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CALIFORNIA, the shining promised land of the American Dream.

Free from the historical constraints of the East, isolated by the Great Western Desert, washed by the waves of the Pacific, California waits like an angel standing in a shaft of light.

Generations of seekers have been drawn here; not just as a destination, but as a hopeful fulfillment of their highest aspirations - Gold, Opportunity, Freedom of Expression, the Ultimate Wave, Spiritual Enlightenment, Fame.

Ranking as the world's seventh largest economy, California exists as a virtually sovereign nation. The American nexus of the Pacific Rim and a wellspring of innovative thinking, trends that originate here sweep the planet.

Molded by multiple cultural influences and peoples, from Latino, European, Russian, and Asian to Okie, Hippie, and Techie. California is a Mecca, a multi-layered repository of all the hopes and dreams of its devoted citizens. Inspired visions compete in this mad, dynamic, pulsing, living gallery. As one of my generation of seekers, I have been a delighted observer painting the California scene. Stepping back from this body of work I have observed a common thread.

Californians collect, build, restore, and display artifacts representative of their dreams. Other societies do the same, but their artifacts are integrated over years into the fabric of their respective cultures. In California, these items become icons that overlap, evolve, merge, or co-exist. Diverse entities such as Chinatown, Tall Ships, Victorian mansions, vintage planes, Hot Rods, and unspoiled nature are all woven into the tapestry of contemporary California life.

It is my pleasure to celebrate this rich, simmering stew....

DREAMING CALIFORNIA!