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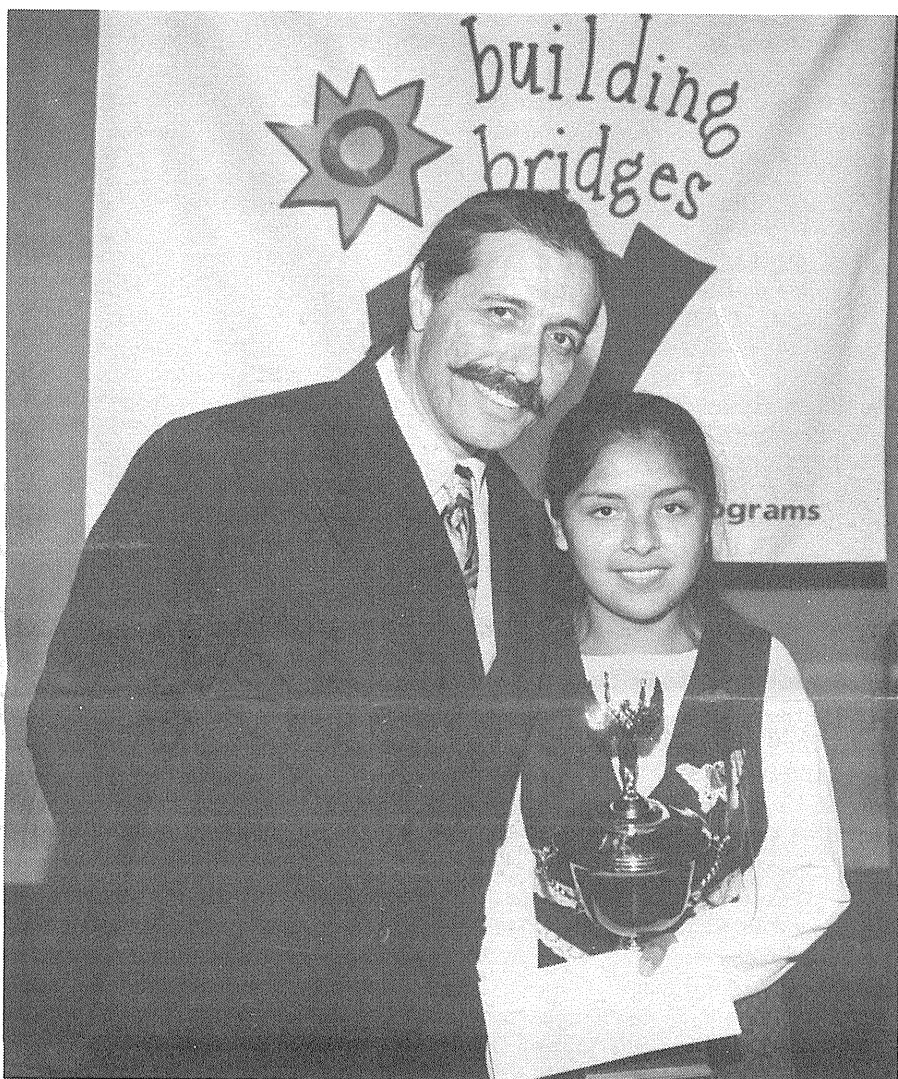
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Proud Winner -- Edward James Olmos, honorary chairman of Opera Pacific's Building Bridges Storywriting Contest, congratulates contest winner Sagrario Gil. Sagrario's story, "Proud of Being Brown," will be the basis for an opera written for young audiences, and will be performed by The Overture Company of Opera Pacific throughout Orange County. The author is an eighth grader at Carr Intermediate School and was one of 108 entrants in the county-wide contest.

A Little Business With A Big Reputation

By Catherine C. Cate
 Eye on Santa Ana

The coffee is on, the donuts are out, and the door is open. The "Saturday Morning Salon" has convened at Custom Auto Service in the heart of downtown Santa Ana, hosted by owner Robert Escalante.

Also on hand to discuss topics ranging from the most esoteric to the most mundane usually are one or more of his remarkable staff: his "Packard family" of five: Father Al, brothers David and Sandy, and chief mechanic Cal Soest, all assisted by cousin Toby Escalante, "everybody's extra hand."

What other business hosts an informal weekly gathering of friends who come from right down the street to out of state, all of whom have only one thing in common: a love of beautiful cars, particularly the classic Packard automobile?

Invented in 1899 by brothers James and William Packard, this remarkable vehicle reached its height of popularity (and notoriety) during the Gatsby era, 1925-1935, when it rivaled Cadillacs and Duesenbergs for elegance and whose power gained it fame as "the soft spoken boss of the road."

According to the standards of Packards International, the club which is devoted to promoting and preserving the marque at its finest, the "pure" Packard finally succumbed to a series of tactical and creative misjudgments in 1956, when Studebaker assumed control. The Packard name lived on until 1962, when, according to the Southern California Region of P.I.: "...the board of directors of the Studebaker-Packard corporation voted to drop the Packard name. They decreed that it was 'anachronistic, a hindrance to the development

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New S.A. Police Facility Proposed

Editor's note: The City of Santa Ana has proposed to build a new police administration and holding facility. Funds to construct the project are slated to come from a suggested 1% utility tax. We invited Santa Ana Police Department Chief Paul Walters to discuss the facility and the City's need for it.

by Chief Paul Walters

As part of our commitment to fulfill the public safety needs of our community, a new facility has been designed to furnish the physical resources required to provide efficient and responsive police services through the year 2050. Located adjacent to Eddie West Field, this 390,000 square foot project includes a four-story Police Administration building and a full service Type II Maximum Security Holding Facility.

Our current police facility was originally constructed in 1959 and remodeled in 1966 to expand its capacity to a maximum of 200 employees. Today, the department has over 600 employees occupying six substations and two floors of City Hall. This acute overcrowding combined with its resulting fragmentation of staff make for a non-user friendly environment where customer service is constrained and long lines for service are common.

In addition to these inefficiencies, our current facility has no jail with which to accommodate the 65 person average daily arrests made by our officers. For the past several years the county jail system has suffered from severe overcrowding and has been under court order limiting inmate population. As a result the county has been required to release many inmates early and has

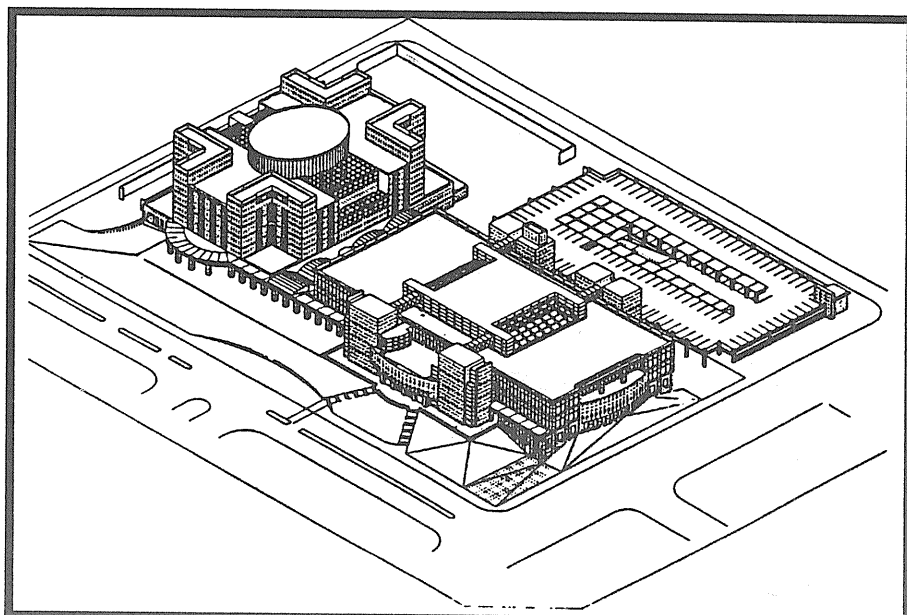
been unable to accept new misdemeanor bookings altogether. These conditions have returned many offenders to the streets and have forced us to cite and release many offenders in the field. This chronic lack of jail space coupled with the recent enactment of a county booking fee has greatly reduced our effectiveness in controlling neighborhood crime.

The new Police Administration and Holding Facility was designed specifically to contend with these difficulties. Serving in concert with our Community Oriented Policing Program, the new facility incorporates all essential police functions at one central, community-friendly location. Community members will enjoy quick, efficient access to a full range of police services; from obtaining a copy of a traffic report, or talking over neighborhood concerns with their District Commanders, to retrieving recovered property, or obtaining the latest crime prevention information.

The facility enhances the efficiency of officers by providing the latest in state-of-the-art crime detection and prevention technology. On-site classrooms insure that officers receive the latest information and techniques available without

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City of Santa Ana Police Administration and Holding Facility



VIEWPOINT *Guy Ball*

Your Viewpoint Please

I don't know if you saw the front page article in a recent *Los Angeles Times*, but the headline and the text basically told the world that Santa Ana was the place most people in other parts of the county avoid. Assuming the survey was a valid sampling of Orange County residents, it was a pretty telling statement on the perception of our City from non-residents.

In response, the questions we now should raise are "Is that perception accurate?" and "How do we deal with it." Yes, we are an urban city and, yes, we do have problems that need to be dealt with. But there's more to the real Santa Ana than the latest crime story in the newspapers.

We're a vibrant, active city with an forward thinking government, active and involved neighborhoods, thriving and co-operative business community, and ethnically diverse residents. And we all get along quite well, thank you.

We can hold our heads up high when we speak about specific highlights like Bowers Museum, MainPlace/Santa Ana, Fiesta Marketplace, Discovery Museum, Santa Ana Zoo, South Coast Plaza Village, and all of the historic architecture in our Downtown area and our neighborhoods. Then we can include our tremendous arts community, can-do residents, and our school system that keeps winning awards for its innovation and progress.

But the perception from outsiders (and admittedly, some insiders) remains.

Recently, the Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee, including the organized neighborhoods in the City, talked about this problem. They brainstormed some ideas about what are the actual issues, perceptions, and the solutions they would like to see our City leaders act on.

We thought our readers should have a chance to offer their thoughts and suggestions. Below is a fill-in-the-blank coupon. Let us know what you think. (Use additional paper if you'd like.) We'll not only publish some ideas in our next issue; we'll forward all responses to our City government, business, and neighborhood leaders.

1) What do you perceive is your "quality of life" in Santa Ana?

2) What is the greatest threat to that "quality of life?"

3) What solutions would you suggest to our City leaders?

Use additional paper if needed. Mail your answers and comments to: Eye on Santa Ana Survey; P.O. Box 10236; Santa Ana, CA 92711.

Santa Ana Letters:

The Community Must Gang Up on Gangs

by Santa Ana Police Chief Paul Walters

(Gangs have grown to be a county-wide scourge and new methods are being developed to fight them. Chief Walters has become the chairman of a countywide Gang Strategy Steering Committee, joining with our neighboring cities to help with that battle. The following commentary originally was published in the Los Angeles Times.)

Gang activity throughout Orange County has risen drastically in the past five years. In recent months several high school students were the victims of brutal gang-related slayings, a helpless 2 year-old was unmercifully gunned down, and local police officers have come under gang assault.

No segment of the county population is immune. Gang violence affects every age, race, sex, residence, and economic status. Kids who used to carry, at worst, a switchblade knife now carry automatic weapons.

The consequences of criminal gang activity are far reaching. Violent personal assaults by gang members represent but one aspect of their unlawful behavior. Also devastating to our communities are gang perpetrated crimes involving drugs, robbery, burglary, auto theft, and vandalism.

The source of the problem we face is clearly understood and well documented by law enforcement professionals. Study after study reveals that a small fraction of the population commits the vast majority of gang crimes in Orange County. The typical offender is a male between the age of 12 and 21 with substance abuse problems who lacks effective parental supervision and control and has academic, behavioral, and attendance problems at school.

This group of incorrigible, habitual, and violent offenders seemingly has no respect for human life. They exhibit total disregard for the rules of conduct expected in a civil society. Horrified communities turn to the police to solve this increasingly insurmountable problem.

In response to escalating criminal gang activity, the Orange County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association created the countywide Gang Strategy Steering Committee. The committee, on which I serve as chairman, is comprised of the sheriff, the chief probation officer, the district attorney's chief investigator, and the special agent in charge of the FBI's county office. In addition, police chiefs serve as regional subcommittee chairs to each of the five county judicial districts.

The group's purpose is to devise methods for improving the quality of life in Orange County by reducing gang violence and illegal drug use through education, law enforcement, and community support.

The committee believes that it adheres to policies which embrace the holistic approach to the gang problem. One example is our involvement with the presiding judge of the Juvenile Superior Court. Judge Frank Briseno's expertise has been invaluable. The court is publicly identifying juvenile offenders, thus sowing the seeds for parental awareness, involvement, and accountability.

The committee has made great progress. We have implemented the General Reporting Evaluation and Tracking System that provides immediate access to accurate information relating to every gang and its membership. We have devised a uniform reporting process for gang-related crimes. And we are moving towards creation of a countywide telephone gang-tip hot line.

In keeping with the holistic approach, the committee sponsored a Police and Education Conference on gangs to develop countywide strategies. Pressing concerns were conveyed by school administrators, who once admonished pupils for chewing gum and now find themselves faced with the fear of students carrying guns.

Conditions have deteriorated so much that some gang members have made attempts at campus self-policing. A group of gang members have appealed to others to invoke a countywide truce. Unfortunately, although well-intentioned, these efforts have not met with success. Not all gangs are will to participate.

Law enforcement is generally the last resort to confront gangs. Tragic personal grief and devastating economic loss caused by criminal gang activity demand immediate attention; however, the eradication of these illegal activities can only be achieved through a unified community effort.

The Gang Committee needs your commitment, help and support.

Eye on Santa Ana

Our Community Newsletter

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The circulation of this issue is 10,000 copies, distributed to residents, neighborhoods, businesses, City employees, civic organizations, and other interested readers. We welcome and encourage your comments, articles, press releases, letters, and calendar listings.

For questions about advertising, contact Terri Eggers at 667-2246.

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Time to Quit Smoking

by Jimmy Walker

Residents in Santa Ana have been getting together to find ways to encourage everyone to stop tobacco use. City ordinances are just one way this can be done. However, even though we try to legislate behavior with laws the reality is people must *want to stop*.

On November 18th of this year, *The Great American Smokeout* will allow individuals an opportunity to find out if they actually have a choice in their use of tobacco. Smokers that quit for just one day will demonstrate to themselves just how much they are addicted to nicotine. While one day of trying to quit may not stop everyone from continuing their use, it should help prove that tobacco use is truly a health issue. To even suggest that an addictive habit is a civil liberties issue is to create a smoke screen that covers up the fact that there is very little choice involved.

More than passive smoke, passive people are also a part of the smoking problem. To be passive and say nothing is to say it's okay that tobacco carcinogens are a part of the meal your children gets at a restaurant. To be passive means you help carry the burden, supporting tobacco use that costs billions of dollars in health care and millions of lives in lost loved ones.

If you already believe that tobacco use is harmful then your help is needed now. If you are a survivor of the one half million people that die yearly from tobacco use then put your grief to good work. If you want to protect your children from starting a habit that 90% of all smokers started as children, then now is the time to do something.

Stop the chain of addiction, disease, and death by caring enough to help get across the message that it's *Time to Quit*.

Recycling that Christmas Tree

If you want to see your Christmas tree recycled instead of just ending up as landfill, hang on to it just a bit longer this year. The City's Public Works Department is offering to grind up your tree into mulch on Saturday, January 8th from 9 am to 3 pm. Bring your clean tree (with all decorations removed and no flocking) to Alona Park at 1817 W. 21st St. or the City Yard at 730 E. Warner Ave.

The mulch will be used as a nutritional ground cover for City parks or you can even take some home if you bring a bag.

Coffee Clean-up

Yuban Coffee joined in the effort to clean-up Santa Ana when it organized a beautification project at Centennial Park last month. Over 500 area residents and their families volunteered to help plant trees; paint over graffiti; paint curbs, park benches, and barbecues; refurbish older picnic areas, and pick up trash and litter.

The event was one of a series of West Coast park events Yuban is doing to encourage local residents to take pride in their environment.

Also, at a ceremony during the event, Santa Ana community leader Lilia Powell was presented with a plaque for her efforts to improve the City.

Holiday Spirit at the Santa Ana Zoo

The Santa Ana Zoo and the Corbin Community Center will be having a Holiday Food Drive on Sunday, December 5 and 12. Food will be collected at the Zoo, located at 1801 Chestnut from 10 am to 4 pm. With a canned or boxed food donation, you'll receive admission to the zoo for half price.

All the donated food items will go to the Corbin Center for their annual Christmas Baskets, which are given to needy Santa Ana families during the holiday.

The Corbin Community Center provides assistance for education, employment, food, shelter, and health care for nearby residents. The food drive will make it possible for a number of low income families to have a special Christmas holiday.

So if you're looking for a special weekend day trip, take the family to the zoo, see the new exhibits, ride the elephant (for just \$2), and help another family in the process.

Attn.: Santiago Alumni

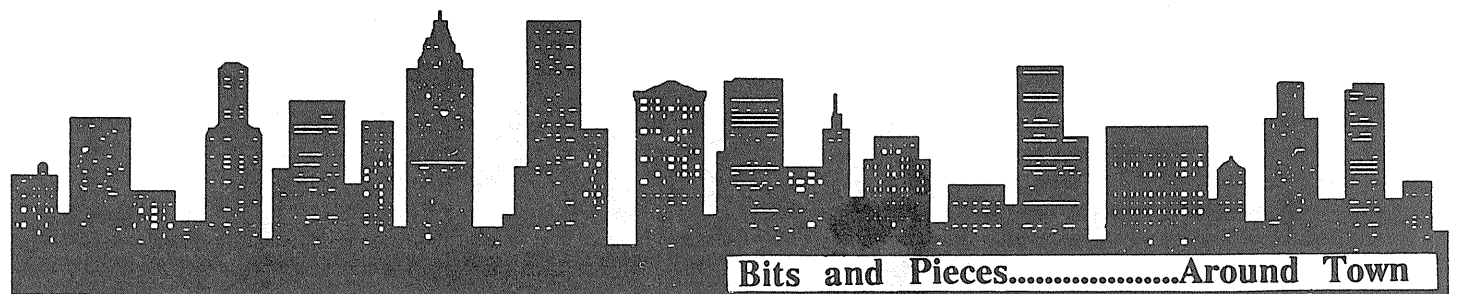
Santiago Elementary School wants to locate anyone who attended Santiago since it opened in 1953. They'll be celebrating their 40 year anniversary this year and rededicating the school in April 1994.

Give them a call if you, your children/grandchildren, or friends attended Santiago. Contact Patti with the Santiago PTA at 541-2946.

Attention: S.A. High Alumni

The Santa Ana High School PTA is organizing a special Valentine's Day event for all past students of this high school.

If you attended or know someone who did, please call Kathi Jo Brunning at 285-1492 or Simone Eichenberger at 542-5108.



Christmas Concert

The Floral Park Neighborhood Association will hold their second annual Christmas Concert on Sunday December 12 from 6 to 9:30 pm at the south end of North Park Blvd. The concert will feature a 50-piece orchestra along with several local school choral groups. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities.

Santa will visit from 6 to 7 pm, and will pose for photos. Hot cider and cookies will be served. There is no fee for attendance. However, everyone is asked to donate an unwrapped toy which will be collected by the Santa Ana Fire Department. Come catch the holiday spirit.

City Council Vacancy

You might know by now that Councilman Rick Norton recently resigned from the City Council due to medical reasons. The other council members need to agree to a replacement to fill the one year left in his term until the next general election. If they can't agree on someone, a special election will have to be held in the spring to choose a short term replacement. A decision is expected when they meet again on Nov. 15.

We wish Rick the best, hope that his health won't hold him back in his future projects, and thank him for all of his efforts behalf of the residents of the City.

Rental Inspection Program Success

The City's Pro-active Rental Enforcement Program (PREP) has recently moved into their second major neighborhood — Heninger Park. The program was started earlier this year to improve the conditions of rental housing throughout the City. This special task force targets one neighborhood at a time, visiting and inspecting apartment complexes and rental units within that area to uncover unsafe and unsanitary conditions. Their first target area was the French Court Neighborhood.

To improve efficiency, the PREP team have developed a system of "in-the-field" permits that inspectors can issue on the spot. To date they've had quite a bit of success improving the rental housing, in part due to the cooperation of the property owners and also due to the backing of the various organizations including the Apartment Association of Orange County and the East Orange County Association of Realtors, who agreed to the PREP process in the beginning.

Square Dancing — America's Best Kept Secret

The Associated Square Dancers of Santa Ana report that square dancing is always changing ... new music, new steps, new friends. The music now includes everything from bluegrass to big band to country western to rock and roll.

If you have a little stress in your life, watching TV a bit too much, or want to meet some new singles without the "bar scene pressures," you just might want to try something new. And while men usually come to a class kicking and screaming, after a few classes they love it. Even if they've never been able to dance in their lives, they almost always learn to square dance.

Residents are invited to join a local square dance class starting in January. Call their local 800 number (800 974-6996) to receive a list of classes near you.

1-800-NO 2 GUNS

"One of our first responsibilities is to provide a safe environment for our students," said Santa Ana Unified School District Superintendent Rudy Castruita in announcing a special telephone number to report weapons on campus. "I think our sites are doing a great job and we have a great record of safe campuses, but we want to use every tool available to us to keep schools safe."

The phone number (1-800-NO-2-GUNS) accompanies a zero tolerance policy adopted this fall by the Santa Ana Unified School District that includes gangs, drugs, graffiti, and real or replica weapons.

Stickers bearing the telephone number have been placed on public telephones at the District's secondary schools.

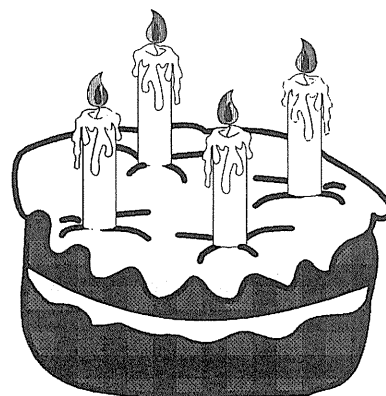
Happy Birthday

Time moves quickly as Eye on Santa Ana celebrates its Fourth Birthday. Sixteen issues ago, we tried a bold experiment with a cooperative effort of Santa Ana residents (in the form of neighborhoods) and our City government. We've received a tremendous amount of support over the years, which has helped us to grow to what we are today.

We don't profess to be the greatest graphic designers or even the best of editors, but in the Eye, we feel have a communications tool that fills a void in our fair City.

There are an awful lot of people who have helped us over the years. From the City leaders who continue to support us, to the City staff who helps us, to all the neighborhood leaders who keep supporting the Eye, and especially to you, our readers, who grab up our 10,000 printed copies almost as quick as we put them out.

To all we say, *"Thank you!"* It really is true that without *your* support, there would be no Eye on Santa Ana.



Artists' Village

The Orange County Center for Contemporary Art just bought themselves a new home in the planned Artists Village area of Downtown. The 6,300 sq. ft. building on the corner of 2nd St. and Sycamore was the former Parker Garage building and has been vacant for a number of years. The Center worked closely with the City and the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture in both finding the location and in arranging financial aid (they've been awarded a Community Development Block Grant for the historic preservation rehab of the building).

The Artists Village area is a concept of resurrecting an under-utilized area of Downtown and turning it into a community of galleries, art related shops, studio space, and unique restaurants and coffee houses.

Spearheaded by the Arts Council and supported by community leaders and many other residents, the area will be centered around 2nd Street between Broadway and Main.

An artists' live/work studio project is in the planning stages and will be built close to the OCCCA building. Most of the rest of the plans call for using the existing historic buildings for these new exciting uses.

César Chávez High

Ground was officially broken for a new continuation high school named after César Chávez, the late leader of the farm workers. The school is the first in the state to be named for Chávez. His widow, Helen, and other family members were special guests at the ceremony.

Chávez High School, at 2128 So. Cypress, will sit on 2.2 acres and contain 17,691 square feet including 10 classrooms, two science labs, and a multi-purpose room/ library. The two-story building will surround a landscaped atrium.

Victorian Dinner

On Saturday, December 4, the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society will again present their annual Victorian Candlelight Progressive Dinner featuring a fine meal with courses at several historic sites throughout the City.

The event has become a very popular Santa Ana Christmas tradition. The Dinner's tickets are sold only in advance.

The cost is \$25 per person (\$20 for members of the SAHPS). There will be two start times. The deadline for purchase is November 22. Call Scott Morgan at 953-4049 for additional information.

Adeline Walker, Santa Ana Historian, Memorialized

Adeline Walker, once described as the "real heart and soul of Santa Ana," was commemorated last month with the grand opening of the Adeline Walker Elementary School at 811 E. Bishop.

A 1921 graduate of Santa Ana Polytechnic High School, forerunner of Santa Ana High, Mrs. Walker had been instrumental in the preservation of Santa Ana history. She was the driving force behind the actual moving and restoration of the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, the Victorian-style home of one of Orange County's first female doctors. She was also instrumental in the founding of the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society as well as gaining historic recognition of buildings in the City including the Old County Courthouse.

Throughout her years, Mrs. Walker was also remembered by school children as the garden lady who taught them about flowers and plants. As a volunteer, she worked in Santa Ana schools for years, bringing cuttings and teaching children how to plant and care for gardens. Mrs. Walker died in 1985.

The new elementary school is designed to house 800 students on a year-round schedule. The six-acre site includes two multi-story classroom buildings, a multi-purpose/media center and community room, offices, a food service area, and a kindergarten complex.

Entertaining Donations For a Good Cause

Here's an easy way to donate money to a worthy cause. The Legal Aid Society of Orange County is selling "Entertainment '94" coupon books. The volume offers a collection of fabulous discounts, including 50%-off fine dining, family entertainment discounts, sporting and special event coupons, and the chance to take 50%-off over 1,600 hotels nationwide. The book makes a great Christmas/holiday gift too.

The non-profit Legal Aid Society provides free legal services to people below the poverty level. For more information, contact Lucy at 571-5260.

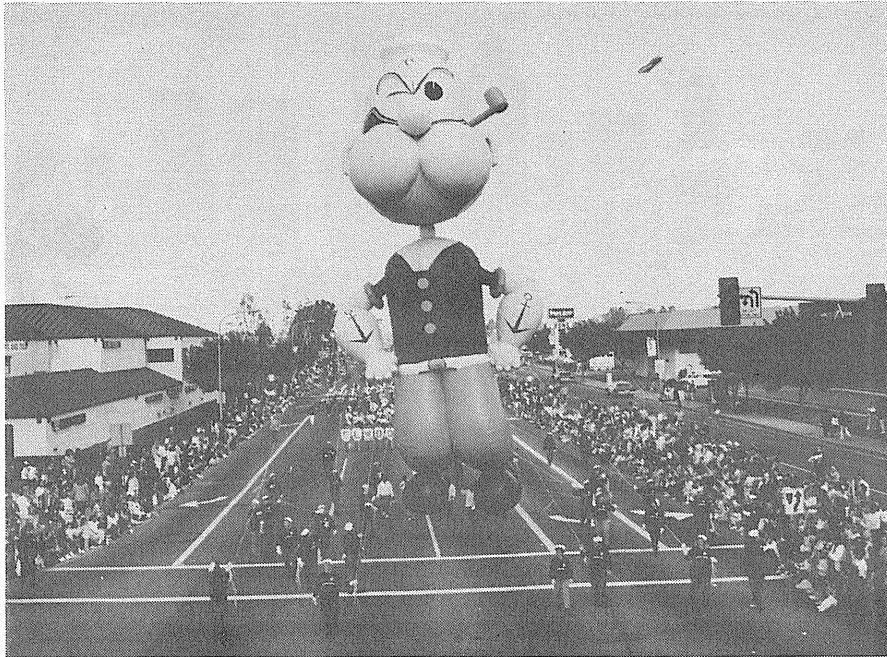
Library Kids Stuff

The various branches of the Santa Ana Public Library always seem to have something fun and special going on for children. This season is no different.

In November, the Library will celebrate Children's Book Week with storyteller Randi Larson weaving tales to the little ones. At the Newhope branch, Larson will speak on Nov. 16. At McFadden, it'll be Nov. 17. And at the Central Library, it'll be Nov. 18. All programs start at 3:30 pm.

In December they feature a holiday craft program, Santa's Workshop, where children will be making a variety of items. At Newhope, it'll be held on Dec. 14. At McFadden, it's Dec. 15. And at the Central Library, it's Dec. 16. All programs start at 3:30 pm.

Storytimes are held on a regular basis at each facility throughout the year. The program is a good way to introduce young children of various ages to the joys of books and reading. Call Julie Fredericksen at 647-5258 for times and age groups. All activities are free.



Holiday Parade Celebrates Tenth Anniversary

Focusing on holiday celebrations around the world, the tenth anniversary Times/Orange County Holiday Parade salutes "An International Family Celebration." Being held earlier this year, November 20th, the parade will once again start off in the South Coast Metro area of the City, beginning at 9 am.

This year's parade highlights the ways in which people of many lands celebrate the holidays. Spectators will thrill to non-stop entertainment from the mystical sounds of the Japanese Taiko drummers (on a float featuring a giant lantern in a traditional Japanese garden) to the impassioned rhythms of the African Djimbe folk dancers (performing in the midst of a native rain forest).

Saluting our traditional American Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons, an entire division of the parade features the ever-popular high-flying character balloons for which the parade is famous. Parade newcomer "Woody Woodpecker" is joined by "Lampchop," "Deputy Dan," "Mighty Mouse," and perennial favorites "Popeye" and "Olive Oyl."

Magical holiday music is brought to the lineup by high-stepping high school marching bands. The 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band from El Toro Marine Base returns to lead the parade, which sounds of the tropics are offered by the US Navy Steel Band from New Orleans.

Highlighting the parade are beautiful sculpted floral floats, similar to those made famous in the Rose Parade. The parade's non-profit organization actually designs and builds its own floats ... all created out of natural botanical materials and fresh flowers ... and decorated with the assistance of community volunteers.

A parade isn't complete without horses and the finest equestrians in Southern California join the celebration, including the world renowned Long Beach Mounted Police, the Stuart Hamblen Family Riders, and the Palos Verdes Peruvians.

Surprise celebrities will add star quality to the event as an anticipated 100,000 street spectators and 1 million KNBC-Channel 4 television viewers kick off the Southern California holiday season by watching the parade. The route begins at Flower and Sunflower, moving west to Bristol. Then it heads north on Bristol, ending at Alton.

Save Those Register Tapes

Both Ralphs and Vons supermarkets are offering to trade your register tapes for computers, books, and sporting equipment for local schools. If your area school isn't saving the receipts, you can send them to the Santa Ana Unified School District directly who will make sure they get distributed.

Send the tapes (Ralphs by the end of Nov., Vons by the end of Jan.) to: Diane Thomas, SAUSD, 1405 French St., Santa Ana, 92701. Call Diane for more details at 558-5555.

CPR Saves Lives

Could you administer emergency first aid if a loved one stopped breathing or started choking? If not, you might want to turn to your friends at Western Medical Center/Santa Ana for help. They are offering two classes to give you the necessary skills to be a life saver.

Upcoming CPR classes are scheduled on Nov. 13 and Dec. 3 and 11. They're 2 1/2 hours long and cost only \$15. Medic First-aid classes are held right after the CPR classes and cost only \$25 (\$35 if you sign up for both). For more information or to make a reservation, call 953-3548.

Leadership Classes

The Latino Leadership Program, sponsored by the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) will be offering two sets of leadership training classes starting in December. Participants attend a combination of weekly and monthly seminars and workshops.

For an application or more details, call John Palacio at 543-7191.

Community Awards

Santa Ana residents and students featured prominently in this year's community services awards program held recently at Nordstrom in Main/Place Santa Ana. Awards went to Mai Cong, President of the Vietnamese Community of Orange County; Eugenia Torres, art teacher at Santa Ana High School; and Tyrone Tripp, president of the Southwest Community Center.

Santa Ana high school students picked up two of the three \$2,500 scholarships, also provided by Nordstrom. They were Salvador Adame of Century High and Bernard Hardaman of Santa Ana High. They were chosen for their academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities, and career/personal aspirations.

Helping Others

The Southwest Community Center has been a Santa Ana tradition since 1970 when it was founded by Annie Mae Tripp to help others in her neighborhood. The Center has grown into a full-service community center offering clothing and household items, as well as food, to people in need. Each month alone, they feed over ten thousand meals.

During the Christmas season, they increase their efforts with holiday parties for children and special Christmas food baskets for disadvantage families, single people, and seniors.

They could always use your help both financially and physically. And as the holiday season approaches, canned goods are especially important. If you or your organization is able to help or to collect canned goods for the Center, call 547-4073.

Recognizing Sonny

A letter from *Eye on Santa Ana* reader Yadira Aceves asked that we recognize a certain young man for being a good student and a good person. Here's what she wrote.

"I would like to know if there is a possible way of recognizing a very special person in our community. His name is Sonny Kelly. He is 17 years old and a senior at Saddleback High School. It is very hard to start to name exactly what he has done, due to all the wonderful things he has done for our community.

"Sonny volunteers his time at Western Service Workers Association. He performs in public-service skits for Planned Parenthood. Sonny is also the President-elect for his high school's Black Student Union. Sonny has also organized a food drive for the needy.

"He has done all this while maintaining a 4.1 grade point average. And in recognition of his work, Sonny received a \$15,000 scholarship from the National Discover Card Tribute Award Program. I believe that Sonny Kelly has shown to a lot of his peers that we can help out our community instead of destroying it."

We couldn't agree with you more, Yadira. Thanks for giving us a chance to recognize a young man who truly deserves to be. And Sonny, thanks for reinforcing our positive image of the youth of today as the leaders of tomorrow.

Low-Priced Student Concert Tickets

The Orange County Philharmonic Society is offering incredibly low-priced subscription series tickets to high school and college students for their 1993/94 concert season, showcasing popular and renowned international artists and orchestras. The two series include performances by the Los Angeles Philharmonic, State Symphony of Russia, Les Ballets Africains, and the Canadian Brass, among others.

Season tickets are either \$32 and \$40 depending on the selected series. To receive a student series flyer, call the ticket office at 553-2422.

Our New Address

Please note that *Eye on Santa Ana* has a new mailing address. If you have us on your mailing list (and we hope you do), please change our address to:

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P.O. Box 10236, Santa Ana, 92711

Survey Says:

Several issues back, the City's Housing Division/Neighborhood Improvement staff performed a survey of a number of existing and first time readers of the *Eye on Santa Ana*. The questions were designed to see how well you, our readers, thought we were doing, whether we should continue publication (and how often), and what changes you'd like to see. With the surveys returned and tabulated, we wanted to share the results.

Over half (56%) of those responding had never seen an issue before. Fifty percent received the issue at their neighborhood association meeting. The rest received it by a special door-to-door delivery we did, at a store or restaurant, or by mail. (Not surprising since our normal circulation is only 10,000 copies).

Our readers' favorite sections included Neighborhood News (17 responses), Community Calendar (10), Bits and Pieces (6), and Cultural Calendar (4). We had 11 readers note that they just liked everything. Survey participants also liked the positive Santa Ana stories, the fact that some material found in the *Eye* isn't found anywhere else, and the "folksy" approach. Several readers commented that they felt the *Eye* "builds community."

What did our readers think could be done to improve the quality of the publication? Four felt we should handle more controversial news and analysis. Two wanted to see crime reports and other police material. Individually, readers noted that we should: publish more often, deliver to all residents, have less of a public relations attitude, include a regular column presenting various City ordinances, have more people/personality articles, and bring back a favorite restaurant column.

Should the newsletter be available in other languages? Of those responding to the question; 25% felt yes, and a much larger 75% said no. Those who said yes, overwhelmingly wanted it in Spanish.

Did our readers think the *Eye on Santa Ana* should be continued? A gratifying 88% felt we were doing our job well enough to continue it. Of those who didn't, several expressed that the *Register* provided the same information and still others didn't want to see tax dollars go into the publication.

As for whether the survey participants would subscribe or not, 54% said yes. Some of those who checked "no" felt the City should continue to make it free to residents. A few felt we should be advertising supported.

To all who responded, thank you. To all who didn't get a chance, we're always open to suggestions. Just send your thoughts to:

Editor, *Eye on Santa Ana*
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If you would like us to respond to your letter, please let us know.

World Game Soccer Honors for Santa Ana

by Connie Major

As with the World Cup of soccer, the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) holds World Games every 4 years, and July 1994 is the next tournament. There are nearly 600 Santa Ana youth playing soccer on the 49 teams in AYSO Region 517 which is now in its 8th season.

Many regions are recognized to send one or two teams to the World Games. For this week-long tournament, Santa Ana AYSO was selected to send six teams, a boys and girls team of Div. 4 (10-11 years), Div. 3 (12-13 years), and Div. 2 (14-15 years).

For the all volunteer, non-profit organization, this is a privilege and a huge challenge as entrance fees to the northern California location will be \$3,500. "Transportation, housing, and fees will require a lot of money. We are able to run an excellent local program, but for this we need heavy community support and financial help," said John Schultz, Santa Ana AYSO Commissioner.

The World Games Booster Club is seeking donations and sponsors for this exciting event. For information, leave a message at 556-AYSO. The tournament will be held in Sunnyvale, CA, and 90 youth currently playing with AYSO will be selected to represent Santa Ana.

Economics Taught to Elementary School Students

Children in second grade are learning how businesses function in their community. Students in fourth grade are solving business problems within their regional economy. Sixth graders are tackling the intricacies of foreign exchange and international trade. Does this sound like the curriculum at a fancy prep school for advance students? Well, it's not.

These classes are all a part of Junior Achievement's elementary school program now taught at Carver Elementary in Santa Ana. Carver is the first school in Orange County to participate in Junior Achievement's new "whole school approach" to introducing students to economic concepts at an early age.

Students in grades K - 6 are exposed to economic principles and skills at each grade level that build on those taught in preceding grades. Classes have been completed in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grade with plans to open classes in kindergarten, 4th, and 6th grade classes this fall.

Junior Achievement materials are presented to students by business volunteers from the local community or by high school students who have

participated in Junior Achievement's Applied Economics program or the after-school Company Program.

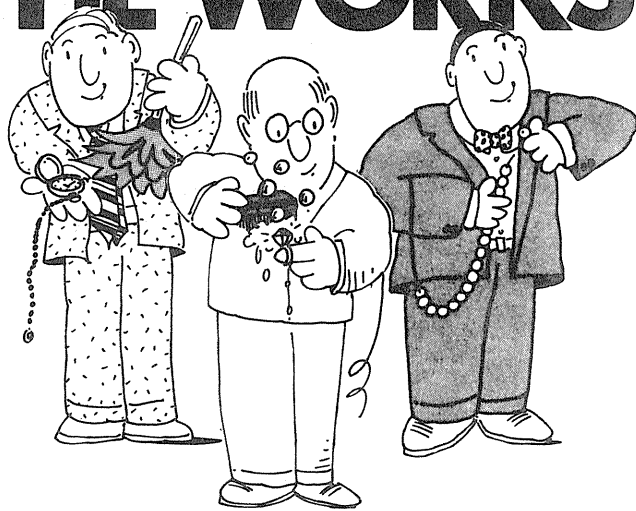
Last year, students from Santa Ana High School taught classes at Heninger Elementary thus promoting cross-age tutoring which is beneficial to both the student-teacher and the pupil.

Through a variety of hands-on activities, each class shows students the relevance of education in the workplace and how they themselves are an integral part of our economy.

Junior Achievement, a non-profit organization, has been helping students put economic theory into practice since 1919. Its purpose is to provide young people with practical economic education programs and experiences in the free market system, through a partnership between business and education.

The elementary school classes are conducted once a week for four to five weeks. The class time ranges from 25 minutes for the kindergarten program to 45 minutes for the 6th grade program. Anyone interested in becoming a Junior Achievement volunteer should call them at 938-1132.

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New Proposed Police Facility

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having to leave the facility. Community members will receive high quality service as the entire facility has been designed to accommodate the user with the utmost in functionality, accessibility, and consideration in mind.

A major component of the new facility is the addition of a 420 person full service Type II Jail. The Jail is capable of housing both pre-arrestment and sentenced prisoners thereby reducing our dependence on the capacity of the county system and avoiding most booking fees. The Jail allows the department to again take full advantage of incarceration as a powerful tool in maintaining community safety and security.

Basic Statistics:

- The Santa Ana Police Administration and Holding Facility project is located on an eight acre parcel between Civic Center Drive and Sixth Street; east of Shelton Street. The project totals 496,700 sq. ft. and includes three structures and a transfer tunnel to the Orange County Intake and Release Center.
- Police Administration - A four-story building housing all operational and administrative functions of the Police Department. The facility is designed to provide for department expansion through the year 2050.
- Holding Facility - A 169,000 sq. ft. building consisting of four stories and a partial basement. It can operate either as a Type I (short-term) or a Type II (long-term) facility. It contains 256 fully equipped cells that can house up to 420 detainees in a double bunking format.
- Parking Garage - A two-story structure with basement. It will provide 227 parking spaces for police vehicles and 24 spaces for police motorcycles. The garage also houses a two-tier firing range comprised of 12 shooting bays.
- Transfer Tunnel - A 900 ft. structure linking the Santa Ana Holding Facility with the Orange County Intake and Release Center. The design link will facilitate the transfer of inmates between the two detention facilities.

Wilshire Square

Fall was a busy time for the neighborhood. In September, they held their annual block party, once again cutting Birch St. off from traffic and offering free food and drink and loads of fun games to residents. In early October, Wilshire Square organized another "all-neighborhood" garage sale with scores of homes holding their own sales with the neighborhood providing the promotion. At the end of October, residents dressed the part to celebrate at a Halloween Party.

Concerns at recent meetings have been the McFadden widening project and possible increased traffic in the neighborhood resulting from it.

A new award was christened by the neighborhood, the "Good Neighbor Award," given to Guy Ball for his efforts for Wilshire Square over the years. The award will normally be presented each year at the neighborhood's Holiday Progressive Dinner in December.

A special Christmas Tea and Home Tour will be held on December 11. Four homes will be visited after participants enjoy a traditional sit-down tea served with fine china. Tickets are very limited. Contact Lisa Williams at 835-3935 for availability.

French Park

Historic French Park has elected a new board of officers for the coming year. They include Janice and Jon Gothold serving as co-presidents, Vice-president Victoria Betancourt, Treasurer Mike Brajdic, and Secretary Linda Povirk.

Board members include Linda Phillips, Marlene Brajdic, Jeff and Rolinda Biscotti, Kelly Hall, Ileana Lopez, Jim Lynn, Jeanette Martin, Debbie McEwen, Paula Vanderlans, Jim Welch, and Peter Wernicke.

In addition to working with the City to complete the Hamaker House move-on project at 820 North Lacy, the new board met recently to discuss its goals for the next year.

Of primary concern was a general cleaning up of the neighborhood. A special community pride day and street fair was held in October in conjunction with neighboring French Court to help kick-off this effort.

Another main priority for next year will be to market French Park as a desirable neighborhood for artists. With recent strides being made toward an Artists' Village in nearby Downtown, and a number of established artists already living there, residents see their neighborhood as a great place for artists to live.

Bristol/Warner

Residents of the neighborhood are continuing to feel the impact of the weekend cruisers on Bristol St.

Some residents are concerned about being forced to take detours to get home because of the police blockades on certain evenings.

Indian Village

Residents have been looking into starting a local Community Oriented Policing/Neighborhood Watch Program. At a recent meeting, Hilda Gabilman from the Santa Ana Police Department spoke on how they could set one up in their neighborhood. Also, Patricia Moran from the City's Neighborhood Improvement Division talked about the tool loan program offered by the City.

Other recent topics of discussion included the Riverbed Project, the proposed Material Recovery Facility, and code enforcement issues.

In Our Neighborhoods



The Indian Village Neighborhood meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Jackson Elementary School, 1143 S. Nakoma Dr. For more information, call Maggie at 546-9481.

Northeast

Residents have recently formed a "Welcoming Committee" to welcome new neighbors to the Northeast neighborhood. Over the past 9 months, the Committee has prepared over 30 "welcome baskets" filled with homemade treats, flowers, and literature on the neighborhood and the Santa Ana community.

They recently held a meeting to discuss holding an election of officers sometime in the near future.

Floral Park

The Floral Park Neighborhood Association will hold their second annual Christmas Concert on Sunday December 12 from 6 to 9:30 pm at the south end of North Park Blvd. The concert will feature a 50-piece orchestra along with several local school choral groups. Everyone from around the City is invited to join in the festivities. Santa will visit from 6 to 7 pm. There is no fee, but you are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for those in need.

A chili cook-off was held this summer with great success as neighbors vied against neighbor armed with their most potent recipes.

The neighborhood's October meeting featured a City presentation on the new proposed Police Facility.

Morning Sunwood

Thanks are in order to resident Debbie Friesner who has worked diligently for several months to get the City to landscape the barren strip of land along Greenville. The project was approved by the City Council in September and should begin by early November with completion by the end of the year.

At their September meeting, residents set the neighborhood priorities for the coming year. Major topics included tract signs, code enforcement, and perimeter enhancement.

A recent successful membership drive brings the total paid to 106 households.

Their next meeting will be on Nov. 15 at 2513 S. Manitoba Dr.

West Floral Park

The neighborhood has been working closely with Bristol Marketplace to improve the shopping center's impact on the general area. They helped organize a survey that was distributed to surrounding neighborhoods and the results shared with the center's management company. As a result, certain issues such as day laborers congregating around the entrance are being looked at and will be dealt with.

The neighborhood hosted a fall neighborhood cleanup in October. Their next general meeting will be on Nov. 30 at 7 pm at Santiago School.

Officers for 1993/94 were recently elected including John Zarian, president; Phil Schaefer, vice-president; Van Stone, treasurer; John MacDowell, recording secretary; and Karen Schaefer, membership officer.

Northwest 6 & 7

The Northwest neighborhood area west of Bristol has been organized locally. To date, there have been more than 25 meetings of the five active committees: Graffiti Removal, Along Park, Traffic and Safety, Neighborhood Beautification, and Pacesetter Homes.

Residents in the neighborhood held a Harvest Celebration in October which helped to raise over \$500 to provide playground improvements and equipment for Alona Park. Over 200 people enjoyed the fun and games (and food, of course).

A Telephone Tree has been put in place to inform neighbors of upcoming meetings and important events such as a recent Voucher Initiative Information Meeting held by the Santiago Elementary School PTA.

Of interest to residents is that Riverview Golf Course has new lighting and the driving range is now open until 10 pm, 7 nights a week.

The next general meeting will be on Nov. 4 at the Izaak Walton Bldg., 1714 W. Santa Clara.

Morrison Park

This newly formed neighborhood met in September with 70 homeowners in attendance. The results of a recent survey showing neighborhood concerns were shared. This association organized due to growing concerns about the apartment complex

situation at the North end of town, especially the one located at 2828 N. Bristol.

Morrison Park is part of the Northwest Neighborhood Association.

Thornton Park

A very successful neighborhood clean-up at the end of September saw four large dumpsters fill up quickly.

Residents, concerned with traffic on Adams and Raitt St., are awaiting City traffic studies to determine if stop signs can be installed there.

Various street corners in the neighborhood have been painted red to increase visibility. Too many cars have been parking on the streets causing difficulties in seeing oncoming traffic.

Laurelhurst

The neighborhood association held their general meeting with guest speaker Lt. Mike Foote, of the Santa Ana Police Department. Also speaking was a Red Cross representative who talked about CPR training and how residents could contact the Red Cross if they're interested in attending CPR classes.

Pamphlets were passed out with instructions on CPR, what to do when an earthquake hits, and emergency supplies everyone should stock. Residents asked numerous questions of all the speakers.

The neighborhood wanted to thank Regan Candelario, their Neighborhood Improvement department representative, for all of his fine work.

The next general meeting will be announced by flyers distributed throughout the neighborhood.

Washington Square

Congratulations to Washington Square on the success with their recent home tour with over 800 people visiting some of the nicest homes and gardens in the neighborhood.

Recognizing the large number of seniors living within the neighborhood, Washington Square will be sponsoring an ice cream social on Nov. 7 to help establish a network of seniors interested in interacting with other resident seniors — whether it be for bridge or to join in on excursion trips. More socials are planned for 1994.

Washington Square's annual Christmas Decorating Contest and Party is scheduled for Dec. 15. Residents will vie for awards of most creative, most religious, best use of lights, best door, and Santa's choice. Judging is done by all Washington Square residents; winners will be announced at the party. Residents will also be asked to donate canned goods and/or an unwrapped new toy which will be donated to area assistance groups for distribution.

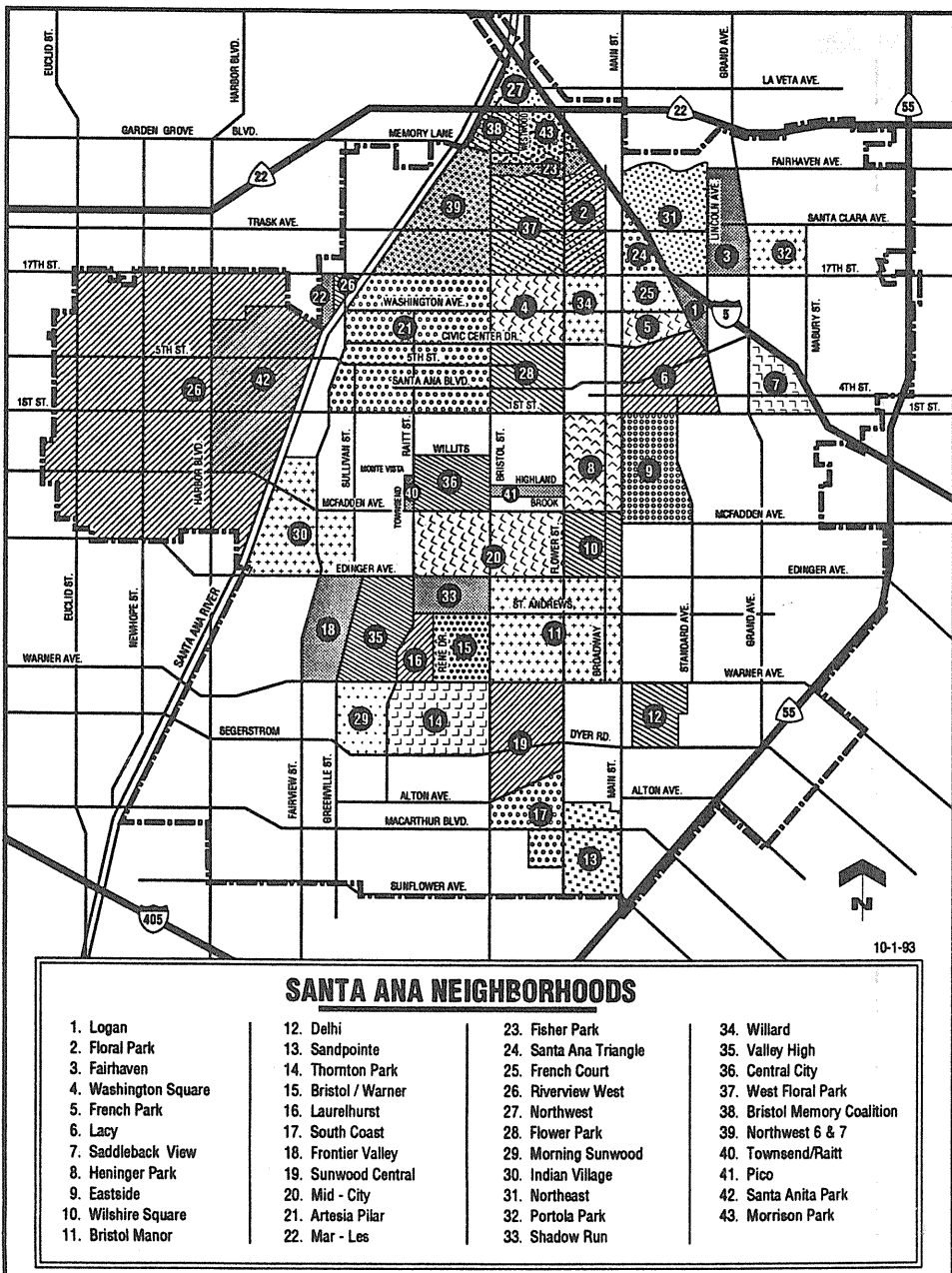
The next general meeting will be on Jan. 13 at 7 pm at Wilson Elementary School.



Getting Ready for the Parade — Community volunteers work on gluing flower petals to a section of a float which will be in the Times/Orange County Holiday Parade on November 20. Hundreds of residents volunteered thousands of hours to make sure their "home-grown" floats were ready for the southland's premier parade.

Neighborhoods:

Be sure to get your news to us in time for the next
Eye on Santa Ana.
Winter issue deadline is:
December 18



Fisher Park

At their October meeting, the neighborhood heard a presentation by Diann Marsh and the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society on the history of Jack Fisher. Also on the agenda for that meeting was the Santiago Creekbed and it's future.

In the park itself, many of the renovations requested by the residents have been completed including restroom improvements and new exterior lighting. The balance of the requests including zeriscape garden, creekbed fencing, and playground equipment are not yet budgeted by the City. The neighborhood is looking into raising funds for the playground equipment itself.

Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee

At their most recent meeting, the neighborhoods discussed the state of the City including negative perceptions by residents and non-residents and what needs to be done about it. Members of the City Council, the City Manager, and the President of the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce also spoke to the issue.

Also at that meeting, the Planning Department gave a short presentation on the Land Use Element Map.

At the September meeting, City Manager Dave Ream and Police Chief Paul Walters spoke and answered questions about the proposed new Police Facility.

Recently Washington Square representative John Harwood was elected to an open spot on the Comm-Link planning committee.

Community Oriented Policing

The City-wide COP held a community meeting in October to address the problem of illegal shooting

of firearms throughout the City. Interested attendees heard members of the Santa Ana Police Department and the City government talk about what tools were available to reduce the problem.

A list of addresses that have consistent gunfire coming from them was compiled from resident inputs and has been forwarded to the police department for possible action or warnings.

If you'd like further information on COP or on organizing a neighborhood watch program where you live, call 541-8971.

(Editor's note: area COPs are encouraged to submit your area news to Dee Runnells or directly to the Eye by Dec. 18. for use in our next issue.)

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

In October, the Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors featured a forum for the candidates for the Nov. 2 school board elections. At their September meeting, State Senator Rob Hurtt was the guest speaker.

On Nov. 20, SAMSON will hold a general meeting. All Santa Ana residents are welcome.

Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, beginning at 1 pm, at Coastal Community Hospital, 2701 S. Bristol. Call 546-7996 for more information.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

The Society recently gave a presentation on the history of Jack Fisher at the meeting of the Fisher Park Neighborhood, as part of the Society's effort to help the City's neighborhoods retrace some of their heritage.

At the end of October, Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society Board

members Jim Marquez and Bryan Smith once again invited people into their home for Halloween drama at its best with a Masquerade Ball. If you didn't attend this year, you missed the fun event of the season, complete with costumes, special effects, and theatrics.

On Dec. 4, the SAHPS will again host the Holiday Victorian Progressive Dinner, a very popular, old-fashioned Christmas event with a moveable feast at several historic sites. Tickets are \$25 for non-members and must be reserved in advance. Call Scott at 953-4049 for details.

The Society will once again join with the Tustin Area Historical Society in sponsoring a Home and Garden Tour in late March or early April. More details will be in the next issue of the Eye.

Keep Santa Ana/ America Beautiful

Committee members have been very active. In early October, they worked in conjunction with the Yuban Coffee task force to clean up Centennial Park. In mid-month, they met to volunteer and work on floats for the Times/Orange County Holiday Parade.

Elections were held recently. Richard Moser was elected president, Claudia Riewalat was elected vice-president, and Luella Tucker was elected secretary.

KAB is gearing up for a busy '93/94 season and could always use some more helping hands. They meet on the 3rd Wed. of each month. Call Teresa Morgan at 571-4200 for more information.



Neighborhoods Against Graffiti -- In October, the City sponsored their 2nd Graffiti Paint Out Day. As shown in the photos above, volunteers of all ages helped to paint over graffiti in their neighborhood. The event was also a great opportunity for residents to meet each other. Another Paint Out Day will be held in May 1994.

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A Little Business with a Big Reputation

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of a new and more vital corporate image. There is no magic to the name of Packard.'

"We all know what became of that particular corporation and its 'more vital image.' Mercifully liberated from that peculiar and strangely indifferent corporate albatross, Packard, the name and the motor car, today receives the salutary respect, even reverence, it deserves."

Fortunately for the marque, in 1966 Packard enthusiast Bill Lauer opened Custom Auto Service at 302 French Street, the first full service facility dedicated entirely to maintaining and restoring that renowned automobile.

And for the past 27 years Custom Auto Service has produced a stream of restorations that regularly win trophies at the most prestigious shows, including the renowned Concours d'Elegance at Pebble Beach.

The business is still located at the corner of Third and French Streets, part of the redeveloped Fiesta Marketplace, in a building that dates back to 1910 when it housed a repair facility for the Detroit Electric Car, and later a GMC truck distributor. Today Custom Auto Service is the oldest of perhaps a half a dozen facilities on the West Coast that specialize in restoring and maintaining such spectacular vintage vehicles from as far away as the east coast and Canada.

What does it take to produce such quality?

Consider the "First Commandment" of competition judging: "Restoration must be authentic and executed to meet the highest standards of craftsmanship."

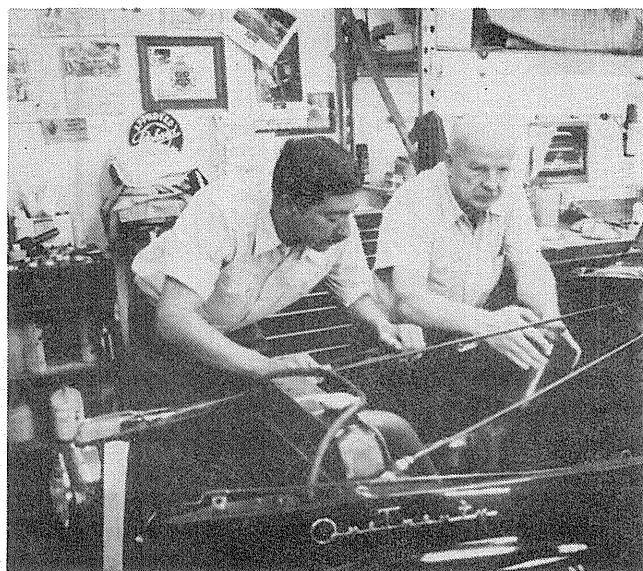
Now consider the Packard 1934 Super Eight Club Sedan and the 1940 160 Super Eight, which made their post-restoration debuts at the recent Gatsby-on-the-Green V, the largest annual assemblage of concours-quality Packards held in Southern California.

David and Sandy Escalante have been guiding the gleaming restoration of the '34 for about 10 months.

"The car had been completely disassembled by the previous owner, readying it for restoration. But when it was sold instead to the present owner, it was only loosely reassembled. Very loosely," David remembers.

In fact, just well enough to be driven through the doors of Custom Auto when it again was disassembled for an exterior restoration.

Hundreds of hours in the hands of these caring craftsmen with the luxury of time and the knowledge of old world techniques and materials have transformed it into a vehicle that is mechanically sound and visually stunning — a



Toby Escalante and Cal Soest

burgundy so deep that in low light it appears to be black, accented by a large quantity of flawless chrome.

Is the finish comparable to an average brand new 1993 model straight off the assembly line? No way, and the difference lies both in techniques and materials.

First, the car was stripped to bare metal in order to prepare the surface properly. Then, layer upon layer of

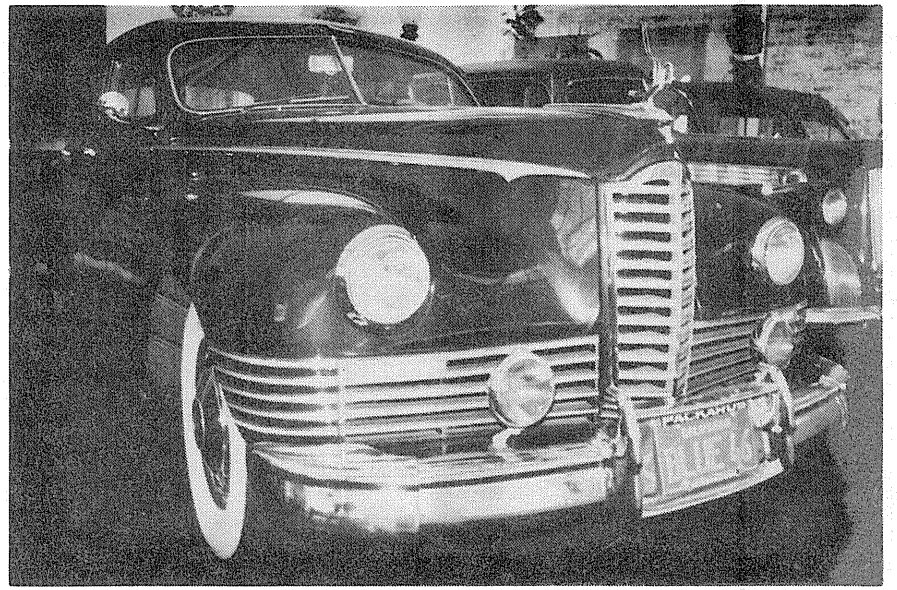
high-pigment paint (15 gallons in all) were applied in overlapping strokes and allowed to dry naturally - no heat to speed the drying time which will ultimately shorten the lifespan of the finish.

"There is simply no substitute for having enough time and the right materials. You can't get lasting quality in a hurry," these experts agreed.

And lasting quality is very important to collectors, who often keep their cars for years.

Remembers David, "We painted one customer's '34 Standard Eight 15 years ago, and the paint looks almost as good today as it did in 1976."

Collectors often exchange vehicles among themselves, and always transfer information about when, where, and by whom restoration work was performed. "That means Custom Auto's reputation rests on every vehicle we work on," noted Escalante.



1946 Blue Packard 4 Door Sedan Limousine

It's probably safe to say that there is not a serious Packard enthusiast who has not consulted chief mechanic Cal Soest, who oversaw the mechanical restoration of the 1940 160 Super Eight.

"The car was fundamentally in good condition — a nice, clean original car — which made it a joy to work on," says Soest. "But it needed upholstery. And it had the wrong engine, which had to be replaced." (Remember, authenticity is mandatory. Everything must be correct for the year and model.)

This obsession with authenticity can stall a restoration until the proper part can be located by advertisements, phone calls, word of mouth, and numerous visits to salvage yards and giant auto sales. Often a find is just plain luck.

Soest challenges, "You just try to find headlight bulbs for a '34 Packard."

That's when a mechanic of Soest's caliber improvises a solution that will be acceptable to judges.

Whatever the restoration task, the process is essentially the same, says Robert Escalante, who has been employed at the shop since 1969 and purchased the business from founder Bill Lauer in 1982.

First, the car is assessed cosmetically and mechanically by Escalante and his staff.

Then, the vehicle is disassembled to the degree necessary to attain a complete evaluation and perform the work properly.

Preparing an estimate of costs and presenting it to the client is the final step before restoration begins.

Escalante emphasizes that his success rests in large part upon his reputation for full disclosure and complete honesty. "When we start work, the client knows at that point what he can reasonably expect his costs to be. But these estimates are based on current information: the situation can change as work progresses. We keep the client well informed to avoid unexpected cost overruns. In fact, we often perform a restoration in phases so that it's not financially prohibitive."

Then there is timeliness, which is another key element of the success of Custom Auto. "I know of cars that have been in other shops waiting for an engine rebuild for two years. And I have seen paint jobs ruined when the car was stored outside for weeks waiting for upholstery," says Soest.

While complete restorations can take up to eighteen months, work is in progress at all times at Custom Auto Service, unless it is delayed during a search for parts.

And when completed, all mechanical and cosmetic work is subjected to meticulous scrutiny and evaluation to be certain that it meets the standards of these perfectionists.

In 1922, a Packard advertisement proclaimed, "There is an iron tyranny which compels men who do good work to go on doing good work. The name of that beneficent tyranny is reputation."

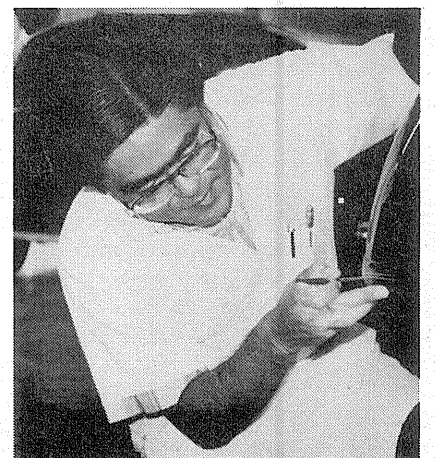
Today, that iron tyranny of "reputation" still compels these craftsmen to go on doing good work.

But it isn't all cars at Custom Auto Service. For Robert Escalante, it's also contributing to the community. This means getting floats ready for the "Times/Orange County Holiday Parade," sitting on the Board of the Discovery Museum, supporting the proposed Discovery Science Center, and working with elected officials and other civic leaders formulating a variety of other exciting plans to improve the City of Santa Ana.

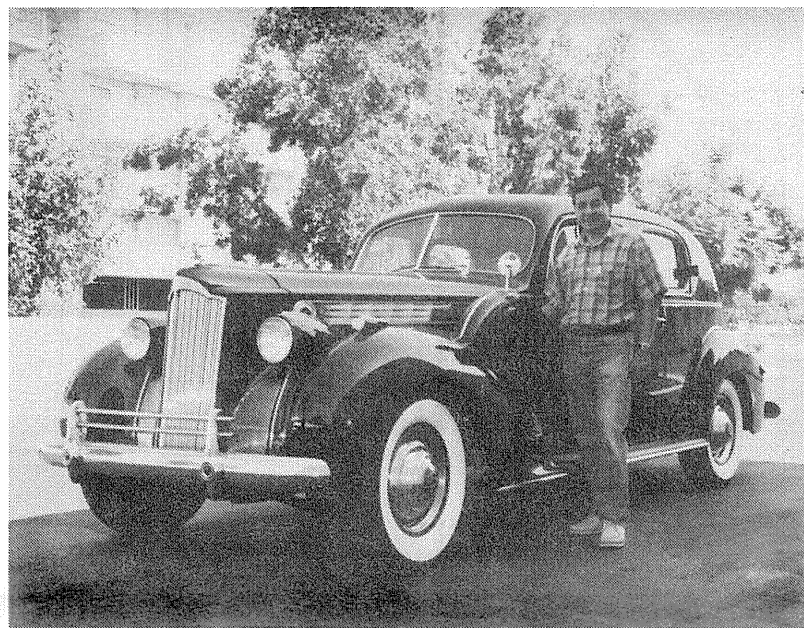
In fact, it's a challenge to follow the twists and turns every conversation takes with this dynamo, who seems to be involved in so many civic activities one has to wonder when he has time to take care of the business that pays the bills.

And let the unsuspecting visitor to Custom Auto Service be warned: your talents will be quickly assessed and assigned to one of his many pet projects.

Because this is a little business run by an owner who has big dreams for the City of Santa Ana.



Ken the Pinstriper



Owner Robert Escalante and a 1940 Packard (180) Club Sedan

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Big Brother/Big Sister of Orange County

150 Yorba Street, Tustin, 92680
(714) 544-7773

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Boy Scouts of America

3590 Harbor Gateway, North, Costa Mesa, 92626
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Provides structure and alternative activities for youth. The Hispanic Outreach program works to encourage high-risk youth to participate in the organization. Bilingual staff. Registration fee \$7.

Boys & Girls Club of Santa Ana; Youth Guidance Organization

950 West Highland, Santa Ana, 92703
(714) 543-7212

The youth-guidance organization is dedicated to improving the social, educational, vocational, health, and character development of youth in the Santa Ana community.

Bilingual staff. Sliding scale fee.

Camp Fire; Orange County Council

513 E. 1st Street, Suite A, Tustin, 92680
(714) 838-9991

Provides a variety of youth development programs including self-reliance courses, literacy for children and parents, drug prevention, self-esteem building and more. The program is for children in grades K-6 and their parents. Staff speaks English and Spanish. Free service.

Discovery Museum of Orange County

3101 W. Harvard Street, Santa Ana, 92704
(714) 540-0404

Offers tours of an 1898 Victorian Home, fully restored. Hands on experience, dressing up in period clothing, coffee grinding and butter churning. Bilingual staff. Sliding scale fee.

Girl Scout Council of Orange County

1620 Adams Avenue, Costa Mesa, 92628
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Provides informal educational program to help each girl achieve her full potential; develop values to guide her actions. Supervised by trained volunteers. Bilingual staff. Sliding scale fee.

Orange County Red Cross Youth Services

601 N. Golden Circle, Santa Ana, 92701
(714) 835-5381

County wide youth projects for both in and out of school community service projects. Includes disaster training, working with homeless, youth HIV/AIDs training, leadership camps and more. Bilingual staff. Free service.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra

1231 E. Dyer Rd, #200, Santa Ana, 92705

Mervyn's Musical Mornings are designed to introduce children to the world of symphonic music, and to provide an affordable way for parents and children to attend concerts together. The performances are approximately forty minutes long and are narrated by the conductor. Children must be at least three years old; babies in arms are not admitted. For subscriptions call Rita Major/Sharon Orona at (714) 755-5799. For single tickets call Ticketmaster or Orange County performing Arts Center (714) 740-2000.

Santa Ana Fire Department

(714) 647-5700

The Fire Department offers guided tours of fire stations. Must call to arrange a tour. Bilingual staff. Free service.

Santa Ana Police Department; Explorers Program

(714) 834-4801

The program offers Santa Ana youth the opportunity to work with police officers and participate in activities related to the field of law enforcement. Requirements are "C" average in school, knowledge of English, proper attire and no previous arrest record. Ask for Officer Don Colzakowski. Sliding scale fee.

Santa Ana Recreation Centers

The centers offer ongoing youth activities. Call the center nearest you for further information.

Cabrillo Tennis Center: (714) 541-0503, 800 N. Cabrillo Park Dr.
Centennial Park: (714) 557-0390, 3000 W. Edinger
Corbin Center: (714) 647-6557, 2215 W. McFadden
El Salvador Center: (714) 647-6558, 1825 W. Civic Center
Jerome Center: (714) 647-6559, 726 S. Center Street
Memorial Center: (714) 549-6887, 2102 S. Flower

Project P.R.I.D.E.: (714) 647-5399, 2215 W. McFadden Ave.
Santiago Day Camp: (714) 639-5798, 700 E. Owens Dr.
(summer only)
Santiago Lawnbowling Center: (714) 571-4232, 510 E. Owens Dr.

Santa Ana/Tustin YMCA

1815 E. Wilshire, Suite 901, Santa Ana, 92705
(714) 542-3511

Offers ongoing youth activities at numerous sites. Bilingual staff. Sliding scale fee.

Turning Kids On (TKO) Boxing Club

1432 S. Bristol, Santa Ana, 92707

TKO is a non-profit community based boxing club. It is a chartered member of the USA Boxing Federation. The program offers a disciplined boxing program to youth looking for an alternative to the streets. The program will also offer a study hall, tutoring and other educational and counseling services. Program is scheduled to open in September 1993. Bilingual staff. Registration Fee of \$15/year; sponsors available.

Youth N Sports

542 E. Central Avenue, Santa Ana, 92707

(714) 549-1317

Encourages youth to participate in ongoing sport activities while teaching them valuable educational messages. Staff speaks English and Spanish. Free service.

Youth Services Directory

The City of Santa Ana produced this Youth Services Directory especially for Santa Ana youth as a reference guide to places they may go or call when they are faced with a serious problem or are simply interested in becoming involved in social/recreational activities. This directory provides names, phone numbers, addresses and a brief description of services found in Santa Ana and Orange County. *Eye on Santa Ana* has reprinted the English version for the benefit of our readers.

The Youth Services Directory is a reference guide for information purposes. This in no way constitutes a recommendation of any program by the City of Santa Ana. The City of Santa Ana disclaims any liability to any person, organization or agency for any loss or damage caused by omissions or errors in the Youth Service Directory. All names, addresses, descriptions, services and fees are subject to change.

Corrections and additions are welcomed. Please direct them to: Youth Service Directory Coordinator, (714) 647-5360, City of Santa Ana, Community Development Agency, 20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

A bi-lingual copy of this directory is available by calling the above number.

EDUCATIONAL AND JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS**Blind Children's Learning Center**

18452-B Vanderlip Avenue, Santa Ana, 92705
(714) 573-8888

State accredited preschool and infant program for visually impaired and blind children. Provides counseling for clients of all ages and their families. Bilingual staff. Sliding scale fee.

The Cambodian Family Youth Program

1111 E. Wakeham Avenue, Suite E, Santa Ana, 92705
(714) 571-1966

Teaches low income children the Cambodian language, social & communication skills and Cambodian dance. Provides a learning center and computer lab. Parents receive parenting education and counseling. Bilingual staff. Free service.

Community Service Programs

Lathrop, Carr and Willard Schools
(714) 250-0488

Provides individual, group and family counseling in the schools. Referral through school personnel. Bilingual staff. Free service.

Elwyn Inc.

18325 Mt. Baldy Circle, Fountain Valley, 92708

(714) 557-6313

Job placement service, training and work activity program for people with developmental disabilities. Staff communicates in English, Spanish and Sign Language. No cost to consumer if referred by Department of Rehabilitation or Developmental Disabilities Center.

Rancho Santiago College

1530 W. 17th Street, Santa Ana, 92706

(714) 564-6287

Offers a variety of educational programs designed to assist youth in successfully entering the college and completing their goals. Bilingual staff. Sliding scale fee.

Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

2333 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, 92701

(714) 541-5537

The Regional Occupational Program offers career preparation through a job training program through a job training program for high school students and adults. ROP provides on-job training and job placement assistance. Sliding scale fee.

Safe Haven Project

Jerome Center, 726 S. Center Street, Santa Ana, 92704
(714) 571-4235

Safe Haven is an after school program which offers youth positive alternatives to gangs and drugs and offers parents educational programs. Youth programs will include team sports, study halls, tutoring, mentoring, teen counseling, gang intervention strategies, anti-drug & anti-alcohol workshops, excursions, drama and arts and crafts. Parent programs will deal with topics such as gangs, drugs and parents rights and responsibilities. Bilingual Staff.

Santa Ana Public Libraries

Central Library - 26 Civic Center Plaza, (714) 647-5258.
McFadden Branch - 2627 W. McFadden, (714) 647-5790
Newhope Branch - 122 N. Newhope, (714) 647-5792.

Bookmobile - (714) 647-5285
Santa Ana public libraries offer ongoing reading incentive programs for people of all ages. The Library also offers a variety of free activities. Call for more information. Bilingual staff.

SER Job Training

1243 E. Warner Avenue, Santa Ana, 92705
(714) 556-8741

Offers day and evening ESL classes, general education courses, clerical & computer skills training and job placement services. Program is for people 17 years and older, willing to secure employment upon completion of training. Staff speaks English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Free service.

Summer Youth Employment and Training Program

410 W. 4th Street, Santa Ana, 92701
(714) 647-6545

The City of Santa Ana provides part time jobs at public and nonprofit agencies during summer break (June-August) to qualified 14-21 year olds. Participants must be Santa Ana residents legally residing in the U.S. and meet federal income criteria. Staff speaks English and Spanish. Free service.

Youth Awareness Programs and Events; United Samoan Organization

2215 W. McFadden Avenue, Suite K, Santa Ana, 92704
(714) 543-9682

Provides after school tutoring, youth programs and events. Free service.

SOCIAL SERVICES**ARK, Services for Foster Kids**

1717 Orangewood Avenue, Suite G, Orange 92668
(714) 978-0340

Provides weekend events for children (0-18 years old) and individual & group counseling. Free service.

Assistance League of Santa Ana

1002 W. 2nd Street, Santa Ana, 92701
(714) 541-8164

Provides child day care to mothers working or attending school. Children from ages 2 to 6 years old. Bilingual staff. Sliding scale fee.

Youth Services Directory

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A (House) Moving Story

The Chilton House, 321 E. Eight St.

by Diann Marsh

"We've found a great old house that we want to move into French Park, but it'll be demolished the day after tomorrow if we don't find anyone to accept the responsibility of moving it," said David Fraunfelder, then president of the Historic French Park Neighborhood Association. At the time (February 1985) our family was living in Anaheim but had hoped to eventually move to French Park because of Santa Ana's respect for its historic buildings and their interest in protecting and preserving them.

The Chilton House was built at 612 East Sixth Street by Robert Chilton in 1883. Mr. Chilton was a banker who came to Santa Ana in 1875. He worked for William Spurgeon, the founder of Santa Ana, when he first arrived. He served as city treasurer and postmaster during the 1880's and went on to become associated with the First National Bank and the Orange County Savings Bank. The house is one of fewer than a dozen surviving two-story Italianate Victorians in Orange County.

The moment we saw the Chilton House, we knew it was destined to become the historic house of our dreams. Even though most of the paint had been stripped off and the house had obviously seen better days, the formal Italianate beauty was apparent to my husband and I. Fortunately the house had changed little since it was built more than 100 years before we saw it. That evening we made our decision to take the house.

A little over a week later we stayed up all night to watch the house as it moved out onto the street at 1 a.m. and made its journey to a lot a few blocks away on Mortimer Street. It sat boarded up, resting on criss-crossed timbers, at that temporary location for several months while we went through negotiations to purchase a lot to move it on.

Larry Moore, a developer who was building a large office building on Spurgeon, had promised the neighborhood he would buy a vacant lot so the Dr. Whitson House, located on the Spurgeon building site, could be moved and preserved instead of demolished. The Historic French Park Association realized that the new site, on Eighth Street, could fit two houses. That second house was to be ours.

We became quite anxious as the house "sat" while we waited for the land details to be worked out. So it was pretty exciting when the paperwork was completed, the plans were approved, and the day came to dig the hole for the basement. Yes, a basement! The house was just 1800 square feet on two floors. Because we needed more room we decided to build a full basement and move the house on top of it.

At first not everyone was as impressed with the house as we were. Remarks such as "what are you going to do with that shack?" and "you're better off burning it down," were typical. It was true, the house needed a lot of work. It had to be gutted and all new systems, including heating, electrical, and plumbing, installed. In addition, many of the things we take for granted, including water, sewer, and gas hook-ups; telephone and electrical lines; driveway, gutter, and curbs; and even a street light had to be arranged for and installed separately.

During that initial restoration, one of the worst times involved an evening rainstorm that occurred in early October 1987, before we had the new roof finished. Robert, my husband, had to climb a ladder in the howling wind and rain to re-secure the tarps on the two-story-high roof before the wind could blow them entirely off. I even had to climb out on the porch roof to hold the ladder. In spite of the covers, we still had to run around inside with towels and buckets, cleaning up the water as fast as we could.

The next morning, we surprisingly found our late night efforts not to be in vain; there was no visible damage on any of the walls or ceilings.

As time went on, the kitchen presented one of the bigger design problems because the original one included only a sink and china closet. We planned the kitchen to fit our modern needs, but making it still look "old" was quite formidable.

Then there was the bathroom. When the house was built, it had no bathroom. In the 1930's, bathroom fixtures were added on the back porch. A tiny bath was added in the corner of the second floor in the 50's. Neither was usable. We decided to convert one of the second floor bedrooms into two bathrooms.

In time, we re-plastered and re-painted and re-papered most of the house. Victorian houses are full of a myriad of detailed decor and we are still working on completing the job of decorating the house. But living in a Victorian house is a very unique experience and we enjoy and appreciate it every day, not regretting for a moment what we did eight years ago.

Cultural Calendar

Bowers Museum of Cultural Art

2002 N. Main St. — 567-3600

Pageantry of Dolls, a collection of antique dolls, opens Dec. 4. The exhibit is one of the first ever mounted by Bowers and consists of dolls donated by Orange County school children in the early 20th Century.

Peru Before the Inca, Ancient Artworks from the Permanent Collection will be open until Jan. 17. The exhibit features an exploration of the art, mythology, and religion of the coastal cultures of Peru as they existed prior to their domination by the Inca in the 15th Century.

Continuing exhibits: *Asian Ivories in Cultural Perspective* (until Nov. 29), *Realm of the Ancestors*, and *California Legacies*.

Admission is \$4.50 for adults, \$3.00 for students/seniors, \$1.50 for children 5-12. Museum is open Tues.-Sun. 10 to 5 pm; Thurs./Fri. nights until 9 pm.

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART)

1636 S. Grand — 836-7929

Going to See the Elephant, a vivid story of four pioneer women striving for life, proves the wilderness was not tamed by men alone. Until Nov. 13.

The very poignant and very popular *A Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote, returns Dec. 10-24.

Way Off Broadway

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

Way Off the Fall, a variety show featuring comedy, song and dance, and improvisational, continues until Oct. 30.

Opening Nov. 12 is *Greetings* by Michael Dudzik, a touching comedy about a middle class family who are shown the true spirit of Christmas.

Orange County Crazies

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

The Orange, The Bad, and The Ugly, a new satirical revue of life in and around Orange County features skits and improvisational pieces. Tickets are \$12 and \$15 for the Saturday night performances.

Now open -- Club Crazie, a nightclub with a Greenwich Village sort of setting, offering stand-up comedy and music. Open from 8 pm until midnight on alternate Fridays. Call for details and dates.

Reserve now for the New Year's Eve Show, *Orange Lang Syne*, on Dec. 31. Tickets are \$25 and include champagne and hors d'oeuvres.

Orange County Center For Contemporary Art

3621 W. MacArthur Blvd., Space 111, 92704 — 549-4989

Works by Richard Hyland (photography), Mary Thamann (photography), and Sandra Rowe (mixed media) show from until Nov. 19.

Opening Nov. 24 will be a special photography show juried by noted Laguna Beach photographer Jerry Burchfield and entitled *End of the 20th Century: Values?* Photographers interested should obtain a prospectus by sending a SASE to OCCCA.

Murder Mystery Dinner

South Coast Plaza Village — 675-9726

Investigate Case #91, *The Ghost of Lohm Castle*, as you enjoy a delightfully mysterious evening of fine dining and fun.

Crazy Horse Steakhouse and Saloon

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

Offering the finest in country entertainment including upcoming shows by Marshall Tucker Band, Ray Price, Michael Murphy, and Asleep at the Wheel.

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.

Orange County Performing Arts Center

Costa Mesa. For tickets and information, call 556-ARTS

Mac Davis stars in Tony Award winning *The Will Rogers Follies* Nov. 2-7.

The American Ballet Theatre performs the *Nutcracker* from Dec. 3-12.

The classic *Guys and Dolls* returns from Dec. 21 - Jan 2.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra

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

Singer/songwriter John Denver opens the Pacific Symphony's Pop Series Oct 29-31 as he makes a rare orchestral appearance with the PSO.

Orange County Philharmonic

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

The Philharmonic hosts performances by: the Los Angeles Philharmonic (Nov 13 and 27), Les Ballets Africains (Nov. 20), and The Chieftains (Dec. 6).

Yost Theater

307 Spurgeon St. --- 558-6869

Festivals West presents El Teatro de la Esperanza with the lively comedy, *"Rosario's Barrio,"* written and directed by Rodrigo Duarte Clark. Termed "a new Chicano version of *Mr. Rogers* with plenty of salsa," the play runs from Oct. 12-16. Call for information on future shows.

Rancho Santiago College

17th St. at Bristol -- Call 564-5661 for more information.

"Personal Stories" - showing until Nov. 16 in the Fine Arts Gallery.

"Prelude to a Kiss" - Nov. 19-28 at Phillips Hall Theatre -- a "thrilling, modern fairy tale."

Big Band Jazz Concert - Sun., Nov. 21, 7 pm at Phillips Hall Theatre -- features the best in big band jazz featuring the RSC Jazz Ensembles and a professional guest artist as featured soloist. Tickets are \$8 and \$6.

Holiday Choral Celebration - Fri., Dec. 10, 8 pm at the Phillips Hall Theatre -- celebrate the holiday season by listening to magical renditions of great seasonal choral music with RSC's California Master Chorale.

Community Calendar

November

Nov 2 (Tues) — Don't forget to vote! This year you'll vote on several School Board positions as well as several important propositions. *Let your voice be heard!*

Nov 2 (Tues) — The Blind Children's Learning Center invites you to an **Open House** and preview of their Multi-Media Resource Center from 2 to 6 pm at 18542-B Vanderlip Ave., Santa Ana. Call Mary at 573-8888 to RSVP.

Nov 6 (Sat) — Take a step back in time at the Discovery Museum's 9th annual **Victorian Fair**, a delightful celebration of old-fashioned arts and crafts, fun and games, food and entertainment. The Fair will be held at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard (off of Fairview), from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 3 to 12. Call 540-0404.

Nov 6 (Sat) — The 16th Annual National Cup **Dart Tournament** will be held at the Moose Lodge on Lyon St. Contact Sandi Cain with the Tri Counties Dart Conference at 497-2680.

Nov 11 (Thurs) — Reflecting on Veterans Day, the **Orange County Historical Society** will feature a speaker on the history and impact of the El Toro Marine Base. The free event is held at the Bowers Museum's Education Center, Room 4, 2002 N. Main St. at 7:30 pm. Call 871-2935.

Nov 12 (Fri) — Area women are invited to a luncheon given by the **Santa Ana/Tustin Christian Women's Club** from 11:45 am to 1:45 pm at the Orange County Mining Co., 10000 Crawford Canyon Rd., Santa Ana/Orange. Today's theme is "Let's Talk Turkey" and features speaker Linda Haney and guest soloist Norma Roberts. The luncheon is \$13 and includes free child care. Call 838-4077 for reservations.

Nov 15 (Mon) — The Bowers Museum's collection of historic dolls will be the topic covered at the **Bowers Museum Docent Guild**

meeting held at 10:30 am. Guests are welcome and admission is free. Entry is through the Museum gates at the corner of 20th and Main St.

Nov 16 (Tues) — The Bowers Singles for the Arts will host a special program on the **Art of the Spanish Dance** including a dancer and guitar accompaniment. The event will be held at 7 pm at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. Admission is \$4 for members, \$6 non-members. For further information, call 857-8707.

Nov 18 (Thurs) — The **Great American Smoke-out** returns as the Citizens for a Tobacco Free Santa Ana, in conjunction with the American Cancer Society, host a special event featuring Santa Claus coming to Santa Ana to "retire his pipe and give up smoking for good." All are invited to the festivities starting at 11:30 am on the steps of the Old Orange County Courthouse, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. and featuring magicians, elves and other entertainers.

Nov 18 (Thurs) — The Ebell Society hosts their annual **Christmas Boutique** featuring homemade bake goods, gift items, flowers & plants, and a few antiques and jewelry for sale. Lunch will be available from 11:30 am to 1 pm. The event will be held from 9 am until 2 pm at the Ebell Clubhouse, 625 French St. Admission is free.

Nov 18 (Thurs) — Hey kids, here's your chance to contribute with that special **craft project** everyone will be talking about on Thanksgiving Day. Go to your nearest recreation center from 3 to 5 pm for this afternoon of creativity. For ages 5 to 12. Call 571-4200 details.

Nov 20 (Sat) — It's back and bigger than ever. The **Times/Orange County Holiday Parade** takes off for its tenth year with bands, musicians and dancers, marchers, floats, and, of course, high flying character balloons like Popeye and Mighty Mouse. The parade starts at 9 am at the corner of Sunflower and Flower. It'll move up to Bristol, make a right, and head to Alton. Be there early to get a good seat!

Nov 20 (Sat) — Seniors can enjoy a **meal and a movie** for just \$1.99 courtesy of Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin Ave. Meet at 1 pm for lunch in their cafeteria and then see the movie *Rain Man* at 2 pm. The popcorn is free. Call 835-3555 for more information.

Nov 24 (Wed) — Learn how to "**Start Your Own Small Business**" at a seminar sponsored by the Service Corps of Retired Executives and the U.S. Small Business Administration from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at the County Services Center, 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg. C, Room 208. Topics to be discussed include site location, financing, record keeping, ads and promotion, and legal procedures. Fee is \$20; preregistration is recommended. Call 836-2709 for details.

Nov 25 (Thurs) — Enjoy a **Polynesian Cricket Game** when members of the United Samoan Organization will feature two teams of 40 people each playing to show the kind of spirit that brings families, friends, and neighbors together. The event will be held at the Corbin Center at 6 pm. Call Tuiavii Naea at 543-9682.

Nov 28 (Sun) — The **ACP Computer Swap Meet** returns with scores 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 Edinger (between Grand and Standard) from 8 am to 2 pm.

Nov 29 (Mon) — "Risko," a **heart disease identification and prevention program** will be held by Western Medical Center/Santa Ana with support from the American Heart Association from 4:30 to 7:30 pm at the hospital, located at 1001 N. Tustin Ave. The cost is only \$5 and includes various blood tests and risk assessment. Call 953-3445 to reserve your space.

Nov 29 (Mon) — **Monthly Mixer** for the Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County at the Southwest Senior Center, 2201 W. McFadden from 6 to 8 pm. Members are free. Non-members are \$10. Call 547-2646.

December

Dec 1 to Jan 6 — The spirit of a **Victorian Christmas** comes alive at the Discovery Museum when their historic Kellogg House is decorated with traditional turn of the century trimmings. Tours of the house will tell of how many of our holiday traditions came about. The Discovery Museum is open Wed. through Fri. from 1 to 5 pm and Sat. and Sun. from 11 am to 3 pm. Admission is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children. For info, call 540-0404.

Dec 1 (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.

Dec 2 (Thurs) — **Orientation meeting** for volunteers interested in becoming literacy tutors in local libraries. The meeting will be held at the READ/Orange County headquarters, 1501 E. St. Andrew Place. Training workshop will be held on Dec. 4. Call 566-3070 for more information.

Dec 3 (Fri) — The Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. 3rd St., will be hosting a **Holiday Bazaar** from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm featuring plenty of hand crafted items for sale and just in time for the holidays. Call 647-6540.

Dec 4 (Sat) — The First Presbyterian Church along with the Southern California Chapter of Chorister's Guild will host the **Los Angeles Children's Chorus** singing a holiday themed concert. The free public performance will be held at the church, located at the corner of Sixth and Main St. at 4 pm. Call 542-7253.

Dec 4 (Sat) — Enjoy a **Holiday Victorian Candlelight Progressive Dinner** with the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. You'll enjoy various courses of dinner spread out at several historic sites throughout the city. Start times are 5:50 and 7 pm. Dinner is \$25 for non-members and advanced registration is required. 953-4049.

Dec 5 & 12 (Sun) — Bring a **canned or boxed food item** to the Santa Ana Zoo and receive a half price admission. The food will be donated to the Corbin Center for assembling into food baskets for the needy. Call the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo at 953-8555 for details.

Dec 6 - 11 (Mon - Sat) — For those thinking of holiday shopping, a **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held at all three Santa Ana Public Libraries selling items such as paperback books, bookmarks, stickers, and other small gift items. Call 647-5258 for more information.

Dec 9 (Thurs) — Ralph Megna, Riverside Deputy Development Director will talk about the **restoration of the historic Mission Inn** (in advance of the day trip scheduled for Dec. 11). The free event is sponsored by the Orange County Historical Society and is held at the Bowers Museum's Education Center, Room 4, 2002 N. Main St. at 7:30 pm. Call 871-2935 for more information.

Dec 10 (Fri) — A **Holly Berry Tea** will be held at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St., with two seatings at 2 and at 4 pm. Tea-goers will relax and enjoy the tea, sandwiches, and pastries in a delightful turn of the century setting decorated for a Victorian Holiday. The Holly Berry Tea is \$15 per person. Reservations are required. Call 540-0404.

Dec 11 (Sat) — Join a **docent-led tour** of Riverside's Mission Inn, a \$14 million restoration project, with the Orange County Historical Society. You'll meet at 9 am at the Bowers Museum and car pool to the site. Tickets are \$8. Reservations are required. Call Julia at 871-2935.

Dec 11 (Sat) — The Wilshire Square Neighborhood will be hosting their first **Holiday Tea and Home Tour** featuring a sit-down tea with fine china and linens and a tour of four of the neighborhood's most unique homes. The event is \$15. There are a limited number of reservations still available. Call Lisa at 835-3935.

Dec 11 (Sat) — The City of Santa Ana's Recreation and Community Services Agency once again sponsors the **Children's Winter Holiday Party** from 1 to 4 pm at the Eddie West Stadium at Flower and Civic Center Dr. Santa Claus will be there will treats and munchies for the kids. The event is free. Call 571-4253.

Dec 11 (Sat) — Enjoy a very special **Holiday Festival** at the Santa Ana Zoo with entertainment including Ben & Jerry's Traveling Show, crafts, exhibits, zoo animals, a tree lighting ceremony, and, of course, Santa Claus. The event is held from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. and with each paying adult, one child is admitted free. 953-8555.

Dec 12 (Sun) — The Floral Park Neighborhood will host a **Christmas Concert** from 6 to 9:30 pm at the south end of North Park Blvd. The concert features a 50-piece orchestra and local choral groups. No charge but everyone is asked to bring an unwrapped toy for the needy.

Dec 17 (Fri) — Seniors from throughout the City are invited to a **Christmas party** at the Southwest Senior Center, 2201 W. McFadden Ave., from 11 am to 2 pm. Call 647-5306.

Dec 17 (Fri) — The Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. 3rd St., will host a **Christmas luncheon** from 11 am to 2 pm. Reservations are required. Call 647-6540.

Dec 18 (Sat) — Seniors can enjoy a **meal and a movie** for just \$1.99 courtesy of Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin Ave. Meet at 1 pm for lunch in their cafeteria and then see the movie *Miracle on 34th Street* at 2 pm. The popcorn is free. Call 835-3555 for more information.

Dec 30 (Thurs) — Come and enjoy a **New Years Eve Brunch** at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. 3rd St. from 10 am to noon. Suggested donation \$1.50. Call 647-6540 for details.

Deadline for our Winter issue is December 18. Be sure to include a contact phone number in case our readers need additional information.