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Building Comprehension Is Key to Bilingual Program

-- Misconceptions Confuse Issue

by Rosemary Gladden, Communications Specialist S.A.U.S.D.
 Special to the Eye on Santa Ana

(editor's note: there's been quite a bit of misunderstanding about the so-called bilingual programs offered in the Santa Ana Unified School District schools, so we invited the district to discuss the multi-language curriculum they offer.)

"There's a misconception that the Santa Ana Unified School District's bilingual program is not teaching English to our students," said Dr. Anaida Colón-Muñiz, director of the school district's English language development programs. "We have to remember that students have different needs. Some students may enter school in kindergarten and others may enter in the upper primary grades, intermediate schools, or high schools. Some students do not understand English words, much less concepts. Our teachers are doing everything they can to help every one of them learn English."

As required by Federal law and the State's education code, school districts with a large percentage of students with limited English skills must provide an optional bilingual program.

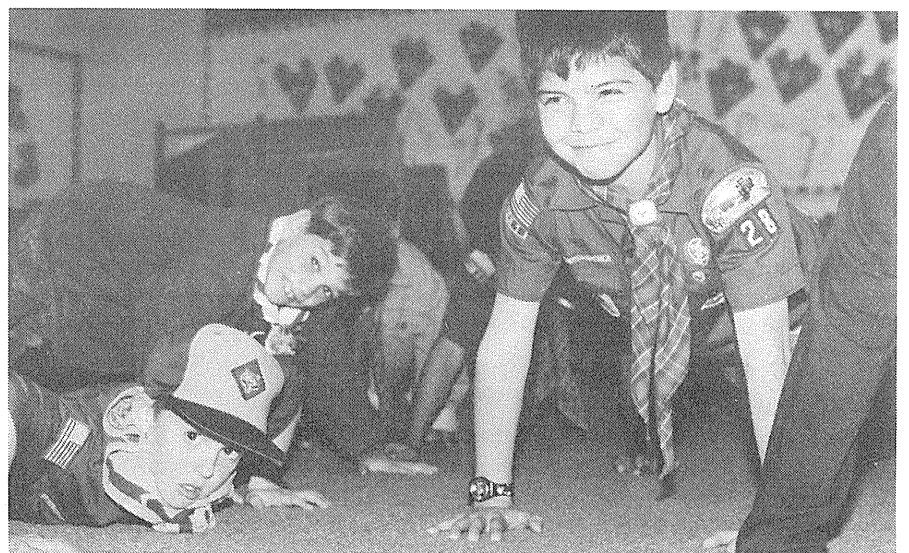
SAUSD's program includes immersion and transitional options for those students. Parents may choose to enroll their youngsters in either program. They are also invited to visit their child's classroom to see

how lessons are taught and, at any time, may ask to switch programs.

Students who are enrolled in English immersion are taught in English-only with assistance provided as needed by a bilingual instructional assistant. To help students who are in immersion classrooms understand what is being taught, teachers may speak more slowly and use pictures. They also carefully choose their words to avoid expressions that could be misunderstood. This is referred to as sheltered English instruction. "Teachers use as many ways as possible to communicate the idea," said Dr. Colón-Muñiz.

In the transitional option, classes are taught in both English and the student's primary language. "The purpose of the transitional option is that students still continue to learn the subjects they should be learning at the appropriate grade level while they develop their English skills," said Dr. Colón-Muñiz. "Math is still math in English or in another language."

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Exercise Time --- One proud member of Cub Scout Pack 28 shows his mates at a recent pack meeting how one does a push-up. Scouting of all age levels has grown in Santa Ana as many more parents realize the positive skills learned through Scouting programs. See the accompanying article beginning on the bottom of this page.

Eye on Santa Ana Photo Courtesy of Connie Majors

BOSS Succeeds Beyond Its Own Wildest Dreams

by Catherine C. Cate
 Eye on Santa Ana

The Business Ownership Service System (BOSS) program is experiencing such phenomenal success that shortly it will completely occupy Santa Ana's Business Development Center at 901 E. Santa Ana Blvd., where it is currently located, says founder Susan Fox.

BOSS is a program developed by Fox in partnership with Rancho Santiago College and the Santa Ana

Private Industry Council specifically to help those who have been laid off from jobs in the military, aerospace, and defense industries learn how to become successful small business owners.

This phenomenal success seems to prove Fox's motto: "Offer entrepreneurial training, and they will come."

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Special Feature:

Scouting Grows Stronger in Santa Ana

by Catherine C. Cate
 Eye on Santa Ana

The problem was obvious: what was originally built as a three-tiered fountain in the courtyard at Spurgeon United Methodist Church on Memory Lane in Santa Ana had been converted into planter boxes several years ago — but because no drainage had been provided, nothing thrived. Now it was time to renovate the boxes with new soil and plantings, after correcting the drainage problem.

The solution seemed simple enough: remove existing plantings and approximately four inches of top soil, then break up the concrete beneath the tiled bottom for good drainage.

A perfect Eagle project for Salvador (Sal) Adame, a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 28, who had to complete this final requirement before his 18th birthday on January 9, 1994 to receive Scouting's highest rank of Eagle.

Approximately 22 scouts and 12 adults showed up on Wednesday,

December 29 to get the job done. Under Sal's direction, the boxes were soon empty, with the debris loaded onto a truck to be hauled to the dump. New dirt and gravel arrived on schedule, dumped at the curb, ready to be carried in wheelbarrows and shoveled into the empty planter boxes.

But when the jackhammer broke through the tiled bottom, it became apparent that this was going to be a bigger project than anyone imagined. The conscientious builder had set the tile directly on approximately two inches of solid thin-set concrete, below which lay tar and roofing paper that had been hot-mopped on the surface of another four inches of concrete, which was poured over wire mesh.

Planning and preparation is a fundamental part of Scout training, but so is dealing with the unexpected. "We quickly realized that we could not break up enough concrete to provide proper drainage and finish on time using our jackhammer," says Assistant Scout Master Jim McEachern, so Sal and his adult advisors decided to drill numerous one-inch holes through the concrete using a special drill supplied by another Scout leader.

The project was finished on time at 4 p.m., back-filled with two inches of gravel and four inches of fresh dirt and ready for planting. A lot of fundamental Scouting principles applied resulted in a hard day's work well done.

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

VIEWPOINT

Guy Ball

When You Want To Help

One of the nice things about this country is the way we help others who need it. Now while there are some bad guys who prey on this generosity, we shouldn't get discouraged and clam up -- there are too many honest needs.

Also, I don't know about you, but when I give, I get in return a warm feeling that I just can't duplicate in any other way.

So, I thought I'd share some of the nicer groups that could use your help. These are causes that even a small donation would mean a lot. So, if you've got even a few dollars to spare ...

The Century High School cheerleading squad won a major cheerleading competition last year, beating out all of the other Southern California teams. They need your help in defraying costs to compete in the national finals in Orlando, Florida this month. Donations may be sent to Century Cheer Boosters, Century High School, 1401 S. Grand Ave., Santa Ana, CA 92707.

The recently established Santa Ana Education Foundation has already raised over \$300,000 in donations for our schools -- including books for Santiago, scholarships for Santa Ana High, and materials for Carl Harvey. The Foundation is indirectly connected with the SAUSD so you can be sure it's legit. You can also designate where the donation goes. Call 558-5722 for details.

The Santa Ana American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) credo is "every kid plays" and that stresses sportsmanship and character in addition to just physical skill. Six team slots have been awarded to Santa Ana AYSO to participate in the AYSO World Games in Sunnyvale, CA in July. That's ninety really good kids representing our City. They sure could use your help with travel expenses. Call Commissioner John Schultz at 545-3567.

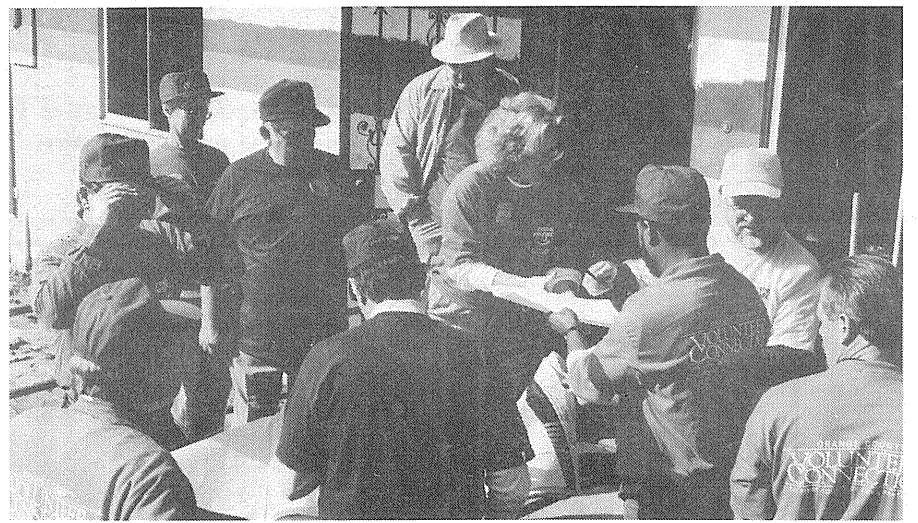
If you're looking for an organization that helps homeless women or those on the edge of being there, the YWCA has one of the best run programs to shelter and help re-educate their clients, giving them a good second chance at life. They could always use a donation. Call 542-3577. You could also visit their thrift store, "Y's Buys," at 1408 N. Main St. to support their work.

With current funding for public libraries being limited, book lovers can help provide new books for the Santa Ana Public Library by participating in the Adopt-A-Book program sponsored by the Friends of the S.A. Library. For a tax deductible \$20 or more, you can even request the type of book to be adopted (children's, historical, business, fiction, even Spanish or Vietnamese language). To become the "foster parent" of an adopted book, call 647-5287.

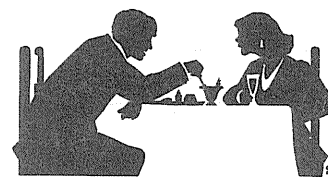
The Wellness Community (TWC) of Orange County supports adults with cancer (and their families) in their battle towards victory (and with never a charge). TWC has been given a challenge grant from FHP and Irvine Health Foundation. \$25 from you means \$62.50 to TWC. Call them at 258-1210.

And finally, if all you have is pennies -- Kennedy Elementary School has a goal of collecting one million pennies by the end of the school year. They've already collected 40,000 and the students have used them in class lessons to learn about weights and measures and counting in tens. If you like to pitch a few in, call the school at 558-5772.

And yes, there are many, many more, worthy organizations. My point is that *without our help*, there would be far fewer of them able to help. So, if your budget allows to swing even a few dollars towards a good cause, please do so. Every penny does count. Ask the kids at Kennedy!



Volunteer Connection Day -- Once again residents from all 31 Orange County cities are asked to volunteer their time on Saturday, April 23 to get help make their community a better place to live and work. Over 6,000 people did last year. If you'd willing to help out a local project on this special day, contact the Volunteer Center of O.C. at 953-5757.



The Wildflower Woos Customers With Hearty Fare

by Catherine C. Cate

It says a lot about a restaurant when two customers burst through the door at 8:45 p.m. — 15 minutes before closing — saying "Whew! We made it. We had such a good breakfast here the other day we had to come back at the first opportunity for dinner!"

Of course, when the menu starts with 101 omelets and proceeds through an array of salads, sandwiches and fish, poultry, and beef entrees, it could take 15 minutes just to read the menu, and then you've still got to make up your mind.

But then you also have a friendly server like Mary, who seems to genuinely enjoy her job and her customers, to help you choose with her favorites.

From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., the Wildflower Cafe at 2525 N. Grand Avenue offers something for everybody — an excellent selection of old-fashioned, filling food (the kind we used to take for granted at a restaurant) and even appropriate dishes for those cholesterol and calorie conscious among us. In fact, the variety could make it possible to eat something different seven days a week, three meals a day!

Having eaten at this restaurant in both of its former lives (as Ma Barker's and Le Grand Cafe), the Wildflower remains an old stand-by that is also a favorite for many civic club breakfast meetings. and no wonder, with so many choices of breakfast foods so reasonably priced. (their frequent buyer's "Omelet Club" is a natural here!)

A stuffed chicken breast for lunch one Saturday accompanied wonderfully fresh, tender-crisp vegetables brought me back for an omelet, accompanied by crisp hash brown potatoes and well-buttered whole wheat toast and a strawberry-kiwi *Snapple*. The chicken fried steak and breaded veal cutlets satisfied two hungry companions, and the attentive, friendly service was a special treat for everyone.

Bilingual Education --

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If a student enters the transitional program in kindergarten, he or she should learn to speak English fluently in about two or three years. Reading and writing proficiency is developed in about five years. In elementary grades, teachers also set aside time every day to teach English. As is done in immersion, transitional program teachers also use pictures or objects to familiarize youngsters with English.

As students become more and more familiar with words and understand how to combine them into concepts, more English and less of their primary language is used. For example, in first grade students build their English vocabulary. They learn to identify words such as pieces of clothing, tell time, and describe locations. In second grade teachers introduce youngsters to written words. In a lesson, a teacher may hang a large piece of butcher paper on a chalkboard so students can dictate a fictional letter. Students familiarize themselves with words, letters, and sounds by seeing how words look when written. At the same time they are verbalizing concepts into English that they learned in their primary language. By third and fourth grades, students are reading and writing in English.

"Students also learn at different rates," noted Dr. Colón-Muñiz. "Some may hear English from older siblings or friends. Some may have more access to newspapers or magazines in English. Some students simply find it easier to learn another language."

As students transition more and more into English, assistance in their primary language is still provided as necessary. Teachers are careful to use vocabulary that youngsters, especially those who are not familiar with English, will understand.

More advanced students are invited to join other more mainstream classes for subjects in which they have developed fairly good skills. For example, a student who has developed good oral skills, may go for math period to a classroom in which more English is used.

Eventually, the students will have moved completely into mainstream English language classes of all subjects. The gradual assimilation has enabled the once non-English speaking student to do more than learn a new language.

"Students not only have to learn English," said Dr. Colón-Muñiz, "but they also need to learn about concepts and expressing ideas. They're learning about science, math, history, and other subjects. And they're also understanding how to learn."

Eye on Santa Ana

Our Community Newsletter

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Concert Hall Planned

If a developer, the City, and nearby neighborhoods come to a comfortable middle ground, Santa Ana may get a new 5,500 seat concert hall in a complex that would also include a hotel and replace the present Fidelity Federal office tower on North Main Street (next to Main-Place/Santa Ana mall).

The complex would compliment the planned \$500 million Main Street Concourse across the street and the Museum District area to the south, adding to the inertia of the north part of Santa Ana becoming a cultural center for Orange County.

Plans have been submitted to the City's Planning Division with a public hearing scheduled for Feb. 10.

Courthouse Closer

If you've been following the funding debate for the new Ronald Reagan Federal Courthouse building project slated for Downtown (east of Flower, west of Broadway, south of the Civic Center Plaza), it looks like ground breaking for the structure may actually happen in July as planned.

The 348,000 square foot building, named after the former president, will provide space for 14 courtrooms, 15 judges, and office space for a number of other federal agencies. Last month, the U.S. Senate Public Works Committee authorized \$123 million for its construction.

The history of the courthouse was a bit of a political football. First was the decision for Santa Ana to receive it (over another south county site). Then while funding was being bounced around in committee (due to efforts of two competing elected officials who will be running for the same congressional seat), it's fate was put into further question when the federal government decided to review all planned building projects to see which ones were necessary.

The new courthouse will take approximately two years to build.

Sacramento Will Never Be The Same!

After six months of intensive training, including two sessions at Camp Roberts in Paso Robles, sixteen students from Santa Ana High School participating in the Santa Ana - Tustin YMCA's *Youth and Government Leadership Program* will take over the State Capitol in Sacramento for five days this spring, assuming roles of state officials, debating bills on the Senate and Assembly floors, arguing cases in the Supreme Court chambers, and producing news programs, newspapers, and magazines.

But the *Youth and Government* program needs sponsors to supplement its own fund raising efforts to support the 1993-94 budget, which exceeds \$10,000 for the sixteen students and two advisors.

The program, which has grown from seven students in 1992-93 to sixteen this year, facilitates the development of leadership skills, public speaking ability, and positive interaction with peers, along with an improved sense of self-worth, according to coordinators Patricia de Felice and Simone Eichenberger. They also hope to expand the program again next school year, when it will be open to other local high school students.

If you can help with any financial support for the program, call Patricia at 542-3511



Black History Parade

A twelve year tradition returns on Saturday, February 5th when hundreds of marchers, dancers, and musicians will travel down Broadway and then Civic Center Drive, ending at Eddie West Stadium. The Black History Parade returns to Santa Ana and Orange County after a two-year absence thanks to the work of a few dedicated volunteer organizers who didn't want the event to die a permanent death.

Local businesspersons Chuck Mosley and Ernesta Wright have been working for almost a year with a small, hard-working committee to bring pride to the local African American community and a new cultural experience to all others.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. with KNBC newscaster Larry Carroll and actor David McKnight as the grand marshalls. Immediately after the parade, a Cultural Fair will be held in Eddie West Stadium with entertainment, games, displays, and vendors selling various hand-made items.

Saintly Example

The Santa Ana High School Saints' cross-country team not only proved their dominance in every meet they ran this season, placing second in the State Championships, they also proved to be fine gentlemen and good students, said Head Coach Darell Newman.

In addition to surpassing their athletic goals by winning the Orange County Championship and going on to win the C.I.F., they were the very first boys' cross-country team in Santa Ana High School history to win the Sunset League.

In November they reached their ultimate goal of racing in Fresno at the State Championships, placing second in the state, just behind Thousand Oaks.

"Our Saints were not only outstanding on the race course ... they set an example of what being a champion is all about. I am honored to be part of such a great experience," praised Newman.

Web of Life

All scout troops can now earn a "Web of Life" patch from the Santa Ana Zoo. Program includes hands-on animal activities, zoo crafts and games, plus a zoo tour. Contact the Zoo's Education Department at 836-4000 for more information.

City Offers Assistance for First Time Buyers

The City is once again offering a down payment assistance program that allows qualified, first-time home buyers the chance to purchase a house with as little as 5% down. The City assists with a special low interest (5%), long term loan on up to 15% of the purchase price. This will increase the down payment, helping the buyers obtain their regular mortgage loan and reduce their monthly payment.

Anyone purchasing a home (income restrictions apply) within the City of Santa Ana's target area is eligible; however, present Santa Ana residents and persons employed by Santa Ana businesses will receive first priority.

Applications and information is available from the City's Community Development Agency, Housing Division, 500 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana. Applications will be accepted by that office no earlier than 8 a.m., March 5th.

There are only limited funds available for this program and they run out very quickly. Therefore, applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact Scott Kutner at 667-2259 for more information.

Student Night with the California Angels

The Third Annual Orange County Student Night will be held on Saturday, May 21 at Anaheim Stadium, with a portion of ticket revenues being donated by the Angels to school groups participating in this unique fund raising opportunity.

School activities programs looking for new fund-raiser opportunities are encouraged to call Patti Huber with the Orange County Department of Education at 966-4339 to learn how selling tickets to see the California Angels play the Kansas City Royals can help raise monies for equipment, travel, scholarship, or other school sponsored programs.

School sports and drill teams, A.S.B. committees, cheerleaders, academic clubs, booster groups and PTA organizations, chorus, and school bands are among those groups eligible to participate in this fun, yet easy, fund raising opportunity.

Nominations Open

Who were Santa Ana's top business entrepreneurs for 1993?

The Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce wants your help recognizing the outstanding achievements of the City's best business people and small businesses through its Annual Business Awards.

Nominations for these prestigious awards are now being accepted for any Chamber members who can demonstrate excellence in their business or profession, valuable service to their community, initiative, and creativity.

The City's top businesswoman will be presented with the Athena Award, a nationally recognized program which rewards women who have shown wisdom, courage, strength, and enlightenment.

The Businessman of the Year Award will honor the man demonstrating the same traits and business acumen. The third award will honor the City's Small Business of the Year and is open to any business of 20 employees or less that has proven excellence in business and a commitment to the community.

Chamber members may nominate fellow members for any of the three categories or you may nominate yourself. Obtain the nomination form from the Chamber (541-5353) and return it completed by March 11.

What is Your Quality of Life?

Last issue, we asked what you thought about your own personal "quality of life" in Santa Ana (skipping all the media hoopla and bad/good-news views of others). We received a few replies, but not nearly enough to give us a good representation of our reader's feelings.

We'd like to include as many different residents' viewpoints as possible. If you haven't yet responded, please do so. Just use a separate piece of paper and give us your views on the questions below.

Eye on Santa Ana will collect the results and pass them on to City officials, neighborhood leaders, and, of course, you our readers. Please send in your comments by March 1st. Mail them to *Eye Survey*; P.O. Box 10236; Santa Ana, CA 92711. Thank you.

- What do you perceive is your "quality of life" in Santa Ana?
- What is the greatest threat to that "quality of life?"
- What solutions would you suggest to our City leaders?

Children's Museum

The Bowers Museum of Cultural Art may be opening a children's museum this fall. Plans call for a hands-on facility with exhibits encouraging young children to get involved and not just look at, such as learning to grind corn or try on local costumes.

The children's museum's theme will be closely related to that of the main Bowers -- the art and culture of the people native to the Americas and the Pacific Rim.

The project is relying on the City's Redevelopment Agency purchase of the nearly abandoned California Federal Bank Building on Main and 18th St and leasing space to Bowers.

The children's museum would further the concept of that immediate mid-town area becoming a museum district with Bowers and the planned Discovery Science Center (1997 opening) as anchors.

Bowers a "Must-See"

Did you catch the *U.S. News and World Report* feature last year that named our own Bowers Museum of Cultural Art as one of the "must-see" museums in the country. The article focused on the most noteworthy of the new and newly renovated museums.

Great going, Bowers!

Grand Jury Search

The largest recruiting campaign for new Grand Jury members ever mounted in Orange County's history is underway. The massive, three-month campaign was launched, in part, to strengthen the ethnic make-up of the panel to come closer to represent that of Orange County in general.

Additional information and/or application papers may be obtained by calling 834-6747.

Awarding Santa Ana Police Dept.'s Success

Crime is down, business is up, and the shopping center at Harbor Blvd. and First St. is a safer, more pleasant place to shop thanks to the efforts of officers in Santa Ana Police Department's Westend neighborhood policing district, who designed and carried out a new approach to cut crime in the area.

Their success was recognized by a national policing council, which awarded the department this year's Herman Goldstein Excellence in Problem Solving Award. According to Police Chief Paul Walters, the Department was selected from among 65 entries in a national contest run by the Police Executive Research Forum, an organization that encourages improving the delivery of police services and studies policing techniques.

"These officers represent the new wave of policing," noted the mayor during a ceremony honoring the Westend officers at a City Council meeting.

Involved with SABADO

Project SABADO is a diverse group of individuals committed to assessing the problems caused by the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs in Santa Ana neighborhoods, and to implement effective solutions.

"We are looking for people to become aware and involved in their neighborhoods in order to make positive changes," noted Arlene Saralegui, Project Director.

"We need everyone to come out and support Project SABADO — it's the only way we can make a difference," said Santa Ana neighborhood leader Gilda Brown, who is also a member of the steering committee.

If you are interested in joining Project SABADO, call 542-3396.

Library Celebrates Tet

Experience a live, mystifying dragon dance; watch students kick their way through a karate show; view a display of beautiful Vietnamese clothing; and enjoy traditional Vietnamese cooking from 11 am to 2 pm Friday, February 4 at the Santa Ana Public Library, located at 26 Civic Center Plaza in Santa Ana.

Admission is free to this Second Annual Library Tet Festival fund-raiser, which will offer BBQ meat, fried rice, egg rolls, and raffle tickets for sale. All proceeds will go to benefit the library.

Improving Christmas Morale

Proving that there can be room for innovation and flexibility even in the bureaucracy of the U.S. Postal Service, Santa Ana Postmaster Jose Diaz put postal worker Pat Swagerty, in uniform, on a stool in the lobby of the main post office strumming his guitar and signing Christmas carols!

The idea was sparked by complimentary comments of customers who overhead Swagerty singing in the back during the annual post office pot-luck party.

Reported comments indicate that the experiment was a success; it got customer's minds off the rush and the lines, and encouraged them to exchange greetings of the season.

Nice going, guys!

Generous Partnership

A business partnership between Plaza Home Mortgage Bank and Sierra Intermediate School has resulted in Plaza's donation of more than \$1100 to the school and \$1200 to Junior Achievement to support several programs at the school.

The \$1100 donation will help offset the cost of printing Sierra's annual student workbooks, and the purchase of a new bass guitar for the school's music department.

Plaza's donation to Junior Achievement covers the costs of holding four *Economics of Staying in School* classes at Sierra. The classes are designed to encourage students to stay in school based on information they receive on budgeting and career exploration from the classes' business consultants — *Plaza Associates*— who provide positive role models for the students.

The Plaza Bank employees are given paid time off from their work responsibilities to be consultants and "teach" the classes. There are currently ten business consultants from Plaza at Sierra, which has enjoyed this business partnership since June 1990.

Entrance Exams

Mater Dei High School will hold entrance examinations for incoming Freshmen at 8 a.m. on Sat. Feb. 5. Exams will be held on their campus, 1202 W. Edinger Ave. at Bristol.

Mater Dei features a college prep curriculum, with 97% of its graduates going on to higher education. The school is operated by the Diocese of Orange and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Besides its well-known reputation for academics, Mater Dei High School has a well-rounded array of nationally-recognized activities and athletic programs.

For more information about the school or its entrance examination, call 754-7711, ext. 113.

Get the Inside Scoop

The City's Planning Division is holding a series of community meetings January through March to inform residents about features of the Land Use Element of the Santa Ana General Plan; features which will affect their neighborhood in particular and the City in general.

The General Plan, a policy document required by the State of California, provides guidance on the future development of the City. The Land Use Element is one section of this plan and sets long range policy to guide the physical development of the City over the next 20 years. It consists of a policy plan and a land use map which generally indicates the preferred type and location of development; for instance, where housing is permitted, where industry and commercial uses can locate, and where schools are located.

If you would like to be informed about the future of your community, plan now to attend one of the meetings listed below where City staff will present a summary of the draft policies and answer your questions. If you have any additional questions, call Larry Yenglin of the Planning Division at 667-2724.

The following are the remaining meetings and are in association with the neighborhoods in that particular designated area. However, residents may attend any meeting regardless of neighborhood involvement.

- **Thursday, February 10** (7 p.m.) at Martin Elementary School
Central area (Heninger Park, Eastside, Wilshire Square, Mid-City, Indian Village, Central City, Townsend-Raitt, and Pico).
- **Thursday, February 17** (7 p.m.) at Hoover Elementary School
Northeast area (Fairhaven, Northeast, and Portola Park)
- **Thursday, March 3** (7 p.m.) at Santa Ana Unified School District offices
East Central area (Logan, French Park, Lacy, Saddleback View, Santa Ana Triangle, and French Court)
- **Thursday, March 10** (7 p.m.) at MacArthur Fundamental School
South area (Delhi, Sandpointe, Thornton Park, South Coast, Sunwood Central, Morning Sunwood, Republic Homes)
- **Monday, March 14** (7 p.m.) at Santiago Elementary School.
Northwest area (Floral Park, Fisher Park, Northwest, West Floral Park, Bristol-Memory Lane Coalition, Northwest 6 & 7, and Morrison Park)
- **Monday, March 21** (7 p.m.) at Hazard Elementary School.
West Side area (West of Santa Ana River, including the Mar-Les, River-view West, and Santa Anita Park)

MANA Opportunities

Six free cancer screening clinics will be offered to low income Latina women in the community, thanks to a \$10,000 award presented to the Mexican American Women's National Association (MANA) by the *Register* Charities at their 12th annual awards program in November.

In 1993, 224 women received these free services offered at four clinics, which are held at the offices of Planned Parenthood. Extending the clinics to six per year will better meet the overwhelming response from the community.

MANA also offers programs on a variety of timely topics at each monthly meeting, held on the second Saturday of every month at Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin Ave. in conference rooms 2 and 3.

This year's activities include programs on domestic violence; working in a man's world, and working in the 90's; world peace, and Latina women in politics. A women's support group led by Irma Lozano, Ph.D. also is being formed, which will include simple exercises to reduce stress and increase relaxation. Individual programs are \$5 each, an annual membership to MANA (including all programs) is \$35.

MANA also sponsors the Hermanitas Project which provides mentors for high school girls.

For more information about MANA leave a message at 474-4884.

New League Forming

During January, the brand-new Santiago Little League began registering boys and girls for its first baseball season.

This league's boundaries are between First St. to Washington, and from Main to Harbor.

But the Santiago Little League also needs coaches, board members, and equipment.

If you can help, or would like more information, please contact Pearl or Leon Raya at 542-7473.

RSC News Students Receive Awards

Seventeen Rancho Santiago College journalism students recently received 28 awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges' annual regional conference.

During the 1992-93 academic year RSC journalism students have won more than 70 state and national awards, including eight Columbia Awards and the Associated Collegiate Press' All-American Award, which places the RSC college newspaper, *el Don*, in the top one percent of all college newspapers in the U.S.

Enjoy Science Magic

See the magic of science bring marionettes to life at the Discovery Science Center's Launch Pad's February 5th and 6th event, "Fantasy With Strings."

Roger Rankin will tickle your funny bone in this fast-paced show that blends fun with quality puppets, fabulous technique and great music. Language is no barrier in this performance set to music in "black light." Explore the mechanics of puppetry and learn how Roger achieves the puppets' glow through fluorescence and ultra-violet light.

Launch Pad is the preview facility of the Discovery Science Center and is located at Crystal Court Mall, 333 Bear St., Costa Mesa.

Local Chefs Show Community Spirit

One day we may count our blessings that Santa Ana's Country Garden Caterers and its host restaurant Sombrero Street, 719 N. Main St., swung into action last November to help feed countless firefighters struggling to save South County against the ravages of the fire storms.

After conquering the logistics of cooking over 3200 eggs, 200 pounds of bacon, 300 orders of "home fries," and untold gallons of coffee here in Santa Ana and then delivering them to firefighters thirty miles away, those involved realized that their services might be needed again in the event of other natural or man-made catastrophes. but this time, they plan to be prepared.

As a result of this learning experience, these establishments are drawing up a contingency plan to provide needed support.

A spokesman for these establishments also adds, "in view of other past events, most notably the floods in the midwest, major caterers nationwide might wish to have such plans in case they are the closest facilities who can feed large numbers of people in such emergencies.

"The key to so many staged events is a simple one: preparedness. At Country Garden, planning for the next catastrophic event is now underway. But it is the only function that we sincerely wish would cancel."

Bowers Docents

Recently, Santa Ana resident Helen Moren graduated as one of 23 new docents for the Bowers Museum of Culture and Art. She went through a year of intensive study and more than 200 hours of training to be able to help museum visitors and to answer their questions.

If you think you'd like to become a docent at the Bowers, call the Docent Office at 567-3600.

Scouting in Santa Ana



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A lot has changed since 1910, when American William D. Boyce brought Scouting to this country from England, where it had been founded and was flourishing under the famous British General, Lord Robert Baden-Powell.

And the Scout handbook, first published in 1911, has been revised ten times to date, each revision reflecting the changing times. Today, it also emphasizes Youth Protection, a mandatory part of adult leadership training structured to help ensure the safety of all children from all forms of abuse.

This includes teaching children and adults how to identify dangerous situations, and to be assertive "when faced with a situation he or she perceives as dangerous."

But the basic goals of Scouting remain the same: to work with boys who desire to conduct themselves according to the Scout oath, promising "On my honor I will do my best, To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

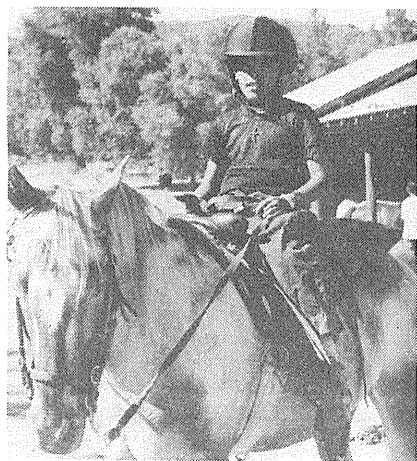


Fortunately, in Santa Ana alone, a city which is too often cited for the number of its gangs, there are 77 active Cub Packs and Boy Scout Troops with over 1,500 active members, led by 450-500 adults, all of whom subscribe to this philosophy, according to District Executive Marcos Nava.

Nava, and his assistant Arturo Saucedo, are responsible for recruiting membership, finding adult participants, and making sure that a quality year-round Scouting program is being provided in the Santiago District, which is essentially the Santa Ana Unified School District.

And to reach the sizable Hispanic population, Nava's efforts have taken a number of innovative turns.

At a recent meeting of the Santa Ana Kiwanis Club, Nava presented the *Grupo Renacimiento*, a troupe of dancers based on the Jerome Center sponsored by the Santiago District. "Jerome Center had become a gang stronghold when we appealed to the Hispanic community to take it back for their neighborhood," said Nava. "And we



volunteered to underwrite this group of folk dancers, who had virtually disbanded partly because the Center where they practiced had become unsafe." In 1991, there were five members of the troop; today, there are 465 active members of "Reborn Group," which demonstrates authentic folk dancing throughout the area under the auspices of the Boy Scouts. And Jerome Center is clean, safe, and the site of many community activities, including Tae Kwon Do, aerobic, and folk dancing classes.

But perhaps Scouting's greatest success in the Hispanic community is due to what Nava calls a "three-in-one" approach. "Soccer has always been popular among Hispanics, so we went into a barrio to the Delhi Community Center at the corner of Halliday and Warner. The Hispanic culture is very family-oriented, and we proposed starting a youth program at the Delhi Center run by parents and other adults with the help of trained Scouting leaders that featured a soccer program, an anti-alcohol and smoking program, and a Scouting program. The program is offered in Spanish, English, or a combination of both languages as requested by the adult leaders."

So successful is this program nine months later that the *Orange County Register* reports, "Scout meetings usually are held on the soccer fields, with more than 3,000 kids participating."

Can Scouting keep kids out of gangs? "Yes!" says Santa Ana Police Officer Jose Vargas, the Police Department's Hispanic Affairs officer. "I'm not aware of a single shooting incident where the victim or others involved were Scouts."

Does Vargas practice what he preaches? Yes. "All of my kids have gone through the Scouts or other similarly structured programs; in fact I have a son in Troop 151 whose biggest goal is to make Eagle Scout."

But why does Scouting seem to have such prevention potential? Possibly because, as Chief Scout Executive Ben H. Love says, "You're entering a world full of exciting adventures. You belong to a group of friends that wants to go places and do things."

"No matter what happens, you'll know how to take care of yourself. You'll develop strength, confidence, and good judgment. And you can find out how it feels to be a leader."

"Scouting experiences will help you discover that you can make good things happen in your life by planning and setting goals and then reaching for them. You're in charge of yourself and your experiences, and there's no limit to what you can do — if you just put your mind to it."

Just like a group of Scouts worked together that Wednesday morning to help one of their own achieve a goal. A group of friends who had learned how to lead, and how to follow. How to plan a project, and how to improvise and cope with the unexpected. How to cooperate in order to successfully complete their objective.

The Scouting program can begin when a boy is in the first grade, when he and his parents participate in a "Tiger" program in a Cub Scout Pack. His Cub Scouting experiences can continue as he moves through the Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Dens, finally graduating with the "Arrow of Light" at the age of eleven from a Pack into a Troop.

Or, at the age of 11, he may join a Scout Troop, where he will learn all the skills he needs to become a successful Scout, whose activities include outdoor adventures like camping, hiking, boating, and swimming. Both Cub Packs and Scout Troops also support community service projects, such as "Scouting for Food," which in 1993 collected over 360,000 pounds of canned goods in Orange County that were donated to local food distribution centers.

But at whatever age a boy becomes involved, Scouting always provides an opportunity to have a positive experience with adults and other youth. Nava remembers, "I became re-involved in Scouting after helping my son build his car for a Pinewood Derby. There's nothing like hearing your son saying, 'Thanks! I love you, Dad!'"

Like all youth programs, Scouting depends on adult volunteer leadership and financial donations for its success. "Only 10 percent of revenues are used for staff expenses; the rest support Scouting programs right here in Orange County," says Nava. "We welcome undesignated financial contributions, which go into our general fund, and we also respect the wishes of those who want to support a specific program or Troop."

For more information on Scouting, please call the Orange County Council Offices of Boy Scouts of America at 546-4990.



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Northeast

The Northeast Steering Committee has recently been notified that an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared for the redevelopment of the Fidelity Federal site next to MainPlace/Santa Ana. It's anticipated that the Northeast Neighborhood will be working with neighboring associations to study and comment on the project's impact on the area.

The neighborhood's Hospitality Committee started the new year off with an Afternoon Tea in January. The gathering was an opportunity for volunteers of the committee to get to know each other and share ideas for various neighborhood social events in 1994.

Historic French Park

The annual neighborhood Christmas potluck was held in December at the home of neighborhood presidents Jon and Janice Gothold. It was a resounding success with over 50 neighbors in attendance, as well as the mayor and several councilmen.

The recently relocated Hammaker House project at 826 Lacy St. is moving forward. Plans have been approved and contractors are currently bidding on the restoration of the home. The target date for beginning construction work is February.

Permit parking will be coming to French Park soon to resolve some of the parking problems in the neighborhood. This will be part of the French Court permit plan.

Wilshire Square

In December, the neighborhood held a special Christmas Tea and Home Tour with sold-out success. The sit-down formal tea and tour of several neighborhood homes was an experiment at trying something different and proceeded flawlessly.

Meanwhile, Wilshire Square is already gearing up for their Sixth Annual Historic Home Tour on June 4th and 5th. Look for ticket information in the next *Eye on Santa Ana*.

The first awardee of the annual Wilshire Square Good Neighbor Award is Dave Rudge who organized numerous Wilshire Improvement Projects in addition to finally getting the City to put up neighborhood signs after a frustrating 5 year effort.

At their annual progressive Christmas pot-luck dinner, the neighbors elected Alison Young and Simon Kings as co-chairs for 1994.

Sandpointe

Reviewing their accomplishments in 1993, the neighborhood looked with pride at their efforts. Hank Kaim, as chairman of the Sandpointe Neighborhood also headed the anti-graffiti campaign which saw residents getting involved in 24 "Paint Parties" to freshen up the coating on all common walls in the neighborhood.

Scott McKee was instrumental in securing the bronze signs now gracing the entrances to the neighborhood. Doug Haugh was a tremendous help in collecting signatures for parking permits for streets bordering apartments and condominium complexes. Sandpointe's "Yard of the Month" contest has had great success thanks to Sylvia Clark. And Marion Monkvic kept the neighborhood informed about recycling programs.

Bristol/Warner

Residents have applauded the replacement of the steel power poles on Warner Avenue with wooden ones, allowing a better view for motorists turning onto Rene Drive



Around the Neighborhoods

Thornton Park

Neighborhood residents have been active in a letter writing campaign to state officials regarding the state housing code and its negative effects on the effort to decrease overcrowding in Santa Ana.

Thornton Park has been working with the City to resolve some traffic problems in the neighborhood including painting certain corner curbs red in order to increase visibility and having stop signs placed on Raitt and Adams to reduce the chance of accidents.

Valley High

The neighborhood sponsored a very successful community fair in November with an estimated 1500 people attending the event in John Adams Park and enjoying exhibits and demonstrations from the Police and Fire Departments, as well as entertainment, information booths, and games for the kids. Dominos and El Polo Loco donated food for the event.

Valley High, and especially chairman Alberta Christy, played an instrumental role in the City's new adult dancing ordinance, working to gain support for such an ordinance from residents, other neighborhoods and the City Council. The neighborhood is presently working on a letter writing campaign to change the state laws on overcrowding, (which supercede any ordinances Santa Ana tries to put into effect).

Floral Park

The neighborhood ended their second year of organization with a Christmas Concert attended by over 300 residents from the surrounding area and other neighborhoods in the City. The event also included a presentation of a financial donation to the Santiago Elementary School Library and donations of toys to the Santa Ana Firefighters Association annual toy drive.

Plans for the February general meeting include SAPD Chief Walters and City Manager Dave Ream discussing the proposed jail and associated utility tax increase. In March the Floral Park Neighborhood Association will play the S.A. Firefighters and Police Officers Associations in its first softball challenge of the year.

The second annual FPNA home tour will be held on April 23 and 24 and include homes on North Park, Riverside, and Heliotrope. They will also hold an antique/collectable sale in the cul-de-sac at the end of North Park (adjacent to Broadway). Tickets will cost \$12.50, \$10 pre-sale, with group discounts available. Contact Sandy DeAngelis at 547-2439 for more details.

Last November Floral Park held officer elections and voted in Michele Morrisey as president, Emmett Berkery as vice president, Julie Humphreys as secretary, Blair O'Callaghan as treasurer, Bruce Nicholson as social event chair, Janelle McLoughlin as membership director, and Sandy DeAngelis as home tour chair.

Saddleback View

Their last general meeting was addressed by neighborhood resident and City Councilman Ted Moreno who spoke about a number of neighborhood and city-wide issues as well as answered the audience's questions.

The neighborhood's next general meeting is planned for mid-February at the Remington School.

West Floral Park

The neighborhood was extra festive late last year as residents placed over 400 red bows on local street trees to celebrate the holiday. Also, over 150 attended a holiday social which not only included a raffle of prizes donated by local merchants but, even featured a special visit from Santa !

The neighborhood will be holding their First Annual Country Fair and Classic Car Show at Santiago School on May 14th. The event will also feature games and prizes. WFPNA invites all of their Santa Ana neighbors to attend.

West Floral Park's next general meeting will be held the first week of March at Santiago School and will feature State Senator Rob Hurtt.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

The Society ended a busy 1993 with a very successful Christmas Victorian Progressive Dinner where diners moved from historic house to historic house for appetizers, soup and salad, a dinner, and dessert. At one home, the Westwood Carolers serenaded with Christmas songs.

In February the Magnolia Gardens restaurant will be the location for this year's annual membership dinner where Councilman Rob Richardson will speak and show slides on noted architect Frederick Eley.

The Society will again co-host a Garden Tour and Spring Boutique on April 9. See below for details.

Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee

In December, "Comm-Link" members heard about problems with existing residential occupancy limits and how residents can help change the state laws regarding them. Also, members of the City's Planning Division spoke about the Land Use Element of the General Plan in the beginning of a series of meetings with residents about the element.

At the January meeting, Edward Cooper, City Attorney, spoke about current City laws and ordinances and how they affect residents. In addition he answered questions from the audience and made recommendations for some of their concerns.

Comm-Link's future schedule include Rudy Castruita, superintendent of the Santa Ana Unified School District speaking in February and a special program on the "Santa Ana 2000" program in March.

The Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee is an informational organization of City neighborhoods that meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Southwest Senior Center, 2201 W. McFadden Ave.

For more information, contact Norm Canchola at 667-2262.

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

SAMSON members held an election of 1994 officers recently including Judy Perry as president, Sal Juarez as vice president, Bernie La Chapelle as treasurer, Florence Leach as secretary, and Tom Ferrier as sgt. at arms.

The guest speaker for their Feb. 19th meeting will be George Ruiz, Parole Agent Supervisor of the Department of Corrections.

SAMSON meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month in the Community Room of the Coastal Community Hospital, 2701 S. Bristol beginning at 1 p.m.

Guests are always welcome.

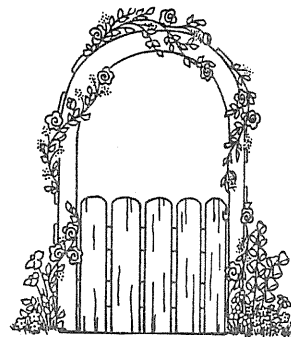
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Sat. April 9th 10 am to 5 pm

Enjoy a self-guided tour featuring a number of beautiful gardens in the Santa Ana and Tustin area, all offering a variety of Spring flowers and garden designs.

The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society and the Tustin Area Historical Society will once again co-sponsor this fund-raising event which will also include a craft boutique and plant sale. Some of the garden owners will also open their homes to tour.

Tickets are only \$7 and may be purchased on the day of the event at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana or at the Tustin Area Museum, 395 El Camino Real, Tustin. Call 953-1876 for more information.

For advance tickets mail a check made out to "S.A.H.P.S." to

Garden Tour, 1205 So. Parton St.; Santa Ana, CA 92707.



Future Successful Entrepreneurs -- Susan Fox, Director of the Business Ownership Service System program, talks to a class of students about writing their own business plans

BOSS Succeeds -- continued from page 1

And that success is coming as a class of 32 new students begin what is only the third BOSS class — chosen from a field of 64 applicants. "Hughes Aircraft Company and Defcon II also have asked us to hold four more classes simultaneously," says Fox.

"These students, which make up the largest segment of the unemployed population, are shocked to learn that over eighty percent of jobs actually come out of small businesses," says Fox, which means that there really is life after layoffs.

Better yet, for many there is a degree of happiness, peace, and personal satisfaction almost beyond their dreams. "I have a student who stops by regularly to tell me how much it means to him just to be able to arrange his schedule so that he can pick up his son from school."

But this awareness is achieved only after they come to terms with the two most unpleasant realities of their "layoff": their jobs are gone forever. And their "security" was an illusion.

Fox explains, "In traditional layoffs, employees will eventually be rehired at the same or similar jobs when times are better. That's not the case with these unemployed military, aerospace, and defense workers. Imagine being told at age 35 or 40 that all the training and experience you've gotten since you were in your 20's doesn't count. You've got to start from scratch!"

Or almost from scratch, because as employees these students demonstrated many traits that will make them successful small business owners, when they acquire the skills and knowledge they need to be entrepreneurs.

"They are persistent, tenacious, energetic, and possess basic intelligence. And now they realize they have been betrayed by company cultures to which they literally entrusted their lives.

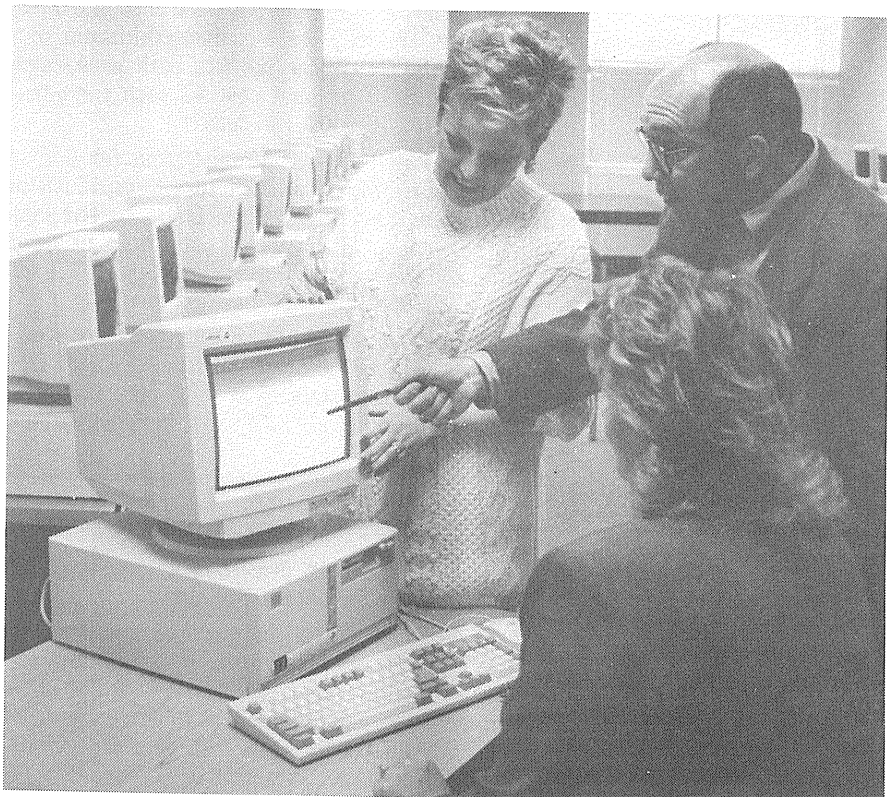
"So most of all, they don't want this to happen to them again, which means they are ready to work for themselves in order to take charge of their own lives," says Fox, who recruited her first students in March, 1993.

And all an unemployed applicant needs is an entrepreneurial idea and a high school diploma. The program is free. For more information, call Sandy Desserio, Marketing Coordinator, at (714) 564-5208 or (310) 947-0427.

After receiving eight hours of assessment, aptitude, and interest tests, participants will be taught the basics of running a business, including writing a business plan.

It is almost unnecessary for Fox to verbalize her own satisfaction and sense of personal fulfillment in achieving this success. Her story is in many ways, like those she teaches: for too many years stuck in a job that paid the bills when "what I really wanted to do was to get back into education." Finally, seven years ago she was able to do just that, first getting a Master's Degree in Vocational Education and then teaching high school before moving on to teach business classes at Mount San Antonio College. Helping a friend who had started a small business development center gave her some new ideas, and when Rancho Santiago College asked her to start the BOSS program, Fox knew she had found her niche.

Now, "The pay is decent," she admits, "but I probably would do this for nothing."



Computer Aided Business Planning -- Fox discusses the latest computer options with Training Administrator Frank Frimodig and Marketing Administrator Sandy Desserio (seated). The BOSS program has a bank of computers available for students to learn on.



Cultural Calendar

Bowers Museum of Cultural Art

2002 N. Main St. — 567-3600

Seven Decades: Modern Mexican Art from the Bernard Lewin Collection opens on Feb. 12 with 100 paintings by significant Mexican artists from the '20s to the '90s.

Pageantry of Dolls continues through March with dolls donated by Orange County school children during the early 1930s. The Bowers offers a number of films as part of a series on art and artists including *Wend Kuuni* on Feb. 10, *Siquieros* on Feb. 17, *Art and Revolution in Mexico* on March 3, and *Rufino Tamayo* on March 17. The showings are free with museum admission.

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART)

1636 S. Grand — 836-7929

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry, a powerhouse drama of the sacrifice, heartbreak, and love of a Black woman struggling to hold her family together, continues through March 5th.

Way Off Broadway

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

Red Scare on Sunset by Charles Bush, a comedy about blacklisting in Hollywood during the '40s and '50s, will play from Feb. 11 through March 27.

Orange County Crazies

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

Orangefeld is the Crazies' latest satiric revue of life in and around Orange County featuring skits and improvisational pieces. Performances are on Saturdays from Feb 19 through April 16 at 8 pm.

Orange County Center For Contemporary Art

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

A show featuring paintings by **Hamid Zavareei**, paintings and mixed media by Gomez, and sculpture by Carol Setterlund opens on Feb. 12 and runs until March 11.

On March 16 OCCCA features a new exhibit with works by **Shorty Vassalli**, **John Breitweiser**, and a special showing of National Mail Art.

Murder Mystery Dinner

South Coast Plaza Village — 675-9726

Murder Takes a Holiday as you enjoy a delightfully mysterious evening of fine dining and fun. Call the box office for information on dates.

Randell's

Three Hutton Centre Dr. (off MacArthur near Main) — 556-7700.

At California's *Most Romantic Jazz Club*, you'll enjoy music by recording artists **Tony Guerrero**, **Thom Rotella**, **Zzah**, **Hollis Gentry**, and **Polyhedra**. On Feb. 15, enjoy Fat Tuesday like never before with a special Mardi Gras Party featuring **Paul Carman**. Randell's now offers Big Screen Sports besides the finest in Jazz music.

Crazy Horse Steakhouse and Saloon

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

Offering the finest in country entertainment including upcoming shows by **B. J. Thomas**, **Carlene Carter**, **Lacy J. Dalton**, **Meryl Haggard**, and the **Charlie Daniels Band**. The Crazy Horse also features complimentary country dance lessons on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights in their saloon.

New Orleans Jazz Club of Southern California

Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane (off 1st St.)

Holds monthly jazz sessions and a headliner band on the first Sunday of every month. The public is always invited. Call 664-1408 for further information.

Orange County Performing Arts Center

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

The Center will be featuring a Tommy Tune production of *Grease*, starring Rosie O'Donnell from March 29 to April 3. Other upcoming shows (that you might want to start reserving tickets for) include: *Tommy on Broadway* from May 10 to 15; *The Great Radio City Spectacular*, starring the Rockettes and special guest Susan Anton from June 14 to 19; and beginning on July 22, *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Opera Pacific

Orange County Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa. For ticket information, call 740-2000.

Ealynn Voss, makes her debut as Brünnhilde in Richard Wagner's monumental *Die Walküre*, Opera Pacific's first performance of a German opera and the first time in nearly 20 years that Wagner's popular work is presented in Southern California. Performances are March 4, 10, 12, 18 and 20.

One of America's most exciting and beautiful young sopranos, Ruth Ann Swenson, will assume the title role in Gaetano Donizetti's legendary 19th century work, *Lucia di Lammermoor* performed on March 9, 11, 13, 17, and 19.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra

Orange County Performing Arts Center, Costa Mesa. For tickets, call 740-2000. For performance information, call 755-5799

From *The Pink Panther to Moon River*, Henry Mancini's music turns to gold in two performances Feb. 18 and 19. *Mozart's Great Mass* is performed by the PSO with Carl St. Clair conducting on March 25 and 26.

Peabo Bryson and **Patti Austin** present a soulful evening of rhythm and blues, gospel-style ballads, and Bryson's favorite Disney songs on April 8 and 9.

Orange County Philharmonic Society

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

Celebrating their 40th anniversary, OCPS continues to present some of the world's most renowned orchestras and exciting ensembles including the Orchestre National de France who will perform on Sun., Feb. 27 and the Hungarian State Folk Ensemble who will play on Tues., March 15.

Rancho Santiago College

17th St. at Bristol — Call 564-5600 for more information.

Very Visual Dialogue brings together the colorfully charged, abstract paintings of seven artists who have been exhibited nationally and internationally. Exhibited at the Art Gallery, Fine Arts Building, Feb 15 through March 22.

West Side Story sets the tragic story of Romeo and Juliet in a contemporary world of poverty celebrating love's attempt to flourish against a backdrop of hate and prejudice. Phillips Hall Theatre from March 10 to 20. For ticket information, call 564-5661.

Every season, the RSC Dance Department brings celebrated guest artists to campus to teach dance master classes, open to the community. **Germain Goodson**, Broadway performer and teacher at Alvin Ailey Dance Center will teach on Wed. March 2 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. **Alonzo King**, Artistic Director for LINES Contemporary Ballet of San Francisco, will teach on Thurs., March 17 from 6:30 to 8 pm. Cost is \$7 per person/per class. Call 564-5641/5645 for information.

Community Calendar

February

Feb 4 (Fri) — Celebrate a **Vietnamese Happy New Year** from 11 am to 2 pm as you experience a live, mystifying dragon dance, watch a student karate show, and enjoy traditional Vietnamese cooking. There will be plenty of BBQ meat, fried rice, and egg rolls for sale. The event will be held at the main branch of the Santa Ana Public Library, 26 Civic Center Plaza, and is being held by the Friends of the SAPL with proceeds to benefit the library. Call Jeanette Pham at 647-5266.

Feb 5 (Sat) — Its **"Two Cans for Toucans"** Day when every child under 12 years of age may enter the Santa Ana Zoo for free if they bring in two empty aluminum cans. Call 836-4000.

Feb 5 (Sat) — The **1994 Black History Parade and Cultural Fair** returns to Santa Ana with a parade starting at 15th St. at 10 am, traveling down Broadway, and up Civic Center Dr. to Eddie West Stadium on Flower St. A Cultural Fair will be held at the stadium complete with musical and dance entertainment, train rides and face painting, and a variety of vendor booths with art, jewelry and clothing.

Feb 5-6 (Sat-Sun) — The magic of science brings marionettes to life as the Discovery Science Center presents **"Fantasy with Strings,"** a funny and fast paced show that blends fun with quality puppets, fabulous technique, and great music. Performances will be at 11 am, 1 and 3 pm at the Center's Launch Pad located at Crystal Court Mall in Costa Mesa (across from South Coast Plaza). Tickets are \$5 each and include free entry to Launch Pad exhibits. Call 546-2061.

Feb 7 (Mon) — At their **"Husbands and Guests Night,"** the Ebell Society has invited an Orange County Immigration and Naturalization Director to speak at 7:30 pm. The public is invited and refreshments will follow the program. Call 547-6331.

Feb 10, 17, 24 (Thurs) — It's that (tax) time of year and if you're a senior, you might just be able to have a **tax volunteer** at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. 3rd St., assist you. Call 547-5671 or 647-6540 to make an appointment.

Feb 10 (Thurs) — The Orange County Historical Society offers their second in a series of **"The Chinese in Orange County"** with today's focus on the current Chinese community. The lecture featuring Dr. Yong Chen starts at 7:30 pm and is free to the public. It will be held at Room 4 of the Education Center at Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. Call 871-2935 for more information.

Feb 11 (Fri) — Area women are invited to a **monthly luncheon** hosted by the Santa Ana/Tustin Christian Women's Club at the Orange County Mining Co. restaurant, 10000 Crawford Canyon Rd., Santa Ana, from 11:45 am to 1:45 pm. The theme is **"Be My Valentine"** and will feature speaker Nancy Sherman as well as a fashion show by the Florence Smales Modeling Agency. The luncheon buffet is \$14 and includes free child care for children up to five. Call 838-4077.

Feb 12 (Sat) — The Wellness Community of Orange County will offer **two workshops**. At 10 am, Rhea Wagner, RN, will speak on Patient Rights. At 1 pm, Michele Woodward will present a workshop entitled **"Draw to Your Heart's Content."** All workshops are open to adults with cancer and are free. Call 258-1210 for more information.

Feb 12 (Sat) — A **Children's Victorian Valentine Workshop** for ages 6 to 12 will be held at the Discovery Museum, 3101 Harvard St. Children will learn about the traditions of Valentine's Day as they create elaborate Valentines and have a Valentine Tea Party. Non-members cost \$7. 540-0404.

Feb 13 (Sun) — The Discovery Museum's Victorian Tea Society will serve a special **Valentine Tea** in the Museum's historic Kellogg House at 2 pm and at 4 pm. Guests will enjoy tasty finger sandwiches, fresh baked scones, delicious desserts, and a selection of fragrant teas.

The price is \$15 per person and seating is limited. The Discovery Museum is located at 3101 Harvard St. Call 540-0404 for reservations.

Feb 19 (Sat) — Seniors can enjoy a **meal and a movie** for just \$1.99 courtesy of Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin Ave. Meet at 11 am for lunch in their cafeteria and then see the movie **Philadelphia Story** at noon. The popcorn is free. Call 835-3555 for more information.

Feb 23 (Wed) — Learn how to **"Start Your Own Small Business"** at a seminar sponsored by the Service Corps of Retired Executives and the U.S. S.B.A. from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at the County Services Center, 1300 S. Grand Ave., Bldg C, Room 208. Topics to be discussed include site location, financing, recordkeeping, ads and promotion and legal procedures. Fee is \$20 and pre-registration is recommended. Also held on March 23. Call 836-2709 for additional details.

Feb 23 and 24 (Wed and Fri) — Seniors (at least 55 years old) are invited to attend a **"55 Alive"** safe driving course held at Western Medical Center from 9 am to 1 pm on both days. Fee is just \$8. Call 953-3486 for more information.

Feb 24 (Thurs) — The City of Santa Ana sponsors the **4th Annual Foosball Tournament** for children ages 7 through 12. The event is held at Memorial Recreation Center from 3:30 to 6 pm. Call 647-5399 for more information.

Feb 26 (Sat) — There's going to be lots of good bargains and food at the **2nd Annual Santa Ana High School PTA Rummage Sale** from 7 am to 3 pm at their parking lot on 1st St. between Flower and Ross. Proceeds benefit the SAHS Scholarship Fund. Donations are still accepted at the school office. Call 542-5108.

Feb 28 (Mon) — A **fashion show and luncheon** will be held beginning at noon by the Ebell Society of the Santa Ana Valley at the Ebell Clubhouse, 605 French St. Tickets are \$15 per person. The public is invited. Call 547-6331.

March

March 2 (Wed) — A free seminar, **"How to Protect Your Million Dollar Idea,"** is being presented by John Connors, a patent attorney, at 6:30 pm at the Orange County Bar Association, 601 W. Civic Center Dr. Call 542-6833.

March 5 (Sat) — Be a party animal and join the Santa Ana Zoo in celebration of its **42nd birthday**. Visit Critter's Corner, have your face painted, listen to our special music, and enjoy an ice cream cone. Special treats for kids who bring a handmade birthday card for the Zoo. 836-4000.

March 9-23 (Mon & Wed) — Learn conversational Spanish fast with **Speed Spanish**, a course offered by Rancho Santiago College's Community Services Department. The fee is \$39 and the classes are held from 7 to 10 pm. Call 564-6220.

March 10 (Thurs) — The Orange County Historical Society features **200 Years in San Juan Capistrano** in a **special guest lecture** with Pamela Hallan Gibson beginning at 7:30 pm. This will prepare participants for a docent-led tour of old town San Juan Capistrano on the following Saturday. The lecture is held in Room 4 of the Bowers Museum Education Center, 2002 N. Main St. and is free to the public. Call 871-2935 for further details.

March 12 (Sat) — A day-long exploration of the **history of modern Mexican art** featuring scholars and a contemporary artist will be held at the Bowers

Museum, 2002 N. Main St. from 9 am to 5 pm. Call 567-3600 for more information.

March 14 (Mon) — The Ebell Society features a special event featuring a musical program entitled **"Sounds of Spring"** as well as an exhibit of ceramic animals by noted artist Kay Finch. The program will be held at the Ebell Clubhouse, 605 French St. from 1:30 to 4 pm. The public is invited. Call 547-6331 for reservations.

March 16 (Wed) — **Deadline for registration** for the Spring season of both the Slowpitch and Fastpitch Softball (Men, Women, and Coed teams) league. Call 557-0390 for more information.

March 17 (Thurs) — It's **St. Patrick's Day** at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. 3rd St., and all participants for lunch should be wearing "the green" and be ready to sing good old Irish folk tunes. Starts at 12:15 pm. Call 647-6540.

March 18 (Fri) — Area women are invited to a **monthly luncheon** hosted by the Santa Ana/Tustin Christian Women's Club at the Orange County Mining Co. restaurant, 10000 Crawford Canyon Rd., Santa Ana, from 11:45 am to 1:45 pm. The featured speaker will be Sab Takahashia, landscape architect. The luncheon buffet is \$14 and includes free child care for children up to five. For reservations, call Barbara at 838-4077.

March 19 (Sat) — Seniors can enjoy a **meal and a movie** for just \$1.99 courtesy of Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin Ave. Meet at 11 am for lunch in their cafeteria and then see the movie **Big** at noon. The popcorn is free. Call 835-3555.

March 23 and 24 (Wed and Fri) — Seniors (at least 55 years old) are invited to attend a **"55 Alive"** safe driving course held at Western Medical Center from 9 am to 1 pm on both days. Fee is just \$8. Call 953-3486 for more information.

March 27 (Sun) — The **ACP Computer Swap Meet** returns with scores of vendors offering some of the greatest deals you've ever seen on new and used computer stuff. The event is free and located in the parking lot of Advanced Computer Products, 1310 E. Edinger from 8 am to 2 pm.

March 28-29 (Mon-Tues) — Children will enjoy the traditions of **Easter eggs and bunnies** with two workshops. On Monday, children age 6 to 12 will be using natural dyes to color eggs, make living Easter baskets, and participate in an egg roll. On Tuesday, children from 4 to 8 will go on a scavenger hunt, make a puppet in a cup, and meet a live bunny. Held by the Discovery Museum of Orange County, 3101 Harvard St., both workshops are from 2 to 3:30 pm and cost \$7 each for non-members. Call 540-0404 for details.

March 28 - April 1 — Pre-registration for the **Citywide Youth Track and Field Championships** will be held at Rancho Santiago College. The competition is open to all boys and girls born in 1979 through 1986. The event will be held on April 10 at 1 pm. Call 557-0390 for information.

March 28 (Mon) — The **Annual Silent Auction and Dinner** will be held by the Ebell Society at the Ebell Clubhouse starting at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call 547-6331 for reservations.

April

April 9 (Sat) — Enjoy a self-guided **Garden Tour** featuring a number of beautiful gardens in the Santa Ana and Tustin area. The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society and the Tustin Area Historical Society will once again co-sponsor this fund-raising event which will also include a craft boutique. Some of the garden owners will

also open their homes to tour. Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased on the day of the event at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Dr. or at the Tustin Area Museum, 395 El Camino Real. Call 953-1876 for more info. or advance tickets.

April 23 & 24 (Sat & Sun) — The Floral Park Neighborhood proudly holds their **Second Annual Home Tour** including homes on North Park, Riverside, and Heliotrope. There will also be an antique/collectable sale. Pre-sale tickets are \$10, day

of event are \$12. Group discounts available. Call Sandy DeAngelis for details 547-2439.

April 23 (Sat) — The Volunteer Center of Orange County is sponsoring the countywide **Volunteer Connection Day**. The day-long event enables residents to get involved in their community with specially chosen projects. For further information, contact Charlotte Calvin at 953-5757 with the Volunteer Center or 571-4251 for Santa Ana based volunteer activities.