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Eye on Santa Ana

Our Community Newsletter

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We're One Year Old!

Welcome to the 1st
Birthday edition of Eye on
Santa Ana.

If you haven't seen us
before, we're a community
newsletter dedicated to pro-
moting and publicizing all of
the positive efforts that are
leading to a better Santa Ana.

This is a publication put
together by volunteers who
want every resident, neighbor-
hood, business, and city
employee to know that
they're not alone in working
for a new and improved city.
And it's a publication to let
every resident feel a bit
prouder about living in such
a dynamic and diverse and
energetic city called.....

.....Santa Ana.



43 of America's newest citizens pose with nervous but proud smiles after being sworn in at a special ceremony at the Old Orange County Courthouse.

This ceremony marked the first time in 17 years that Orange County hosted the event. See story on page 6 for full details.

Partners in Progress...School/Business Partnership

At one school, twin boy's and girl's bicycles perch temptingly atop sturdy bookcases in the library encouraging students toward perfect attendance.

At another school, a limousine ride and lunch reward good citizenship; and at yet another, a week of seminars prepares high schoolers for their first job interviews.

All of these activities and more are part of Santa Ana Unified School District's School/Business Partnership Program which will be celebrated Oct 15-19 during Partnership Week in Santa Ana.

Initiated in Santa Ana in 1984, the partnership program links businesses and schools in ongoing relationships that help expose students to the world of work and that reinforce school goals such as attendance and academic achievement. Thirty-nine SAUSD schools are now involved in 90 individual partnerships in addition to three all-district partnerships.

"There are as many kinds of partnerships as there are businesses and schools involved," said

SAUSD superintendent Rudy Castruita.

"We don't prescribe the format or specifics of the partnership. They vary due to the resources and needs in each pairing. We do, however, expect the partnerships to have a plan--to know what their goals are and to know how they're going to achieve them."

"The first thing we do with a prospective partner is sit down to talk through the potential of the relationship," said Jack Oakes, assistant principal at Saddleback High School. "It's our responsibility at the school to have an individual designated as the partnership coordinator, and we ask that the business appoint someone at their organization to have similar planning and liaison responsibilities. Together, we map out what we'd like to accomplish in the year and what activities would support those expectations. When we reach agreements, we have a direction to follow."

Job shadowing, facility tours, in-class speakers, tutoring and

mentoring are all activities that work well in partnerships. Some partners are also assisting their schools in the collection of emergency preparedness provisions.

Improving school attendance has several benefits that the partnership between Washington Elementary and W.R. Grace wanted to address. Students who come to school regularly learn more and develop the habit of good attendance which may ultimately increase graduation rates. Good attendance is also an important aspect of learning to be a good employee.

To improve Washington's attendance, Grace donated two bicycles to be raffled at year's end to students with perfect attendance.

"I've seen this program work at Washington," said principal Nadine Rodriguez. "Our attendance rate has increased, and I know it's because of this incentive. At the end of each quarter, we have 200-210 pupils with perfect attendance. The habits and knowledge students acquire at an early age

can affect them for the rest of their lives. We're very grateful to W.R. Grace."

The Santa Ana program insists that schools be treated as equal partners in the arrangement and that they give as well as receive. An elementary school choir decorated the Christmas tree of its partner with hand-made ornaments and serenaded employees and customers. High school performing groups provide entertainment for corporate events.

"We want businesses to gain as well as our schools," said Castruita. "Partner companies range from McDonald's, Main-Place/Santa Ana, Bowers Museum, Embassy Suites and Southern California Gas to Sherman Gardens, Miniondas Newspaper and Rancho Santiago College. The diversity is amazing and there is a place for each of the organizations.

We hope they believe that their employees and business are enhanced by the experience. Good partnerships can make us all winners."

VIEWPOINT

Guy Ball

The Santa Ana Renaissance

One year ago, many of you held the fledgling first issue of this bold experiment. Eye on Santa Ana newsletter was conceived at a roundtable of neighborhood leaders who realized the need for communications about all of the good and positive activities in our city.

We saw the need to promote and give credit to the individuals, neighborhoods, civic organizations, businesses and local government agencies who are helping to forge a new and better Santa Ana.

In that first issue, we spoke of being at a key point in the life of our city. We saw the negative aspects of the city, but in order to make an even better city, we focused on the positive.

We saw (and still do see) the promise of Santa Ana.

In the last year, we grew from 10 active neighborhood organizations to over 22 today. That's 22 neighborhoods where the residents declared "We care about where we live!"

We have a school district that continues to excel with vitality, new ideas, and dedicated educators who want a better future for their students.

Santa Ana has a business community that cares enough to help out with school partnership programs, charitable donations, and employment for our youth.

We have a city government workforce that sincerely cares about our city and is working to make it a better place.

And today, it seems like the average resident walks with their head up a little straighter and a little more pride in their hearts.

So a year later, the founders of this little newsletter are more fired up than ever before.

Thanks Santa Ana, for strengthening our resolve.

Thank You

There are many who have helped make Eye on Santa Ana what it is today. We'd like to take this chance to show our appreciation.

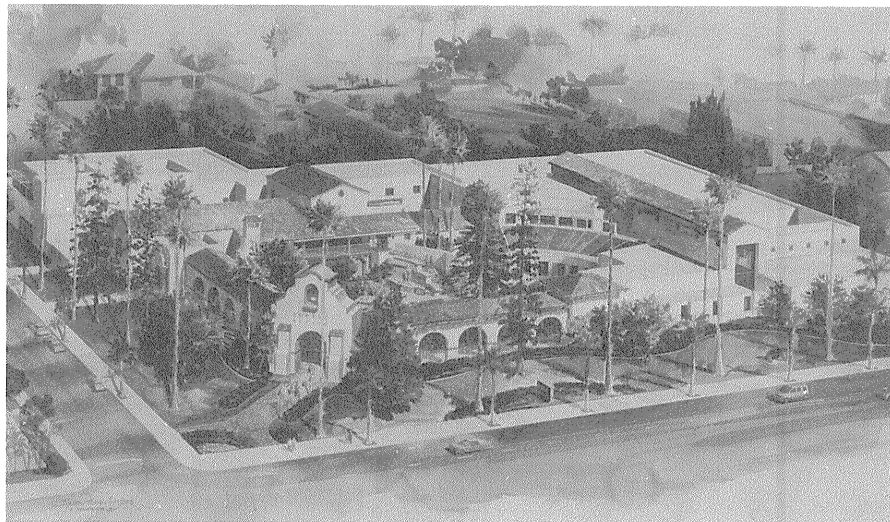
The members of the Neighborhood Communications Linkage Committee played the major role in shaping this publication. They have continued to offer constructive criticism, information, and ideas for the future.

This publication would not have been possible without the nurturing spirit of our city's Neighborhood Improvement Department. We wouldn't be here today except for the support of their whole team. In addition, special thanks go to our Neighborhood Improvement liaison for the first year, Linda Foster who has done such a great job and old-friend Darl Incledon, who now has that role.

A special thanks to the team at Smith Lithographics who have continually dealt with our amateur artwork and always produced a professional product.

A very special thanks to all of the people who have written for us, who have sent us press materials, or who have given us leads on stories to cover. We couldn't have grown without you.

To our readers, we also say thank you. We wouldn't be one year old today without you. And we hope you take pride in this joint venture. It's just as much yours as anyone's.



New Museum Complex -- Artist's illustration of the Bowers Museum project as you'll see it in mid-1992. 50,000 sq ft of new construction will join the rehabilitation of the older, 1932 building and result in nearly 60,000 sq ft of museum space. The complex is expected to be the cornerstone of a Museum District area with offices, restaurants, and shops.

Catherine's City

Is Interest in the Arts Growing in Santa Ana?

by Catherine C. Cate

"Beyond this portal lies a dimension of timeless places, exotic people, wondrous ideas...All unlocked by the key of Imagination."

"Yes! That's it. That's live theater," I thought, as I broke the brochure seal that cautioned: "For adventurers only." And as I read, it all came back to me...the magic...the mystery...the magnetism that compelled five brave people to start their own Alternative Repertory Theatre (A.R.T.) company four years ago.

In Santa Ana.

And gave them the determination to survive. Lucky Santa Ana.

If we had known then what we know now, we probably wouldn't have done it," says A.R.T. producer Kathleen Bryson.

But I doubt it. Because from the time I created the "firecracker" for our town's "little theatre" production of "Mister Roberts" in grade school through "Babes in Toyland" and Saroyan's "The Cave Dwellers" in college, I learned firsthand that those involved in theatrical arts will make any sacrifice to put on a show.

Sleep, grades, jobs...and, of course, family approval.

So it doesn't surprise me that Bryson and her husband, fellow A.R.T. company member David Palmer, Artistic Director Patricia Terry, and Gary Christensen and Amy Larson have worked two...three...even four jobs simultaneously just to make ends meet so that the show could go on.

But their pluck is paying off. This year A.R.T. received a \$5,000 Community Development block grant from our City, and on September 21 A.R.T. opens its fourth season with "The Three Cuckolds," to be followed by Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory" in December, "The Lion in Winter" in January and concluding with "The Skin of our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder in April.

All in their own facility at 1636 S Grand right here in Santa Ana.

So don't say, "There's nothing to do in Santa Ana" till you've checked out the A.R.T. scene.

"A great adventure awaits you...Your seat is waiting...the journey is about to continue...You're ready to step into...The Fourth Season."

And...there's more...yes, right here in Santa Ana.

When was the last time you attended a performance by the Orange County Black Actors' Theater? Laughed at a "Way Off Broadway" production? Or marvelled at the graceful accomplishments of the St Joseph Ballet?

What? You've never even heard of the "Way Off Broadway" players or the Black Actors' Theater? Well, neither had I, before spending most of one Sunday with Don Cribb, president of Santa Ana's Council of Arts and Culture! In fact, I didn't even know such a Council existed, or why many people believe that promoting the arts in Santa Ana is so important.

"An active arts community adds vitality and glamour to an urban lifestyle," says Cribb, who is also working hard to develop an "artist's colony" in the downtown area for painters, potters, sculptors, and other artisans.

"And a city that has a strong reputation for supporting the arts is perceived as being a more desirable city in which to live."

"But the arts not only improves a city's reputation and the quality of life for its residents," he explained, "it also benefits the city economically. Historically, for example, every dollar in theater tickets generates at least twice that amount in revenues for surrounding businesses because people who go to a play often browse in adjacent stores, or stop for something to eat and drink at a nearby restaurant."

"So plays, concerts, art exhibits, and sporting events are also excellent potential sources of revenue for surrounding businesses."

Living as we do in a "downtown" neighborhood, Don's enthusiastic explanation offered some exciting new possibilities to ponder as we look forward to our first A.R.T. season and, with any luck, to some other exciting opportunities as well.

Eye on Santa Ana

Our Community Newsletter

Eye on Santa Ana is a quarterly production of the residents of the City of Santa Ana through the Neighborhood Communications Linkage Committee in cooperation with the City's Neighborhood Improvement Office. Publication months are January, April, July, and October.

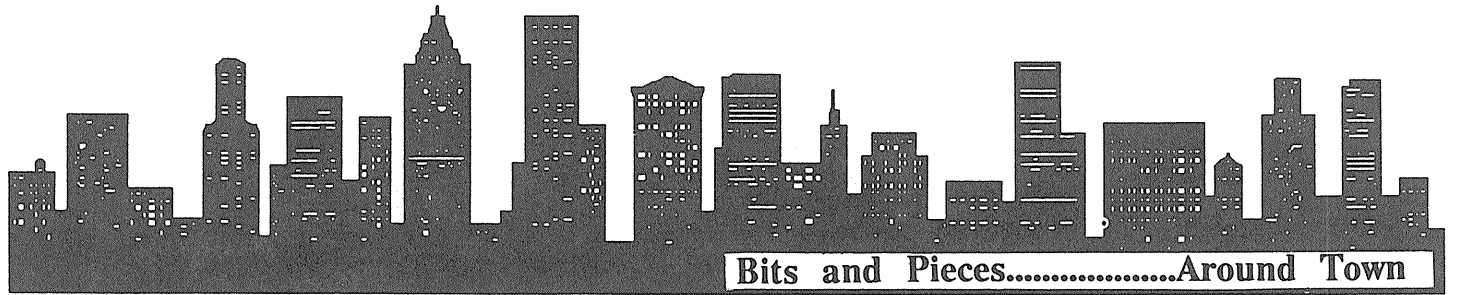
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A Family Affair

Bristol's Restaurant at 1319 North Main has been a fixture in Santa Ana since 1981. Owned and operated by the Bristol family (Jeff, Susan, Bobby, and Tomoko), the coffee shop and restaurant served very tasty dining fare for very moderate prices.

Well, times have changed and the Bristol family is moving on towards other pursuits. They've sold the restaurant to Karl and Eblin Grethe who will keep the name and the same basic coffee shop format.

Karl will also bring along his expertise as a chef who has worked for many of the major hotel outfits including stints in Chicago, Dallas, and Australia.

At a recent open house (open restaurant?), the Bristol's as well as the Grethe's met with regular customers who had supported the coffee shop all these years. It was an emotional farewell for the Bristol's as well as a warm welcome for the new owners.

Christmas in October?

Yes, it's time to start thinking about Christmas trees. At least for some people.

Premium Douglas trees can be ordered after October 15 from First Christian Church, 17th and College. The 4 to more than 7 foot trees range in price from \$18 to \$30. The trees will be available for pick-up on December 13.

The donations are tax deductible and go to help fund the youth program at the church. A small number of extra trees will be available for purchase after December 16th. For more info, call 547-4173.

Successful Run

The Santa Ana YMCA New Horizons 5K/12K Race held recently was a rousing success. Over 162 runners from around the southland came to Centennial Park in near perfect weather.

The winner of the 12K portion was Jesus Mendez of Santa Ana taking 45 minutes, 45 seconds. He came in less than 80 seconds before 2nd place winner John Clanant. Jim Perez of Los Angeles beat out his other 5K opponents with a time of 16 minutes, 56 seconds.

The event was held to raise funds for YMCA's New Horizons which provides social and recreational programs for adults and children with developmental special needs. For more information on New Horizons, call 547-4121.

Are you a Bilingual Mother?

UPBEAT, an adolescent family life program is looking for bilingual (Spanish-English) mothers to volunteer as mentors for pregnant teenagers.

After evening training, the volunteers will visit the teenager once a month to provide support, friendship, and to encourage prenatal care.

It's a little work that will go a long way towards a healthy child. If you're interested, call Nancy Berg, Volunteer Services Coordinator for the County's Health Agency, at 568-4422.

Helping a Child

If you want to help improve the life of a child, you might want to consider giving some time to Project Together.

The County of Orange's Health Care Agency organized Project Together to link an appropriate volunteer with a child or teen who is experiencing emotional and/or family problems.

These children lack the self-esteem, confidence, and social skills necessary for successful adjustment in society. They are currently receiving treatment in one of the county's clinics and need a trusted friend and stable adult role model to help build these skills.

Project Together asks for a minimum commitment to see the child on a regular weekly basis for 6 months. Volunteers are matched with a child according to mutual interests. Training sessions and on-going staff supervision help the volunteer with their new friend. A variety of passes and gift certificates for events and food help defray the costs involved.

Project Together always needs both men and women volunteers. At this time, men (including bi-lingual) are especially needed due to a presently heavy caseload of male children.

If you think you'd like to spend some extra time changing a child's life for the better, contact Marty Atherton of Project Together at 568-4378.

Sign Rescued, All is Well

No sooner did we report on the Mark and Brian Expressway in the last issue, but some spoil sport stole the street sign from its location at the Village Meadows apartment complex.

Well, the intrepid Santa Ana Police Department launched an all-out search for the pole and sign. With their keen bloodhound-like senses and intuitive police minds, they recovered both at the home of a bad guy.

The apartment manager promises to sink the pole in 4 feet of concrete so this hideous deed does not happen again.

Getting Out the Vote

Seeing the poor turn-out of Latino citizens at the voting booth, the Orange County Voter Education Fund is attempting to increase the participation of Hispanics in the political process.

The non-partisan project is focusing on cities such as Santa Ana where there is a large number of Latino citizens who may not be voters.

James Vega, executive director, and his team have been working hard to register legal voters for the upcoming election. The next step, he noted, will be to get them to the polls in November.

If you'd like to help them, contact James at 571-0145

Philharmonic Design House

A three-story 1927 Georgian estate complete with spiral staircase and adjacent carriage house has been selected for the first Philharmonic House of Design, a joint effort by the Women's Committees of the Orange County Philharmonic Society and the American Society of Interior Designers/Orange County.

The stately 6,000 square foot home, located on the wide, tree-lined Victoria Drive, will be transformed by 23 designers into a holiday showplace complete with Christmas tree and wreaths.

The Design House will be open to the public from November 17 through December 9.

The Orange County Philharmonic Society is the county's oldest music organization. They present world renown symphony and chamber orchestras with leading musical artists.

In addition, the Philharmonic Society offers music education outreach programs free of charge to over 300,000 school children annually. The Design House will help raise money for these and other programs.

Tickets to the 1990 Philharmonic House of Design are \$12 in advance, \$15 after November 10. For reservations call 553-2431. For further information, call Benjamin Epstein, 760-1522

Comcast Gets an ACE

Comcast Cablevision of Santa Ana recently received the nation's highest award for locally produced programming, the National Academy of Cable Programming's ACE Award.

The ACE was given for Comcast's programming commitment to the City of Santa Ana through the "Santa Ana Now" and "Santa Ana Sports and Activities Scene" shows as well as the recently established KBUENAVision, a Spanish language programming channel.

Congratulations to Mike Ewing, Mike Conley, Shane Sabicer, Neil Evans, Maria Rubalcava, and all of the other team members who beat out 1000 other entries to be the best.

Both "Santa Ana Now" and "Scene" are shown several times a week at different times. Check channel 3 for listings (if you have cable, that is).

Santa Ana VW Kudos

Commonwealth Volkswagen of Santa Ana has been made a member of Volkswagen's prestigious "Wolfsburg Crest Club" an honor bestowed on only 25 top VW dealers in the US.

The Santa Ana Mall dealership won the designation based on its sales volume of new cars.

Congratulations to Adolf Ohmann, the owner of Commonwealth VW, and your excellent team, for a job well done.

Lassie Comes Home

"Lassie" celebrates 35 years on TV this year. This year's Rancho Santiago College's "Tribute to a Television Classic" will feature the heart-warming family adventure series starring the famous collie.

In addition to Lassie, the cast members of "The New Lassie" series including June Lockhart and Jon Provost will be on hand. The collie is the seventh generation descendant of the original Lassie.

The event will be held on Sun, Oct 28 at 7 pm in Phillips Hall on the RSC campus at 17th at Bristol. This tribute serves as a fundraiser for the RSC Telecommunications Department scholarship and production fund. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for children and senior citizens.

Previous RSC tributes have honored such shows as "Candid Camera," "Leave It to Beaver," and "Rocky and Bullwinkle."

Call 667-3177 or 667-3163 for further information.

Goodbye Old Friend

In October of 1924, Dr. Ralph Smedley's newly organized Toastmaster's Club held their first meeting in the basement of the Santa Ana YMCA.

What he considered such a simple idea, has benefited over three million men and women. From that one club with 24 members, Toastmaster's International grew to 6,900 clubs with 150,000 members.

The world headquarters grew from a small office to four rented rooms to its own 27,000 sq ft building. And they still stayed in their hometown of Santa Ana.

Well, times have changed and it was time for the international organization to grow again.

Unfortunately, this time, they decided to move further south to new quarters in Rancho Santa Margarita.

It sure was fun to meet other Toastmasters around the country and have them recognize our home town as TI's home town.

We wish you well in your new location, but after 66 years, we'll miss you.

(By the way, Smedley Club #1 is alive and well and meeting at the IHOP on 17th St each Wednesday evening at 6:30. Call club president Richard Moser at 541-6801 for info)

Mailing List Anyone?

If you would like to make sure you receive Eye on Santa Ana by being on our mailing list, drop us a card at:

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Also, use this address to send us information on what your club, organization or neighborhood is doing. If it arrives by Dec 5th, we'll do our best to include it in the next issue.

Bristol Manor

Memorial Park is an important part of this neighborhood so it was heartening to hear good news at the August general meeting. Ron Ono of the City's Recreation Department talked about the park's future including a planned recreation center.

This new center would bring an indoor gymnasium, meeting center, and an outdoor basketball court. The facility is part of the City's 5-year plan.

Residents would also like to see a senior center built. They are looking for help from neighboring associations in forming a Memorial Park Advisory Board to try to make a senior center a reality.

Contact Donna Schultze at 549-6887 if you're interested.

A neighborhood pot-luck will be held at Memorial Park on Sun, Oct 14 from 12-4 pm. Organizers hope to have police and fire equipment on display in addition to having a fun time.

Heninger Park

Parts of the neighborhood have been getting a face-lift lately. Birch St has seen major reconstruction with concrete resurfacing of the street, new curbs and gutters.

In addition, several homeowners have taken to make major rehabilitations to their properties.

One such house on 602 S Broadway looks almost as good as when it was newly built with new siding, windows, paint, sidewalks, and landscaping. And it was all done with attention to the historic nature of the house. Another home on the corner of Sycamore and Chestnut has been spruced up and finished with a pretty peach and white painting.

Turn out at the general meetings have been excellent. The next meeting is scheduled for Tues, Oct 9 at 7 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 906 S Broadway.

Jack Fisher Park

Residents have been meeting to discuss concerns and issues affecting their neighborhood.

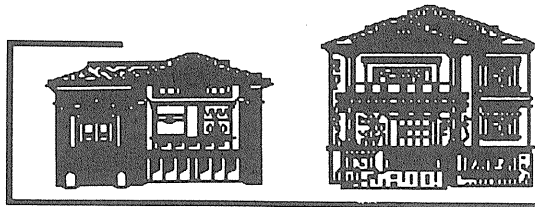
In August, Mayor Dan Young spoke at a general membership meeting and discussed future improvements for the park and for the neighborhood.

In September, George Keeler from the Washington Square Neighborhood spoke to residents about permit parking. Residents are also being surveyed on their interest in a lighting assessment district for the neighborhood.

Their next meeting is Wed, Oct 17 at 7 pm at the park.

Jack Fisher Park was named for World War One hero Jack Fisher. Born and raised in Santa Ana, he fought valiantly overseas and was awarded numerous military honors from several countries, including France's highest military decoration, the Medaille Militaire.

After he returned, he worked as an artist and cartoonist at the Santa Ana Register. Eye on Santa Ana would like to locate copies of some of his artwork for a future, in-depth story on Jack Fisher. If you can help us, write to us at PO Box 2422, Santa Ana, 92707.



In Our Neighborhoods

Sunwood Central

A recent general meeting in August was well attended. The subject was on gangs--how to identify members and what can be done about them.

Mike Fleager from the Juvenile Division of the Orange County Probation Department spoke to a keenly interested audience. The dress and mannerisms of gang members was discussed in addition to the efforts by the probation and police departments to work with grade school children.

The efforts of the neighborhood's graffiti removal committee were applauded. As soon as graffiti rears its ugly head, residents paint over it. A marked decline in new graffiti in the area is being noted.

The neighborhood would like to remind Santa Ana residents to write or send cards to anyone you know who is serving in the Armed Forces in Saudi Arabia to let them know you care.

Sandpointe

The City Council approved the Sandpointe Neighborhood Improvement Plan at a recent meeting. The plan is a comprehensive review of the neighborhood regarding issues such as traffic, park maintenance, public works, communications, and public safety.

The residents feel that with the plan, the City's attention is now focused on what is needed in the neighborhood and the specific actions necessary for improvement. Bulletin boards to aid in overall neighborhood communication are presently being set-up in public areas.

The neighborhood is considering launching a census of their own. This demographic study will show the make-up of residents and their interests. The information would be used to plan future projects more relevant to the residents.

Northwest

At their monthly general meetings, the neighborhood has been having their concerns for the future of Santa Ana heard by each of the current City Council up for re-election, including Mayor Dan Young.

One area of concern are the homes left vacant by Caltrans as a result of the 5-Fwy widening project. Those nine homes on Fallbrook will be replaced by a greenbelt and sound wall by the City per the repeated requests of the association.

The neighborhood meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Rancho Santiago College's Phillips Hall at 7 pm.

Their Oct 9th meeting will feature Councilman Miguel Pulido. Their November meeting will be held on Nov 13 due to election day the week before.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Wilshire Square

Residents successfully held their first block party recently. After closing off a block of Birch St, they lined the street with tables and chairs and game areas.

The hamburgers and soda were provided to all comers free, but everyone was asked to bring a side dish.

Games like egg toss, balloon toss, cake walk, and ice cream eating provided fun for children and adults.

Organizers had to increase the categories to their "hairiest leg" contest due to so many qualified contestants.

Rob Hanna won the "hairiest legs," Jack Noble won the "most non-Californian (whitest) legs," Ron Mazellan won the "sexiest legs," and Simon King won the "boniest knees."

At press time, results of Wilshire Square's battle to win the AIA Sand Castle Contest held in Corona del Mar were not known, but a valiant effort by a team of intrepid "big kids" probably did real well.

The neighborhood recently organized a code enforcement team to interface with the City on problems within their area.

Indian Village

One of our newest organized neighborhoods, Indian Village recently changed their name from Fairview/Willits to identify more closely with local streets (Arapaho, Shawnee, Mohawk, etc).

Currently they are collecting petitions from residents to try to set up a parking permit system to resolve problems with overflow parking from nearby apartments.

The next meeting will be Tues, Oct 16 at the Corbin Center. A guest speaker from the police department will speak on neighborhood concerns.

French Park

The members of the Historic French Park Association have held several meetings to discuss zoning issues in the neighborhood and to review their new design guidelines manual.

This manual will be printed and be available to aid property owners who are planning the restoration of existing houses or new construction in the designated historic district.

In addition to explaining the purpose of the manual, French Park also shares its philosophy for improving their historic neighborhood.

Nineteen people were elected to the 1990-91 Executive Board at their annual meeting in September. Michael Brajdic will serve as president, Jeff Biscotti as first vice-president, Diann Marsh as second vice-president, Rolinda Biscotti as corresponding secretary, Janice Gothold as recording secretary, and Viola Small as treasurer.

City Council candidates are being invited to a "Candidates' Night" on Oct 24 at 7 pm to be held at Bartlett Center, 600 E Washington St. All residents of Santa Ana are welcome to attend.

Because of the success of last spring's garage sale, the neighborhood is planning another for early November. To donate merchandise or just to get information, call Michael at 542-5560.

Other upcoming neighborhood plans include a Christmas party to be held at the historic Keech-Klatt House in mid-December.

Laurelhurst

A recent steering committee meeting brought Officer Phil Archer of the SAPD out to speak about a few of the neighborhood's concerns. At the same meeting, residents discussed options on improving their block walls and bordering drainage ditch.

Recognition of special efforts to help the neighborhood by residents was also on the meeting's agenda. Three local youths were thanked for volunteering to help sweep sidewalks on Raitt and Warner. A resident who takes care of any graffiti in the neighborhood was also thanked.

Washington Square

Plans for this year's Christmas decorating contest and caroling are underway. This popular annual event will be held on the evening of Wed, Dec 12. Winners of the contest will have lawn signs honoring their efforts.

Almost 400 people attended this year's Summer Party held in August. Food for the day consisted of cotton candy, snow cones, nachos, and hot dogs. While children got their faces painted courtesy of Tina Valencia, everyone was entertained by a musical band.

The Santa Ana Police and Fire Departments provided Barney, the talking police car, and a big red fire engine, along with displays.

Home improvement professionals also had booths to show off their talents.

The next general neighborhood meeting will be Thurs, Oct 4 at the Wilson School at 7 pm. Guest speakers will include Clint Jones speaking for the City on trees and trimming, and Rob Richardson and Glen Mondo, candidates for Council, talking about City issues.

Artesia Pilar

In a joint effort, residents, Neighborhood Housing Services, and volunteers from five insurance companies will hold a paint party for the benefit of the neighborhood. Five owner occupied homes will be painted and landscaped.

The insurance companies, State Farm, Allstate, Safeco, Continental, and Farmers also donated close to \$10,000 towards paint, plants, and equipment.

South Coast

The neighborhood is just about ready to paint their block wall along Flower and MacArthur. Volunteers will give this 1 mile stretch it's first uniform painting in years. The paint is ready, but organizers are waiting for the City approval of a temporary closing of a lane of traffic so the painting can get underway. They fear passing cars would be sprayed.

South Coast recently won an award from Santa Ana's Keep America Beautiful for "outstanding contribution in maintaining the beauty of our community."

Saddlback View

At a meeting recently, representatives from Caltrans and from the City came to speak on the 5 Fwy improvements.

They discussed changes to be expected with the local roads and freeways as well as the immediate impacts on 1st and 4th Sts.

The next general meeting is scheduled for October 18.

Parents Against a Gang Environment

PAGE continues to work to reduce Santa Ana's great "social disease"--gangs and youth involvement in those gangs. The organization has been working with others on joint gang diversion projects.

In one such instance, the Everett Foundation has continued to provide tickets to Angels' home games to provide an alternative to less positive youth activities.

In December, PAGE hopes to lead the effort in an attempt to hold a unilateral cease-fire of gang violence during the holidays.

PAGE, the Roman Catholic Church, Tempo Calvaro, Salvation Army, and others will hold an anti-gang rally in March to get the message out to youths and their parents that there are alternatives.

For further information or to lend your support, call Mike Salgado at 547-4372.

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

SAMSON will be sponsoring a city council candidates forum on Thurs, Oct 18 at 7 pm at the Sepulveda Elementary School library, 1818 S Bristol. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee

This organization of residents was formed to increase the communications between the various neighborhood organizations in Santa Ana.

They meet and discuss different topics each month. Often a guest speaker briefs the group on current issues of interest.

At the September meeting, Mayor Dan Young spoke about future projects affecting neighborhoods. The October agenda is on the issue of shopping carts.

If you'd like further information on the Committee, call Darl Incedon with Neighborhood Improvement at 667-2260.

Heritage Committee

The Heritage Committee was formed to address the issues of saving historic buildings and neighborhoods in Santa Ana. A subcommittee of the Santa Ana Council for Arts and Culture, they first met in late September.

The City of Santa Ana has hired a team of consultants to review all of the pre-1940 buildings in Santa Ana and decide which ones are significant. The Heritage Committee was formed to request that Santa Ana residents have a say in which are architecturally and historically significant.

The City is considering appointing a Historic Preservation Advisory Board to review the work of the consultants and assist them in their final determinations. The results will have a significant impact on our historic neighborhoods.

If you are interested in serving on the Heritage Committee, please contact Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

Community Oriented Policing

COP will be holding their citywide general meeting on Wed, Oct 17 at 7 pm at the council chambers in the City Hall building. The main topic to be discussed will be gangs. All city residents are invited to attend.

COP celebrates their 15th year as the eyes and ears of the police department. If you'd like to get information on joining or on organizing with your fellow neighbors, call 541-8971.



Santora Building Reopens

The Santora Building, located at Broadway and Second Streets in the Downtown Santa Ana Historic District, is one of the most beautiful historic commercial buildings in all of Orange County.

This rare and impressive example of Chirriqueresque architecture was built in 1929.

The Orange County Historical Society, the City of Santa Ana, and the Santora Partnership recently hosted the grand reopening of the restored building. Rob Richardson, Executive Aide to Supervisor Roger Stanton, presented the owners and the OCHS with commendations. Councilman Ron May, representing the City, presented a proclamation from the City Council.

Guest of honor was Irene Daniger, well-known owner of Daniger's Tea Room, which was located on the second floor of the building from 1934 to 1944. It was considered Orange County's most popular restaurant during that period. Movie stars came from Hollywood to visit the restaurant including Lucille Ball, Gracie Allen, George Burns, Virginia O'Brien, Andy Devine, Jack Benny, Barbara Stanwyck, and Alan Ladd, to name just a few.

Servicemen from the four local bases considered Daniger's their home away from home. Irene did much to help them ease the loneliness and even helped the young soldiers write letters to their families.

The recently-restored building contains commercial space on the first floor and professional office suites on the second. The spacious second floor lobby features stained glass skylights, ornate Spanish-style columns and capitals, elaborate wrought iron, hardwood floors, and an original chandelier.

A great future is undoubtedly in store for this beautiful piece of architecture--the Santora Building.

-- Diann Marsh

Happy 75th Birthday Rancho Santiago College!

Rancho's 75th Year of Serving Santa Ana

This year, Rancho Santiago College celebrates 75 years of providing quality community college education to the residents of Santa Ana and the rest of Orange County.

Founded in 1915 as an upward branch of Santa Ana High School under the name of Santa Ana Junior College, the college has since expanded by leaps and bounds. In 1971, the Rancho

Santiago Community College District was formed to include the communities of Santa Ana, Orange, Garden Grove, Villa Park, and Anaheim Hills.

Last year the college served over 37,000 students in regular classes and another 15,000 in Continuing Education classes. The college plays a major role in the higher education of Santa Ana students, particularly those who might not have otherwise gone to college, through an alliance with the Santa Ana Unified School District and the Santa Ana 2000 Program.

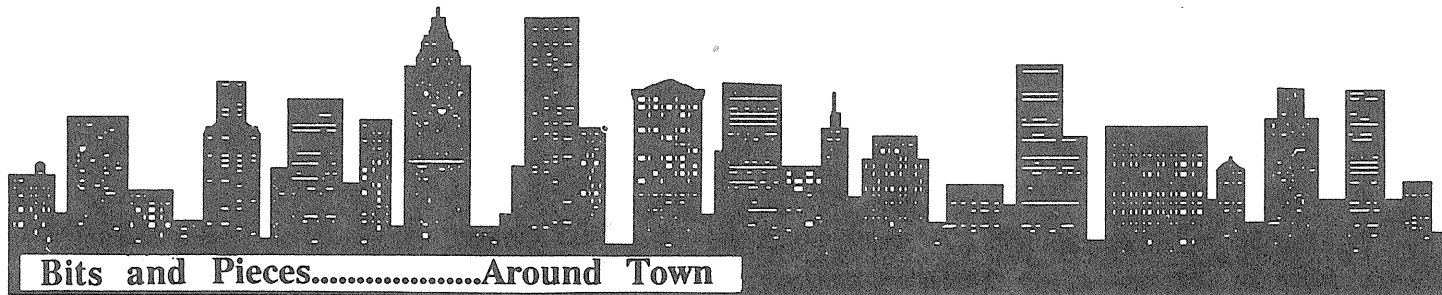
There are numerous events being held this school year to celebrate the anniversary. The first was a kick-off flag raising ceremony held at RSC's Santa Ana campus.

91-year old Martha Ehlen, graduate of the college's 1919 class, attended the event and received a 75th anniversary flag from Vern Evans, president of the RSC Board of Trustees.

An alumni association for the college is now being formed. If you're a past student, call the RSC Foundation at 667-3198 for information. For information on any of the other 75th anniversary events, call 772-2329.



Summertime is Partytime -- Residents of Sandpointe (lower left) and Washington Square (lower right) enjoyed themselves at neighborhood parties held this summer. Besides being fun, the festive events allowed residents to meet a great bunch of people--their neighbors.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Waste Not, Want Not

The people at the Orange County Integrated Waste Management Department have been hard at work trying to increase our recycling and reducing our dumping of hazardous waste. A new "Guide to Recycling Centers in Orange County" is available for the price of a phone call (834-2000).

The 20-page booklet (printed on recycled paper of course) lists centers by city with notes on what they accept.

In November, Orange County will have a second hazardous waste collection drop-off site. Besides the present facility at 2761 E White Star in Anaheim, a new location at 17121 Nichols St in Huntington Beach will open.

The Anaheim facility is open from 9 am until 1 pm, Tuesday through Saturday. There is no charge to dump up to 5 gallons of old motor oil, antifreeze, paint, pesticides, and other toxic household chemicals you may have sitting around the house.

Now there's no excuse not to dispose of wastes properly.

Teacher's of the Year

Two of Santa Ana Unified's Best have been chosen as Orange County Teachers of the Year for 1990/91.

Lyn Maher is a language arts teacher at MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate School and Dee Gomez is an English-as-a-second language teacher at Santa Ana High School.

This is the first time in the history of the county competition that two teachers from the same district have been selected by the OC Department of Education.

They now go on to compete for the California Teacher of the Year to be selected later this year.

America's Newest Citizens

On September 17, immigrants from 50 different countries were sworn in as American citizens at the Old Orange County Courthouse. This ceremony marked the first time in 17 years that Orange County hosted the function.

The special event included bells from three churches ringing for 203 seconds to mark the 203rd anniversary of the Constitution of the United States.

A special exhibit of original naturalization books from 1880 to 1906 also were put on display for the first time in many years.

Judge Manual Real swore in the 50 appreciative new citizens including Santa Ana residents Vaskin Koshkerian, Samy Suos, Ricardo Darlic, and Vivian Richardson.

A hearty congratulations to all in special recognition of the time and effort it takes to meet the requirements of becoming a new citizen of the good ole U.S. of A.

Model of the Future

Fourth St bridge closings got you down? Would you like to see what the future holds for your favorite travel route?

Caltrans has built a 16-by-20 foot model showing the completed 5/55 interchange and is showing it at locations in our area to show that there really is a solution to the present traffic mess.

Until Oct 31, the model is on display in the lobby of the Irvine Transportation Center at 15215 Barranca Parkway in Irvine. Then it moves to the Tustin Area Senior Center at 200 South "C" St in Tustin.

Orange County News at Long Last

Three cheers for the Orange County Newschannel! This local, cable-tv production features a full time, dedicated Orange County focus on news and features. OCN's operation is based in its parent's home, the Register's facility on Grand Ave.

Their first few weeks have shown a very professional staff with excellent coverage of area events. What a refreshing change to see news about Orange County full time.

The 24 hour newschannel is seen on channel 41 on Comcast Cable in Santa Ana. If you would like to submit information on upcoming events, send it to Jim Knapp, OCN, P.O. Box 11945, Santa Ana, 92711.

By the way, Santa Ana Now, the award winning local half-hour program on Comcast channel 3, is also interested in your local news and events.

Their address is Santa Ana Now, c/o Comcast, 1000 E Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana 92701.

All-American Award

Speaking of awards, "Around and About Orange County," a weekly news broadcast produced by Rancho Santiago's Telecommunications Department, is the recipient of a 1989-90 All-American Award from the Associated Collegiate Press.

The judges singled out the show's excellent field reporting, electronic graphics, well-balanced writing, and excellent mix of news, sports, and entertainment.

Last year's programs were produced by Lauren Scheer and Roman Saienni, with RSC instructor Terry Bales as executive producer/adviser.

Mike Strauss and Mike Obermeier from cable channel KYOU were technical advisers.

The program is seen on Comcast Cable channel 26. If you'd like to send them news on upcoming events, their address is Around and About Orange County c/o KYOU, 2900 W Edinger E103, Santa Ana, 92704.

Rotary Helps Readers

The Rotary Club of Santa Ana North recently donated \$1,000 to the Literacy Program sponsored by the Santa Ana Public Library.

The program provides volunteer tutors for English speaking adults, 16 years and older, in basic reading, writing, and math skills.

Rotary President Len Horstman stated, "We are pleased to support this very worthwhile program that is truly in the best interest of the business community. We need people who can read and write at a level that makes them good candidates for jobs in the local community."

Studies have shown that there are 4.5 million adults in California alone who cannot read and write well enough to make progress on their jobs.

"We encourage other private companies and service organizations to become active in the program," continued Horstman.

Additional information on the program may be obtained from Sandra Newkirk, Literacy Coordinator for the library at 554-3455.

Busy YMCA

The Santa Ana/Tustin YMCA is keeping busy with programs for local residents. This is in addition to offering a full physical education department at their 205 W Civic Center facility which includes a gym, an indoor pool, two racquetball courts, Nautilus, free weights, aerobics, Life Cycles, rowers, and more, with low daily and annual fees for youth, adults, and families.

One program now underway is an after-school child care for families at Washington Elementary, in cooperation with the SA Unified School District and Principal Nadine Rodriguez.

The YMCA is also developing family and teen programs including camps and a leadership teen program called Youth in Government.

If you'd like information on any of their projects, call 542-3511.

Big City

You probably always felt that Santa Ana is "numero uno" in the county as far as population is concerned.

Thanks to the concerted effort by volunteers, City staff, and several councilmembers, the Census made it official recently with a preliminary total of 287,987 residents. This is a 41% jump from the 1980 Census.

Our City was cited by the Census Bureau as a model city for its commitment to making sure its residents were counted.

The accurate count will mean additional federal funding for a number of social programs that benefit residents.

Election Stuff

This November, three council seats and the mayor's post are up for re-election. All four incumbents are running along with opponents.

We're fortunate that in October, three neighborhood organizations are holding candidate forums which are open to the public.

The first event will be held on Tues, Oct 2 at 7 pm. Sponsored by the Bristol Manor Neighborhood, all ten candidates have promised to attend and respond to a list of questions posed by neighborhoods throughout the city.

Then on Thurs, Oct 18 at 7 pm, the Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors will be hosting a candidates night.

And just in case you're out of town for those, the Historic French Park Association have invited the candidates to meet on Wed, Oct 24 at 7 pm.

Here are great opportunities to question the candidates on their view of the future of our City. For the location of the forums, see the Community Calendar section on page 8.

"No on A" Final Tally

In June, Orange County voters overwhelmingly defeated Measure A, the ballot item which would have placed all future jails in Santa Ana.

This was one effort all sides of the Santa Ana political and cultural spectrum could agree on. Besides mailers from organizations, various neighborhoods spread the word to get out and vote.

Wilshire Square even posted flyers at their home tour, just prior to the election, urging a "No" vote to the visiting "tour-ists" who might not otherwise understand the issue.

The final vote breakdown in Santa Ana was 3,728 yes votes and 17,328 no votes. Those 3,700 yes votes make you wonder if those residents really wanted another Santa Ana jail or were just confused by the wording of the measure.

Help the Trees

So the City just planted a new tree in your parkway and you're not sure what to do about it. When do you water? Fertilize? Should you do either?

Well, our Public Works Department have come up with these rough guidelines.

Water, but don't overwater. In most cases, special tree-wells with PVC pipe holes were used in the plantings. Put a running garden hose in one of the pipes. When water comes out the others, the tree-well is full and you can stop. Do this once a week for the first three months and then once every 2-4 weeks thereafter.

Keep grass away. Keep grass, weeds, and ivy away from the tree until it's developed enough to absorb underground water and other minerals by itself. Also, always keep ivy away off of any tree-new or not.

If you have any other questions, call Clint Jones at Public Works at 549-6825.

Art Scene...by Don Cribb

We can make Santa Ana a more exciting, more interesting, and more desirable place to live if we support cultural development. The arts bring positive life to any city, encourage greater awareness, and boost local business.

Because the arts are "attractions" benefits occur on many levels including favorable publicity effecting city image and "arts districts" that draw tourism, offer desirable amenities to neighborhoods, and increase property values.

Downtown, the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture has proposed an "Artists' Village" concept. This would be an effort to provide studio and living space for working artists within a specified area or building.

Artists in Orange County are finding it increasingly difficult to secure space they can afford, where they can live, work, or both. Santa Ana has an opportunity to develop this important resource if it can identify property owners willing to explore this potential.

On a nation-wide basis, this idea has been an enormous success from Downtown Los Angeles to Seattle to Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where an industrial town has been transformed by its commitment to the arts into one of the most charming cities in America.

Economically, artists and working studios bring students, patrons, and even tourists into the area.

Arts related businesses and eating establishments are likely to follow. For local residents, it means an interesting weekend walk, or a coffee at an artists pub.

Also Downtown, plans are underway to provide a permanent home for Orange County's own comedy troupe, the Orange County Crazies. Because of efforts by the Mayor, the City Manager and his staff, and Councilman Miguel Pulido, and the willingness of Pacific Symphony to share their rehearsal space, Downtown Santa Ana will hopefully have a comedy club. While this is not definite, the "Crazies" are hoping for a new show opening there in February.

New ideas and blood are bringing more potential to our community. In Santa Ana it is clear that everyone can help make a difference. The diversity and richness should make everyone feel welcome, and that, too, is a goal.

When more people become aware of community assets, the greater the likelihood those assets will enjoy support. The more they are supported, the better our community will become.

Help build this new city. All it really needs is you!

Don Cribb is the president of the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture. If you'd like further information on any of their projects or would like to help, write him at 2411 N. Spurgeon, Santa Ana, 92706.

Cultural Calendar

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART),

1636 S Grand -- continuing to offer audiences challenging an unusual productions in an intimate environment, ART presents "The Three Cuckolds," a hilarious romp through the foibles of love and marriage. Performances continue Thurs through Sun evenings through Nov 17.

In December, ART will reprise "A Christmas Memory," by Truman Capote. Last season, this staged reading directed by Joel Cotter, received warm reviews and promises to be a holiday tradition. Phone 836-7929 for reservations and further information.

Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

3621 W MacArthur Blvd, Space 111 -- Until Oct 26, enjoy paintings by Tom Krumpak and Joan Mueller and sculpture by Diana Frawley. "Art in the Land" opens Oct 31 with a group show of art dealing with the artists and the environment.

On Dec 5, Mary Linn Hughes and Joan Kutscher show their mixed media and printmaking art to the public. Gallery hours are 11 am until 4 pm, Wed thru Sun. For further info, call 549-4989.

Way Off Broadway Playhouse

1058 E 1st St -- "Countess Dracula" begins where Count Dracula left off from Oct 18 until Nov 10. Performances are at 8 pm, Thurs through Sat evenings. There will be a special Oct 31st Halloween show.

"Way Off the Wall Comedy Night III" complete with skits, stand-ups, and audience improvisations. Held Nov 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 8:30 pm.

"Oh Fudge," a high calorie comedy taking place in a fat farm starts Dec 7. For further information on any of these, call 547-8997.

Stop-Gap Theatre

Stop-Gap presents "Educating Rita," a humorous play by Willie Russell, at the Brea Civic Center's Curtis Theatre. Show starts Oct 26 and continues until Nov 10. The October 27 performance will be signed for the hearing impaired. For info or tickets, call 648-0135.

The Underground

(Society for Economic and Environmental Development), 207 N Broadway -- presents evenings of art, music, and entertainment. The 6400 sq ft art night gallery will feature young adult artists from the local area.

Art will be changed every 2-3 weeks to reflect the gallery's theme. Presently, the Underground's first theme exhibit ("Post Neo") is open. Call 836-3610 for more information.

Orange County Crazies

Following on the success of "Behind the Orange Curtain," the Crazies will open "It's Not Easy Bein' Orange" on Sat, Oct 13, at 8 pm at Irvine Valley College (Fine Arts Forum A301) in Irvine. The new revue continues their satirical look at life and events in Orange County.

Highlights include looking at video dating, surfers, and "Pageant of the Peons," their version of the Pageant of the Masters. Performance dates also include Oct 27, Nov 10, 17, 24, Dec 1, 8, 15.

Tickets are \$12/door, \$10/advance purchase. Call 840-1406 for info.

The Crazy Horse Steakhouse/Saloon,

1580 Brookhollow -- Country musical artists this fall include Lacy J. Dalton, Lee Greenwood, Ray Charles, Rickey Skaggs, and Garth Brooks. Call 549-1512 for ticket or dinner information.

Modern Museum of Art

Griffin Towers, 5 Hutton Centre Dr -- Basque artist Andres Nagel's sculptures will be on exhibit until Nov 8. Call 754-4111 for information.

Rancho Santiago College,

Theatre Department-held at the Phillips Hall Little Theatre. "Uncle Vanya" offers a funny, poignant look at "country life" by Russia's master playwright. Evening performances at 8 pm on Nov 9-10, 15-17, and 23-24. Matinees at 3 pm on Nov 11, 18, and 25. Tickets are \$10, students/seniors/children \$6. For tickets and information, call 667-3163.

Art Department-held at the RSC Campus Gallery

"Mixing it Up," opening Oct 25, is an exhibition by artists, photographers, and art historians who teach at RSC. Gallery hours are 10 am-2 pm, Mon through Thurs; 11 am-1 pm, Friday; and 6:30-8:30 pm on Tues and Wed. Admission is free. Show closes Nov 19. 667-3177.

Holiday Student/Faculty Art Sale will be held during the day on Thurs and Fri Nov 29-30. Call 667-3173 for more information.

Art Forum brings a variety of noted artists, collectors, and critics to talk with the public about their art, motivations, and current trends. The free lectures are held every Monday at noon in the Humanities Building room 104.

Fall speakers include Frank Dixon, painter; Shelly Lake, computer graphics; Stewart Woodard, architect; and Seiji Kunishima, sculptor. Call 667-3177 for information on others.

Music Department-held at the Phillips Hall Theatre

Fall Jazz Band Concert with RSC's Jazz Ensembles and a guest band presents a program of varied styles and sounds. It'll be held on Sun, Nov 18 at 7 pm. Tickets are \$8, students/seniors/children \$6. 667-3163.

Two excellent RSC groups, Rapid Transfer and Probable Cause, will perform an evening of vocal jazz. Held Sun, Dec 9 at 7:30 pm, tickets are \$5, students/seniors/children \$3. 667-3163.

Dance Department-held at the Phillips Hall Theatre

A beautifully staged and choreographed concert showcases the work of the RSC dance faculty. Advanced students and faculty perform works of ballet, modern jazz, and tap dance. Tickets are \$7. For info-667-3163

☆ Uncle Guy's ♪♫ Easy Way to Save Our Planet

— Part 2 —

Well, by now, you're religiously saving your newspapers and putting them on the curb for the newspaper fairy to take away, you've planted a whole bunch of trees, and you've got a cloth towel next to your sink to replace paper towels.

In case you thought you were through, here's a few new ideas:

1] Put one of those 1 liter bottles you've been recycling to work as a water saver in your toilet. Fill it with water first so it'll stay put. This small act will save maybe a billion gallons (really!).

2] Run your dishwasher and clothes washer full. Partial loads waste water and electrical power.

3] Use Borax or Bon Ami for scouring. They're more environmentally friendly than Comet, Ajax, and the like.

4] Don't needlessly run water while shaving, brushing teeth, or washing your car. Though by now, you're probably using less of your car since you're walking to the corner 7-11 (last issue's tips).

5] Recycle your motor oil at the Hemmingway Garage at 818 E 4th St (543-8093), Memory Lane Chevron at 2702 N. Bristol (547-2229), or Chief Auto Parts at 1101 S Bristol (241-0335). There may be a small charge to cover disposal.

6] Buy a timer-thermostat for your furnace/air conditioner. Besides having more control over your heating/cooling, you'll save on your gas or electric bill and use less of our natural resources.

7] Organize your kids into "recycling gangs." They could approach your neighbors to save bottles and cans for them and, every week, pick up and redeem them. Great for extra money!

8] Buy "50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save the Earth" at your local bookstore (in case you can't wait for more tips in the next issue). Also, call the County at 834-2000 for your copy of their "Recycling Centers in Orange County." Also, call the Earth Day Coalition at 547-6282 for a free copy of "Earthword."

Now that wasn't so tough, was it???

Eco-tips thanx to Lisa Bist and "50 Simple Things..."

Community Calendar

October

Oct 2 (Tues) -- See all of the candidates you've been reading about talk about the issues with the incumbents. This neighborhood sponsored "Candidate's Night" will be held at the City Hall annex on Ross St at 7 pm.

Oct 6 (Sat) -- The Discovery Museum will hold their 6th Annual Victorian Fair from 10 am until 4 pm. This autumn celebration features a delightful day for the whole family at the historic Kellogg House with over 3 acres of old-fashioned arts and crafts, fun and games, food and entertainment. Come in turn-of-the-century costume if you'd like and see horseless carriages, antique linens, quilters, teddy bears, barbershop singing, and an endless list of others. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. The Discovery Museum is located at 3101 W Harvard, off of Fairview. 540-0404.

Oct 5-6 (Fri, Sat) -- The Annual Fall Rummage Sale sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church will be held at the corner of French St. and Santa Ana Blvd. from 9 am to 4 pm. Clothing, household items, appliances, collectibles, and home baked items will be sold.

Oct 7 (Sun) -- It's time for the always spectacular Register's Trouble Shooter Antique and Collectible Roundup. Once again held at The City shopping center off of Chapman in Orange. A huge parking lot of hundreds of different antique vendors with everything old under the sun. From 9 am until 3 pm. \$2.

Oct 10 (Wed) -- First session of Leadership Santa Ana, a training program sponsored by the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce in order to build a pool of knowledgeable, committed community leaders. Applicants may still be accepted prior to Oct 9. Contact Sara Humphries, 541-5353.

Oct 11 (Thurs) -- Peruse displays, network and socialize, and enjoy wonderful food and beverages at the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo '90. It's held at the Hacienda restaurant, 1725 N College Ave, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Chamber members are admitted free, guests are \$5. 541-5353.

Oct 13-14 (Sat/Sun) -- Come hear So Cal's

finest jazz bands at the SoCal Jazzfest held at the Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane. Enjoy music from traditional jazz to swing. Sat-12 noon to 12 pm, Sun-11 am to 6 pm. \$10 per day, kids under 17 free. Call 664-1408 for further info.

Oct 13 (Sat) -- Even mutts get their day as Memorial Park on S Flower has a Mutt Show. Awards will be given for best looking, ugliest, best tricks, and most disciplined. Starts at 12 noon. "Owner" must be 5 to 14 years old.

Oct 15-Nov 19 (Mon) -- The Pilgrimage Family Therapy Center, a non-profit mental health center located in Santa Ana is sponsoring a six-week seminar to help enrich your marriage. Couples will be shown new directions and how to discover hidden resources in their relationship. For further information, call 972-2200.

Oct 17 (Wed) -- COP (Community Oriented Policing) will be holding their citywide general meeting. All residents are invited to attend whether COP members or not. It'll be held in the council chambers in the City Hall building at 7 pm. Call 541-8971 for further information.

Oct 17 (Wed) -- Bowers Museum will hold a "Day of the Dead" workshop to help you learn how to celebrate this Mexican holiday. The hands-on studio workshop will be held from 5 until 7 pm and will cost \$10. Call 972-1382 for more information.

Oct 18 (Thurs) -- "Candidates Night" offers a chance to see and hear the contenders for the upcoming council election in November. Sponsored by SAMSON and open to the public, it will be held at the Sepulveda Elementary School library, 1818 S Bristol from 7 until 9:30 pm. For further info, call 835-6340.

Oct 20 (Sat) -- Time to get rid of the junk you've been accumulating since Spring. The City is holding a "Large Item Pick-up" Day with trash dumpsters at most city parks. See your water bill insert for additional information.

Oct 20 (Sat) -- Come to "Britain at the Bowers" and take part in a celebration of Great Britain with performances and demonstrations. The whole family is invited to participate in British folklore and dance. Held at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N Main as part of the countywide Festival of Britain. Noon until 4 pm. Admission is free. 972-1382.

Oct 20-21 (Sat, Sun) -- Step back into time and experience an authentic Elizabethan Renaissance Faire complete with British foods, crafts, and continuous entertainment. Held at the South Coast Plaza Village shopping center from 10 am until 6 pm. 435-2050.

Oct 24 (Wed) -- French Park hosts city council candidates at a "Candidates' Night" at 7 pm. The public is cordially invited to the event at the Bartlett Center, 600 E. Washington.

Oct 27 (Sat) -- Rancho Santiago College's Homecoming Football Game will begin at 7 pm at Santa Ana Stadium, as part of RSC's 75th anniversary activities. The game pits the home team against 1989 state champion Riverside, the only team to defeat RSC last season. A Homecoming Pep Rally will start at 4 pm at the RSC campus, south parking lot. Call 772-2329 for information on any anniversary events.

Oct 27 (Sat) -- Celebrate a Victorian Halloween at the Discovery Museum. Children ages 5 to 12 are invited to come in costume and enjoy old fashioned games, scary stories, and refreshments. This special event will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 pm and will cost \$10 per child. During the Discovery's regular hours, all ages can come and enjoy the Victorian holiday decorations at the Kellogg House.

Oct 27-28 (Sat, Sun) -- Fine English and American country antiques will be featured at "Countryfest '90," Southern California's largest country antique and collectible show. It'll be held at the South Coast Plaza Village from 10 am until 5 pm. For further information, call 435-2050.

Oct 28 (Sun) -- "Boo at the Zoo", a frightfully delightful night, will be held at the Santa Ana Zoo from 5:30 until 8 pm. The Zoo will come alive with ghosts and goblins. Trick or treating, animal shows, costume contests and more. \$2 per person. Call 953-8555 for info.

Oct 28 (Sun) -- "Monster Mash Dash" is a special 5K race to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Orange County. The house, in Orange, provides a temporary home-away-from-home for parents of seriously ill children being treated at nearby pediatric medical facilities. The race starts at MainPlace shopping mall. Call 744-5403 if you'd like to participate.

November

Nov 1-29 (Thurs) -- "Mommy and Me at the Zoo" is designed for parents and 3-4 year olds to help preschoolers learn about animal life through craft projects, educational games, and touching live animals. Held from 10 until 11 am each Thursday in November. 836-4000.

Nov 6 (Tues) -- Election Day.
Don't forget to vote!

Nov 17-Dec 9 -- Holiday "Design House" in a

three-story, 1927 Georgian estate on Victoria Drive open for the benefit of the Orange County Philharmonic Society. \$12 prior to Nov 10; \$15 thereafter. Call 553-2431 for further information or reservations..

Nov 17-18 (Sat, Sun) -- "Horn of Plenty" theme day at the Discovery Museum. A special admission fee today is a donation of canned food which will be donated to a local food bank for the Thanksgiving holiday. Hours are 11 am until 3 pm. Info-540-0404.

Nov 23 (Fri) -- While parents can enjoy a day

at MainPlace or South Coast Plaza, "Tom Turkey's Holiday Kid Kamp" at the Discovery Museum will provide 5 hours of old fashioned fun and games and a tour of the Kellogg House. Kids will also get to see some Orange County wildlife animals. Age limit is 6-12 and children should bring a sack lunch. \$20 per child. Reservations required, 540-0404.

Nov 25 (Sun) -- The 39th giant, world famous ACP Computer Swap at Advanced Computer's store parking lot at 1310 E. Edinger. From 8 am until 2 pm. Free.

December

Dec 1 (Sat) -- Giant helium filled balloon characters once again meander down the streets of downtown as the Times Orange County Holiday Parade comes back to Santa Ana for the 7th time. The parade will start at 10:30 am at Civic Center and Broadway, travel north to 17th and then make a right at Main. Floral floats, music, and walking cartoon characters will help make the parade a fun time for all.

Dec 1 (Sat) -- The Tournament of Champions returns with Southern California's top 16 high school marching bands facing off in a parade and field competition. Held at the Santa Ana Stadium after the parade.

Dec 1 (Sat) -- "Breakfast with the Beasts"

Spend a morning with your family waking up to the wild sounds and sights of the Santa Ana Zoo! A breakfast of fresh muffins, fruits, juices, and hot chocolate will be followed by an early morning guided tour. Starts at 8 am. Call 836-4000 for more information.

Dec 3 (Mon) -- Police Appreciation Day will be held all day at the SAPD headquarters on Ross St. Donations of homemade desserts would be appreciated. For further info or to help, call Dee at 543-2834.

Dec 8 and 15 (Sat) -- Children can spend a delightful morning discovering the charms of holiday past at the Children's Victorian Holiday Workshop at the Discovery Museum. Participants will work on ornaments and other craft projects and sample treats from the Kel-

logg kitchen. From 9 am until noon. \$12 per child, call 540-0404 for reservations.

Dec 15 (Sat) -- The City of Santa Ana hosts a Children's Holiday Party at the Santa Ana Stadium. Come on down to see the decorations, get some goodies, and maybe even see Santa! From 12 noon until 2 pm. 647-6561.

Dec 15 (Sat) -- Visit with Santa Claus and help decorate the Santa Ana Zoo's Christmas tree with ornaments while carolers serenade you. For further information, call 953-8555.

Dec 16 (Sun) -- Enjoy a charming holiday tea at the Discovery Museum at their "Hollyberry Tea Time." You'll taste pastries and scones, sandwiches and fragrant tea. Starts at 4 pm. \$15 per person. Call 540-0404 for reservations.