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This Could Be Your Discovery of the Year

by Catherine C. Cate

After the whirlwind of the holidays, does it seem like there's nothing to do?

Then it's time to check out the Discovery Museum of Orange County, "where adults and children participate in activities that make history come alive," says Mary Lynne Hummes, Director of Special Projects.

Located on Harvard Street, in the western part of Santa Ana, this is a campus of historical buildings set amid landscaping designed to add to the atmosphere of a turn-of-the-century home site, complete with rose gardens and orange orchards.

"The emphasis of our programs is on *doing* -- seeing, touching, tasting, trying. Not only can you tour an authentically restored Victorian style home but the Museum includes programs designed to recreate the way people lived at the turn of the century. The programs are also designed for all age groups starting with activities for preschool children as young as three and going all the way to events designed to meet the special interests of adults," Hummes continued.

"Many of our programs for school children were developed in conjunction with California State Curriculum Guidelines for Social Studies that are geared primarily for students in the second through fifth grades, when their social studies are focusing on California history and geography."

During January, for example, approximately 65 children will tour the authentically restored Kellogg House every day to get an idea how children lived at the turn of the century.

The Discovery Museum is centered around the beautiful Victorian home built in 1898 by the Kellogg family. Since being moved from its original Santa Ana site in the 1980's, the Kellogg House has been lovingly restored for use as a historical learning center for present and future generations.

Refurbishing is now well underway on another Victorian home, the historic Maag House, which was saved from demolition and also moved to its present location a few years ago. Originally owned by a wealthy rancher, when restoration is complete, the Maag House will be an attractive and unique site for community events and entertainment, as well as a center for historical document storage and research.

As we take another step towards our own turn of the century, this is

an especially interesting time to think about what life was like for our counterparts: California residents in 1893 as they moved towards the 20th century.

According to Program Director Nancy Robins, "In 1893, Orange County was only four years old, and residents state-wide were experiencing many concerns and apprehensions very similar to our own 100 years later. There were both land booms and recessions in the late 1880's and a wave of European immigrants were pouring into the area, among them the Germans (who

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Trying Something New -- Some young Santa Ana residents take part in a weaving and spinning demonstration at the Discovery Museum's recent 8th annual Victorian Fair. The event drew several thousand people who got a chance to experience a little bit of "turn-of-the-century" life with craft demonstrations, exhibits, children's games, and entertainment.

Eye on Santa Ana Photo by Guy Ball

Ballet Dazzles Students

by Rebecca Menes (See photo on page 7)

In November, before the watchful eyes of nearly 1,000 Santa Ana schoolchildren, Ballet Folklorico de Mexico burst onto the Orange County Performing Arts Center's stage with a dazzling display of Hispanic culture. Strutting male dancers stamped their soles and heels, twirling handkerchiefs above their heads with amazing dexterity. Barefoot women swirled their multi-colored skirts at arms' length, creating graceful, sweeping patterns across the floor. For the grand finale, the Mexican Hat Dance sped faster and faster, ending in a shower of streamers thrown high and far into the hands of cheering children.

Bringing the world of the performing arts to Orange County students has been the mission of the Orange County Philharmonic Society's Women's Committees for nearly 40 years, and the Santa Ana Unified School District plays no small role in taking advantage of all the culture the Philharmonic Society has to offer.

What better way to instill a sense of pride in Hispanic children than to introduce the arts through their own heritage? For the Ballet Folklorico performance, announcements were made first in Spanish, then in English, by Norma Graves, one of the 1600 members of the Orange County Philharmonic Society's tremendous task force of volunteers, whose network of outreach programs is the envy of music educators everywhere.

Ballet Folklorico is only the beginning. In February and March, more than 4,000 Santa Ana second-graders will travel to the Performing Arts Center or the Santa Ana High School auditorium to hear the bright and brassy sounds of the Disneyland Band. Students will be introduced to the instruments of the band and various types of American band music -- from the marches and medleys of old town bands to the music of the Big Top, Dixieland, and more -- all with the help of Disney's most famous personality, Mickey Mouse.

Also in the spring, more than 2,500 Santa Ana fifth graders will attend a concert with a narration scripted by playwright Richard Helleesen, in which music, dance, and politics are seen through the eyes of history's most colorful characters -- George Frideric Handel and Thomas Jefferson.

The Women's Committees also arrange for professional musicians to visit Santa Ana schools through "Meet the Musicians" and "Ensembles on Tour." During "Musical Encounter" programs, aspiring young musicians gain experience as they perform before their peers. The Philharmonic Society's ambitious women raise money year-round for the youth programs through unique events such as the Philharmonic House of Design, the Huntington Harbour's Cruise of Lights, fashion shows, and more. They volunteer to whisk thousands of children in and out of the Performing Arts Center and at hundreds of schools countywide. They also provide educational materials to prepare the children for the cultural events they are about to experience.

For more information about joining the OPCS Women's Committees, please call Helen Evans, the Santa Ana Women's Committee Chairman, at 637-5297 or the Orange County Philharmonic Society at 653-2422.

High-Tech Haz-Mat

by Guy Ball

When you're a firefighter battling a fire, your response time is critical. And if the site has potentially hazardous chemicals, how soon you know what kind and where they are can mean the difference between a minor blaze or a major inferno. The Santa Ana Fire Department is helping to develop a state of the art, high-tech system to get that critical chemical information quickly into the hands of the battalion chiefs and the specialized hazardous material ("haz-mat") response fire-fighting teams immediately after they get to the scene of the fire.

The project is actually the brainchild of an Orange County company, Emergency Data Network, Inc., who saw the need for fire departments to be able to *quickly* access information on chemicals and other potentially dangerous materials stored at a site. Presently, while federal and California laws require businesses to report on the chemicals they stock and their location, that information is usually in a remote file cabinet or computer and not directly accessible to fire fighters at the fire scene.

The main components of the system include a central computer and its information database as well as portable on-the-scene units that can access the information remotely. The portable units include a laptop computer, small printer, and a cellular phone/modem. When a fire-fighting team gets to a fire at a commercial location they immediately access

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VIEWPOINT

The Year of the Neighborhoods

Nineteen ninety two was a good year for the residents of our City.

More than ever before they spoke up to be counted. Residents from the North, the South, the West, the East, and the Central parts of our City were willing to take on even more responsibility in their lives.

That responsibility includes the destiny of the neighborhoods -- the place they call home.

Whether it be for crime issues, new street lights, traffic congestion, apartment deterioration, or even just to show some pride with a home tour, we had more residents get involved than ever before.

And that's how it should be.

It had appeared we lost that kinship with our fellow man -- no not the one in Somali or Florida who we have no problem helping -- rather, those like our next door neighbors whom we don't even wave "Hi" to and the family down *our* street who may be down on their luck.

That kinship is what neighborhoods are all about.

It's keeping an eye out on your neighbor's house when they're on vacation. It's bringing lemonade over to a new family that just moved in. It's a pot-luck dinner with 30 of your closest neighbors to celebrate the holidays. It's about waving "Hi" to Bob and Dee and Lionel and Miriam and Martin and Alba when you see them taking a walk down the street.

That's why this year was a good year.

This year showed continued growth for neighborhoods in Santa Ana. While we didn't get as many more new neighborhood organizations as we'd like, many of the existing ones got stronger. Some others may not have grown, but they did stay active.

We got some good press. We got some not so good press.

We were credited with "the path the nation has to take to clean itself up." Even this year's election campaign focused on our efforts and successes.

But the negative side questioned our purposes and our small participation of other cultures. We even brought that subject up ourselves at the last Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee, inviting three leaders to discuss what we might do to increase our ethnic participation (from all groups in the City).

Are we perfect? I'll answer with another simple question: Is any human being perfect? We do see our flaws; sometimes a little too clearly.

But in order to grow, you need to recognize the positive of what you've done, decide on where you need to improve, and focus on a goal that continues the positive and works on the improvement. If you dwell on the negative, you're not going to move forward.

So when I see neighborhoods in 1993, I see increased kinship, added responsibility, additional voices, and the strength in numbers that Democracy is all about -- and that's from *all* the residents of Santa Ana.

To those who are out there already doing, I say thank you for your time. For those who aren't, I encourage you to join in.

We have some wonderful people in this City and you should get to know them -- they happen to be your neighbors!



Another Great Year for Girl Scouts -- In the photo above, a Santa Ana Cadette Girl Scout is teaching songs to visiting Brownie Girl Scouts. Lathrop and Carr Schools sent 20 Cadette Girl Scouts (ages 12-14) to the recent Cadette-O-Rama, a camp-out and skills competition for about 800 Orange County girls. In addition, a group of girls from Sepulveda, Heninger, and Diamond Schools recently enjoyed an overnight at the Seal Beach Scout House, enjoying both the beach and being with each other. A Junior Girl Scout troop from Muir School traveled to the mountains for a weekend of outdoor activities at Camp Joe Scherman, Orange County's Girl Scout camp in the San Jacinto mountains. Santa Ana's troops also do service projects for the community including a Cadette troop at Sierra which is regularly contributing food to a local family in need. Girls and adults interested in belonging to Girl Scouts can call Connee Valle at 979-7900.

Orange County Together

by Hector E. Lopez

"It is good that you are working on the challenge of diversity and economic disparity NOW before there is an event." These words from a Los Angeles community leader were clearly heard by the Orange County Together delegation which spent a day visiting and listening to a wide range of community and political leaders in Los Angeles. The delegation, led by co-chairpersons Becky Esparza and H. Fred Mickelson, was able to confirm the aptness of Orange County Together's task for Orange County. The mission statement of the group supports the proactive premise of response: "to bring together diverse residents of Orange County to develop mutual understanding and build a future where strength is derived from our diversity so that together we shape a just community where all are valued and included."

The events of Los Angeles during April and May raised significant concerns throughout the county about the state of human relations in the communities. Many people raised the question, "Can it happen here?" The rapidly changing demography of Orange County has created important challenges for the people of the county. The United Way of Orange County and the Orange County Human Relations Commission determined that this was a good time to assess the state of human relations in the county. *Orange County Together* is the invitation to the community to come together to help build the future of our common life.

The process is simple, to develop recommendations, objectives, and action plans which will be commended to the various strata of the community. The process includes ways of building better understanding among the citizens of the county by inviting and soliciting information, reflections, and testimony from the community through a series of listening sessions. The community is then able to share its challenges, problems, issues, and positive activities.

Orange County Together membership includes 70 participants representing grassroots community, business, education, racial and ethnic communities, government, law enforcement, religious groups, gay and lesbian communities, political perspectives, and many interested community individuals. During the last four months, Orange County Together has hosted four major meetings at which it has listen carefully and enthusiastically to a diverse representation of community leadership: vendors, day workers, Korean American grocers and community leaders, homeless workers, gang prevention, youth alternatives, high school intergroup relations, youth groups, gay and lesbian community, and other groups sharing a variety of issues and concerns.

The listening sessions provide important information which will greatly enhance the development of the recommendations, objectives, and action plans which will make up the basis of the Report from Orange County Together. In addition to this report, Orange County Together will develop a process for implementation, monitoring, evaluating, and "resourcing" the report.

Orange County Together is committed to working in partnership with the entire community. Together much can be done that alone would be difficult. By bringing together the diversity and range of perspectives, visions, and solutions will be developed that are realistic and reflective of the different communities in Orange County. The work of Orange County Together will culminate with a celebration which will commemorate the vision, hope, and cooperation of the diversity of Orange County.

Editor's Note: Hector Lopez may be contacted at the offices of Orange County Together at 567-7470.

Another organization, Orange County Congregation Community Organizations (OCCCO) also seeks to bring people together to improve the quality of life in their community. OCCCO is a multi-ethnic, multi-issue organization that works with congregations throughout Orange County. For more information on their programs, contact Stephanie Gut, Director, at 491-0771.

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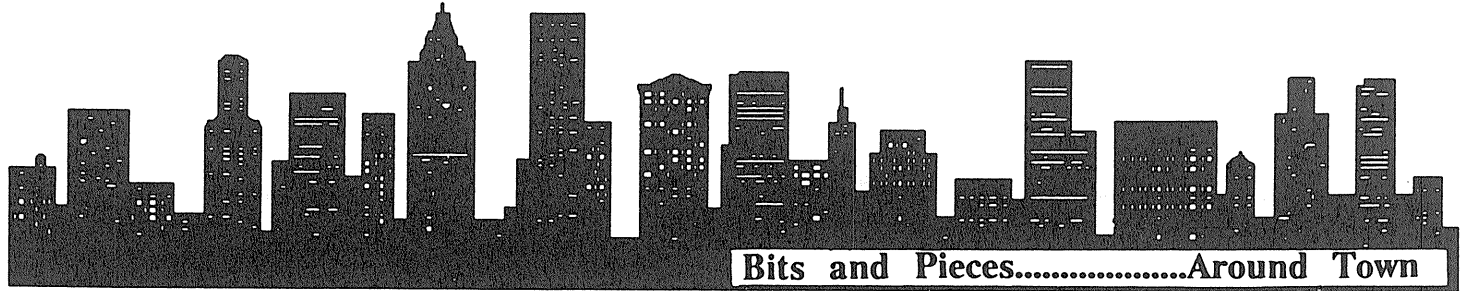
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Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Another Great Parade

Once again the Times/Orange County Holiday Parade came off like a champ with over 20 beautifully decorated floats, hundreds of marchers, and a good number of helium filled balloons traveling down South Bristol and being viewed by tens of thousands of spectators.

This was their ninth successful year and we want to thank the hundreds of volunteers - from the organizers to the float decorators - for giving us another wonderful Saturday morning full of holiday smiles and cheer.

Adopt-A-Book

With current funding for public libraries being limited these days, book lovers have a unique chance to help provide new books for the Santa Ana Public Library by participating in their Adopt-A-Book program. The program gives people in the community the opportunity of becoming "foster parents" of books that will be shared and enjoyed by library patrons.

For a tax deductible contribution of \$20 or more, the donor can request the type of book (children, historical, business, fiction, etc.) to be "adopted." The choice can also include Spanish or Vietnamese language books. With each adoption, the name of the "Foster Parent" will be inscribed on a bookplate attached to the inside book cover.

Friends and loved ones may be honored or remembered as well with their names inscribed in the adopted book.

To adopt-a-book, send a check and the inscription information to the Santa Ana Library - M75, 26 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, 92701 or phone Margaret Jean Owens at 647-5287.

New Science Center Gets Boost

The Discovery Science Center got an exciting show of support in December with a \$50,000 check from John McLuckey, president of Rockwell International's Defense Electronics Group. The check represents the first payment of a \$300,000 pledge to the project.

The Discovery Science Center is an 88,000 square foot science learning center scheduled to break ground in 1994 at 20th and Main, adjacent to the newly remodeled Bowers Museum. The Center will feature interactive exhibits, learning "quests," and an IMAX theater. It will be aimed at enhancing the science education of children grades K-12, informing teachers, and appealing to the general public. The Center is projected to draw one million visitors annually.

Special Restaurants

Several residents wanted to celebrate the return of the original owners of Bristol's Family Restaurant at 1317 N. Main. The Bristol family reopened the comfortable eatery and they're attracting some old friends from both the north and the south part of town.

One resident did mourn the closing of Guillemos La Fiesta on South Main noting, "where do we go for our special days - birthdays, anniversaries, Thanksgiving, etc.?" Patrons appreciated the special attention that Mr. and Mrs. Villafana and family gave to their customers. You will be missed. Thanks for the many years you were there and for the very good food you served."

Art Week '93

Rancho Santiago College hosts Art Week 1993, their annual celebration of the arts, from March 12th through the 26th, offering a variety of lectures, exhibits, and workshops to the general public.

On March 16 at 7 pm, Orange Coast College ceramic instructors Don Jennings and Larry Wasserman will lecture and show slides of their work.. On March 17 at 1:30 pm, Karen Sullivan will present a slide lecture of her clay artwork. Both lectures are free and will be in room C-105 (Fine Arts Building).

On March 20 and 21 from 10 am to 4 pm, Brian Gartside, a New Zealand potter, will provide a 2 day, hands-on workshop on glaze technology in room C-105. The fee is \$35. Brian's work will be on display at the Nealley Library during the entire month of March.

From March 15th through April 1st, the Art Gallery in the Fine Arts Building will display "Spirits of Perception," a collection of pre-eminent ceramic vessels and sculptures by renowned American and European artists from the collection of Igal and Diane Silber. The opening reception is March 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the lobby. Clay instrumentalist Brian Ransom and his percussion ensemble will perform at the reception. At 8 pm he will give a lecture on the construction and acoustics of his beautifully crafted clay musical instruments.

If you'd like additional information on Art Week, call 564-5615.

Midtown Development Moves On

The City is continuing to move ahead with the ideas and concepts developed for the Midtown District by a community workshop held last summer. That workshop involved over 150 city residents, business owners, architects, and planners to brainstorm ideas for the area from Civic Center Dr. to 17th St., Broadway to Sycamore.

In November, the Community Development Agency hired two consulting firms to prepare studies on certain aspects of the area.

The first study will suggest a land use and specific development plan. The land use section will focus on the character and role of each of the six sub-areas in the district (as defined by the workshop participants). The specific development section of the first study will identify existing uses of the land as well as development standards. The last section will recommend guidelines to enhance the visual image of each sub-area, reinforcing their unique character.

The second consultant will focus on a parking and traffic circulation plan. They will look at the existing parking and analyze future needs for the area. A circulation plan will be developed that will ensure manageable traffic volumes. For that study, the consultants will review the recommendations from the community workshop members which included new east/west streets and temporary closure of Sycamore at times to encourage pedestrian activity.

Both studies should be completed by the summer.

Home Sweet Home Tours

It's going to be a busy year for Santa Ana home tours.

On Saturday March 27, the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society in conjunction with the Tustin Historical Society features a Garden Tour, Victorian Tea, and Spring Boutique from 10 am to 5 pm.

The event will start at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House at 120 W. Civic Center Dr. and tickets are just \$5. Call Gregg Bunch at 838-9642 for more information.

On April 3rd and 4th, the Historic French Park Neighborhood hosts a tour of several Victorian style houses from 10 am to 4 pm (see notice on page 7 in this issue). Tickets are \$10; \$8 in advance. Call 569-0476 for more information.

April 24th and 25th marks the Floral Park Neighborhood's first home tour with 7 houses, 3 gardens, a display of antique cars, and a collectable sale. The time is from 10 am to 4 pm and tickets are \$10. Call Sandy DeAngelis at 547-2439 for more information.

And on June 5th and 6th Wilshire Square Neighborhood offers their fifth annual tour from 10 am to 4 pm. Their tour will feature 8 homes and 4 gardens and classic cars. Tickets are \$9, \$6.50 in advance. Call Lisa Bist at 760-3762 for more information.

If you've never taken a Santa Ana home tour, this is the year you should! None of the tours duplicate each other -- the feel of each area and their architectural styles are different. Also, you get to see some pretty proud residents showing the best of their neighborhood.

And just as important, all proceeds benefit projects to improve the individual neighborhoods and organizations.

If you'd like to be on the combined home tour mailing list and receive flyers for each tour as they are mailed out, send your address to Tour List, c/o Eye, P.O. Box 2422, Santa Ana, 92707.

Vultees Fly Again

"Vultee aircraft earned a special place in Southern California aviation history," noted writer and Wilshire Square, Santa Ana resident Jonathan Thompson. "Most of them were built in Glendale and Downey. During World War II, squadrons of Vultee trainers were based all around the country, including Southern California airfields such as Santa Ana, which would later become the Orange County Airport."

Thompson decided to make Vultee the subject of his twelfth published book to be released this month. The book is the first complete study on the subject, presently all Vultee aircraft from the V-1 airliner in the early Thirties to the advanced military prototypes at the end of World War II. Lavishly illustrated, the book includes over 230 photographs, most appearing for the first time.

Ask your favorite bookstore for a copy (*Vultee Aircraft 1932-1947*) or call Jon at 542-7145 to find out where you can get one.

Recycling Delayed

We jumped the gun in the last issue when we noted that trash recycling would begin in January.

It will be delayed to July or August at the earliest due to the City council's decision to put the trash contract out to competitive bid. The bid is expected to be awarded at the end of April for the new five year contract beginning on July 1st.

The Black Orange

A very special, monthly publication celebrates their first anniversary with a fun evening of celebration, food, and entertainment. *The Black Orange* is the only magazine dedicated to the African-American community in the greater Orange County area and on Saturday, January 30, they'll be celebrating at Randell's ("California's most romantic night club"), 3 Hutton Centre Dr. (at MacArthur).

Each month *The Black Orange* provides readers with history, commentary, poetry, and inspirational messages from Black leaders. Their largest feature is a very comprehensive calendar of events and activities of interest to the African-American community and offers organizers free listings of their event. Call 830-1390 for listing details.

You can pick up a copy of *The Black Orange* at Images, 3760 So. Bristol in the Metro Town Square shopping center.

Year End Celebration

The Santa Ana Council for Arts and Culture ended an artistically progressive year by hosting a holiday social affair at the Discovery Museum in December. The event was "in celebration of the impact the Santa Ana arts community is starting to make in culturally-deprived Orange County," according to Council president Don Cribb, organizer of the event.

The year of 1992 saw such exciting events as the reopening of the Bowers Cultural Museum and the landing of a local permanent home by the Orange County Crazies (in the Pacific Symphony Building). The Alternative Repertory Theatre and Way Off Broadway continued their strong box office draws and local galleries like Orange County Center for Contemporary Art and the Caged Chameleon continue to grow and offer increasingly successful and creative art shows.

Guest speakers at the social included the mayor who voiced his continued support for the arts movement in Santa Ana. Also on hand were several of our City council members

The members and supporters of our City's arts community braved the frequent downpours that evening to help ring in the holidays. Their entertainment for the evening was highlighted by a wonderful holiday story recited by a member of the Alternative Repertory Theatre.

The cultural finale for the year were two New Years Eve events; one hosted by the Crazies who offered a recap of their favorite skits and the other a party complete with dancing at Way Off Broadway's Playhouse.

Swooning Over Swayze

Over 1,000 fans crowded the entrance to Planet Hollywood/Santa Ana last month to catch a glimpse of movie star Patrick Swayze. Swayze was there with his wife Lisa to donate the shoes he wore in "Dirty Dancing" to the restaurant's growing collection of movie-themed memorabilia.

By the way, in case you haven't been to South Coast Plaza Village's newest bistro and hot spot, Planet Hollywood offers some pretty unpretentious meals like hamburgers and pizza (along with a few fancier items) and while the prices are higher than your local burger joint, you can't beat the atmosphere. This is a definite fun place for after the show or when your relatives come in from New Jersey.

You might even see a star or two. According to restaurant President Frank DiBella, future visits of notables with momentos include Priscilla Presley, Magic Johnson, and Luke Perry. Not that we're name dropping but ... Arnie Schwarzenegger is due for lunch soon while he's working on a new film close by.

International Christmas

If you weren't at the First Christian Church on the 20th of December, you missed the wonderful blending of Christmas carols sung in five different languages at one time. The auditorium was packed in a very special service that included all of the different ethnic congregations meeting at that church's campus.

Members of the Victoria Alliance, Victory Outreach, Vietnamese, Samoan, Korean, and of course, the English speaking First Christian held a joint gathering to celebrate the holiday in a very international way -- sending a strong message about getting along.

The event was so successful that church leaders are talking about holding additional joint services at other major religious holidays. The church is located at 1720 W. 17th St. and their phone is 547-4173.

The True Spirit

Each year for the past five years, Housing Division employees from our City's Community Development Agency have hosted a "Take a Senior to Lunch" Christmas luncheon at Knott's Berry Farm.

Participating employees pay the way for their low-income senior guest who is referred by the Housing Authority, churches, and senior centers.

At the luncheon, each guest is provided with a boutonniere or corsage, as appropriate. A picture is taken with their sponsor, and they all enjoy a good old chicken lunch as only Knott's can provide. Afterwards, everyone participates in a sing-a-long and receive door prizes.

Some of the seniors speak only their native tongues of Cambodian, Spanish, or Vietnamese, but through their bilingual sponsors, all enjoy the songs of Christmas and the spirit of love and giving.

The seniors cherish the time and attention given to them by their new friends; even more than their appreciation of their lunch and gift.

Over 100 participated this year and all came away "teary-eyed," committing to doing it again next year.

Looks like this certain group of people really understand the spirit of Christmas.

City Rhythm

One of Santa Ana's newest cultural bright spots includes the Rhythm Cafe, located in the former Harlequin and Hamptons building just off Harbor, between MacArthur and Sunflower. Opened just last October, this spacious and comfortable concert club offers competition to south county's well known Coach House.

Kudos to Rhythm Cafe's Curt Olson and Michael Feder who took a chance in a bearish economy to give us central county residents top notch music in an intimate atmosphere that's right around the corner. See the cultural listings on page 7 for upcoming artists.

Get Well Soon

Good ol' Rocky came through his operation with flying colors recently. It seems the 14 year old mountain lion at the Santa Ana Zoo received a vasectomy recently. The Zoo had enough mountain lions and didn't want to chance Rocky siring a few Little Rocky Juniors.

We wish him a speedy recovery. Be sure to say "Hi" to him the next time you're at the Zoo.

Quality Day Care

If you're looking for high quality day care for your child, you might want to check into First Christian Church's Day Camp and Pre-School, located next to Rancho Santiago College. They have an abundance of services for infants through eighth graders, their hours are 7 am to 6 pm, and their fees are very competitive. Regularly scheduled bus runs are available from John Muir, Santiago, MacArthur, and Willard Schools. Call them at 547-4173.

Teacher Honored

Santa Ana High School's Diane McGann was named an Outstanding Science Teacher by her colleagues recently for her outstanding work in the field. McGann, along with two other Orange County teachers, were honored during a science teachers conference sponsored by the California Science Teachers Association, the California Association of Chemistry Teachers, and the Orange County Science Education Association.

The three were honored for "their ability to make science interesting and to involve students in their community as well as school."

Another Chance

The historic Masonic Temple at 505 N. Sycamore in the downtown section was given another lease on life when it was recently sold to Geoffrey Wall & Associates. The magnificent, 46,000 square foot Moderne-style building was constructed by the Masons in the 1930's and used for all their functions until 1986 when it was closed due to a need for seismic reinforcement against earthquakes.

Charla Sanford, who has a long-term involvement in Santa Ana's commercial real estate (particularly in the Downtown area) and who sold the property, was especially pleased in Wall's interest to restore the architecturally noteworthy building as it's modified to a mixture of store front, office space, and meeting/conference rooms.

As architect, Wall has hired Don Krotee, who is well known for his expertise in historic restorations -- particularly in Downtown Santa Ana.

Successful Start-up Businesses

Looking for a way to jump start your new business in today's tough economic climate? The Santa Ana Business Enterprise Center (BEC) can provide you with just the space and assistance your business needs to survive and prosper in its early years of development. Since its opening in 1986, the Center has provided the nurturing environment needed to ensure the success of a number of start-up businesses.

The BEC, located at 901 East Santa Ana Boulevard, is an "incubator" for start-up businesses. Office and warehouse space, in a professional atmosphere, is available at below market rates along with administrative and technical support services. Tenants are provided with typing, receptionist, copying, faxing, and mail services.

Additionally, seminars and one-on-one counseling are available, free of charge, from an experienced management team and from the on-site services of the Orange County Small Business Development Center. Counseling and training sessions focus on such areas as business plan and marketing plan development, accounting, small business financing, small business legal issues, and financial statements.

This dynamic center has space available including offices from 150 to 900 square feet and light industrial/warehouse space from 1300 to 2800 square feet. A conference room, library, and computer and printer are also available to tenants free of charge.

For further information or to call for an appointment to tour the BEC, please contact Thelma Reiss at (714) 647-1134.

Your dream may be only a phone call away.

Kudos, Kudos

As we run out of space, we didn't want to miss congratulating:

MacArthur Intermediate School for coming in 5th in the entire state in a Knowledge Masters competition, answering 193 out of 200 questions correctly. Out of the entire 1,350 teams from schools across the country, Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America, they

came in 62nd. Team members included Jennifer Gonzalez, Louise Ha, Jeff Dodge, Michael Padilla, Eric Suman, Jimmy Farmer, Karakate Boonsirimsrook, Kittima Boonsirimsrook, Manuel Carranza, Brian Enright, Jose Gonzalez, Beth Haines, Thomas Hess, Thao Nguyen, Jamie Raabe, Frank Rocha, Kathy Ta, and Vu Tran.

Math teacher Chris Eddy coached the team.

Don't be surprised to see Century High School's varsity cheerleaders selling a lot of cupcakes during January. The squad took first place at the Southern California regionals of the United Cheerleaders Association qualifying them for national competition in Orlando, Florida.

To attend, the students need to raise \$9,855. If you can help, call Jacquie Fruhlinger, their advisor, at 568-7402.

And let's congratulate Saddleback High School's Golden Alliance school marching band for their superb performance on the marching field and for winning several sweepstakes and first places in competitions throughout the southland.

Dennis Bullard, the band director, attributes the success to the band's "attitude" and the effort they and the staff put out toward a winning exhibition of music and field work.

2 Much Good News 2 Little Space

Once again, we've run short of pages for all the other news we had and couldn't include.

Our biggest regret is delaying publishing the results of our first *Eye on Santa Ana* survey (in our last issue).

We've received over 120 back and got some interesting responses to our open answer questions on the good and the bad in the City.

In our next issue, we'll let you know whether our readers are more positive or negative about the City's future, how they feel about traffic diverters in their neighborhood, and whether all the new development going on is good or bad.

Our Spring issue will be twelve pages strong and we promise even more good stuff about this ol' city of ours.

Until then, take care and stay dry.

Looking for a Supportive Hispanic Organization?

One of the county's best kept secrets is the Mexican-American National Women's Association of Orange County. Founded in 1980, M.A.N.A. is a non-profit organization dedicated to support and empower Hispanic women to achieve their full potential in the economic, social, and political arenas, all while maintaining their cultural heritage.

With the announcement of the new 1993 officers including Eva Lombardo, president; Mary Ellen Lohnes, vice president; and Sylvia Munoz, recording secretary, plans are underway for a very exciting year for the M.A.N.A. membership. These include a very special and in-depth leadership program offering excellent and knowledgeable speakers at workshops during the general membership meetings. Some of the topics to be covered are gender politics, network planning, domestic violence, and avoiding corporate derailment. The workshops are free to members and will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 am at Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin, in conference room #1.

M.A.N.A. is also involved with the American Cancer Society clinics set up under the direction of member Carmen Saldana. In April, these clinics will provide free cervical cancer screenings and breast examinations to low income women in Santa Ana. Doctors who can donate time to this worthwhile project are still needed. Also, M.A.N.A. would like to find a sponsor who can donate 25 lunches for the volunteer workers that day.

Another service supplied by M.A.N.A. is a job bank for members, under the direction of Genevieve Segura. In addition, a mentorship program for high school girls continues to be successful at keeping some students in school. Volunteers are always needed.

You're invited to attend the meetings and meet some very special women. By getting involved, you'll help contribute to your community and help your self esteem all at the same time. Not to mention, you'll enjoy it too. Call any of the following numbers for more information: a voice mail line at 494-4884 (leave message), Herlinda at 568-0440, or Eva at 846-0997.

Historic French Park

The annual Christmas Potluck was held at the United Methodist Church. Christmas cookie decorating and Christmas caroling were among the activities that evening.

The Board has reviewed City staff recommendations for changes in the 50-page design guidelines manual and submitted its comments. Additional drawings and photographs are being prepared by members of the Board.

The neighborhood will be hosting a historic home tour on April 3rd and 4th. The Home Tour Committee is in the midst of selecting the homes and planning the event. See page 7 for more information.

The first "neighborhood walk," to assess problems and discuss ways to remedy them, was held in October. The process will be continued in January and February, with the result to be an improvement plan for all sections of the neighborhood.

Eastside

Keep an eye out for Eastside's Spring clean-up coming in early March. Dumpsters will be available for large item clean-up. Fliers will go out with the exact date once it's determined.

Sandpointe

The neighborhood has stepped up its battle against graffiti with an extensive campaign including a patrol headed by Doug Felix involving many residents, some who actually keep paint and brushes in their car for immediate cover-up.

Sandpointe is pushing a paid membership drive with a goal of over 600 households from the 200 currently. The increased funds will allow the organization to take on additional projects.

Another fund raising project is a "Blue Book" featuring ads of commercial and professional businesses that serve the neighborhood. The book will be distributed to residents.

Elections were held and Henry "Hank" Kaim is the new chairman, taking over from retiring chair Jim Walker, who will remain the main contact with the City and other neighborhoods. Scott McKee was elected co-chair, Lyle Templeton - treasurer, and Sylvia Clark - secretary.

The editor of the neighborhood's newsletter, "The Sandpiper," is Charly Schimp. Sector coordinators who are also on the Board of Governors include Scott McKee, Sylvia Clark, Judy Bartone, Bob Black, Heide Radisay, Tim Whitaker, Bonnie Chaban, Suzie Stevens, Kathy Mitsumi, and Hank Kaim.

The next Sandpointe general meeting is on Thursday, January 14 at 7:30 pm at MacArthur Intermediate School.

Laurelhurst

The Laurelhurst Neighborhood's executive board met in November at the home of Bert Carter, the chairman of the association. They discussed projects that will be brought up and voted upon at the next general meeting. The meeting will be announced in January through a flier that will be delivered to all the homes in the neighborhood.

The executive board members joined in a special year end dinner to celebrate another successful year.

The Laurelhurst Neighborhood wants to thank all of the Santa Ana Public Works employees who helped with all of the neighborhood's many needs in 1992.

In the Neighborhoods

Morning Sunwood

Neighborhood resident Judy Bryant has been successfully conducting a drive for local schools, gathering not only aluminum cans and newspaper, but an abundance of Lucky supermarket cash register receipts (for Lucky's school aid program), typewriters, and even a computer.

By-Laws were passed at the October meeting and they're looking forward to their first elections in February. If all goes to plan, the neighborhood will be incorporated in the first quarter of '93.

The neighborhood wanted to express their appreciation to resident Bill Grant for all of his valuable feedback as their representative to the Neighborhood Communication's Linkage Committee. Bill is also on "Comm-Link's" planning board.

Wilshire Square

In December, almost 60 residents showed up for the annual holiday progressive dinner to celebrate another year of fellowship within the neighborhood. In the first part of the month, the neighborhood once again put red holiday bows up on all the light posts in what is now an annual tradition.

Members of the Wilshire Square Garden Club organized the planting of an ivy-like plant along the Edinger block wall. The City's Public Works Department core drilled holes in the sidewalk next to the wall to allow the planting. The Orange County News Channel even showed up with a camera crew to immortalize the effort.

The neighborhood showed up in force recently to support one of their resident City councilmen in his efforts as a stand up comedian at a recent Orange County Craziest performance. While neighbors don't recommend he give up his day job yet, they were pleasantly amazed at his gift at improvisational comedy.

The new elected officials for 1993 include Jacquie Rudge and Anne Engstrom as co-chairs, Roberta Reed as secretary, and Ricki Older as treasurer. Special appreciation went out to Karl Marx for volunteering to head up the anti-graffiti patrol again.

This year Wilshire Square again sent two residents to the Chamber of Commerce's excellent "Leadership Santa Ana" program beginning in October - David Rudge and Gitte Wachsmann.

Washington Square

Last October, the neighborhood held their second home and garden tour with over 500 guests visiting to view the seven homes and two gardens. The homes on tour were constructed between 1925 and 1942.

New on the tour this year, guests were offered the sounds of a string quartet and dixieland band in the comfort of one of their featured gardens and featured courtesy of Don Cribb and the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture.

Holiday events in December included their annual Christmas Decorating Contest and Caroling Party this year held at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House.

New board members and officers will be elected at this year's first general meeting on January 14.

French Court

The neighborhood fall clean-up was a success with graffiti removal and trash dumpsters thanks to the support of sponsors Steve Star and KRLA radio station, Lt. Nick of Santa Ana Police, Norm Canchola of Neighborhood Improvement, Ralphs Grocery, Pepsi Co., and Orange Coast Signs (for those great neighborhood banners).

The neighborhood wanted to welcome the new businesses in the neighborhood including "Sounds Fishy 2Me," tropical fish and aquarium supplies on 16th and Main (Welcome Ed and Dave!) and re-opening under original ownership, Bristol's Family Restaurant (Welcome back Jeff and the crew!).

French Court was named the first neighborhood to be targeted for the City's new "Proactive Residential Enforcement Program," an inspection program designed to encourage rental property owners to take care of their property and to crack down on the slumlords.

Bristol/Warner

The neighborhood came together to reduce a local traffic hazard. They were successful in getting a section of the curb on the north side of Warner, just east of Rene, "red-lined" as a no parking zone.

When cars were parked in this area, it was difficult to see oncoming traffic if you tried to cross Warner from Rene.

Community Oriented Policing

The City-wide COP is working on bringing Kindervision to Santa Ana sometime this spring. The national program gives parents free videotapes of their children to help the police in case the kids become missing or are abducted. The video also offers tips on protecting your children. For more information, call Evangeline at 541-8971.

The Central District Police substation, under the direction of Officer Peter Jensen, solicited donations from business people and individuals to bring some Christmas cheer to some disadvantaged families.

A second grade class at Pio Pico Elementary School was adopted and each child was given a pair of shoes, socks, a sweater or sweat shirt, a lunch, and a toy.

Food baskets were delivered to 56 families of the school, 25 were given to the Civic Center Barrio Housing Corp. for needy families.

Thanks for the generosity of all who donated and those who were responsible for shopping and delivering the baskets.

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

A recent election resulted in the following officers for 1993: Ron Heike, president; Sal Juarez, vice president; Judy Perry, secretary; Richard Moser, treasurer; Tom Ferrer, sergeant at arms; Jim Tucker, chairman of the program committee.

SAMSON is open to all residents of the City and offers a special guest speaker at most of their monthly meetings. The meeting location has been changed to the Southwest Senior Center, 2201 W.

McFadden Ave. The date and time are still the same; the third Saturday of each month at 10:30 am.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

The Society's annual Victorian Progressive Dinner was an overwhelming success with over 150 diners visiting and enjoying the appetizers, main course, and dessert at five locations ranging from the First Presbyterian Church to the Dr. Howe-Waffle House to the architecturally unique, private homes of several members.

On Saturday, March 27, the Society will co-sponsor a Victorian Tea, Garden Tour, and Spring Boutique with the Tustin Area Historical Society. The event runs from 10 am to 5 pm and starts at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House at 120 W. Civic Center Dr. Tickets are just \$5. Call Gregg Bunch at 838-9642 if you need more information.

Tours of the beautifully restored, Queen-Anne style Dr. Howe-Waffle House are conducted for the public on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 pm. The house is located at the corner of Sycamore and Civic Center Dr.

Communication Linkage Committee

The city-wide coalition of neighborhoods, "Comm-Link" ended a very energetic year with a meeting featuring guest speakers talking about bridging the cultural gap in our City. The session was the first in a series in an attempt at helping neighborhoods learn how to bring together all of their residents regardless of backgrounds.

Meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the YWCA at Sycamore and 15th St. at 7 pm. For more information, call Norm Canchola with Neighborhood Improvement, at 667-2260.

Keep Santa Ana Beautiful

March 26 is the deadline to enter the Santa Ana Beautiful Committee's 32nd Annual Essay Contest with this year's theme of "Campus Pride." If you are a high school or intermediate school student and would like to participate, call 571-4258 for more information.

Everybody's invited to join the Arbor Day Celebrations on Feb. 23 & 25, March 2 & 4 sponsored by the City of Santa Ana and the Santa Ana Beautiful Committee. They'll be planting trees in four locations with programs that include some very young and talented entertainers. Celebrations will be held at El Salvador Park, Valley High School, Memorial Park, and Prentice Park. Call 571-4258 for details.

Sertoma Club

The Orange Empire Sertoma Club meets every Thursday at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane. The luncheon meetings are always open to the public and guests are welcome. Guest speakers and programs vary from week to week. Prospective members are most welcome. For more information, please call Bill Elzey at 633-1873.

The City and Our Trees

by Mary Castillo-Gonzales

The City of Santa Ana takes pride in its many city trees. We have an estimated tree population of 45,000, which will be expanded to over 50,000 over the next eight years. Trees enhance the look and overall aesthetics of a neighborhood, cleanse the air, keep homes cool, and add to the overall quality of life.

So, trees play an important role in our neighborhoods. As a result, the management of those trees are an important aspect in neighborhood development. By developing a good Tree Management Program, the City can assure the health of its trees, increase the number of trees in the City, and more easily address concerns of residents regarding their trees.

The City of Santa Ana's Tree Management Program has four components:

1. Design

In 1988 an inventory of Santa Ana's urban forest was completed. It identified the wide variety of trees in Santa Ana and assessed their general health and age. The City's reforestation projects are designed utilizing this inventory.

2. Community Involvement and Education

This aspect includes working with organized neighborhood associations in developing reforestation projects in their neighborhoods. Information regarding a proposed project is sent to the residents in the area explaining the plan. A neighborhood meeting is then held with City staff to present the project in more detail and incorporate neighborhood input. Afterwards, these projects are approved by the City's Environmental and Transportation Advisory Committee (ETAC) and the City Council before they are implemented.

3. Commitment to Proper Maintenance and Expansion

Part of any proper tree management program includes maintenance. Trimming, watering, feeding the trees, as well as controlling pests, are on-going issues associated with an urban forest. Specific maintenance needs are determined by the particular species and by observations of the tree itself.



As for trimming, with a present rate of 12,000 trees per year, the City is able to trim each parkway tree on an average of every 4.2 years, one of the best service levels in Orange County.

4. Preservation

The Tree Management Program provides for scheduled maintenance to assure the quality of the City trees and the replanting of trees in available sites to increase our local tree population.

Species of trees recommended for Santa Ana meet the requirements of being drought tolerant, require minimum maintenance, are somewhat resistant to disease and pests, and do well in smog. The City's "Designated Street Tree List" includes species such as Brisbane Box, London Plane Sycamore, Holly Oak, Camphor, Leylandii Cypress, Jacaranda, Queen Palm, Bottle Tree, Magnolia, and Tulip Tree.

Overall, the goals of the City's Tree Management Program are to:

- Remove high maintenance trees and replant with low maintenance species
- Increase the number of trees planted in the City.
- Maintain the 4.2-year trim cycle.
- Work closely with neighborhoods and businesses.
- Provide educational instruction on the care and maintenance of our urban forest.

If you have any questions on the City's Tree Management Program, please contact Mary Castillo-Gonzales at 565-4008.

Vietnamese League of Orange County

Almost 80% of the estimated 5,000 Vietnamese who emigrate to America each year settle in Orange County, in part because relatives and friends already live here. For some, the culture of a new country is not the only adjustment to a normal life. In recent years especially, a growing number of the new immigrants have been undereducated both in language and job skills. This has made it tougher, particularly in the beginning, for them to find jobs and a place to live.

Since 1979, the Vietnamese League of Orange County has been helping these immigrants move into the mainstream of Orange County culture. The League tries to fill their client's needs with classes in job interviewing skills and English as a second language (ESL). In 1992 alone, they conducted eight workshops on employment and interviewing skills and another eight workshops on basic housing knowledge like minor home repairs and janitorial skills. They also conducted four workshops on contractual agreements between tenants and their landlords and the responsibilities of each.

Seeing a strong need, the League started an Emergency Shelter and Technical Assistance Program in 1987 designed to help poor and low-income Asian refugees become self-sufficient in their new country. Besides providing the skills noted above, they also help with job referrals (when available), translation skills, advice on legal contracts, and affordable housing recommendations for individuals and families.

Through their Homeless Shelter program, they offer immigrants a warm place to stay if needed. During 1992, the Vietnamese League provided over 4100 "person shelter days" to individuals and families who had no other place to go. Food was available for shelter tenants and well as other low income families who were in need.

If you'd like more information on the Vietnamese League of Orange County, contact Hoa The Nhan, their executive director, at 554-5816.

Favorite Local Businesses

California Electric Service

by Catherine C. Cate

Despite its fairly prominent "electric blue" lettered signs and blinds, I almost always overshoot this store-front business and have to double back to drop off the appliance I am bringing in for repairs.

What's worse, I just found that I allowed myself to be misled by the unpretentious appearances of this location of California Electric Service at 2025 South Main Street. It's not an individual locally owned business but only one of 19 branches of "California's leading tool, toy, and portable appliance repair company."

But as I thought, California Electric Service has been a fixture in Santa Ana for many years ... since 1958, in fact, when its telephone number was "Kimberly 2-5611" and it was located at 117 South Bristol. They moved to the location at South Main over 15 years ago.

And as store manager Rick Rico is found of saying, "Our biggest competitor is the trash can."

But in today's economy, when Rico estimates that an average repair is \$30-40 -- half the cost of replacement -- performing repairs on everything from small appliances to some electronic games is an important and popular service.

And if you check your warranty on virtually any small appliance, you'll probably discover that this location of California Electric Service is your closest factory-authorized service center.

With two technicians -- one for housewares, one for electronic items -- to decipher specification sheets provided by individual manufacturers, these are the people you ask, "Can this appliance be saved?"

When obsolete parts make repairs impossible (I still can't find new beaters for my avocado green Farberware hand mixer, a wedding present in 1971) or the cost of repairs are unwise investments (it probably isn't worth repairing my old hairdryer), you also can get a suitable replacement recommended by caring, knowledgeable people.

And this is what makes California Electric Service truly unique and special: not only its longevity and technical expertise, but also the quality of its people, who are dedicated to giving their customers good repair service and good replacement products. Who better to ask about the quality of a product than the person who repairs it?

Whether you want to repair or replace a hand or stand mixer; a clothes iron or a waffle iron; an electric skillet, a juice extractor, or a Krups Espresso Maker, you can't go wrong with Rick Rico and his staff at California Electric Service.

And it's really fairly easy to find if you remember that its after Edinger but before Warner in about the middle of the block between St. Andrews (look for the blue-and-red Bank of America sign) and St. Gertrude (look for the fluorescent red and pinks of the 4-day Tire Store) Streets. There is on-street parking if you want to take your life into your hands; otherwise, turn into their parking lot at the driveway they share with their neighbor to the north, the Lucky Panda Restaurant.

By the way, they also carry a fascinating assortment of miscellaneous items like foreign voltage converters, safety glasses for UV protection -- and a template for even bread slicing.

And my husband *loves* the banana saver I gave him for Christmas (one guess where I bought it).

(Do you have a favorite local business: someplace special because of the people who own it or who work there? If you can write it down in 300 words or less, we'd love to read it and maybe even print it in the next issue. Please include your phone number with all submissions. Send your stories to Local Business, Eye, P.O. Box 2422, Santa Ana, 92707)

High Tech Haz-Mat

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EDN's central computer's database through their portable computer's modem link-up. If information is on file, they can print out not only what chemicals are stored but where they are in the building. As an added feature, if there is any question on how to deal with a certain chemical, the team can promptly connect with Chemtrec, the Chemical Manufacturer's Association information database.

Santa Ana was chosen as the development site for the computer software and system because of its size and its having one of the five hazardous material response teams in Orange County. In Santa Ana, each business is required to file a plan with the city regarding their hazardous chemicals and their location in the building. That amounts to over 700 reports (and numerous updates) that need to be filed and accessed manually (at present) when needed. EDN offered to enter those reports into their proprietary software allowing our fire-fighting crews to access the information much quicker than before possible.

Fire Chief Bud Carter and Chief Wayne Bowman were convinced of the benefit of the system to their

firefighters and agreed to give the system a try. Captain Bob Rannels, already in charge of the City's Hazardous Material Disclosure Program, was selected to work with EDN.

"Our system is designed to be extremely user-friendly. In an emergency situation when time is critical, we want the system to provide the information (about the chemicals and their location) in a quick and easy to use manner," noted Glenn Ray, president of Emergency Data Network.

Ray and Mike Dolan, vice president in charge of product development, have been working on the idea for almost two years, developing specially designed software and interfacing equipment. For the last four months, they have been working directly with Rannels and other fire fighters. The necessary computer equipment for the project was loaned by AST Research in Irvine.

"We've very appreciative of the help we've received from the Santa Ana Fire Department," said Dolan. "They've been a tremendous aid in defining what the system does and how it meets the needs of fire-fighting hazardous material response teams."



Backstage with the Dancers -- Fourth graders Raul Ramos (left) and Moses Roman (right) from the Edison School meet Ballet Folklorico de Mexico dancers backstage. Raul and Moses were among the nearly 1,000 students from Edison, Garfield, Madison, Remington, and Roosevelt schools who watched the colorful traditions of Mexico swirl to life in the dance company's performances.

Discovery Museum

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settled Anaheim), as well as Japanese, Italians, and Portuguese.

"Revolutionary breakthroughs in technology and engineering were on the horizon, including mass production, turbine engines, air flight, telephones, radios, -- and automobiles. It was both an exciting and an unsettling time as people sensed that their lives were on the verge of changing forever."

The Discovery Museum recreates the activities and ambiance that prevailed until the world indeed changed forever in August, 1914 when Germany invaded Belgium and World War I officially marked the end of the late Victorian and Edwardian eras.

In addition to long-range planned activities, "some things are so spontaneous, the idea comes up and is acted on in a matter of weeks," says

Robins, who also plans special exhibits and the outreach program.

"So whenever you're looking for something to do, or some place to go, call us at 540-0404: There's always something going on at the Discovery Museum."

The Discovery Museum is located at 3101 W. Harvard St., off of Fairview, between Edinger and Warner: phone 540-0404. Regular open hours are from 11 am to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Annual memberships are available for children (\$10 for one child, \$5 for each additional), adults (\$25, with discounts for seniors and students), and families (\$50, which includes two adults and three children). Each membership is accompanied by an array of privileges including guest passes to the house, activity vouchers, special discounts, and newsletters that keep members up to date on planned programs and upcoming activities.

Upcoming special programs at the Discovery Museum:

January 16 -- "The Fashionable Home," a charming two-hour guided tour of the Museum's historic Kellogg House with a focus on interior design and decorative arts of the period 1890 to 1915. Starts at 9:30 am.

February 12 -- "Heart Warming Tea," special Victorian style tea celebrating Valentine's Day. Includes tasty finger sandwiches, fresh baked scones with preserves, pastries, and a selection of fragrant teas. Special display of antique Valentines. Servings at 2 and 4 pm (\$15 per person)

April 10 -- "Natural Egg Dying and Decorating," uses materials and methods similar to those available at the turn of the century.

April -- Month long 8th annual Imagination Celebration, a county-wide program designed to encourage creativity in children.

May 8 -- "Mother's Day Tea," special Victorian style tea celebrating Mother's Day. Servings at 11 am and 1 pm.

June -- "The Victorian Bride," a special opportunity to experience the role that the home played in a turn-of-the-century wedding including decorating for the reception and a demonstration of typical gifts given and displayed.

Throughout the summer, a series of Children's Creative Workshops will be held. Due to popular demand in the summer of 1992, this was expanded from a series of 9 workshops to 20 in order to accommodate over 450 children. Workshop programs include puppetry, clowning, juggling, magic, cooking, kite flying, folk dancing, needlework, and drawing.

French Park

Historic Home Tour

April 3rd & 4th 10 am to 4 pm

The interiors of several historic homes in the French Park Historic District will be open for tour. French Park, known at the turn of the century as the "Knob Hill" of Orange County, offers you a chance to step back to a time when Victorian charm, fretwork, lush wallpapers, high ceilings, formal dining rooms, old-fashioned bathrooms, and kitchens were part of every home. Come spend the afternoon with us and experience our historic neighborhood firsthand.

Tickets: \$8 in advance, by mail; \$10 at the door on day of tour

For further information, please call (714) 569-0476 and leave a message. For advance tickets, please fill out the form below and send it to the Historic French Park Association, 301 E. 8th St., Santa Ana, 92701.

Name _____ Tel. # _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ tickets.

Cultural Calendar

Bowers Museum of Cultural Art

2002 N. Main St. -- 567-3600

Continuing to Feb. 28, "Tribute to the Gods, Treasures of the Museo del Oro." Opening Jan. 16, "The Integrative Art of Modern Thailand," fifty-three works of contemporary Thai art viewed through the eye of the Thai art critic. The Bowers also features a variety of permanent exhibitions.

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART)

1636 S. Grand -- 836-7929

Opening Jan. 22, Eugene O'Neill's American classic, "A Moon for the Misbegotten," a tale of pride, truth, and passion standing between a woman's love for a man with a secret and her family's struggle to keep their farm.

Way Off Broadway

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

"Better Days," a comedy dealing with the effects of recession in New England, written by Richard Dresser continues through Jan. 24.

On Feb 12, "A Star On The Door" opens. The comedy was co-written by Jack Sharkey and Leo Sears. It was the last play worked on by Sharkey before he died recently and is being performed as a tribute to him.

Orange County Crazies

115 E. Santa Ana Blvd. (Pacific Symphony Building) -- 550-9900.

The partially improvisational "T.G.I. Orange" returns from Jan. 15 through Feb 12.

"Orange Trek" rockets into Santa Ana from Feb. 20 to April 17.

Orange County Center For Contemporary Art

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

From Jan. 6 through Feb. 5, works will be shown by painters Lana Maraingas and Jen Hsin-Booth and mixed media artist Shirley Glass.

Opening Feb. 10 and continuing through March 12, OCCCA will feature artists R.H. Phister, Kathleen Kaplin, and John Hesketh.

Caged Chameleon Gallery

2103 N. Main St. -- 836-5137

Show of works by artist Wolf Gowan. Call for additional information.

Murder Mystery Dinner

South Coast Plaza Village -- 675-9726

Join the world's greatest detective for an evening of adventure, audience participation, and fine dining in this interactive murder mystery that travels from restaurant to restaurant. Their current offering is Murder By Detection.

Rhythm Cafe

3503 S. Harbor Blvd. -- 556-CAFE

Upcoming performances by B. B. King, Jefferson Starship, Dr. John, Johnny Cash, Marshall Tucker, The Four Tops, and REO Speedwagon.

On Jan. 31, Rhythm Cafe will host a special Super Bowl Party.

Crazy Horse Steakhouse and Saloon

1580 Brookhollow (off Grand and Dyer) -- 549-1512

Offering the finest in country entertainment including upcoming shows by Asleep at the Wheel, Dan Seals, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Doug Kershaw.

The Crazy Horse also features complimentary country dance lessons on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday nights in their saloon.

New Orleans Jazz Club of Southern California

Holds monthly jazz sessions and a headliner band on the first Sunday of every month at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane (off 1st St.).

The public is always invited. Call 664-1408 for further information.

Cirque du Soleil

Presents *Saltimbanco*, a unique theatrical circus performance under the Big Top from Jan 30 through at least Feb 14 in the parking lot of South Coast Plaza. Enjoy diverse performances by an international cast who take the circus to a new theatrical level.

To order tickets call 740-2000. Call 549-9497 for more information.

Opera Pacific

Orange County Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa. For tickets, call 740-2000. For further Opera Pacific performance information, call 556-ARTS.

"Il Trovatore," Verdi's scorching masterpiece of love and politics and featuring two of America's greatest Sopranos, Carol Vaness and Deborah Voigt, runs from Jan 9 through Jan 17.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra

Orange County Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa. For tickets, call 740-2000 For further Pacific Symphony concert information call 755-5788.

The American Ballet Theatre performs with the Pacific Symphony Orchestra from Jan. 19 - 24, featuring programs including "Etudes," "The Other," "The Rite of Spring," "Symphonic Variations," and "Voluntaries."

Dionne Warwick will join the P.S.O. in pop concerts on Jan. 29 and 30.

Orange County Philharmonic

Orange County Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa. Call 553-2422.

The Russian National Orchestra will play music by Prokofiev, Scriabin, and Brahms on Jan. 11.

Rancho Santiago College

17th at Bristol --

Art Week '93, runs from March 12 to 26 with exhibits, lectures, and workshops. See the accompanying article in the Around Town section.

"The Taming of the Shrew," William Shakespeare's quintessential comedy of the battle of the sexes, will be performed at the Phillips Hall Theatre from Feb. 19 - 28. Call 564-5661 for ticket information.

Thirty-five works by Mississippi mixed media/pastel artist Alex Loeb will be shown at the Fine Arts Gallery from Feb. 3 - 24. Opening reception in Feb. 2 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Call 564-5615 for more information.

Coming April 2 to 11 in Phillips Hall -- "Jesus Christ Superstar," the political intrigue of Roman-occupied Israel provides the context for a rock opera which chronicles the last week in the life of Jesus Christ.

Community Calendar

January

Jan 4-15 (Mon-Fri) -- Enrollment begins for the Spring semester at Rancho Santiago College. Call 564-6000 for more information and for hours of admission and registration. School begins Jan. 19.

Jan 5 (Tues) -- Seniors who want to work on their memoirs or just want to learn to write better might be interested in the free Creative Writing Class from 10 am to 12 noon at the Orange Senior Citizens Center, 170 S. Olive, Orange. Teacher Melissa Levine shows her writing expertise in a very warm and forgiving way. 538-9633.

Jan 5 (Tues) -- International soccer comes to the Santa Ana Bowl at 8 pm with teams from Mexico and Costa Rica competing. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children. Call (213) 413-3951 for additional information or for tickets.

Jan 16 (Sat) -- The Discovery Museum presents "The Fashionable Home," a two hour guided tour of the Museum's historic Kellogg House focusing on the interior design and decorative arts of the Victorian period, 1890 to 1915. The price of \$15 per person includes a light tea. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 540-0404. The Museum is located at 3101 W. Harvard St (off Fairview).

Jan 19 (Tues) -- Tryouts for the staff and anchor positions of the spring session of Rancho Santiago College's weekly newscast, "Around and About Orange County," will be held at 11 am at the RSC Centennial Park Education Center, 2900 W. Edinger. For more info, call 564-5680.

Jan 21 (Thurs) -- Seniors are invited to a special seminar sponsored by Western Medical Center/ Santa Ana. At 8:30, Attorney Zoran Basich will discuss "How to Protect Your Assets and Still Become Eligible for Medi-Cal." After lunch, Oncology Surgeon Dr. Hector Fernandez will talk about "Living with Cancer" and Ophthalmologist Dr. John Lean will discuss "New Approaches to Macular Degeneration." (Macular degeneration is the loss of central vision in both eyes—a real concern for seniors.) Tuition for the day is \$5 and includes lunch at noon. Reservations are required. Call 953-3520 for reservations or more information. The seminar is held at the Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin Ave.

Jan 22-24 (Fri-Sun) -- Ring in the Vietnamese New Year at the Tet Festival in the Santa Ana Stadium celebrating the beginning of the Year of the Rooster. The festivities run from 10 am to 10 pm on Friday and Saturday and from 10 am to 7 pm on Sunday. Call 531-5798.

Jan 27 (Wed) -- Learn how to "Start Your Own Small Business" at a seminar sponsored by

the Orange County chapter of SCORE and the U.S. SBA from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at Republic Bank, 2400 E. 17th St.. Topics to be discussed by site location, financing, recordkeeping, ads and promotion, and legal procedures. Fee is \$20 and pre-registration is recommended. Call 836-2709 for more information.

Jan 30 (Sat) -- Cirque du Soleil, the internationally acclaimed theatrical circus, will premiere its newest show, *Salimbanco*, under the big top at South Coast Plaza's parking lot at Bear St., near the 405 freeway. Performances will continue through at least Feb. 14 with nightly performances and a matinee on Sunday. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or by calling 740-2000.

Jan 30 (Sat) -- *The Black Orange*, Orange County's only magazine focusing on the African-American community, celebrates their first anniversary with a very special evening of fun and entertainment at Randell's night club, 3 Hutton Centre Dr. starting at 6:30 pm. Seating is \$45 per person and includes dinner and both comedy and musical entertainment. Call 830-1390.

Jan 31 (Sun) -- The ACP Computer Swap returns with hundreds of vendors offering some of the greatest deals you've ever seen on new and used computer stuff. The event is free and located in the parking lot of Advanced Computer Products, 1310 E. Edinger from 8 am to 2 pm.

February

Feb 3 (Wed) -- A free seminar, "How to Protect Your Million Dollar Idea," is being presented by John Connors, a patent attorney, at 6:30 pm at the Orange County Bar Association, 601 West Civic Center Dr. Call 542-6833.

Feb 6 (Sat) -- Create a unique heirloom-quality memory album for yourself or someone you know in this special two session class on "Preserving Your Memories" at the Santiago Lawn Bowling Center from 7 to 9:30 pm. Fee is \$15. Call 571-4225 for more information.

Feb 6 (Sat) -- It's "Two-Can" Day at the Santa Ana Zoo when from 10 am to 4 pm children will be admitted free to all of the exhibits if they bring in two aluminium cans for recycling. Call 836-4000 for more information.

Feb 6 (Sat) -- The Black History Parade will skip Santa Ana this year, but you can catch it starting at 10 am at Main and "B" St. in Tustin. A related Unity Festival also starts at 10 am at Peppertree Park, 1st and "B" Sts. (also in Tustin). This year's theme is "Knowledge Develops Unity - Understanding Me!" Call 288-5005.

Feb 12 (Fri) -- In honor of Valentine's Day, the Discovery Museum will serve a special "Heart Warming Tea" in the historic Kellogg House. Guests will enjoy tasty finger sandwiches, fresh baked scones with preserves, pastries, and a selection of fragrant teas. Tea in this charming turn-of-the-century setting will be served at 2 and 4 pm. Seating is limited and reservations are required. The price is \$15 per person. 540-0404.

Feb 13-Mar 6 -- Registration for the children's soccer program offered by the City of Santa Ana's Recreation and Community Services Agency. Registration sites include Jerome, El Salvador, Memorial, and Santa Anita Recreation Centers. Children born from 1979 to 1986 may sign up for one of the four age divisions. Call 647-6502 for additional information.

Feb 23 & 25; March 2 & 4 -- Everyone's invited to join the Arbor Day celebrations sponsored by the City of Santa Ana and the Santa Ana Beautiful Committee. Trees will be planted in four locations, and the program includes entertainers and refreshments. Call 571-4258 for more information on times and places.

Feb 24 (Wed) -- Learn how to "Start Your Own Small Business" at a seminar sponsored by

the Orange County chapter of SCORE and the U.S. SBA from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at Republic Bank, 2400 E. 17th St.. Topics to be discussed by site location, financing, recordkeeping, ads and promotion, and legal procedures. Fee is \$20 and pre-registration is recommended. Call 836-2709 for more information.

Feb 27 (Sat) -- A "Make a Difference" Community Fair and Rally will be held for the residents of the "Weed and Seed" area (McFadden to 1st, Raitt to Sullivan) beginning at 9 am at Jerome Park, on the corner of McFadden and Sullivan. The day will start with a neighborhood clean-up from 9 to 11 am. Entertainment will begin at about 11 am with musicians and dancers as well as youth games and contests. Informational booths will be set up at the park by social service organizations and community groups. Equipment displays will be set up by the Santa Ana police and fire departments.

Feb 27 (Sat) -- The 3rd Annual Orange County Gospel Music Awards will be held at UC Irvine's Physical Science Lecture Hall beginning at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$17 at the door. Call 836-9195 or 835-7319 for more information.

March

March 3 (Wed) -- A free seminar "How to Protect Your Million Dollar Idea," is being presented by John Connors, a patent attorney, at 6:30 pm at the Orange County Bar Association, 601 West Civic Center Dr. Call 542-6833.

Mar 6 (Sat) -- The Santa Ana Zoo is throwing a 41st birthday party for itself and a couple of thousand friends (and that includes you!). Festivities begin at 11 am and include special animals, shows, entertainment, lots of fun, and ice cream for everyone. All kids who bring in a homemade birthday card will be admitted free. For more information, call the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo at 953-8555.

March 11 (Thurs) -- The Santa Ana Senior Center is holding their spring Mini-Rummage and Bake Sale fundraiser at the Center, 424 W.

Third St. from 9 am until 1 pm. Everyone is invited. Everything is reasonably priced and the money goes to a great cause. Donated items are welcome. Call 647-6540 for more information.

March 12-26 -- Art Week 1993, Rancho Santiago College's celebration of the arts takes place with a variety of lectures, exhibits, and workshops. A full listing of events is inside the *Eye*.

March 17 (Wed) -- It's St. Patrick's Day at the Santa Ana Senior Center. All participants for lunch should wear green and get ready to sing good ol' Irish folk tunes and have great fun. Lunch reservations are a must. Call 647-6540 for more information.

March 19 (Fri) -- Registration deadline for the spring season of both fastpitch and slowpitch softball sponsored by the City of Santa Ana's Recreation and Community Services Agency. Individuals or teams can sign up to play in the season beginning on April 5. Call 647-6502 for more details.

March 27 (Sat) -- Six Santa Ana and Tustin gardens will be on view from 10 am until 5 pm as part of the Victorian Tea, Garden Tour, and Spring Boutique sponsored jointly by the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society and the Tustin Area Historical Society.

The Tea and Boutique as well as the start of the Tour will be at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, a 12-room restored Victorian mansion located at Sycamore and Civic Center Dr. in Downtown Santa Ana. Donation is \$5. Call 731-5701 or 838-9642 for further information.

Mar 28 (Sun) -- The ACP Computer Swap returns with hundreds of vendors offering some of the greatest deals you've ever seen on new and used computer stuff. The event is absolutely free and is located in the parking lot of Advanced Computer Products, 1310 E. Edinger from 8 am to 2 pm.

April

April 3 & 4 (Sat & Sun) -- Tour through the interiors of some of the oldest historic homes in Santa Ana on the French Park Historic Home Tour. Tickets are \$10 on the day of the tour or \$8 in advance. See the advertisement on page 7 in this issue or call Diann Marsh at 541-2441 for more information.

April 18 (Sun) -- The Arco Jesse Owens Track and Field Meet will be held beginning at 1 pm at Rancho Santiago College. It's open to all boys and girls born in 1979 through 1986 and the top qualifiers are eligible for the Orange County district competition. Registration is from 11 am to 12:30 pm on Saturday or during the previous two weeks. Call the City's Recreation and Community Services at 647-6502 for further details.

April 24 & 25 (Sat & Sun) -- The Floral Park Neighborhood holds their first tour showing seven of their most unique homes and three beautiful gardens. The event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm and also features an antique car display and collectable sale. Tickets cost \$10 and benefit neighborhood projects. Call 547-2439.

Deadline for our Spring issue is March 19. Be sure to include a contact phone number for our readers to get additional information.