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## PINOLE STUDENTS WIN PHS ESSAY-CONTEST AWARDS

**S**even Pinole students were grand-prize winners in the third annual Pinole Historical Society Essay Contest.

This year's assignment for students in the seven

Pinole schools (Collins, Ellerhorst, Shannon, and Stewart elementary schools; Pinole Middle School, Pinole Valley High School, and St. Joseph Catholic School) was to prepare an essay

about Pinole's history or their family's history. Students could use resources at the library, at school, on the Internet, or in their homes.

Collins, Shannon, and St. Joseph students

participated. Pinole Mayor Roy Swearingen, Chairman Emeritus of the Board of Mechanics Bank Edward M. Downer III, and Pinole Historical Society President Marcia

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Collins Elementary School special-education class

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# PHS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MEETINGS

**September 15: Quarterly membership meeting and PHS Annual Meeting.** Alex Clark Room, Pinole Public Safety Facility, 880 Tennent Avenue, 6:30 to 8 p.m. **Program:** *The historical significance of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond.* The park preserves and interprets the stories and places of our nation's home-front response to World War II. (see page 13).

## ONGOING

**Pinole Library history exhibits.** Two exhibits at the library, 2935 Pinole Valley Road. Library hours are: Monday (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), Wednesday (2 to 8 p.m.), Friday and Saturday (12 to 5 p.m.).

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# President's Message

Marcia Kalapus, President, Pinole Historical Society

## PIQUE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN HISTORY

**W**e had another great year with our annual writing contest for Pinole students.

We are very fortunate to have so many budding talented writers in our schools. They spent time this year researching not only Pinole history, but also their own family histories; their stories were well written for their respective grade levels.

We hope that folks will stop by the Pinole Library and see the PHS exhibit honoring the students. Their essays are in the display. We also have some special student-artists whose work is being shown.

The settlers who came to settle in Pinole in the early 1800s were mostly Spanish and Portuguese, with a few Chinese and Europeans in the mix. The cuisine and diet of these settlers were much different than that of the settlers who came to reside in Pinole in the early 1840s-1860s.

These settlers brought more of the flavors of Europe (Germany, Yugoslavia, Romania, Italy, Scandinavia, and the British isles). Many of the foods I have prepared all of my life are based on my ancestors' cooking habits from Germany, Scotland, and Ireland.

Pinole's ethnic history is very diverse, and that is what makes reading and learning about it so great. The more one reads about this community, the more one appreciates what it took to make our city so great to live in today.

With the school year starting soon, I am hoping that parents, as well as grandparents, will encourage young students to read more history, early American as well as current.

It surprises me how many of our students never read the newspaper. From sixth grade until they graduated from high school, my children had to come prepared to



**Marcia Kalapus**

discuss an article that they had read (any that drew their interest) at dinner at least two to three times a week.

I did this on purpose, to get them used to

listening to discussions, the pros and cons of items and outcomes. Today they call it critical thinking.

The education of our children occurs not only in school and in college, but also from all of us. Several PHS members are train buffs and know more about the history of the railroads, and the local history of them, than anyone I know.

Now why would I mention this subject? It was the railroad that helped link both the East and West coasts for travel—and also for commerce.

When the rails came along, America began its  
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 journey to being one of the largest industrial nations in the world.

Trains are part of American history and there are a lot of books at the library about this subject. Both Richmond and Crockett have train museums that are open to the public. Why not visit them?

History is not boring. It needs to be presented in an interesting way. Kids hate to just memorize

dates and events. They are meaningless without a vivid and colorful explanation of the event. And when we present it as a fun thing to learn, kids love history.

I hope that all of you enjoy the summer. Please tell your children some great stories about your past Labor Day holiday activities, your visits to pumpkin patches, and fun Halloween parties. They like to hear about "the old days."

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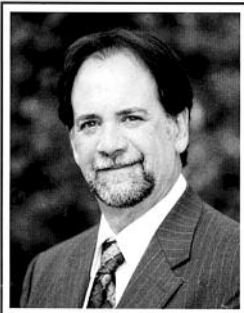
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# PINOLE HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST STUDENT WINNERS

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Kalapus, among others, honored them on June 7 in assemblies and classroom presentations.

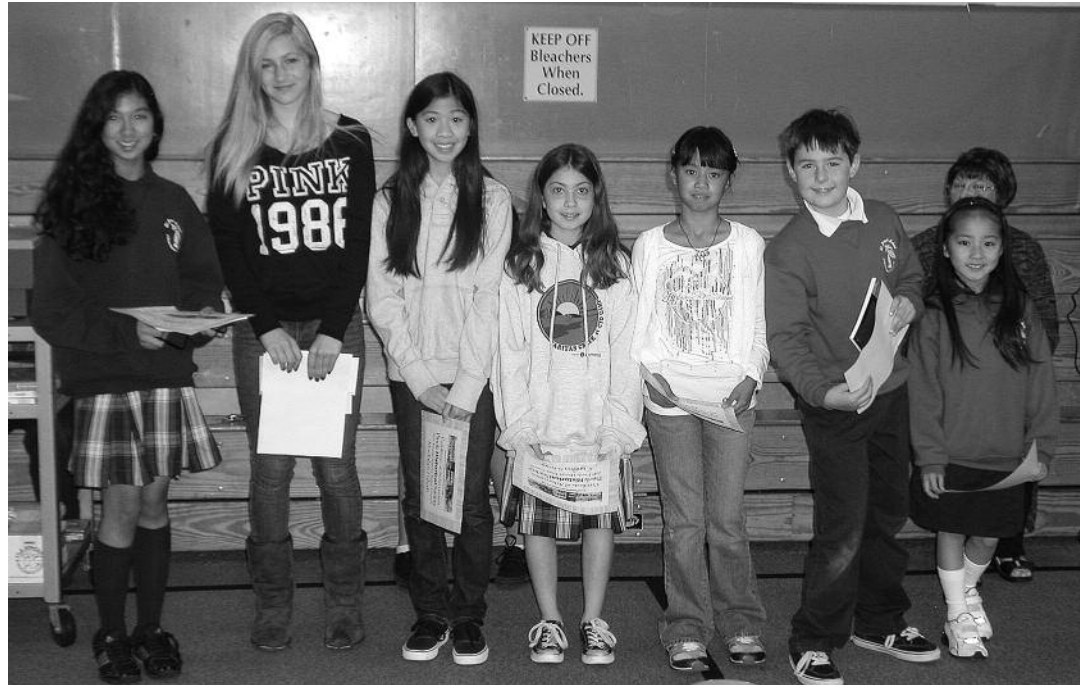
The grand-prize winners were:

- Collins: Zachary Holloway (3rd grade) and Aryanna Davis (6th grade)

- Shannon: America Munoz (3rd grade) and Jorge Garcia (5th grade)

- St. Joseph: Nicholas Fay (3rd grade), Chloe Dichoso (6th grade), and Haley Torretta (8th grade).

The grand-prize winners received a \$50 savings bond from Mechanics Bank and a copy of *Images of America: Pinole*, the book written



**St. Joseph Catholic School essay-contest winners.**

by the Pinole Historical Society in 2009.

On July 1, members of the PHS installed an exhibit honoring the students who participated in the contest. Photos of the participants, and the essays of the grand-prize winners, are on display.


Also part of the exhibit are two pieces of art cre-

ated by students in Julie Willis's special education class at Collins. These students cannot read, but they are talented artists. This year they made art depicting the school bell that was at the old


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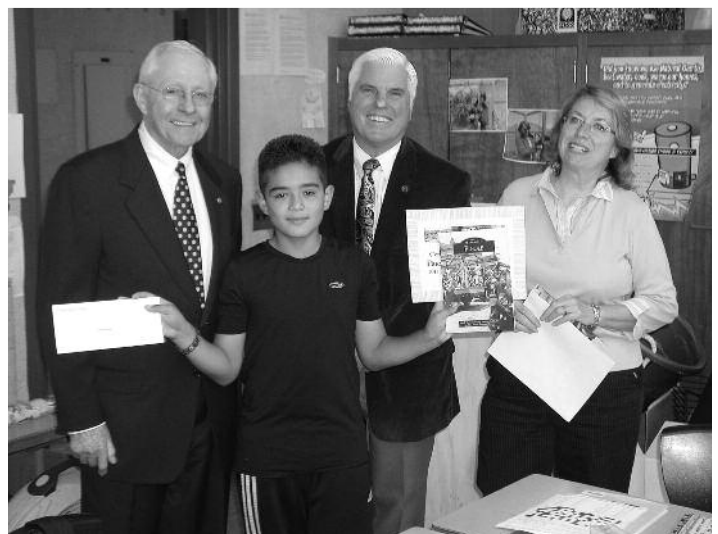
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**Shannon Elementary School grand-prize winner Jorge Garcia with (L-R) Mechanics Bank Chairman Emeritus Edward M. Downer III, Pinole Mayor Roy Swearingen, and Pinole Historical Society Secretary Jo Ann Gannotti.**

# PINOLE HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST STUDENT WINNERS

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Pinole-Hercules School #2, the School on the Hill. The district moved the bell to a storage closet at Collins. The PHS hopes one day it will be on public display.

The library exhibit will run through the end of September. Library hours are Monday (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.), Wednesday (2 to 8 p.m.), Friday (Noon to 5 p.m.), and Saturday (Noon to 5 p.m.).

Here is the complete list of contest winners for the three schools:

## **COLLINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Jordan Goularte, 3rd grade; Zachary Holloway, 3rd grade; Saloni Goswami, 5th grade; Jessica Nhan, 5th grade; Ferin Graham, 6th grade; Aryanna Davis, 6th grade; Renee Ellis (late entry, not sure of grade)

Collins special education class: Jaliah Allen, Keiry Banda, Hazel Baron, Sierra Jackson, Justin Keomanee, Emily Lonis, Lajanee Manuel, Kimberly Moa, Korinn Phillips, Felicity Tuason, and Jordan Washington.

## **SHANNON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Alexis Gerk, 1st grade; Isaac Castaneda, 1st grade; Evelyn Romo, 2nd grade; Matteo Castaneda, 2nd grade; Leda Pho-Thai, 3rd grade; America Munoz, 3rd grade; Brian Silva, 4th grade; Esmeralda Topete, 5th grade; Jorge Garcia, 5th grade; Kyle Chew-Minor, 6th grade.

## **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Madison Laxamana, 2nd grade; Nicholas Fay, 3rd grade; Mary Perez,

4th grade; Cynthia Savage, 5th grade; Chloe Dichoso, 6th grade; Madalyn Pahati, 7th grade; Haley Torretta, 8th grade.

*West County Times* columnist Chris Treadway has posted the seven grand-prize winning essays on his blog: [www.ibabuzz.com/west-county/2011/06/27/winning-student-entries-in-the-pinole-historical-society-essay-contest/](http://www.ibabuzz.com/west-county/2011/06/27/winning-student-entries-in-the-pinole-historical-society-essay-contest/)



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# NEW YORK TIMES FEATURES STORY ON FERNANDEZ MANSION

**N**ew York Times reporter Louise Rafkin spent time with Dr. Joseph Mariotti, co-founder of the Pinole Historical Society and owner of the historic Fernandez Mansion.

Her article on the Fernandez Mansion, accompanied by several captivating photographs, appeared on-line and in print in the July 24 Sunday Times. The on-line version may be found at: [www.nytimes.com/2011/07/24/us/24bcintel.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/24/us/24bcintel.html?_r=1).

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# The New York Times

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## The Fernandez Mansion



Adithya Sambamurthy/The Bay Citizen

The Fernandez Mansion attracts attention not only because of its design but also because of the items in its yard.

By LOUISE RAFKIN  
Published: July 23, 2011

*The Fernandez Mansion is a rare local example of 19th-century architecture combining Second Empire French with elements of Queen Anne and Northern Italian styles. Perched near the waterfront in Pinole, the mansion, with its tower-like construction, gabled roof and projecting cupola, has the classic look of a haunted house.*

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A photograph of Bernardo Fernandez hangs in the lobby of the mansion.

### Third-Time Charm

The 22-room house, built in 1894, was the third constructed on the property for Bernardo Fernandez, a Portuguese businessman who emigrated in 1854 as a teenager. Flooding destroyed the first; fire, the second.

### Eureka

While other immigrants in the mid-1800s sought fortunes of gold, Fernandez mined the bay front for riches, building a pier, warehouses, a store and a post office. His empire expanded to 20,000 acres, some in San Francisco.

### Got Pinole?

The town was named for what Native Americans called pinolli, a seed-and-acorn mush. The popular book "Born to Run" about barefoot Mexican endurance runners has led

to a recent resurgence of corn-based pinole recipes.

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# Back in the day

By George R. Vincent

## SAMUEL J. TENNENT—PROFILE OF A PINOLE PIONEER

Second of two parts

**O**n September 8, 1849, 31 year-old Samuel Tennent married Rafaela Martinez at Mission San Jose. Her father, Don Ignacio, had been buried there just the year before.

A gala week's wedding celebration followed at the Adobe Ranch in Pinole Valley with guests feasting on solid Mexican silverware, horse racing, dancing, bull fights, and games. Undoubtedly, the brass cannon in the front yard was also fired to celebrate the couples' return.

Their first year of marriage was spent in San Francisco, where Tennent and a partner engaged in the livestock and butcher business. Tennent also



**Dr. Samuel Johnson Tennent**

continued his medical practice, taking in as much as \$100 a day in gold.

However, a home-sick and pregnant Rafaela missed her Pinole roots. So in 1850, the Tennents moved back to the Pinole adobes and into her mother's home. Their first child, Katherine, was born in July. Katherine was delivered by the family midwife, Nieves Soto de Martinez, wife of Rafaela's brother, Vicente. The family

was to eventually number 10 children, six of them surviving to maturity.

The year 1850 was also an important one in establishing the security of the Pinole Tennents.

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# SAMUEL J. TENNENT—PROFILE OF A PINOLE PIONEER

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Dr. Sam was paid \$1,000 for taking the census of the Contra Costa region. Their home in lower Pinole Valley was built. It was Pinole's first wooden frame structure, the pieces being dismantled back East, numbered, and shipped around Cape Horn. Their Indian servants, Louisa and Delphina, joined them in their new home. Dr. Sam was to live there for the next 36 years.

When El Rancho Pinole was divided up among the 11 Martinez descendants in 1850, Rafaela and Dr. Tennent received their 1,500-acre share, or 1/11th, which included what is now the waterfront and downtown section of Pinole.

As was the case with many Spanish-speaking Californians, the late 1850s and 1860s saw Tennent fighting the influx of American squatters on his land. His prowess with a pistol was legendary in family lore. One evening upon returning from Oakland by horseback, he was confronted by an armed robber. Tennent shot the man and then bound up his wounds.

By the late 1860s, Tennent had become the Martinez family spokesman following the death of Rafaela's elder brother, Jose Martinez. Jose had died from a blood-poisoning cut after roping a steer.

Rafaela died in August 1868 at the age of 42, leaving Dr. Sam with their youngest child, Anna Maria, age three. An additional hardship was the loss of Tennent's right eye in an accident with ammonia.

Yet Tennent considered himself to be a farmer first and physician second, and seemed to be

prosperous. He donated the downtown land for St. Joseph Church, built in 1881, and in 1886 he donated the land for Pinole's first downtown Plaza School.

The agricultural census of 1860 recorded his farm as worth \$25,000, with large numbers of dairy cattle and a high yield of cheese and wheat production. He also divided his holdings in the Pinole downtown into blocks and lots, selling property to newcomers. Chief among these was Bernardo Fernandez, who purchased much of the waterfront land for his shipping enterprise.

In his lifetime, Dr. Samuel Tennent successfully combined his business and medical skills to achieve his ambitions. He was a land speculator in and around Martinez. He served as county physician from 1858 to 1872, and also operated the Martinez Drug Store and a hotel. At his half-mile racetrack at the Pinole waterfront, he bred and raced fine horses. "Pinole Patchen" was the pride of his stable.

Dr. Tennent passed away in August 1886. He was buried beside his love, Rafaela, at St. Catherine's Cemetery in Martinez.

The Tennent brothers had come to California as physician pioneers seeking opportunity. Dr. Archibald Tennent located in Sonoma, and Dr. John Tennent settled in Martinez.

The Tennent name was to become deeply immersed in this region's history. Today, Samuel and John Streets, Prune, Peach, Plum, and Pear streets, Rafaela Street, and Tennent Avenue are reminders of the Tennent family roots in early Pinole.



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*Downtown Pinole, pre-World War I: Antlers Tavern, then the Swenson & Lewis Saloon, is on the left in this photo looking north on Tennent Avenue at Main Street. The White House Saloon is on the northeast corner. This was the hub of the Four Corners business area downtown Pinole 100 years ago. The Pinole Historical Society thanks Geoff Torretta, who donated a large print of this photo to its archives.*

### 1986 Pinole City Council and officials

*STANDING (L-R): Anna McCarty, Joseph Mariotti, City Clerk Betty Grimes, Treasurer Margaret M. Berg. SEATED: Phil Green, John Goularte, Roy Swearingen. The Pinole Historical Society thanks Mayor Swearingen for this photo.*



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# PHS interviews on city of Pinole website

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Not a problem. The city's website now has a dedicated section devoted to PINOLE HISTORY on its "Videos Online" page.

You can view the numerous PHS programs right

on your computer. Go to [www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html](http://www.ci.pinole.ca.us/about/videos.html) and scroll down to PINOLE HISTORY. You'll find our interviews, Veterans Day programs, George Vincent's Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Pinole, and the very fine PCTV-produced, 12-part series based on the Historic Walking Tour brochure. It's great TV!

## VETERANS DAY EVENT FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**T**he Pinole Historical Society will sponsor the Fourth Annual Veterans Day Memorial and Flag Retirement Ceremony Friday, November 11, beginning at 11 a.m. in Fernandez Park.

If you would like to donate a worn flag for retirement by Boy Scout Troop 86, please bring your flag to the park on November 11. Or, mail your flag to the Pinole Historical Society, P.O. Box 285, Pinole, CA 94564. There is no fee to retire a flag.

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## WALKING TOUR SEPTEMBER 24

**P**inole Historical Society co-founder, director emeritus, and historian George Vincent (above, in hat) will conduct another walking tour of historic downtown Pinole Saturday, Sept. 24. We'll announce the time and itinerary soon.

If you would like to be on our e-mail list, please contact us at [info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org](mailto:info@PinoleHistoricalSociety.org).



**Check the Pinole Historical Society website for information on PHS activities and events – and, of course, the history of the sweetest city in the East Bay.**  
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## Rail Line from Richmond to Stockton depends on Pinole

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*These articles are featured weekly on Pinole Patch ([pinole.patch.com](http://pinole.patch.com)). We thank Pinole Patch Editor Rob Shea for preserving and promoting the history of Pinole.*

**T**his article recalls a milestone in construction of the railroad through Pinole. The July 8, 1899, story from the *San Francisco Call* newspaper discusses progress on a tunnel on the "Valley Road" and speculates whether liquor will be sold along the line, in keeping with Southern Pacific policy.

### Franklin tunnel on the Valley Road is nearing completion.

PINOLE, July 7 — Less than 300 feet of bench remains to be cut through to complete the Franklin tunnel, on the line of the Valley Road, between Stockton and Point Richmond. The headings were pierced through this morning,

leaving only the finishing work within the tunnel to be done.

The tunnel is 5700 feet in length.

Work is progressing splendidly all along the line. Eleven hundred feet in tunnel No. 2 has been put through, leaving only a little more to be worked out. The entire length of 1300 feet on tunnel No. 5 has been completed, and all that remains now to be done is to timber that portion of it that has not already got the sticks up. On tunnel No. 1 there is only 400 feet left and on No. 3 all there is to prevent its entire completion is lack of ready timber.

Since the Southern Pacific prohibited the sale of liquor on its roads there has been some speculation as to the action the Valley Road people would take on the same matter in respect to their own line. When seen yesterday they refused to discuss the sale of liquor on their road further than to say that as they were not liquor merchants they

would probably sell nothing in that line. This may be construed either as a subterfuge to avoid the question or as a left-handed way of stating that when the road is completed and in active operation it will be run in a strictly temperate man-

ner, and that when its employees, overcome by the heat of the interior, are consumed by a Sahara-like thirst, they will either slake it at the nearest water tank or bear their trouble with patience and fortitude.

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## **PHS SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING TO FEATURE PROGRAM ON RICHMOND'S ROSIE THE RIVETER/WORLD WAR II PARK**

**N**ational Park Ranger and Outreach Specialist Lucien Sonder will present a talk and slideshow about the historical significance of the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond at the Pinole Historical Society on Thursday, September 15.

The park preserves and interprets the stories and places of our nation's home front response to World War II.

The meeting will be held in the Alex Clark Community Room of the Pinole Public Safety Facility, 880 Tennent Avenue, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Ranger Sonder will review the major themes and landmarks of the park, including the SS Red Oak



Victory Ship, which was built in the Richmond Shipyards in 1944, the 1931 Ford Assembly Building, which was converted to assemble tanks and jeeps during World War II, the Rosie the Riveter Memorial, dedicated in 2000 as a monument to the women who worked on the home front, and the Maritime Child Development Center, which served the children of shipyard workers.

Ranger Sonder holds a master's degree in historic preservation from Columbia University. She is passionate about the power of the built environment to convey diverse social histories, particularly in urban areas.

For information on the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home

Front National Historical Park, visit [www.nps.gov/rori](http://www.nps.gov/rori).



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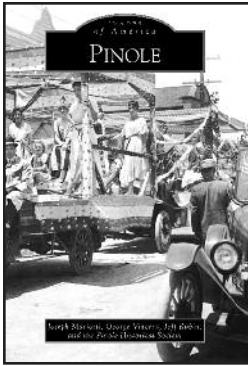
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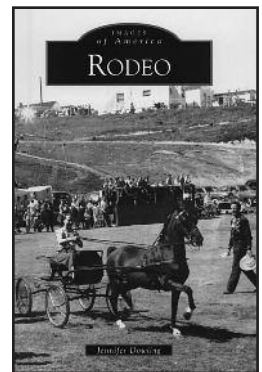
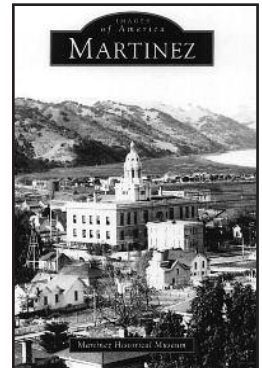
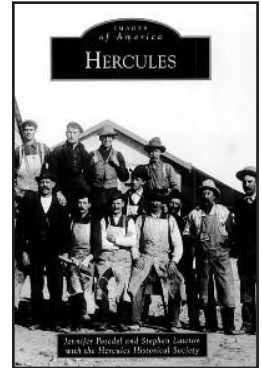
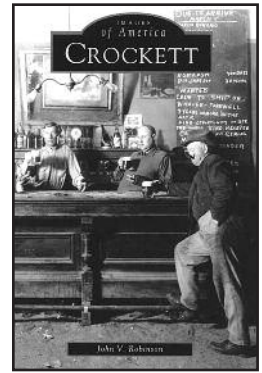
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