

# Eye on Santa Ana

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## Architects Offer New Ideas for Downtown

If you look at the North Main/North Broadway district of downtown Santa Ana in the next ten years or so, you may be looking at quite a different picture than today thanks to the innovative and creative ideas of a volunteer group of architects and community volunteers.

The Regional/Urban Design Assistance Team of the Orange County chapter of the American Institute of Architects met at the end of March to examine and brainstorm possibilities for the area between Bush and Broadway, Santa Ana Boulevard and 17th Street.

Their findings included a historic district for the Broadway corridor, north of 10th St., primarily housing boutique office space; an upscale financial core on Main St. from 10th to Washington; civic support and transit related uses on Main and Broadway south of 10th St.; a community commercial district on Main from Washington to 17th St., and residential/office space along Bush St. providing a transition to the French Court and French Park neighborhoods.

The plan proposes an urban garden

district along Sycamore from 10th to Washington with Plaza and courtyard spaces encouraged at major activity centers. Pedestrians would be encouraged along Sycamore by widened sidewalks, canopied street trees, and increased landscaping.

Also discussed were circulation plan alternatives such as the inclusion of the proposed fixed guideway system (monorail) within the middle of the project.

The R/UDAT's proposals are not binding on the part of the City but offer a new, fresh look at an area that was once the heart of a thriving financial district. The hope is that these ideas could reverse the downward economic trend on the area of the past decade or two.

The workshop included about thirty local architects, city staff, business people, and neighborhood leaders. Activities included a walking tour, many brainstorming sessions, and design analyses, which all led to a presentation of their results at the end of the workshop.

*(Special thanks to Susan Helper of Santa Ana's Downtown Development Div. for her assistance with this article.)*

## Reading is Not Always Fundamental for Many

The life of an adult unable to read or write includes difficulty filling out such everyday things like job applications and health and insurance forms; reading letters, cookbooks, or auto repair manuals; as well as an inability to help their children with their schoolwork.

In California alone, more than five million adults are considered functionally illiterate. The nationwide estimate is closer to 65 million. These residents lack the basic reading and writing skills beyond a fourth-grade level.

That's why it was especially sad when an effective literacy program in Santa Ana seemed doomed for lack of funds last year when grant monies expired. This program has tutored over 2,000 local adults to become better functioning parents, workers, and community members.

The original program began about eight years ago at the Newhope Branch of the Santa Ana Public Library to teach adult literacy as part of a nationwide "Target Literacy" campaign. The Santa Ana program differs from most as the students are taught on a one-to-one basis progressing at their own rate, rather than in a classroom situation with others.

With the enormous influx of immigrants into Orange County and Santa Ana in particular, the literacy campaign is more than just another program to be offered. It is a necessity for improving communication and education in the community.

Fortunately, the program's tutors, and others interested in helping people, formed a support group to keep it going. The mission of this group, Aim for Literacy, Inc. is "Literacy is for Everyone." They intend to continue helping residents improve their ability to function as productive members of the community.

The immediate goal of the organization is to raise \$90,000 for fiscal year 1992. These funds would be used for tutor recruitment and training, student recruitment and screening, student/tutor matching, and progress monitoring and evaluation.

If you're interested in helping Aim For Literacy as a volunteer tutor, sponsor, or with a donation, contact Sandra Newkirt or Ellie Barker, in care of the Newhope Branch Library, 122 N. Newhope St., 92703 or phone 554-3455.

*(Special thanks to Nancy Springfield for her help in preparing this article.)*



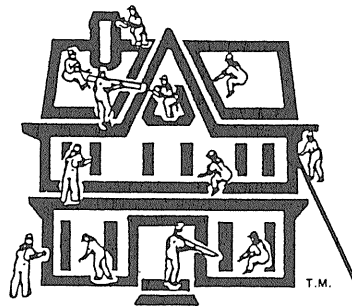
**100,000 Books For Local Schools** -- Postal service and union officials along with a representation of post office workers show off the successes of their labors with a collection of over 100,000 books donated by county postal patrons during a recent book drive for schools in Santa Ana and other cities in Orange County.

## Christmas in April Comes to Santa Ana

With hammers, nails, paint, and shovels, the spirit of Christmas returns to Santa Ana a bit earlier than usual this year when hundreds of volunteers will gather on April 25 in our city (as well as in other parts of the county) to repair and rehabilitate the homes of their neighbors in need.

Volunteers from all walks of life will work in neighborhoods in Santa Ana, La Habra, Costa Mesa, and San Clemente to help those individuals and families maintain safe, warm, and dry environments.

The effort is organized by Christmas in April\*Orange County (CIA\*OC), part of a nation-wide group dedicated to assist the maintaining the homes of those who can't do so themselves---the elderly, low-income, and disabled.



Spearheaded by the Junior League of Orange County, the Santa Ana phase of the project has targeted 7 individual homes, 2 shelters for the homeless, and the Senior Citizen Club of Santa Ana. Teams of 20-60 volunteers will work at each site, painting, hauling trash, cleaning, landscaping, and providing carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and roof repairs.

"We are thrilled with the response thus far," said CIA\*OC chair and Junior League member Cindy

Brauer. "This is truly a cooperative effort of volunteer groups, the corporate community, government and social service agencies, and tradespeople."

All skilled labor for the project will be donated by the Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. In addition, corporate support has been received from such companies as Pacificare and Toyota. Behr Paints in Santa Ana has agreed to provide all paint supplies.

"This is the same neighbor-helping-neighbor effort of the old barn raising days in this country," noted Brauer. "And, as volunteers in the past have said, we get as big a reward as the homeowner in feeling that we've made a difference."

"The repairs we'll make include everything from new roofing to replacing rotted flooring. While some of the large-scale, skilled labor tasks will be done beforehand, in preparation for the April 25th workday, all of the unskilled work (painting, pruning, cleaning, etc.) will be completed that Saturday, from 8 am to 4 pm," said Cy Baumann, site selection chairman.

The day will conclude with picnic celebrations for all volunteers, sponsors, and homeowners.

Volunteers this year include several Santa Ana neighborhood organizations who wanted to lend their efforts to help residents in a neighboring area.

The Christmas in April program was introduced to the county by the Junior League last year, when the homes of four elderly women in Midway City were repaired.

This year's project has expanded to over 19 sites in four cities in Orange County.

# VIEWPOINT

(Editor's note: this is a speech given by William H. Spurgeon IV, great-grandson of the one of the founding fathers of our city, at the centennial celebration of the Santa Ana Public Library last year. We appreciate his permission in reprinting this message.)

Back when Santa Ana was a simple town, in the "muddy, dusty, unpaved, pepper tree days," with flickering gaslights and clomping work horses -- most citizens were people of fine character. They were known for their kindness, loyalty, and a myriad of virtues. They were interested in each others joys, in friendship, and in mutual help.

Everywhere that youth looked, there was someone to admire.

Mothers and fathers pointed out people of character as examples for their children. Thus, virtues were passed through generations. This is why my father's word never needed lawyers or contracts. If he said he would do something, he did it! This was a matter of honor and pride he had seen in his father and grandfather.

Today, I am certain that the virtues of our forefathers live on. However, within the multitudes, it is perhaps difficult to point out where they are. How then, do we expect our youth to find real heroes? Where will they learn "a day's work for a day's pay," or that "something earned is better than something found." How will youth understand that winning by cheating is not really winning at all? How can they wade through failure and despair to find strength like steel from fire?

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "A child's education should begin at least 100 years before he is born." One hundred years ago this pioneer town had a pride and a dignity. That pride and dignity is still here in this room among these friends. But will it pass to the next generation?

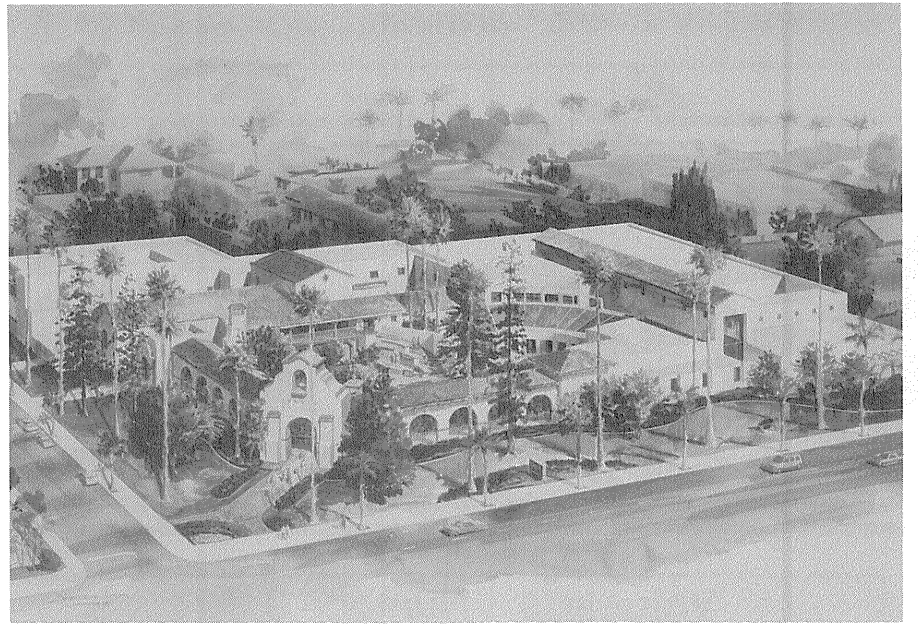
Abe Lincoln said, "A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting, and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they are carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations....the fate of humanity is in his hands."

Thus, if we wish to influence that fate, we must focus on its holder -- our youth. We must reach into our schools, our churches, our homes, our businesses, and our streets to pass on our legacy of pride. Civic virtues care not of a person's color, gender, or ethnic background -- but these virtues are not instilled by the wind through the mustard and sycamores.

We often spend too much time on today's failures when we should be molding tomorrow's successes. My father thought that a powerful community investment in youth was more valuable than his vote. Expose youth to people of quality and youth will try on their shoes. Each recreation team, classroom, library program, art contest, museum project, church group and civic group is an important vehicle of our civic character. Every opportunity where we can bring successful people, quality individuals, and civic minded citizens in contact with youth, provides torches of light along the path to their future.

Santa Ana has a wonderful legacy, but it is up to all of us to see that our legacy does not become a vanishing gaslight.

*W. H. Spurgeon, IV*



## Countdown to a Golden Re-opening

Mark your calendar for the gala re-opening of the newly renamed, Bowers Museum of Cultural Art on October 16 to 18th. After almost three years of remodeling and expansion, the new Bowers facility will open with an exhibit of over three hundred Pre-Columbian works of art, fashioned from gold -- one of the largest displays of golden art ever shown.

In the expansion, the original museum building received an additional 52,000 sq. ft. of construction for a total 60,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, shops, offices, and a restaurant.

The new complex is the cornerstone of a 90-acre city sponsored cultural/commercial Museum District for that part of the Broadway/Main corridor, which will also include the recently announced Discovery Museum Science Center.

Created originally through a bequest from Charles and Ada Bowers, the museum opened its distinctive

Spanish-styled facility in 1936 with exhibits largely devoted to the local history of Orange County.

Through gifts and acquisitions, the museum's collections grew over the years. With it grew an international reputation as a cultural arts museum specializing in the arts of the Americas, the Pacific Rim, and Africa, all while keeping a continued commitment to the presentation of Orange County history.

Presently, the Bowers Museum is one of the most important cultural arts museums on the West Coast with their collection of more than 85,000 items of ethnic art and culture.

If you'd like more information on becoming a member or on volunteering as a docent, call 972-1900.

## Around and about our schools...

*by S.A.U.S.D. Superintendent Rudy Castruita*

For the third consecutive year, the State's allocation to education is forcing Santa Ana Unified School District to make budget cuts. Last year, the District had to cut \$14 million; the year before, it was \$7 million. For 1992-93, it appears that \$9 million must be reduced to have a balanced budget.

What we've read in the papers appears positive on the surface. The Governor has proposed an education COLA (cost of living adjustment) of 1.5 percent. That is not as optimistic as it appears. Last year, school districts did not have to pay their contributions to classified employees' retirements. School districts will, however, have to pay this in 1992-93, and that is a part of the revenue limit calculation. Because of that, the actual financial benefit from the proposed COLA will be nearly zero. If the COLA falls below 1.5 percent, the impact will be even more severe.

Some of the other impacts on our budgets include Lottery funds, driver training, and year-round school monies. Lottery income is estimated at \$93 per annual ADA (average daily attendance), down from its high of \$175 per ADA. Driver training money will be eliminated, and year-round school operation grants will drop by as much as 40 percent.

During 1991-92, our interest income was below anticipated amounts by \$580,000 and developer fees dropped by \$700,000. We expect this trend to continue. We also expect medical costs to grow by 15 percent and utilities to increase by 10 percent.

As many of us have experienced in our personal lives, when income decreases and expenses increase, it means that we must tighten our belts. And that's just what we're doing. District administration has proposed \$9 million in reductions to assure a balanced budget.

As part of planning these reductions, we gathered a group of certificated and classified employees and parents in a meeting recently to give us feedback on the impact of the proposals and to brainstorm additional possibilities for savings. The Board and I believe that this input is a critical component in the decision-making that must follow.

I'm sure you know through the media that we are not alone in this situation. School districts throughout the state are experiencing the same financial impact. LA Unified was forced to cut \$130 million just to get through the 1991-92 school year.

This is a very painful task, however, due to the reductions we had to make in the last two years. We've already cut back on virtually everything there is to cut. We're responsible for operating within a balanced budget, but we're also responsible for providing a quality education to Santa Ana's children. Be assured that the Board of Education and I are determined that the reductions which must come will have as little impact as possible on classroom instruction.

We are blessed in having an exceptional group of employees who are committed to doing their best for kids despite the difficult economic conditions in which we must operate. We ask for your continued support as we go through this budget reduction process.

## Eye on Santa Ana

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## First Lady Visits

The First Lady of Mexico, Cecilia Ocelli de Salinas, visited Century High School in March and spent approximately two hours touring the school and observing classes. She had previously expressed interest in visiting Century because of its large number of Mexican-American students and because of the school's high tech emphasis.

The wife of the Mexican president was met by Principal Jerry Arriola and student government president Edgar Munoz. Edgar presented Mrs. Salinas with a large bouquet of flowers. The two escorted the First Lady, her entourage, and a large contingent of the press into the quad area where Century's folklorico dancers performed.

Before she left, the First Lady gave the school a complete set of encyclopedias from Mexico and a set of anthropological texts.

## Military Visit

Another visitor to Santa Ana schools last month included America's top military man and one of the masterminds of Desert Storm.

General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, flew in with several military helicopters to Martin Elementary School, at the request of his sister, Marilyn Berns, a teacher at the grade school.

Powell spoke to the students about the benefits of education and urged them to "resist the temptations of the streets -- violence, drugs, and gangs." During a question and answer session, many of the 850 students in attendance quizzed the general about his military experiences, medals, and daily work routine.

After reading the news reports about the visit, residents of Eastside, Wilshire Square, and Mid-City neighborhoods had the answer to their questions about why three military helicopters were buzzing their homes on a Sunday afternoon. The pilots had been practicing the path to the school, avoiding the embarrassment of getting lost with the boss in the passenger seat.

## Crazy Horse Wins Again

For the sixth consecutive year, the Crazy Horse Steak House and Saloon was named Country Night Club of the Year by the Academy of Country Music.

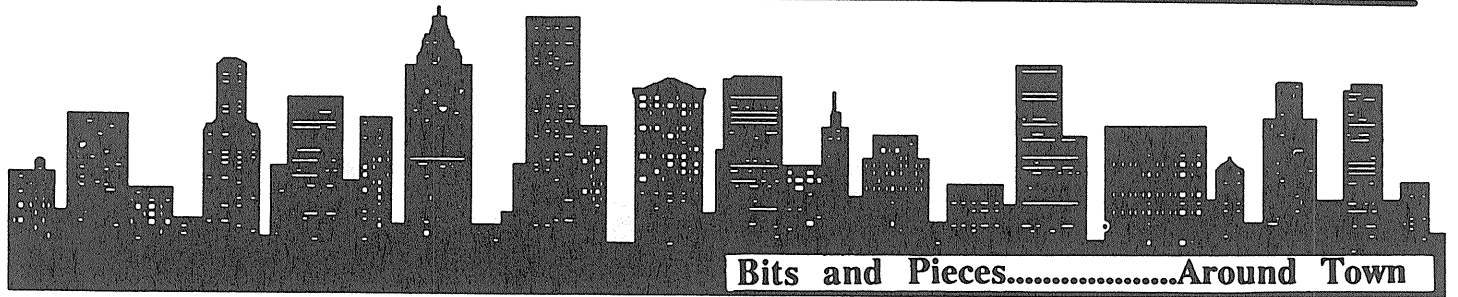
The judges include record company promoters and representatives of the music industry press.

Once again Crazy Horse, we're happy to congratulate you for a job well done.



Zoo Party -- Education Specialist Karen Cribbs and her buddy "Pedro" were a hit with kids and parents alike at the Santa Ana Zoo's 40th Birthday Party in March. Visitors of all ages came to wish the Zoo a Happy Birthday as well as to enjoy the animals, the entertainment, and the cake.

Photo by Charlotte Stripland



## Planet Hollywood Comes To Santa Ana

What was Sylvester Stallone doing in town the other day?

It seems that Stallone and his partners have passed up Los Angeles' Melrose Avenue to locate their trendy Planet Hollywood restaurant and night club at the site of the former Reubens in South Coast Plaza Village in Santa Ana.

The cinema-themed restaurant will be similar in concept to the very successful one in New York. The design is expected to be different with an Art Deco exterior, a movie-marquee facade, and a huge statue of Batman at the entrance.

Will there be Hollywood stars and personalities dropping by?

At least Stallone will be back occasionally. Reflecting on his position as owner, he joked "For a free meal, celebrities will go anywhere."

Look for the opening this summer.

## Long Distance Monkey Business

Can a Santa Ana girl fall in love with a Boston guy? Or will Mimi take one look at Stinky and run the other way?

The red-backed squirrel monkeys are an endangered species with only about 300 left on the planet. The Santa Ana Zoo is fortunate enough to have a female of child-bearing ability. A captive-breeding program at the Phoenix Zoo asked to borrow Mimi and a male monkey, Stinky, from Boston's Zoo to see if they could mate in captivity and help reduce the chance of losing another animal species to civilization.

The two will first go through almost a year long courtship. So it might be as late as next spring before we see any little Mimi's or little Stinky's underfoot.

## Library Numbers

Here's an amazing set of numbers for you from one of the best bargains in town. In a single month, the Santa Ana Public Library checks out over 100,000 books, videos, compact discs, cassettes, and magazines; answers almost 15,000 questions from patrons; issues about 3,000 library cards; and tells stories to over 2,700 children.

## Santa Ana: An Illustrated History

Look for a coffee table style book on Santa Ana at your bookstores around October. Heritage Publishing Company is working with the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society to publish an illustrated history of Santa Ana.

The large format, beautifully illustrated volume hopes to present a fascinating narrative describing the events that have shaped the Greater Santa Ana area. The book will also contain many illustrations which have never been printed before.

Author, former president of the SAHPS, and *Eye on Santa Ana's* official historian, Diann Marsh will research and write the text. Todd Walsh, also of the SAHPS, will assemble and research the illustrations.

It's going a great Christmas gift. Hint, hint!

## Marachi Festival 1992: Bigger and Better!

Fiesta Marketplace and Viva Supermercado are bringing back the Spirit of Mexico: "Fiesta Marketplace Mariachi Festival 1992," their third annual Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Fourth Street in Downtown Santa Ana on Saturday, May 2nd and Sunday, May 3rd from 10 am to 8 pm.

Mariachis will kick off the celebration at 1 pm on Saturday with the sound of live music on two stages. Mexican folk dancers will perform throughout the day. Eighty booths occupied by local charities, community groups, and service organizations will offer a variety of tasty food and beverages.

The best acclaimed Mariachi bands of Southern California are the main attraction of the festival including groups such as Marachi Sol de Mexico, Mariachi Los Galleros, and Mariachi Uclatlan.

Mexican folk dances will be represented by including U.C.I. Ballet Folklorico and Relampago del Cielo Ballet Folklorico. A special performance by Carr Intermediate School Ballet Folklorico will begin at 1 pm on Sat.

Admission to one of Spring's most fun events is free.

## Golf Complex

By the end of this year, Santa Ana may have a new 81-tee driving range and pro shop in the south end of town. Slowed by the present commercial real estate crunch, the new MacArthur Place development on MacArthur and Main has some open space one group is interested in.

Plans are being discussed for a 16 acre golf center with an upscale 81-tee driving range, teaching professional, club house, locker rooms, and a pro shop. The location would be between the present 11-story office tower and the 55 freeway. The range would be fully lighted for night play.

At present, while the plans have not been finalized, the land owner and golf complex developer seem to be close to an agreement.

## Community Accomplishments

A number of people were honored recently by the City of Santa Ana and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for their accomplishments and contributions to the community.

Honored from Santa Ana include Mae Ussery, a Santa Ana Valley High School teacher; Jim Tippins, owner of a local business for over 17 years; Milton Grimes, a Santa Ana attorney; Allen Doby, executive director of the City's Recreation and Community Services Agency; Gary Templeton, a shortstop for the New York Mets originally from Santa Ana; and the Good Samaritan Seventh-day Adventist Church in Santa Ana.

## Calling all Cadets

What kind of an air base had no airplanes?

The Santa Ana Army Air Base was one of the three Aviation Cadet Classification and Pre-Flight School Centers in the U.S. during World War II. Over 149,000 Army Air Force aviation cadets passed through the S.A.A.A.B. processing to determine who would be trained as pilot, navigator, bombardier, or other role in our last world war.

If you are a former cadet, or one of the other 72,000 Vets processed there as they returned from war, or if you are one of the several thousand civilian support personnel who worked there over the years, or if you'd just like to see some great displays and pictures, you are cordially invited to the 50th Anniversary of the Santa Ana Army Air Base to be held on Saturday, April 25, from 9

am to 4 pm at Orange Coast College, 2701 Fairview, Costa Mesa (the actual site of the base).

## Day Care Available

The Assistance League of Santa Ana Day Care Center is now accepting applications for the fall. Those in need of summer day care may begin in June as space allows.

The Center is licensed for 100 children and has a very low teacher-pupil ratio. Ages 18 months to 6 years are accepted and they do not need to be toilet trained. The Day Care Center is subsidized by the Assistance League, keeping tuitions low.

The facility is located in Santa Ana at 1002 W. 2nd St., near the Civic Center. Call 541-8164 for more information or to visit.

## Most Beautiful Yard Contest

Okay Santa Ana, let's get those yards in shape.

On Saturday May 9, Santa Ana Beautiful will again send out their team of judges to determine Santa Ana's most beautiful front yards.

You don't even have to fill out a form to enter. Just participate by sprucing up your front yard. You might want to plant some flowers, trim trees and hedges, mow your lawn, and clean up your sidewalks and driveway (if you aren't already doing that).

Winning residents will be given a "Most Beautiful Yard" sign for display in their yard. Former winners are not eligible to win again.

For more information or to volunteer as a judge, call 571-4258.

## French Court

The French Court Neighborhood Association steering committee recently set three priorities for the year: 1) stabilize gang activities, 2) graffiti control and maintenance of properties, and 3) establish a quarterly newsletter.

The association has been encouraging residents to call the police regarding any incident, no matter how minor. This appears to be slowing gang and criminal activity as neighbors become less apathetic.

"Graffiti patrols" throughout the neighborhood to paint over graffiti on a regular basis have helped to control graffiti and clean up the appearance of the area.

The neighborhood has been working closely with Code Enforcement Officer Paula Lomeli to clean up problem properties. She has even been spotted on Sundays citing people holding "garage sales" every weekend.

Recently, the Santa Ana Fire Department used an abandoned, unsafe structure for training exercises thanks to the property owner. The controlled burn could be seen from the I-5 freeway and had traffic backed up for miles.

French Court hopes to have its first newsletter out sometime this summer. The association plans to request neighborhood marker signs from the city. They will also be working to encourage the moving of older homes in the museum district to several vacant parcels in the neighborhood. French Court residents have also been active in the fight against the Pawn Shop downtown.

## Fisher Park

New officers of the Fisher Park Neighborhood Association executive committee will change hats at their first 1992 general meeting scheduled for April 13 at 7 pm at the Fisher Park log cabin. Assemblymember Tom Umberg, whose district includes portions of Santa Ana, will be the keynote speaker. Meetings for the neighborhood are open to all residents and are held the 1st Monday of every other month ending in October and beginning in April. The executive committee meets every month, keeping projects alive between meetings.

The Fisher Park renovation plans are moving ahead thanks to the support of City staff, especially, Allen Doby, director of Parks and Recreation, Ron Ono, Park/Landscape Design Manager, and the City Planning Commission.

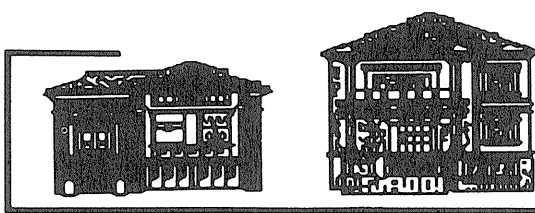
Improving Fisher Park is just one way to preserve the park's charm and character, while enhancing security for park users and the neighborhood at large. Other association goals include reducing traffic speed and volume, providing social events, and linking the neighborhood with local government.

Spring cleaning has FPNA members tidying up their closets and garages for the first neighborhood Spring Clean-up and Yard Sale.

Don't miss this all day extravaganza slotted for May 16th. Find everything from silver and hardware to antiques and modern art.

Also in May will be the Second Annual Memorial Day Picnic in the Park. Last year's event was a tremendous success. Many neighbors and friends are looking forward to the old fashion fun and food at Fisher Park on May 25 which includes potluck dishes, face painting, and kids' parade.

For more information about the Fisher Park Neighborhood, call Bette Feeny at 542-6468.



## In Our Neighborhoods

### Washington Square

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association was recently recognized by the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society for their efforts to revitalize and preserve the character of the neighborhood. A plaque was presented by WSNA president, Mike Sasso, by the SAHPS president, Scott Morgan, at the awards ceremony. Councilman Rob Richardson presented a Certificate of Recognition to Washington Square on behalf of the City of Santa Ana.

To keep Washington Square neighbors and all interested residents of Santa Ana better informed on the current events of the WSNA, the Board of Directors have installed the WSNA Hot Line (phone number 262-7907).

By calling, you'll be able to find out dates and times of upcoming events in the neighborhood as well as leave messages for the Board.

The neighborhood has set their 1992 calendar with a brand new event to kick off the year. The neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 18. Eggs will be donated by the association and a 6-foot tall Easter Bunny, *aka Tim Rush*, will be handing out Easter candy and treats.

The second spring event will be the Washington Square Neighborhood Garage Sale, May 16th and 17th. The association provides the advertising and balloon markers to participants.

### Laurelhurst

At their recent general meeting, residents elected a new slate of officers and Lt. Mike Foote of S.A.P.D. spoke about preventing crime in the neighborhood.

As a neighborhood association, Laurelhurst feels like they have made lots of progress by working together. Their drainage ditch has been successfully fenced off as requested, after a year trial basis, thanks to the efforts of Will Hayes from Neighborhood Improvement.

With a recent paint job on their perimeter block wall, they look forward next to the trees in the neighborhood being trimmed. This all helps to keep the quality of their property up.

Anyone who wishes to participate in neighborhood activities or could pass out fliers or have suggestions to improve the neighborhood should contact association president, Enrique Adame, Jr.

### Artesia Pilar

Projects that came to completion last year included efforts to have a new house built on what was once a vacant, trash filled lot on 2nd St.

The new four bedroom, two bath home was completed and waiting for a new family by the end of the year.

Neighborhood Pride Day was another project that was a huge success. The effort to lend a hand to neighbors in need was led by several insurance companies and brought in scores of volunteers from the neighborhood and various corporations to help paint six homes, plant rose bushes and other landscaping, build a block wall, and clean-up trash and litter.

### Eastside

Residents are looking forward to lending their talents to help their neighbors as part of Christmas in April\*Orange County (see article on page 1).

Eastside residents will be joining Junior League members, volunteers, and members of other Santa Ana neighborhoods to help repair and spruce up homes of elderly and low income families.

One of the neighborhood's ongoing concerns is the sale of illegal immigration documents in the parking lot of one of the local supermarkets.

At a recent meeting, invited representatives of the US Immigration Service spoke about what may be done but noted that document fraud of this type is epidemic and hard to control.

The next meeting of the neighborhood is scheduled for May 26th at 7 pm at the senior center at 625 S. Cypress. All residents are invited.

### Frontier Valley

A neighborhood clean-up and get-together is planned for May 16th in conjunction with the City's spring large item trash collection day.

Residents will come out in force to help clean-up the neighborhood, paint out graffiti, get to know each other, and have some fun. They also plan to have trucks available to help bring trash to the dumpsters.

The neighborhood is planning to expand from Harvard to Edinger. Their first meeting with the new area was very successful.

Corporal Steve Alegre from the South Coast District substation was the guest speaker at a recent meeting. He brought with him three officers assigned to gang related crime and problems to answer residents' questions.

The neighborhood wants to express their appreciation to the police department's Explorer program for helping to distribute some 1,000 fliers for the March meeting, one of their best attended.

### Portola Park

Principal Dan Salcedo will be reviewing the year-round schooling that will begin at Sierra Intermediate School in July.

Formerly an elementary school with 300-400 students in the '70s, it now has 1,200 children at the intermediate level.

At their next meeting, the new Area Police Commander, Lt. Dave Nick, will review police functions and respond to questions.

The Portola Park neighborhood will host a large item pickup on Saturday, May 2nd with five dumpsters available at sites around the neighborhood.

While Portola Park is becoming more involved in facing problems, neighborhood leaders feel there still is a ways to go before sufficient involvement is realized.

The accent advocated at meetings has been on dealing with problems between neighbors on a neighbor-to-neighbor basis when possible. There have been several recent situations in which the police could have been called, but the neighbors resolved the problems personally.

### Sandpointe

Neighborhood organizers and parents groups and school officials at the Taft School have been working hard to make this year's Taft/Sandpointe Community Fair even more successful than year's.

Starting at 10 am on Saturday, April 25 at Taft School, the Fair will once again include game booths, a wide variety of foods, displays by the police and fire departments, as well as an air jump, magician, and talent show.

You're invited to see an excellent example of how neighborhoods and schools can work together to build community spirit.

In addition, a neighborhood flea market will take place on the same day at Sandpointe Park with residents setting up tables to sell their castaways.

The next general meeting for the neighborhood is set for Thursday, May 14 from 7-9 pm at the MacArthur Fundamental School.

### Bristol-Warner

A large vacant lot has been causing local residents a lot of grief. After being empty for many years, a slurry seal company subleased the property for a service yard.

Piles of sand and gravel as well as construction vehicles butt up against an otherwise residential area in apparent violation of zoning laws.

Even though residents were promised several months ago, that the company would move on, nothing has changed and residents are forced to keep their windows and doors closed due to the dust from the operation.

### Saddleback View

The Saddleback View neighborhood will be the first area studied in the city-wide survey of historical structures, now getting under way.

The neighborhood was chosen to be a "pilot" because of its well-defined boundaries and relatively small size.

The neighborhood is experiencing substantial physical changes due to the widening of the Santa Ana Freeway and the expansion of the Orange County Register's building.

Approximately 200 apartments along East Fruit Street have now been removed with additional houses adjacent to the freeway also being moved or demolished.

### Mid-City

At a recent meeting, residents had the opportunity to meet the new lieutenant of the police substation on Bristol and Edinger as well as learning about the K-9 unit.

One of the association's members has a catering service and has published a 2 volume cookbook with the proceeds being divided between the association and a food bank to help families in the neighborhood.

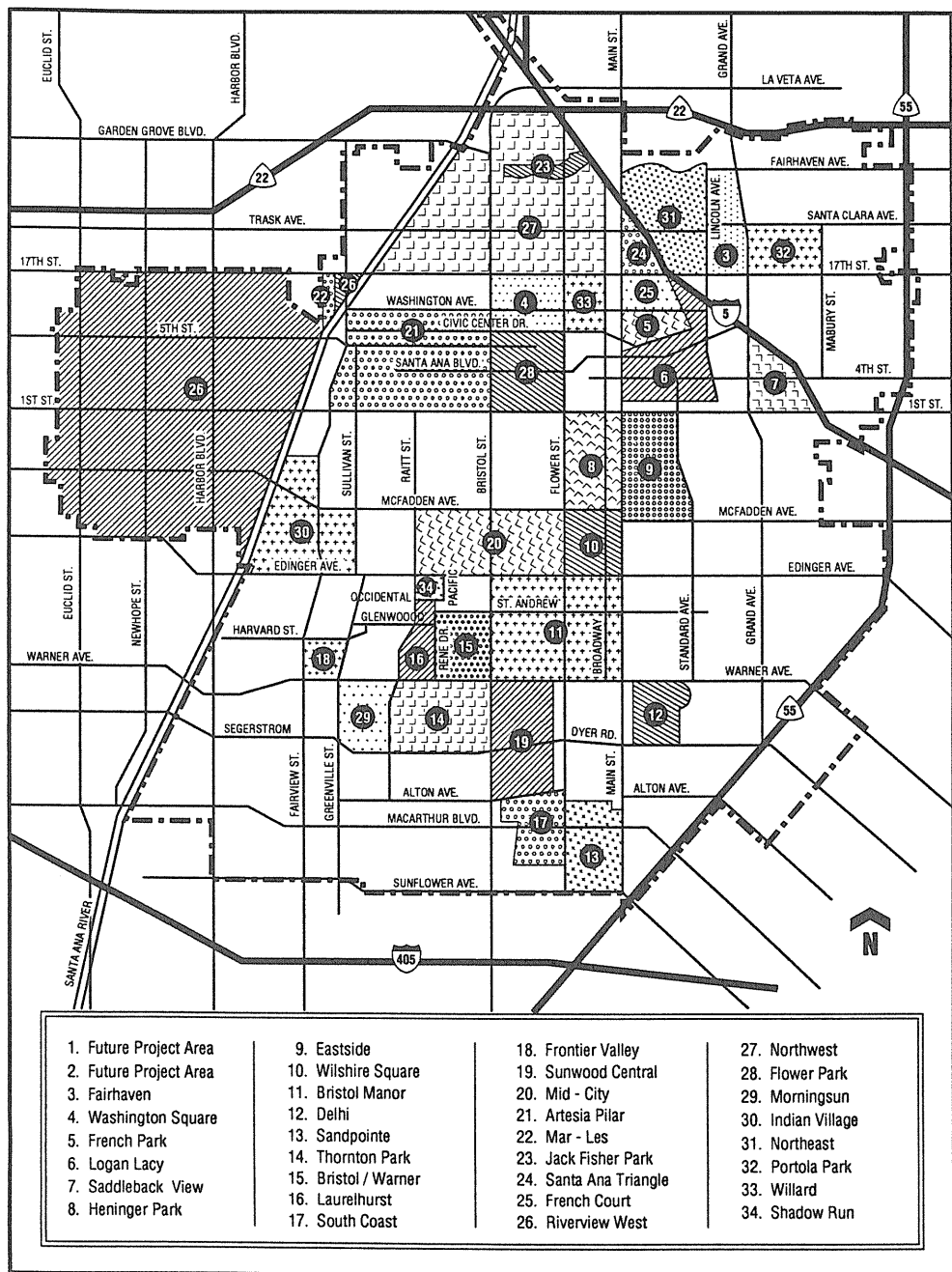
A call has gone out for people willing to be block captains to get the C.O.P. program organized in the neighborhood.

Also help is needed to set up a block party for neighbors.

Assemblyman Tom Umberg will be the guest speaker at the April meeting of the neighborhood.



# The Neighborhoods of Santa Ana



## Riverview West

The neighborhood is presently working with code enforcement to have businesses along Harbor comply with ordinances controlling window signage, flags, and banners. Presently, windows are 90% covered with advertisements and some "grand opening" flags have been flying for years at some businesses.

The neighborhood is interested in finding someone to represent and support the area in the upcoming city council election. There will be two vacancies directly affecting them.

Interested residents who would like to get more involved with the neighborhood around them are invited to come to the regular meetings, the third Wednesday of each month at the West End police substation (Harbor and McFadden) at 6:30 pm. The next meeting is on May 20.

## Wilshire Square

The Wilshire Square 1992 Home Tour guarantees to be bigger and better than ever, reports Chairperson Lisa Williams. Seven "new" homes will be on tour. There will also be a special exhibit of antique bicycles

Wilshire Square looks forward to welcoming Eye on Santa Ana readers to this not-to-be missed event. Mark your calendars for Sat. & Sun., June 6 & 7.

Because "the neighborhood that plays together, stays together" could easily be the slogan for Wilshire Square, they have appointed Annie Engstrom head of a newly formed social committee. To date, Annie and her committee have staged a Wilshire Square night at the Trattoria Ciao, a family Ice Cream Social, and a Mardi Gras celebration.

The March meeting of the neighborhood brought forth many of our neighbors to honor the 1991 co-chairs Lisa Bist and Rose Anne Kings. A beautifully engraved marble paperweight was presented as a thank you for their huge contribution to the neighborhood.

Also acknowledged was Brian Bist who recently stepped down, after two years as editor of the neighborhood newsletter.

## Logan-Lacy

With the assistance of the staff at Garfield Elementary and St. Joseph's School, the Logan-Lacy neighborhood has been more active as of late. Recent meetings have featured various speakers including police and community services staff.

In January, the neighborhood welcomed the opening of one of Santa Ana's newest schools - Garfield Elementary. An official ribbon cutting was held on January 13.

In conjunction with the Santa Ana Recreation and Community Services department, an after school Latchkey Program was started at Garfield.

This new program is geared for the working parent and designed to keep children active and under supervision. For the first hour, the children receive assistance with homework. Afterwards, they participate in various recreational activities.

## Bristol Manor

Recent traffic and public service changes in the area around Mater Dei High School required the neighborhood to take a survey of the 156 homes in the area. Eighty-one percent of the homes were contacted.

Over 80% of the residents wished to have Baker Street remain open all day. Presently it's closed a large portion of the day for the benefit of Mater Dei.

Public works concerns range from red curbs at intersection to the return of street sweeping to Friday from 8 am to noon instead of 6 to 7 am presently to a 3-way stop at Park and Occidental.

The results of the survey were distributed to the City Manager, Mayor and Council, and the Public Works Department.

Bristol Manor has taken a compromise position realizing that solutions are needed that include the concerns of both Mater Dei and Bristol Manor, particularly as it relates to the Baker Street closure.

Upcoming meetings of the neighborhood will be held on Tuesday, April 14th and June 9th at 7 pm at the Memorial Park Building.

## French Park

The moving of the Spencer House from Main St. (near the Bowers) to a vacant lot on Lacy St. in French Park is soon to become a reality.

An architect was hired to do the final plans which are presently in the hands of the City's building department for review.

The Duggan House (featured in the last issue of the Eye) is out of escrow and now officially belongs to the family who are restoring it.

In case you missed it, the Home Design section of the Los Angeles Times recently had the first of four in-progress articles about the restoration work.

On May 16th, residents will be showing their pets off in style during a pet show and neighborhood party. The public is invited.

## Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

The Society is sponsoring the upcoming Victorian Tea, Garden Tour, and Spring Boutique on May 2nd and 3rd from 10 am to 4 pm. The event will offer six unique gardens in Santa Ana in addition to a special Victorian Tea and a craft boutique at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House.

Tickets are available for \$5 per person at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Dr. West on the day of the tour.

For more information call Judy at 533-3199 in the evening.

The Society recently finished an innovative series called "The Old(er) House Restoration Series" which featured a variety of eight seminars involving the restoration of the pre-1940 home. Sessions included a kitchen tour, demonstrations by a cabinet maker and furniture refinisher, and seminars on how to research your historic house.

## Sunwood Central

The next meeting of the neighborhood will be on April 23rd at 7 pm at Coastal Communities Hospital on Bristol. One of the topics of discussion will be the public work department's plans to replace sidewalks and plant new trees in the neighborhood.

The renovations at the east tip of Triangle Park has been completed. Also, the City has committed to put in a left turn traffic light at Segerstrom and Bristol, a very tough traffic spot at rush hour. Completion is expected by June.

## Thornton Park

Thornton Park holds 3 general meetings a year where guest speakers present information on topics including code enforcement, home security, parks and recreation, and the C.O.P. program.

The next general meeting will be held on April 21 at the Jefferson Elementary School at 7 pm. All residents are welcome.

Steering committee meetings are held every month. If you're interested in becoming more active with the neighborhood, you might want to call Marty Richards at 549-0778.

## Floral Park

Eye on Santa Ana would like to welcome the Floral Park Neighborhood which recently organized (just a bit too late for inclusion on our map this time).

Their boundaries are 17th St. to Santiago Creek and Flower to Broadway. Their next meeting in May will focus on officer election and discussion of neighborhood focus.

## Heninger Park

In April the neighborhood will honor Angie Padilla from the Santa Ana High School who has been helping to get parents and students to work together painting out graffiti in the neighborhood.

Also at the April meeting, code enforcement will speak about the latest tools they have to fight blight in the area. The neighborhood is also concerned about illegal street vendors that are still peddling their wares.

Members of the Heninger Park Neighborhood will be participating in the Christmas in April program to spruce up homes of elderly and low income residents.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 14th at 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church at 906 S. Broadway.

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## Free Deadbolts for Seniors

The Community Relations Unit of the Santa Ana Police Department has a number of deadbolt locks to be installed free for seniors meeting certain criteria.

If you need one and are a resident, 62 years old or above, and have an annual income of less than \$16,154, the Santa Ana PD would be happy to help.

Call Monica Hernandez at 647-5093 if you or someone you know meets those requirements.

## Everyone Plays

Take one large grassy field, 11 happy children, a caring coach and a trained referee. Sprinkle a large helping of parents and siblings around the sidelines, put up the banner and toss in one spotted ball. Cover the entire mixture with the philosophies of "positive coaching," "balanced teams," "open registration," and "everyone plays," and you have a soccer game, ...not just any kind of soccer, the American Youth Soccer Organization (A.Y.S.O.) kind.

Players in the A.Y.S.O. are ability rated and teams are balanced to ensure fair competition. Older boys and girls have separate leagues while the younger ages play together on mixed teams. An "everyone plays" philosophy extends into registration and financial problems will not keep a child from playing due to scholarships being available.

Registration for the fall season will be held for the separate boys and girls divisions (ages 4 1/2 to 18) on Saturday, May 2 and 16 from 9 am to 4 pm at McFadden Intermediate School, 2701 N. Raitt St. (between Warner and Segerstrom). The fee is \$45 for the season with additional children in a family costing less.

For more information, phone 556-AYSO (556-2976).

## Special Upcoming Events

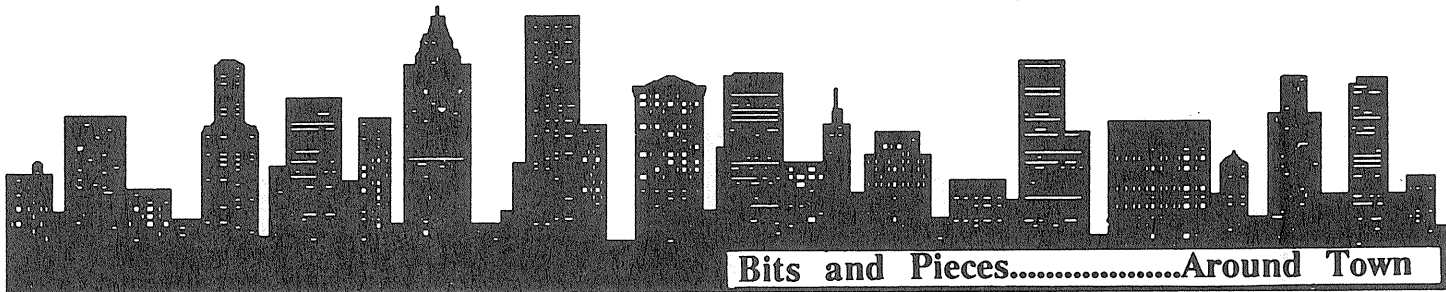
(see other sections in this issue for details)

- Victorian Tea, Garden Tour, & Craft Boutique - May 2
- Cinco de Mayo Festival - May 2 & 3
- Spring Large Item Trash Collection - May 9 & 16
- Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour - June 6 & 7

## Cops Learn Verbal Judo

The Santa Ana Police Department is constantly striving to offer the best training to its officers to provide responsive and professional policing to the residents of Santa Ana. Earlier this year, the SAPD's Training Section presented a 16 hour training course on tactical communications by Dr. George Thompson to over 500 police employees.

Coined "verbal judo," the course stresses concepts of communication designed to reduce escalating confrontation and increase the safety of all participants in a police encounter. The goals are achieved by officers recognizing the impact of words in a situation and using their verbal skills to prevent confrontations from becoming violent.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

## Sports Arena Update

The principals in the Santa Ana Sports Arena haven't given up. The facility is still slated to be built on a now-vacant 17 acre parcel on Edinger at Lyon St. The 20,000 seat sports arena continues to be in the planning stages with the main issue holding it up being the lack of a professional basketball or hockey team willing to move in.

Developers and City officials have held to a financially prudent commitment not to begin construction until a team is signed. If that were to happen today, the earliest opening date for the stadium is estimated at fall of 1995.

According to the developers, they have been close to signing a team several times, but counter negotiations with their home cities gave the teams cold feet. Even with a similar arena in Anaheim well under construction and expected completion in the fall of 1993, the developers are still optimistic about the possibility of landing a pro team and building an arena for Santa Ana.

## Girl Scouts

Keep your "eye" on those Girl Scouts! With over five hundred girls in over 50 troops, our Santa Ana Girl Scouts are a vital part of our community.

Girls from kindergarten through high school can be found singing at nursing homes, exploring the cultures of our community, planning a community campout at Santiago Park, collecting food for the needy at Christmas, and donating 300 bars of soap to the Women's Transitional Living Center at the YWCA.

Girl Scouting is family fun too! Mom, Dad, Aunt, or Uncle can fill that leadership role that is so needed. Call the Council office at 979-7900 for more information.

## Programs for Kids

The Santa Ana Public Library is presenting the Gypsy Juggler to entertain you. On May 5, she's at the Newhope Branch Library. On May 6, it's the McFadden Branch. And on May 7, the Gypsy Juggler visits the Central Library. All shows start at 3:30 pm and are free.

In June, it's time for the summer reading program. From June 22 through August 15, children and young adults may sign up, read books, and earn exciting prizes without charge.

The Library also offers on-going children's storytimes for a variety of ages and in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Times and places vary, so call the library for current details.

For more information call the children's services department at the Central Library at 647-5258, the McFadden Branch at 647-5790, and the Newhope Branch at 647-5792.

## Santa Ana Cooks Still Wanted

Local writer Molly Matteson is still working on publishing a book filled with recipes from Santa Ana cooks.

If you have a taste treat or two you think deserves a shot at immortality in a book, drop her a line at 1522 E. Avalon, Santa Ana, 92701.



A benefit Bill Medley concert raised \$11,500 for Santa Ana High School student scholarships recently. More than 300 Santa Ana High friends, alumni, and business partners packed Medley's HOP restaurant in Fountain Valley and to have dinner and listen to the tunes of Bill Medley.

In the photos above, Medley, a Santa Ana High School graduate (class of '58), donated a platinum album which was auctioned off to Derilynn Proffitt, a SAHS graduate of '71. The concert is one of several fund raisers held by Santa Ana High School's Dollars for Scholars to raise monies for scholarships.

## Historic Resources Review Committee

Santa Ana has a tremendous cultural heritage with some 4-6,000 historic buildings within its borders. We don't have to travel far to find them, they're located in almost every section of the city.

The City Council recently appointed a 13-member volunteer Historic Resources Review Committee to work with a consultant in deciding which are eligible to be placed on Santa Ana's list of landmark buildings.

As a start, the Committee will be working with photographs taken during earlier historical and pictorial surveys to help them decide. Since only a third of the City's prospects have been researched so far, the Committee will also be compiling historical data about as many buildings as they can.

Members of the committee include representatives from many of the neighborhoods in the city in addition to representation by the the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society, the Old Courthouse Museum Society, the Discovery Museum, and the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture.

Local historian Diann Marsh is the Committee's chairman with Leslie Huemann of Los Angeles, serving as the group's consultant. Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Dr. at 6:30 pm. If you're interested in Santa Ana's historic buildings or history, you are welcome to attend the meetings. For further information, call Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

## Out of Space

There's just too much good stuff happening in this darn city. We could have filled a few more pages (that we just didn't have) in this issue.

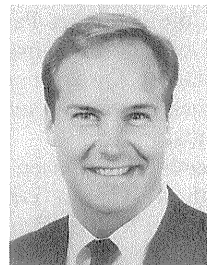
So we'd like to apologize to several very worthwhile programs and organizations that we vowed to include in this issue and will try our best to include next time.

Our apologies to the Senior Citizen Funsters, the Old County Courthouse, First Presbyterian Church, Western Medical, Career Beginnings, Caltrans, Southern California Gas, and Child or Parental Emergency Services.

We also promise to bring back *Catherine's City* and our regular spotlight on a historic home.

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## Crazies' New Theatre, A Santa Ana Treasure

When Cherie Kerr, the artistic director and executive producer of the Orange County Crazies, first saw the Pacific Symphony Building in downtown Santa Ana, she said, "That's it. That's where we want to be!"

And with good reason. The two story building, which is one of the oldest structures in the city (as well as the county), offers a spacious older style, main performing room (seating 150), an old fashioned balcony, and an assortment of private office suites. Unique architectural features abound including high ceilings, large stained-glass windows, and original, classical lath and plaster finish work.

Previously vacant and in disrepair, cultural and city leaders worked to save the building from being torn down. Thanks to the city help and federal community block grant funds, extensive rehabilitation is being performed to bring the structure up to current standards including improving the heating and electrical system, removing asbestos, and adding sprinklers and new bathrooms.

Upon completion, the main performing stage will offer two on-stage doorway exits to backstage, sophisticated lighting systems, acoustical control, a new and dramatic skylight, as well as raked seating.

At first, the building was slated to be the rehearsal hall for the Pacific Symphony, but when they decided to only use it on a part-time basis, the Crazies were given the option of being the full-time tenants.

The rehab work is near completion but that didn't stop the Crazies from opening their latest comedy revue, "The Wizard of Orange," to a packed house in March. "It may take some time before everything is in order," Kerr noted, "but, we're thrilled to have a permanent home."

In addition to their regular performances of improvisational comedy with satire inspired by life in Orange County, the Crazies also offer an Improv Comedy School for the general public.

*Wizard of Orange* is the sixth comedy revue presented by the Orange County Crazies. The opening scene features veteran Crazie, Lauri Johnson, as an intoxicated Judy Garland trying to find her way from Encino back to Santa Ana. Johnson brings the house down with her impersonation of Garland as well as her portrayal of Streisand.

Other highlights in the new Crazies' revue feature a group of business executives who are unable to speak without the use of their flipcharts; board members of the Bowers, trying to decide what to hang on the walls of the newly renovated facility, who mispronounce every artist's name and the name of the museum itself; and a trilogy commenting on today's relationships. Improv pieces include audience participation in the Jelly Sassy Raphael Show, "Duds," a take-off on Studs, and The A.M. Guys, where Ron Ruhman and Greg Hammond pull persons from the audience who they claim are celebrities.

Anyone interested in attending a Crazies' performance or in the comedy school may call 840-1406 for more information.



*Wilshire Square  
Home Tour 1992  
Saturday and Sunday,  
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10 am until 4 pm.*

*The fourth annual home tour from one of Santa Ana's most picturesque neighborhoods offers beauty and history for all. This year's tour features seven never-before-toured homes with a variety of architectural styles.*

*New to the tour this year will be a rarely shown collection of antique bicycles and a special artists gallery of Wilshire Square artists.*

*The tour price is \$8. Pre-sale price is \$7. Pre-sale tickets may be purchased by sending your name, address, phone number, and check to Wilshire Square, P.O. Box 2441, Santa Ana, CA 92707.*

*The tour will begin at 1322 So. Parton St. (just south of Edinger, between Broadway and Flower).*

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## Cultural Calendar

### Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART)

1636 S. Grand -- 836-7929

Be snapped up by William Shakespeare's wit and language as ART weaves a magical web of fantasy in "The Tempest," opening on April 24 and continuing until June 13.

### Way Off Broadway

1058 E. 1st St. (in the Advertising Arts Building) -- 547-8997

"Rain. Some Fish. No Elephants." -- a dark comedy about genetic engineering, environmental calamity, and a dysfunctional family is set in the present and in the future (on the following weekend).

### Orange County Crazies

115 E. Santa Ana Blvd. (Pacific Symphony Building) -- 840-1406

"The Wizard of Orange," another in the series of comedy revues (this time with guest hosts), continues through May.

### Orange County Black Actors Theatre

For information on their schedule, call 667-7090.

### Orange County Center For Contemporary Art

3621 W. MacArthur Blvd., Space 111 -- 549-4989

A show of art from the Arts-N-Correction program for the State of California opens on April 22 and continues to May 22.

Opening May 27 will be a show by Pat Whiteside-Phillips and two other artists.

### Caged Chameleon Gallery

2103 N. Main St. -- 836-5137. (Hours 12-4 pm Sat. & Sun)

A diverse collection of paintings from 8 members of the Orange County Latino Arts Network, curated by Emigdio Vasquez, shows from April 11 through May 10.

Opening May 16th is a photography exhibition by Ross Amador, Ray Macias, and Peter Samuels.

### NESE Gallery

4131 S. Main St. -- 979-2787

Paintings by Duncan Simcoe and Jeff Del Nero are featured during April and May in this new gallery in the south part of town.

### Murder Mystery Dinner

South Coast Plaza Village -- 675-9726

"Murder in the Mummy's Tomb" -- as you travel from restaurant to restaurant (and there are five in all), participate in a mystery thriller featuring Sherlock Holmes, a mummy's tomb, and you.

### Crazy Horse Steakhouse and Saloon

1580 Brookhollow -- 549-1512

Offering the finest in country entertainment including upcoming shows by Doug Kershaw, Pam Tillis, Crystal Gayle, and Restless Heart.

### Fiesta Folklorico

Offers children and adult, beginning and advanced dance classes. Call 836-7748 for more information.

### Orange County Performing Arts Center

600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa -- 556-ARTS

The Lewitzky Dance Company, one of America's most colorful and innovative modern dance troupes performs on April 29.

Puppeteer Shari Lewis brings her interactive show of gentle songs, goofy jokes, and hand puppets on May 3.

Tony Award winner Tommy Tune stars in one of Broadway's most popular hits, "Bye-Bye Birdie," on May 12 to 17.

Russia's celebrated artistic treasure, The Kirov Ballet, performs "Romeo and Juliet" from May 19 to 24.

### Pacific Symphony Orchestra

Events held at the Orange County Performing Arts Center - 474-2109

Their annual celebration of American popular music returns in "Broadway Night" on April 17 with a program of composer/lyricist Jerry Herman's best-known Broadway music.

The Pacific Symphony Orchestra performs with the Los Angeles Music Center Opera in a concert version of Ravel's "L'enfant et les sortilèges," the story of a spoiled young child who learns a lesson.

### Orange County Philharmonic Society

Events held at the Orange County Performing Arts Center - 553-2422

The O.C.P.S. presents the Los Angeles Philharmonic with conductor Zubin Mehta featuring the world premiere of a new work by Jacob Druckman (along with other pieces) on April 25.

### Rancho Santiago College

17th at Bristol - Ticket information -- 564-5661

Theatre - Phillips Hall Theatre

"A Midsummer Night's Dream," William Shakespeare's popular comedy involving royalty, marriage, disputes, and passion, runs from April 2 through April 12.

New Plays and Players Workshop introduces a new work developed, written, and produced by R.S.C. students from May 8 to 17.

Art - Art Gallery, Fine Arts Building

R.S.C. exhibits the finest in student art with their Annual Student Art Exhibition featuring works in painting, drawing, jewelry, ceramics, computer graphics, and photography. The show is open from May 4 to 15.

Dance - Phillips Hall Theatre

Advanced student choreographers and faculty showcase and dance works in modern, jazz, and tap in this year's "Student/Faculty Dance Concert" April 24 to 26.

Music - Phillips Hall Theatre

This year's "Big Band Jazz Concert," will once again include three R.S.C. jazz ensembles and a professional guest artist on May 3.

*Send your upcoming cultural events to eye on Santa Ana by June 10 to be included in our Summer issue.*

# Community Calendar

## April

**April 11 (Sat)** --Health Fair Expo '92 offers free health care screenings for residents at the Corbin Center, 2215 W. McFadden, from 9 am to 1 pm. The City's Recreation and Community Services co-sponsors the event offering no-charge screenings for blood pressure, vision, and sickle cell as well as education on hearing aids, planned parenthood, and heart disease. Call Carolyn Jackson at 647-6557 for more information.

**April 11 (Sat)** -- League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) will be holding their Hispanic Women of the Year awards at the Sequoia Athletic Club in Buena Park. Dinner will start at 7 pm. For more information, call 835-9585.

**April 12 (Sun)** --The Cambodian Family Youth Dancers will perform their native dances at a New Year's celebration at the Southwest Senior Center, 2201 W. McFadden from 1 to 2:30 pm. Free. For more information, call 571-1966.

**April 15 (Wed)** -- Everyone is welcome at the city-wide general meeting of Community Oriented Policing (COP) at 7 pm at the city hall council chambers. The main topic of discussion will be random gunfire during the holidays. Bilingual flyers for distribution to residents in your neighborhood will be available. Parking will be validated.

**April 18 (Sat)** -- It's time to hunt for Easter eggs with the Easter Bunny from 10 am until noon at Jerome Center, Memorial Center, Portola Park, and El Salvador Center. Call 571-4251 for more info.

**April 18 (Sat)** -- A free cancer screening is being

offered by the Mexican American Women's National Association from 7 am to 3 pm at the Planned Parenthood offices, 1801 N. Broadway

**April 22 (Wed)** -- Learn how to "Start Your Own Small Business" at a seminar sponsored by the Service Corps of Retired Executives and the U.S. Small Business Administration from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at the County Services Center, 1300 S. Grand, Bldg. C. A \$20 fee includes coffee and materials. Pre-register by calling 836-2709.

**April 25 (Sat)** -- Once again Taft Elementary School and the Sandpointe Neighborhood are holding a community fair with such highlights as emergency services demonstrations (police, fire, and public safety), magic shows, games for the kids (cake walk, air jump, and face painting), and of course, great food (barbecue, egg rolls, and chicken teriyaki). The event will be held at Taft School on 500 W. Keller from 10 am until 3 pm.

**April 25 (Sat)** -- The Imagination Celebration of Orange County returns for 1992 with more than 30 leading arts and educational organizations presenting public performances by professional artists, exhibitions, and hands-on workshops taking place throughout Orange County including events at the MainPlace/Santa Ana mall, the Discovery Museum, and the Orange County Performing Arts Center. Events continue until May 3. Call 556-ARTS, ext. 888 for more information.

**April 25 (Sat)** -- "Discover Your Imagination" at the 16th Annual Very Special Arts Festival at MainPlace/Santa Ana. Opening ceremony is at 11 am with hands-on-workshops for kids of all ages occurring throughout the mall from noon until 5 pm. Call 547-7800 for more info.

**April 25 (Sat)** -- The Santa Ana Army Air Base Wing holds their 17th annual reunion on the 50th anniversary of the air base. The event will be held from 9 am until 4 pm at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa. Call 631-5918 for more information.

**April 25 (Sat)** -- The Sandpointe Neighborhood hosts a multi-family garage sale at Sandpointe Park (Birch and MacArthur) from 9:30 am to 3 pm.

**April 26 (Sun)** -- The Discovery Museum will present "Imagine Yourself in the Past" in conjunction with the county-wide Imagination Celebration. From 11 am to 3 pm, visitors to the Museum can imagine what it might have been like to live in turn of the century Orange County through tours of the restored 1898 Kellogg House, hands-on activities, craft demonstrations, and old-fashioned games and family entertainment. Admission to the Museum grounds and craft activity centers is free. Admission to the Kellogg House is \$2. The Museum is located at 3101 W. Harvard. 540-0404.

**April 26 (Sun)** -- Oak Ridge Private School will hold their Open House and Science Fair for prospective students from 2-3 pm for grades kindergarten, 1st, 6th, 7th, and 8th: 3:30-4:30 pm for grades 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th. The school is located at 2200 N. Grand. 550-0302.

**April 29 (Wed)** --Community Oriented Policing (Neighborhood Watch) presents a series of seminars designed to help you learn how to protect yourself and make your neighborhood a better and safer place to live. The first one will be on police procedures and communications including how to call, how the police respond to calls and priorities, and other police services. The seminar will be held at 7pm at Martin School, 933 W. Wilshire.

## May

**May 1-2 (Fri-Sat)** -- Celebrate May Day at the Discovery Museum with a new tour that uses the Museum's rose garden, herb bed, and citrus grove to examine the Victorian's fascination with horticulture. Tour includes a light tea. \$15 per person. Call 540-0404 for information and reservations.

**May 2 (Sat)** -- Six Santa Ana gardens will be on view as part of the Victorian Tea, Garden Tour, and Spring Boutique sponsored by the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. The starting point for the garden tour (and the site of the Victorian tea and spring boutique) will be the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, a 12 room restored Victorian mansion located at the corner of Sycamore Street and Civic Center Dr. in downtown Santa Ana. A donation of \$5 includes the events and a descriptive booklet. The event will be held from 10 am until 4 pm. For more information, call 533-3199 or 541-2441 (in the evening).

**May 2-3 (Sat-Sun)** -- Part of downtown Santa Ana will be closed down to host a Cinco de Mayo festival sponsored by Fiesta Marketplace. Mariachis, folkloric dancers, and other entertainers will perform on several stages in the 4th St. area between Spurgeon and Main from 10 am until 8 pm. Booths run by various civic organizations will offer tasty food for sale. Admission is Free.

**May 2 (Sat)** -- If you're a member of the Santa Ana Zoo, you can enjoy "Sunset at the Zoo," a special evening with the animals. Entertainment will be provided and you just have to bring a picnic dinner. If you're not a member, give the Friends of the Zoo a call at 953-8555 to find out how you can join.

**May 2 (Sat)** -- The Orange County Performing Arts Center (Sunflower and Avenue of the Arts) transforms its back lot into an arts playground for children and their families. Musical theatre, ethnic and classical dance, and hands-on workshops are presented by professional artists and children's organizations. A parade kicks off the event at 9:45 am and activities will continue until 4 pm. Free.

**May 5 (Tues)** -- Seniors can come enjoy a full day of Cinco de Mayo celebrating complete with mariachis, folk dancers, food tasting, and exhibits at the Delhi Community Center, 541 E. Central Ave. Mass begins the day at 8 am. Call 647-6540.

**May 5 (Tues)** -- The adult performing company of Fiesta Folklorico will perform a free concert of traditional Mexican folk ballet at the Delhi Community Center at 2:30 pm. Call 836-7748 for additional information on the event or any of the Fiesta Folklorico's adult or children dance classes.

**May 6 (Wed)** -- "How to protect your million dollar idea" is a free seminar presented by a local patent attorney at the Doubletree Hotel, 100 City Dr., Orange, at 6:30 pm. Call 542-6833 for reservations. The seminar will also be offered on June 3.

**May 9 (Sat)** -- Spring Large Item Trash Collection sponsored by the City for residents. Locations of trash dumpsters include Santiago, El Salvador, Memorial, Centennial, and Rosita Parks as well as the City Yard on 730 E. Warner. Seniors and disabled persons may call 558-7761 before May 6 to schedule curbside pickup. This year dumpsters will also be available on Sat., May 16. Call 565-4007.

**May 9 (Sat)** -- A Mother's Day Tea Party is a delightful springtime tradition at the Discovery Museum. Enjoy the scones, tea sandwiches, pastries, and a selection of fragrant teas served

around the gazebo in the Centennial Garden. Reserve your spot soon for either of the two seatings - 11 am or 1 pm. \$12.50 for adults, \$10.00 for children under 12. Call 540-0404 for info.

**May 9 & 10 (Sat & Sun)** -- South Coast Plaza Village presents the Spring County Fest and All-American Antique Show from 10 am to 5 pm in the main courtyard of the shopping center located at the corner of Bear and Sunflower.

**May 25 (Mon)** -- Memorial Day ceremonies sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign War. At 10 am ceremonies will take place at Soldiers Monument at the Santa Ana Cemetery. At 5 pm, a ceremony with special guest speakers will occur at the War Memorials at Civic Center Plaza.

**May 27 (Wed)** -- Community Oriented Policing (Neighborhood Watch) presents a series of seminars designed to help you learn how to protect yourself and make your neighborhood a better and safer place to live. Tonight, residential burglaries and how to prevent against them will be the topic. The seminar will be held at 7 pm at Glenn Martin Elementary School, 933 W. Wilshire.

**May 28 (Thurs)** -- Western Medical Center/Santa Ana, 1001 N. Tustin Ave., is offering a free prostate cancer screening at 6 pm for men over 50 years of age. Seating is limited so call 953-3435 for reservations.

**May 31 (Sun)** -- It's time for the ACP Computer Swap Meet, returning with hundreds of vendors offering some of the greatest deals you've ever seen on new and used computer stuff. The meet is located in the parking lot of Advanced Computer Products at 1310 E. Edinger and is held from 8 am until 2 pm. Free admission.

## June

**June 5-6 (Fri-Sat)** -- The Victorian Bride is the focus of a very special two-hour tour offered by the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St., from 2 to 4 pm. The event will provide a delightful glimpse at the social customs, etiquette, and fashion associated with the wedding ceremony at the turn of the century. The price is \$15 per person and includes a light tea. The tour will be held on June 6 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Reservations are required. Call 540-0404 for further details.

**June 6-7 (Sat-Sun)** -- The 4th Annual Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour features seven "never-before-toured" homes built in the '20s and '30s, with architectural styles including English Tudor, Spanish Colonial, and Revivals. In addition, the

tour includes a number of elaborate gardens, a home remodeling in process, a gallery of local artists, and an exhibit of antique bicycles. The homes will be open from 10 am until 4 pm. Tour tickets are \$8 each. Advance tickets are \$7. First house (and ticket booth) is at 1322 So. Parton (south of Edinger). For more info, call 835-3935.

**June 6 (Sun)** -- Volleyball takes center stage as Olympic team members from the USA and Russian teams play exhibition games between each other and with local players. It takes place in the parking lot near Robinsons from 10 am to 1 pm.

**June 7 (Sun)** -- The Troubleshooter Swapmeet returns offering hundreds of antique dealers selling a huge variety of antiques, collectables, and other unique items. The Troubleshooter is held at City Shopping Center, Chapman Ave., in Orange.

**June 14 (Sun)** -- You can do your part to help local residents with the AIDS/HIV virus by being part of the Sixth Annual 10-K AIDS Walk Orange County. Registration begins at 8 am with the walk starting at 10 am at UCI. For more information on participating or to donate, call 453-1400.

**June 24 (Wed)** -- Community Oriented Policing (Neighborhood Watch) presents a series of seminars designed to help you learn how to protect yourself and make your neighborhood a better and safer place to live. Tonight, the subject will be on gangs and graffiti and what you can do about them. The seminar will be held at 7 pm at Martin School, 933 W. Wilshire.

*Deadline for the Community Calendar for our Summer issue is June 10. Be sure to include an information phone number for the public.*