

The Reactor

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Where do you plan to take your vacation this year? I know some people are heading for Yosemite, some for the Redwood Empire, some for Tahoe. Many plan to go to Europe.

Sheila Hyman can help you if you think a cruise is the way to go. Some Pacificans undoubtedly will take advantage of the recent relaxation and head for Eastern Europe. SFO will be a busy place this summer.

If you are headed for LA or Mexico or Alaska, all well and good. If Hong Kong or Japan or Thailand is your speed, that's fine too.

On the other hand, let me suggest

a destination so modest you may have overlooked it: San Mateo County, California. Let's look at the advantages.

- It cuts down on transportation costs. You're already there.
- It's got an excellent climate, though it's been dryer than usual lately.
- You can make short trips, return home, then go again with little trouble.
- It has seashores, bay shores, mountains, fine hotels, excellent restaurants, and quaint out-of-the-way communities that beg for exploration. It has golf courses, swimming places,

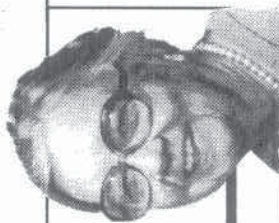
Redwoods, museums, and historical landmarks like Dr. Tripp's Woodside House and Francisco Sanchez's Adobe House.

Within the boundaries of San Mateo County there are excellent Redwood groves where you can camp, such as San Mateo County Memorial Park, and places where you can hike and picnic like Sam McDonald Park and Pescadero Creek County Park. You can also camp at Butano State Park and other state parks in the county.

You can investigate beaches from Daly City to Ano Nuevo. You can enjoy the civilized ambience of the restaurants at Rockaway Beach or Pillar Point Harbor, or go fishing with the party boats that make that harbor home. You can check out the public beaches at San Gregorio, Bean Hollow, Ano Nuevo, or a dozen other spots along the ocean front.

Space for Grace

Grace McCarthy



I do not know what Steve Dietz is going to say, but I certainly want to hear it! You can too if you are curious about the activity around our Sanchez Adobe.

You do not have to be a member of

building in 1962. He was in charge of the archaeological investigation which took place in the same site at the Adobe in 1978 and produced a very interesting report dated August 1979.

This agricultural outpost for the

While you're at Ano Nuevo you may see elephant seals molt, or you may hear the roar of a bull steller's sea lion. It's hard to realize that these awkward creatures are masters of the ocean's depths, able to dive thousands of feet for dinner, and repeat the feat many times over. Under water they're sleek, powerful, and streamlined.

Investigate San Mateo County history at the historical museum at College of San Mateo. It's operated by the county historical association. Don't overlook the opportunity to pick berries or kiwi fruit at Coast Ways Ranch near Ano Nuevo, or Phipps Ranch near Pescadero. While you're around there check out the villages of Pescadero and San Gregorio, which in many ways are survivals of another era.

Just over the line in Santa Clara County you'll find one of the world's great universities, the one Leland Stanford founded when he was insulted by an official of one of the great eastern universities. Can you imagine how that curt official felt when he learned too late of the princely gift that Stanford had in mind?

On the Stanford Campus you can visit art museums, the famous chapel and a world-renowned library.

For other places to visit not far from home, call the San Mateo Convention and Visitors Bureau or the chamber of commerce.

fourth grade teacher in Boulder Creek — good enough that he was named "Outstanding Student Teacher of the Year" by his alma mater, San Jose State, in 1988.

The June Issue of Historical Happenings, newsletter of the San Mateo County Historical Association, says that he will give an update on the work now going on, including a slide show.

One showcase at the Sanchez Adobe displays the meticulous methods of archaeology — a great many pictures, maps, and drawings, accom-