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Dear Clients and Friends:

You remember the Hollywood Stars, of course. We're talking baseball. Previously known as the Sacramento Solons, the San Francisco Missions and the Salt Lake City Bees, they had already done a lot of moving before relocating to Southern California in 1926. The name said "Hollywood," but they played their home games in Los Angeles at Wrigley Field. Unfortunately for them, the Pacific Coast League already had one team using Wrigley as their home park, the popular Los Angeles Angels.

The Hollywood Stars just couldn't compete in that venue, so they moved south after the 1935 season, becoming the San Diego Padres.

A stadium was built at the end of West Broadway, near the waterfront. Lane Field had no roof, no lights and no backstop. There was room in the bleachers for 8,000 fans, but attendance wasn't great until a roof was built over the main seating area and people started to notice the hitting of a young rookie, Ted Williams. The Padres won the PCL pennant in 1936, and again in 1954.

Lane Field was finally abandoned after the 1957 PCL season, with the team moving to Westgate Park in Mission Valley. The site of Lane Field is now Cruise Ship Parking, a parking lot between Pacific Highway and Harbor Drive. You can find a plaque at the corner of Broadway and Pacific Highway, commemorating the old ballpark.

Petco Park is the home of the 2012 Padres. It has a backstop, and sometimes even a chicken. If you're interested in exciting National League action and Cracker Jacks, you'll find plenty of home games in the enclosed schedule.

Regards,



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