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A Day at the Zoo

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 Eye on Santa Ana

"How do you get to the zoo?"
 The zoo?!? What zoo?

If we were in San Diego, Los Angeles, Washington D.C. or any of a hundred other cities, the question would come as no surprise. "But most people don't even know Santa Ana has a zoo," says Theresa Nelson, who works at Sir Speedy on 17th Street in Santa Ana and lives in Huntington Beach.

Nelson knows. "It's a very good zoo, too; just the right size for families with young children. I take mine about five times a year."

Maybe that's not even the best benefit for her daughters, three year old Sera and five year old Jessika, who have visited the L.A. Zoo, the Santa Barbara Zoo, and the Hogle Park Zoo in Salt Lake City, Utah using their membership privileges at the Santa Ana Zoo. "When we travel, I always find out what zoos have reciprocal privileges with the Santa Ana Zoo. Then, we visit those zoos, too. My brother lives in Washington D.C., and I also buy him an annual membership at the National Zoo in Washington, which reciprocates with the Santa Ana Zoo, so he can go to our zoo when he visits us, and we can go to his zoo when we visit him."

According to Zoo Director Ron Glazier, a \$35 annual family membership includes the same unlimited visiting privileges at approximately 90 zoos nationwide. Plus a lot of very special programs, like the mother and child focused "Mommy and Me," the early morning "Breakfast with the Beasts," and the Halloween themed "Boo at the Zoo." Members receive a bi-monthly newsletter highlighting unique upcoming opportunities, many of which are open only to members.

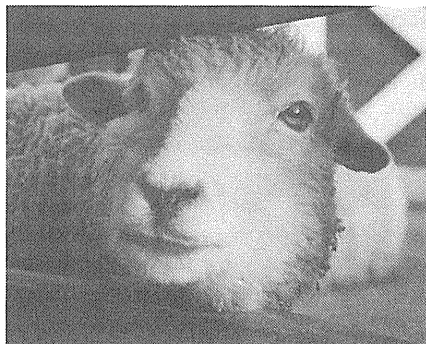
"Zoos are universally popular; 110-120 million people will visit zoos this year, more than attend professional sports events," noted Glazier.

And the Santa Ana Zoo has many of the features that make this attraction so popular.

Situated in grassy Prentice Park, the Zoo offers not only a chance "to talk with the animals," but also pleasant grounds for a picnic or even a barbecue or volleyball game, with plenty of parking.

Glazier, who came to the Santa Ana Zoo in December of 1991 by way of the Racine, Wisconsin Zoological Society, the Phoenix Zoo, and the Seattle Aquarium, is especially enthusiastic about this facility "because it offers a lot, but it's also particularly nice for children because it's not so overwhelming. They feel closer to the animals."

"A good place for people and animals," was the message I got both from Nelson and Glazier, an impression further strengthened during a



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I-5 Construction Forces Traffic Changes For Drivers

We've all seen the new construction along the I-5 Freeway. When it's completed, drivers will see a smoother traffic flow thanks to a widened freeway, as well as improved bridges and on/off ramps at Grand Avenue, 17th Street, and Main Street. In addition, there will be two re-designed interchanges where the 5/22/57 and the 5/55 freeways connect.

Until it's finished though, we've got a variety of road closures and inconveniences to deal with. Here's the latest update courtesy of Caltrans. Note that while dates are given, they may be subject to minor changes due to construction

and weather delays.

For additional information, you can call the Caltrans "Helpline," Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, at 768-4225.

Grand Avenue

Grand Ave./5 Fwy closures are already in effect with the northbound on and offramp closed until early 1994. The southbound onramp is closed until this summer. Traffic on Grand under the freeway overpass is restricted to one lane in each direction.

17th, 20th, & Lincoln Avenue
 Seventeenth St. is being restricted to one lane in each

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The Race is On — Cub Scouts try a practice run with their Pine Wood Derby race cars. Starting with a pre-cut block of pine, these Scouts fashioned cars that would race down a 40 foot track with the force of gravity for fuel. Cub Scout Pack 28 sponsored by Wilson Elementary School, recently held their annual Pine Wood Derby. From left, Scott Audiss, Kale Major, Santiago Carrasco, and Joe Vasquez.

Eye on Santa Ana Photo by Guy Ball

Residents to See Trash Contract Changes in July

City Seeking Great Service at Competitive Rates

Providing refuse disposal to a city as large as Santa Ana is nothing to be taken lightly. There are over 40,000 homes, small apartments, and businesses receiving curbside service with roughly 94,600 tons of trash collected annually. Then add in another 240 tons coming from apartment complexes, commercial sites, and local industry (in the form of "bins" and larger "roll-off" containers).

In addition, recycling will now be mandatory since the State of California passed laws which require cities and counties to reduce the amount of trash disposed of at landfills by 25% by 1995 and by 50% in the year 2000.

Presently the City's contract to collect and dispose of our trash is with Great Western Reclamation and it'll expire at the end of June. Due in part to the actions of residents, the City Council decided to use a competitive bidding process to select a contractor to provide trash collection and recycling services for a new five year contract, estimated to be worth over 20 million dollars a year.

The City prepared a Request For Proposal (RFP) to obtain competitive proposals for refuse collection and recycling. The criteria included competitive rates, quality customer service, and compliance with the State's trash reduction mandates.

The RFP clearly specifies the programs and service levels required by the contractor in order to obtain similar proposals from all of the

companies. Four companies have submitted bids for the contract including Great Western Reclamation, Browning-Ferris Industries, Western Waste, and Ware Disposal. Public Works staff is presently reviewing and rating the proposals based on the contractor's technical and financial ability to provide the service as well as the cost to the consumer. The final choice will be made by the City Council in April or early May.

In handling the responsibility for successfully implementing the City's recycling program, the City decided to contract with a single company for all services rather than numerous companies. Using a single company is expected to keep costs to a minimum and place the responsibility for meeting State requirements with a single party. Contracting with one company to provide service to residential and commercial customers also allows for a wider distribution of their operating costs and lower rates to all customers.

As a resident, you won't see too many changes. You'll place your trash at the curb for pickup as usual. The only items the City will ask you to separate is your yard waste (grass clippings and other plant materials) and newspapers. The trash will be collected by one vehicle and taken to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF). Once at the MRF, the trash is weighed, and then manually sorted to remove all recyclable material. The remaining trash will be taken to the landfill.

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VIEWPOINT

Thanks to our Graffiti Busters!

The scourge of graffiti has taken on some monstrous proportions lately. So, with the tremendous increase of "low-self esteem kids who feel the need to deface our City with their chicken scratching," it's great to know that Santa Ana has risen to the challenge of these acts of vandalism.

The City's Public Works crews have been kicking butt, seven days a week, painting over or air blasting off the visual blight. They've even added a new weapon to their arsenal that gently gets paint off of trees with baking soda. Their efforts to reduce repeat graffiti by hitting it immediately has been making a dent. And their response time to our phone calls reporting graffiti on the major thoroughfares is actually quite quick considering the quantity they have to deal with.

The Santa Ana Police Department has been active catching and dealing with graffiti bandits — with over 250 "arrests" since January. They have a dedicated graffiti officer and have moved the investigation of the crime up a notch on their priorities.

The City has launched a Graffiti Task Force combining the efforts of the above agencies, a number of others, and the Santa Ana business community. You can even help out at their special graffiti paint-out day scheduled for May 1 by volunteering a few hours of your time. (see the Around Town section).

And you just have to love the residents who take great pride in dealing with graffiti themselves, on their own time and at no cost to the City. One we know of always has spare paint in the trunk of his car just in case he sees something in need of covering. These are some of the City's unsung heroes and they deserve a tremendous pat on the back for caring enough to make Santa Ana a prettier place.

So, a tip of the hat to all those who are out there battling the forces of spray paint and wide-tipped markers. Your efforts to make Santa Ana a cleaner place are not only obvious, they sure are appreciated!!!

Parental Control? What Parental Control?

Meanwhile, I just keep asking myself, where the heck are the parents of these vandals when they're out wreaking havoc with our visual environment?

Support Our Local Businesses!

It's no secret that times are tough for businesses in Southern California and our Santa Ana retail community is no different. But the success of our local stores hits home in many ways.

Local stores employ local people (including our young people).

Local stores pay local taxes.

Local stores donate to Santa Ana schools and charities.

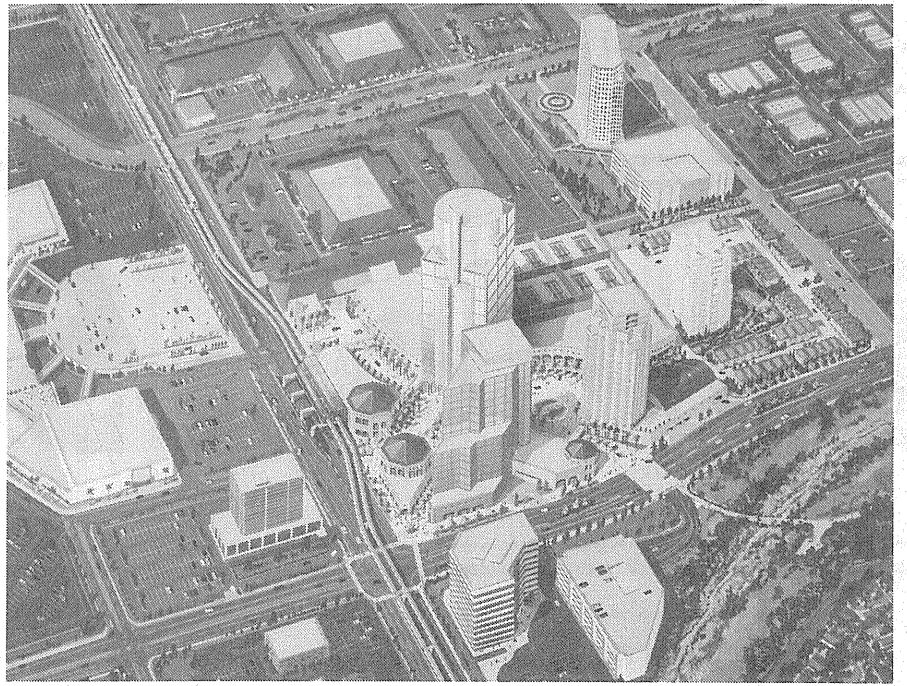
Successful local stores stay open and don't become vacant storefronts.

So, we've said it before, and we'll say it again.

Shop Santa Ana stores when you can. Keep our business community healthy because it pays back to our City in a very big way.

Whether it's a Coke at the neighborhood convenience store, breakfast at the Wildflower, some bolts from Clark Dye, film at Main Photo, or a VCR at Main St. Electric, stay local and put your hard earned money back in the Santa Ana economy.

It may seem like a simple thing to do, but not to the thousands of independent business people who call Santa Ana home.



Main Street Concourse — Across from the MainPlace shopping mall (in the large open lot next to Polly's Pies) developers have plans for a \$500 million commercial and residential complex in the style of a "European Plaza." Phase 1 of this intensive mixed-use development including a 32-story executive office tower, restaurant and boutique retail space, community entertainment complex (with cinemas and a live theater) and attached single family residences. Phase 2 would include a 22-story office tower, low-rise retail, and a 19-story high rise residential condominium tower.

The design premise of Main Street Concourse stresses a people oriented environment to create an experience of urban activity in a safe and high quality setting. The main plaza, "Theme Square," will front the towers with sidewalk cafes and retail shops. "The Concourse" section will feature an internal shopping street lined with colorful trees, flowers, street lights, and textured paving.

The drawing above shows the proposed route of the Orange County monorail.

Trash Contract

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The use of a MRF to separate the trash accomplishes several objectives:

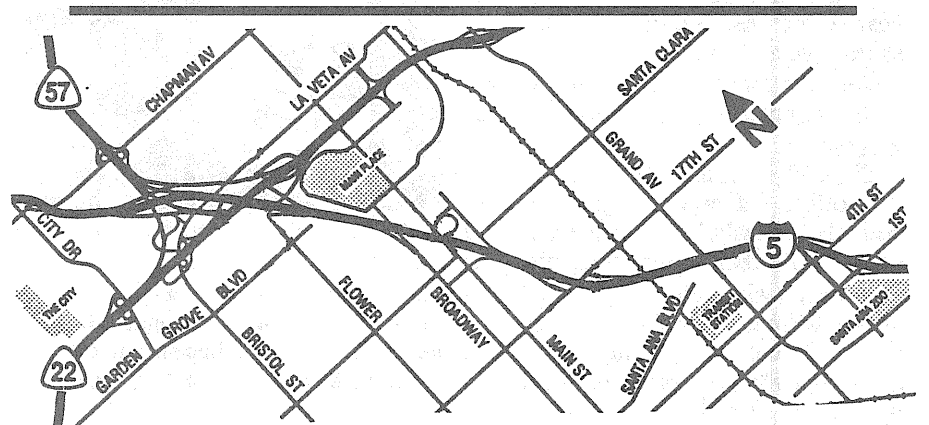
- ◆ It requires minimal effort on behalf of the resident.
- ◆ It reduces the traffic and noise produced by several collection vehicles in your neighborhood.
- ◆ It will allow recovery of a substantial amount of recyclable material, and
- ◆ It reduces the amount of trash the ends up in the landfill.

The recycling implementation will occur in steps. On July 1, 1993, the selected contractor is required to process (at a MRF) at least one third of all solid waste collected

from residential and commercial service. The requirement for two thirds would start on January 1, 1994 with recycling for the whole city occurring by July 1, 1994.

The yard waste will be processed at a composting, mulching, or transformation facility under the same time schedule.

One addition to the new contract is the requirement that the trash contractor pick up bulky items at the curbside twice a year upon a request from the resident. This would include the collection of items such as couches, refrigerators, rugs, water heaters, and other items of solid waste which normally cannot be picked up with your normal trash collection. Seniors and the disabled will be able to call for assistance to have bulky items removed.



I-5 Forces Major Traffic Changes

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direction in the evenings and on weekends until late 1995.

The Lincoln Ave. overcrossing is closed until mid-1995, while a new structure is being built. The 20th St. pedestrian undercrossing is closed while Caltrans builds a new overcrossing, expected to open in late 1995.

Main Street

One of the largest closures in the I-5 widening project involves Main St. The Main Street Bridge (crossing I-5) will be closed this summer until mid-1995 for construction of a new bridge. Motorists traveling northbound on Main will be detoured to Santa Clara to Broadway to Owens and back to Main. Southbound motorists should take Owens to Broadway to Buffalo.

If you are on the freeway, there is a temporary northbound offramp at Main Place and the southbound offramp at Broadway will stay open but the southbound offramp at Main will also close this summer, as will the southbound onramp from Main to the freeway. The northbound onramp from Main is already closed.

Once the other Main St. onramp closes, to get on the I-5, you'll have to use the ramps at 17th Street or take the westbound SR-22 to the northbound I-5.

5/22/57 Interchange

The first new and improved connector of this interchange opened in December and motorists can now travel southbound on I-5 to the westbound SR-22. The eastbound SR-22 to the southbound I-5 will open in mid-1993 and the northbound I-5 to the westbound SR-22 will open in early 1995.

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

The deadline for the next issue (Summer) is June 19, 1993. Our address is:

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Christmas In April

The time is near to gather your hammers, paintbrushes, family, and friends to spread the Christmas Spirit throughout Santa Ana and other parts of Orange County. Christmas in April returns on Saturday, April 24.

Christmas in April, sponsored by the Junior League of Orange County, is a "done in a day" project in which close to 900 volunteers will repair and rehabilitate homes of the elderly, low-income, and disabled throughout the county. This year 12 sites in Santa Ana are being targeted for repair, including the Mercy House, a men's shelter, and a number of homes.

As needed, volunteers will provide carpentry, electrical and plumbing repairs, painting, landscaping, cleaning, and trash hauling. Some of the more complex work has already been completed during the week with time donated by professionals. On Saturday, work will begin at 8 am with volunteers topping off the project's end with a celebration party in the late afternoon.

Last year in Santa Ana, various neighborhood associations got involved with teams of residents helping out their fellow neighbors in other parts of the City.

If you're at least 14 years old and would like to help, call the Junior League at 261-0823.

Citywide Paint-Out

The City is sponsoring a major graffiti paint-out day on Saturday, May 1 from 9 am to noon.

Volunteer groups of 10 will be supplied with paint, rollers, and brushes and sent to one of 50 sites throughout the City. The event kick-off will be in the lot behind the Mission Viejo Lighting building (211 N. Main St.) in Downtown.

The paint-out is one of the first events coordinated by the City's new Graffiti Task Force. The task force includes members of various agencies involved with the prevention and removal of graffiti. For the event, they've secured three major sponsors for the paint-out: Behr Paints who donated over 1500 gallons of paint, Great Western who donated all of the supplies, and Roxas and Wickle Creative Services who is donating their marketing expertise.

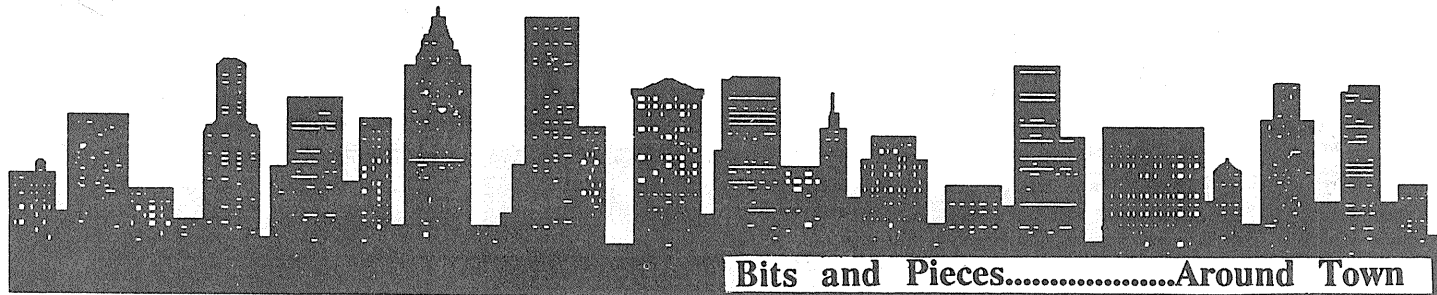
Come by yourself or form a team of your own and become part of the solution. To volunteer, call the Neighborhood Improvement office at 667-2274.

Volunteer Connection Day

On Saturday, April 17, thousands of volunteers will be mobilizing to help on projects as varied as painting a home for the mentally ill, digging a drainage ditch for a zoo bird aviary, repairing cabinets for a senior center, and providing information on health care information and referrals to lower income families.

Volunteer Connection Day 1993, is a day long event helping to launch a long-term strategic plan to help foster volunteerism in Orange County to help solve some of our social problems. All 31 cities in the county are participating in this kick-off event. The program is being coordinated by the Volunteer Center of Great Orange County.

For more information on projects organized on the 17th or on future volunteer activities, contact the Center at 953-5757.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Yost Theater Returns

Look for some exciting changes for the historic Yost Theater as a new director brings a whole new life to a grand old theater.

Starting with a grand reopening from April 24 to 27 featuring two one-act plays by the internationally celebrated El Teatro Campesino stage troupe. An official open house will take place on April 28th with performances by Herencia Mexicana Ballet Folklorico and Mariachi Uclatlan.

Florinda Mintz, writer and cultural program organizer as well as project director for Fiesta Marketplace, has been appointed General Director of the theater.

The Yost Theater was built in 1913 and restored in the 1980s. It's in perfect operating condition with over 700 seats. It's part of the Fiesta Marketplace complex and is located on Spurgeon St. between 3rd and 4th Streets.

The theater will focus on live performances to serve the Hispanic and general community of Santa Ana and Orange County. Call 558-6869 for more details.

Make Your Charitable Donations Count

Have you every wondered whether that charity asking for a donation is legitimate or a fraud? Some of us take the easy way out and stick with the bigger names - Red Cross, Salvation Army, YWCA, United Way — but what about all the other requests that come your way. How do you pick out the honest ones?

Thanks to Charities for Truth in Giving, organized by Bonnie Gillman and supported by the Orange County Register and the Volunteer Center of Orange County, you now can get some help in making sure your donations go to the right place. A free sheet with tips to increase your donating awareness is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed business sized (#10) envelope to Charity Information, c/o Volunteer Center, 1000 E. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana, 92701.

Also, the Register's InfoLine has pre-recorded information discussing telephone, direct mail, and store solicitations. Simply call them at 550-4636 and press code 6750.

Welcome Rosemarie

Rosemarie Fernandez, a 15-year postal veteran, has been appointed Postmaster of Santa Ana. She is the first female named to the City's post since its creation in 1870.

"I am very happy to receive the assignment," the new Postmaster said, "and I will do everything I can to provide consistent, quality service to Santa And residents. In fact, quality service is my number one priority."

As the Santa Ana Postmaster, she will oversee more than 600 postal employees at 11 facilities within Santa Ana who process and deliver 1.75 million pieces of mail to 130,000 addresses every day.

Traffic Problems

Do you think you have problems with traffic in the City? How about if you had to move an 80-year old Craftsman Bungalow style house from Washington Square to French Park (about 1/2 mile away)?

Well, to make room for a new medical center and because they care about historic and neighborhood preservation, FHP Health Care gave the house, built in 1913 by the Hamaker family, to the Historic French Park Neighborhood.

Residents there have experience in the house moving business, having moved several other historic homes to vacant lots in their neighborhood. With the City's Housing Department's help, they decided to take this one on also.

Sometime in April, in the middle of the night, several tons of wood and plaster, in the form of a beautifully hand-crafted house, will make its trek down Civic Center and over to Lacy St., preserving a piece of Santa Ana history with it.

Now, if only it doesn't get stuck in traffic because of an I-5 detour.



Everybody Has a Story

We bet there's someone in your family who you all tell stories about. Maybe it's about Grandpa's great adventure or that crazy Uncle who invented all sorts of things. They might even be telling stories about...you! Whatever the case may be, we are all a treasure-trove of stories that form the patchwork quilt of the American experience.

"Everybody Has A Story" the latest book from Santa Ana's own master story-teller and teacher, Nancy Ilo, shows you how to tap that family history. Developed from her popular writing classes at Cal State Fullerton, the book offers clear, step by step instructions and entertaining examples.

If you've ever wanted to write down your family history or your own life's experiences but didn't know where to start, "Everybody Has A Story" is the book for you. It covers everything from where to get ideas for stories to secrets for keeping your audience entertained.

"Everybody Has A Story," profusely illustrated with historical photographs, will be available in bookstores in June.

However, Eye on Santa Ana readers can get an autographed advance copy by ordering direct from the publisher, Media Enterprises, for \$23.95 postpaid. Call them at 778-5336.

A Warm Reunion

Amid all of the negative media news of late, a group of native Mexican-Americans and Hispanics celebrated the joyous memories of their barrio neighborhood as a solid building block of what was and is good about Orange County.

Old and young alike, representing the Hispanic roots of Orange County from the area of West Santa Ana (17th and Euclid), met to reminisce about the good memories of the 40's, 50's, and 60's. Successful professionals, businessmen, technicians, religious leaders, and artists gathered at the sold-out, family-type celebration.

Manuel Esqueda, a retired banker, recalled the success of many Hispanic students, assisted with scholarships produced by the then well-known "Gemini Club," which he led.

Rose Morales remembers her good days in the Barrio during the swing era of the 40's. Wally Davis, a senior partner of a Costa Mesa law firm recalls the rock n' roll days of the 50's.

"The vast majority of our people became successful parents, workers, professionals, businesspeople, labor leaders, and all-around good citizens. It pains me to see continuous negative news about a very small minority within the Hispanic community," noted Davis.

"The emphasis tonight is on the positive things that came out of the barrio...the family values...the ability to work hard...our self esteem and pride."

Jobs for Teenagers

Thanks to extra funding from the federal government, there will be over \$3 million available for jobs and job training this summer for Santa Ana's youth population through the City's Employment Services Department.

Applications are being accepted now, so call 647-6545 or drop by their office at 410 W. 4th St.

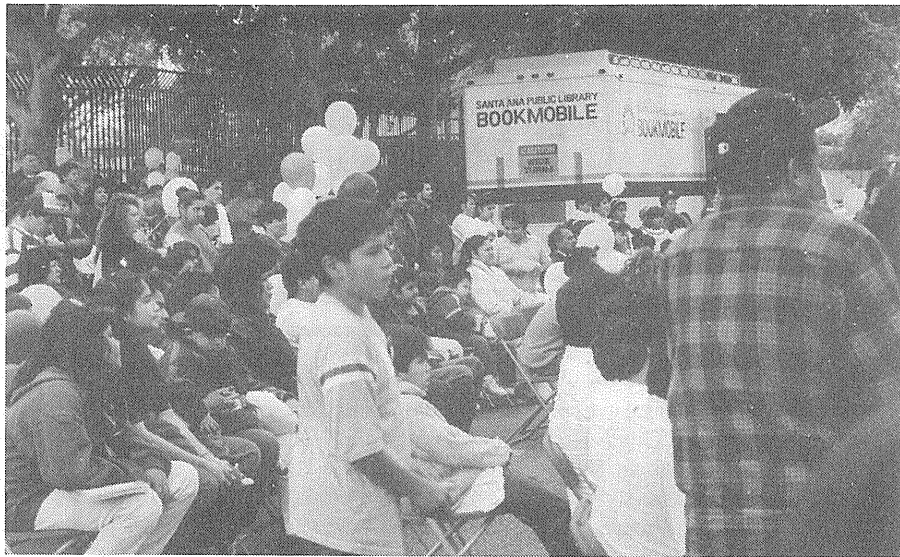
Federal Courthouse Design Begins

The Ronald Reagan Federal Courthouse in Downtown Santa Ana, is another step closer to construction with contracts for an architectural design team signed early this month.

You may remember the hard fought battle waged and won by City and federal officials to land the courthouse in Santa Ana, as opposed to in one of the south county cities. The building is slated to be about 534,000 sq. ft. and will hold eight district and six bankruptcy courtrooms with various offices. A second phase calls for the addition of four more courtrooms.

The 4 acre site sits next to older, historic buildings of the Downtown area, just south of the Civic Center, and between Broadway and Flower.

Groundbreaking is scheduled for summer 1994 with completion of the project by 1997.



Community Pride Rally — In February, the City hosted a community pride clean-up and rally for residents of the neighborhood bounded by First, Raitt, Sullivan and McFadden. With a theme of "Make a Difference," the event began with a neighborhood clean-up and graffiti paint-out. Afterwards, residents enjoyed a community fair with information booths, games, and food.

Female Role Models

The Hermanitas Program of the Mexican American Women's National Association (MANA), Orange County Chapter, was created to mentor young Latina high school students. As role models and professional women representing a variety of fields, MANA members offer their guidance and a vision towards the future.

The young women, referred to MANA by counselors in the Santa Ana Unified School District, are students in whose lives they may be able to make a difference. *Hermanitas* offers a program of speakers, career guidance, personal care, tutoring, and cultural field trips. At present, sixteen hermanitas are participating.

MANA was founded in 1974 as a support group to promote social, educational, and economical advancement of Latinas. Members consist mainly of professional women working in various fields - business, education, and medical. They donate their time and talents to programs such as scholarship funding, *Hermanitas* mentorship, cancer clinics, and leadership development training.

Monthly meetings of MANA usually offer a special program and speaker. On April 10, Diana Greigo Erwin of the Register and Ernie Vetucci of the Times will discuss using the media to the best advantage. Dr. David Hayes-Bautista will discuss "Latinos in California: No Longer a Minority" on June 12. Meetings are held at 10 am on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Western Medical on Tustin Ave.

Due to the expenses incurred in the *Hermanitas* program, donations are being accepted and can be sent to MANA, attn. Hermanitas, Box 793, Orange, CA 92666. For additional information regarding this program, call Genevieve Southgate at 997-0943 or Maria Bernstein at 701-9821. For information regarding MANA membership, call 474-4884.

Tucker Elected to Senior Legislature

Santa Ana resident Jim Tucker was elected by his peers to the California Senior Legislature. He serves a two year term in the Senior Assembly as an advocate of senior citizen issues for the residents of the County's 1st Supervisory District.

The Senior Legislature meets yearly in Sacramento and comes up with senior-oriented bills for the regular State Legislature to consider.

For further information, call Senior Legislature elections coordinator Jim Dukette, at 567-7417.

Spiritual Center

For the last 70 years, the Second Baptist Church has been a social and spiritual gathering place for Orange County's black residents. Starting from a humble beginning with just 12 members and a small building on Civic Center Dr., the church grew with its congregation to its present home on Raitt and McFadden.

Today over 1,800 active members worship with Rev. John McReynolds who heads a church program offering much more than prayer with tutoring for adults and children, a community food bank, and counseling on AIDS and substance abuse.

The future? Church leaders are raising funds to add even more space by their 75th anniversary to accommodate all of their programs and possibly even have an accredited school on the site.

3,2,1...We have lift-off!

The Discovery Science Center rockets onto the scene with the opening of Launch Pad, a preview of what exciting things the future holds for Orange County students, residents, and visitors.

Scheduled to open on the third level of Crystal Court at South Coast Plaza on Sunday, June 20th, this 5,600 square foot storefront facility will feature 30 hands-on exhibits and several live demonstrations which will educate and entertain youngsters. With exhibits like "The Bubble Wall," "Bicycle Gyro," and the "Pitching Cage," young visitors will delight in the exploration of such scientific principles as momentum, sound, light, liquids and gases, electricity, and human physiology.

Launch Pad is a preview of the much larger and more technically sophisticated Discovery Science Center which is scheduled to open in late 1997 adjacent to the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana's newly designated Museum District.

The 88,000 square foot facility will offer three floors of interactive exhibits, demonstrations, and "learning quests" in the areas of health, transportation, communication, and the environment.

It will also feature the only IMAX theater in Orange County.

For more information on Launch Pad, call the Discovery Science Center offices at 540-2001.

We Want Your News!

Just be sure to get us your press releases, articles, and calendar listings by June 19 for our next issue.

Shop Around the World in Santa Ana

The United Nations Center is a gift shop with merchandise from all over the world located at 2428 No. Grand in Santa Ana. The Orange County Chapter of the United Nations Association of the USA maintains this unique shop which is staffed entirely by volunteers.

You can find exquisite hand-carved wooden birds and Matroeshkas (nesting dolls) from Russia, masks and musical instruments from Africa, Thai and Indonesian wood carvings, hangings and jackets of varied ethnic fabrics and unusual jewelry, toys, and children's books.

In addition, the shop features UNICEF cards, games, and puzzles the sales of which support the world-wide work of the United Nations Children's Fund. There is also a small library with information about the United Nations and its various agencies.

Hours are from 10 am to 4:30 pm, Mon. thru Fri., 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday. Browsers are welcome. A 10% discount on merchandise (excluding UNICEF and flags) will be given on presentation of this article through May 31, 1993.

Recreation/Open Space Plans

The City's Planning Division is beginning efforts to update the 1982 Open Space and Recreation Element of our General Plan to create a new vision to strive from through the year 2010. The purpose of the Element is to establish new policy direction and guidelines reflecting the changes in population, attitudes, needs, and desires of the community relating to open spaces, parks, and recreation needs within the City.

The Element update will build on the recommendations of the Recreation and Community Services Needs Assessment Study prepared this past year.

A Community Workshop is anticipated to be held in May or June to involve the community in identifying policy issues to be studied in this long range planning effort. Notification of the meeting date, its location, and time, will be publicized in advance through advertisements and neighborhood associations.

Contact Melanie McCann of the Planning Division at 667-2746 for additional information.

Eightieth Anniversary

For over 80 years, Saint Joseph School on Civic Center Drive has been maintaining an environment emphasizing academic achievement, civic and social responsibility, and moral and spiritual growth. They've educated thousands of Santa Ana area students in addition to helping form their Catholic values. The school's teachers and parents believe the best hope for our community lies in developing each student to his or her full potential. Each child receives personal attention to foster their self image and to prepare them for future achievement.

Saint Joseph School is located at 608 East Civic Center Drive and has 232 students in grades K-8. They offer extended day care from 7 am to 6:30 pm. The school is now accepting applications for the year beginning in September.

Contact Sister Michelle Tochtrop, principal, for further information at 542-2704.

Super Supermarket

Were you wondering what all the commotion at the corner of 17th and Tustin has been about, what with the demolition of the abandoned shopping center that used to hold an Alpha Beta and a bowling alley.

Well, the Smith's Grocery store chain bought the 18.5 acre site from the Wilde family and is building a 211,000 square foot shopping center anchored by a super-sized Smith's Food and Drug Center.

For the last 5 years, the thirty year-old center stood vacant waiting for the right buyer.

The supermarket should be open by the end of the year.

A Bit of Magic at Planet Hollywood

Superstar Arnold Schwarzenegger introduced basketball legend Earvin "Magic" Johnson, and his wife Cookie, to some Orange County hospitality at a special benefit fundraiser for the Magic Johnson Foundation at Santa Ana's Planet Hollywood in March.

More than 340 paid \$150 each to meet the celebrities and participate in an auction of Hollywood and basketball related items. Magic's Olympic jersey and Arnie's size 12 boots from his latest movie, "The Last Action Hero," were among the many items donated for the event. The appearance of the dynamic duo helped to raise over \$110,000 to fund HIV and AIDS research, care, and education.

Cappuccino at the Topaz Anyone?

If you're looking to try a new restaurant in a very unique setting, you might want to visit the Topaz Cafe at the Bowers Museum.

Trendy Restaurateur David Wilhelm gives us an opportunity to eat adventurous California Southwestern cuisine in a decor that complements the richness of the Bowers' exhibits next door. Seating is available inside or, if you prefer, outdoors on their patio overlooking the museum's Spanish-style courtyard.

If you just have a simpler preference for a cafe latte or a cappuccino while you're sitting with friends and discussing life, Topaz manager Shawn Lewis wanted us to remind you to be sure to have one of their fine desserts like the white chocolate and raspberry soufflé or the espresso ice cream.

The Topaz is definitely a new and enjoyable experience. They're open for lunch from Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 to 3 and on the weekends from 10 to 3 (for brunch or lunch). On Thursday and Friday they're open from 5 to 8 pm for dinner.

Top Volunteers

Top volunteers of the Girl Scout Council of Orange County were honored at the recent 25th annual Recognition Dinner.

The Thanks Badge, the highest honor for volunteers, was presented to Suzanne Huffmon Esber of Santa Ana. In addition, Sandy Mohr of Santa Ana received a pin commemorating her 20 years of Girl Scout membership, and her husband Dan received a 15 year pin.

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 2001, from Carr Intermediate School, danced the "Jarabe Tapatio" as a portion of the evening's entertainment.

Santa Ana History Room: Where the Past is Present

by Anne Harder

The gentleman from Japan wanted material on Santa Ana's Judge Towner. The fourth grader from Irvine had a report to write on Santa Ana. The homeowner needed to prove that an outside staircase on his house had been there since 1920. The wistful young woman was seeking her birth mother in the old telephone directories. A neighborhood group was researching its homes in preparation for a historic tour.

So goes life in the History Room of the Santa Ana Public Library which is as rich and varied as the people's needs and questions. The focus of the room is local history - not only of Santa Ana but of Orange County and California as well.

Dedicated in January 1977, the Santa Ana History Room houses many types of materials that reflect the history of this area. Books, maps, photographs, oral histories, clippings, scrapbooks, slides, videos, high school and college annuals offer glimpses into the past. Two of the most highly used sources are old crisscross directories and telephone directories that can give information on residents and buildings.

To help locate needed answers, a biography index to Santa Ana and Orange County names, a Santa Ana building and business index, and an index to all the types of non-book materials are available.

California and county magazines dating from the late 1800s are shelved in the History Room. Imagine seeing Bret Harte's *The Luck of Roaring Camp* as it was published in the *Overland Monthly* in 1868!

Runs of *Orange County Illustrated*, *New Worlds of Irvine*, *Orange County California Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *Pacific Coast Archaeological Society*

Quarterly, and Santa Ana's own *The Toastmaster* are a few of the other periodicals.

The Periodical section of the library has on microfilm early Santa Ana newspapers - *The Daily Evening Blade*, *Santa Ana Herald*, *Santa Ana Standard*, *Santa Ana Leader*, *Pacific Blade*.

The Santa Ana History Room houses bound volumes of the *Santa Ana Journal* (1935-1938), *Santa Ana Times* (1928-1930), *Santa Ana Sunday Globe* (1946-1949), and the *Santa Ana Independent* (1959-1962).

In our own time, families have come to the City of Santa Ana from many parts of the world and have made it their home. The Santa Ana History Room would like to add to its collections more information on these peoples - their lives, their families, their businesses. The material can take many forms: photographs, diaries, correspondence, business histories, family histories, scrapbooks, or clippings.

Anyone who would like to donate materials or who have any questions may contact Anne Harder at the Santa Ana History Room from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; or phone her at 647-5280.

By the way, the gentlemen from Japan continued his journey with photocopies of materials on the judge. The fourth grader read the children's textbook on local history published by the City schools. The homeowner was put in touch with a former resident of his house who verified that the stairway was indeed there in 1920. The young woman had no luck in her search through the directories. The neighborhood group was overjoyed with the fruits of its labors.

Real life for real people - and answers from the Santa Ana History Room.



Tom O'Laughlin on the Lane Victory

Lane Victory: Restoring A Piece of Naval History

by Guy Ball
Eye on Santa Ana

Being a crew member on the S.S. Lane Victory brings Wilshire Square resident Tom O'Laughlin some very special memories. He can remember in 1989 when the 1945 vintage, merchant cargo ship was being towed to port, returned as a derelict, surviving where other similar ships had been turned into piles of scrap metal. Since that day four years ago, Tom and hundreds of other volunteers have labored thousands of hours, cleaning, chipping, and repainting a once majestic piece of marine engineering back into to the pride and joy of an organization of merchant marine veterans.

The S.S. Lane Victory had been built at the end of WW II and came into service just as the war was coming to an end. The ship was quickly put to use to help the U.S. Government's post-war Marshall Plan. In 1950, the Lane Victory was involved in rescuing over 7,000 Korean men, women, and children who were escaping Communist domination during the Korean War. By the time of the Vietnam War, the Lane Victory was still active, ferrying cargo across the seas. In 1964, the once majestic S.S. Lane Victory was mothballed from active service for the last time.

While the past twenty or so years hadn't been kind to the Lane Victory, the volunteers on the dock in 1989 could see the potential beneath the neglect - it would just take some elbow grease - well, maybe a lot of elbow grease. The crew worked steadily, remodeling various areas and equipment on the ship, all while they dreamt about getting the ship ready to sail once again. In the process, they set up a WW II museum, gift shop, library, and engineers office.

Tom and many of the other volunteers can relive a little of their youth on the ship. Tom became a merchant seaman in 1942, signing on a ship very similar to the Lane Victory, the Peter Skene Odgen. On the several ships he worked in succeeding years, he always had a job in the engine room, a role he still plays today, only as a volunteer.

In 1991, the ship was designated a national historic landmark. The Lane Victory is the only surviving Victory Ship open to the public. Visitors may visit just about the entire ship from the engine room to the bridge, from the shaft alley to the radio room. While they aren't in firing condition, the ship is armed with 5'38 and 3'50 guns and a twin 40 mm. The hold even contains war time Jeeps. The Lane Victory is open daily. Admission is \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

Last year, the S.S. Lane Victory fired up her engines and made her inaugural voyage with 700 passengers - a special trip to celebrate her restoration.

This year the Lane Victory will be offering 6 one day cruises to the public. Passengers board at the ship's berth in San Pedro at 7 am enjoying a continental breakfast. The ship will sail at 9 am, with an escort out of Long Beach Harbor to the open seas. During the day, you'll enjoy live musical entertainment, interrupted only by a mock air attack, fought off by the gallant US Navy Armed Guard Veterans. The cruise dates are May 15 & 16, July 24 & 25, and October 2 & 3. Cruise tickets are \$100.

The S.S. Lane Victory is located at Berth 53 and is operated by the U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans of World War II, an organization of merchant veterans from WW II, Korea, and Vietnam. Call them at (310) 519-9545 for information about the S.S. Lane Victory tours or cruise tickets.

City Wins Enterprise Zone Designation

In February Santa Ana was awarded the designation "Enterprise Zone" by the State of California. The competition for the status was fierce, with over twenty-two cities and counties vying for the five new eligible designations. Out of the 25 such zones in the state, there is only one in Orange County and that is now in Santa Ana.

The Enterprise Zone program offers businesses that locate within its borders, the opportunity to reduce their State business income tax through a variety of tax benefits including:

- Sales and Use Tax Credits: California income or franchise tax may be reduced by the amount of sales or use tax paid on certain machinery purchases.
- Hiring Credit: A qualified business may reduce its State income tax by the amount of wages paid to one or more qualified employees.
- Business Expense Deduction: Part of the cost of certain property purchased for Zone use may be deducted as a business expense.
- Net Operating Loss Carryover: Net operating losses of individuals or corporations doing business in a Zone may be carried over to future years.
- Employee Tax Credit: Low wage employees who work in a Zone may claim tax credit to reduce the amount of taxes paid on their wages in the Zone.
- Net Interest Deduction: A deduction from income is allowed on the amount of "net interest" earned on loans made to a trade or business located in a Zone.

The Enterprise Zone is a fifteen year designation and is a State supported program designed to reduce the cost of doing business. Santa Ana's zone encompasses most of the industrial and commercial areas of the City. The tax credits are available to all businesses located within the zone boundaries.

For further information, please call either Patti Nunn or Sandi Gottlieb with the City's Economic Development Division at 647-6987.

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Heninger Park

The neighborhood has recently seen a major renewal of increase by residents. Over 50 people joined forces in March for a graffiti clean-up and then celebrated with a barbecue pot-luck. The project is being continued on a monthly basis with additional dates of May 8 and June 12. Volunteers are always welcome.

The Heninger Park Neighborhood wanted to thank the following for donations of supplies and refreshments that helped make the project such a success: HomeBase, Clark Dye Hardware, Little Ceasars Pizza, Mill Bakery, Old Quaker Paint, In-N-Out Hamburgers, Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Smart and Final, El Mercado Market, Comics Today, Color Copy Center, Santa Ana High School, and Jim and Jose Green. Organizers noted that without their help, the clean-up and resulting pot-luck would not have been as successful.

Sandpointe

The neighborhood is gearing up for this year's Taft/Sandpointe Community Fair and Carnival on May 1 from 10 am until 3 pm at Taft School. The event will be complete with food, games, police and fire equipment demonstrations, info booths, and lots more. Also on May 1 residents will feature a giant neighborhood garage sale at Sandpointe Park.

That weekend the dumpsters return for the annual Sandpointe Neighborhood clean-up sponsored in conjunction with the City's Neighborhood Improvement Dept. Trash dumpsters will arrive on Friday and are expected to fill quick.

The neighborhood continues to have great success with their regular "paint parties" where a variety of volunteer residents will come out to re-fresh the paint on the walls and fences in Sandpointe.

Northeast

The last few months have been very busy for the neighborhood. The issue of a major new development, the Main Street Concourse project, and its impact on the surrounding area came to a head with the developer's final plan being approved by the City's Planning Commission and headed for a City Council decision in April. While most Northeast residents are in favor of the cultural, economic, and social amenities the project has the potential to provide - at a recent neighborhood meeting, 66% of those in attendance voted that they did not support the project as proposed - in part due to its size and density. One of the concerns is the apparent lack of a comprehensive vision and study of the North Main area that incorporates all of the other development plans of the area and their total impact on the neighboring locale.

Neighbors successfully worked for a temporary traffic diversion plan to reduce cut-through traffic from I-5 widening activities. The approved plan calls for a diverter at Edgewood and Main.

Bristol/Warner

Residents have been active members of the Keep America/Santa Ana Beautiful Committee, being involved with the Most Beautiful Yard Competition.

A few of the residents of the neighborhood recently took a brief trip to San Diego to tour the picturesque Mormon Temple.

In Our Neighborhoods



Valley High

One of the City's newest neighborhoods has seen a high attendance of both Anglo and Hispanic residents at community meetings. Speeches and comments are translated for both Spanish and English speakers. Concerns of the neighborhood include crime and vandalism, graffiti, and improvement of their neighborhood infrastructure.

The neighborhood grew strength from a recent clean-up that started when a few residents decided to take a stand and paint out some graffiti and clean up some trash. As the day went on, more and more neighbors saw what was going on and joined in. By the end of the day, over 40 men, women, and children were out cleaning up their streets.

At a recent meeting, elections were held and Alberta Christy was elected chairman with Carlos Baeza being voted to serve as co-chair.

Monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm at Valley High School. All are invited.

Northwest

Residents are bracing for a "crush" of traffic as La Veta is scheduled to reopen this summer just as the Main St. bridge closes for reconstruction. Traffic through their area is expected to climb as motorists look for alternatives.

Many of the residents disagreed with City plans to divert traffic off of Santa Clara and spoke up unsuccessfully at the recent City Council meeting to change those plans.

West Floral Park

The residents of West Floral Park held their first neighborhood meeting in March with almost 100 people attending. According to preliminary survey results presented at the meeting, 53% of the neighbors want their new association to be issue oriented, while another 45% want it to address both substantive issues and social affairs. The same survey, taken earlier in the year found three issues residents want the association to focus on: traffic, crime/police protection, and neighborhood preservation. Also, residents are interested in organizing neighborhood crime watch groups and a graffiti removal committee.

At the March meeting, Councilwoman Lisa Mills spoke about various topics and responded to questions. Residents also heard from Neighborhood Improvement Coordinator Norm Canchola and from Santa Ana School Board member Sal Mendoza.

The next meeting is planned for May.

Shadow Run

The neighborhood has been relatively quiet since permit parking was put in place. Residents have been gathering signatures to close the school gate at Raitt and Occidental and relocate the opening to the field. A new street light was installed at Raitt and Occidental to help with traffic safety.

Mid-Cities

The neighborhood has been very active bringing speakers to most of their monthly meetings. State Assemblyman Tom Umberg spoke recently and Mayor Dan Young was scheduled to attend their early April meeting.

At their May 6 meeting, Councilwoman Lisa Mills is planned to speak and answer resident's questions. Dr. Fran Williams will be talking at a future meeting on the subject of cultural diversity and the homeless.

Meetings are held at Glen Martin School at 7 pm. All are invited.

Residents of Mid-Cities will be selling custom chocolate candy and cookbooks to raise funds for needy neighbor.

French Park

The neighborhood hosted over 1,000 people touring the interiors of eight restored houses, ranging in age from 80 to 110 years old, with their Historic French Park Association Home Tour the first weekend in April. Residents throughout the neighborhood tidied up their yards to help make the "tour-ists" impression a good one.

Traffic is a big issue in the neighborhood, especially with the new alignment of Penn Way and the closure of the Lincoln Street bridge. Representatives from the Public Works Department and Caltrans met with the association in March to discuss current traffic problems and future plans. Resident Dave Ferner is chairman of the French Park traffic committee.

Plans for the moving of the Craftsman Bungalow, now located at 1131 W. Civic Center Dr., to a lot at 820 Lacy St. is in the advanced planning stages. The FHP Health Care Services has been very generous to give them the house and pay for the removal of the roof. Built in 1913 by the Hamaker family, the house has many fine Craftsman features, and when restored, will become an important addition to the Historic French Park District's significant housing stock.

Councilman Rob Richardson, the featured guest at their February meeting, answered questions and listened to the concerns of the neighborhood. He also arranged for and attended the meeting with Caltrans and Public Works.

Plans are in the works for a summer progressive picnic with friends and neighbors to the north in French Court.

Fisher Park

While the neighborhood doesn't normally meet during the winter months, residents have been active in local traffic issues.

With recent City Council approval, the neighborhood hopes to soon have the renovation of the restrooms in Fisher Park completed by the end of May.

Residents are also looking forward to the installation of security lighting for the park scheduled for the end of June.

Floral Park

Last minute details are being ironed out for the first Floral Park Home Tour to be held on April 24 and 25 (see the ad in this issue), the neighborhood's most ambitious project to date. The tour will include a variety of architectural styles and sizes and reflect the diversity and charm of the neighborhood.

In addition, residents will feature a crafts and collectable sale and a display of antique and classic cars. Tickets are just \$12.50 the day of the event.

Showing that activities in the neighborhood are not all work, residents held a St. Patrick's Day Party in March to celebrate the Irish in us all. Plans for summer include a Chili Cook Off in August.

Residents have been very active in an attempt to reduce the traffic impact to their neighborhood due to the Main St. bridge closing this summer. Neighbors were concerned about the impact of an expected several thousand additional motorists driving down Santa Clara each day to avoid detour bottlenecks. At a rather emotional City Council meeting, a plan to divert traffic away from the street was approved.

Morning Sunwood

Residents are interested in the completion of landscaping along Greenville. Landscape Design Manager Ron Ono will be presenting a possible design to the neighborhood's steering committee in April.

The perimeter block wall has recently been painted and additional paint was given to the neighborhood's Graffiti Control Committee to keep the wall graffiti free. Members of the Committee will also be approaching homeowners with wood fences that could use some tender loving care, letting them know about the available paint and the City's Tool Borrowing Program.

The neighborhood's annual clean-up/fair is being planned, possibly for late spring or early summer.

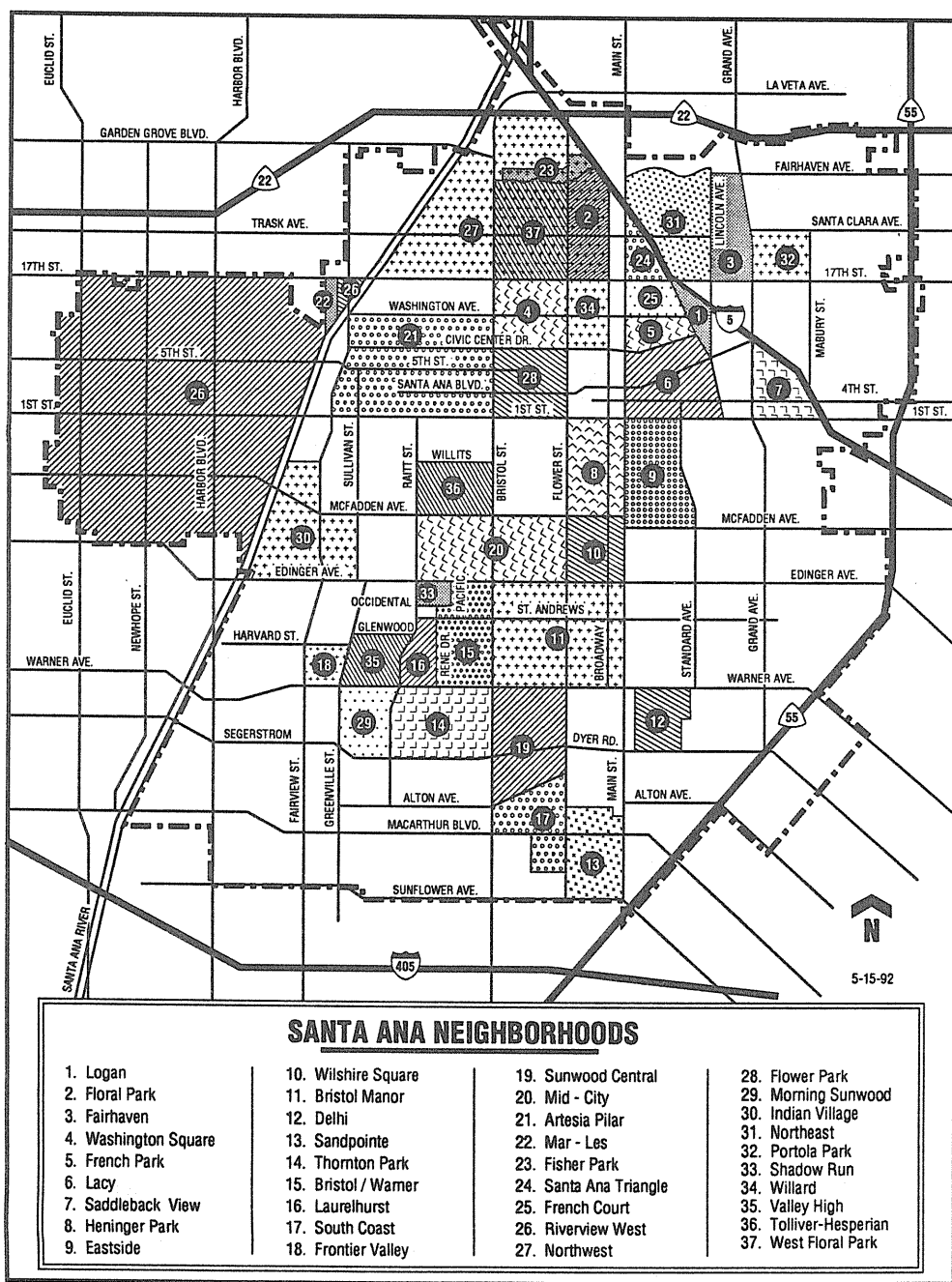
Eastside

The neighborhood has been discussing the potential positive effects of the new city noise ordinance taking effect soon. The ordinance allows the police to respond to excessive noise complaints without the need for a signed statement from the person calling in.

Residents were brought up to date with continuing U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) efforts to reduce the sales of false residency documents with raids at the El Mercado market.

Eastside will host a neighborhood clean-up in mid-April with trash dumpsters placed at various locations for residents to clean out their yards and homes of unwanted trash and large items.

Be sure to get your neighborhood news in by June 19 to be in the next issue of Eye on Santa Ana!



sult of the vigilance, several burglars were caught a few weeks later.

The next general meeting will be on Wednesday, April 21 at Lathrop School at 6:30 pm. The topic will be on earthquake preparedness and a neighborhood plan to deal with a big quake.

Washington Square

Washington Square began the year with the election of its Board of Directors and a new slate of officers. For 1993, Lorri Tudor is the president and Craig Stephens is the vice president.

Some of the more energetic residents are assembling a softball team with the hopes of playing teams from other neighborhood associations. The challenge is out for the other parts of the city to round up their "Babe Ruths" for a friendly game.

The neighborhood will be hosting a multiple family garage sale on the weekend of May 15 and 16. Be sure to drop on by the area for some great bargains on some super "treasure."

Washington Square is planning on holding a big neighborhood clean-up (complete with trash dumpsters) sometime in June or July. Also, the WSNA Summer Party will be held on July 3rd.

The neighborhood is starting to think about the Washington Square Third Annual Neighborhood Home and Garden Tour on October 10 and 11. Be sure to mark your calendars now!

French Court

Efforts to deal with a local slumlord met with success thanks to the dedication of neighborhood leaders who followed the case into court and demanded that the several year effort at dealing with the property owner be handled properly and not dismissed as a nuisance case.

The slumlord has 30 days to get his property in shape or he "can come to court next time with his toothbrush" according to the presiding municipal court judge.

French Court was the first neighborhood to be inspected by the City's new Proactive Rental Enforcement Program. According to residents, so far the good landlords have complied and the difficult ones need additional encouragement.

Parking permits are almost a reality. The neighborhood association had requested the City set up a permit zone to help reduce the problem with excessive on-street parking.

A neighborhood-wide "spring cleaning" project is being planned for late spring or early summer.

Communication Linkage Committee

"Comm-Link" has increased their focus on neighborhoods lately with a dedicated section of their meeting to "Neighborhood Roll Call," an opportunity for neighborhoods to talk about their latest achievements and upcoming plans, as well as issues that continue to plague their area.

The February meeting featured representatives from the various refuse companies who were expecting to bid on the upcoming City trash contract. Neighborhood's in attendance got a chance to meet and

hear about their qualifications and plans.

The March meeting focused on the present and future plans of several arts and cultural groups and institutions in the City. Speakers talked about plans for the new Discovery Science Center and gave a history and update on the Bowers Museum of Cultural Art. Bob Hoffman, Redevelopment Manager for the City of Santa Ana, spoke about the City's involvement and support of projects like the Pacific Symphony Building, the Downtown Live-Work Project, and the proposed Main Street Concourse's included live theater.

Chairman Jim Walker stepped down in January due to other commitments and a new election was held. Comm-Link planning committee member Guy Ball was elected as chairman and Michelle Morrisey was elected to Guy's place on the planning committee. Jim was thanked by the new leadership for his efforts to successfully promote the Communication Linkage Committee to a higher level of community involvement. He was the first elected chairman and served for the last one-and-a-half years.

State Assemblyman Tom Umberg will speak at their May meeting.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

The Society recently held a very successful garden tour, Victorian-style tea, and craft boutique in conjunction with the Tustin Area Historical Society. Over 680 "tourists" enjoyed the sunny afternoon's event with the proceeds benefiting the two Societies' various projects.

They held their annual dinner in February and honored their quarterly preservation award winners for 1993 including Gary Green, Naomi Estrine, Barry Bartron and Kay Long, and the Bowers Museum. The awards are given in appreciation of the recipients' efforts at historic preservation or restoration in the City.

Also at the dinner, noted Santa Ana historian Diann Marsh received a special Life Achievement award for her dedicated efforts toward preserving Santa Ana history and her volunteer work in numerous capacities with the Society itself.

The Society will be hosting a membership open house this summer with a special historical program. If you're interested in becoming a member (for just \$10 a year), call their membership chairman, Bryan, at 550-0386.

Community Oriented Policing (COP)

The City-wide COP will hold a general meeting on Tuesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers of the City Hall building. The main topic on the agenda is an update on the city's response to the recent explosive increase in graffiti.

If your COP area or particular block has some news or information you'd like to see in the next issue of Eye on Santa Ana, contact Dee at 543-2834. She would also be very happy to give you information about starting a COP program in your neighborhood.

Artesia-Pilar

Artesia Pilar held the first meeting of their revitalized association with over thirty residents attending. The meeting was organized by Ruby Woo, a resident of the neighborhood as well as the chairperson of the Neighborhood Housing Services Community Relations Committee. The meeting was presented in both Spanish and English so everyone present was able to understand and participate.

At the meeting, Patricia Moran of the City's Neighborhood Improvement Dept. spoke about other neighborhood associations throughout the City and brought information about projects and programs in the City that might help local residents.

The next meeting of the neighborhood association is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20. For more information, call Mina or Sylvia at the NHS office at 547-7143.

Laurelhurst

Laurelhurst's first meeting for 1993 saw over 55 neighbors attending. Councilwoman Lisa Mills and Police Dept Lt. Foote spoke and answered questions on subjects concerning the City and the neighborhood.

Officers for the association were elected for 1993 with Bert Carter as chairman, Enrique Adame as vice chairman, and Mary Jane Weidenkeller as secretary.

The neighborhood's main accomplishment of date has been keeping the bike trail on the perimeter of their neighborhood closed. This has reduced a variety of noise, litter, and crime issues that had concerned the neighborhood when the trail was open. Residents also want to give the City a big hand for their cooperation in quickly removing graffiti in their neighborhood.

Portola Park

In past months, the neighborhood has been attempting to compromise with a restaurant on 17th St. which recently reopened amidst concerns of noise and potential criminal activity. Action has even been taken up with the State Alcohol Board of Control in order to limit negative impact on the local homeowners.

In an attempt to boost improvement of some of the less-kept-up properties in their neighborhood, residents have been actively promoting the "Most Beautiful Yard" contest sponsored by the City and the Santa Ana Beautiful Committee.

Wilshire Square

Plans are being finalized for Wilshire Square's fifth annual home tour, this year with 9 homes — including the "best" of previous years — several gardens, vintage cars, and, for a new twist, storytellers weaving tales about the early days of Santa Ana and Wilshire Square.

Will the residents ever get their neighborhood markers? With over 5 years of frustrating effort working with the City to get some sort of signs with the Wilshire Square moniker, the residents may be a bit closer to getting what a number of other proud neighborhoods already have. The neighborhood opted to go with a less expensive logo plate to go atop the standard corner street signs and depending on who you talk to, they may or may not have them installed by their home tour. Stay tuned.

Wilshire Square's first general meeting of the new year offered Linda Torres, Det. Joe Rivas, and Lt. Joe Garcia of the police department speaking about personal safety and burglary prevention. As a re-

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Health Services Van Unveiled for Needy Students

Two years in the planning, a mobile health services van and social services program was unveiled to serve the needy students of five inner-city elementary schools in Santa Ana.

The 36-foot van is part of the Healthy Tomorrows, an unprecedented collaboration between Santa Ana Unified School District and a number of public, private, and non-profit agencies. They purchased and outfitted the van and will staff it with a bilingual pediatrician, registered nurse, a health insurance counselor/secretary and physician referral follow-up. In addition five social workers will be stationed at the schools along with a part-time psychologist and clerical support. Volunteer physicians have been recruited for needy students who require further treatment.

And thanks to donations, grants, and volunteer time, there will be no cost to the families or to the school district.

Parents at the five schools — Garfield, Kennedy, Remington, Roosevelt, and Heninger — participated in the planning process. All treatment and interventions for the kindergarten through fifth grade children will be predicated on parent permission. Another important component is parent education. A survey of 1,600 families at the targeted schools showed that they wanted assistance with family dynamics, discipline, information on nutrition, preventive care, and how to access mainstream medical care.

The concept began in December 1990 when local pediatricians and the County Health Care Agency conducted health screenings at two Santa Ana elementary schools in the neediest section of town. The purpose of the screenings was to quantify what district teachers and administrators had already witnessed: children unable to succeed in school due to poor health and untreated medical problems.

When 107 students at Grant (now Heninger) and Roosevelt Elementary schools were examined in that pilot, 88 percent were found to have untreated health problems. Most had multiple conditions. At least one child required hospitalization. Many in the study had never been seen by a doctor.

"We were presented with several very clear facts," said Rudy Castruita, SAUSD superintendent. "These five schools serve a very poor, mostly Latino community. The families couldn't afford basic health care, didn't know how to access some of the free or low-cost clinics, couldn't afford to take off from work to take their families to places they didn't know how to reach, and didn't have the transportation to get there. The educational result was a large number of children who weren't well enough to succeed in school. With no school district funds to address this problem, we turned to other agencies in the community to join with us. The response has been incredible."

The Healthy Tomorrows van will have regular clinic days at the five schools. On referral from the school nurse and with parent permission, children will be seen for physical exams, immunizations, and care for minor acute illnesses. A social worker will be outstationed at each school to provide counseling, parent education, and family support.



S.A. AYSO Team Wins Top Tourney

Santa Ana American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), Region 517, at 7 years old, has come of age, "No longer are we the assumed door mat of every soccer tournament" cheered coach John Schultz as his 8 and 9 year old boys team, Mad Dogs, celebrated their win of the Southern California AYSO Tri-Sectional tournament held in Camarillo on Saturday. Their win is the highest attainable level in the AYSO program.

"Three years ago, we couldn't win a game in post season play against other Orange County AYSO teams," said Connie Major, assistant commissioner of Santa Ana's league. "Last year, 3 of our teams won the North Orange County Area tournament and advanced to the coastal tournament. There, one of our teams won the title and advanced to represent Section 11 in the So. California Tri-Sectional to end up taking third. this year, there was no one holding the leash on the Mad Dogs."

Coached by Schultz and Bob Peasley, The Mad Dogs have been playing since last September. Schultz remembers, "When I first started with these boys, I wanted them to feel good about themselves first and be soccer players second." Some of the players were veterans, some were average players, and some were new to the game.

Winning the Region Championship was the first step. Nine teams

from Santa Ana entered into a five game tournament for the Area K titles. The Mad Dogs won along with the Turquoise Twisters, 12 and 13 year old girls coached by Rick Fennell and Pete Major.

Both teams went to the Section 11 tournament representing Area K. While the Twisters played an excellent game, lady luck was not with them. The Mad Dogs, though, went onward.

"The luck of the leprechauns was with us," commented Schultz as he rubbed the red-haired head of his 2 year old daughter, Tiffany, who was born on St. Patrick's Day. Before every game, all the Mad Dogs would rub her head.

"It's the AYSO philosophies that work," boasted Tom Anaya, league commissioner. "The environment created in Santa Ana AYSO is good for everyone. It's a positive way to keep children busy and good for the family too." Approximately 200 family members traveled to Camarillo to see their Mad Dogs win and climb to the top of the AYSO ladder.

The roster of the Mad Dogs include: Scott Doty, Matt Fennell, Enrique Hernandez, Ignacio Huitron, Brandon Lozano, Miguel Manzo, Marco Munoz, Luis Olmos, Canaan Peasley, Ryan Richman, Angel Rivera, Ruben Rosales, Jason Velazquez, and Brandon Wilkerson.

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

SAMSON is now meeting at the community conference room of Coastal Communities Hospital, 2701 So. Bristol at 1 p.m. on the third Saturday of each month. One of their most recent guest speakers was George Wright, criminal justice instructor at Rancho Santiago College. The guest speaker at their May 15 meeting will be State Assemblyman Tom Umberg.

The meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

Santa Ana Historic Resources Review Committee

Committee members have reviewed the historic resources of the Willard neighborhood and rated the historic buildings in that area. David Ewing and Becky Stone researched and photographed the buildings.

Ann Ludwig, representative from Floral Park, presented her review of her neighborhood at the committee's March meeting.

The Historic Resources Review Committee was appointed by the Santa Ana City Council to review over 5000 buildings over 50 years old in our city. The committee operates in conjunction with the Heritage Committee of the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture.

If you would like to attend the meetings or have any questions, please call Diann Marsh, the chairman, at 541-2441.

Orange County Historical Society

The Society meets at the Bowers Museum on the second Thursday of each month (with the exception of July and August) at 7:30 pm. On May 13, the featured speaker will be architectural historian Diann Marsh talking about the private interiors of historic homes.

On June 10, oral historian Shirley Stephenson will speak about methods of oral history preservation.

The last two lectures in the Society's series on Orange County architecture, "The Spanish Imposition," will be on April 21 and May 19. On the 21st, David Gebhard will speak on "The Sense of Region, California Spanish Colonial Revival, 1920-1941." On the 19th, three architects, George Bissell, Rolly Pulaski, and Donald Krotee, will speak about historic restorations and the work they've done in Orange County and particularly Santa Ana.

The lectures are \$15 each. For more information, call Julia Blakesley at 871-2935.

Santa Ana Beautiful

The Santa Ana Beautiful/Keep America Beautiful committee is once again holding their annual Most Beautiful Front Yard Contest with judging to take place on April 17. There will be one winner for each neighborhood association throughout the City. Winners will be honored at a reception at the Santiago Lawn Bowling Clubhouse.

Members of the committee participated in Santa Ana's Arbor Day celebrations at tree planting ceremonies at parks in various parts of the City.



Floral Park Home & Garden Tour

Tour eight classic Floral Park homes and gardens.

April 24 & 25 10:00 - 4:00

Also on tour:

- Arts & Collectables Fair
- Classic Auto Show
- Complimentary Refreshments & Entertainment

Flower	5 Fwy.		
	Santa Clara		
Ross	W. 19th St.	Broadway	Main
	17th St.		

tickets \$12.50

Pre-Sale tickets \$10.00. Orders must be received by April 10

I would like to attend the Floral Park Home & Garden Tour. Enclosed is my check made out to Floral Park Neighborhood Association in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ tour admissions.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mail to: Floral Park Neighborhood Assoc., Attn. Home Tour, P.O. Box 1829 Santa Ana, CA 92702. Eric Joy 547-3720 for more information.

Building Bridges

Tony Award-winning actor Edward James Olmos and Opera Pacific have teamed to create an exciting new venture that will draw from the educational and cultural lives of Orange County's schoolchildren in grades 4 through 8: the Building Bridges Storywriting Contest. The winning entry will become the basis for a children's opera whose world premiere is set for April 1994, after which it will be performed in Southern California schools by The Overture Company of Opera Pacific.

The Building Bridges contest invites the county's young people to write about the Hispanic experience in the United States. Olmos, honorary chairman for the contest, said, "With this program we're saying to children, 'Your story is a part of our culture. Tell it to us.' It's a creative way to encourage self-esteem and build bridges between cultures, to break down barriers and instill the idea that we're all one race — the human race."

Entry information is being distributed to all public, private, parochial, and home schools in Orange County. Deadline is May 21 with winners announced in October. For further details, contact Kevin Cryslar at 546-7372.

Children's Pet Fair

It was raining more than cats and dogs last month as Girl Scout Troop 1842 held a free Children's Pet Fair as a service to the youngsters of Santa Ana. Hundreds of families were treated to animal fun and games and an opportunity to see and learn about the usual and unusual pets.

Veterinarian James Coglain of the 17th Street Animal Hospital volunteered his time to answer questions and give advice. Santa Ana's Animal Control was there to license dogs and to help everyone understand the animal codes.

The field of Wilson Elementary School was bustling with activity as children poured in to look and learn from the Girl Scouts about possible pets: iguana, frogs, ants, pot belly pigs, snake, rats, and the more common pets (of course).

The troop is sponsored by Willard Intermediate and involves junior high girls from various schools. Members of the troop include: Erika Aguilar, Saara Bracken, Rachel Burt, Alison Fennell, Amanda Fults, Melanie Fults, Poppy Major, Beckie Martinez, Dessiree Rangel, and Mimi Tran.

If you'd like more information on Girl Scouting, please call the Orange County office at 979-7900.

Soccer Registration

June is the month to register youths to play in fall soccer. The Santa Ana American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) accepts all children ages 4 1/2 to 18 that want to play, regardless of ability.

Registration will be held at McFadden Intermediate, 2701 So. Raitt St. between 10 am and 4 pm on Saturday, May 15, June 5 and 19. The fee to play the entire season is \$50 for the first child and less for other siblings.

AYSO is a family organization and adheres to the philosophy of "everyone plays, balanced teams, open registration, sportsmanship, and positive coaching."

For more information or if you're interested in volunteering as a coach or referee, call 556-AYSO.

Hispanics and Diabetes

Each year 150,000 children and adults die of diabetes, the fourth leading cause of death by disease in the U.S. Over 215,000 suffer from diabetes in Orange County alone. And Hispanics have a 300 percent higher incidence of diabetes than non-Hispanics.

The American Diabetes Association has been reaching out to the Hispanic community by teaching them the signs and symptoms of diabetes. Recently the Association has hired a bilingual Hispanic Outreach Assistant, Dolly Monzon, to do community outreach work.

She is available to present information at English-as-a-second-language classes, community centers, health fairs, and school-parent meetings. The Association provides free information on diabetes in Spanish, including literature on diet, exercise, nutrition, and clinic referrals.

For more information, call Dolly Monzon at 662-7940.

Anti-Gang Workshop

Plaza Savings and Loan is hosting a series of Anti-Gang Workshops for students at Sierra Intermediate School. The workshops are performed by George Morales, an ex-convict and former 15 year gang member.

The workshops are designed to show 6th, 7th, and 8th graders what it's really like being a gang member. Morales uses what could be considered "Shock Tactics" to convey his message, showing photographs, hand-made knives, and his own multiple stab wounds. Speaking to the students in their own slang, he relates to them so they understand and believe what he is saying.

Many of Sierra's students are from less than ideal neighborhoods and face the dangers daily of becoming involved in gang activity and drugs. Plaza Savings is a Business Partner with Sierra School and has taken a special interest in seeing that the students remain in school and don't become involved with gangs and drugs.

Santa Ana's City Jail to Open Soon

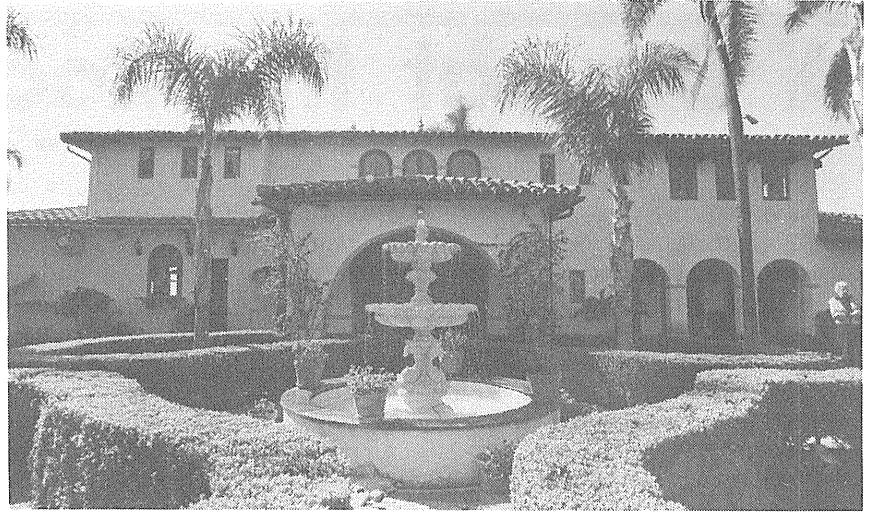
The lack of jail beds in Orange County means that all but the worst criminals go free while awaiting trial or that they receive reduced sentences if convicted. It's been pretty hard to take a big bite out of crime with the bad guys back on the street so soon.

Some time back, the City decided to build their own 400 bed, City jail. Presently in the design stages and planned with a Fall '95 opening, it'll be located just north of the County Jail and west of the Eddie West Stadium parking area.

Meanwhile, a temporary 70 bed jail will be open in May to get the petty criminals (burglars, car thieves, prostitutes, etc.) off the streets. The facility will be made up of modular units located at Ross, near Santa Ana Blvd.

Work Force Award

With as ethnically varied a population as Santa Ana has, one of our City government's goals has been to recruit and retain a diverse and highly-skilled work force.



Philharmonic House of Design

A 60-year-old estate, encompassing 10,000 square feet of living space, is open for public tour as the 1993 Philharmonic House of Design, a fund raiser for the Women's Committees of the Orange County Philharmonic Society, in conjunction with the American Society of Interior Designers.

The early-California, Spanish style hacienda is located in the exclusive community of Lemon Heights with breathtaking views of city lights, the San Gabriel mountains, and Catalina Island. This dramatic home with its priceless architectural details will showcase the work of twenty-two ASIP interior designers.

Proceeds from the tour help fund the OC Philharmonic Society's musical outreach programs for Orange County youths. Each year, these

programs reach thousands of Santa Ana students through numerous free concerts at the Performing Arts Center and in-school programs.

The 1993 House of Design is open for tours from April 17 to May 16 from 10 am to 3:45 pm daily (closed on Mondays).

Tuesdays and Thursdays the house will be open until 7:45 pm and include a "Meet the Designers" evening program with appetizers, wine, and music. Fridays are reserved for guided tours of 10 or more only.

Shuttle bus service is available from Foothill High School, 19251 Dodge Ave. (at Newport), Santa Ana on Sundays and from the Mormon Temple, 9801 Newport Blvd., Santa Ana on all other days.

Tickets are \$16 per person. Call 840-7542 for more information or to schedule a group tour.

Earlier this year City Manager Dave Ream was honored for his efforts by receiving an award by his peers in the League of California Cities.

La Palma City Manager Pam Gibson nominated Dave due to his aggressive efforts at making the Santa Ana work force more representative of it's population — by hiring and promoting minorities and women.

In fiscal year 1992, 65% of those hired were from ethnic minority backgrounds. Forty one percent of the current workforce are ethnic minorities with almost 31% of the work force being female. Even more impressive is the lack of any "glass ceiling" for women in our City government. Compared to 1976 when there were no women on the top management team, today three of the top 10 managers are female.

The City manager's office also sponsors or supports programs such as the Management Intern Program which provides minority and women graduate students with the opportunity to acquire critical entry level management experience needed for a career in local government.

Edinger Sure is a Super Street

Edinger Avenue from Main Street, east to the City limit, is part of the Moulton Parkway Super (Smart) Street Program designed to reduce traffic congestion along the project's 24 mile stretch to Dana Point.

Moulton Parkway/Irvine Center Drive, as the street is called in several of the other cities, is part of Orange County's Super Street Program—a program to help motorists move smoothly through the county by optimizing traffic flow on selected streets.

Strategies for the program include measures such as intersection

widening, adding through lanes, right- and left-turn lanes, limiting access or parking, and traffic signal synchronization.

On Thursday, April 22, a public workshop will be held by the City of Santa Ana to discuss the Moulton Parkway project and its draft Environmental Impact Review. The workshop will be held at the MacArthur Intermediate School, 600 W. Alton Ave. at 7 pm.

In case of changes, call the City's Planning Department to confirm the meeting place and time prior to attending.

Who to Call in the City

Abandoned Vehicles	647-5082
Animal Control	647-5198
Animal Licenses	647-5446
Bicycle Licensing	647-5454
Building Permits	647-5800
Business License	647-5447
City Council	647-6900
City Manager	647-5200
Code Enforcement	667-2780
Crime Prevention	647-5093
Dogs Barking	647-5198
Garbage Collection	565-4007
General Information	647-5400
Graffiti Removal	565-4007
Hispanic Affairs	647-5014
Housing	667-2200
Job Training	564-5400
Junk Cars (street)	647-5081
Junk Cars (yard)	667-2780
Library (central)	647-5356
Mayor's Hotline	647-6915
Overcrowding	667-2780
Parkway Trees	549-6820
Potholes	549-6820
Recreation and Parks	571-4200
Senior Citizen Council	567-7555
Street Lights	549-6820
Teen Summer Jobs	647-6545
Traffic Violations	834-3575
Water Leaks	549-6840
Weed Abatement	565-4007

A Day at the Zoo

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leisurely Sunday afternoon visit to the zoo with my young neighbors Job (age 8) and Ivan (age 12) Vasquez, and their mother Juana.

It was one of those beautiful early spring days that makes us restless...that dangerous season of the year when the weather is too beautiful to stay inside, but the budget is still badly bent out of shape by holiday temptations and a recent reconciliation with the tax man. I had been fighting the temptation to just check out some of the local stores — not intending to buy anything, of course, but just “wander around.” For me, however, going into a store (or even into a mall) “just to look” is exactly like an alcoholic going into a bar “just to get a Coke.”

Both of us have about the same chance of getting into trouble.

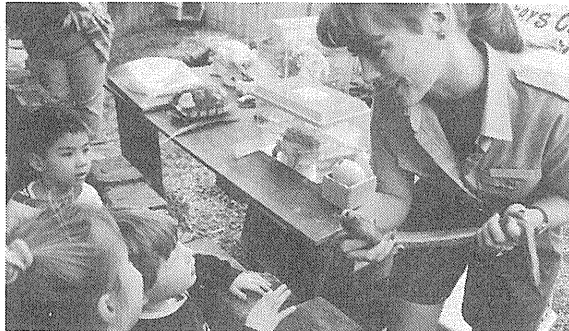
But the thought of a casual day at the zoo (not to mention the minimal \$2 entrance fee) seemed a fun thing to do. So we piled into the car at about 2:30 p.m., with a few cans of soft drink in a cooler (to keep to an imagined budget) and off we went.

Even during these peak weekend visiting hours we quickly found a parking place, and began our stroll at the petting zoo. There the goats and sheep and pigs were clearly torn between their desire to find out whether our outstretched hands contained something good to eat and their desire to avoid being poked and prodded and picked at - again - by eight more hands! (Who can resist trying to grab a tuft of wool from a sheep still wearing his winter coat!)

As we followed the zoo's meandering path, lined with thick foliage, and past the bamboo forest, the air was filled with the sounds of fowl and fauna, including a variety of

domestic chickens and guinea hens scurrying in front of us.

At the main exhibit areas, a sign informed us that “Animals are coming out from behind bars in zoos and living in natural habitat enclosures. The Santa Ana Zoo ... is no exception as new exhibits are being designed, and the old ones are being improved each year. In addition to simulating wild environments, these displays must also be aesthetically

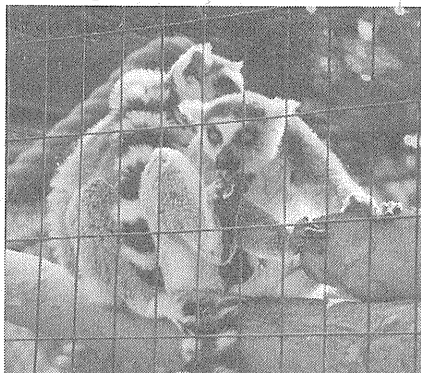


pleasing and educational for the visitor, safe for the keeper, convenient for animal maintenance, while providing for the psychological and physical needs of the animals.”

Naturally, the monkeys (primates for the technically oriented) were a popular attraction as they chattered and swung and played by themselves or with each other. And thanks to J. E. Prentice, there are a lot of them. In 1952 he made the zoo possible by donating 12 acres of land to the City, stipulating that the zoo always maintain at least 50 monkeys. Since that time, the zoo has worked at developing a diversified collection of primates which represent many of the vanishing species of the world.

This includes the ring tail lemur, black howler monkeys, and the black-capped capuchins, which inhabit the highest trees of the South American rain forest.

Twelve year old Ivan, however, was most intrigued with the aptly named “red butt monkey” - a species properly known by its noble name “cebeles crested macaque.”



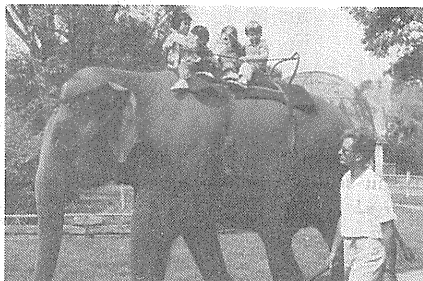
Both kids quickly caught on that some birds and animals were not quite what they seemed and dubbed them imposters or “wanna be's”: what looked like a giant rabbit turned out to be a Patagonian Cavy, an inhabitant of the grassy inland regions of Argentina and a member of the rodent family. An “ostrich” seemed obvious — not! It was a Rhea, also indigenous to Argentina. At least the Alpaca posed no particular surprise. We all knew that this animal, like sheep, is raised for its wool, although the concept that its domestication may have begun as long as 4,000 years ago by the Incas was a bit mind boggling.

By now, the countries of origin of the majority of exhibits clued me in to the fact that this zoo places heavy emphasis on South American exhibits. “Although we are sandwiched between the much larger L.A. Zoo to the north, and the San Diego Zoo to the south, we have the distinction of specializing in bird and animals of South America,” Glazier later confirmed.

A few peacocks perched on fences or strutted before us as we continued towards the aviaries and stopped to admire the beautiful bald eagle, whose habitat was the gift of long-time docent Pat Johns and her husband.

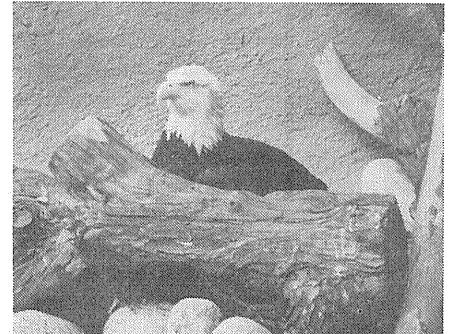
A variety of interesting and colorful birds like the blue and gold macaw, which present “a spectacular sight” while flying in large groups over the Amazon, have a very important

role at the Santa Ana Zoo. It's primary aviary, in fact, is dedicated to Jack Lynch, the Zoo's first keeper who served from 1952 until his retirement in 1988 as Associate Curator. A plaque at the Jack Lynch Aviary commemorates his accomplishments with the observation. “His commitment and care for animals serves as an example to us all.”



Evidence that today the Zoo is in a major growth mode is visible as you approach the brilliantly decorated plywood wall which encloses

the “Amazon's Edge” exhibit now under construction. This new exhibit is planned to open this summer, presenting the black howler monkeys, capybara, and waterfowl in a natural moated exhibit that simulates the animal's native South American habitat.



Also under construction is a tropical rainforest conservation exhibit featuring multiple species and demonstrating the wonders (and benefits) of the South American rainforest.

On the planning board is a conversion of the Hubbard pond area to a walk through bird aviary, measuring 80 feet by 150 feet by 60 feet high. If all goes to plan, it should be completed by the fall of next year.

In all the Zoo has a total of ten new planned exhibits which will increase the Zoo's size from its present 21 acres of exhibit area to almost 700. In spite of the expansion, Zoo Director Ron Glazier remains determined to maintain the Zoo's friendly and accessible feeling.

“That's one of the reasons I came here,” says Glazier. “Larger zoos are so departmentalized, and I like to be a ‘hands-on’ director. I want to keep the friendly feeling we have here at the Santa Ana Zoo while we improve and expand our exhibits and educational programs.”

It was getting close to dinner time and my young neighbors smelled pizza and nachos at the snack bar. While it somewhat altered Juana and my well laid plans to save money, the munchies were a very affordable “extravagance” - two hours of entertainment and some snacks for four adding up to a total of about \$12.

Quite a bargain, in fact, when I considered the alternative: a stroll through MainPlace or South Coast Plaza, which could easily have run up into some pretty big bucks.

The Santa Ana Zoo

The Zoo is located at Prentice Park, at the corner of Chestnut and Elk Lane, just south of First St. and is open daily except Christmas and New Year's Day. Gates open at 10 am and close at 4 pm. Grounds close at 5 p.m. On June 1 the closing hours are extended by one hour (5 and 6 p.m.). Admission is \$2 for adults (13+), Children (3-12) and Seniors (61+) are \$.75. Friends of the Zoo members, children under 3, and handicapped are free. Telephone numbers include 835-7484 for recorded information, 836-4000 for the main Zoo number, and 953-8555 for the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo.

Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo (FOSAZ)

Membership includes admission to the Zoo for two adults and children living in the same household, a subscription to the zoo's newsletter/calendar, free or reduced admission to over 100 zoos nationwide, 10% off in the Zoo Giftshop, invitation to special parties and “members only” events and discounts on selected educational programs.

General membership dues are \$35, Sustaining are \$60, and Supporting are \$100. For more information, call the Friends at 953-8555.

Upcoming Zoo Events

Sheepshearing Festival — watch the zoo's sheep receive their annual shearing. See the raw fleece spun into refined yarn at a weaving demonstration. Saturday, April 21: 10 am to 12:30 pm.

Sunset at the Zoo — bring a picnic dinner and enjoy special entertainment as well as the sights and sounds of the Zoo as dusk settles in. Saturday, May 23: starting at 5:30 pm.

Family Adventures at the Zoo

Call 836-4000 for further information and reservations. All single sessions workshops are \$15 for one parent and child. Extra person is \$7.50. Single youth (no parent) over 10 years of age is \$10. The Mommy and Me workshop is \$40 for the five sessions for a parent and child.



• Mommy and Me

A series of five sessions (one day per week) during which preschoolers learn about animal life through craft projects, touching live animals and tours into the zoo. All sessions are 10 - 11:30 a.m. Fee is \$40 for one parent and one child.

• Breakfast with the Beasts

Starts early Saturday morning with a light breakfast of muffins, fruit juice, and hot chocolate. Then its on to enjoy the early sights and sounds of the zoo with a guided tour and talk with the staff. Tour ends in the Children's Zoo helping the zoo keeper feed the animals their breakfast. Designed for adults and children over 3 years of age. Workshop meets from 8:30 - 10 am. Saturday, May 15 and June 12.

• Animal Handling

Provides an exposure to and allows contact with small mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds. The animals include those local to this area and those found in other countries around the world. Designed for adults and children over 3 and meets from 10:30 am - 12 noon. Saturday, May 8, May 29, & June 19.

• Storytelling at the Zoo

A new program designed for preschoolers and young children who enjoy stories about animals. This 30 minute program includes brief stories plus visits with animals. All sessions are from 11 - 11:30 am and is free with zoo admission. Saturday, May 15 and June 12.

• Feathered Friends

This workshop focuses on the special bird characteristics that allow them to fly and catch their food. Dissect an owl pellet to find the mysteries inside. Includes live animals up close and personal. This workshop is appropriate for adults and children over 7. Saturday, May 22.



Our California Legacy

Currently on view at the Bowers -the exhibit: California Legacies by Paul Apodaca for Eye on Santa Ana

The history of Orange County mirrors the history of our State and of the Southwestern United States. European colonies were built amongst indigenous people in the New World after initial Spanish mapping and exploratory expeditions. These colonies created ranching economies that expanded in number under the governance of the Republic of Mexico. As part of the United States, these areas grew as agricultural communities. The modern era brought urban growth dependent upon the defense and electronics industries.

California Legacies at the Bowers Museum is an exhibition of those periods of California and Orange County history and is designed to show the patterns of culture, historical incidents, and the development of the county. The display occupies the major portion of the original Museum structure constructed in 1932. Each exhibit room and the hallways host time period exhibits of the multifaceted history of Orange County:

The Arts of Native America - Located in the Indian Gallery this exhibit highlights the best of the Bowers Museum Native American cultural arts collections. Southwestern ceramics and textiles, Northwest wood carving, and brilliant California Basketry and Steatite carvings are displayed along with the colorful and dazzling beadwork of the Plains traditional cultures.

Spanish Exploration - Contains maps, armor, navigational equipment, and other artifacts that convey the European exploration of the California coastline.

Rancho Period - This exhibit occupies the Rancho Gallery with an ornate ceiling and refurbished wall cases. Maps, illustrations, and personal artifacts familiarize museum visitors with the California lifestyle under the Spanish, Mexican, and American governments. Rare objects from the Mission San Juan Capistrano and early California families convey the richness of California's Golden Age.

Transportation Landing - Americans came by ship, rail, and stage coach to take advantage of offers of land flowing with gold, milk, and honey. Visitors ascend the staircase from the Transportation Landing to follow the migration west.

Asian Contributions - The new Asian Contributions Gallery greets visitors as they come upstairs in the historic building. Fine Art items from the Bowers Museum Asian Arts collection are displayed along with images and text detailing the efforts Asians have made to the development of California.

American Development - The Golden State Gallery holds a number of exhibit cases and an interactive video theater to help visitors to see more of Orange County history than can fit in one museum.

American Cities - The founding of the American cities of Anaheim, Orange, and Santa Ana give an insight to the people and times which created the Southern California we now know. Two cases hold objects from these early American efforts including a few personal items from the county's most famous early resident, Madame Helena Modjeska.

Citrus Stage - The front of the Golden State Gallery has a presentation of objects and images from the Age of Citrus which stabilized the economy of Southern California and gave America the image of sunny California and orange blossoms.

Modern Times - Three cases present objects and information documenting the incorporation of Orange County and its subsequent role in the defense of America both at war and at peace. The defense industry created modern Southern California and the formation of the aerospace and electronics industries in Orange County bring us to the present era.

Orange County Heritage Theater - An expandable interactive video theater offers a special presentation of the story of Orange County originally produced and broadcast on KOCE-TV, our local PBS affiliate. Visitors approach an interactive panel and select a video covering aspects of Southern California history which limited space in the galleries will not allow. An interactive computer station is being planned for later installation.



Wilshire Square Home Tour

June 5-6, 1993

5th Anniversary Tour Celebration

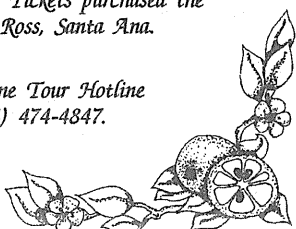
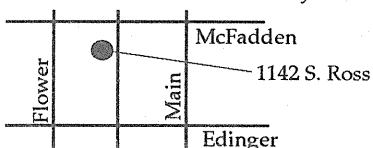
come discover Orange County's rich architectural heritage at the Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour

Saturday and Sunday, June 5 & 6 from 10 am to 4 pm

Our 5th anniversary tour will feature English Tudor, California Cottage, Mediterranean, and Renaissance Revival architectural styles of the 20s and 30s, several of our neighborhood's most unique gardens, and a fine display of vintage cars. Not to be missed will be our featured neighborhood storytellers who will weave tales about the early days of Santa Ana and Orange County.

Tickets are \$6.50 when purchased in advance. Send your request to Wilshire Square Tour, P.O. Box 2441, S.A., CA 92707. Tickets purchased the day of the tour are \$9, available at 1142 So. Ross, Santa Ana.

For more information, call our recorded Home Tour Hotline at (714) 474-4847.



Cultural Calendar

Bowers Museum of Cultural Art

2002 N. Main St. — 567-3600

"A Brush with Disney: the Art of Herbert Ryman," an exhibit of 57 paintings and sketches by the artist who created the original conceptual drawings of Disneyland will close on May 2.

"Gardens of Paradise: Oriental Prayer Rugs," a collection of Turkish and Caucasian rugs, with intricate designs, brilliant colors, and fine wool, most dating from the nineteenth century will be on display until May 16.

"Art of the Himalayas: Treasures from Nepal and Tibet," a collection of 115 works including brilliantly colored paintings on paper and cotton, finely wrought textiles, and drawings from artists' and priests' sketchbooks will open on May 22.

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART)

1636 S. Grand — 836-7929

Opening April 23 (with preview April 16 to 22), *Tartuffe* by Moliere, a comedy classic with a unique French twist tells the story of a rich family bamboozled by a religious zealot who is selling the way to heaven.

Way Off Broadway

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

Star on the Door, "an irresistible comedy" by the late Jack Sharkey and Leo Sears, will play through April 25

Opening May 7th is the world premiere of "Paper Walls," a musical centering on two people who are (too-close) neighbors in New York City.

Orange County Crazies

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

The all improvisational "T.G.I. Orange." shows on May 7, 21, & June 4.

"As the Orange Turns" is featured on June 19 and 26.

Orange County Center For Contemporary Art

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

Eillen Shabazian, sculptor; Pat Merrill, print maker; and Ron Pippin, sculptor, exhibit their works from April 21 through May 21. On May 26 OCCCA will feature a new show featuring the paintings of Ann Anson and Suki Berg with the mixed media artwork of Karen Fuson.

Caged Chameleon Gallery

2103 N. Main St. — 836-5137

Ken Ruzic shows his works of "Historical Surrealism" until April 25.

Paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by Orange County artist Rosa Williamson runs from May 15 to June 13. A group show of 30 artists will feature a very mixed media show of "Erotica" beginning on June 26.

Murder Mystery Dinner

South Coast Plaza Village — 675-9726

Investigate Case #84 *Murder by Detection* as you enjoy an evening of adventure, audience participation, and fine dining in this interactive murder mystery that travels from restaurant to restaurant.

Crazy Horse Steakhouse and Saloon

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

Offering the finest in country entertainment including upcoming shows by Kathy Mattea, Joe Diffie, Great Plains, Riders of the Sky, Hoyt Axton, and the Kingston Trio.

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

The Saddleback Valley Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America presents Barber-shop Jubilee featuring patriotic gusto, side-splitting comedy, and old-fashioned harmonies. For ticket information, call 455-3159.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra

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

Join the PSO in its final Mervyn's Musical Mornings concert of the season on May 8 at 10 and 11:30 am. Musical Mornings are specially designed for the enjoyment of your children.

Carl St. Clair conducts the PSO in the West Coast Premiere of Corigliano's *Voyage for Strings* (and other pieces) on May 12 and 13.

Orange County Philharmonic

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

Lorin Maazel conducts one of America's finest orchestras, the Pittsburgh Symphony in Brahms' symphony No. 3 in F major, Ravel's *Rapsodie espagnole* and his *Bolero* on May 1.

Rancho Santiago College

17th at Bristol — For tickets or more information, call 564-5661

Art — Art Gallery, Fine Arts Building

RSC exhibits the best work from all classes in the Art and Photo Department, including paintings, stained glass, ceramics, computer graphics, and calligraphy. The show is open from May 3 to 14 with the opening reception on April 30 at 5:30 to 8 pm.

Music — Phillips Hall Theatre

The annual "Big Band Jazz Concert" returns Sunday, May 2 at 7 pm with the best in Big Band music featuring the RSC *Jazz Ensembles* and a professional guest artist offering a program of varied styles and sounds to please the senses.

Send your calendar listings by June 19 for the next Eye on Santa Ana!

April

April 11 (Sun) — Everyone is invited to the Easter Community Sunrise Service at Fairhaven Memorial Park beginning at 6 am. The event is sponsored by the First Christian Church and features Elwyn Buche speaking and singers Becky and David Wallace.

April 17 (Sat) — Volunteer Connection Day kicks-off a movement to mobilize residents into community service volunteering. Contact Belem Solis, Volunteer Coordinator for Santa Ana based projects, at 571-4251 or Alejandro Tovaes with the Volunteer Center of Greater Orange County at 953-5757.

April 17 (Sat) — Discover your Hispanic heritage at "Buscando Nuestras Raices," with the exploration of the history and heritage of the Latin Americas. Speakers including professors, authors, genealogists, and historians will offer free lectures from 8 am to 6 pm with presentations in Spanish from 2 to 5 pm. Sponsored by the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research, the conference will take place at Golden West College in Huntington Beach. 773-1510.

April 17-May 16 — A 10,000 sq. ft., 60-year-old, Tustin Hills estate is on tour as the 1993 Philharmonic House of Design for the benefit of the musical outreach programs of the Women's Committee of the Orange County Philharmonic Society. Tour from 10 am until 4 pm, Tues. through Sun. (open Tues. and Thurs. until 8 pm). Tickets are \$16. Catch the shuttle bus at the Mormon Church, 9301 Newport Blvd., North Tustin. Call 840-7542 for information.

April 21 (Wed) — Join the Santa Ana Zoo for their 11th Annual Sheepshearing Festival from 10 am to 12:30 pm. Professional sheepshearers will demonstrate their techniques of shearing fleece from six of the Zoo's flock. Veteran spinners will transform the raw fleece into refined yarn at a weaving demonstration. Reservations are required as space is limited. Call 836-4000.

April 22 (Thurs) — Public workshop for the Moulton Parkway Super (Smart) Street, a project running from Main Street in Santa Ana to Dana Point (in Santa Ana and Tustin, the street is Edinger) will be held at MacArthur Intermediate School, 600 W. Alton Ave., at 7 pm.

April 23 (Fri) — South Coast Plaza Village presents a Women in Leadership Conference from 12 noon to 4 pm featuring a panel discussion by leading Orange County women. Information booths will be set up by various civic and charitable organizations. Some of the Village restaurants will be offering special lunch events.

April 23 & 28 (Fri & Wed) — Western Medical Center/Santa Ana sponsors "55 Alive Safe Driving Course" for seniors. Class runs from 9 am to 1 pm and costs \$8. Call 953-3486 for reservations and further details.

April 24 (Sat) — Christmas in April returns, bringing volunteers together to paint and repair the homes of needy elderly, low-income, and disabled people. Twelve sites in Santa Ana will be worked on beginning at 8 am. Call 261-0823 for more information on helping out for the day.

April 24 (Sat) — The Spring Large Item Recycling and Trash Collection returns from 8 am to 3 pm with trash bins available at six locations throughout the City for the collection of large household items. Bin locations include Centennial, El Salvador, Memorial, Santiago, and Rosita Parks and the City Yard. Senior citizens (65 and over) as well as the disabled may call Great Western at 558-7761 before April 22 to schedule curbside pickup. Call 565-4006 for additional details.

April 24 & 25 (Sat & Sun) — The Floral Park Neighborhood hosts their first Home and Garden Tour showing eight of their most unique homes and a number of beautiful gardens. The event will be held from 10 am to 4 pm and also features an antique car display and collectible sale. Tickets cost \$12.50 the day of the event. See the ad in this issue or call 547-3720 for further information.

April 24 - May 2 (Sat - Sun) — The annual Imagination Celebration of Orange County returns featuring over 30 leading arts and educational organizations county-wide in a nine-day festival of the arts offering performances, hands-on workshops, and exhibitions for all ages at sites throughout the county. Call 556-ARTS, ext. 888, for detailed information or a brochure. The Imagination Celebration is presented by the Orange County Performing Arts Center and the Orange County Department of Education.

April 25 (Sun) — The Discovery Museum will offer a day of special children's workshops entitled *A Scrapbook of Dreams and Memories* from 11 am to 3 pm as part of the Imagination Celebration. Children ages 3 to 14 will have an opportunity to experience the late Victorian era by creating a scrapbook of their own, learning how to make paper, write poetry, and design a "scrap" collage of favorite things. The children's workshop is free. Call 540-0404.

April 26 (Mon) — Rotary 12th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Wellness Community of Orange County will be held beginning at 9:30 am at the Western Hills Carbon Canyon Golf Course. Call 258-1210 for more information.

April 27 (Tues) — The city-wide COP (Community Oriented Policing) will hold their general meeting at 7 pm at the Council Chambers in City Hall. The evening's program will feature an update on the February COP-sponsored forum on graffiti in Santa Ana. Validated parking is free.

April 28 (Wed) — Learn how to "Start Your Own Small Business" at a seminar sponsored by the Orange County chapter of SCORE and the U.S. Small Business Association from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at the County Services Center, 1300 S. Grand, Bldg. C, Room 208. Topics to be discussed include site location, financing, recordkeeping, ads and promotion, and legal procedures. Fee is \$20 and pre-registration is recommended. Call 836-2709 for more information.

April 28 (Wed) — An open house for the historic Yost Theater, 307 Spurgeon St., with opening ceremonies, tours, refreshments, and performances by Herencia Mexicana Ballet Folclorico and Mariachi Uclatlan. Call 558-6869 for additional information.

April 30 (Fri) — Celebrate the colorful Samoan culture at a Samoan Luau complete with authentic Samoan food tasting and entertainment (including a fire dance). Held at the Southwest Senior Center, 2201 W. McFadden, from 11 am to 12:30 pm. Call 647-5306 for more information.

April 30 - May 2 (Fri-Sun) — Mariachi Festival 1993 at the Santa Ana Zoo featuring a variety of mariachis and folk dancers. Call 558-6869 for more information and a schedule.

May

May 1 (Sat) — The Sandpointe Neighborhood hosts their annual giant multi-family garage sale at the Sandpointe Park on MacArthur between Main and Flower from 8 am until 2 pm.

May 1 (Sat) — City-wide Paint-out Day sponsored by the City from 9 am to 12 noon. Volunteer graffiti painters should meet at the parking lot behind the Mission Viejo Lighting building at 211 N. Main St. Call 667-2274 for more information or to volunteer.

May 1 (Sat) — Third annual "Art Beat" held outdoors from 11 am until 6 pm at the South Coast Plaza Village "Green" featuring art works by students. Stores and restaurants will participate in the "artist fair" environment. Free.

May 5 (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.

May 7 (Fri) — The theme for a special Mother's Day celebration at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. 3rd St., is "Queen for a Day." Mothers and grandmothers will be treated to creative surprises. Reservations are a must. Call Millie Henderson at 647-6540.

May 8 (Sat) — Celebrate Mother's Day with a traditional Garden Tea Party at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St. Enjoy tasty tea breads and sandwiches, scones and jam, tempting

pastries, and a selection of fragrant teas served around a Victorian gazebo. Afterwards, tour a Victorian-era Santa Ana residence that has been restored to represent what life was like in Southern California at the turn of the century. The Tea Party is \$15 for adults and \$12.50 for children under 12 for either the 11 am or 1 pm seating. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 540-0404.

May 8 (Sat) — Wilshire Square Neighborhood holds their semi-annual garage sale to benefit neighborhood projects from 8 am to 2 pm in the 1300 block of So. Broadway.

May 9 (Sun) — Mother's Day is very special in Downtown Santa Ana. Local merchants join together once again to offer strolling musicians to serenade you, balloons for children and fresh carnations for all mothers; and local restaurants offering buffets at special prices.

May 16 (Sun) — The Orange Empire Sertoma Club will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast from 9 am to 1 p.m. at Hart Park, 600 South Glassell, Orange. Donation is \$2 with the proceeds used for community service projects.

May 19 (Wed) — The final lecture in the series "The Spanish Imposition," will be presented at 7:30 pm at the Bowers Museum, 2002 No. Main St. Sponsored by the Bowers and the Orange County Historical Society, the lecture will include architects Donald Krotee, Rolly Pulaski, and George Bissell talking about historic restoration. Cost is \$15. Call Julia at 871-2935.

May 22 (Sat) — South Coast Plaza Village presents their annual spring CountryFest Antiques Show with more than 40 antique dealers presenting their collections of furniture, folk art, and more from 9 am until 5 pm

May 23 (Sun) — Boys and girls born in 1979 through 1981 can compete in Santa Ana Hershey's Track and Field Meet at Rancho Santiago College. Top qualifiers are eligible for the state championship competition. Registration is from May 10 through May 21. Call 647-6502.

May 26 & 28 (Wed & Fri) — Western Medical Center/Santa Ana sponsors "55 Alive Safe Driving Course" for seniors. Class runs from 9 am to 1 pm and costs \$8. Call 953-3486.

May 26 (Wed) — Learn how to "Start Your Own Small Business" at a seminar sponsored by the Orange County chapter of SCORE and the U.S. SBA from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at Republic Bank, 2400 E. 17th St.. Topics to be discussed include site location, financing, recordkeeping, ads and promotion, and legal procedures. Fee is \$20 and pre-registration is recommended. Call 836-2709 for more information. (Also repeated and featured on June 23).

May 30 (Sun) — The ACP Computer Swap returns with hundreds of vendors offering some of the greatest deals you've ever seen on new and used computer stuff. The event is free and located in the parking lot of Advanced Computer Products, 1310 E. Edinger (between Grand and Standard) from 8 am to 2 pm.

June

June 2 (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.

June 5 & 6 (Sat & Sun) — The Wilshire Square Neighborhood hosts their 5th Anniversary Historic Home Tour from 10 am to 4 pm featuring eight of their most special homes and several

unique gardens. Tickets are \$9 the day of the tour. See the ad in this issue or call 474-4847.

June 6 (Sun) — The Register's Troubleshooter Swapmeet returns with hundreds of dealers selling a huge variety of antiques and collectables. The swapmeet is held at the City Shopping Center on Chapman Ave. in Orange.

June 5 & 19 (Sat) — Registration for American Youth Soccer Organization held from 10 am to 4 pm at McFadden Intermediate at 2701 So. Raitt St. Interested children, ages 4 1/2 to

18, are invited to sign up, regardless of ability to play soccer. Call 556-AYSO (556-2976).

June 12 (Sat) — Registration for the seventh annual AIDS Walk Orange County begins at 8 am with the walk beginning at 10 am. Event held at UC Irvine. Funds raised go to Orange County AIDS care providers. Call 955-1400.

June 18 (Fri) — The Santa Ana Senior Center is hosting a special fishing trip for seniors. Call the center at 647-6540 for details.

Deadline for our Summer issue is June 19.