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Businesses Take Active Role in Shaping A Better City

by Shelley Ervin
Special to Eye on Santa Ana

What does it mean to be a "socially responsible business" or "a good corporate citizen?"

Can companies which do the "right" thing actually improve profits and the quality of life for everyone in society?

While many Santa Ana businesses have given generously over the years to improve conditions for the City's diverse population, recently some pioneering companies have found innovative ways to expand their roles in the community. The efforts of the three companies profiled here represent a national movement to establish socially responsible business policies and standards, and shape a future where we'll all want to live.

Koo's

An X-Generation cooperative struggles to define its role

Located on north Main Street in midtown is a little Chinese take-out turned bohemian co-op coffee house called Koo's, where a twelve member volunteer staff is working to infuse capitalism with its own unique spirit of cooperation.

Composed of high school and college students as well as a loose knit support group of some of Santa Ana's most prominent and progressive educators, city officials, business people and social/arts activists, this idealistic cadre of like-minded souls runs the kitchen, develops community programs, cleans the toilets,

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Very Honored Guest -- Tipper Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore, is seen being given a T-shirt by the students at Washington Elementary School after she met with students and their parents as part of the Parent Institute for Quality Education, a program to promote parent involvement with our schools. She spoke with the parents separately, applauding their efforts to be involved with their children and their schooling.

Photo Courtesy Santa Ana Unified School District

Al Mijares -- His First Year As SAUSD Superintendent

by Rosemary Gladden
for Eye on Santa Ana

In January of 1995, Al Mijares first stepped into his new position as superintendent of the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Now, after completing his first year as superintendent for SAUSD, the largest school district in Orange County and the eighth largest in the state, he talks about his experience ...

What was your biggest challenge?

"My biggest challenge was simply learning the intricacies of a large organization -- the special styles of people in our community. Additionally, a major challenge has been crafting a vision that can be supported by students, parents, staff and all other community residents."

Describe your first year.

"My game plan has been to observe, listen and be a learner of the strengths and needs of Santa Ana."

What is the next phase of your game plan?

"I believe each school, within the context of a Board approved framework, should have the liberty to determine its destiny. I would like to move towards decentralizing the system and creating an organizational structure where the sole mission of the District Office is to serve schools

with the driving purpose of increasing academic achievement. Another prominent feature of our plan is to increase parent awareness of the instructional process and the absolute necessity of an education. I know this may sound like rhetoric at this stage, but I would like to be able to go into neighborhoods and meet with parents to spread the word that education is important. One of my thoughts has been to find a location, maybe even a parent's backyard, where I can sit down with parents and talk. I don't want it to be like a side-show. I want it to be a basic conversation about what the students and parents need."

Describe a typical day for you.

"I make it a priority to visit schools each day. Whether impromptu or planned, I want the opportunity to interact with teachers and students. I am trying to be visible at school sites and be part of the instruction at the classroom level. I conduct daily meetings with numerous people in small and large group settings and one-on-one regarding school business. Also I spend time every day studying and reflecting over our direction. Further, I sit on several boards of local, county and state organizations, including our Chamber of Commerce and the Boys and Girls Club -- all intended to help our district and public education."

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RSC Hosts 2,000 Kindergartners at KinderCaminata Gathering

The Class of 2012, some 2,500 strong, will come to the two Rancho Santiago College campuses on Friday, March 29, for the third annual KinderCaminata, designed to encourage kindergarten students that anything is possible through hard work and a good education. Once again, 2,000 students will visit the RSC Santa Ana Campus, 17th at Bristol, from 9 a.m.-12 noon. At the same time, 500 more kindergartners will be in attendance at the Orange Campus, 8045 E. Chapman Ave.

KinderCaminata is being held on a school day close to the anniversary of the birth of the late Cesar Chavez (March 31), the renowned labor leader who fought to insure decent living and working conditions for California farm workers. His rallying cry was "Si se puede," which means "Yes, it's possible." Jim Rule, a Santa Ana Unified School District teacher, wrote a song based on the theme for the event and will be performing it.

The goal of KinderCaminata is to instill early in life the promise of higher education by providing youngsters their first experience on a college campus. The children will interact with career displays set up by RSC faculty and staff and by Orange County businesses and government agencies, tour campuses, and participate in marches just under one-half mile in distance on each campus to reinforce the importance of education.

"We're targeting kindergarten children in areas where many are likely to be living in poverty," said RSC Chancellor Vivian Blevins. "Each child will talk with teachers and parents before KinderCaminata about what he or she might like to be. They'll learn that school is the way to become whatever they hope to be. College begins in kindergarten."

For the first time this year, all four Orange County community college districts will be participating, with approximately 12,000 combined kindergarten children visiting Cypress, Fullerton, Golden West, Irvine Valley and Saddleback colleges. For further information on this event call Teresa Mercado-Cota in the RSC Community Relations Office at (714) 564-6477, or Rosa De La Torre on the Orange Campus at (714) 564-4108.

VIEWPOINT *Go! Boop*

Hello old friends! It's been almost two years since I last penned this column and I'm happy I have the opportunity this time – even if it's just for this one issue. (On the personal side: Linda's doing fine – with our newest edition, Alexander, due in a few weeks. Nicholas recently celebrated his first birthday and loves to play on Daddy's computer - ouch!)

In the process of assembling this edition, I talked with a number of people I hadn't for those two years. What great fun it was to renew some acquaintances and to find out how they were doing. I was amazed how many were still working hard to make the City better. They did so and continue to do so, not because of any great financial return but because they want to! They see a need and they want to fill it. The part of them that says "give back for the graces you've received," takes over (even unconsciously) and gives them the energy and the power to continue (even after a full day of work and the responsibilities of a family).

Santa Ana is a special City because special people live here. And I feel safe in saying that Santa Ana has an energy level that makes every other city look like they're standing still.

The Artists Village, the Neighborhood Movement, the saving of our historic buildings (including the Howe-Waffle House), the innovative (and award winning) schools, the multitude of programs for our kids, the blending of some very diverse cultures, the spirit of volunteerism, the Discovery Science Center, the Zoo, the Bowers: the opportunities to succeed and the risk-takers who are willing to try.

Occasionally beneath the headlines of the big newspapers, you'll find those stories -- unfortunately though, not often enough. At times, it surprises me that enough people still are willing to work that hard when the news on TV and in the morning paper is so demoralizing.

But work hard they do. And they keep trying. And Santa Ana grows because people care enough to get involved and try to fix the problems to make the City better for today's and future generations.

This issue of Eye on Santa Ana celebrates the people who are reshaping Santa Ana. You don't always get the public recognition you deserve and I'm sorry for that. But that's not really that important, I suppose. The inner feeling that you did well – that you did something that wouldn't have gotten done without your effort; that's why you do it.

And we thank you for it!

Catherine's City

by Catherine Cate

For the first time since we moved to Santa Ana in 1977, my job requires me to commute daily to South Orange County. My work requires me to focus on the communities of San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and Dana Point.

In many ways, I now see Santa Ana as a visitor sees it; my daily drive to and from the freeway takes me along Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana Boulevard, and Fourth Streets.

And what I see makes me glad that the City has appropriated funds to spruce up Fourth Street, at least. Reconstructing existing pavement, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks is long overdue. The roads also need to be resurfaced; following the recent rains, a pothole appeared on Civic Center beside St. Joseph Church large enough to be a serious hazard. Installing theme lighting and putting utilities underground are going to be big improvements, also.

But it isn't going to be enough.

During the past six months I have studied what I see, and tried to analyze exactly why the cities in south county are more attractive than those in the north county; specifically, Santa Ana.

First, they are clean. I have seen virtually no litter in any of the cities, especially Lake Forest, where my office is located.

Second, public and private property is well maintained. And then, in addition to the fact that pavement, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks are in good condition, there

is abundant landscaping. Most commercial buildings have a much deeper setback than those in Santa Ana, and grounds are well landscaped.

By contrast, Santa Ana is mostly asphalt and concrete, with little if any landscaping. And what's worse, what little there is is often badly maintained.

Too many commercial property owners in Santa Ana actually seem to pay little attention to the appearance of their properties, especially if they are vacant. Dirty windows, filthy sidewalks, unattractive and out-of-date signs (it's still Christmas in some areas of the City!), and trash allowed to accumulate in empty doorways are some of the things I see all too much of and that make Santa Ana unattractive.

Above all, much of Santa Ana is simply dirty. Yes, we need to spend some money fixing up Fourth Street, and council is to be commended for their planned improvements. But the biggest part of the problem isn't going to be solved by spending public tax money. It's going to be solved with "elbow grease," by citizens and property owners using soap and water, wielding brooms and hoses, rakes, hoes, and shovels.

I say it's time; let's clean up Santa Ana!

(By the way, if you know a section of public street that needs maintenance or pavement filling of a pothole or crevice, call the nice folks at Public Works at 647-3381 and tell them the problem location.)



Santa Ana Education Celebration and Summit

A week-long celebration to draw attention to the community's commitment to education will be held April 15-19. The Celebration and Summit Week, sponsored by the Santa Ana 2000 program, will showcase some of the educational programs that are taking place in Santa Ana.

The Celebration will include public events such as school open houses, the annual Business Partnership Breakfast, Student Government Day at the City, tours of Rancho Santiago, among others. Many of the events traditionally occur each year but are being scheduled for this particular week.

A major attraction for the public is the Public Forum which will allow for a discussion on issues related to our public education. Santa Ana Unified School District Board member Audrey Yamagata-Noji will lead the discussion which will occur on Tuesday, April 16 at the Santa Ana High School faculty lounge.

Santa Ana 2000 was created in 1989 to bring about progressive institutional change that will deal with major issues facing the City. The long range vision is to collaboratively increase educational achievement and provide more effective services for children and families. The executive committee members of the Santa Ana 2000 include representatives of the City of Santa Ana, Santa Ana Unified School District, Private Industry Council, Rancho Santiago College, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Orange County and the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Mellanie Maggard at 542-5375 or Lorraine Lazarine at 647-5200.

Santa Ana Beautiful

Help make a difference in Santa Ana. If you are concerned about improving the appearance of the community and would like to be involved in the Santa Ana Beautiful activities, join their committee and attend their meetings on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Call 571-4204 for more information.

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Neglected Rentals

The Community Oriented Policing program (COP) will be hosting a forum on Tuesday, March 26 focusing on "Neglected Rental Properties" and what can be done about them. Bruce Dunams, coordinator for the City's Community Preservation department will speak on the subject and give an update on the City's progress since a similar COP meeting in November.

The forum is a good opportunity for residents to inform City officials, including the Mayor, Council and police chief, of any neighborhood problems that the City is not aware of and also how residents feel about the City's progress to date.

The COP is encouraging residents to attend (parking will be validated) and show the City government how much they care about this issue. For more information, call 541-8971.

Historic Buildings on Tour

Would your neighborhood like to find out more about the historic buildings of Santa Ana? You would be pleasantly surprised at the number and quality of the houses and buildings that have been restored and revitalized in Santa Ana.

The Historic Resources Review Committee has a slide show featuring some of the City's best that they would like to show to neighborhood groups, organizations, or others interested. Call Diann Marsh, chairman, at 541-2441 to arrange for a Committee member to make a presentation to your group.

Santa Ana - the Book

By now you know the definitive Santa Ana story, *Santa Ana, An Illustrated History* by noted historian Diann Marsh, has been published.

In fact, it sold so well, the publisher had to print another 1,000 books (over the initial 3,000 quantity). This may be the last printing, so if you want a copy, you better get it quick.

The book is available at bookstores in MainPlace and at a few other spots in the City. If you'd like to get one direct from the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society, mail a check for \$29.95 plus \$3 shipping to: SAHPS; Book Sale; 120 Civic Center Dr. West; Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Zoo Rummage Sale

Let's answer this first. There will be no elephants or ostriches for sale at the Third Annual Rummage Sale to benefit the Santa Ana Zoo. However, they will have plenty of other good "treasures" which will make you want to part with your hard-earned cash. Proceeds will benefit the Zoo and their new walk-in aviary.

The Sale will take place at the Zoo on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have any items you would like to donate, call 836-4000 for more information.

Happy Birthday St. Annes

This year St. Annes School on Main Street is celebrating 50 years of educational excellence and service to the community. Organizers want to contact former students who would like to be part of a celebration on April 20.

If you were a student or know of one, please call one of the following numbers for an invitation to the Golden Anniversary Party: 541-8971 or 541-7277.

Color it Orange

The Mater Dei High School Art Department had several students' work accepted into the Color it Orange exhibit at the Art Institute of Southern California in Laguna Beach. Among those were two Santa Ana students: Lisa Radisay and Adrienne Sanchez.

Lisa's and Adrienne's works were on display with the other top student artists for several weeks in March.

Zoo Photo Contest

The Santa Ana Zoo along with Fox Photo is sponsoring a photo contest. Take your best shot of a zoo animal or a person/place at the zoo and enter the contest by April 30th.

Winning photos will be on display at the zoo during May and June. The first prize winner will also receive a 35mm camera and four zoo passes. Entry forms and complete information is available at the Santa Ana Zoo and Fox Photo. For additional details call the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo at 953-8555.

Happy Hour

Since it opened a few years ago, the Topaz Cafe has continued to be a unique Santa Ana bistro to have lunch or dinner, but now they're offering a soothing alternative to rush hour.

Topaz, nestled in the quiet courtyard of Bowers Museum is now presenting live music and an elegant happy hour. From 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday through Friday, you can enjoy a fusion of food and culture, apart from the pressures and congestion of the outside world. Call 835-2002 for more information.

Most Beautiful Yard

The Santa Ana Keep America Beautiful Committee will hold their 9th annual "Most Beautiful Yard" contest in April.

The competition will recognize residents who have improved the exterior maintenance and landscaping of their homes in each neighborhood area. All homes are eligible and registration is not required.

A reception recognizing the winning homes will be held in June.

Judges are needed, so if you would like to volunteer or would just like more information on the contest, call 571-4258.



Bravo! Bravo!

Congratulations to Greg Ellis, a music teacher at McFadden Intermediate, and Denny Carlisle, a Valley High visual arts teacher. The two beat out a field of nearly 130 nominees from public and private schools in Southern California to take the two top honors of the 14th Annual Bravo Awards, an award for excellence in art education. Ellis won first place and Carlisle won second.

Numero Uno

And then you have Nydia Hernandez, a teacher at Pio Pico Elementary who was selected as the 1996 Teacher of the Year by the California Association for Bilingual Education. She has taught bilingual education in Santa Ana for 20 years.

Nydia will now go on to represent California in the organization's national teacher of the year competition.

Good Luck Nydia!

Town Hall '96

The annual series of community forums sponsored by the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce returns on Monday, April 29 with a one-on-one interview of Mayor Miguel Pulido by Chamber President Mike Metzler.

The Town Hall '96 session will be held in the Council Chambers and is open to the public. The event will be broadcast live on Comcast Cable channel 3. Those in the audience and television viewers will be invited to ask the Mayor questions.

Additional Town Hall '96 forums will take place in July and September. For information on the program, call 541-5353, ext. 100.

Deeply Impressed

We hope you caught this story in a recent issue of the *Register*. Some "yahoo" (our editorial comment, not the *Register's*) told Paul Mero, Rep. Robert Dornan's chief of staff, that Santa Ana High was the worst in the 46th Congressional District.

Mero came to visit and left "deeply impressed" at the quality of the school, the students and the teaching. His letter to the school's principal stated, "It was nice to see, in this day of public-education bashing, a clean campus, competent administration and teachers, and interested students..."

We hope that Mero returned to his office and slapped the knuckles of the aforementioned "yahoo" with a hard wooden ruler. (Not that we support corporal punishment, mind you.)

Better than Post-its®

Look for after school homework centers to start soon at four Santa Ana Unified School District (SAUSD) schools and the Santa Ana Boys and Girls Club. The centers will be established thanks to a \$28,560 gift from the 3M Foundation.

The schools, Garfield, Madison, Monroe and Monte Vista are in a circular area around the Boys and Girls Club in the mid-section of town, which according to the U.S. Census, has the largest concentration of children in California and the second largest in the nation.

This is not 3M's first contribution to the children of Santa Ana. The Irvine facility of 3M recently provided \$4,500 to the Santa Ana Education Foundation for scholarships for SAUSD students.

Neighborhood Net-Works

You can help inoculate your neighborhood from public nuisances. Education is the big "E" in community Empowerment and you can learn how other neighborhoods have eradicated gangs, drug houses and blighted property. Learn how Small Claims Court can be used to add power and impact to your effort.

At no cost to Santa Ana residents, you and your neighbors can be trained in the use of Small Claims Court. You can easily learn how to build upon the successes of other Orange County citizens who have protected their own quality of life where they live.

You can find out more about the program and schedule a training session for your neighborhood by calling Neighborhood Net-Works at (714) 966-9083.

Lawn Bowling

Do you know that Santa Ana has one of the nicest lawn bowling locations in Southern California? The Santiago Lawn Bowling Center at Santiago Park even offers free instruction for adults. Call Charles Decker at 637-4449 or Royal Spurrier at 731-4570 for details.

CPR Training

The Corbin Community Center will be offering adult CPR classes on Saturday, May 18 in English language and on Saturday, June 1 for Spanish language training. The fee is \$20 per person.

Classes are held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and are state approved. For registration information, please call 647-6557.

Books for Sale

Here's a great way to get some great books for a cheap price and help the Santa Ana Library all at the same time. The Friends of the Santa Ana Library will hold their annual Book Sale on April 18 to 20: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 10 am to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. The sale will be held at the Central Library on Civic Center Drive.

Most of the books are only 25¢ each. And if you come back on Saturday morning to see what's left, the books are half price. On Saturday afternoon, the price drops to \$1 a bag.

The real secret is in being a member. On April 17th - a day early, the sale is open from 5 to 7:30 p.m. just for members who will get the first look at the book selection.

Don't be jealous though. Dues are just \$2 for individual and \$5 for families. And if you're not a member, the Friends will be happy to sign you up that night.

Proceeds from these sales, and the other activities sponsored by the Friends, have raised thousands of dollars to help our library system.

Job Search Workshops

Corbin Community Center will be hosting two Job Search Workshops for teens and adults on April 11th and May 2nd from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

These free workshops will include information on interviewing hints, dressing for success, and how to job search. For registration information, contact the Center at 647-6557.

Job Fair

Corbin Community Center will be hosting its 2nd Annual Santa Ana Job Fair on Saturday, May 11th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be various local employers discussing present job opportunities and taking applications from potential employees (16 years old and over).

Attending the Job Fair will be manufacturing companies, school districts, amusement centers, departments stores and other businesses. Everyone is welcome.

If you are an employer or a job seeker and would like to participate, contact Pearl Raya or Jeanie Ramirez at 647-6557.

The Black Orange Magazine Needs You

The *Black Orange* is Orange County's only magazine with dedicated information for the African-American community. Unfortunately though, they haven't been as financially successful as they need to be. They need your help to survive and continue publishing a quality publication.

You can help by simply subscribing for a year (or more!). If you have a business, you could advertise. But in either case, you must do it soon. Please call them at (714) 830-1390 for more information.



Community Television – Join KYOU, Santa Ana's Public Access television stations for a special look back at eleven years of Community Programming. KYOU is the place where Santa Ana residents have created the TV shows THEY wanted to see. On April 26 on Comcast channel 53, KYOU will present a 4-hour "On-Air" Birthday Celebration featuring a retrospective of some of the best and most unusual programs ever produced at KYOU. Also, on April 29 KYOU will host their 2nd annual fund-raising golf tournament at the Riverview Golf Course. If you'd like information on either event, call 564-5690.

Tock of the Town

One of the most significant landmarks in Downtown Santa Ana has to be the 1913 era William H. Spurgeon Building, fourth and last office structure erected by Spurgeon, the founder of Santa Ana. On the highest point of the building is a bell tower boasting a large public clock which reminds you of one you'd see in a turn-of-the-century, small town. However the clock hadn't worked in years, having fallen into disrepair.

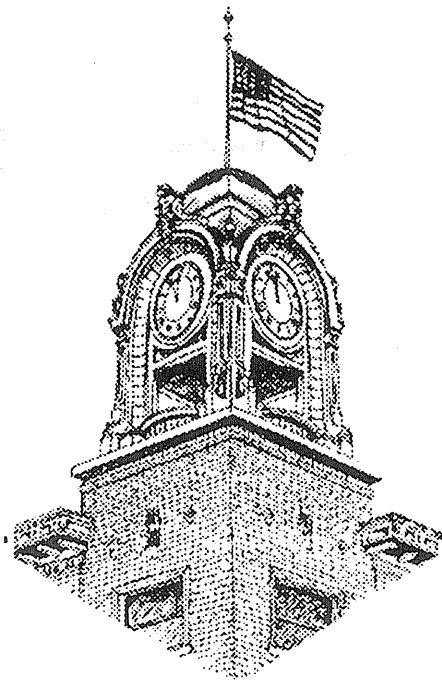
Last year though, a small group of residents and downtown businesses decided to give this classic symbol of Santa Ana a second chance. Through some very successful fund raising efforts and the enlisting of a great deal of volunteer help from clock and construction professionals, the restored clock and tower are very close to becoming an active part of the Santa Ana scene again.

The repair work wasn't a piece of cake — parts for an 80 year old clock aren't easy to come by. It's a long way from Medfield, Mass. to Santa Ana but that's the home of the Electric Time Company, the supplier of the original motor to the clock. And that's where the team went back to buy a new motor. Meanwhile, the movement was being painstakingly repaired by a firm in Los Angeles. The electrical system was replaced and upgraded by local craftsmen. New clock hands were purchased. A musical carillon obtained from South Coast Plaza will be set up to chime the time. And pretty soon expect to see scaffolding surrounding the tower as the project enters a final phase and the outside facade gets cleaned and repainted.

The rededication ceremony is scheduled for May 16th at 3 pm. The public is cordially invited to attend. Also, don't forget to watch for the announcement of the Spurgeon Building Clock Tower Art Exhibit with an award of \$500.00 for the first prize winner (thanks to a donation by C.J. Segerstrom).

The following are some of the companies and individuals who were very involved in the restoration efforts: First American Title & Trust Co.; Waste Management of Orange County; Santa Ana Fireman's Benevolent Assoc.; Chapter 69 of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC); Santa Ana Host Rotary Club; Downtown Santa Ana Business Assoc.; Morrow Meadows and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; The Ray Wilson Company; Perrini Building Company; Orange County Wholesale Electric; Hubbell Lighting Company; Brown Colonial Mortuary; Andres and Andres; the Wilshire Square, Washington Square, French Park, and West Floral Park Neighborhood associations; C.J. Segerstrom & Sons; and many other individuals.

Special mentions must go out for a variety of individuals who have donated a lot of time and energy working to get our version of Big Ben going again. These are Tim Rush (who has been spearheading the rehabilitation effort and the fund raising), Don Krotee of DSABA, Dick Pridham of the NAWCC, Bob Patterson of Patterson & Assoc., Raul Gonzales of the Ray Wilson Company, and Dave Morton of Morrow Meadows Electrical.



Rancho Santiago Courses to Explore America's Multi-Cultural Communities

Beginning this Spring as part of a national project, Rancho Santiago College is offering students an innovative variety of courses that explore the contemporary mix of ethnic cultures in our country and in particular, Santa Ana.

The total program is designed to strengthen the teaching and learning of American History, literature and culture and to explore the boundaries faced by students in a multi-cultural environment.

Rancho Santiago was selected as one of only a few schools by the American Association of Community Colleges to participate in this "Exploring American's Communities: In Quest of Common Ground" project, which is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. RSC's project team includes Dean of Instruction John Nixon, History instructor Tom Osborne and Angelina Veyna, Ethnic Studies instructor. "The three of us will work together to design a portable learning module than can be integrated into many different classes here at Rancho," said Veyna. "The module will seek to increase general awareness of how boundaries affect America and all Americans."

Osborne is already implementing part of the project in his Honors History class. Entitled "The City as Text Project," the section requires students to visit a variety of locations and cultural sites within the City of Santa Ana and report in class on what they encountered and experienced.

For instance one task would be to visit the downtown business area and to take in the feel of the shopping area with its multi-national customers, as well as its distinctive storefronts and displays. Other tasks would be to take a bus ride throughout the City and observe the passengers; visit the Santora Arts Complex or Bowers Museum; dine in several restaurants specializing in ethnic foods; and attend neighborhood meetings, listening to the concerns of residents.

"I want my students to gain a clear sense of the extent to which the City of Santa Ana is a macrocosm of the demographic and other ethno-cultural changes that are sweeping America," noted Osborne. I want to familiarize my history students with the larger community so that we can begin to understand how our environment influences our lives, our learning and our sense of identity."

Other classes implementing this learning module will begin shortly.

For further information on this project or these classes, contact RSC's Office of Instruction at 564-6085

Superintendent Al Mijares, his first year.

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How can the community get involved?

"Reading to a class once a month ... serving on a school site council ... reading to your children at home if you are a parent. We welcome any member of the public to visit neighborhood schools to be involved in any way they deem most important. I have an open door policy. I invite parents to call and visit if they have questions that I might answer."

What has impressed you about Santa Ana?

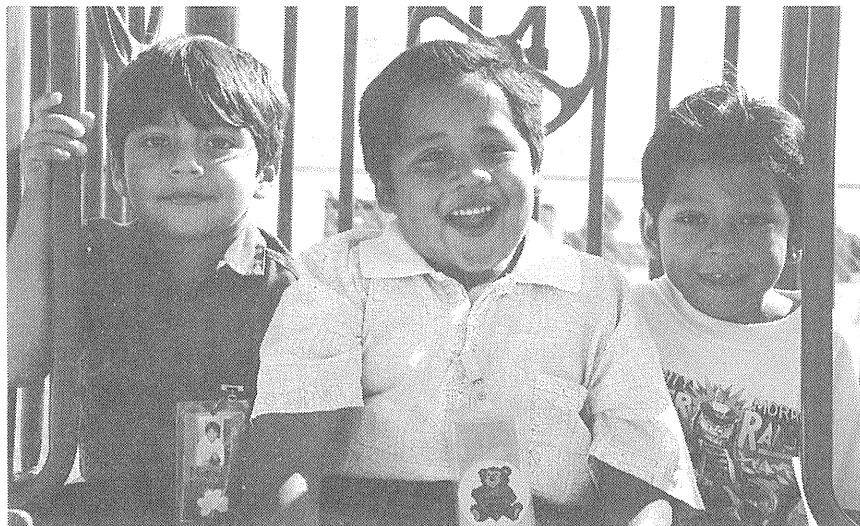
"I've been impressed with the cooperation between agencies, both civic and public, in the city. I have also been impressed with the family focus and the sincerity of parents to help their children succeed. People here are genuinely interested in creating a strong and vibrant community."

What are the biggest challenges facing public education?

"Restoring confidence in public education! Public schools have been under criticisms, attacks, and suspicions for the last several years. We have been accused of failing to do our job. This condition has caused the threads in the fabric of trust to fray which cuts right into the classroom setting, making our work as educators almost insurmountable."

What is your hope for Santa Ana Unified School District?

"My hope is that confidence in public schools and especially in SAUSD will soar. That Santa Ana Unified schools serve as the hub of all educational matters -- providing vital leadership for this community."



Celebrating The Head Start Child -- Orange County Head Start will be hosting a community event entitled "Working Together for Our Future," at the Santa Ana Zoo, May 14-16 from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The event will include hands-on activities, interactive games, and live entertainment for children. Everyone is welcome and the festivities will be part of a regular Zoo admission price. Orange County Head Start is a federally funded agency providing services to over 3,500 families. They serve as an education, social service, health care and nutrition resource for parents and their children. For more information, call 972-8920, x225.

Volunteer Connection Day Mobilizes Thousands of Volunteers

How's this for a fantasy - thousands of volunteers descend on Orange County for a day to paint out graffiti, clean up parks and beaches, collect food for the hungry, plant trees and more, saving our county more than \$500,000 and making it a better place for each one of us?

A fantasy? Hardly. It happened last year on Volunteer Connection Day, a countywide event coordinated by the Volunteer Center of Greater Orange County, located on Fourth Street and Cabrillo in Santa Ana. More than 9,000 volunteers turned out to celebrate National Volunteer Week by giving their time to complete projects planned by nonprofit agencies and cities.

Plans for the 1996 event, to be held Saturday, April 27, are well underway, and the Center is looking for volunteers to make this year's fantasy a reality. Nearly 100 sites throughout the county will be calling for volunteers to help complete much-needed projects for cities and nonprofit organizations.

"We have several projects already planned in Santa Ana and new projects are being registered every day," said Kimberly Dwan, division director for the Volunteer Center. "Now we need individuals; families; religious, civic and corporate groups to come forward and take part. It's a fun way to get connected with your community."

Belem Solis is the volunteer coordinator for the City of Santa Ana and there are six community projects for our City including the painting of murals at various playground sites, an environmental planting project with the Teen Leadership Council and Senior Citizens, as well as Christmas in April organized by the Orange County Jr. League. If you're interested in helping on any of our local projects, contact her at 571-4251.

In addition, the Blind Children's Learning Center needs volunteers to improve a playground for visually impaired students. Volunteers will move a swing, enlarge a play area and place mosaic markers to aid students in locating play equipment. If you're interested in helping, call Lois Lauer at 573-8876.

"Orange County residents put in 36,000 hours of volunteer labor on Volunteer Connection Day last year," said Carol Stone, president and CEO of the Center. "The estimated value of the work to the county is an impressive \$525,000, which demonstrates the power of collective volunteer efforts." For more information about the countywide volunteer effort or about specific projects, call the Volunteer Connection Line at 953-5757 ext. 106.

The Volunteer Center, a nonprofit organization established in 1958, is the county's resource center dedicated to mobilizing individuals and institutions to collectively address critical community needs. The Center's key role is to serve over 2,000 Orange County nonprofit organizations through volunteer recruitment and referral services and by providing training and educational resources for nonprofit leaders and managers. In 1995, the Center mobilized 32,000 volunteers in Orange County.

Personal Background

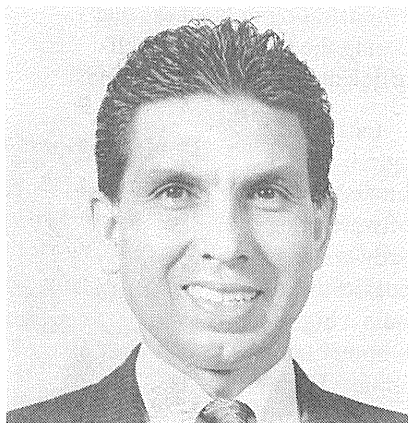
He was born in Pasadena and spent his early years in a housing project in East Los Angeles. One of eight children, Mijares remembers working in the fields with his family and the frequent moves necessary for his father, a migrant farm worker, to find seasonal employment.

With his family's insistence on the importance on education, Mijares graduated from high school with a scholarship in hand and went on to earn his bachelor's and master's degrees at prestigious universities and his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California.

Career

Prior to becoming superintendent at Bakersfield, Mijares was in the Coachella Valley Unified School District, a district with predominately Hispanic and limited-English proficient students. At CVUSD, he served two years as a superintendent after a year as assistant superintendent of curriculum and instruction. Mijares also spent six years in the Moreno Valley Unified School District in a variety of roles including director of instructional services and high school principal. He worked five years for Paramount Unified School District as project manager/coordinator in the areas of pupil personnel and child welfare and attendance.

Mijares has also taught at Pepperdine University and Compton Community College.



Superintendent Al Mijares

First Year In Santa Ana

At the time that Mijares joined the school district, Orange County had just declared bankruptcy and his first few months time were occupied with leading the school district to solvency. Since then, Mijares has implemented several positive changes in Santa Ana.

To gain insight into the goings-on of the district, he organized and meets monthly with several "cabinets" which give him input about issues affecting their particular areas. These cabinets include individual ones for parents, teachers, youth, principals, and classified employees (non-teaching support staff).

Several organizational changes were also made in an effort to streamline the district. All schools, elementary and secondary, report to one department: Curriculum and Instruction. The operations of the district are now under Operations.

Raul Oregueta 2-14-96
Dear Mrs. Gore,
We are very happy you came to our school to visit us. Valentines day is a day to show love for each other. We are glad you picked our school to show your love for us. We are sending you this heart to wish you lots of love on Valentines day and every day.

One of many letters presented to Tipper Gore on her visit to Washington Elementary School. (We appreciate the help of the SAUSD, Washington School teachers and Principal Robert Anguiano for their help with the photo on page 1 and this letter.)

The Giraffe Award

The Santa Ana Unified School District occasionally gives a very special award called the Giraffe Award to community members or school employees who have made significant contributions to education and to the children of Santa Ana - those who are willing to "stick their necks out" in a very big way.

Recently, Kathi Jo Brunning was honored with the Giraffe Award for her very efforts on behalf of the community. The parent of two students, she has held several leadership roles in the PTA, has been a very dedicated volunteer at Santiago and Willard schools, is an energetic and effective supporter of SAUSD schools and programs, and has committed endless hours of her time for the benefit of local students, parents, and staff. She has even lobbied the state and county governments on behalf of Santa Ana kids.

Congratulations, Kathi Jo, for an honor well deserved!

Businesses Take Role

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mows the lawn and books the talent (some of the county's/world's top rock/pop/jazz bands, as well as poets,



Koo's founder Dennis Llyuy and members of Koo's Volunteer Corps.

performance and visual artists).

The volunteers look at Koo's as a kind of "experiment in humanistic entrepreneurialism" - a place to test unconventional approaches which will eventually pay volunteers well while financially supporting the local arts movement and those social causes they believe in. "Community investors" support the experimental enterprise by donating at least \$100 a year, along with their time and ideas.

One of their most successful social projects is the *Koo's Yard*, which gives graffiti artists legal wall space for self-expression while reducing blight in the area. According to Seth Wilder, Volunteer Director of Management, "We're doing this because there's no place else in Orange County we know of that does. Projects like this in L.A.'s South Central and downtown have been successful in reducing tagging and providing a way for graffiti artists to develop their art and learn new mediums." The public is invited to come and "study" the backyard walls, where a constantly rotating gallery of urban art is there to challenge and fascinate, shattering many of our knee-jerk perceptions of graffiti.

Koo's provides a stage for some of the city's and county's most underserved artists - including Latino poets. "Our mission is to provide a place for everyone to express themselves, and to promote open communication and the free flow of information between all segments of our community," says Koo's twenty-three year old founder, Dennis Llyuy, a second generation Cuban immigrant.

Since opening its doors, Koo's has done two successful holiday toy drives for Santa Ana's underprivileged kids and helped two homeless people off the streets and into better lives - one through drug rehabilitation and the other through student networking efforts.

The Law Offices of DiMarco and Araujo

Taking responsibility for getting out the Latino vote

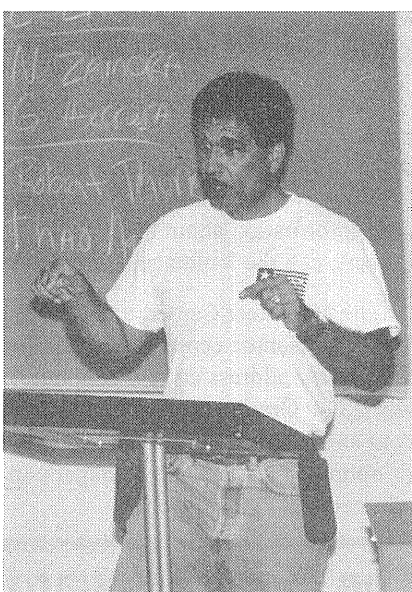
A few blocks from Koo's on North Broadway, there's a law firm that believes it has a responsibility to educate Latinos about the American system of democracy and their civic

responsibilities. Frustrated with the status of the Latino community in the political process, Jess Araujo and Andrew DiMarco decided to aggressively take on the task of dramatically increasing Latino voter participation by starting the national non-profit/non-partisan group Latin American Voters of America (LAVA) in 1992.

Araujo, author of a bilingual book on rights and responsibilities in America, devotes almost half his time to LAVA, speaking throughout the county and across the country.

Besides voter education, LAVA is also committed to developing a national network of corporate executives which creates career and economic opportunities for Hispanic Americans through employment opportunities, inclusion on corporate boards, positive media exposure and business development. LAVA is partnering with the Santa Ana Hispanic Chamber of Commerce to achieve these goals locally.

A 1995 *Los Angeles Times* article reported that in one Santa Ana precinct of 4,800 voting age Latinos, only 200 voted. Consequently LAVA's first priority is education - helping those who don't understand the process to see how important voting is to improving the lives of themselves and their communities. "Just getting those who are already registered to the voting booth is a big problem, because if they don't understand why and how their vote counts, they're not going to get involved," explains Araujo. And because of that fundamental educa-



Araujo speaks to volunteers.

tional issue, LAVA is currently working with students and faculty at Cal State Fullerton to launch a voter information institute, registering new voters and holding voter education workshops.

Since 1992, LAVA has given 10 such workshops and registered approximately 650 new Latino voters.

Ingram Micro

A multinational corporation with a commitment to breaking the cycle of poverty

Over on the southeast side of town in one of the City's enterprise zones sits Orange County's second largest corporation, Ingram Micro. With 4,700 employees nationwide, over 2,000 of whom work at the Santa Ana headquarters, this wholesale distributor of microcomputer products is the world's largest, with an international network in 120 countries and 1995 sales exceeding \$8.5 billion.

According to Ron Kneiding, the company's public affairs manager, Ingram Micro's corporate and philanthropic philosophies are inseparable. "We think it's just sound business policy to invest in the community," says Kneiding. "The socio-economic realities of modern American life are such that if business doesn't actively work with the community to break the chain of poverty, there can be no economic self-sufficiency. We're committed to demonstrating to business that helping the poor become self-sufficient helps the bottom line."

Last year, Ingram Micro donated numerous software titles, hardware and accessories to help equip a high-tech computer lab at Century High School, according to Kneiding. The company also donated \$3,000 in scholarships to graduating "at risk" seniors. A strong proponent of mentoring, Ingram Micro provides 20 mentors (the most of any Orange County company) to Century High through Career Beginnings of Orange County, whose mission is to increase the graduation rate for local students, helping move them on to higher education and better jobs. The results of these kinds of business/education partnerships are impressive. The '94/'95 high school graduation rate for Career Beginnings' students entering their junior year of high school was markedly higher than the Santa Ana district average, with an amazing 100% success rate for the 68 students enrolled.

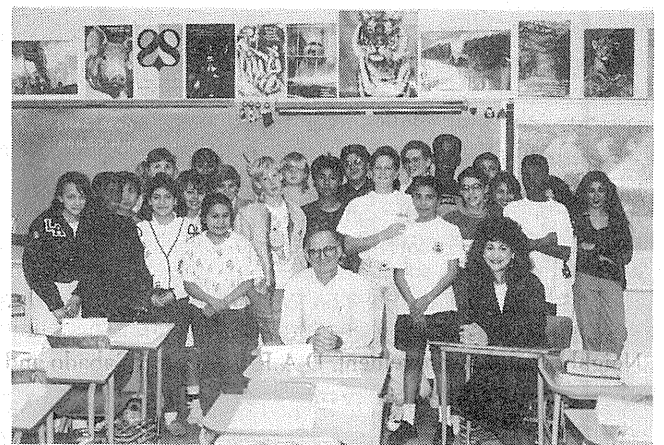
Ingram Micro's commitment to good corporate citizenship does not end with educational partnerships. Through the company's Philanthropic Committee, composed of volunteer employees, the company raises funds for various non-profit organizations such as the Women's Transitional Living Center, the Southwest Community Center (SWC) and the March of Dimes. Ingram Micro also provides the medical insurance for SWC employees, and company volunteers recently rebuilt their facility to allow for wheelchair access.

Santa Ana's Chambers of Commerce

Image investment and education for a better Santa Ana

The revitalization of our City's commercial districts will dramatically improve the lives of everyone who lives and works in Santa Ana. Mike Metzler, president of The Santa Ana Chamber noted, "The Chamber feels that improving the perceived image of our business districts is the area where we can have the most positive impact on the City's future. We've been developing a long-term plan over the last year to address this." The Chamber will debut its ambitious plan in April. According to Metzler, the plan will challenge local businesses to invest more aggressively in one of their most important investments - their own collective corporate image. "The benefits of such a cooperative business community effort is obvious," he explains, "since 70% of the City's annual budget comes from business taxes, fees and assessments."

Over the years, the Santa Ana Chamber has been instrumental in working with the education of Santa Ana's youth through their *Santa Ana 2000* program, giving \$7,500 yearly in scholarships to high school graduates, donations of books to school libraries (500 last year alone) and actively promoting school/business partnerships.



Ingram Micro mentor provides positive role model.

The Santa Ana chapter of the Orange County Hispanic Chamber, according to president Tony Aguilar, also feels strongly about its role in education and revitalization. "Hispanic-owned businesses have tripled in the last decade. We plan to put more emphasis on the education of the Hispanic business community. We're establishing an entrepreneurial support organization to help new businesses grow and prosper." The chamber is currently working with the Downtown Santa Ana Business Association (DSABA) and local real estate people to team up in the revitalization of downtown.

The National Picture

Redefining "Business as Usual"

In the last few years, much has been written and many conferences have been held nationally about how involved business should be in solving social problems. One of the most influential voices in this dialogue is Business for Social Responsibility (BSR), the largest national non-profit organization promoting the cause of socially responsible business practices and policies. For a BSR information package, call or write to their San Francisco office at (415) 865-2500; 1683 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA 94103-3722.

Shelley Ervin is a communications consultant in Santa Ana specializing in socially conscious marketing.



New Market – Revised plans for the new Northgate Gonzalez Supermarket have been approved by the City Council and construction will begin soon. The full-service market will cater to the Latino community with an extensive selection of ethnic foods. The 15,400 sq. ft. single story building, located at 409 E. 4th St., will feature a full service meat area as well as separate fresh produce, deli, bakery, and taqueria sections. Miller Construction will build the structure which will be the Gonzalez family's eighth market in Southern California. The store is expected to open to the public in late 1996 or early 1997.

Valley High Neighborhood Hosts Community Job Fair

The Valley High Neighborhood Association will hold their annual community job fair at Centennial Park (located at the corner of Fairview and Edinger) on Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The fair will bring employers in touch with job seekers as well as provide the public with information on a variety of social agencies.

While plans are still being finalized, companies and job organizations expected to attend are Fire Technology, Disneyland, *Orange County Register*, various employment agencies, Private Industry Council, Yes program and the Armed Forces.

The event will take on a festive and community atmosphere with entertainment, booth displays, and food.

Entertainment will be provided by the Valley High School Folklorico and Dance Team, Dancers in Motion, Officer Reed and Short Stuff, Kimbo the Clown, and Barney the Talking Car. Special guest speakers include Dave Frost, former California Angel, and Cathy Cook, from Time-Out Personnel Services, who will speak on motivational themes for job success.

Fair booths will have representatives from a variety of community organizations including the Police and Fire Departments, Community Preservation, Neighborhood Improvement, D.A.R.E., Project Sabado and Gang Prevention.

The Valley High Neighborhood organizes the fair as an innovative way to improve the living conditions for its residents and those living nearby by finding jobs or better jobs for some of these neighbors. All Santa Ana residents are invited. Other businesses are invited to participate.

Angels Do Exist

by Eva Lombardo

Lately we've all seen the interest given to the phenomena of Angels – books are being written on the subject, television shows feature them, and even women's jewelry now appear in various angel designs.

The truth is angels do exist, just ask the women helped by MANA of Orange County.

The local chapter of the Mexican American Women's National Association (MANA) has been working since 1982 to assist Latina women in our community. MANA is composed of Latinas who want to help others in areas of health, education, and professional growth.

One of their most successful programs include offering free preventative cancer care to low-income women.

In conjunction with Western Medical Center of Santa Ana and the staff members of their Comprehensive Breast Center, MANA hosts several free clinics each year featuring free clinical breast and pelvic examinations, pap tests, and mammograms to un-insured and under-insured women.

The angels on the list also include doctors like Dr. Hector Fernandez,

the Western Med staff and other nurse practitioners who volunteer their time and skills to help women who might not have another opportunity to get such excellent medical care.

In addition, trained educators and counselors (some who are volunteers from Western Medical) also help at the clinics sharing information on battling some of the medical problems facing Latinos including diabetes, high blood pressure, and AIDS.

To inquire about future Health Fairs, please call 502-8049. If you'd like more information on MANA, their youth mentorship program or membership, call 563-6262.

Upcoming Meetings (prospective members are invited):

April 18 (Thursday) – "Platica" and networking. Time to get acquainted. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at a local restaurant.

May 18 (Saturday) – Special speaker and networking. Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at Western Medical Center.

June 20 (Thursday) – Various topics. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at a local restaurant.

Santa Ana Visionfest '96

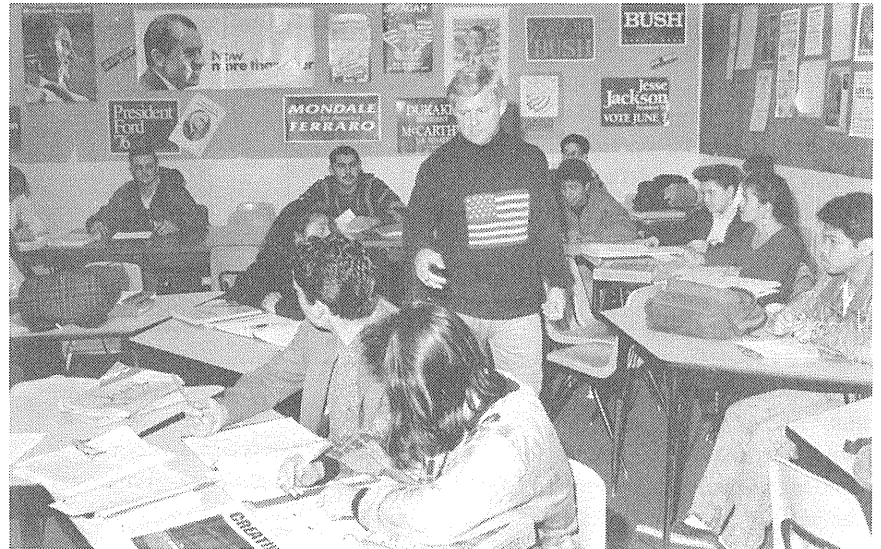
For two days in April, the City of Santa Ana, through its Downtown Development Division office, will celebrate the Renaissance of the Central City area by hosting an exhibit of projects and plans. On April 19 and 20, an empty storefront at 406 West 4th Street will be converted into an exhibition hall of models, displays, presentations, and action plans portraying the many projects that make 1996 a banner year for progress in Santa Ana.

The Mayor's Task Force reports on "Central City" and "Arts and Culture" will be the focal point of the exhibition, with graphic portrayals and presentations of the work plans available for public review. Updates on projects like the Ronald Reagan

Federal Court Building, Artists Village, Midtown Plan and the Bowers Museum District will be presented.

In addition, there will be displays from various organizations and neighborhoods including the Downtown Santa Ana Business Association (DSABA), Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture, Sandpointe neighborhood association, Historic French Park, Kiwanis Club, Police Department, and others.

The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. If you'd like additional information or if you would like to participate, call the Downtown Development Division's office at 647-6556.



Junior Achievement volunteer works with a class at Santa Ana High School

Junior Achievement Helps

Tomorrow's leaders, employees, and consumers are sitting in Santa Ana classrooms today and they need help in preparing for the future. Who is teaching the youth of Santa Ana the importance of staying in school, the relevance of their education and how to become workforce ready? The Santa Ana Unified School District has embraced Junior Achievement's Economics of Staying in School program and the new Elementary School Program as valuable tools for bringing economic education into the classroom.

Junior Achievement recruits and trains business people to go into the classroom to teach hands-on lesson plans which show students how a business operates, how they are a part of the economic system, and how to become better employees and consumers. The time commitment of the volunteer is between 30 and 60 minutes per week for five to eight weeks.

"The demand for the program is overwhelming, especially in Santa Ana," says Christie Costanzo, Secondary Education Manager at Junior Achievement of Orange County/Inland Empire. "The difficulty is in finding enough volunteers to fill the demand."

Typically, volunteers are recruited through large firms such as Bank of America and Taco Bell, companies which have a strong commitment to education and community support. But a trend is emerging where community-based businesses are devoting more time to education and are looking for ways to become involved. Junior Achievement programs provide that opportunity to the small business owners to "give back" to the community and make a difference.

The spring semester will need over 300 volunteers in Santa Ana alone, to fill the requests of local schools for Junior Achievement programs. If you are interested in making a difference in your community and can spare one hour a week, call Junior Achievement today at (714) 938-1132. Find out how you can become a role model for an entire class of Santa Ana students.

Post Office Food Drive

On Saturday, May 11, the Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers will be conducting a food drive to collect items for the needy. Last year over 43,000 pounds of food was collected and distributed.

So, please be generous. Leave non-perishable food items by your mailbox prior to your normal delivery on that Saturday. Or you can take the items to your local post office.

Your Santa Ana mail carriers (and all of the food recipients) thank you for caring and helping in this very worthwhile effort.

Communication Linkage Committee

Commlink (short for Communication Linkage) has changed its format. The Planning Committee would like to encourage every Santa Ana resident who is interested in what's happening in the City to attend the Commlink meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month. The meetings provide a great opportunity to learn the latest news about projects, laws, code enforcement and future planning for Santa Ana.

Recently the group changed their focus from just inviting representatives from neighborhoods to now opening up the meetings to all. Programs at recent meetings include: S.A.P.D. Chief Paul Walters, Safe Streets Now by Jim Walker, Street Terrorist Defender Project, the Clock Tower restoration with Tim Rush, Clark Casler with Santora Building slides, and Councilman Tom Lutz who spoke on City projects.

The meetings are held in the conference room at the railroad station (Regional Transportation Center) at Santa Ana Blvd. and Santiago Street at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. For further information, call Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

At a recent Commlink meeting, there was a request to post the phone numbers of the team members of the Street Terrorist Defender Project. Here is that listing for your convenience:

STOP II Team members

Rosa Galindo; SAUSD, School Attendance Review Board/Social Services — 433-3481; 433-3476

Dona Ortega; MICC, Short Stop — 647-5373

Sgt. Dan Beaumarchais; Santa Ana Police Department — 647-6532

Officer Isidro Galguera; Santa Ana Police Department — 647-5165

Santa Ana Unified School District Police (24 hours) — 558-5535

Andy Klinkenberg; O.C. Probation Department — 569-2379

Kimberly Menninger; District Attorney — 834-3600

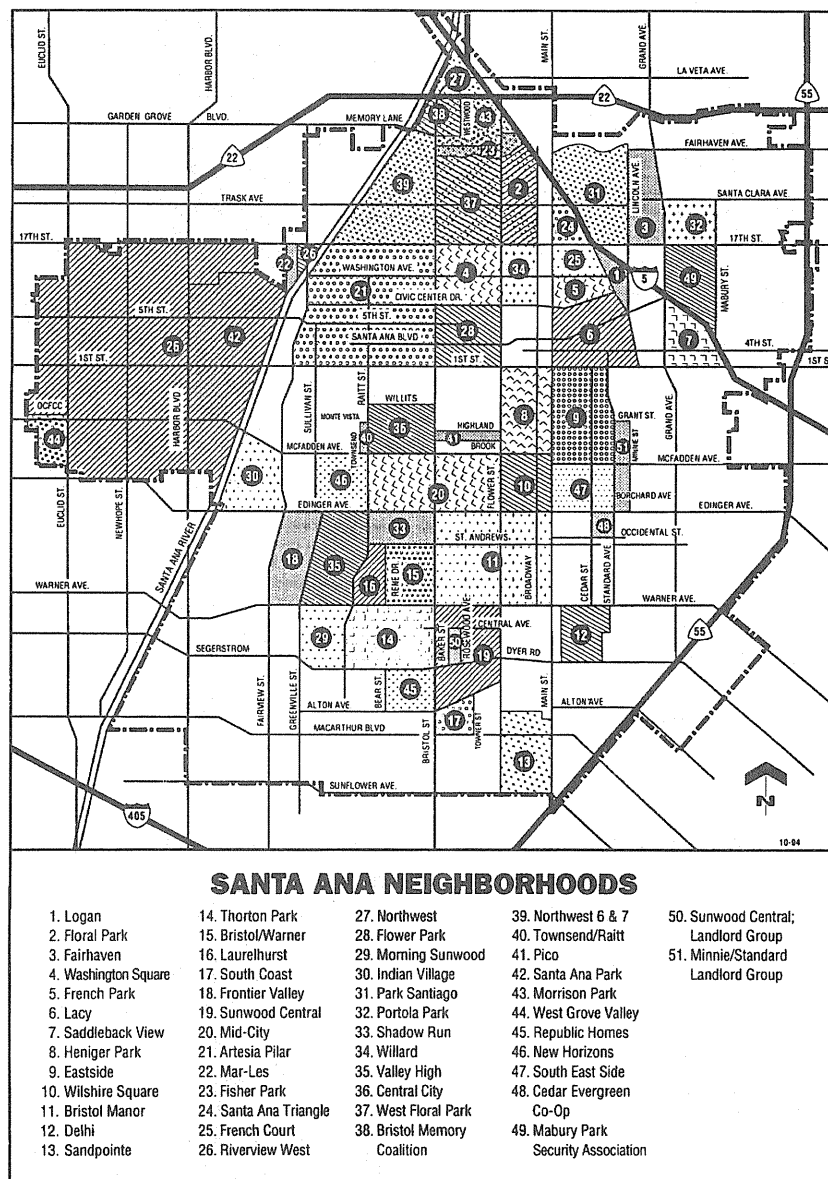
Floral Park

On April 20 and 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the neighborhood is proud to present its fourth annual Home and Garden Tour, featuring several vintage homes as well as some wonderful gardens for your viewing pleasure. Stroll tree lined streets and feel the charm and variety of their neighborhood homes. Other features of the home tour will be classic autos, refreshments, and an antique and collectible sale. Tickets are \$12.50 or \$10 pre-sale. Call 564-0197 for additional information.

New Horizons

Residents have been active in with several neighborhood clean-ups, Neighborhood Watch signs posted, and several street lights on Sullivan Street were restored. New Horizons was also the first association to volunteer to help clean-up senior citizens' years as part of the Neighborhood Beautification Program.

In February, the neighborhood



was also featured in a very nice article in *the Register*.

Meetings are held every other month at Southwest Senior Center. If you're interested in attending the meetings, becoming a block captain or helping distribute flyers, contact Donna Wright at 540-2327.

Cedar/Evergreen

Residents have been working with the Public Works Department to improve some of the area's infrastructure including the planting of Jacaranda trees in parkways, the repaving of an alley and the repair of seven street and alley lights.

Last Christmas, the neighborhood held a very successful toy drive for local needy children.

Neighbors are looking forward to the completed renovation of Madison Park which is just across from their neighborhood. They are also looking forward to increased police patrols promised by the S.A.P.D.

Wilshire Square

Excitement is building around Wilshire Square for the Fall Festival of the Arts, a new neighborhood event planned for October 5. Five major venues — a street fair, a "Day of the Dead" themed Hispanic culture house, a garden and crafts site, a showcase home of Wilshire Square and Santa Ana history, and an art house/sculpture garden — will offer fairgoers music, dancing, exhibits, family entertainment, and educational displays.

The traffic-control plan submitted to Public Works by the Traffic Committee is causing a stir. With the plan's 6 month trial on the horizon, feelings are running high, with some neighbors feeling that traffic diverters would make Wilshire Square streets safer and others feeling that such

devices would impede residents' access to their own homes.

At the neighborhood's annual Easter block party, grown-ups enjoyed a delicious brunch while watching the children hunt for Easter Eggs.

Valley High

The neighborhood will be holding their annual community job fair at Centennial Park on Saturday, May 18 (see the related story in this issue). One purpose of the fair is to raise the quality of life in their neighborhood by helping residents get better jobs.

Residents continue to meet regularly to deal with other neighborhood issues.

Willard

The neighborhood continues to partner with the Willard Intermediate School to make things happen. Upcoming meetings and their topics are: April 11, Eddie Berciaga on the topic of Gang prevention and intervention; May 2, Jose Vargas of the S.A.P.D. will talk about drug awareness and prevention; May 23, Arthur Durazo of the American Red Cross will talk about sexuality and AIDS; and June 6 will feature Counselors' Night and a wrap-up of the end of the year activities.

The general community is invited to these meetings which are held from 6 to 8 p.m. Child care is provided and a door prize raffle is held for parents who show up early.

The neighborhood held a very successful clean-up in March.

Heniger Park

Residents are again meeting and discussing their neighborhood needs and goals for the coming year.

Historic French Park

The completion of two big projects in French Park has been celebrated in the last few months. The Model Block Project involved the painting and landscaping of four historic house on French Street. Using true Victorian colors, the houses now look fresh and new, in spite of their average age of 95 years.

The 1913 Hamaker House, moved from the corner of Civic Center Drive and Westwood to its new home on No. Lacy Street, is ready for occupancy. It has been completely renovated by the Historic French Park Association and the City of Santa Ana. All new plumbing, electrical and a modern heating and cooling system have been installed. The house is freshly painted inside and out and sports gleaming hardwood floors in the living room, den and dining room. It is for sale as an owner-occupied home for just \$155,000.

Residents of the Historic French Park Neighborhood have been working on the updating of their historic ordinance, SD 19, and plan to add some innovative arts-related features. The new ordinance should be ready to go to the Planning Commission in April or May.

On June 8th, the neighborhood will again host the French Park Annual Jazz Festival and Art Show in French Park. The day will provide a chance for music, art and old house lovers to sit in the park or stroll the historic neighborhood to look at the arts and crafts. Admission is free. See the notice in the calendar section for additional information.

Morning Sunwood

The neighborhood has overseen the installation of "Morning Sunwood" signs at all of their entrances. They are also currently working with the City's Traffic Division to install stop signs, caution signs and Bots dots to improve the traffic flow on neighborhood streets and increase pedestrian safety.

Residents also organized a recent clothing drive which was very successful and netted a large amount of donations for Orangewood and Alternative Living Homes.

Their annual Spring Clean-up was held in March with some very full dumpsters as a result.

Their next big social project is a pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 8. Don't forget to mark your calendar! A neighborhood Chili Cook-off is on the drawing boards for fall.

Sandpointe

The association held their annual Fair and Swapmeet with many residents and merchants selling their wares — great buys were made by all. Also at the fair, Barney the Talking Squad Car mesmerized the kids.

The upcoming general meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19 at the MacArthur Intermediate School from 7 to 9 p.m. State of the Neighborhood and an interesting speaker will be on the schedule.

New trees, trash cans and barbecues have been added to Lilly King



Around the Neighborhoods

and Sandpointe Parks.

The neighborhood is fully staffed with all 16 sectors filled with coordinators to manage them.

Park Santiago

Residents have been busy lately. In March, they helped plant a variety of trees in Santiago Park thanks to a donation by the Tree Society and the Chevrolet/Geo Tree program. An Easter Egg Hunt was held in the park at the end of March. A Progressive Dinner is planned for early May and a Santiago Creek Cleanup is set for May 18.

New officers were elected recently. They include: Suzanne Esber as president, Larry Johnson as vice president, Norma Callaghan as treasurer, and Yvette Aguilar as secretary. Bill Elsey, Bonnie Pendleton, Bea Tiritilli, Edna Hartman, Carol Kessenick, Rory Ohanesian, Mike Hooker, Bobbi Rooker, Lynne Sturdivant, and Bev Shick were elected quadrant representatives.

Local resident (and rope-skipping Brownie) Jennie Prescott, 9, helped foil a burglary of a 99-year-old resident by alerting adults after seeing some suspicious characters. The bad guys were caught and Jennie became the hero of the neighborhood for her keen eyes.

Saddleback View

The Saddleback View Neighborhood will be holding monthly general meetings throughout 1996. The association's officers believe this change from quarterly meetings will encourage member interest and participation. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of each month (the next ones being April 10, May 8, and June 12). Meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Express, 1600 E. First Street at 6:30 p.m.

February's meeting featured a presentation from Police Service Officer Karen Mantecon on Community Oriented Policing and related topics. The meeting room was filled to capacity.

Dues for the calendar year are \$15 and now due. Also, the officers invite residents to participate as block captains. Call Amalia Almas at 543-7993 for additional information.

Washington Square

Residents held their big neighborhood-wide garage sale in early March. The following weekend was a Spring clean-up which allowed them to get rid of the rest of their clutter.

An Easter egg hunt will be held on April 6. Their annual Summer Party will be held on June 29. An Ice

Cream Social for seniors is slated for July.

Recent neighborhood meetings have featured guest S.A.P.D. Sgt. Gonzales who updates residents on what's happening in their neighborhood and in the rest of the City.

Logan

The Logan Neighborhood Association has been meeting recently with City officials to discuss a neighboring crematorium and with Metrolink representatives to learn about their rail plans.

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

SAMSON holds its meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. in the conference room of Coastal Community Hospital, 2701 So. Bristol Street. The public is invited to attend. Call 546-7996 for additional information.

Community Oriented Policing

The Southeast District COP Board will be conducting Neighborhood Watch programs for the Minnie Street Apartment areas. Recently a new "mini" substation was established inside the Minnie apartments which has generated an interest for the program. COP will be working with the police department to help organize the apartment residents and show them how to deter crime in their neighborhoods. The Apartment Owners Association and the managers are supporting the efforts of this program.

A special forum will be held on March 26 to discuss neglected rental properties, what can be done about them and what the City has done recently. See details on the meeting on page 3 of this issue.

For information on starting a COP program in your neighborhood, call 541-8971.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

The Society will be hosting their annual Santa Ana Home and Garden Tour on Saturday May 18th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to featuring some of the nicest homes and gardens in the City, this year's tour will include the Old Orange County Courthouse, a display of vintage watches and Model A cars. Tickets are still only \$7 per person (\$6 in advance). If you'd like additional information, call Roberta at 953-1876.

Members of the Society are riding high from the news that the

Dr. Howe-Waffle House has been saved and will pass in ownership to the City of Santa Ana (with the Society paying the mortgage). Donations are still needed to help with the purchase. If you can help, please send a check (for any amount) to SAHPS; Save the House Fund; 120 Civic Center Dr. W.; Santa Ana, CA 92701.

Recent events by the Society include the annual Victorian Candlelight Dinner last December and a Members' Annual Dinner in February. The Candlelight Dinner delighted almost 200 visitors who got a chance to see the interior of the Santora Building, the First Church of Christ Scientist, the First United Methodist Church, and the Dr. Howe-Waffle House. The Members' Dinner was almost a victory celebration for the saving of the Waffle House. In addition, Rob Richardson gave a slide-show lecture on train stations in the U.S.

For information on membership or to make an appointment to tour the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, contact Nathan Reed at 953-1876.

Historical Resources Review Committee

See the related story on page 3.

If you'd like information or would like to join the Historical Resources Review Committee, please contact Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

Mortgage Assistance for College Grads

Buying a home in the City of Santa Ana has been made easier for college graduates through a creative program offered by the City's Housing Division.

Those who hold a bachelor's degree and who lived in Santa Ana while attending high school may apply for the first-time home buyer program called Student Assisted Mortgage Program (SAM).

Participants in the program receive a down payment loan of up to \$30,000 or 15% of the purchase price, whichever is less. The terms of the loan are more than favorable: the interest rate is 5 percent APR, no payments are required for the first five years and 50% of the original loan amount is forgiven after participants have lived in the home for ten years. Any residential property within the City of Santa Ana is eligible.

Applying is easy because a packet is available that describes the program and includes eligibility information, documentation requirements and how to obtain high school attendance verification. Call the Housing office at 667-2250 and ask for the SAM program to receive a packet.

The City will realize its return on this program by retaining a valuable resource for the City — residents who take pride in their homes and neighborhoods.

Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, at the Housing office located at 500 West Santa Ana Blvd., Suite 400.

The SAPD Explorers -- Helping Their Community

by Alan Caddell

One of the Santa Ana Police Department's most successful volunteer programs is the Police Explorer Program. Explorers are young people between the ages of 14 and 21 who have an interest in law enforcement and a desire to improve their community. The Explorer program is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America and is open to males and females. Program goals include providing participants with the necessary knowledge, discipline, and integrity required for personal growth and a foundation for a future career in the many fields of law enforcement.

Explorers support the community throughout the year by assisting at events requiring crowd control, traffic direction, and information and lost children stations. Explorers are also called upon for help ranging from distributing flyers about missing children to directing traffic at major post offices at tax time. Their uniformed presence provides visible assurance to members of the community that assistance is readily available.

Being an Explorer requires dedication, motivation, and a willingness to devote personal time toward betterment of the community. Explorers attend formal training meetings twice a month and work several additional events at night or weekends. Because of the demands placed on their time, Explorers must maintain at least a "C" average in school. Explorer applicants must also successfully complete a background check to ensure their character is consistent with that expected of a person representing the police department and serving the citizens of Santa Ana.

Persons interested in becoming a Police Explorer can contact Corporal Alan Caddell of the Police Department at (714) 647-5192 for further information.

Community Event Notebook:

April 20 & 21 (Saturday & Sunday) — The Floral Park Neighborhood will hold their fourth annual Home and Garden Tour, featuring several vintage homes as well as some wonderful gardens for your viewing pleasure. Other tour features include classic autos and an antique and collectible sale. Tickets cost \$12.50 or \$10 pre-sale (by April 17). Send check made out to "FPNA" to Floral Park Neighborhood; Attn: Home Tour; P.O. Box 1829; Santa Ana, CA 92702. Tickets will be held at "Will Call." Call 564-0197 for additional information.

May 18 (Saturday) — The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society hosts their Victorian Home and Garden Tour featuring five homes and gardens, the Old Orange County Courthouse, a display of vintage watches and (planned but not yet confirmed) some of the nicest Model A cars in Southern California. Tickets are \$7 (\$6 in advance). Send a check made out to "SAHPS" and send to Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society -- Home Tour; 1205 So. Parton St.; Santa Ana, CA 92707. Be sure to include your phone number. Call Roberta Reed at 953-1876 for more details.

June 8 (Saturday) — The 3rd Annual French Park Jazz Festival, a day of jazz, blues, and the arts, will be held from 11 am until 6 pm at French Park, French and 10th St. and admission is free. Sponsored by the City of Santa Ana, Historic French Park Association, and members of the Artists Village.

Science Center Begins with a Big Bash!

For three short hours in one area of the City, people will be trying their hand at "wall scrawl," defacement, and general destruction ... all legal and all in the name of science. This booming fundraising event, aptly titled "Bash to the Future" will be a unique ground breaking for the new multi-million dollar Discovery Science Center, scheduled for completion in 1997.

The site of the former Barker Brothers' building, near the corner of Main Street and the Santa Ana Freeway, will be the scene for this \$65 per person charitable event where, in the words of "Job Superintendent" Donna Crean, "It's going to be a time to check your adult self at the door, don a hard hat, and let the child in you come out to play."

The event might have nearby residents curious. Sledge hammers will swing, jack hammers will break out the old concrete entrance, and implements of destruction like backhoes and skip loaders will be on hand to add to the ambience.

When completed the Discovery Science Center will be a state-of-the-art hands-on science facility and educational resource serving Orange County's 2.6 million residents. Youngsters will be able to participate in such programs as field trips, after school programs, weekend workshops, and summer camps. Teacher workshops will help educators with the latest hands-on and creative math and science curriculum.

Indicative of the interest, Launch Pad, the preview facility of the Discovery Science Center, has hosted more than 155,000 visitors since opening in June of 1993.

The bash is scheduled for Sunday, May 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. For additional information, call 540-2001.

Orchestra Returns to S.A. High

After a three year absence, the Pacific Symphony Orchestra will return to its former home at Santa Ana High School to perform a free concert on Sunday, April 21st at 2:30 p.m. The program, conducted by PSO Assistant Conductor Edward Cumming, will feature selections from Bizet's *Carmen*, and works of Mozart and Beethoven, as well as authentic folk music from Mexico with guest artists to be announced.

The free concert is part of the PSO's In-Harmony program, a three-tiered program which includes the concert at the High School, a music education workshop for adults, and low-cost individual tickets to the PSO's Classic Series concerts at the Orange County Performing Arts Center.

The In-Harmony program brings the Orchestra back to the Santa Ana community where the PSO offered a series of free concerts at Santa Ana High School from 1989 to 1993 -- performing works of Carlos Chavez and Alberto Ginastera among other Latin American composers -- as well as performing at the Las Posadas festival in 1989. Santa Ana High also served as the Orchestra's regular performance hall from 1982 until the opening of the Orange County Performing Arts Center in 1986.

The music education workshop will be held on April 28 at the Pacific Symphony Center in Santa Ana. It will provide an overview of classical music, focusing on the music the Pacific Symphony Orchestra regularly performs during its season, with specific insight in the relationship between classical music and traditional folk music of Latin America.

Information on the low-priced tickets to the PSO concerts will be available at the workshop.

The In-Harmony program is made possible in part by a grant from the James Irvine Foundation. Advisors to the program are Carole Vargas, Zeke Hernandez, Frank Magallanes, Linda Duran, Brenda Quintana, Ed Caban and Eduardo Velasquez. For additional information, contact Linda Wong at 755-5788.

His future is in the stars

by Catherine Cate

One of Santa Ana's Little Known Gems: The Tessman Planetarium

As you are reading this, the Hyakutake Comet has just finished being the brightest body in the sky over Santa Ana, moving so quickly from south to north that in just four days - March 19th to the 23rd - its progress was visible to anyone observing its travels. Though less well known than Halley's Comet, the Hyakutake Comet is no less brilliant, or fascinating to stargazers, amateur and professional.

And it was for just such historic celestial occasions that Rodrigo DeLamora of Santa Ana has abandoned two careers ... one in law, the other in business ... to pursue his real passion: astronomy.

DeLamora left his degree in law behind when he immigrated to the United States from Mexico in 1983. His current career in the corporate offices of El Torito Restaurants has been good to him but

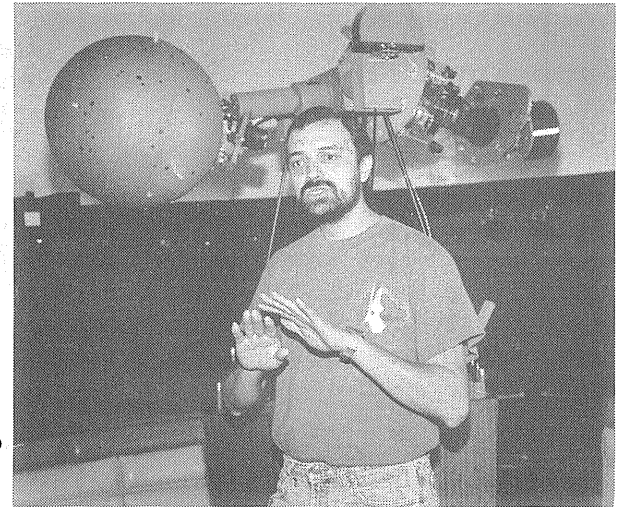
"Studying the stars has always been my passion. But in Mexico, I would have had to become a physicist before I could study astronomy. So I studied law instead. Now I am taking classes at Golden West College and it looks like I will be able to transfer to the astronomy program at UCI in the spring of 1997."

At the age of 35, with a GPA of 3.25 and in a field that is "not overcrowded," DeLamora anticipates another satisfying career, perhaps in an area related to space exploration, or teaching astronomy.

And being at the controls in Tessman Planetarium at Rancho

adults. In addition to six hour-long shows that are presented each week by Rancho Santiago College, the Orange County Astronomers, an association of amateur and professional stargazers, adds other shows on weekends. In fact, at the end of March the organization will premiere a dazzling new show utilizing four projectors instead of two and an improved sound system.

"We are buying a professionally produced program," said DeLamora, an association member, "and we also



are writing our own program." Another educational outreach also is on the horizon: Since the visuals are accompanied by narration, some form of interpretation will be provided for the hearing-impaired.

In addition to educating people about the stars, exploring them is never far from DeLamora's mind.

And despite the slower progress of space exploration at present, DeLamora believes that "in the next millennium, we will be ready to establish a colony in space."

And why is that necessary? For two reasons, says DeLamora. "When I was a kid, the sea was considered and endless resource, but now we are using it up. From this we have learned that no resource is endless.



Santiago College in Santa Ana is the perfect place at present to share his knowledge with others. In this intimate theater that seats 100, DeLamora commands all the celestial bodies in the Northern Hemisphere to cross the domed ceiling at his bidding.

Since the Planetarium was purchased with college funds and established in 1967 by Charles Bromgren, its programs have enthralled thousands of children and

Sooner or later, we have to find new resources."

"But also because," as K.E. Tsiolkovsky said, "The earth is the cradle of the mind, but one cannot live in the cradle forever."

(For more information about weekday programs at Tessman Planetarium, call Rancho Santiago College at 667-3097. For more information about the Orange County Astronomers and their weekend programs at the Planetarium, call DeLamora at 641-3860.)

Cultural Calendar

(special thanks to the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture and Angela Trumbauer for helping us with this upcoming event calendar.)

Martinez Books and Art Gallery

200 North Main Street, 973-7900

Upcoming artists: April 1, 7 p.m. *Chicano and Chicana poets*; April 16, 7 p.m. *Graciela Limon*. Coming soon: *Sandra Cisneros, Richard Rodriguez, Rudolpho Anaya, Marcos Loya, Ana Castillo and Victor Villaseñor*.

Bowers Museum of Cultural Art

2002 North Main Street, 567-3600

Who'd A Thought It: Improvisation in African-American Quilting, is an exhibition featuring 27 quilts are distinctly different from European-American quilt styles, emphasizing the African-American aesthetic of improvisation. This show continues to May 12.

Opening June 1 is *Con Mucha Alegria: Bolivian Festival Masks and Costumes*. This exhibit consists of a colorful selection of traditional masks and costumes of the South American Aymara people, used in the rich and varied cultural festivals of Bolivia.

Special Event: *Art of Adorning*, a celebration of personal decorating featuring special exhibitors of antique tribal jewelry, inspirational photographs, special jewelry collections for purchase, shows, dance performances, demonstrations and ethnic food. The event will be held from April 18 to 28 and is open to the public as part of the regular museum admission. Call 567-3600 for additional information and schedule.



Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

3621 West MacArthur Blvd., 549-4989

Bookends, OCCCA's last curated show at their MacArthur Blvd. location, highlights the works of 11 Cal. State Fullerton graduates. The show will run until April 16th.

A final non-curated event entitled *Cattle Call* will be open to all Orange County artists on a first-come, first-hung theme, with no rules to limit the works. The show will be open from April 27 to May 25.

Brand Gallery

Santora Arts Complex, 209 North Broadway, 550-7010

Continuing through May 5 is *Mute Offerings*, a group exhibition of works by Gregg Bayne, John Brockley, Jane Chapin, John Frame, Paul Green, Kenna Moser, Karen Roarke and Kate Savage.

Opening May 11 is *The Book as Art*, collaborative book works including the art of Phyllis Baldwin, Tari Brand, Siobhan McClure, Kate Savage, Annie Stromquist and Maggie Tennesen.

Rancho Santiago College

Santora Arts Complex, 207 North Broadway, 564-5600

On March 30, RSC will premiere their satellite gallery in the Artists Village area with *Pre View '96*, an exhibit of art from their top art students.

Sasso-Cribb Gallery

Santora Arts Complex, 207 North Broadway, 547-4771

Various artists. Call for information.

Daniel Arvizu Gallery

Santora Arts Complex, 215 North Broadway, 972-1212

International Teacup Invitational curated by Pat Crabb.

Alternative Repertory Theatre

1636 South Grand, 836-7929

Endgame by Samuel Beckett continues to April 13

Beginning May 3 is *Our Lady of the Tortilla* by Luis Santiero.

Orange County Craziest

Pacific Symphony Center, 115 East Santa Ana Blvd., 550-9900

You'll Never Work in this Orange Again continues to April 20.

Beginning May 25 is *Annie Get Your Orange*.

Opera Pacific

Orange County Performing Arts Center (Costa Mesa), (800) 34-OPERA

The American premiere of the original stage version of *Regina* by Marc Blitzstein continues until March 31.

On April 24 and 25, *Orfeo ed Euridice* by Christoph Willibald Gluck will be presented in conjunction with the Philharmonic Society of Orange County.

A special annual fundraising dinner dance, the *Founders Gala*, will be held on June 22 at a beautiful Orange County estate. Call Shawn Ashe at 474-4488, ext. 308, for details.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra

Orange County Performing Arts Center, 755-5799

The *1996 Chamber Music Series* features fine music in the beautiful dinner setting of the Bowers Museum (2002 No. Main St.). April 12 and 14 feature works by Saint-Saëns, Beethoven, and Brahms. On May 17 and 19 enjoy music from Mozart and Schumann.

On April 17 and 18, Carl St. Clair will conduct the PSO in *The Rite of Spring* featuring Andrei Gavrilov at piano.

The PSO continues to offer the *Mervyn's Musical Mornings Family Series* with wonderful music focused for the enjoyment of children. The next two events will be held on April 20 and June 1.

New Orleans Jazz Club of Southern California

Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane, 664-1408

Monthly jazz session held on the first Sunday of each month from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. The public is invited.

Rancho Santiago College

17th at Bristol, 564-5600

Theatre

De Donde by Mary Gallagher opens May 3 and will play until May 19.

Art

The *Annual Student Show* will exhibit the best work from the Art and Photography departments. The show will be open from April 29 through May 14.

Also see the listing for RSC's new satellite gallery in the listings above.

Dance

This year's *Student/Faculty Dance Concert* will be held on April 19, 20 and 21.

Music

The *Spring Vocal Jazz Concert*, featuring a wonderful combination of world class performers and aspiring RSC talent, will be held on April 14.

Swing era jazz comes alive with the *Spring Big Band Concert* on April 28.

A "pop concert" highlighting Disney favorites and show tunes will delight those at the *Spring Band Concert* on May 5.

The *Spring Choral Concert*, featuring master and concert chorale soloists and a Festival orchestra, will be held on April 28.

Imagination Celebration Returns!

Passport to the Arts is the theme for the 11th annual Imagination Celebration of Orange County to be held April 20 to May 5. The popular county-wide arts festival for children and their families is presented by the Orange County Performing Arts Center and the Orange County Department of Education, in cooperation with more than 50 Orange County arts and education organizations.

The 15-day festival offers a myriad of events taking place at sites throughout the county, ranging from museums, libraries, parks, malls and schools to the Orange County Performing Arts Center. The vast majority of Imagination Celebration events are offered free of charge to the public, or at very nominal prices.

For information on various Imagination Celebration events, call their hotline at 556-ARTS, ext. 888.

Events in the City of Santa Ana:

Saturday, April 20

20th Annual Very Special Arts Festival and Exhibit at MainPlace

11 a.m. - 5 p.m., 2800 N. Main St., Free

Enjoy two ongoing performance areas and a host of hands-on workshops for kids of all ages. Students and adults with disabilities, professional artists and more are featured. Opening ceremony at 11 a.m. hosted by actor William Allen Young. One thousand pieces of art will be on view throughout the mall from April 20 - May 1.

Saturday, April 21

ImagUnations Street Fair at the Artists Village

12 noon - 5 p.m., Artists Village between Broadway and Main on Second St., 833-8500, Free

Come celebrate in a fiesta of nations. Enjoy the bold sound of the mariachis, the colorful swirl of ballet folklorico, Asian dance troupes, hands-on workshops, student art and more. See numerous performing groups that call Santa Ana home ... and explore the City's fascinating new Artists Village!

Sunday, April 21

In Harmony: Pacific Symphony Orchestra

2:30 p.m., Santa Ana High School, 520 W. Walnut, 755-5788 ext. 227, Free

Edward Cumming conducts the PSO in a one-hour concert especially designed for first-time concert-goers. In addition to great works by Mozart and Beethoven, there will be guest artists playing Mexican folk instruments.

Saturday, April 27

Imagination Celebration at the Santa Ana Zoo

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; 1801 E. Chestnut, 835-7484; \$1 children, \$3 adults; elephant ride \$2.

It's all happening at the Zoo — an outdoor Earth Day extravaganza of student performances, hands-on workshops, mural painting, storytelling and more. The signs may say *Don't feed the animals*, but no one complains about singing, playing, acting and dancing for them! The petting zoo and other zoo exhibits and workshops will also be open for you to explore.

Sunday, April 28

Treasures of the Past at the Discovery Museum of Orange County

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; 3101 W. Harvard St.; 540-0404; \$2 children, \$3 adults.

Journey 100 years into the past with a visit to a noble Victorian house and all the treasures inside and outside it. Go on a "1898 Treasure Hunt," and meet a real blacksmith, spinner and quilter. Participate in the crafts of a bygone era, play a pump organ, look through a stereoscopic viewer, and make hand-cranked ice cream — then relax in the garden and enjoy a "spot of tea!"

Community Calendar

April

April 1 & 8 (Mon.) Launch Pad (the preview facility of Discovery Science Center located in Crystal Court, Costa Mesa) offers "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs," a fascinating workshop on bugs (ladybugs, bees, water bugs, and more) for children 5 to 7 years old. The 90 minute workshop will be held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Cost: \$8 for non-members. Call 546-2061.

April 1 & 8 (Mon.) Launch Pad will investigate "things that fly" as children 8 to 12 years old construct gliders, helicopters, and seltzer-tablet rockets. The 90 minute workshop will be held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Cost: \$8. Call 546-2061.

April 3 & 10 (Wed.) Launch Pad offers "Wild Wonders," where you can meet a Serval, a Macaw, and a Kinkajou. Designed for children 5 years old and up, the 45 minute show will be held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m. Cost: \$5.75. Call 546-2061.

April 4 & 11 (Thurs.) Free Tax Assistance for seniors at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. Third Street. Call 647-6540 for an appointment.

April 6 (Sat.) All of the City's recreation centers will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. So don't be late, and enjoy this egg-citing event.

April 6 (Sat.) Hop on over to the Santa Ana Zoo for an Easter "searchin' safari" at their "Egg-Citing Day at the Zoo." Every child will learn about some beautiful eggs and meet some unusual egg-laying animals. Visit with the Easter Bunny. The program is free with zoo admission and will be held from 11 am to 2 pm. Call 836-4000 for additional details.

April 7 (Sun.) The Citywide Track and Field Championship will be held beginning at 12 noon at Rancho Santiago College for Santa Ana youngsters. Participants can qualify for the Orange County Meet. Call 571-4254 for additional details.

April 11 (Thurs.) The Corbin Community Center will be hosting a Job Search Workshop for teens and adults from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. This free workshop includes information on interviewing hints, dressing for success, and how to job search. For registration information, please call 647-6557.

April 11 (Thurs.) The Orange County Historical Society will feature "My Piece of History," a special show-and-tell meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Bowers Museum Education Building (room 4 located in the North Parking Lot), 2002 N. Main St. For additional information, call 525-4879.

April 16 (Tues.) The Bowers Singles for the Cultural Arts will host nationally known artist Chris Hoi who will lecture on wildlife and his artwork. Admission is \$4 for members, \$8 for non-members. The event will be held at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. at 7 p.m. Call 733-1508 or 857-8707.

April 18-20 The Friends of the Santa Ana Library will host their annual Book Sale at the Central Library on Civic Center Drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., 10 am to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. Most items are 25¢ each. There will be a special members only sale on April 17 from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

April 20-21 (Sat.-Sun.) The Floral Park Neighborhood presents their fourth annual Home and Garden Tour featuring several vintage homes and fanciful gardens for your viewing pleasure. They will also hold an antique and collectible sale and display a variety of classic autos. Tickets are \$12.50 each. For presale tickets or other details, call 564-0197.

April 21 (Sun.) The ImagUnations Street Fair will be held at the Artists Village in Downtown Santa Ana. Enjoy the fiesta of nations with Mariachi, Asian dance troupes, hands on workshops, performing artists and more. Held from 12 noon until 5 p.m. Admission is free.

April 21 (Sun.) The winning entries from a school sponsored arts essay contest will be on display at

the Artists Village as part of "Arts Day." Visual artists from the intermediate and high schools will have artwork on display in the Santora Building.

April 21 (Sun.) The Pacific Symphony Orchestra performs a free concert at the Santa Ana High School, 520 W. Walnut, at 2:30 p.m. featuring the works of Mozart, Bizet and Beethoven, as well as authentic folk music from Mexico. For more information, call Linda Wong at 755-5788.

April 24 (Sun.) The Hershey's Track and Field Meet will be held beginning at 12 noon at Rancho Santiago College for youngsters. Call 571-4254.

April 27 (Sat.) The Santa Ana Zoo's Third Annual Rummage Sale will be held from 10 am until 2 pm with all proceeds going towards the purchase of birds for their new walk-in aviary. The donation of additional items for sale would also be appreciated. Call 836-4000 for more information.

April 27 (Sat.) The Imagination Celebration at the Santa Ana Zoo will feature an outdoor Earth Day extravaganza of student performances, hands-on-workshops, mural painting, storytelling, and more. The hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children. Call 835-7484.

April 28 (Sun.) Enjoy the Treasures of the Past at the Discovery Museum. Journey 100 years into the past with a visit to a noble Victorian house. Participate in the crafts of a bygone era; meet a real blacksmith, spinner and quilter; and even make hand-cranked ice cream. Times: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission \$3 adults, \$2 children. Call 540-0404.

April 29 (Mon.) The first of the Town Hall '96 meetings features a one-on-one interview with Mayor Miguel Pulido hosted by Mike Metzler from the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. The event will be held at the City's Council Chambers from 6 to 7 p.m. and will also be telecast live on Comcast Cable channel 3. Call 541-5353 ext. 100 for details.

May

May 2 (Thurs.) The Corbin Community Center will be hosting a Job Search Workshop for teens and adults from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. This free workshop includes information on interviewing hints, dressing for success, and how to job search. For registration information, please call 647-6557.

May 3 (Fri.) The Santa Ana Senior Center will host a Senior trip to the Downtown area to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Call 647-6540 for information. Also many of the other senior and community centers will host Cinco de Mayo celebrations at their facilities.

May 4 (Sat.) The Victorian Tea Society will host a Mother's Day Tea at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard Street. The event costs \$15 per person and includes tea, scones and a light lunch, all served in the 1898 historic Kellogg House. Call 540-0404 for reservations.

May 4 - June 8 Golden City Summer Softball League registration is being held for games beginning on June 8. Children aged 5 through 15 can sign up for age appropriate divisions. Sign up at your nearest Recreation Center or call 571-4254.

May 9 (Thurs.) The Orange County Historical Society will feature publisher Bob Law lecturing on "Teaching History to Children" beginning at 7:30

p.m. at the Bowers Museum Education Building (room 4 located in the North Parking Lot), 2002 N. Main St. For additional information, call 525-4879.

May 10 (Fri.) The Santa Ana Senior Center will host a Mother's Day celebration and luncheon from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Call 647-6540 for reservations.

May 11 (Sat.) The Postal Service and your friendly letter carriers will be conducting a food drive to collect items for the needy. Leave non-perishable food items by your mailbox prior to your normal delivery. Or bring them to your local post office.

May 14-16 Orange County Head Start hosts a celebration entitled Working Together for Our Future at the Santa Ana Zoo from 12:30 to 3 p.m. The event will include hands-on activities, interactive games and live entertainment. All are welcome. The cost is only the normal Zoo admission: \$3 for adults, \$1 for children. Call 972-8920 x225.

May 16 (Thurs.) Santa Ana's musical best is represented at an Honor Orchestra Concert featuring elementary, intermediate and high school members. The event will be held at the Santa Ana High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

May 17 (Fri.) The Annual Government Leadership Breakfast will be held by the Christian Business Men's Committee at Temple Calvario, 2617 W. 5th St. at 7 am. The keynote speaker is Senator William Armstrong. You're invited to attend this very

motivational meal with hundreds of other residents and community leaders. Call 834-1200 for details.

May 18 (Sat.) The Valley High Neighborhood Association will host their annual Community Job Fair at Centennial Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Potential employers and community organizations will be in attendance. See article inside this issue.

May 18 (Sat.) The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society will hold their Home and Garden Tour featuring a variety of the beautiful homes and gardens in the City, as well as the Old Orange County Courthouse. Tickets are just \$7. Call Roberta Reed at 953-1876 for more information.

May 19 (Sun.) The ARCO Track and Field Meet will be held beginning at 12 noon at Rancho Santiago College for youngsters. Call 571-4254.

May 21 (Tues.) The Bowers Singles for the Cultural Arts will host Martin Diedrich (of the Diedrich Coffee family) who will lecture on the ancient cities and rain forest in Guatemala. Admission is \$4 for members, \$8 for non-members. The event will be held at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. at 7 p.m. Call 733-1508 or 857-8707.

May 23 (Thurs.) Santa Ana's vocal best is represented at an Honor Choir Concert featuring elementary, intermediate and high school members. The event will be held at the Santa Ana High School auditorium at 7 p.m.

June

June 1 & 2 It's garage sale time in Santa Ana!

June 1 (Sat.) It's back! The Cookie Safari takes over the Santa Ana Zoo. Bring your family for a day of entertainment including cookie sampling from a dozen vendors, riding the Zookieland Express, and watching an animal show. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children.

June 2 (Sun.) The Discovery Museum hosts their annual Summer Celebration featuring a day of old-fashioned fun. Enjoy the fiery art of blacksmithing to lawn and water games for the children. Stroll through the museum's rose gardens and orchards and listen to local storytellers. Everyone will be

enjoying hand-cranked ice cream; fresh, hand-squeezed lemonade; and sunshine tea. The event is held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and costs just \$3 for adults, \$2 for children. Call 540-0404.

June 8 (Sat.) The French Park Jazz Festival returns to French Park (corner of French and 10th St.) with professional jazz and blues musicians in an open-air, park setting. There will also be an arts and crafts display. The event is free and the time is from 11 am to 6 pm.

June 15 (Sat.) Summer swimming season begins as each of the City pools will hold a free Summer Water Carnival at 12 noon. There will be games, relay races, prizes, and a snack bar. You'll also get to meet the 1996 lifeguards. Call 571-4242.

June 18 (Tues.) The Bowers Singles for the Cultural Arts will host Patricia Korzec of the Bowers Kidseum who will lecture on aspects of life on the island of Bali. Admission is \$4 for members, \$8 for non-members. The event will be held at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. at 7 p.m. Call 733-1508 or 857-8707 for more information.

June 22 (Sat.) The National Pitch, Hit and Run Competition will be held at Memorial Park, 2102 S. Flower, for children aged 9 through 13 to test their skills against others their own age. Call 571-4254.

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Don't forget to send your July, August, and September listings in soon to be included in the next issue of Eye on Santa Ana!