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Rain or No Rain, We Still Have A Drought!

Newspaper headlines and television news reports have been telling the same story: California's five-year-old drought is approaching a crisis stage. Up to recently, rain and snowfall in the state has been averaging only 25% of the normal amount expected during these critical winter months.

Don't let the rains we've been experiencing, fool you, we're still in the midst of a drought. While we've had some pretty heavy showers, the final tally will barely meet one year's requirement -- and we have four dry years to make up.

In addition, Northern California has not been blessed with the same amount of rain and snow we have, and that's where Southern California imports most of its water from.

All across the region, water supply agencies are implementing stringent, mandatory water conservation programs in reaction to the meager precipitation.

The City of Santa Ana receives 30% of its water supply from

either Northern California or the Colorado River. With word that this supply will be severely cut back, Santa Ana is expecting a reduction amounting to 14% of our total supply.

To prudently manage the available water supply, the City recently implemented Phase I of our mandatory Conservation Ordinance.

This Phase prohibits certain wasteful uses of water including:

- 1) Irrigation of lawns and gardens is not allowed from 10 am to 4 pm.
- 2) Paved surfaces like sidewalks and driveways can not be hosed down.
- 3) Water will be served in restaurants only upon request.
- 4) Decorative fountains without recycling can not be filled.

In addition to adhering to these guidelines, there are a lot of things you can do inside and outside your home to save water.

Here's a list of tips that can help you save water, usually with just a few minor adjustments:

Saving Water, Saving Money, The Easy Way

- 1) Instead of running the sprinklers every day, water the lawn only when it needs it or just soak it once a week. If the grass springs back when you step on it, there's no need to water. (Saves 750-1,500 gal/mo.)
- 2) Shorten your shower. Even a one or two minute reduction can save up to 700 gallons a month.
- 3) Use low-flow showerheads or flow restrictors. (500-800 gal/month)
- 4) Take a shallow bath instead of a shower. (15-20 gallons each time)
- 5) Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher or set your washer for a lower level. (Saves 75-250 gal/month)
- 6) Use the garbage disposal less and the garbage can more. (Saves 50-150 gal/month)
- 7) If you have a pool, use a pool cover to cut down on evaporation. It'll also help keep your pool cleaner with less work (1,300 gal/month)
- 8) Set lawn mower blades one notch higher since longer grass means less evaporation. (Saves 500-1,500 gal/month)
- 9) Plant trees and plants that don't need as much water. Talk to your nursery about the best choice for you. (Saves 750-1,500 gal/month)
- 10) Use "mulch" (chunks of bark, peat moss, or gravel) to cover bare ground in gardens to slow evaporation. (Saves 750-1,500 gal/month)
- 11) Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving, using short bursts as needed. (Saves 200-300 gal/month)
- 12) Start figuring out your water usage. Multiply the cubic feet amount on your water bill by 7.5 to get the gallons you used.
- 13) Come to the City sponsored "Live Smart" festival and safety expo on April 27 and 28 and pick up a free water conservation kit.
- 14) Call 565-4016 for more conservation information or other locations for a free water conservation kit.

Savings based on a family of three. Information courtesy Nancy Bailey and the Santa Ana Public Works Agency.



Cheep-cheep? No, beep-beep -- How does a blind child go on an Easter egg hunt? If the egg beeps from some electronics inside, it becomes as easy as pie. Thanks to the Saddleback Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America, over 40 children at the Blind Children's Learning Center recently had a whole basket-full of fun. Photo by Jo Bock

New Ordinances To Help Improve Neighborhood Standards

In response to concerns of residents that declining property maintenance and overcrowding are leading causes to the deterioration of our neighborhoods, the City Council will be considering two ordinances in the coming months that would set some minimal property standards to help clean up the City as well as prohibit overcrowding of houses and other residential dwellings.

The Overcrowding ordinance is designed to reduce the maximum allowed occupants in a home. Presently for example, a 1,300 square foot three bedroom home can legally house about 19 people. The new rules restrict the legal occupancy to about 10.

Where it varies from a previous City ordinance, overturned by the courts, is by including living and dining rooms as "living areas" (required by the courts) and increasing the required square footage per occupant (previously lower).

The Property Maintenance ordinance is designed to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and protect the City's neighborhoods against deteriorating conditions that contribute to the downgrading of neighborhood aesthetics and property values.

It does this by establishing minimum standards for the maintenance of all residential building

exteriors, premises, and vacant land.

While not as restrictive as most south county city ordinances, the Santa Ana ordinance tries to set some basic guidelines. In writing the ordinance, the City's Planning and Building Agency brought the rough draft to various groups of residents and neighborhood organizations asking for their input.

Highlights of the final draft of the Property Maintenance ordinance that will go to City Council (barring any last minute changes) would make illegal:

Clotheslines, railings, fences, trees, or shrubs in public view utilized to dry clothing.

Unpainted portions of building resulting in dry rot, warping, and/or visual blight.

Parking or storage of vehicles or materials on vacant parcels.

Fences or walls maintained in a deteriorated or damaged condition.

Broken or discarded furniture, appliances, or packing boxes to remain in excess of three days.

Front and street side yards not landscaped or planted with lawn or ground cover. Planted areas not maintained.

Paved front or street side yards other than driveways or sidewalks. Inoperative, abandoned, or dismantled motor vehicles.

Commercial vehicles parked or stored on residential property.

VIEW POINT *Guy Ball*

The Santa Ana Arts Colony

Imagine strolling along a Downtown Santa Ana boulevard enjoying the historic architecture of the Fluor-Yanez and the Santora Buildings while you're slipping into art galleries or studios, admiring the works of artists like Paul Furtner and Sal Hernandez, artists who work and reside in the "Soho-like" lofts of Downtown Santa Ana?

Of course, you'll have to stop for espresso in Upstart Crow's warm, cozy little coffee house on the corner, maybe while you wait for friends driving in from Long Beach to see the latest performance at the Ballet Folklorico or the Black Actors Theatre.

Or maybe, you were just resting after browsing through the old-book stores and antique shops lining Main Street in wonderful coexistence with the Fiesta Marketplace, Latin-flavored clothing stores and jewelry marts.

Imagine a Downtown where a wonderful mix of Asians, Latinos, Blacks, Anglos, Europeans, and Mid-Easterners are enjoying the shopping, the arts, and the classical feel of a new, cosmopolitan Santa Ana.

Various people in our City, dreamers some call them, have an idea to add to the historic nature and already ethnic ambiance of our Downtown. They feel that given the chance, artists and other creative spirits would love to bring their energy and uniqueness to Santa Ana.

From a cultural view, this makes sense. With housing prices as they are, Orange County needs an affordable artistic and cultural center. Where better than in the political and financial center of the county?

From a business view, this makes great sense. For one, we would increase the foot traffic for the merchants in the Downtown area. For another, there's an excellent chance of filling many of the vacant storefronts and office space (not an easy feat in today's business environment).

Santa Ana's Downtown offers a wonderful potential for artists just as the artists offer a wonderful opportunity for us.

It's an opportunity we shouldn't miss.

Put Down The Brush

In the past few weeks, the deplorable Rodney King beating in Los Angeles has laid heavy on our collective minds. A few officers, who were sworn to protect the citizens they serve, violated a sacred trust.

But it's unfair to paint the rest of the law enforcement community with the same brush, particularly when they have worked so hard at upholding the principles they were entrusted with.

I especially think of the Santa Ana Police Department when I think of a professional organization that deals with criminals with restraint and the public they serve with compassion.

To consider our police department or any other police organization in the same light as the few who broke the rules is unfair and wrong not only to the dedicated officers who serve and protect, but to the principles they uphold so well.

Eye on Santa Ana

Our Community Newsletter

Eye on Santa Ana is a quarterly, volunteer production of the residents of the City of Santa Ana through the Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee in cooperation with the City's Neighborhood Improvement Office. Publication months are January, April, July, and October.

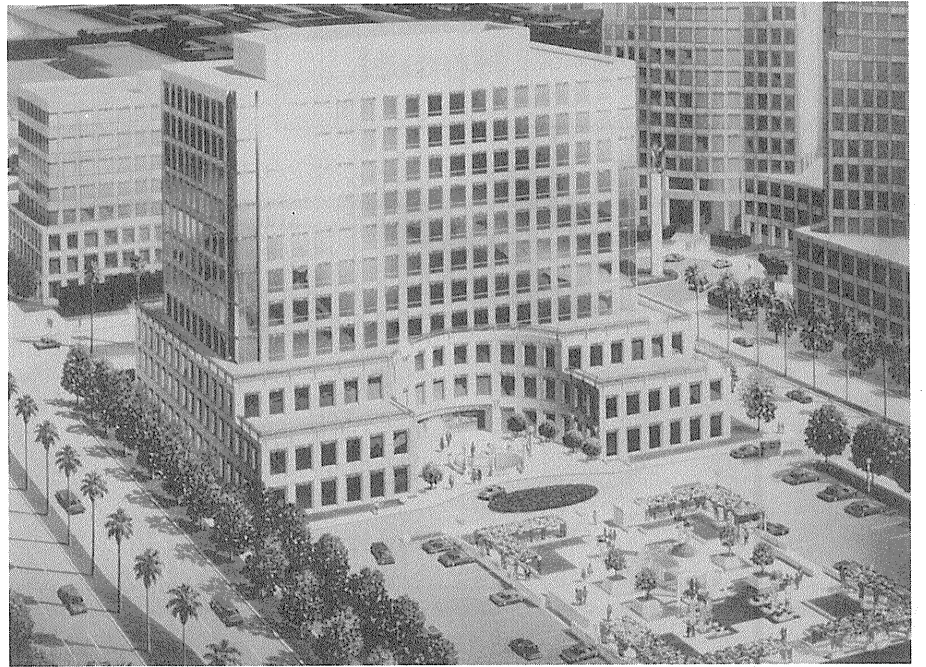
The circulation of this issue is 10,000 copies, distributed to individual residents, neighborhoods, businesses, city employees, civic organizations, and other interested readers.

We welcome and encourage your comments, articles, press releases, letters, calendar listings, and other material. The deadline for the next issue (Summer) is June 5, 1991. Mail to:

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In June, MacArthur Place will become a reality. 3 Imperial Promenade will be the keystone in a master-planned urban village of office, residential, retail, and hotel uses. The 11 floor building is finished in German Limestone, Brazilian Granite, Spandrel glass, and rich Anigre woods. The developers also have completed street widening, a new storm drain for the area, and the burying of utilities. Extensive landscaping will also include native California wildflowers hydroseeded onto the undeveloped areas. A two-story elegantly appointed lobby will direct pedestrian views to the tree-lined Water Garden.

Catherine's City

Train Station Trivia

by Catherine C. Cate

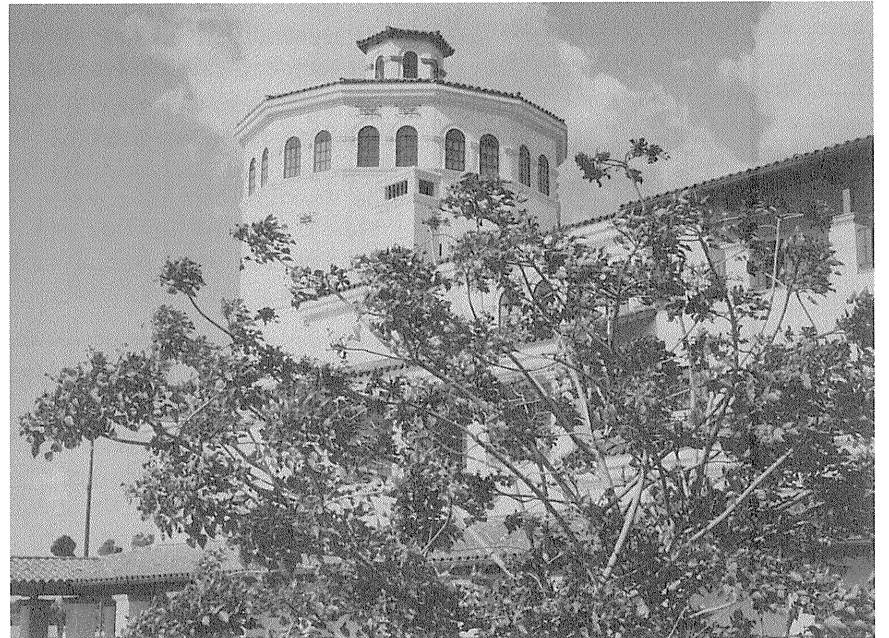
I'm always amazed -- and chagrined -- when I realize how little I know about a familiar landmark ... especially one I have actually visited on several occasions, and pointed out with pride to many visitors and area residents!

In fact, I have always been a bit defensive about the Santa Ana Transportation Center, which is located in what appears to be a marginal neighborhood at 1000 East Santa Ana Blvd.

During the past 13 years I have driven through this area so often

at all hours that I consider it a reasonably safe and rather picturesque area of Santa Ana. What I didn't realize was that the history of this area dates back to the 1870's!

But instead of giving you a history lesson, and boring you with a lot of dates, facts, and figures, I am going to suggest that you take a little field trip down to the Transportation Center and see if you can discover the answers to these questions (you'll find all answers on-site, but here's a helpful hint: ask for "Silver Montoya").



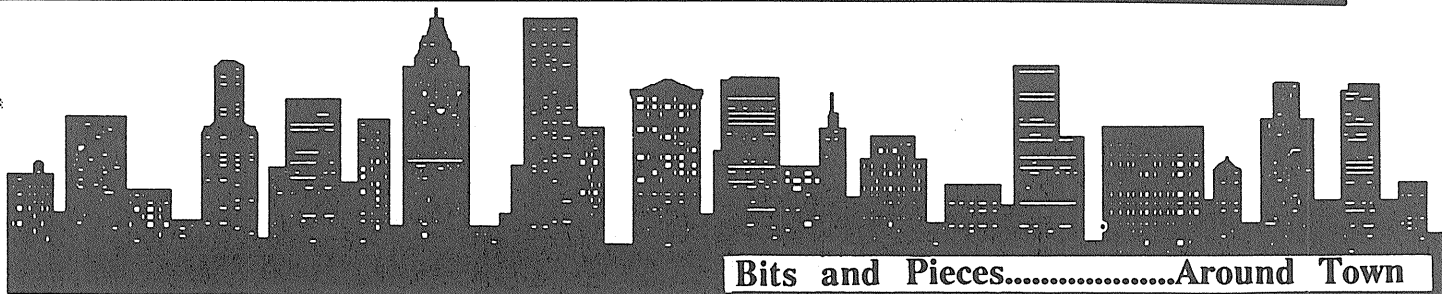
Catherine's Transportation Trivia Quiz

- 1) Is the Transportation Center located on the site of the first Santa Ana train depot?
- 2) Although it has been called the "Taj Mahal," what is the correct architectural style of the Center?
- 3) How many floors does the Center have?
- 4) How many tenants occupy the Center?
- 5) What facilities does the Center offer to the public?
- 6) The Transportation Center is headquarters for what well-known Orange County organization?
- 7) By whom are the grounds maintained?
- 8) How many persons pass through the Center annually?
- 9) How many acres does the Center occupy?
- 10) How many parking places are available at the Center?

Bonus Question:

- 11) Who is Danell Doornbos and how can she help you?

To make this a little more rewarding, Eye on Santa Ana will offer a prize of a lunch for two at *Mon Petite Cafe* at 904 N. Main St. (courtesy of *Mon Petite*, of course) for the person with the most correct answers. A tie is determined by the postmark. Send your answers to: Transport Trivia, Eye on Santa Ana, P.O. Box 2422, Santa Ana, 92707.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

May Reading

After many months of construction (and 1.2 million dollars), the main branch of the Santa Ana Public Library will reopen in May just in time to celebrate their 100th year of offering the public the finest in reading material.

On Wed., April 10th, you're invited to have cake and refreshments at a big birthday party at Civic Center's Plaza of the Sun from 12 - 3 pm. Entertainment will be provided by "The Barber-shop Quartet."

The main building on Civic Center Plaza Drive was dedicated on May 1st, 1960. The Harold Gimeno designed building replaced the "old Carnegie" library which was the City's first library building built in 1903.

While the Santa Ana Library Association was formed in 1878, it wasn't until 1891 that the first public library was actually established with the Women's Christian Temperance Union transferring over 960 books to the City of Santa Ana. The first librarian at the time, Helen Kernodle, received a sizable \$25 a month for her efforts.

In 1903, a grant of \$15,000 from Andrew Carnegie paid for the construction of a dedicated library building on 5th and Sycamore. This building was eventually demolished after the new Civic Center building was completed.

Speaking of anniversaries, the McFadden Branch Library, 2627 W. McFadden, celebrated their 20th in February. Some 1,200 people attended and enjoyed the festivities.

If you'd like to join the Santa Ana Library's celebration, special Centennial T-shirts, tote bags, pins, and mugs are available at the branch libraries.

It's Spring Cleaning Time Again

The Large Item Trash Collection is back. Dumpsters will be set up in six locations throughout the City on Saturday, April 6 and Saturday, April 20, for the disposal of large household items such as washers, sofas, garage junk, and tree trimmings.

Now's the time to clean out your garage, basement, attic, and backyard. No auto parts, concrete, tires, oil, or paint will be accepted and yard waste and appliances will be recycled.

If you're a senior, age 65 and over or if you are disabled, call Great Western Reclamation at 558-7761 for curbside pickup.

The rest of us will have to truck on down to Rosita Park, 706 Newhope; El Salvador Park, 1825 E. Civic Center; Centennial Park, 3000 W. Edinger; Memorial Park, 2102 S. Flower; the City Yard, 730 E. Warner; or at a location at Santiago & Civic Center.

Items will be accepted from 8 am until 3 pm. Santa Ana residents only, please.

Also, Great Western Reclamation, in conjunction with the Santa Ana Beautiful Committee, is offering \$5 off an "Insta-Bin," one of their small dumpsters that they'll drop off and pick-up at your home. Call 558-7761 to get additional details or to order one.

Desert Storm Vets-- Santa Ana's Looking for You

The City Council would like to honor Santa Ana residents and City employees who served as part of Desert Storm and they need your help.

The servicemembers (and their friends) will be honored at a special ceremony at the council meeting on May 20th.

If you are, or know of, a Persian Gulf veteran, call the City clerk's office at 647-6520 and let them know.

Castruita Picked As Top Administrator

SAUSD School Superintendent Rudy Castruita proved that he wasn't just well thought of by the parents of his students when he was chosen from among more than 15,000 school administrators in the state to receive the Marcus Foster Memorial Award for Administrative Excellence.

The award is given to the top school administrator each year by the Association of California School Administrators, an organization of his peers.

Castruita was recognized for his work on improving educational opportunities for his students and for getting the community involved in their education.

Congratulations Rudy, once again, on a job well done.

May 14th -- Vote!

On Tuesday, May 14th, you get the opportunity to cast your vote for or against one method of raising funds for a new county jail.

On the ballot is Measure "J" which raises the sales tax by 1/2 percent to fund the construction of a new jail in Orange County.

Considering the expected low voter turn-out, your choice carries extra weight this time.

Please, don't waste it by not voting!

Jail Crisis and You

Over the past few months, the Times/Orange County newspaper has been printing some very informative and thought provoking articles on the overcrowding crisis at the Orange County Jail.

As a public service, they've reprinted many of the articles in a special edition and are offering it to residents without charge.

The 10 page section includes information on the existing problem, the consequences on the crime rate and policing, the politics surrounding the issue, and the possible solutions.

If you'd like to receive a copy of the special edition, call the Times' public relations department at 966-4632 and ask them to send you one.

Call soon as supplies are limited.

Special Smiles for Some Special Kids

You just had to see the beaming smiles on the faces of over 250 young athletes during the Special Olympics track and field meet at Mater Dei High School last month.

Sponsored by the school, the event drew over 500 students, parents, and teachers to participate in the event and team up with the Olympians.

Every athlete won a ribbon. And with the hot dogs, soda, and a beautiful sunny day, you can be sure a good time was had by all.

Savvy Lights

President Bush named Century High School's Santa Ana Volunteer Youth group as one of his "Points of Light" recently.

The students received the recognition for their year-round, altruistic activities including helping the needy and visiting nursing homes.

Wedding Bells

In what is one of the best locations to propose marriage we've heard of, Mayor Pro Tem Miguel Pulido recently proposed to Laura Saari in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC.

Given the setting, could Laura have said anything but "Yes"? Of course not!

Congratulations and our best wishes to a beautiful couple.

Fiesta Folklorico

The county's newest Mexican folk dance company, Fiesta Folklorico recently performed for the first time at the Ebell Club, presenting the "Traditional Dances of Mexico."

In addition to public performances, they will offer dance classes for children to educate and instill the Mexican heritage by way of dance. If you'd like more information, call 836-7748.

Living Smart in Santa Ana

Come one, come all to "Live Smart," the second annual City of Santa Ana's Safety Expo, to be held in Birch Park, 3rd and Ross, Saturday, April 27th and Sunday, April 28th.

Open free to the public each day from noon until 4 pm, the Expo has three facets--Earthquake Preparedness, Environmental Conservation, and Home Safety -- all under the banner of "Living Smart--Be Mother Natures' Smart Partner."

A variety of events are scheduled including rappelling by a search and rescue team, a "Jaws of Life" demonstration, police and fire vehicle display, the earthquake shaking table, and a visit by Yogi Bear handing out safety comic books.

From 1 to 3 pm, local groups and celebrities will entertain you. Country/Western and Rhythm and Blues bands will play for you on Saturday. Energetic Salsa groups will get you moving on Sunday. Both before and after the music, public and private groups will hold demonstrations of various kinds.

Meanwhile, you can visit display booths to learn about poison prevention, get a free water conservation kit, have a free blood pressure check, and get a Medic Alert bracelet for your child. The Santa Ana Police Department will fingerprint your child for your records for free. Private vendors will display their products including first aid safety and emergency preparedness kits.

Local Youth Win Top National Honors

Five Santa Ana High School students accepted a national Keystone Club award on behalf of the local Santa Ana Connections Keystone Club, sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana. The award is one of only eight given yearly to the top service projects submitted from Keystone Clubs across the country.

The award was based on an environmental awareness project created, planned, and conducted by the club. Over 60 Boys and Girls Club members helped clean up Silverado Canyon in the Cleveland National Forest as well as help plant over 1500 trees in Long Beach.

The five youths, Miguel Vazquez, Eddie Alvarez, Sal Enriquez, Juan Macias, and Robert Suarez, accepted the award in Indianapolis, Indiana at the national Keystone conference in March.

Bristol Street Project Back on Track

Santa Ana can proceed with it's \$350 million project to widen and redevelop Bristol Street.

That according to Superior Court Judge Robert Knox who rejected a request by Hermandad Mexicana Nacional, the immigrant rights group, to stop the project.

Hermandad opposed the redevelopment plan particularly because of the demolition of low income housing that makes up a sizeable part of the project.

Plan proponents note the blighted conditions of the homes, apartments and stores along the 3-1/2 mile section of the street from Central to 17th.

City officials said that the project will begin with the widening of the street and renovation of the businesses in the area.

The entire project is not expected to be completed for many years, some saying as many as 35.

Santa Ana Teacher Is One of Best in U.S.

As one of the three "Best Math Teachers in America," Phyllis Baker will soon make her debut on public television.

KET/The Kentucky Network, the largest statewide public television network in the country, began a search last summer for the "Best Math Teacher in America."

Baker, an eighth-grade math and science teacher at Spurgeon Intermediate, was selected to host Math Basics, a 15-segment series which presents basic math concepts to adults.

The course is designed to bring adult students to a skill level where they can begin studying for high school equivalency exams.

Baker is well thought of by her students who say she makes math class "fun." While a 26-year educational veteran, she only began teaching in Santa Ana a year ago.

Where to Go, What to See

Do you have some spare time on the weekend and would like to take in some local hot spots like the Santa Ana Zoo, Discovery Museum, Howe-Waffle House, or the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art?

Or do you just want to take in a play by one of Santa Ana's very unique theatre companies?

Well, you can be the first to get a copy of "Uncle Guy's Treasure Map," a guide to fun stuff in Santa Ana. For the slim price of a stamped, self-addressed envelope, we'll be happy to send you the small brochure after it's printed in early May.

The "Treasure Map" will feature a map of the City with local museums, attractions, theatres, and other spots of interest pointed out (kinda like the Hollywood Map of the Stars, but better).

Send a stamped, large, business sized envelope to Treasure Map, Eye on Santa Ana, P.O. Box 2422, Santa Ana, 92707. We'll send you a copy as soon as it's available.

Police Field Special Task Force

On March 16th, a special unit of the Santa Ana Police Department hit the streets in a concentrated effort to impact certain types of violent criminal activity in the City. Dubbed the "Violent Crime Suppression Task Force," the unit is made up of regular officers and police service officers drawn from the Patrol section and the Gang Unit of the Investigations Division.

The task force is headed up by a lieutenant and supervised in the field by a sergeant. Two teams of officers supported by a police service officer round out the 17 person unit.

The task force will operate City-wide and will concentrate its efforts on violent, illegal gang activity. Lots of case history research and crime analysis is being used to determine locations of violent gang activity to allow the task force to spend more time in areas that need a concentrated law enforcement presence.

The task force will be in the

Homecoming Parade

Operation Orange County Welcome Home is the county's way of saying "Thanks" and giving a first class salute to the local troops who fought in Operation Desert Storm.

On Saturday May 18, thousands of Orange County troops will parade down Alton Parkway, adjacent to the El Toro Marine Base to the cheers of crowds lining the streets.

County officials invite everyone to join the crowd in welcoming our service people back and in joining the festivities afterwards, including military displays of aircraft and land vehicles.

More details will be forthcoming in local newspapers as plans are finalized or you can call the County at 834-2855 for more info.

Crazie Laughter

"Isn't laughter the best medicine?" was the question entertained by the Orange County Crazies, the Santa Ana based, premier improv comedy troupe as they contemplated a way to boost the morale of the American troops in the Persian Gulf.

Operation Desert Smile was created when the Crazies called on the general public to send in funny, humorous items to be forwarded to the troops.

"We wanted to collect any items that might bring a little laughter to our troops to reassure them of our support and lighten their terrible load," said Cherie Kerr, the troupe's artistic director.

"Now that the war is over, we still need to send things so during the clean-up phase, they can have some form of enjoyment while they're waiting to come home -- which could be months from now."

The Crazies will continue to accept items like joke books, comedy audio or video cassettes, funny photos, humorous t-shirts, greeting cards, or any other item that could be easily packaged for overseas shipping.

Call the Crazies at 840-1406 for further information.

field, in uniform, five days per week. The officers will be working the hours when gang and potential violent criminal activity is at its highest.

"We've found that having a large number of officers targeting a specific problem and area in the City until that problem has been reduced or eliminated, has worked in the past. We're confident that it will work for us now," said Lt. Chuck Magdalena, task force commander.

"A difference between this task force and earlier crime suppression efforts is that the officers in this unit will have the opportunity to work with the problem, and with each other, for the length of the project. That increases efficiency and gives the team greater knowledge as to who the 'bad guys' are," Magdalena continued.

Another key component of the task force is the inclusion of four experienced gang investigators whose knowledge and experience will prove invaluable.

Dates to Remember:

April 6 & 20 (Sat) -- Spring Large Item Clean-up -- Clean out your garages, clean up your yards...six locations, no waiting.

April 17, May 15 (Wed) -- Townhall Meetings -- Your opportunity to communicate up close with City leaders.

April 20 (Sat) -- Taft-Sandpointe Family Fair -- Entertainment, food, police and fire demonstrations with the whole City invited.

April 27 & 28 (Sat & Sun) -- "Live Smart" -- a City sponsored expo focusing on conservation, home safety, and earthquake preparedness. Fun and education for the whole family.

April 27 & 28 (Sat & Sun) -- Historic French Park Home Tour Visit ten unique and classical homes, and glimpse into Santa Ana's past.

May 3 - 5 (Fri - Sun) -- Cinco de Mayo -- Fourth Street again becomes a festive location to celebrate and enjoy food and music.

May 18 (Sat) -- Operation Orange County Welcome Home -- See article to left.

June 1 & 2 (Sat & Sun) -- Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour Visit homes, gardens, and studios with architecture from days gone by.

June 8 (Sat) -- Santa Ana Police and Fire Display Show -- One of Santa Ana children's favorite events (adults love it too).

See the Community Calendar section for more information about these events.

Could Use Your Help

These Santa Ana based organizations have needs you might be able to help with.

The Braille Institute is looking for volunteers to work with blind and visually impaired adults.

Volunteers assist in creative arts and Braille classes, appear as guest speakers, and help provide transportation. Call Marty Rogers at 993-5980.

Bilingual moms are needed to act as mentors for pregnant Hispanic teens. Volunteers will provide friendships and role models for these young women in a time of great need. Call Nancy Berg at Upbeat at 568-4422.

The YMCA New Horizons program is a social and recreational program for handicapped youth. They are in need of fun and enthusiastic volunteers to help on overnight weekend camps. Contact Patti Schuck at 547-4121.

Shopping Carts

Abandoned shopping carts in our neighborhoods are a big issue.

And according to Steven Koff, President of the Retail Grocers' Association, over \$7 million is spent in retrieving and replacing shopping carts in California. That money becomes part of the cost of buying our groceries.

If you'd like to see action in reducing the problem, you might want to contact the various supermarkets and ask if they'd start becoming more aggressive at stopping customers from removing the carts from their stores.

Efforts could include security people to watch for illegal removal, warning signs stating the law on cart theft (in more than one language), cart control systems, and exit barriers.

Mr. Koff recommended expressing our feelings to the markets' top executives (instead of local managers) as the best way to get the message across.

Their addresses are:

Jim Springer; Albertsons; P.O. Box 7500; Brea, CA 92622

Roger Wilhelm; Alpha Beta; 777 S. Harbor, La Habra, CA 90631

William Yingling; Lucky; 6565

Knott; Buena Park, CA 90620

George Golleher; Boys/Viva;

Box 42010; Los Angeles, CA 90042

Patrick Collins; Ralphs; P.O. Box

54143; Los Angeles, CA 90054

Jack Brown; Stater Bros; P.O.

Box 150; Colton, CA 92324

Bill Davila; Vons; P.O. Box 3338; Los Angeles, CA 90051.

New May Company Benefits Many

May Company found a unique and charitable way to open their new MainPlace store. They invited local charities to sell \$5 admission tickets to a preview shopping day with all of the money raised through ticket sales going directly to the organizations.

"This is our way to benefit over 100 community and service organizations in the greater Santa Ana area," said May Company President Kenneth Sokol, "while introducing an exciting new May Company to one of the area's finest retailing centers."

The special event on Thursday, April 18th, will feature a twelve hour private party beginning at 9 am in the store and on the roof of the new parking structure. Music, free gifts, and special one day discount coupons will also be included for ticket holders.

A small list of the Santa Ana organizations offering the tax deductible tickets include Boys and Girls Club, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Mana, Moose Lodge, Native Daughters, Pena Referral Center, Rotary Club, S.A. Unified School District, S. A. Historical Society, Vietnamese Community of O.C., YMCA New Horizons, YWCA Child Care Center.

If you'd like to join the party and be one of the first to visit the new store, there's still time to buy a ticket for the special day.

And don't forget that the proceeds go to very worthy causes.

Rancho Santiago Student Newspaper Wins Big

el Don, the Rancho Santiago College student newspaper, has received the prestigious Columbia Scholastic Press Association's Medalist Award for journalistic excellence. In its 66-year history, this is the first time the bi-weekly paper has received an honor as important as this.

With the competition considered the equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize for professional newspapers, el Don was judged against both two and four-year schools from a rigorous evaluation criteria. The paper received a score of 991 out of a possible 1,000 points.

"The college (and community) should be extremely proud of Editor-in-Chief Greg Creel and his staff," said Charles Little, el Don advisor.



At AYSO, Everyone Plays

"Everyone plays" is the philosophy of the American Youth Soccer Organization (A.Y.S.O.), and in the Santa Ana Region, they really mean it. Each and every registered boy and girl, ages 5 to 18, plays 3/4th of every game, more guaranteed playing time than other regions offer.

If your child had never played soccer before and you only know its played with a ball that has spots, take heed, American Youth Soccer is for new as well as veteran players.

The coaches use a positive attitude to make it fun for everyone. Parent volunteers are trained as coaches and referees and help out at "team parent" and committee members. Numerous activities happen throughout the season making it fun for the whole family.

All of the fall season games are played at McFadden Intermediate School on Raitt St, a great convenience for families with more than one player who may be driving around from one field to another.

Players are rated by ability with teams balanced to create and ensure fair competition. Boys and girls play together on mixed teams in the younger age groups but are separated into a boys league and a girls league for the older players.

As always, at the end of the season, players will be eligible to try out for the "All Star" and "Region Champ" teams and play against the equivalent teams of the other 5 local regions. Last year, five teams from Santa Ana went into post season play.

On Saturday May 11 and 18, registration for the fall soccer league will be held at McFadden Intermediate School, 2701 S. Raitt St, between Warner and Segerstrom from 10 am until 2 pm. Boys and girls age 5 to 18 are eligible to play.

Registration fees are \$35 each with a sliding scale for brothers and sisters: a family of 3 or more players can register for \$90 total. The "everyone plays" philosophy extends into registration. Financial problems will not keep a child from playing in Santa Ana's A.Y.S.O.: scholarships are available. According to Commissioner Tom Anaya, "No child wanting to play soccer will be turned away due to a lack of funds."

Playing soccer in Santa Ana A.Y.S.O. is one of the best deals around. Each player receives a uniform of socks, shirt, and shorts and also receives a region souvenir pin, individual and team photo packet, and a player of the week certificate. In addition, each player receives a personalized trophy and year book at the closing ceremonies regardless of the team standing. All for only \$35.

A "V.I.P. League" will be starting this fall with the assistance of the Santa Ana Unified School District's Special Education Department. This new league is for boys and girls of all ages who want to play soccer and feel the pride of being on a team, but have a handicap of some degree preventing them from playing in the other league. The basic game will be modified and some players will have a "buddy" to help them play the game.

For more information, or if you're interested in becoming a team sponsor (for only \$150), call 540-1626.

MALDEF Begins New Hispanic Leadership Program

The Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) will begin an Advanced Leadership and Professional Development Program in Orange County beginning in April. The national Hispanic civil rights organization, well known for its litigation activities in employment, education, voting rights, and immigration, has long recognized the need to increase the representation of Hispanics on policy-making boards and commissions.

In response to this, MALDEF established a Hispanic Leadership Program in 1980. Since that time, over 1,300 individuals have participated in such cities as Chicago, Dallas, San Antonio, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Over half of the graduates now serve on public or private boards and commissions at the local, state, and national levels.

The significant shift in the demographic composition of Hispanics in Orange County presents both a challenge and an opportunity for MALDEF's program. The Orange County Leadership Program, based in Santa Ana, will be aimed at developing the skills necessary to make Hispanics viable candidates for appointment to private and public boards and commissions.

In April the first group of participants will attend a combination of weekly and monthly seminars and workshops as well as work on a research project. The full program will take seven months to complete.

The curriculum of the Leadership Program will be multifaceted, focusing on the core development areas of management, business, board and community leadership, and personal life. The program will also include a discussion of international, national, and local issues, and the development of papers relating to public policy issues important to the Hispanic community.

A \$50 registration fee will be charged for the training. The fee may be waived or reduced depending on the applicant's financial circumstances.

The first group of participants begin in April, but additional 7 month programs begin in May, June, and July.

For additional information, please contact John Palacio, Orange County Leadership Program Director at 543-7191 or stop by the Santa Ana office, 601 W. 17th St., Suite D.

Two other excellent leadership programs are available to Santa Ana residents.

The Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Santa Ana is a four year old program focusing on Santa Ana issues and leadership roles. There are no ethnic limitations. Classes begin in October and applications begin in June. Call Sara Humphries at the Chamber at 541-5353 for more details or an application form.

United Way offers a Hispanic Leadership Institute to enhance the leadership and organization skills of Hispanics/Latinos in our community. Their fifth year of classes began in March. If you'd like additional information, contact Frank Dominguez with United Way at 660-7600.

Both of these programs will be profiled in a future issue of Eye on Santa Ana.

Santa Ana Gold

Only part-way through the school year, students in Santa Ana schools are already bringing home the gold in honors and achievements.

The Knowledge Master team at MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate placed first in Orange County, third in California, and 20th in the nation in the 15th Knowledge Master Open. They set a district record by correctly answering 196 of 200 questions.

Spurgeon Intermediate was one of only five schools in the nation to be selected to participate in the QUASAR Project. This is a national initiative to improve the mathematics instruction in middle schools serving economically disadvantaged communities.

Century High School's 1989-90 yearbook was recognized by Taylor Publishing Company for excellence in page design and will be included in The Yearbook Yearbook, a collection of works from throughout the nation.

Lisa Spears, a MacArthur Fundamental sixth grader, tied for first place at the Orange County Elementary Spelling Bee in January. The two winners will represent Orange County at the state spelling competition in May.

As a finalist in the "October 12, 1492: Meeting of Two Worlds" essay contest, Saddleback senior Hieu Truong was invited to an awards presentation at the consul general of Spain's home in Los

Angeles. His essay was one of 20 winners from 1,400 contestants.

Century High School set a county record as the youngest high school to win a team sweepstakes trophy at the Orange County Speech League Tournament. Century won eight awards to qualify for the sweepstakes.

Valley seniors William Britton and Amaya Jackson were commended by the National Negro Scholastic Recognition Program. The students scored in the upper six percent of 90,000 black students who requested consideration when they took the 1989 PSAT/NMSQT.

Three students were among only 3,000 U.S. students to be named semifinalists for the Hispanic Scholar Awards Program. They were Valley senior Teresa Flores and Saddleback seniors David Roberts and Rogelio Mendoza.

Four exemplary district programs were recognized by the California School Boards Association with prestigious Golden Bells. This brings the districts total to 20 Golden Bells since 1983, the largest accumulation of the awards among the state's more than 1,000 school districts.

If you'd like to help the progress continue, contact your neighborhood school to learn of opportunities to volunteer.

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Riverview West

Residents came out in force in January to clean-up their neighborhood. In addition to cleaning trash and litter from streets and alleys, households cleaned out their garages and yards to the tune of five filled trash dumpsters.

Neighborhood leaders used the opportunity to speak with other residents about the neighborhood organization and the need for their help to make it work. They used bi-lingual handouts and the discussions were also in Spanish.

At the February meeting, Robyn Uptegraff, Executive Director of the City's Planning and Building Agency, spoke to residents on the proposed property maintenance ordinances coming up on the council agenda. Those in attendance were overwhelmingly supportive of the ordinances and the effort to clean up the City.

Riverview West is a coalition of several neighborhoods with common problems and concerns. They meet the third Monday of each month at the Police Substation at Harbor and McFadden at 6:30 pm.

Their next meeting is April 15. All local residents are invited to attend to discuss concerns and possible actions as well as to meet their fellow neighbors.

Northeast

They're back. After a few years of hibernation, the Northeast Neighborhood Association has revived a steering committee to keep the neighborhood informed on proposed development projects and improvements in the area.

These developments include the I-5 widening and potential re-direction of traffic on local streets, the high density/intensity Main Street Concourse project, and other major developments in the area of MainPlace Mall.

A recent general meeting brought Ken Adams from the Planning Department out to speak on the Concourse project.

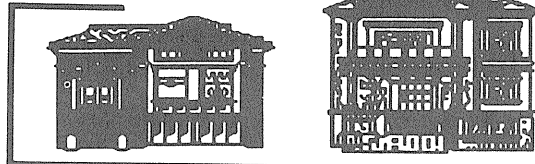
Expect to hear from the Northeast neighborhood in the near future as the issues, interest, and enthusiasm continue to spark.

Bristol/Warner

The Bristol/Warner Neighborhood has been working in conjunction with the Southwest area C.O.P. (Community Oriented Policing). A recent meeting brought almost 40 residents out to hear a member of the Police Department gang detail speak about local gang activity and the police response.

A new ordinance requiring conditional use permits for new cellular telephone relay towers was recently approved by City Council. This new rule came in response to concerns brought up last year by the neighborhood regarding these tall towers. The permit will give affected residents some say over future towers in their area.

As a general note to all residents of the City, members of the neighborhood wanted to stress the importance of keeping active in their area C.O.P. as well as forging a strong neighborhood organization. Since both groups compliment rather than duplicate efforts, neighborhood concerns can often be resolved easier and quicker by the two working together.



In Our Neighborhoods

Laurelhurst

The executive board of the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association met in March and discussed general procedures and regulations of the organization.

A sample of their new neighborhood newsletter was shown and approved by the board. The first issue will be out in April.

New projects were also brought up as well as an update on the established ones including graffiti removal, the bike trail, security, and safety issues.

Improvements to the block wall surrounding the neighborhood are also being discussed with the City.

A general meeting will be held during the second week of April.

Sandpointe

Planning is underway for the 2nd annual neighborhood fair, this year co-sponsored with Taft Elementary School. Featured will be food booths, entertainment, police and public safety demonstrations, contractor booths, and even a neighborhood wide swap meet.

All City residents are invited to come to the Taft-Sandpointe Family Fair on Saturday, April 20th from 10 am to 3 pm at Taft School on the corner of Flower and Sunflower.

Neighborhood leaders are holding meetings with the Recreation and Community Services Department on the renovation of the clubhouse in Sandpointe Park.

A neighborhood fund raising garage sale will be held on Saturday, April 6th in the 1300 block of South Broadway. The sale raises money for the neighborhood newsletter, block parties, and other programs.

Heninger Park

At their recent meeting, Beth Aldecoa spoke about resident concerns over code enforcement. In addition, Police Lt. Chavez discussed recent crime trends in the City and what residents could do to increase their security.

Councilman Rob Richardson attended as a visitor and answered questions from the audience.

Elections have been held and Charlotte Thomas is again president of the neighborhood association. Lim Cho is vice president, Nikki Sands is secretary, and Maria Casiano is treasurer.

Yolanda Gandara and Jennie Flores volunteered for the Ways and Means Committee for fund raising for neighborhood projects.

Responding to concerns from the neighborhood, the City's Traffic Department has placed a traffic counter on Bishop. They've also added a few stop signs in the neighborhood in an attempt to slow down traffic.

Bristol Manor

Bristol Manor is leading the effort to collect new and used trophies for the Santa Ana and Orange County Special Olympics. They've already collected about 400 trophies and need at least that many more to cover both Special Olympic events.

If you have a trophy or two that's collecting dust and you'd like to see it go towards a very worthy cause, give Kim McPeck a call at 835-3299.

The neighborhood is trying to piece together a city-wide "I Love Santa Ana" rally to be held this summer. Organizers hope to involve other neighborhoods, schools, and groups as well as individual residents who want to show their pride. If you'd like to help out even a little, call Kim.

A rummage sale is in the wings to raise funds for neighborhood programs and projects. It's set for Saturday, April 27 at a location still to be determined.

If you have items you wish to donate, give Greg or Sue Wulff a call at 540-4642.

The curbs, gutter, and sidewalks of Bristol Manor have been receiving a sprucing up and, in some cases, major renovation in recent months. Sidewalks were constructed for the first time along a section of Warner, next to Washinton School.

Bristol Manor Neighborhood meets on the 2nd Tuesday of even number months at 7 pm at the Memorial Park Recreation Center on Flower Street. Their next meeting will be on April 9th. Everyone is invited to attend.

Special Events in the Neighborhoods

April 6 (Sat) Fund-raising Garage Sale for Wilshire Square

April 20 (Sat) Taft-Sandpointe Family Fair

April 27 (Sat) Fund-raising Garage Sale for Bristol Manor

April 27-28 (Sat-Sun) Historic French Park Home Tour

June 1-2 (Sat-Sun) Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour

South Coast

Activity in the South Coast Neighborhood has been slow in recent months after the resignation of their chairman. No one has yet taken the role.

One concern raised by residents has been the increase of young adults partying at Bomo Park on the weekends, complete with loud music and alcohol. Burglaries in homes lining the park have also increased. Residents are looking at what the neighborhood could do to get additional City help in solving those problems.

Indian Village

The Indian Village neighborhood is pleased with the successful results of the installation of "permit parking" signs on several of their neighborhood streets.

Thanks to the assistance of Tom Jordon of Housing and Terri Eggers of Neighborhood Improvement, the neighborhood already has seen a marked reduction of non-resident parking. In addition as a side benefit, trash and litter have been reduced.

The neighborhood continues to meet on a regular basis discussing goals and objectives. Their next meeting will be on April 17th at 7 pm at the Jackson Elem. School.

Northwest

The Northwest Neighborhood has been working with the Army Corp of Engineers and the County on improvements to Santiago Creek regarding flood control. The Army had planned to replace most of the green growth with concrete, changing the atmosphere of the creek bed area.

At their next meeting in April, Supervisor Roger Stanton will speak to the residents about county issues and the upcoming jail funding proposition.

Already, the park is undergoing a clean-up and the basketball and tennis courts have been resurfaced.

The neighborhood is keeping up to date on upcoming home and business improvements in the area with a copy of the Planning Department's 6 month rolling calendar.

The next general meeting will be held on May 9th at 7 pm at MacArthur Intermediate School.

Wilshire Square

Plans for the 3rd Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour are in full swing with Tour Chairman Gitta Wachsman overseeing the many committees and teams the event requires. This year, in addition to homes, outdoor gardens and artist studios will be included on the tour. Advance tickets are available. For further information see the notice in this issue of Eye on Santa Ana.

The basic C.O.P. principles of residential cooperation, to stop crime, was affirmed recently when a rash of uncommon burglaries in Wilshire Square moved the neighborhood into action. Word of the garage break-ins spread through the grapevine with neighbors keeping an extra watch for intruders.

At the neighborhood's February meeting, Police Department officers talked about home security and what residents could do to help catch the bad guys.

Within several weeks, neighborhood calls and a police stakeout resulted in three arrests. Police credit the quick neighborhood response and the willingness to cooperate as helpful to the effort to stop the "crime spree".

The neighborhood held a general meeting in March with Mayor Pro Tem Miguel Pulido and Councilman Rob Richardson speaking on City issues and answering questions posed by the audience.

Washington Square

On behalf of the Washington Square Neighborhood, the Board of Directors would like to welcome back all Santa Ana residents or relatives of residents who participated in Operation Desert Storm. "Welcome home and we thank you for a job well done."

The neighborhood is celebrating the closure of the Rancho Santiago "El Mercado" Swap Meet that has been a nuisance to the neighborhood for the past three years. They look forward to peaceful, litter free, and less congested streets on Sundays to come.

Washington Square is planning for a busy year. A neighborhood garage sale will be held July 13 & 14, the Summer Neighborhood Party on Sept. 14, and the Christmas Decorating Contest and Caroling Party on Dec 11.

The neighborhood is also in the infant stages of planning a home tour similar to the ones in French Park and Wilshire Square. The idea behind the tour is to show off some of the neighborhood's more unique and individual homes and the different approaches to decorating older homes.

In addition, the tour would advertise Washington Square as a nice and desirable place to live for prospective residents.

The tentative date scheduled for the event is October 26 and 27. Further details will be published in Eye on Santa Ana as they develop.

The next general meeting of the neighborhood will be on April 4 at the Wilson Elementary School at 7 pm when a speaker from the City's Planning Department will talk about proposed City ordinances on overcrowding, push carts, and property maintenance. A slide show and report on the Santa Ana Zoo will also be featured.

Saddleback View

Residents of the neighborhood are watching the widening of I-5 with great interest. With freeway construction in full swing, many have been inconvenienced with the temporary closure of 4th St. due to the bridge demolition.

At a recent neighborhood meeting, officials of CalTrans updated residents on the construction timetable and answered questions about concerns homeowners had.

Some residents of Patricia St. have already sold their homes to CalTrans. The lots will be restructured and resold by the transportation agency.

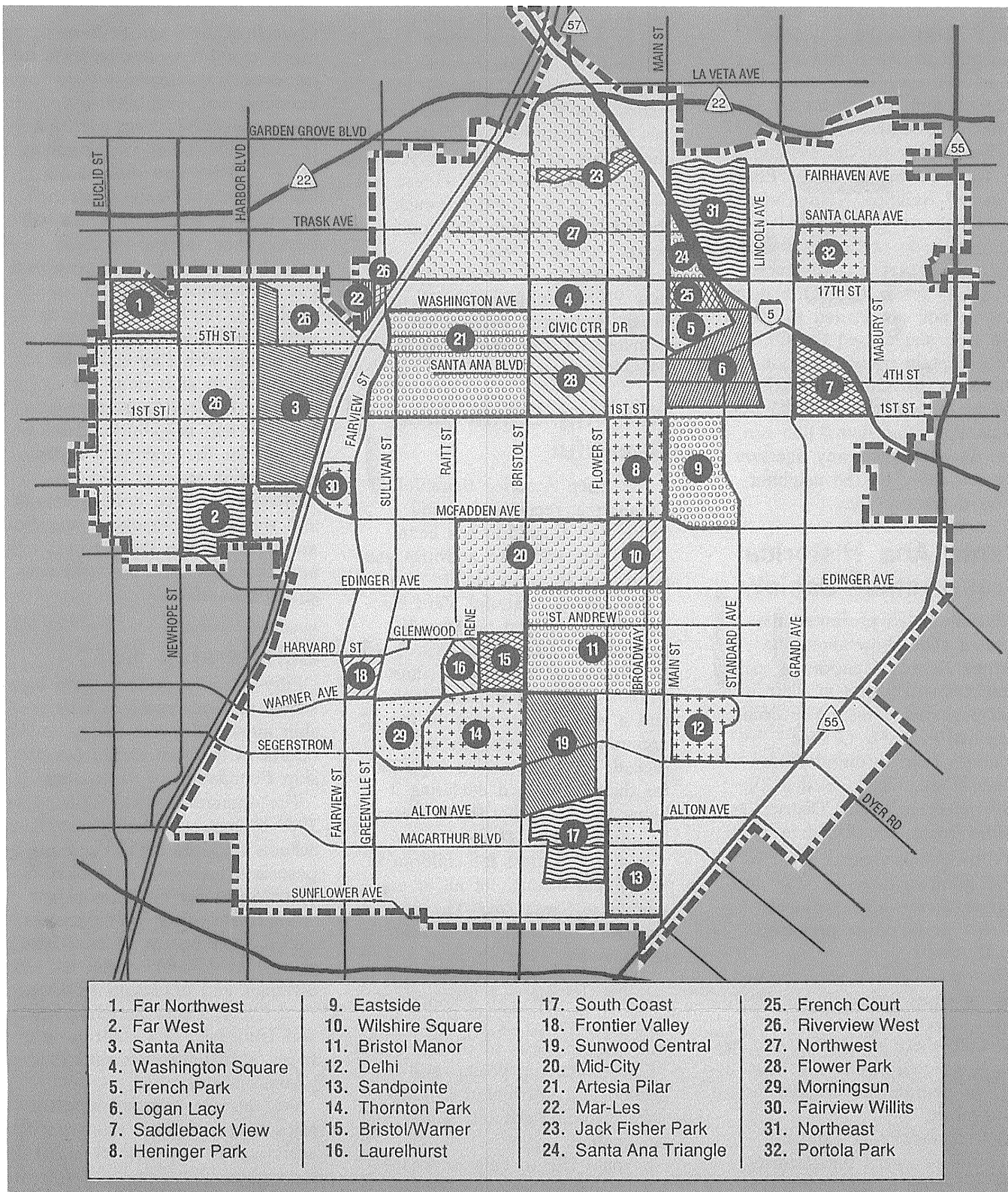
Portola Park

Santa Ana's 32nd neighborhood association and our newest, Portola Park enjoyed a very successful first meeting in February with over 50 residents attending.

Joseph Pierce was elected Chairman, Thomas Clark was elected Co-Chairman, and Mrs. John Hanna was affirmed as Secretary.

Councilman Rob Richardson was a guest speaker expressing his thoughts about neighborhood problems and fielding questions from members of the audience regarding some of their concerns.

A steering committee was formed to discuss and focus on issues of concern to the residents.



Fisher Park

One of Fisher Park's main efforts of late has been the redesign and improvement of Jack Fisher Park into a formal garden. In cooperation with the City's Parks Department, residents have been visiting botanical gardens and talking with horticulturists about the best options for the park.

Ron Ono, Park Design Manager of the Recreation Department, is helping the neighborhood in creating the design concept.

While new security lights have been approved by the City council for the park, installation has been delayed at the request of the neighborhood pending the redesign.

The neighborhood's next meeting will be on Thursday, April 18 at 7 pm in the Fisher Park log cabin.

Mid-City

Recently, Mid-City neighbors have been meeting on a monthly basis. Gilda Brown has joined Allan Turonek as co-chair.

At a recent meeting Dave Hermance, of the City's Planning and Building Department, spoke about new proposed ordinances on overcrowding and property maintenance.

At the next meeting, a Police Department representative will speak about local security and try to answer any questions residents may have about policing issues.

French Park

The Historic French Park Association is once again holding a historic home tour on April 27th and 28th from 10 am to 4 pm. Ten historic homes and buildings will be open for viewing. A tour booklet will be included in the \$9 ticket price.

Tickets will be available in French Park (north on French St. from Civic Center Dr., at the corner of Minter, French, and Tenth) the days of the tour or see the notice in this issue to buy advance sale, discount tickets..

Debbie and Ron McEwen hosted the Annual Christmas Dinner at the historic Keech-Klatt House on the corner of Bush and Washington Streets. Over 125 people attended.

A silent auction of craft items featured handmade Christmas items and paintings.

Even Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer was there, pulling a sleigh around the front yard. Guests had their picture taken with the popular deer.

The neighborhood is working on a plan to move a Victorian house to a vacant lot on Lacy Street.

Also, owners of the Duggan House are making progress toward occupancy in their home (which is in the process of being completely renovated).

Thornton Park

Members of the Thornton Park Neighborhood Association celebrated their first year anniversary, having met for over a year now.

General meetings are held three times a year and feature guest speakers talking on a variety of issues and concerns affecting the neighborhood.

The steering committee meets the third Tuesday of every month to plan and organize upcoming projects and events.

Interested In Your Neighborhood?

If you would like help organizing your fellow neighbors to improve your neighborhood or if you'd just like information on your local neighborhood organization, contact the City's Neighborhood Improvement office at 667-2260. They'll be glad to help.

Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee

At the March meeting, Councilman Miguel Pulido discussed a possible compromise push cart ordinance with representatives of the City's organized neighborhoods.

At another recent meeting, Dave Hermance and Jim Lingren from the Planning and Building Agency spoke about the proposed property maintenance and overcrowding ordinances. They answered questions from the neighborhood representatives in attendance and listened to other concerns about enforcement, push carts, and the noise ordinance.

Lee Harry, Water Resources Manager for the City talked about the new water conservation ordinance and what it means for residents. Information and conservation kits were available for representatives to bring back to their neighborhoods.

The idea of a citywide picnic to be held in the spring/summer was brought up. Kim McPeck from Bristol Manor asks that volunteers to help with the planning give him a call at 835-3299.

The Committee is open to all neighborhoods and meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month. Call 667-2260 for further information.

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

SAMSON is planning to hold a luncheon in June with a guest speaker from the company hoping to build a 57 freeway extension over the Santa Ana River trail. Representatives from the organized neighborhoods in the City are invited to attend.

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

Community Oriented Policing (COP)

The City-Wide C.O.P. meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers on Wed., April 17 at 7:30 pm. The District Commanders will give an update on Problem Oriented Policing (P.O.P.).

The speaker for the evening will be Dave Hermance of the Planning and Building Agency who will speak on the proposed ordinances on occupancy/overcrowding and property maintenance.

All City residents, C.O.P. members or not, are invited to attend.

In case you missed the C.O.P. block captain training session in March or are interested in becoming one, contact Dee at 543-2834 about upcoming dates. She can also answer almost any question you may have on the neighborhood watch program.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

Evaline Pulati presented her narrated slide show about the historic French Mansion to society members and guests at their recent annual dinner. The ornate mansion, probably Orange County's most beautiful Queen Anne house, was located in the Historic French Park District before being demolished in 1970.

Historic Preservation Awards were given to three persons and organizations who represented significant preservation projects in Santa Ana.

Henrietta Crowell was honored for her preservation of her 1880's home in Washington Square. She has lived there since 1901 and has beautifully maintained the house without altering the original historic fabric.

Robert and Paula Fainbarg received an award for restoring and returning to active use the once-vacant Old Santa Ana

Laundry Company building at 1111 E. Fourth St.

The First Church of Christ Scientist was also honored. Located at 920 N. Main St, the church is one of the finest Gothic Revival churches in Southern California. Constructed in 1922-23, the building has been beautifully maintained throughout its 69-year history.

The Dr. Howe-Waffle House will be open as part of the French Park Historic Home Tour on April 27th and 28th.

Membership in the Society is only \$10 for individuals, \$15 for a family. For more information on membership, call Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

Keeping Santa Ana Beautiful

The Keep America Beautiful Committee, recently renamed Santa Ana Beautiful, has been pretty busy with two activities you might like to know about.

The annual Beautiful Yard Contest will be judged on May 18 and announced in June. Yards will be chosen on the basis of most attractive and/or maintained look and a winner from each of the 32 organized neighborhoods will be picked. Winners receive a plaque for their front yard declaring it being their neighborhood's "Most Beautiful Yard."

A poster contest for children is being held throughout all of the schools in Santa Ana. The posters deal with the theme of anti-litter and keeping our City clean.

Each school level (elementary, intermediate, and high school) will have its own set of winners who will receive prizes of savings bonds.

One of the top posters will be printed and distributed to locations including schools, stores, and bus shelters.

If you'd like to help or would like further information, contact Ellen Ward at 647-6561.

Heritage Committee

The Heritage Committee, a committee of the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture, meets monthly to discuss ways to preserve Santa Ana's historic buildings and neighborhoods.

Representatives from each historic neighborhood are compiling a list of tours and slide shows which highlight Santa Ana's rich architectural history. The list will be modified for use by high school teachers for field trips and guest programs, but could be applicable for those wishing to plan organizational programs.

Working with City staff, the committee is embarking on a program to provide primary research and neighborhood background for the upcoming historic preservation strategy plan.

Members will be doing research and windshield surveys of specific areas included in the list of approximately 6000 pre-1945 constructed buildings.

Scholarship \$\$\$\$

Fifty-seven more Santa Ana high school students received scholarship money last year thanks to the efforts of the Partnership Scholarship Foundation of Santa Ana.

The organization was founded in 1989 by parents from intermediate schools in Santa Ana. Their purpose is to generate additional scholarships for local students.

Funds are raised by bake sales, raffles, food booths at local fairs as well as donations from individuals and organizations.

Last year, Lucky Supermarkets and University of California at Irvine also donated toward the parent's efforts.

Students are awarded scholarships based on their academic achievement and their potential for higher education.

If you'd like would like to help, call Christina Rios at 856-8727

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HISTORIC FRENCH PARK HOME TOUR



Come and visit one of the oldest and most historic neighborhoods in Santa Ana. Ten unique historic homes will be open for your enjoyment, offering an unusual glimpse into Santa Ana's past, as well as its future.

Tickets are available for the pre-sale donation price of \$7.50 per person. Tickets the day of the tour will be \$9.00. They're available at French Park, 917 North French Street. Price includes a souvenir tour booklet. For more information, call Diann Marsh at 714-541-2441.

Pre-sale orders must be received by April 15.

YES! I would like to attend the Home Tour. Enclosed is my check made out to HISTORIC FRENCH PARK ASSOCIATION in the donation amount of \$ _____ for _____ tour admissions.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____


PHONE _____

Mail to: Historic French Park Association, P.O. Box 1452, Santa Ana, CA 92702

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27,
AND SUNDAY, APRIL 28
10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

Wilshire Square Historic HomeTour 1991

The third annual home tour from one of Santa Ana's most picturesque neighborhoods offers beauty and history for all. This year's tour features homes from a wide variety of architectural styles. Also highlighted on the tour will be some prominent neighborhood gardens and resident artist's studios showcasing their artwork. The tour price is \$8.00. Pre-sale and senior discount price is \$7.00. For more information call 547-7317



**Saturday, June 1
Sunday, June 2
11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

I would like to attend the Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour. Enclosed is my check made out to Wilshire Square in the donation amount of \$ _____ for _____ tour admissions.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

Mail to: WILSHIRE SQUARE HISTORIC HOME TOUR, P.O. Box 2441, Santa Ana, Ca 92707

Teetering Relationship

The Orange County Center for Contemporary Art is sponsoring a series of events entitled, "Earth/People: A Teetering Relationship," to address concepts about our relationship to the earth and to each other.

The first event will be an exhibition of interactive installations by artists Jerry Burchfield, Sheila Pinkel, and Beverly Naidus. The exhibit will be held at OCCCA's galleries at 3621 W. MacArthur Blvd., #111, from April 24 to May 24 with an opening reception and performance by Burchfield on Sat, April 27 from 7-9 pm.

On Saturday, May 11, OCCCA will sponsor a workshop, multi-media presentation, and panel discussion focusing on liberating human energy and shifts in consciousness. For more information about the program and the events, call Pat Merrill at 891-5555.

Mobile Home Survey

Responding to concerns expressed by mobile home park residents and owners, the Santa Ana Housing Advisory Commission conducted an independent survey of park owners and residents late last year to understand perceptions and concerns about quality of life issues in the parks.

Overall, the survey found that the majority of residents felt mobile home parks were good places to live, especially in retirement years, with affordability and a sense of community among neighbors named as the best things about mobile home living.

Key concerns generally included repairs, maintaining common areas, communication between residents and owner, and safety.

A copy of the survey will be available at the Main Library after its opening in May (or call 667-2240 for more information).



The Kellogg House

by Diann Marsh

Hiram Clay Kellogg loved wooden sailing ships. He designed the three-story-high circular staircase that is the centerpiece of the elegant Kellogg House to reflect many of the design elements and carvings of the ships that sailed the seas in 1898, when the house was built. It was termed one of the finest Neo-classical Victorian homes in Orange County.

Kellogg designed and built the house for his second wife, Vi, and their first child, Helen. Vi and Hiram were married in 1895 and began to plan their new home, to be located at the corner of Orange and Walnut, in a fashionable area of Santa Ana. Each detail received special attention, including the paintings of fruit on the dining room ceiling and flowers on the parlor ceiling.

By 1903, the family now included Leonard Frank (born in 1899), Hiram Clay Jr. (1900), and Rose Oahu (1903). A photograph on the wall in the upstairs hall of the house shows four beautifully-dressed blonde children, posing for their formal portrait.

Hiram Clay Kellogg was a native Californian born in 1855 in Napa County. He moved with his family to a ranch south of Anaheim in May of 1869. He was the oldest of the nine children of Benjamin and Mary Kellogg, pioneers from the East Coast.

After graduating from Wilson College in Wilmington in 1879 with a degree in civil engineering, Hiram took contracts to set out vineyards in Anaheim, Placentia, and Pasadena. In 1883 he received a contract to survey and lay out the entire townsite of Elsinore. A few years later, he surveyed the townsite of Corona. He was very involved in the water and irrigation fields and for ten years served as Chief Engineer for the Anaheim Union Water Company. His fame spread throughout the southwest, and in 1893 he became the construction engineer for the dam at Gila Bend in Arizona.

Back in Orange County in 1894, he was elected as County Surveyor. In the early 1900's, he was traveling again, this time to the Sandwich Islands as Chief Engineer.

The Kellogg family today has many fond memories of the house, which they owned until 1980. A nephew, Ralph Michaelson, tells of the year he lived with the Kelloggs. He was in first grade at the time and remembers the house and its abundance of nooks and crannies full of exciting things.

How he loved to explore the house! There was the frame of a canoe in the basement that his Uncle Frank had built. There was a go-cart called the "Irish Mail" that was propelled by a hand lever. A pair of cast concrete bears, which flanked the front steps, were lots of fun to ride upon. There was a player piano on which Aunt Rose used to play such tunes as "Let the Rest of the World Go By," while the family joined in.

To Ralph's young eyes, the house seemed huge. There was a little room at the top of the stairs that to him seemed like a giant tower. Ralph especially remembers the end of the day, when Grandfather Kellogg would return from work to give him a big hug.

Hiram died in 1921, at the age of 66. Vi survived him and lived until 1963, when she was 93 years old.

When the house and lot were to be sold in 1980, members of the community, who loved the house and recognized its value, made arrangements with the Santa Ana Unified School District to move the house to the present site on West Harvard where it is used as a teaching site for young people to learn about the past.

Today the Kellogg House is decorated and furnished in authentic Victorian decor. Little has been changed of the basic floor plan, central stairway, elaborate woodwork, and Neo-classical exterior. Viewing the interior of the house is like stepping back in time to the turn of the century. The double parlor, oval dining room, kitchen, bath, and bedrooms feature authentic antiques--many hands-on Victorian artifacts.

The Kellogg House and the Discovery Museum are located at 3101 W. Harvard St., off Fairview, south of Centennial Park, and are open every Saturday and Sunday, except major holidays, from 11 am to 3 pm for a nominal charge. Families are welcome. For more information, please call the Discovery Museum at 540-0404.



Uncle Guy's



Easy Way to Save Our Planet

Part 4

Grandma Harriet loves to tell the story about how she and Grandpa Howard disassembled a house that was to be demolished and reassembled it on a piece of land they owned. They reused the lumber, the windows, the roofing, and even many of the nails. The date was 1928, the year before the Great Depression started.

Were Grandma and Grandpa the first of the recycling environmentalists? No, but they did recognize the value of reusing rather than just throwing something out.

And that's just as important today, though for different reasons. What can you do? Look for ways to reuse the items you're about to toss out.

Here's a couple of suggestions:

If you're going to get rid of old clothes, shoes, silverware, small appliances, books, toys, etc, think about giving them to charities such as Goodwill, Salvation Army or CHOC. Besides giving the items a second chance at life with someone who will use them, the group makes a few dollars from their resale and our landfills now have extra space. We all win. Of course, if your neighborhood is holding a garage sale to raise funds, you might want to hold the items for them. Uncle Guy has a box in the garage just for this purpose.

Plastic grocery bags seem all the rage lately. If you throw them away, you're wasting a valuable resource...oil. Instead, stuff them in one big bag and drop them off occasionally at your local Ralphs, Thriftys, Alpha Beta, or Lucky for recycling. They have a marked box in the front of the store for that very purpose.

Magazines can be circulated another time by bringing them to a doctor's or hospital's waiting room, giving them to friends, or dropping them off at your local senior's retirement home or center.

And just a few more tips before I leave you for another issue:

Buy a container or two of ladybugs at your local nursery or Home Depot. They just love to munch on aphids and mites, cutting your need for insecticide. When you must use insecticide, try the new organic ones which are actually a mild soap.

Cut those plastic six-pack rings. Birds and other animals get entangled in them and strangle to death. To remedy that, just take a scissor and snip, snip, snip. Tweety Bird thanks you.

Give your spouse, friend, parents, or grandparents a gift of a beautiful living plant instead of cut flowers next time. They'll always think of you when they see it in their garden and that's awful darn nice.

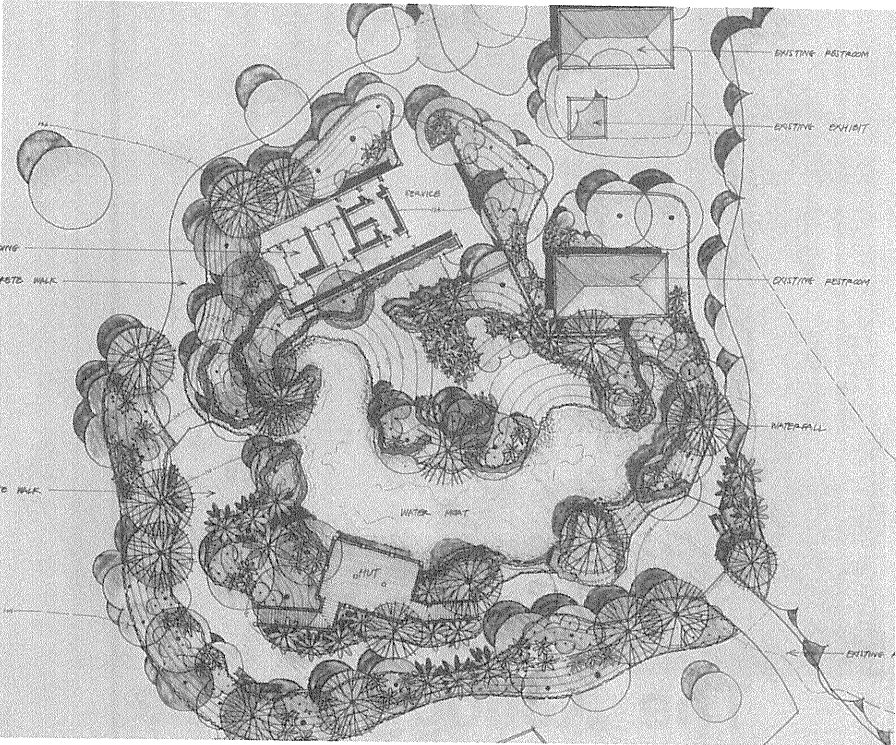
Print or copy on two sides. The next time you're generating a 20 page report that no one will ever really read anyway, how about copying it on both sides instead of just one. Many modern office copiers will do this function automatically (if you can figure out the right button to press).

Book Corner: If it's true that actions speak louder than words, then "Grow Your Own Trees: A Book and Seeds" by Tony Secunda and John Dyson (Chronicle Books) speaks louder than most. Not only does the book describe ten species of trees but it gives you the seeds to grow them. The book is nicely illustrated with clear-cut (whoops) planting directions. Geared to all ages.

See you next time!

Special thanks to "Two Minutes A Day For A Greener Planet" by Marjorie Lamb.

Monkey Island



The Santa Ana Zoo's long-awaited new primate exhibit, nicknamed Monkey Island, is now under way. Designs are being finalized for the \$600,000 exhibit which will be home to black howler monkeys and capybaras, the first time these two South American animals are displayed in a single habitat.

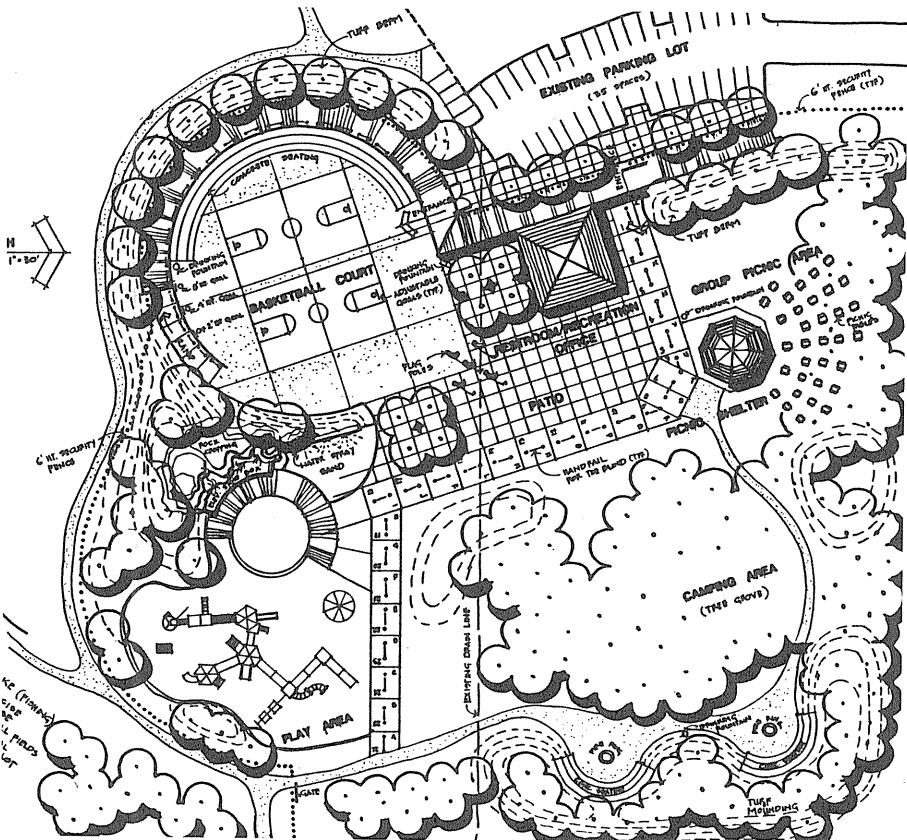
"Monkey Island" will be built to resemble a small riverbank in the South American tropical grasslands and is designed for the comfort of its animals but with an eye towards visitors who would like to observe the unique primates.

"A great portion of the exhibit will be visible to visitors, with a number of scenic views available for watching the playful antics of the monkeys and the fascinating behavior of the capybara," noted Don Henry, project manager of POD/Sasaki, the international architectural firm who designed the project.

"The new habitat will provide a true island in our unique urban zoo; an island of education and enlightenment about the animals and their world," said Trudy Thomas, member of the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo board.

As the world renowned Santa Ana Zoo celebrates their 40th birthday, the City Council recently approved a \$10.8 million master plan which will enhance the zoo's extensive primate collection and provide for logical growth at the zoo's 20.5 acre site.

No-Barrier Park



The Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana has long had a dream for a park for the physically handicapped to feel comfortable playing in. With fund raising about to begin, it will soon be a reality. The innovative project already got a shot in the arm last year when, after talking with the City, the Kiwanis were promised a dedication of a six acre corner of Thornton Park for this purpose.

The park will be built in sections, as funds are raised. The first section will include swings, climbing areas, merry-go-round,

and a sandbox -- all wheel chair accessible.

The second phase will include a camping area with fire rings and picnic tables. The last part will include basketball courts with movable backboards.

The entire project is expected to cost between \$350-400,000. An informational brochure is being completed and will officially launch the fundraising.

If you'd like more information on the project or would like to help, contact George Upton with the Kiwanis at 605 N. French St., Santa Ana 92701.

"Why We Should All Eat Out On Saturday and Sunday"

by Catherine C. Cate

Oh, joy! This is it: two perfect reasons to eat out both on Saturday and Sunday in Santa Ana -- "Pop's Cafe" at 112 E. 9th Street, and "Mon Petite Cafe" at 904 N. Main Street.

These two excellent family-owned establishments are within sight of each other with similarly priced but totally different menus -- and *viva la difference*.

If you're in the mood for a hearty omelette, hash brown (or O'Brien) potatoes, sausage and pancakes, or a "country breakfast" hamburger patty smothered in well-seasoned creamy gravy, "Pop's" is the place. And it's open seven days a week from 7 am till 2 pm.

But if you're looking for a lighter fare along the lines of a flaky croissant coaxed into a light French toast or filled with ham and eggs, or maybe a couple of bagels or pastries accompanied by cappuccino or espresso, *je recommande* "Mon Petite Cafe," which is open till 5 pm Monday through Friday and until 2 pm on Saturday.

Fortunately, they're both open for sit-down and take-out lunches,

with "Mon Petite Cafe" (543-6445) specializing in deli-style sandwiches and catering (as well as a variety of salads, meats and cheeses ready to be cut and packaged to take home for those evenings when you need a meal in a minute, and "Pop's" (543-2772) in traditional American luncheon fare -- hamburgers, tuna, turkey, roast beef and grilled cheese sandwiches accompanied by the usual assortment of french fries, cole slaw and other side dishes.

Unfortunately, because of City planning requirements, "Mon Petite" (located on the west side of Main between 9th and 10th Streets) can't offer outdoor seating, so it is not quite as visible as "Pop's," where an overflow crowd of residential and business neighbors often adds a charming ambience to our urban environment.

But you'll enjoy the same sort of friendly, casual atmosphere at both places -- a kind of bon hommie that develops only in the unique relationship between business owners and regular customers who genuinely enjoy their time together.

Readers' Picks --

Spoons (2601 Hotel Terrace Dr.)...great burgers, casual atmosphere, good family place, especially for kids -- *Frank and Alice Solis*

Sombrero Street (719 N. Main St.)...great buffet brunch, omelettes are superb, pastries are heavenly -- *Angela Serano*

Wildflower Cafe (2525 N. Grand)...quick and very friendly service, they sure go overboard to please you...101 types of delicious omelettes -- *Bob and Dee Runnells*

China West (2502 So. Bristol)...very tasty Chinese food in a very casual atmosphere with reasonable prices -- *Paul Nacomi*

Wilbur's Weiner Works (3705 S. Bristol)...when you just gotta have a great hotdog, this is the place...try the fries too -- *Lance Hall*

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

Statehouse Seniors

One of the California's best kept secrets has to be the Senior Legislature, 120 seniors elected by their peers to debate and pass legislative recommendations affecting seniors in the state.

Since the Legislature was formed 10 years ago, approximately 75% of its recommended bills have been passed by the regular state Legislature.

The Senior Legislature acts as a task force giving the regular legislators a new level of awareness on senior issues.

Elections were held recently and in Assembly District 1, including Santa Ana, incumbent Marcella Surowick barely beat out challenger Jim Tucker for the post.

All county seniors can vote for their choices at local senior centers.

If you'd like further information on the Senior Legislature, contact the Area Agency on Aging at 567-7411.

Offering a Break

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Orange County and six local Marriott Hotels are partners in a joint venture called "Respitivity."

"Respitivity" is a national program to provide parents of disabled children an opportunity to take a break from their demanding routine. Caring for a disabled child is a full-time job, often leaving little or no time and money for vacationing. An overnight getaway provides parents the chance to spend time together, away from the daily routine of constant care. The "Respitivity" program makes the fantasy of "getting away from it all," a reality.

"We began this program in December 1990, with one hotel and now all six are eager to participate," says Catherine Boire of Marriott Hotels and Resorts.

The hotels provide at least two families per month with a weekend getaway including complimentary rooms, meals, and full hotel amenities.

The United Cerebral Palsy Assoc. offers programs and services to infant and adults with cerebral palsy and other similar disabilities. For more information, contact Teri Lucas at 557-4796.

Don't forget to send us your articles, press releases, calendar listings, and restaurant picks by June 5th for possible use in our next issue.

Art Scene...by Don Cribb

On a crisp Sunday morning of clear blue skies and warm sun, Stephanie Newsom and her husband, Terry Feirer, hosted a breakfast *al fresco* at their Wilshire Square home. They had invited friends, neighbors, and guests to share in a discussion of arts and cultural development and how it improves quality of life and benefits neighborhoods.

Stephanie and Terry are artists and Stephanie's studio sits in their garden. This was an appropriate setting for chairs drawn together for conversation about art and quality of life. Tall trees stood overhead, and there were sweeps of cool, green grass. There was hot coffee and tea, and scones with sliced kiwi, raspberries, and blueberries waiting for double cream. Ricki Older brought a Mexican quiche. A fresh pineapple stood nearby.

We talked mostly about a project sponsored by the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture called the Downtown Artists Village. A studio project of twelve or more 1000-2000 sq. ft. spaces is the keystone of this idea intended to bring working artists and their fraternity into our City's Downtown. This would also help focus attention on nearby rentable offices as suitable studio space.

Another important component of their idea is trying to secure the use of the Pacific Symphony Building as a new home for The Orange County Crazies, O.C.'s own comedy troupe. Having comedy in Downtown Santa Ana sends out a positive new signal

that encourages everyone to reassess the Downtown area and its potential. Pacific Symphony would continue to use the building for rehearsals.

While projects such as these would bring new vitality and focus to the Downtown, they also benefit nearby neighborhoods. Integrating commercial activity, arts uses, and neighborhood interests make the urban environment a more attractive, livable, and enjoyable space.

These elements create a high quality of life that draws home buyers into nearby neighborhoods or the community at large. Their local support in turn increases the growth of the amenities that influenced their decision to buy a home where they did.

Neighborhoods would be able to take advantage of that growth. Theatres, galleries, and studios might mean a coffeehouse where neighbors, artists, and patrons can meet, or provide a forum for a local poetry club or literary group.

This all gives folks a reason to stay in Santa Ana.

This real opportunity is here now. The more we achieve the more that becomes possible. There is much work to be done. From Stephanie and Terry's garden everything seemed perfectly fine.

We *can* make another kind of garden grow Downtown.

Don Cribb is the president of the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture. If you'd like further information on any of their projects or would like to help, write him at 2411 N. Spurgeon, Santa Ana, 92706.

Discovering A.R.T.

by Karen Mayer and Doris Blake

"Where is this theatre located, Karen?" queried my friend Doris. As we turned onto Grand, and found ourselves in an industrial neighborhood of Santa Ana.

"The directions said it's located at Grand and Edinger...oh, there it is," I said, spying a small lighted sandwich board sign on the sidewalk, "second driveway on the right just like the directions say."

Going to a new place, sight unseen, is always an adventure. We were soon pulling into the small parking lot of an industrial mall where the Alternative Repertory Theatre is located, wedged between automotive shops.

"I guess maybe this is why they're called 'alternative,'" said Doris.

"The parking is certainly convenient," I said as we walked a few steps to the entrance of the theatre. We were here to see "The Lion in Winter" and our adventure was just beginning.

Upon entering, we found a small but cozy and inviting lobby. The air was charged with the anticipation that always makes live theatre so invigorating! At the box office door we received a personal welcome from Pat Terry, A.R.T.'s Artistic Director. (Were we important, OR WHAT???) As she handed us our tickets and neat lapel buttons with the "Lion" artwork on them, Pat explained the seats were unreserved, except for season subscribers, and we could select any available.

With our tickets in hand, Doris and I headed into the theatre. Once again the warmth of the staff was evident as our usher greeted us, tearing our tickets and giving us programs, and suggested which seats were the "best in the house." Looking around us, we saw all the seats were good, the furthest you could be from the stage was the third row. The stage was intimate too, occupied by scenery that whet your imagination, two panels covered with burlap and fur, a fur covered stool and bench, and a magnificent burlap throne. Our excitement increased when we sat down and realized how close we would be to the action. Our anticipation was rewarded as the lights dimmed, the music swelled, and our marvelous adventure truly began.

As the applause subsided Doris leaned over, "wasn't that fantastic?!" On our way out Pat again greeted everyone, thanking us for coming.

After a few steps we reached our car and looking back at the entrance of A.R.T., Doris chuckled, "it certainly proves that old saying, 'you can't judge a book by its cover.'"

It also proves that good things do come in small packages.

Cultural Calendar

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART),

1636 S. Grand -- "The Skin of Our Teeth" by Thornton Wilder, a screwball look at mankind: from the wheel and the Garden, to evolution and the Flood, opens on April 19 and continues until June 15.

Performances are Thurs thru Sat at 8 pm and Sun at 7 pm.

Call 836-7929 for reservations or more details.

Way Off Broadway Playhouse

1058 E. 1st St (in the Advertising Arts Building) -- "Women Behind Bars," a black and blue comedy by Tom Eyan continues until April 20.

"An Act of the Imagination," a murder mystery by Bernard Slade opens May 9 and runs until June 8.

For show times or reservations, call 547-8997.

Orange County Black Actors Theatre

"The Ebony Fashion Fair," a fund-raiser will be held on April 4th at 8 pm at the Inn at the Park Hotel in Anaheim.

"Something Funny Happened on the Way to Orange County," will be performed in May, date and location to be announced.

For reservations and information, call 667-7090.

Orange County Crazies

City Hall Annex Auditorium, Ross St. and Santa Ana Blvd. --

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

For reservations or info on their comedy workshops, call 840-1406.

Stop-Gap Theatre

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

Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

3621 W MacArthur Blvd, Space 111 -- Ends April 19, exhibit of works by Todd Rich, Richard Hyland, and Paul Silkowski.

Opening April 24 and running until May 24, "A Teetering Relationship," an exhibit addressing our relationship to the earth and each other with art by Beverly Naidus, Jerry Burchfield, and Sheila Pinkel. Artists' reception and performance by Burchfield on April 27, 7-9 pm.

Also, a special panel discussion will be held on the theme on May 11 from 9-12 am at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa.

Call 549-4989 for more information.

Modern Museum of Art

Griffin Towers, 5 Hutton Centre Dr -- "Contemporary Korean Painters" including Ku-Lin Kim runs until April 27.

Opening May 11, "California Perspectives, an exhibit of painting, sculpture, and photography by Southern California artists.

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

The Crazy Horse Steakhouse/Saloon,

1580 Brookhollow -- Country musical artists in the next few months include Tanya Tucker, Juice Newton, Don Williams, Restless Heart, and Sweethearts of the Rodeo. Call 549-1512 for ticket or dinner information.

Rancho Santiago College --17th at Bristol St.

Theatre Department-held at the Phillips Hall Little Theatre.

"He and She, An Alien Mystery," and original stage play created by the New Plays & Player Workshop, will be presented from April 25 to May 12, evenings at 8 pm and Sunday matinees at 3 pm.

"The Two Noble Kinsmen," a classic adapted from Chaucer, tells a story of friendship, loyalty, war, madness, and the ultimate triumph of love. Play opens on May 2 and continues until the 18th. Performances are Thursdays through Saturday at 8 pm and Sunday at 3 pm.

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

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

Elaine and Tom Coleman are the featured artists in an exhibit of clay vessels. Both are key figures in the ceramic art world. The show of ceramic artistry will run until April 11.

"Annual Student Art Exhibit" features the best work from all classes in the art and photography departments. This juried show includes drawing, paintings, jewelry, ceramics, photography, computer graphics and much more. Show runs from May 6 to 17. Opening reception - May 3.

Art Forum is a free lecture series, held every Monday at noon in the Humanities Building room 104. Call 564-5600 for info about future artists.

Gallery hours are 10 am - 2 pm, Mon through Thurs; 11 am - 1 pm, Friday; and 6:30-8:30 pm on Tues and Wed. Admission is free. 564-5615.

Music Department-held in Phillips Hall Theatre

"Big Band Jazz Concert," will be held on Sunday, May 5 at 7 pm and features the Rancho Santiago College Jazz Ensemble and a guest professional band (to be announced). Buy your tickets early, last year's popular program was sold out. Tickets \$8, students/seniors/children \$6.

"Jazz Singers in Concert" will be held on Sunday, May 19 at 7:30 pm and features Art Lapierre and Our Jazz Singers performing arrangements of your old favorites and today's hits. Tickets \$5, student/senior/child \$3.

For ticket information, call 564-5661.

Dance Department-held at the Phillips Hall Theatre

"Student/Faculty Dance Contest" will be held April 19 to 21. Selected student choreographers and performers showcase their talents in dance.

Tickets \$10, student/senior/child \$6. For ticket info, call 564-5661.

Send your upcoming cultural events to Eye on Santa Ana by June 5 to be included in our Summer issue.

Community Calendar

April...

April 2-30 (Tues) -- Learn about business plans, buying and selling a business, franchising, mail order, and other subjects at the weekly small business workshop sessions offered by SCORE and the U.S. Small Business Association. The workshops are held at the Republic Federal Bank at 2400 E. 17th St., near Tustin Ave., from 1 until 3 pm. Cost is only \$10. For more information on these programs or SCORE, call 836-2709.

April 6 & 20 (Sat) -- It's Spring Cleaning time in the City. Trash dumpsters will be located in most of the larger parks, offering residents a chance to clean out their homes, yards, sheds, and garages and dispose of the materials at no cost. See *Bits and Pieces* on page 3 of this issue for more information.

April 6 (Sat) -- The Santa Ana Symphony will perform the musical overtures of Beethoven, Egmont, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky at Chapman College in Orange at 8 pm. Also featured is soloist Irene Chung. Tickets are \$15. Call 539-5399 for more information.

April 8 (Mon) -- The Third Annual Ken Forsch Celebrity Golf Tournament for the benefit of the Discovery Museum will be held at the Santa Ana Country Club. Serious golfers and duffers alike are invited to enjoy this fun-filled event. Call the Discovery Museum at 540-0404 for more information.

April 10 (Wed) -- Come celebrate the 100th birthday of the Santa Ana Public Library. From noon until 3 pm, enjoy free cake and punch while you listen to "The Barbershop Quartet". Meet at the Plaza of the Sun (the fountain area in the Civic Center Plaza). Call Teresa Davalos at 647-5283 for more info.

April 13 (Sat) -- A White Elephant Sale with all sorts of goodies will be held from 8 am until 2 pm at the C.W.A. Hall, 3602 W. 5th St by the Saddleback Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America to benefit their philanthropic social programs.

April 17 (Wed) -- The city-wide C.O.P., Community Oriented Policing, General Meeting will be held in the City Hall council chambers beginning at 7:30 pm. In addition to a Police Department update on the P.O.P. program, Dave Hermance of the Code Enforcement Department will speak on the proposed city ordinances on occupancy/overcrowding and property maintenance. Everyone is welcome.

April 17 (Wed) -- Come on out to a "Townhall Meeting" featuring City Manager Dave Ream, Councilmembers Pat McGuigan and Rob Richardson, and representatives from the S.A. Unified School District, the Police Department, Chamber of Commerce, and Caltrans.

Bring your inquiring minds and questions to the Saddleback Inn, 1660 E. First St., west of the I-5. The meeting will start at 7 pm and admission is free. Sponsored by the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. Another meeting will be held on May 15. Call 541-5353 for additional details.

April 20 (Sat) -- Everyone is invited to the Taft-Sandpointe Family Fair on the Taft School grounds, corner of Flower and Sunflower, from 10 am until 3 pm. In addition to entertainment and food booths, police and public safety departments will have demonstrations and displays, contractors will show off their talents, and residents will be holding a big neighborhood garage sale. The fair is a joint event sponsored by the Sandpointe Neighborhood Association and the Taft Elementary School.

April 20 (Sat) -- Join UCI, University of California at Irvine, in their 25th anniversary celebration from 10 am until 5 pm. Events will include the annual Wayzgoose Medieval Faire, featuring mimes, jugglers, and live bands, free health sciences medical screenings, Earth Day environmental exhibits, and a portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Campus tours and open houses will be held for current and prospective students and their families. Admission and parking are free. For more info, call 856-5181.

April 21 (Sun) -- "The Past On Parade" will be presented by the Discovery Museum in conjunction with the county-wide Imagination

Celebration. From 11 am until 3 pm, visitors will experience turn of the century family fun at this old-fashioned ice cream social. Special activities planned for the day include a parade of antique cars, turn of the century entertainment, old fashioned games, and children's hands-on craft workshops. The Discovery Museum is located at 3101 W. Harvard near Edinger and Fairview. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12. For updated info, call 540-0404.

April 21 (Sun) -- Golden City Youth Track & Field Championship, sponsored by the City's Recreation and Community Services Agency, will be held for all boys and girls born from 1977 through 1984. Top qualifiers will be eligible for the Orange County district competition. The event will be held at Rancho Santiago College and you can register as early as April 15. Call 647-6561 for more information.

April 25 (Thurs) -- Enjoy refreshments while you shop at the Spring Open House at the Assistance League of Santa Ana's Gift Shop. Located at 1031 W. First St., the store is stocked with unique gifts to answer everyone's gift giving needs. The best part is all profits go to support the charitable programs of the League.

April 27-28 (Sat-Sun) -- The Historic French Park Home Tour puts ten of the neighborhood's most unique homes on display, offering an unusual glimpse into Santa Ana's past, as well as its future. The homes are open from 10 am until 4 pm. Tickets will be available at 917 No. French St. or you may call 541-2441 for more information. Pre-sale tickets are \$7.50. The day of the tour they'll be \$9.

April 27-28 (Sat-Sun) -- The second annual City of Santa Ana Safety Expo will be held in Birch Park, 3rd and Ross Sts., from noon until 4 pm with entertainment, demonstrations, and exhibits for the whole family. See article inside this issue for complete info. Admission and parking (in the Birch St. parking garage) is free.

April 27-28 (Sat-Sun) -- The All Orange County College Art Competition winners will be displayed at South Coast Plaza Village, from 10 am until 4 pm. Free admission.

May...

May 3-5 (Fri-Sun) -- "Cinco de Mayo" returns to Santa Ana as Fourth Street is once again closed to offer musical and dance entertainment, performers, vendor booths, and, of course, delicious food. The whole family will have a great time celebrating.

The event, sponsored by the Downtown Santa Ana Business Association, will begin Friday at noon and continue through Sunday.

May 11 (Sat) -- Celebrate Mother's Day with a traditional Garden Tea Party at the Discovery Museum. Tasty tea sandwiches, homemade scones with preserves, tempting pastries, and a selection of fragrant teas will be served around the Victorian gazebo in the Museum's Centennial Garden from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

You're also invited to tour the historic Kellogg House while you're there. The event is \$12.50 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Call 540-0404 for info or reservations.

May 11 (Sat) -- Come and enjoy "Spring CountryFest," an all-American country antique show held "on the green" at the South Coast Plaza Village shopping center, Sunflower and Bear, from 10 am until 6 pm. Browsing is free but you'll probably find something to buy.

May 11 & 18 (Sat) -- Register for the fall league of the American Youth Soccer Organization from 10 am until 2 pm at the McFadden Intermediate School, on Raitt St. between Warner and Segerstrom. Bring proof of birth date and medical information. Contact the A.Y.S.O. at 540-1626 for more details.

May 15 (Wed) -- The Santa Ana Zoo will hold a "Sheep Shearing Festival" complete with sheep shearing, wool spinning, and weaving demonstrations. Admission is \$2 for adults, .75 for children. Call 836-4000 for more information.

May 15 (Wed) -- Come on out to a "Townhall Meeting" featuring City Manager Dave Ream, members of the City Council, Police Chief Paul

Walters, and representatives from the S. A. Unified School District, Chamber of Commerce, and Caltrans. Bring your inquiring minds and questions to Woolley's Petite Suites, 2721 Hotel Terrace, near Dyer and the 55 Fwy. The meeting starts at 7 pm and admission is free. Sponsored by the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. 541-5353.

May 19 (Sun) -- Santa Ana Hershey's Track & Field Meet is open to all boys and girls born from 1977 through 1982. Children can compete in one running and two field events. The event will be held at Rancho Santiago College. Top qualifiers are eligible for the State Hershey's Championship. Register as early as May 13. Call the Recreation and Community Services Agency at 647-6561 for more information.

May 24 (Fri) -- The Santa Ana Police Department will take on the Orange County Sheriff's Department charity football game. A fun time is had by all with all funds raised benefiting police charities. Kick-off at 7:30 pm at Eddie West Field. Call Lt. Sayne at 647-6532 for info.

June

June 1 (Sat) -- Conservation Day at the Santa Ana Zoo will offer exhibits and demonstrations on recycling, illegal animal sales, alternative energy sources, marine mammals, oil spills, and endangered species. Zoo hours are 10 am - 5 pm. Call 836-4000 for more information.

June 1-2 (Sat-Sun) -- The Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour features gardens and artist studios this year as well as historic homes. Architectural styles will include California

Bungalow, Tudor, and Mediterranean Revival, among others.

The homes will be open from 11 am until 5 pm. Advanced purchase tickets are \$7. Tour day, they'll be \$8. Seniors over 55 pay only \$6. Call 547-7317 for further details.

June 2 (Sun) -- The Troubleshooter Swapmeet again returns. Hundreds of antique dealers sell a huge variety of antiques, collectibles, and other unique items. Sponsored by the Register, the proceeds benefit the Register Charities.

Normal hours are 9 am to 3 pm, but a special early buyer admission (\$10) will allow early birds to enter at 6:30 am.

The regular admission is \$3. The swapmeet is held in the parking area of the City Shopping Center, Chapman Ave., in Orange.

June 8 (Sat) -- At the Santa Ana Police and Fire Display Show there is something for everybody. Come see police cars, fire trucks, Barney the Talking Police Car, the horse patrol, the canine team, and plenty of displays. Kids will especially enjoy Officer John Reed's puppet show. Child fingerprinting will be available at no charge. Held in the Metro Town Square shopping center on Bristol at MacArthur. It'll be held from 9 am until 3 pm and there is no admission charge.