful Communities and Economies in the Sierra Nevada



As California's third fastest growing region, the Sierra Nevada faces enormous development pressures and receives over 100 million visitors a year. This book offers four integrated strategies to help rural communities build long-term wealth and cope with land use and economic change. In its 148 pages the book brings together many of the latest innovations that rural communities across North America are using to grow their economies, improve their towns,

and build their "social capital." Using research based on 44 case studies, one of the book's key findings is that new technologies and the market premium put on the Sierra's natural assets and livable communities, offer towns in the Sierra Nevada novel ways to diversify and expand their economies. The books' findings also apply to other fast-growing rural regions in America, from New England to the Pacific Northwest. Founded in 1994, the Sierra Business Council is a nonprofit business organization working to secure the social, natural, and financial health of the Sierra Nevada region.

Investing for Prosperity is available for \$25 per copy by phoning SBC at 530.582.4800 or on the Web at:

www.sbcouncil.org/publications