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This e-letter, which will arrive in your e-mailbox every few weeks, is designed to keep you posted on the many events and additions to the archives at the Santa Clarita Valley Historical Society.

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ST. FRANCIS DAM TOUR MARCH 11

The Society will host a lecture and bus trip THIS SUNDAY, March 11, to the site of the 1928 St. Francis Dam Disaster, led by "dam expert" Frank Rock. The lecture, at Heritage Junction Historic Park in Newhall, is free and starts at 1 p.m. The guided bus tour, following the lecture, is \$25. (Payment can be made by credit card, although not online.) To reserve your seat, call the Society right away at (661) 254-1275.

NEW PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOL-TO-CAREER, COC

The Society is off to an exciting start with the Santa Clarita Valley School-to-Career Partnership and College of the Canyons. As conceptualized, the Society will provide hands-on training and opportunities in history and research to local college students and college-bound high school students who are interested in careers in history, journalism, multimedia, the arts, the Internet and other disciplines. The students will work with us to carry out a wide variety of projects, from archiving our collections on- and off-line, to creating museum displays, to videotaping oral histories and more.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP JUST A MOUSE-CLICK AWAY

If you haven't yet done so, you can help the Society fulfill its goals by joining today. It's only \$20 for a full-year regular membership, \$12 for seniors. Click here:
<http://www.scvhs.org/memapp.htm>

FRIDAY NIGHT FLICKERS COMING MARCH 30

Santa Clarita's Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival is less than a month away, and the Society will again play its part. The Cowboy Motorcoach Tour to old-time movie locations is a sellout, but there are still seats available for Friday Night Flickers on March 30. The feature this year is the 1917 William S. Hart film, "The Narrow Trail," one of the hero's classic bad-guy-turns-good-because-of-a-girl pictures. Live musical accompaniment will be provided by the Leasebreakers, the world's greatest jug band. And this year there'll be an added bonus: The evening will include the first-ever showing of the only known motion-picture footage of the Baker Ranch Rodeo in Saugus (now known as Saugus Speedway). The \$25 admission includes a catered dinner. Make your reservation by calling the Society at (661) 254-1275 today.

RECENT HISTORICAL PHOTOS SOUGHT FOR SECOND BOOK

The Society is always seeking more historical photographs, but this month we have a specific need. The second volume in the series, "Santa Clarita Valley: A Pictorial History," is currently in the works, and its publishers are looking for more photos from the 1950s, '60s and '70s that show prominent SCV people and places. Like the first volume, which covered SCV history from 1876-1926, the second volume is being produced under the direction of Sierra Vista Junior High School teachers Phil Scorza and Frank Wright as a School-to-Career project involving

eightth-grade students. The second volume will cover 1926-76 and is scheduled for publication in the fall. If you haven't yet purchased your copy of Volume 1, click here:

<http://www.scvhistory.com/scvhistory/sierravistabook1.htm>

You needn't part with your original photographs for the second book. Copies will work. If you have images to contribute, please tell us at book2@scvhistory.net or call the Society at (661) 254-1275.

CLYDE SMYTH JOINS SOCIETY BOARD

Dr. H. Clyde Smyth, former Santa Clarita mayor and high school district superintendent, was elected unanimously by the SCV Historical Society board in February to fill the unexpired term of Steve Vandal, whose job is moving him out of state. Dr. Smyth, who spearheaded the successful efforts to finance construction of Valencia High School and La Mesa Junior High School, has offered his expertise to help the Society achieve one of its top goals for the year – to raise funds and assist with the selection of an executive director.

2001 HISTORICAL S.C.V. CALENDARS AVAILABLE

They're going fast, but we still have a few 2001 SCV Historical Society calendars in stock. This year's calendar features several never-before-published photos and can be ordered online here:

<http://www.scvhistory.com/scvhistory/01calendar.htm>

WHAT'S NEW AT SCVHISTORY.COM

Among the recent additions to the Society's online archives: Captain James T. Kirk battles the Gorn at Vasquez Rocks (1967); John Wayne's Great Western Mistake; Governor Henry Gage and the Red Rover Gold Mine; excavating under the Saugus Train Station. You can see all of these and more online by going to:

<http://www.scvhistory.com>

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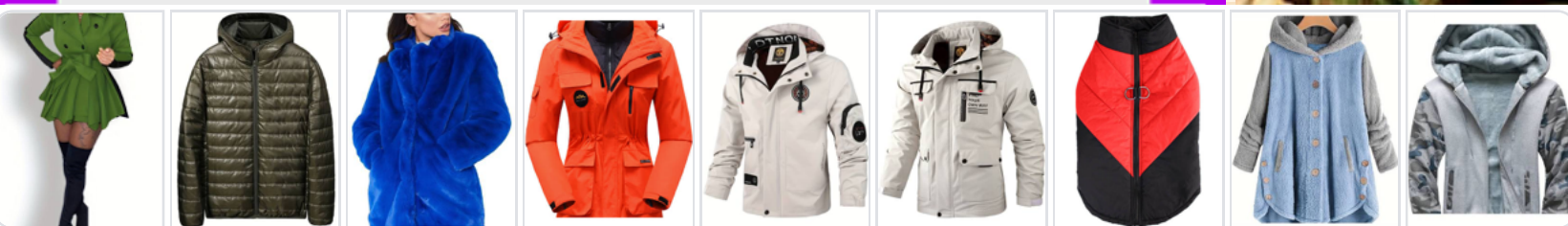
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