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Success Stories:

Neighborhood Style

Some neighborhood projects get major publicity in the local newspapers. Yet that's only the tip of the iceberg when it comes our City's resident-inspired activities.

Our neighborhoods have been very active during the last few years, making their areas cleaner, safer, and nicer places to live in.

It was hard to miss the success of Sandpointe's new development fees, Washington Square's traffic diverters, Saddleback View's input to developers, and Bristol Manor's candidate forum.

But the day to day activities are neighborhoods' bread and butter. These are the efforts that bond neighbors together, giving them a sense of pride and ownership in the area they live.

Fund raising has always been tough. But garage sales have become a low cost way to raise money for supplies, newsletters, or flyers. In the last year, French Park, Heninger Park, and Wilshire Square have made profits from the cast-aways of local residents.

For neighborhood block parties, it's hard to beat Sandpointe's with their pot-luck, international food fair or Washington Square's yearly fest with music and entertainment.

Yet the importance of neighborly get-togethers hasn't been missed by Eastside and Frontier Valley who have enjoyed a good pot-luck or two. Heninger Park and French Park, among many others, also recognized the value of a good social event this holiday season with a special Christmas dinner.

Cleaning up the neighborhood bonds residents together in addition to doing the obvious. Artesia Pilar went big-time recently, painting and landscaping five houses.

Laurelhurst, Sunwood Central, and Indian Village have held trash and litter pick-ups to improve the looks of their neighborhood.

Both Riverview West and Bristol Manor have begun to take note of code violations and are reporting these problems directly to the City.

Speedy graffiti removal has been a bit success story for quite a few. Frontier Valley, Sunwood Central, Laurelhurst, Heninger Park, and Wilshire Square all have designated removal teams to help City efforts to reduce this visual blight.

Success...continued on page 3.



300,000 viewers watched the biggest Times/ Orange County Holiday Parade ever as 10 giant, helium filled, character balloons marched down the streets of Santa Ana. In the left photo, Mighty Mouse is seen flying



down 17th Street. At right, a group of skydivers put on a spectacular show. Twenty bands from around the country played on while twenty-four floats sauntered through town.

Photos courtesy of Mike Sage, Ronald Erdrich, and Ken Glanz.

Single Room Occupancy--Low Cost Housing For Santa Ana Residents

How do you afford the average \$800 rent for a one bedroom apartment when you don't make much more than minimum wage?

Your choices are few: an apartment in a very run-down part of town or moving in with many others in a house or larger apartment.

One possible answer is "SRO's." That's "Single Room Occupancy" in city planning vernacular.

Basically, it's similar to a hotel but with a good on-site manager and a set of rules to live with that mean a safer, more attractive environment for residents.

"There are many people out there struggling with the high cost of rents," noted Pat Whitaker, Housing Manager for the City of Santa Ana's Community Development Agency. "And when you make only a few dollars more than minimum wage, that's a big problem."

"As a city, we see a need to provide low cost housing for our

residents who may have jobs but not high paying ones. As far as SRO's go, we're looking at an upper end product that will be attractive, comfortable, and desirable for working people."

But she is not talking about a housing project we'll live to regret in a few years. Santa Ana and many of the other cities in the county are studying the best ideas from successful downtown San Diego Single Room Occupancy "hotels."

As envisioned by planners in Santa Ana, the rooms would be 200-250 sq. ft. in size. Each would feature a microwave, television, sink, writing table and chair, closet, single bed and its own shower and toilet.

The rooms would rent for \$300-600 per month, which would include all costs. Each unit would rent to only one person.

A key ingredient to the program's success is the on-site manager who is responsible for

keeping a tidy and secure building. The only entrance to the SRO is by way of a main lobby monitored by the manager.

Due to the difference in laws between hotel-style accommodations and apartment renting, problem tenants can be dealt with immediately to insure the safety of the rest of the residents.

Two possible SRO sites are now being discussed by City staff. One is near 4th and French Streets. The other location is next to the current YWCA building on Broadway.

The advantages of these downtown locations include the existing commercial zoning, seclusion from existing neighborhoods, abundance of nearby businesses for work or shopping, and an established transportation network for travel without needing a car.

If you'd like further information on this plan to help lower income, working residents, contact Pat Whitaker at 667-2200.

VIEWPOINT *Guy Ball*

We Need A County Jail Now!

Let's face facts. If you get picked up by the Police Department for anything less than assault with a deadly weapon, you probably won't see the inside of a jail for some time, if at all.

County-wide, thousand of burglars, drunk drivers, parole violators, narcotic abusers, and other not-so-petty criminals will be booked into the jail and, an hour or two later, will walk out.

That doesn't make me feel real comfortable. How about you?

We know the present jail facilities are overcrowded and are under court order to keep capacity to a set maximum number of inmates.

That means the rest will be set free. And sure, some of those freed are not a "menace to society." Some are even innocent.

But there are too many that aren't. At the same time we're asking the Police Department to arrest the bad guys, the officer on the beat knows they'll be out quicker than you say "Gypsum Canyon."

After many years, our County Supervisors are working (slowly) on a new jail site--the remote Gypsum Canyon being the best so far.

We understand the money issues (there is none).

We understand the political issues (there are a lot).

We also understand how crime affects all of us and how much safer we'd feel if the bad guys arrested by the police stay in jail for a while.

We need to remind our Supervisors how we feel and how we would appreciate a little help in keeping our City safe.

Here's what you can do. Letters work wonders with our elected officials. And lots of letters work even better. How about if all of you reading this wrote "We Need A Jail Now!" on a postcard and sent one to each of the five supervisors? I'll do it if you will!

In case you don't happen to have their names and addresses handy, the officials are: Roger Stanton (our district), Harriett Wieder, Gaddi Vasquez, Don Roth, and Thomas Riley. Write to them at #10 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, 92701.

While a majority of them have said yes to a new jail at Gypsum Canyon, the point of the cards and letters will be to prod them into quicker action. We just can't afford to wait another 5-10 years.

Our safety and security depend on it!

Our Neighborhood Leaders-- Santa Ana's Unsung Heroes!

They have jobs, families, even personal lives. How do they have time to be so involved with their neighborhoods? Why do they do it?

Neighborhood Leaders are a breed apart in today's world of "Let Joe take care of it." They want to work for a better neighborhood and City to live in. They believe, no--they *know*, they *can* make a difference.

We have 31 organized neighborhoods in the City. That's 31 sets of public spirited, caring, unselfish people who don't particularly have a hidden political agenda. They just want a nicer place to live.

On behalf of the 288,000 residents of Santa Ana, "Thank you!"

Eye on Santa Ana

Our Community Newsletter

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We welcome and encourage your comments, articles, press releases, letters, calendar listings, and other material. The deadline for the next issue (Spring) is March 1, 1991. Mail to:

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Planned Jewelry Mart -- Artist's illustration of the new Orange County Jewelry Mart to be located at the northeast corner of First and Main St. The four-block development is being designed as a full-scale jewelry mart with shops, restaurants, and parking by the Hopkins Development Co.

Restaurants I Have Known and Loved

by Catherine C. Cate

What a relief. What a thrill!

One recent Friday night we summoned the courage to try "That Other Place" at 1617 E. 17th St. (formerly the site of our long-time favorite, "Nieuport 17 Restaurant," now in Tustin)

We were not disappointed!

To the contrary, we were thrilled with the food, the ambiance, and the service. So thrilled, in fact, that the very next Friday night we returned with another couple, who were equally impressed.

(We're still outnumbered by a neighbor, who confesses having gone back three times.)

"That Other Place" may call itself an Italian restaurant, but you'll find no pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, checked tablecloths, or dripping candles crammed into raffia-wrapped Chianti bottles here.

This is sophisticated Northern Italian cuisine with superb Continental-French sauces and dessert souffles to die for -- all beautifully presented on fine china and linen in the old Nieuport 17 ambiance...intimate, relaxing, romantic. At "That Other Place," everything old is new again.

Our reaction is typical, says Manager Mark Shore, who is constantly making the rounds, checking to be sure everything is as it should be.

With a little bit of luck, you'll also have the opportunity to meet the resident culinary genius, Chef Ali, whose personality will win your heart as surely as his cuisine will please your palate.

Right now, noontime seems busier than evenings -- and a

noon rush can stretch both kitchen and service a bit thin -- but there's no doubt "That Other Place" is rapidly becoming a new Santa Ana favorite.

There's something remarkable about "Puccini," an all-but-invisible restaurant tucked along the east side of the Blue Bird Motel at 222 W. First St. First, it defies the importance of the first, second, and third commandments for success: location, location, and location. Not to mention the fourth commandment: decor, which, although O.K., is certainly unremarkable.

But even if their facilities are a bit unconventional, Chef Franco Asaro is a graceful master of culinary ceremonies as he puts the finishing touches on everything from pasta to desserts, flipping and flambeing all kinds of confections right before your eyes.

And the food...oh! the food. One tip: resist the temptation to stuff yourself on the hot, homemade, aromatic bread--you won't want to spoil your appetite for a single delicious bite of your entree!

I speak from experience and observation...our dinners were delicious, and other diners seemed equally pleased with pasta, poultry, veal, beef, calamari, and even whole (though not live) lobsters.

Clearly, this is a restaurant whose reputation rests solidly on its cuisine, which appears to have developed a following so devoted that it would succeed under almost any circumstance.

And that, I think, best says, "Bon Appetit!"

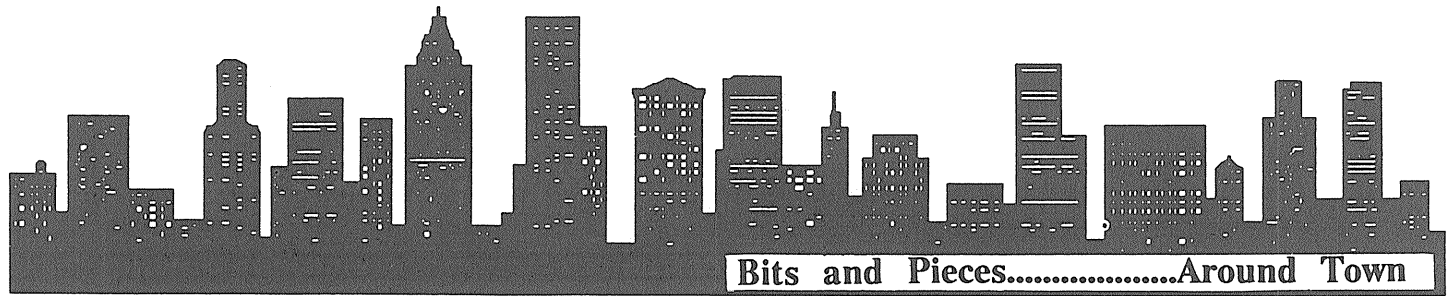
Readers' Picks--

Editor's Note: Beginning a new irregular feature, we asked a few Santa Ana residents about their favorite local dining haunts.

Gustaf Anders (South Coast Village)...bistro atmosphere, stylish and informal, the food is simply the best in the county.--*Don Cribb*
La Perlita (1307 S. Main)...great tasting Mexican food, superb fajitas, low prices, a great, very casual place to meet friends--*Lance Hall*
Knowl-Wood (2107 E. 17th)...the atmosphere and the variety of vintage props they have make for a fun time, the kids love it--*Gilbert Gonzalez*
Shelley's (800 N. Tustin)...wide variety of dishes and the food is very good--*Diann Marsh*

Bombay Bicycle Club (3606 S. Bristol)...nice, casual atmosphere, with Reuben sandwiches that can't be beat!--*Brian and Lisa Bist*
Hacienda (1725 College)...wonderful atmosphere, good food, a great place for a romantic date--*John Kim*

Do you have a Santa Ana favorite restaurant of your own? Drop us a short note with your name, its name, and why you like it.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Environmental Pledge

The Santa Ana Zoo is the latest to join the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce's Environmental Pledge Program.

Concerned, local companies commit to use environmentally sound practices in their business. This includes recycling paper or otherwise disposable items, using recycled paper for printing and stationery needs, or reducing water or energy use by 10%.

The Zoo joins five other Chamber member companies already taking the pledge and changing their work habits to help the environment: C.J. Sergerstrom & Sons, MainPlace/Santa Ana, MM Exchange, Dean Witter Reynolds, and Coldwell Banker.

The Chamber continues to develop innovative programs benefiting the community as well as their business members.

These programs include playing a major role in Santa Ana 2000, the community-wide coalition dedicated to building Santa Ana's future; the Santa Ana Proud program of community pride development; Leadership Santa Ana, a ten month training program to help develop community and neighborhood leaders; and support of Education First and school district/business partnerships.

Low-Cost Home Rehab

Are you looking to remodel or add-on to your home? The City Housing Department is offering low interest loans to fix up your house. A maximum of \$30,000 is available at interest rates from three to eight percent, depending on family size and income, with up to 15 years to repay.

Maximum income to be eligible to receive a loan is from \$41,200 for a family of 1 up to \$77,700 for a family of 8. For more information and a loan application, contact Housing's Rehabilitation and Loan Department at 667-2250.

Also in the planning stages is a City sponsored, first-time home buyer, mortgage assistance program. We'll give you more information on this as it becomes available.

Mobile Home Questions

A comprehensive survey of mobile home park residents and owners was recently completed for the City's Housing Advisory Commission to give them a better understanding of mobile home parks in Santa Ana.

Some of the opinions of those surveyed? Over 80% feel that day to day living is good to excellent. 63% feel that living in their mobile home is like living in a single family house. Only 27% felt that a mobile home park is a good place to raise children, while 82% felt it was a good place to live after retirement.

The full and final report will be given by the research firm at the Commission's January meeting.

The Housing Advisory Commission has been looking at the issue of mobile home parks for over a year. The Commission is composed of City residents who have volunteered their time to help advise the City's Housing Department on their programs.

Help!

Eye on Santa Ana is the production of a small group of dedicated volunteers who believe in the importance of keeping the line of communication open between residents, organizations, businesses, and City government.

We need your help, badly.

The actual computerized desktop production of the newsletter takes about a month for each issue. During that time, a laser printer is needed to produce the proof and final production pages.

A lot of work and redesigning goes on during that month. Borrowing time on someone else's printer doesn't work well.

If anyone out there would like to help us buy a printer or even, donate one, you would have the undying gratitude of a weary band of "Horace Greeleys." You would help us continue our efforts of reporting "All the News that Matters" in our community.

We're just looking for a basic HP-style, laser printer for an IBM system. If you can help, please give our editor, Guy Ball, a call at 759-2116 during the day.

Thank you!

Ballet Folklorico

Excited by the music and movement learned in classes taught by Rosie Peña, a handful of students resolved to expound in their newly-discovered appreciation of the folklore and dance of Mexico.

And so was established Relámpago Del Cielo Ballet Folklorico as a non-profit, educational organization. Based in Santa Ana, they began performing in 1976, preserving and promoting the diversity of the Hispanic culture by way of the performing, visual and folk arts. Relámpago is the only permanent Mexican folklorico group in Orange County.

Through the years, the dance company has performed for audiences throughout California and the Southwest. It has participated in several national conferences as well as performing before four presidents at the opening of the Richard Nixon Library.

In addition to the performances, Relámpago Del Cielo offers local dance classes for children and adults, beginners through advanced levels. Choir classes for children and young adults are also available.

If you'd like information on future performances or classes from this dedicated and talented troupe of dancers, call 966-6697.

Hispanic Secretaries

Secretarial classes will be offered in Spanish at Rancho Santiago College beginning on Jan 22.

The classes will be held on Wednesdays from 2-5 pm. Employment placement will be available upon completion of the course.

For more information, call Maria Hernandez at 564-6752.

Election Results

This is old news to most, but in the November election, Councilmen Rick Norton and Miguel Pulido won re-election to the City Council. Rob Richardson was elected to Ward 2, unseating incumbent Ron May. Mayor Dan Young was re-elected to another two-year term.

Councilmembers who were not up for re-election this year are John Acosta, Dan Griset, and Pat McGuigan.

If you have a comment or opinion about the City that you'd like to share, write to them at P.O. Box 1988, Santa Ana, 92702.

To be effective, write as briefly and clearly as you can. If you're writing about a future Council agenda item, try to time the delivery of your letter at least a few days earlier than the meeting to insure delivery and reading.

Most importantly, remember the Council also enjoys a pat on the back for jobs well done. Too often, we forget to do that when it's deserved.

Neighborhood Voting Power

When the dust settled, the final results of the November elections showed the large role neighborhoods played in 1990.

Besides the declared interest in neighborhood preservation by all of the mayor and council candidates, many neighborhood leaders and their regular members went to bat for their favorites by walking the precincts and talking to their friends and neighbors.

A few groups even organized voter registration campaigns to get more Santa Ana residents out to the polls.

A number of neighborhoods held "candidate's nights" to help their residents make an informed choice on election day.

The Bristol Manor Neighborhood and SAMSON both held successful, City-wide candidate forums which were a great help to many of us in deciding who to vote for.

Calling All Artists

The Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture was formed in 1989 to promote the Santa Ana based arts community. As part of that objective, they have taken high school students on field trips to visit some of our local arts groups.

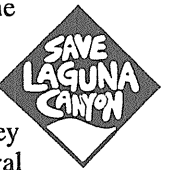
One of the Council's committees is creating a directory of artists who live and/or work in Santa Ana.

This directory would include the artists' names and brief biographies and be used as a reference guide for an "In-School" program as well as for the benefit of all the other members of the Santa Ana arts community.

If you are or know of an artist who lives or works in our City, contact Annie Engstrom with the Council at 1409 S. Garnsey, Santa Ana, 92707.

Save Laguna Canyon

If you've ever driven down Laguna Canyon Road on the way to Laguna Beach from the 405 Freeway, you know the feeling of peace and serenity that overwhelms your senses as you journey through an oasis of natural trees, foliage, and open hills, as well as a symphony of sounds from birds and animals.



Our friends in Laguna Beach did a very unselfish thing recently. They voted to tax themselves to the tune of \$20 million dollars to help buy Laguna Canyon from the Irvine Company and keep it as a natural, unspoiled preserve for today's and future generations.

The full price is \$78 million so they'll need some help raising the balance. A non-profit, fund raising foundation was set-up under the auspices of the City of Laguna Beach to accept your donations.

If you'd like to help save the Canyon, send a check for any amount to the Laguna Canyon Foundation, P.O. Box 4895, Laguna Beach, 92652. For more information, their phone number is 497-8324.

Think of an Orange County that continues to lose what few undeveloped areas it has left. That hurts us in Santa Ana as much as anywhere else. Here's your chance to save Laguna Canyon.

We might not have this chance again.

Keep a Secret?

One of the best shopping secrets in Orange County may be the Gift Shop of the Assistance League of Santa Ana.

This attractive shop is stocked with unique gifts to answer everyone's gift-giving needs. The best part is that all profits go to the charitable programs of the Assistance League which benefit needy local residents.

If you're trying to find a gift for a friend or relative, you might try the Gift Shop first. It's located at 1031 W. First St.

We're Proud to Announce

Eye on Santa Ana is now printed on recycled paper.



Success...from page 1.

Relationships with Realtors have worked well for some. Besides the support through advertisements in newsletters of Sandpointe, Washington Square, and Wilshire Square,

Laurelhurst has benefited by air blowers donated by a local agent.

And as many projects as we've mentioned, there are three times more that we didn't have the space to mention.

All done by volunteers with the "selfish motive" of making their neighborhood a better place to live.

French Park

After a year's hiatus, the neighborhood will once again host another "French Park Historic Home Tour" on the weekend of April 27th and 28th. The interiors of eight historic houses located throughout the neighborhood will be open for the tour.

The Historic French Park Association held another successful, fund raising "estate sale" in French Park in November. A Victorian Christmas party was held in December at the historic Keech-Klatt House, now owned by Ron and Debbie McEwen. A silent auction was held to benefit the Association. Santa's reindeer and sleigh participated in the festivities.

New officers were elected in September. Nineteen persons were elected to serve on the 1990-91 HPFA Board. Michael Brajdic will serve as President, Jeff Biscotti as First Vice-President, Diann Marsh as Second Vice-President with Vicki Bettencourt, Janice Gothold, and Viola Small as Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively.

Heninger Park

Heninger Park residents got a bit festive this holiday season with a Christmas Party at the home of one of their members. The get-together celebrated a year of revitalization for one of our City's older organized neighborhoods.

One of the neighborhood's continuing issues is non-neighborhood traffic, particularly on Bishop. The neighborhood has been looking to the City for some help in reducing this problem.

A general neighborhood meeting will be held on January 8 at 7 pm at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Broadway. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend.

Eastside

Residents of Eastside proved they were as "in the spirit" as anyone else by holding a holiday pot-luck in December. It was a good time to invite new neighbors and see old friends in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

1991 will see the neighborhood push to support local businesses deserving support. They will be assembling a listing of stores, restaurants, and tradesmen that residents have found to offer good service and quality workmanship.

Eastside residents also worked with other Southeast organizations on the big Christmas festival at Madison Park in December.

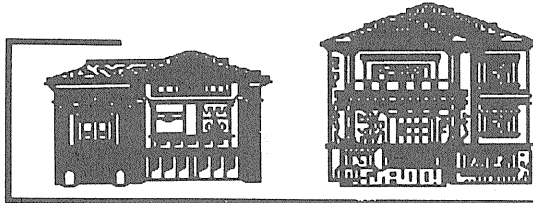
Laurelhurst

The association had a meeting in November with the Police Department's Lt. Mike Foote and Neighborhood Improvement's Will Hayes as guest speakers.

The organization wishes to thank all of the residents who canvassed the neighborhood with a survey about concerns and interests.

They also wanted to extend a special thank you to the Public Works Department for their quick response to neighborhood calls when needed.

The Laurelhurst Neighborhood wishes each and everyone a Blessed and Happy New Year.



In Our Neighborhoods

Riverview West

Members of the RWNA recently drove through the Far North West area to review the neighborhood focusing on code enforcement violations and property maintenance issues.

The goal was to record violations and report them to the proper City agency for action, in addition to notifying the homeowner/residents by mail about the violations as well as their impact on the rest of the neighborhood.

The observations validated resident's complaints about lawn parking, lawn overgrowth, overcrowding (based on the number of cars parked), and illegal home businesses such as weekly garage sales, auto repairs, etc.

There were so many violations they decided to recognize those who were nicely maintaining their property. That was about 35 homes.

Bristol Warner

Residents have been working on a project without too much success. Large, moving-type trucks park illegally overnight on the residential streets.

Citations have been given by the Police Department but the drivers continue to park their big rigs in defiance of City law.

Random gunfire has also been a concern in the neighborhood. Residents have discussed this problem at a recent meeting with the Police Department to see if anything can be done to reduce it.

Portola Neighborhood

Santa Ana's 32nd neighborhood association has organized and will hold their first general meeting on February 6 at 6:30 pm in the Resource Room of Sierra School on McClay St., north of 17th.

Residents began to band together in September with the help of Patricia Moran of the Neighborhood Improvement Office of the City.

While there was no single problem triggering the formation, residents felt that a neighborhood association was needed to properly and effectively conduct "preventive maintenance" on the community.

The Portola Neighborhood boundaries are 17th to Santa Clara, McClay/Linwood to Mabury.

Southwest

The Southwest neighborhood has been active of late with concerns of crime and public safety as well as random gunfire. At a recent meeting, about 20 residents expressed their fears and related their experiences to Councilmembers John Acosta and Miquel Pulido as well as representatives from the Police Department and the L.A. Times.

In January, organizers will be passing out flyers encouraging residents to attend the next general meeting of the neighborhood association (the date was not set at this writing).

Bristol Manor

At their November meeting, residents discussed the idea of limiting parking between 2 and 6 am. Most at the meeting were against the idea and instead preferred action be taken against the large number of commercial vehicles using the neighborhood as a parking lot.

Beginning in January, the neighborhood will be holding their meetings every two months on the second Tuesday, at the Memorial Park Recreation Center.

At their January 8th meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Miguel Pulido is scheduled to speak to residents as well as listen to their concerns.

The neighborhood is hoping to involve all of the City's other neighborhoods in a special city-wide neighborhood sponsored festival to be held in late spring. They'll be bringing the idea up at the January meeting of the Neighborhood Linkage Committee for discussion.

Frontier Valley

Resident Jim Perkins (a.k.a. "Mr. Graffiti") succeeded after many phone calls to persuade County Supervisor Stanton to arrange the painting over of graffiti on the sides of the Santa Ana Riverbed between Edinger and McFadden.

"Mr. Graffiti" gets his name from his ferocious appetite for removing graffiti (from over 4,000 locations since the neighborhood organized).

West Camden Place is the home of a number of new parkway trees planted as part of a beautification project by the City.

At the neighborhood's October meeting, Dave Hermance of Planning and Inspection spoke on the topics of overcrowding and garage sales, among others.

The guest speaker for the January meeting will be Lt. Mike Foote, Area Commander for the neighborhood, on the topic of gangs and crime prevention.

Indian Village

The Indian Village neighborhood is happy to announce the success of their Community Clean-up Project. The City placed trash dumpsters at various locations for residents to dispose of large household items and other items not picked up during regular weekly collections.

Frank Bravo organized the distribution of bi-lingual flyers giving the location of the dumpsters. Judging from the fullness of the bins, residents did a lot of cleaning up. There is a noticeable difference in the appearance of the neighborhood with yards definitely looking tidier.

A recent neighborhood meeting featured Beth Aldecoa of Community Preservation giving a slide presentation and information regarding City codes.

After a short holiday break, neighborhood meetings will resume in January.

Sandpointe

The big news is the success the neighborhood has had in getting the City to implement developer fees on the new large construction projects adjacent to Sandpointe.

Neighborhood leaders have patiently worked for three years with the property developers and City staff to come up with solutions to the issues of increased traffic and noise, and worsened air quality.

The result is a fee, on future development, designated for the Neighborhood to help fund improvements such as sound walls, new traffic signals, diverters, home sound insulation, and improvement of local parks.

Mark Saturday, April 13th on your calendar as the date of a special neighborhood festival held in conjunction with Taft School's Annual Carnival. The day long event will feature food, games, displays from the police, fire, and other City departments, an international food fair, and a swap meet.

Wilshire Square

The neighborhood once again got in the festive spirit by hanging red holiday bows on all of their old lamp posts. The effort even garnered them a photo and a nice mention in the December issue of Orange Coast Magazine.

December was time for their annual holiday progressive pot-luck dinner and once again a large crowd moved from house to house in search of the next course.

In between the munching, elections were held for 1991 officers. Lisa Bist and Rose Anne Kings will co-chair the organization this year.

A fond thank you went out to last year's co-chairs Ricki Older and Marc LaFont for a job well done including another successful historic home tour, block party, intra-neighborhood cooperation, sand castle competition entry, and voter registration campaign.

By the way, the neighborhood didn't win anything for their rendition of 3 Wilshire Square homes in a recent sand castle contest in Corona del Mar. But they did see their creation on the Channel 2 evening news if only for a brief second. A large promotion board with copies of articles on the neighborhood and home tour information garnered a lot of positive respect for the neighborhood and Santa Ana from passers-by.

Washington Square

The neighborhood's third annual Christmas decorating contest and caroling party was a rousing success. Under the able organization and supervision of Cheryl Patterson and Vivian Kusiak, the event went off without a hitch.

Home decorations fell into five categories and the winners were: Most Whimsical-the Valencia family on Olive, Best Use of Lights-the Pimental family on Freeman, Most Creative-the Swain

Washington Square--cont'd family on Freeman, Best Door-the Feeney family on Freeman, and Most Religious-the Wronski family on Baker.

A special mention of "Most Southern Californian" was given to a home on 10th St. which had both a decorated star and cactus.

President elect, Mike Sasso, will conduct Washington Square's opening general meeting on January 10th at 7 pm at Wilson Elementary School. A new board of directors and officers will be elected for the 1991 year.

One new issue of concern to the neighborhood is the proposed development along Civic Center Drive, Washington Square's southern border. Residents are looking to lend their support for a project complimenting the neighborhood as well as the entire City.

Fisher Park

The neighborhood association has held several community meetings during the past quarter, focusing on the neighborhood's quality of life. They hosted presentations from Mayor Dan Young, Mayor Pro Tem Miguel Pulido, City Manager Dave Ream as well as Jim Lindgren and Jack Niday from the City's Building and Lighting departments.

Topics of discussion with City officials included park utilization, traffic through the neighborhood, code enforcement, community lighting, and parking restrictions.

George Keeler of Washington Square also spoke and shared his neighborhood's experience with both the planning and implementation aspects of limited permit parking solutions to a non-resident parking problem.

The association has begun to discuss a redesign of the park to a more attractive and less negative impact design. The conversion of the park into a formal garden with water conservation as a design element is being considered.

Community Oriented Policing

The Police Appreciation Day in December sponsored by C.O.P. was a great success!

C.O.P. wishes to say thank you to all who donated desserts with a special thanks to the ladies of the Soldiers for Christ Christian Faith Center and to the group of ladies from Washington Square Neighborhood for the many delicious treats they brought for Police Department personnel.

The Southeast Area C.O.P. cooperated with the Police Department as well as the Eastside Neighborhood and other City departments in sponsoring a successful Christmas Fair at Madison Park. The event was set up, in part, to celebrate the success of police efforts to reduce crime and drug dealing in the park.

Over 500 neighborhood children came out to greet Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus and their elves as well as to see Barney the talking police car, eat hot dogs and hamburgers, and play games.

If you are interested in becoming a C.O.P. block captain to help organize your neighbors, contact your local police substation or call 647-6522 for more information.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

The second annual Victorian Candlelight Tour of Historic Homes and progressive dinner was held in December. Costumed guests toured three historic houses and a 101 year-old church.

The Society's Annual Dinner will be held in February. Evalene Pulati, an expert on the prominent French family of Santa Ana, will share her slides and information about the lavish Victorian mansion that Mr. and Mrs. French built in French Park. Anyone interested in Santa Ana's unique history may attend the dinner.

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society continues to offer tours of the Howe-Waffle House on the third Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

For more information on the Society or to become a member, call Diann Marsh at 541-2441 or George Heaney at 553-0505, x620.

Heritage Committee

The Heritage Committee of the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture has been meeting regularly to discuss Santa Ana's historic buildings and their preservation.

The Committee consists of representatives from each historic neighborhood, the Santa Ana Historic Preservation Society, the Discovery Museum, the Old Courthouse Museum Society, and others interested in the future of Santa Ana's historic buildings.

The Committee will be working with the City of Santa Ana to help decide which of the City's 4000 plus houses and buildings over 50 years old will be designated as significant. An educational outreach program, tied to local schools, is in the planning stages. Some of the members are also interested in highlighting the history of their historic neighborhoods.

Officers are Diann Marsh, Chairman; Annie Engstrom, Vice-Chairman; Todd Walsh, Secretary; and Chuck Wright, Education Coordinator.

If you are interested in this committee, call Diann at 541-2441.

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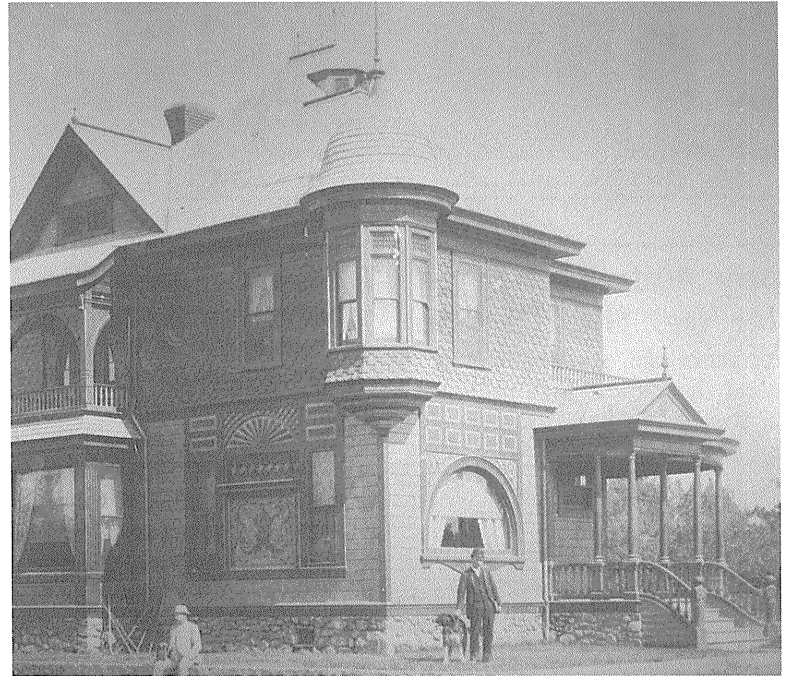
SAMSON had a special meeting in December inviting representatives from the organized neighborhoods in the City to a luncheon. Guest speaker was County Supervisor Roger Stanton who gave the audience an update on the Gypsum Canyon Jail Site and the controversy surrounding it.

Officers for the 1991 year were elected and include Ron Heike, President; Al Gipson, Vice President; Dan Palmer, Treasurer; Barbara Rust, Secretary, and Richard Moser, Sergeant at Arms.

SAMSON meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Republic Savings at 2400 E. 17th St. at 10 am. All City residents are invited to attend the meetings.

Neighborhoods & Organizations:

Don't forget to get your news items to us by March 1st to be in our next issue.



The Howe-Waffle House

by Diann Marsh

On the corner of Sycamore and Civic Center Drive stands a testament to the courage and willpower of one of our City's great pioneers.

The Dr. Howe-Waffle House was built by Alvin and Willella Howe, both prominent Orange County physicians. The Queen Anne Victorian mansion was built in 1889, originally near the corner of Bush and Seventh Streets. It was, and still is, one of the county's finest Victorian homes. Since 1975, when it was moved to its present location, it's been continually and lovingly restored by the Santa Ana Historical Society as a house museum.

Dr. Willella Howe-Waffle was one of our county's first woman doctors, delivering over 1000 babies during her 38 years of practice. She and her husband came to Orange County in 1878. She taught at the old Bolsa School in Santa Ana to earn enough to complete her medical education. In 1886 she graduated from Hahnemann Medical College in Chicago and began her practice in Santa Ana soon after.

Regarding her ability to establish herself in what was then a "man's career," Dr. Willella was quoted in a Santa Ana Register interview as saying, "Some of those who fought me hardest have become my best friends." At that time, it was hard for some to understand that a woman had the right to take her place alongside male practitioners and make a business of treating the sick.

Dr. Willella remembered the early days in our area, when doctors, in order to get to Los Angeles from Westminster, had to forge their own path through the cactus, willows, and mustard plants. There were no roads, and the winter rains brought floods too awful to recall. Many a time she had driven her horses through mud and water up to their waists, with the flood creeping around the floor of the buggy. Dr. Willella was known as a very generous and loving person, as well as a dedicated physician.

Alvin and Willella took two years to build the ornate Victorian house, moving in with their two young daughters in 1889. Sadly, they would remain as a family for just another year. Dr. Alvin Howe was accused by Orange County's first Grand Jury of performing an abortion on a local woman.

The jury eventually ruled the evidence hearsay and Dr. Howe was acquitted. However, he decided to leave town for San Francisco, rather than face the dishonor such a charge would bring him.

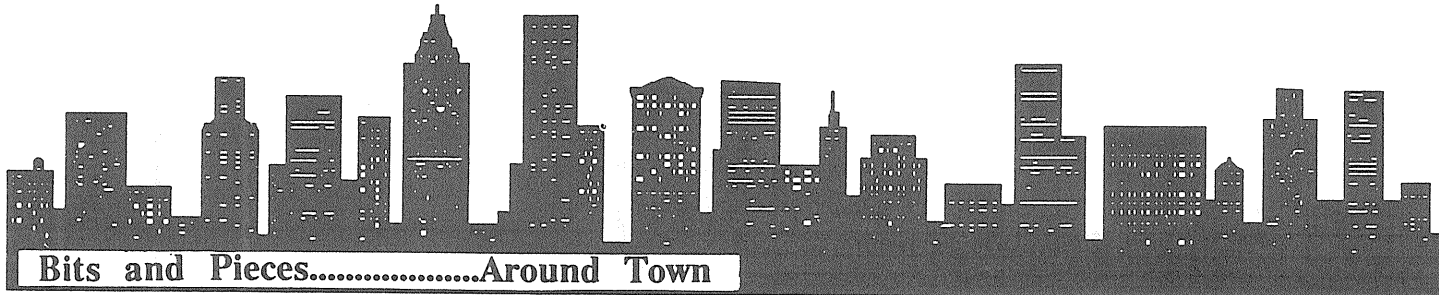
Meanwhile, Dr. Willella lived on in the house with her daughters, continuing her medical practice and her involvement with the Episcopal Church of the Messiah and several other local organizations. It took an unusual amount of courage for the doctor to go about her daily business with her head held high, but then, she was that kind of a woman.

After divorcing Dr. Howe in 1897, she married Edson Waffle, a prominent livery stable owner and rancher, becoming known as Dr. Howe-Waffle. In addition to her flourishing medical practice she was now raising a family consisting of her own two daughters and Edson's three children.

The grandchildren, who spent many a happy hour in the Howe-Waffle House, remember it as a warm and loving place to visit. Dr. Willella loved birds and animals and had an aviary in her back yard. It has been said that one of her parrots could sing some of the hymns he heard wafting from the Episcopal Church across the street.

Dr. Willella had an active medical practice and was involved in many local activities right up to the day she died, at age 74, at the bedside of a patient. The Dr. Howe-Waffle House has been restored to look as if the Doctor has just left to be with a patient and will be returning shortly.

The House is open for tours on the third Saturday of each month from 10 am - 2 pm. You can call 541-2441 to arrange special group tours.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Happy 40th Birthday Mater Dei High School

Forty years ago, students began to attend the newest high school in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange school system.

Over 10,000 young adults later, Mater Dei High has grown to become the largest co-educational Catholic school west of Chicago. Its graduates from around Orange County have gone on to such successes as starring on the Broadway stage and the silver screen, a Heisman trophy winner, and careers in every professional field.

Over 97% of its graduates go on to attend a college or university. Mater Dei's sports teams continue to win the top trophies in their divisions.

Recently, school President Rev. John Weling has been looking at the school's future. Plans are currently in the works for a major fund-raising drive, with the hopes of expansion of the cramped campus facilities.

Congratulations on 40 years of quality education and service to your students from an appreciative community.

Future Plans

A mixed-use office complex at Flower and Santa Ana Blvd. is in "plan check" with construction expected to begin in a few months. The twin towers will be occupied by county government offices.

Construction has begun on the renovation and expansion of Bowers Museum. Full completion is due in mid 1992. A 90-acre mixed-use cultural and commercial district surrounding Bowers is now in the study stage.

Site plans for the Orient Finance project (across Main St. from MainPlace) are being modified with the Planning Department's assistance. Environmental review is underway and should be completed by Fall, 1991.

The latest Santa Ana Auto Mall occupants now include Jeep/Eagle and Orange County's first Saturn dealer. Discussions continue with Chevrolet, Honda, and Volvo dealerships regarding possible relocation to the Mall.

Plans for the Santa Ana Promenade at the southeast corner of Harbor and McFadden seem to be on hold after the partnership ran into some financial problems and filed bankruptcy papers.

A specific plan for the Bristol Corridor Project Area is being developed with a final draft expected in early 1991. This plan will contain land-use, urban design, and development guidelines. Public meetings will be held shortly thereafter.

The first building at MacArthur Place, MacArthur at Main, is expected to be completed by early 1991. The Austin Building is the first structure in the office/retail/hotel/residential urban village project.

Customer Service

We often think of Nordstrom for the utmost in customer service. We're going to have to rethink that one.

The City of Santa Ana is reaffirming its commitment to the community by developing a long term plan of Total Quality Service.

"TQS" is based on the premise that the community is king and deserves the highest level of quality in programs and services.

To this end, the City has begun a training program that will reach every employee over the next few years.

Police, Fire, Community Development...every department will have people well schooled in the tools and techniques of continuous improvement, improving what they do and how they do it.

Already teams from the inspection division of the Planning and Building Safety Department have modified their operations, improving their public accessibility by telephone and increasing the ratio of their field personnel.

The Housing Department has reviewed their loan application procedures and have reduced their loan committee approval time by several weeks.

What can TQS mean for the community? It can mean quicker and better access to individual City departments. It can mean shortened processing time for documents, plan checks, and permits.

And it can mean more efficient ways to deliver City services to the residents of Santa Ana.

Calling All Cooks

What does L.A., N.Y., and Rhode Island have that we don't? A cookbook!

But Santa Ana based freelance writer Molly Matteson would like to resolve that.

"Santa Ana is so culturally diverse," noted Molly, "and that's what would make this cookbook different from other regional cookbooks. Most "small" cookbooks deal mainly with the specialty of a narrow region."

With our wide medley of backgrounds, Santa Ana can probably come up with one heck of a book.

So, whether your favorite recipe is Hispanic, Thai, Indian, or Yankee Doodle Dandy, it's time to pull it out and send a copy to Molly Matteson at 1522 E. Avalon Santa Ana, 92701.

We'll keep you updated on the "Foods of Santa Ana" status.

Santa Ana Proud

Aristides and Rita Diaz over on Harvard St. are one set of proud parents. Even before the actual event in late November, they knew that daughter Ermanette, age 1 year and 2 months, would win the Orange County Baby Pageant sponsored by Far West Wheel-chair Athletics.

Well, sure enough, Ermanette received first place in her age group which garnered her a trophy taller than she. We just had to show you her winning form in the photo below.



Little Sisters

Young Latino women often don't receive the encouragement or see the role models needed to move on to leadership roles in their family, careers, or community.

The Orange County chapter of the Mexican-American Women's National Association is working to remedy that with a program called Hermanitas or "little sisters."

These professional Mexican-American women "formed Hermanitas to provide a role model and mentorship program to nurture self-esteem, leadership, and education" according to Eva Lombardo, a M.A.N.A. member who heads the Hermanitas project.

A recent all-day Youth Leadership Conference was held at Rancho Santiago College for Latina students from five Santa Ana schools. The program entitled "Latinas, Leaders of the Future," provided inspiration for students to take pride in themselves and to prepare for a better future.

"The program is presently involved in five schools in Santa Ana but due to its need and success so far, we hope to extend it to others," noted Lombardo.

If you'd like to get involved and help the future of these potential Latina leaders or would like more information on M.A.N.A. and their other programs, contact Eva Lombardo at 846-0997.

Recycling Christmas

A big pat on the back to the Public Works department of our City for sponsoring a Christmas tree recycling program this holiday season.

City crews shredded and ground up trees that otherwise would have been dumped into a landfill. The mulch from the trees will be used in City parks and trails.

This was the first year for the program and we hope it's repeated next year with increased publicity so more residents will take advantage of it.

Santa Ana wins in two ways: we reduce the impact on our already overflowing trash dumps and the City saves money with "free" mulch.

Opinions Please

For the third year running, the Santa Ana Unified School District will be seeking your opinions to help guide goal-setting and planning for the 1991-92 school year.

The district will survey parents, business community, district employees, and students on a variety of topics including the amount of homework students receive, preparation of students for higher education or work, communication between teacher and student, and communication between the school and parents.

Telephone interviews will be conducted in the coming months with community members who speak English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Hmong, and Lao to achieve a good sampling of opinion. The complete survey takes less than 15 minutes.

"The Board of Education supports this needs assessment not to look for pats on the back, but to find out where we can do better," said SAUSD Superintendent Rudy Castruita.

Last year's survey told the district that parents desired more information from the school about their children's progress and performance. There was an interest in knowing more about the role of the parent, curriculum and school-related topics such as attendance, school rules and discipline.

Parents also thought their children should have more homework in major study areas including math, reading, writing, history and science. Nearly 76 percent of those surveyed indicated that they expect their child to attend college.

Utilizing input from last year's survey, goals for the '90-'91 year were set. They include encouraging parent participation, increasing high school graduation rates and addressing student nutrition, wellness and self-esteem -- all requisites to a student's readiness for learning.

If you are contacted regarding this year's needs assessment, SAUSD asks that you please take the time to share your opinions with the district. If you have questions regarding the survey, contact Susan Despenas at 558-5883.

Golden Bells

Before we run out of space, let's congratulate Santa Ana Unified for picking up three more Golden Bell awards from the California School Boards Association.

The awards are the "Academy Awards" of the California educational system and our schools seem to have a wonderful habit of receiving a great many of these for the innovative programs of our schools and their teachers.

From Our Readers

Nancy Hicks asks "is anyone still collecting our unneeded eyeglasses to give to those who can't afford them?" If any group is, send us a letter and we'll publish the drop-off locations.

Joseph Martinez wanted to "express his thanks to the Police Department for responding so "quickly" to a domestic dispute that was safely resolved by the officers' use of "talking instead of force".

Art Scene...by Don Cribb

The arts encourage us to see things in different ways, to recognize possibilities, opportunities, or development even when there may seem none. Encouraging young people to recognize alternatives helps develop individualism, self-confidence, and leadership potential.

If we understand enough, we are not threatened by different points of view, other cultures, or lack of conformity. Instead, difference can become a form of wealth, education, and sophistication.

Cultural awareness needs to begin at home and in the schools. In an effort to help provide increased advantage to the children of our City, the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture conducts an educational outreach program through its Education Committee.

This program is an incentive rewarding high-performing art students with off-campus tours and special instruction. They visit artist and dance studios, theatres, enjoy video workshops, and go to college campuses for special tours.

In October, sixty-five Santa Ana Unified School District senior art students from Valley and Santa Ana high schools visited the Alternative Repertory Theatre (A.R.T.) and Relampago Del Cielo Ballet Folklorico.

At A.R.T., Gary Christensen, one of its founders, explained the

use of the mask and "fixed-expression" in drama, coordinating this instruction with the theatre group's production of "Three Cuckholds", a commedia d'el arte farce where the use of the mask is an important feature.

At Relampago Del Cielo, staff members identified regions and subregions of Mexico and how those areas are identified in costume elements and dance steps. They also discussed the research necessary to authenticate costumes, hair styles, and time periods in use. The students were taught a simple folk dance and "zapateada" (footwork).

Support for this program also comes from businesses such as MacDonalds (North Bristol) who provided lakeside lunches at Thornton Park and Durham Bus who supplied the transportation.

Student tours show how art interrelates with all of life, and is not just something locked up in classrooms and museums. It shows us the power of beauty and emphasizes the important role of art and the creative individual in all of our lives.

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

Orange County Crazies

City Hall Annex Auditorium, Ross St. and Santa Ana Blvd. -- A special one-woman show, "LizAnne Live...Alone At Last", featuring LizAnne playing a variety of funny characters, both old and young, exotic and familiar, will play for two evenings only, Jan 25 and 26.

Opening Feb 16 and continuing until May 11 is "Orange on a Hot Tin Roof", a satirical comedy review of life and events in Orange County with skits and improvisational pieces.

Classes for comedy improvisation techniques will begin in January for beginning and intermediate improv as well as musical improv. Classes run for 10 weeks in Huntington Beach and will be taught by the Crazies.

For reservations or more information, call 840-1406.

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART),

1636 S. Grand -- "The Lion in Winter", an exuberant encounter with history as King Henry II chooses the heir to the Crown of England, begins on Jan 25 and runs thru Mar 16. Performances will be Thurs thru Sat at 8 pm and Sun at 7 pm. Call 836-7929 for reservations or more details.

Way Off Broadway Playhouse

1058 E. 1st St (in the Advertising Arts Building) -- The West Coast premiere of "Oh, Fudge", a high calorie comedy, by Monk Ferris (a.k.a. Orange County playwright Jack Sharkey) continues until Jan 12.

For reservations or information on this or future shows, call 547-8997.

Orange County Black Actors Theatre

Rancho Santiago College's Phillips Hall Theatre -- Two one-act plays, "The Trial of One Short-Sighted Black Woman vs. Mammy Louise and Safretta Mae" by Marsha Leslie and "Restaurant" by Eugene Lee, will be performed on Feb 2 & 3. For reservations and information, call 667-7090.

Stop-Gap Theatre

For information on their spring schedule, call 648-0135.

Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

3621 W MacArthur Blvd, Space 111 -- Closing on Jan 4th is the Latino Juried Show, featuring 29 Latino artists in a variety of creative mediums.

Featured from Jan 9 through Feb 8 are three artists: Ann Mudge, Shoshonna Ernst, and Chris Gallup. From Feb 13 until Mar 15 see works of art by Jay McCafferty, Jen Hsin Booth, and Jeffrey Frisch.

Special lectures are regularly held at the Center. "No Limits", a talk about empowering artists to create will be held on Jan 17 at 7:30 pm. Creative writing with Barbara Demarco will be offered on Mar 16 from 10 am - 2 pm. Gallery hours are 11 am until 4 pm, Wed thru Sun. For further details on OCCCA's events, call 549-4989.

Modern Museum of Art

Griffin Towers, 5 Hutton Centre Dr -- "Contemporary Korean Painters" including Ku-Lin Kim will open on Jan 27 and run until April 27.

Gallery hours are 11 am - 5pm, Tues thru Fri; 12-5 pm, Sat and Sun. Call 754-4111 for more information.

The Crazy Horse Steakhouse/Saloon,

1580 Brookhollow -- Country musical artists this spring include Dan Seals, Waylon Jennings, Tammy Wynette, John Snyder, B. J. Thomas and Buck Owens. Call 549-1512 for ticket or dinner information.

Rancho Santiago College --17th at Bristol St.

Theatre Department-held at the Phillips Hall Little Theatre.

"Guys and Dolls", one of the funniest and melodious shows in musical theatre, runs from Feb 14 to Mar 3. Two for one preview on Feb 14.

"The Marriage of Bette and Boo", a funny dissection of marriage and the family in contemporary America, begins Mar 21 and runs until Apr 7.

Tickets are \$10, students/seniors/children \$6. For tickets or more information, call 564-5661.

Art Department-held in the Art Gallery, Humanities Building.

"Inspired Form - Contemporary Figures", an exhibition of Southern California artists whose figurative work is influenced by the styles of earlier artistic masters, is a mixed media show opening on Feb 6 and continuing through Feb 27. Featured artists include Madden Harkness, Dominic Cretera, Guy Wilson, Kathryn Jacobi, and Lilly Rosa.

Elaine Coleman and Tom Coleman are the featured artists in an exhibit of clay vessels. Both are seminal figures in the ceramic art world. The show of ceramic artistry will run from Mar 14 to April 11.

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. 564-5615.

"Art Week 1991", Mar 14-23, offers a variety of events including numerous lectures and workshops in ceramics, jewelry, glass, the book arts, and other media. For more information and timetable call 564-5600.

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. Call 564-5600 for more details or artists appearing.

Music Department-held in Building "N", Room 117.

Visiting instrumentalists and vocalists perform as soloists or in small ensembles. This series of small, informal, free recitals is sponsored by the Music Department. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Coming in May: "Big Band Jazz Concert" and "Jazz Singers in Concert".

Dance Department-held at the Phillips Hall Theatre

Coming in April: "The Spring Student/Faculty Dance Concert".

Send your upcoming cultural events to Eye on Santa Ana by March 1 to be included in our Spring issue.



Uncle Guy's



Easy Way to Save Our Planet

----- Part 3 -----

Ole' Uncle Guy is sure proud of you. He's been checking with Mother Nature and she says most of you are sure trying harder. Keep it up! We're gonna win the battle to save our world.

This time, let's talk about recycling. Do you wonder what happens to all those products you bring back to the recycling stations. Well, aluminum cans are easily and quickly remelted into new aluminum products. Since the demand is strong, prices for aluminum stays high.

Newspapers on the other hand have a poor value since it's cheaper to cut down new trees (so they say) instead of recycling old paper. This would change if more of us used at least some recycled paper at home and in the office. At present, a case of recycled copy/computer paper is about 20% more expensive than the regular stuff. But if more of us started to use it, prices would drop.

Here's your mission. Talk to your boss or purchasing department and see if they'll order at least 10% of their requirements as recycled (as high a percentage of post-consumer waste as possible). Ten percent won't hurt the bottom line for the company and it will help fuel a greater use of recycled paper. Since paper accounts for over 60% of our mountains of trash, starting to reuse paper will help big-time.

Santa Ana stores that have recycled copy and/or computer paper include Staples and Office Club but if you ask nicely, I'm sure the other stationery stores or your printer would order it for you.

And while you've got recycling on your mind, one of the biggest users of paper in our area falls very short on recycling. The Register newspaper has the largest circulation in the area, but uses almost no recycled product in their paper stock. On the other hand, the Times/Orange County, to its credit, uses about 80%.

If you've got your recycled writing paper and pen in hand, how about dropping a nice note asking the Register when they'll start using recycled paper and reducing the waste paper problem? And then another note to the Times thanking them for caring about our planet. Write to R. David Threshie, Publisher, Register, P.O. Box 11626, Santa Ana, 92711 and Lawrence Higby, President, Times/O.C. 1375 Sunflower Ave., Costa Mesa, 92626.

If you're having trouble finding local companies with a variety of recycled paper products, here's a few you can call for a catalog: Atlantic Recycled Paper 800-323-2811, Real Goods 800-762-7325, Seventh Generation 800-441-2538, and We-Care 800-356-4430,

Community Calendar

January

Jan 5 (Sat) -- The Elks will again sponsor the "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest for all boys and girls, 8 to 13 years old. This annual basketball event gives participants the chance to compete in a free throw shooting contest against those in the same age group. It starts at 9 am. For further information, contact Leon Raya at 647-6502.

Jan 7-18 (Mon-Thurs) -- Registration for spring semester classes at Rancho Santiago College for instruction beginning January 22. Call 564-6000 for further information.

Jan 12 (Sat) -- The "Celebrate Life" Earth Ball will be held at MainPlace/Santa Ana shopping center from 7 pm to 12:30 am. The Earth Ball will feature a gourmet "environmentally correct" vegetarian buffet, music from the Big Band era, dancing, a no-host bar, and a silent auction. The event is sponsored by the Orange County Earth Day Coalition who will also present their first "Planetary Stewardship Award to MainPlace for their "pacesetting efforts" to preserve the environment. Tickets are \$50 each and are available through Ticketron, Roger's Garden, and the Coalition at 547-6282.

Jan 14 (Mon) -- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance personnel will be at the Senior Center

one day a week until April to assist in the preparation of your 1990 state and federal taxes. Appointments are necessary and can be made beginning Jan 14. Call 547-5671 or 647-6540, Mon through Fri before 3:30 pm.

Jan 15 (Tues) -- A free workshop training program for family child care providers is being offered by the Children's Home Society of California. The "Basics for Family Child Care Providers" series presents information on a variety of topics including contracts and record keeping, nutrition, activity planning, and scheduling. The series will run from January through June. The Jan 15 session is an introduction to the subject, Jan 22 is about the business side of child care, and Jan 29 concerns curriculum and discipline. All sessions will be held at the CHS office at 1823 E. 17th St., Suite 123, Santa Ana from 7-10 pm. For more information, call Bonnie Burke at 835-8252.

Jan 19 & 26 (Sat) -- Create your own 12" crazy quilt square from the scraps of memories you bring to this 2-session workshop. Beginning quilters are welcome. Held by the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St. from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Call 540-0404 for additional info.

Jan 21 (Mon) -- "Dollars for Scholars" Golf Tournament to raise money for a scholarship program for Santa Ana high school graduating seniors. Sponsored by Plaza Savings, KWIZ and Radio Exitos. Tee Off is at 8 am at the

Willowick Golf Course, 3017 W. 5th St. Contact Hal Kraynek at 241-6419.

Jan 26 (Sat) -- Animal Handling Workshop held at the Santa Ana Zoo gives children of all ages exposure to and allows handling of small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds. Time: 10:30-12 noon. Cost: \$15 for a parent/child pair, \$10 for single youth over 7. 836-4000.

Jan 26 (Sat) -- The Miss Black Orange County Beauty Pageant will feature some of the most talented young ladies in Orange County. The event will be held at the City Hall Annex Auditorium, corner of Ross and Santa Ana Blvd, at 6:30 pm. Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children. Call Carolyn Jimerson at 647-6552 for info.

Jan 27 (Sun) -- The 40th giant, world famous ACP Computer Swap at Advanced Computer's store parking lot at 1310 E. Edinger. Time: 8 am until 2 pm. Cost: Free. 558-8813. The event will also be held on Sunday, March 24th.

Jan 30 (Wed) -- "Mommy and Me at the Zoo," is a series of classes designed for parents and 3-4 year olds to help preschoolers learn about animal life through craft projects, tours, and touching live animals. Session A begins today and continues on the 4 following Wednesdays. Session B begins January 31 and continues on the 4 following Thursdays. All sessions are \$35 per parent/child pair. Time: 10-11:30 am. Call the Santa Ana Zoo at 836-4000.

February

February -- If you ever wanted to be a sports official for an adult softball league, now's your chance. An official certification class will be held this month. Call Randy Hoopii at 571-4225.

Feb 2 (Sat) -- Spend a morning waking up to the wild sights and sounds at the Santa Ana Zoo. A breakfast of fresh muffins, fruits, juice, and hot chocolate will be followed by an early morning guided tour and talk with the staff. All ages are invited. Cost: \$15 per parent/child pair or \$10 for each single youth over 7. Time: 8-9:30 am. Call 836-4000 for more details. Also held on Saturday, March 9th.

Feb 2 (Sat) -- The 12th annual Black History Parade will once again travel through Downtown Santa Ana. Starting on 15th and Main at 10 am, the marchers, bands, and floats will proceed south on Main to Civic Center where they'll make a right turn and finish up at the Santa Ana Stadium. The traditional Unity Festival will take place immediately afterwards. The parade is sponsored by the City of Santa Ana and the Orange County Black Historical Commission. Call 571-4226 for more info.

Feb 8 (Fri) -- A Valentine's Day party for seniors will be held at the Senior Center, 424 W. 3rd St, at 11 am. Activities include a luncheon, special entertainment, door prizes, a "Sweetheart Parade," and Bingo. Lunch sign-ups are necessary. Call 647-6540.

Feb 8-9 (Fri-Sat) -- The Annual New Year Rummage Sale sponsored by the United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Santa Ana will be held at the St Luke Center Building, corner of French St. and Santa Ana Blvd. Clothing, household items, appliances, collectibles, and home baked items will be on sale. Call 542-2323.

Feb 9 (Sat) -- Sample vintage candy recipes as demonstrated in the kitchen of the historic Kellogg House of the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard. Admission is only \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Call 540-0404 for more info.

Feb 16 (Sat) -- Listen to a snake's heartbeat and handle a live boa! At this special seminar at the Santa Ana Zoo, discover the differences between reptiles and amphibians through hands-on activities and use of microscopes. Designed for children over 7. Cost: \$15 for parent/child pair, \$10 for single youth. Time: 10:30-12 noon. Call the Zoo at 836-4000 for more details.

Feb 23 (Sat) -- Using live birds, microscopes, feathers, and bones, discover the characteristics of birds. Find the "hidden treasures" within an owl pellet. The program is held at the Santa Ana Zoo and is designed for children over 7. Cost: \$15 for parent/child pair, \$10 for single youth. Time: 10:30-12 noon. Call 836-4000.

Feb 23-24 (Sat-Sun) -- The Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce sponsors a "Table-Top Trade Show" at the MainPlace/Santa Ana shopping center. Santa Ana businesses will promote their products and services to the shopping public. Exhibit space is still available. Contact Sara Humphries at 541-5353.

Feb 28 (Thurs) -- Maximize your business potential at a business seminar conducted by SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. This program will provide information to people who plan to start or have recently established a business. Site location, financing, record keeping, advertising, and legal procedures are some of the many topics to be discussed from 8:30 am until 3:45 pm at Republic Savings, 2400 E. 17th St. The fee of only \$20 includes coffee and materials. Pre-registration is recommended. Free parking is available. Call for more information on this or their other programs, call SCORE at 836-2709.

March

March 2 (Sat) -- You're all invited to the Santa Ana Zoo's 39th Birthday Party. Watch their animals eat the specially prepared birthday cake and enjoy the antics of clowns and mimes. Time: 11 am - 1 pm. Contact the Zoo at 836-4000 for further information.

March 9 (Sat) -- The Saddleback Council Telephone Pioneers of America will be holding a goods and services auction at the Southwest Senior Center, 2201 W. McFadden. A silent auction will be held from 6-7 pm with the main auction beginning at 7 pm. Funds raised will benefit the Council's charitable projects. For tickets or more information, call Cynthia Oberlander at 559-4499 or Barbara Reid at 730-0157

March 15 (Fri) -- Join other seniors in a fun-filled Irish sing-a-long, Leprechaun hi-jinx, and a traditional Irish parade and the wearin' o' the green! Held at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. 3rd St. at 11 am. Call 647-6540 for lunch reservations or more information.

March 15 (Fri) -- Last day to register your team for both the City's Spring Fastpitch and Slowpitch softball leagues. Individuals or teams desiring more information should contact Randy Hoopii at 571-4225.

March 20 (Wed) -- "Town Hall" meeting featuring representatives from the City Council, City staff, Police Department, School District, and the business community to talk about the City and answer questions you may have. This series of three meetings (also held in April and May) is once again sponsored by the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce for

the benefit of all City residents. Meetings will begin at 7 pm. Locations not set at press time, so contact the Chamber at 541-5353.

March 23 (Sat) -- The Discovery Museum offers you a chance to color eggs with natural dyes from flowers, herbs, fruits, or vegetables. Admission is \$3 adult, \$1.50 for children. The Museum is at 3101 W. Harvard Ave. 540-0404.

If your organization is sponsoring an event in Santa Ana during April, May, or June, we want to list it in our Spring issue.

Just send us a press release by March 1st being sure to include the name and phone number of a contact person.

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