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Redevelopment Plan To Help Pay For New Schools

It's not news that Santa Ana is experiencing a booming growth in student population with too few schools, playing fields, and other facilities to adequately handle the numbers.

At the same time, like many school districts around the state, Santa Ana has seen money for new projects shrinking or even completely drying up. With that dismal funding future in front of them, Santa Ana city staff have been hard at work figuring out new ways to raise additional money to improve both our educational and community institutions.

The proposed "Educational Facilities Improvement Plan" was created to be just that vehicle. Basically a city-wide redevelopment plan, the E.F.I.P. will focus on rehabilitating, expanding, or constructing new school and community facilities.

"We needed to create a funding source to provide for the construction of these necessary facilities," noted Bob Hoffman, the City's Redevelopment and Real Estate Manager. "They no longer can be funded by the traditional ways of the past."

The plan is to place the entire city in a redevelopment area. Currently, Santa Ana has six redevelopment project areas including the Downtown and Bristol Street areas.

A redevelopment area allows the City's Redevelopment Agency to divert a portion of future property taxes toward local capital improvements. It does not allow or mean an increase in property taxes for residents.

Instead, as property values increase (through the turnover of property and new construction), the associated increase in property tax revenues is retained by the Redevelopment Agency. Without redevelopment, most of that money would go to the state government and not be kept at the local level.

In the case of this proposed city-wide plan, the additional money generated would be used to fund school and community building projects.

"We're in the planning stages right now," continued Hoffman.

"We're going to spend the next several months working with our elected officials, school boards, and community groups to develop a priority list of facilities the community needs."

"The City anticipates about two years to completely design and adopt the plan. We'd see some funds slowly building in the beginning, with it taking several years to see substantial revenue."

Meanwhile, City staff has already been meeting with community and neighborhood groups to inform residents about the benefits of the proposed plan. They've also been quick to alleviate homeowner concerns about fears of eminent domain, a standard tool of last resort for many redevelopment projects.

"Property in the new project area will be exempt from eminent domain. That's one of the important parts of the plan. We looking at this plan as a way to generate revenue to improve our City, not as a means to change the face of a specific area such as we're doing on Bristol Street," commented Hoffman.

If you have additional questions regarding the plan or would like a speaker at your community group's next meeting, contact the City's Redevelopment Agency at 647-5360.

If you'd like additional information about your local neighborhood association, on organizing your neighborhood, or about Eye on Santa Ana, contact the City's Neighborhood Improvement Department at 667-2260. They'll be glad to help you.

Si desea usted información adicional sobre su asociación local de vecindario o en como organizar su vecindario o sobre Eye on Santa Ana, pongase en contacto con el Departamento de Mejoramiento de Vecindario de la Ciudad al 667-2260. Ellos estaran encantados de ayudarle.

Nếu bạn muốn biết thêm chi tiết về những hội đoàn trong khu lân cận nơi bạn đang ở, hay bạn muốn tổ chức một hội đoàn mới, hay bạn muốn biết thêm về tờ báo Eye on Santa Ana này, xin bạn gọi Neighborhood Improvement Department tại số 667-2260. Họ sẽ sẵn sàng giúp bạn.



Playing Cop -- At the Santa Ana Police and Fire Display Show, there was something for everyone to enjoy, especially a very young man who got the chance to sit on a real police motorcycle.

New Businesses See Success Thanks To Innovative Center

by Catherine C. Cate

Fritz Richard already was looking around for modest office space when he told me that he was thinking about going into an "Executive Suite" arrangement in an Anaheim office building. After conducting his computer graphics and publishing business out of his small one-bedroom apartment for several years, he realized that he needed more

space, better administrative support services and nicer amenities in order to work more efficiently and also to present a more professional image.

Both as a personal friend and business associate, I knew he was on the brink of success -- or failure -- and making the right move at this point probably would make the difference.

"No...wait! First, call Dr. Daniel Mejia at the Business Enterprise Center here in Santa Ana. I don't know any details, but I do know that the Center is here to help people just like you."

The phone call reporting his introductory meeting with Dr. Mejia was jubilant. "I can't believe what the Business Enterprise Center offers...not just the office space and administrative support services, but access to all kinds of help and information. They really help small business owners get started...they even offer seminars for tenants on all kinds of business-related subjects. This is incredible! And my rent would be only about \$186 a month for 150 square feet of office space."

The materials I had received verified his report, and more than justified his enthusiasm. For a business on the brink, he was going into an "incubator" facility which

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VIEWPOINT

Guy Ball

What's Going On Here?

Since the last issue, two new neighborhoods have organized and two more, previously inactive, have come back to life. In the last few years, we grew by almost twenty. I think there's a trend here.

It's all about residents who live in an area caring enough to want to improve it. Residents like you and me who just want a better neighborhood to live in.

But they can't do it alone. And they shouldn't do it alone.

They need the support of every resident in that neighborhood. They need your help by showing up at meetings, joining a clean-up crew for a day, or, dare I say it, helping out on a committee.

They need you.

Without you, you can kiss your neighborhood goodbye.

Isn't there a story that goes: "For want of a nail, a war was lost"?

Think of yourself as that nail. Please!

What's Missing In This Issue?

Is the project your service club, civic group, or church organization doing mentioned in this issue of *Eye on Santa Ana*?

If not, let your president or public relations guru know that one of our main purposes in life is to publicize and promote the positive activities of any and all Santa Ana organizations.

In a City as big and as diverse as Santa Ana, we have hundreds of groups -- big and small -- who deserve to be recognized for their activities.

And that's just what *Eye on Santa Ana* is here for!

If you send us a press release, we'll do our best to give you or your event a mention.

Our guidelines are simple:

releases or articles should be typed (single or double spaced), send more information than you think we need, the organization and its purpose should be mentioned, include a phone number for publication should a reader have a question,

include a contact person and phone number (if different) for *Eye on Santa Ana* to contact in case we have any questions.

You can tell us about a past, present, or future event or even just about what your organization is all about. We'd prefer that you give us more information than you think we need just in case we need to lengthen the article.

Our next issue will come out in the beginning of October and will cover Oct, Nov, and Dec. Deadline for that issue is Sept 10.

Send all material to the address in the box below.

Eye on Santa Ana is Your Community Paper with a circulation of over 10,000 interested readers (no throw-aways here).

We're happy to help, but if you don't let us know who you are, we can't give you that well deserved plug!

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 (Fall) is Sept. 10, 1991. Mail to:

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Catherine's City

Commuter Takes A Closer Look...And Wins The Transportation Center Trivia Quiz

by Catherine C. Cate

With law school and Bar exams behind her, three years ago Marion Pulsifer, wife of Mike Pulsifer, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Santa Ana, began commuting to her job in Los Angeles where she is a Deputy Attorney with the California State Dept. of Transportation (CalTrans).

"I knew that eventually I would be handling many cases in Orange County, but I also knew that I would always need to commute regularly into the Los Angeles office," Marion said.

"It seemed to me that I could use my time and energy most efficiently by catching the Amtrak Commuter. For about a year I left the Santa Ana Transportation Center at about 7 am every morning. If I caught the train leaving Union Station at 4:45 pm, I got back about 6:00; if I missed that one, I could still catch the 5:45 and arrive in Santa Ana about 7:00."

And three years later she is still riding Amtrak several days a week.

"You can imagine that I don't pay a lot of attention to the Transportation Center itself at those hours, so I wanted to take a closer look after trying to answer the "Train Station Trivia" questions in the last *Eye on Santa Ana*, because I sure am glad the Transportation Center is there!"

And "there" is at 1000 East Santa Ana Blvd...one block east of where it was first built in 1887. Since then Santa Ana has always had a depot, which has served the

Southern Pacific and Santa Fe railroads, as well as the Pacific Electric Railway in the 1950's.

Seven years ago the station was renovated in what architects called "Mediterranean" style, and was expanded to serve several bus lines, including Greyhound and International Travels and Tours.

In addition to its transportation services, 12 tenants also occupy three of the Center's five floors, including Comcast's payment and service center and the headquarters of the Volunteer Center of Greater Orange County.

Those having business in the Transportation Center now compete for the 427 available parking spaces, but with 7 1/2 acres of land, much of which is maintained by persons performing public service sentences (instead of serving time in jail) through the Court Referral Program administered by the Volunteer Center.

It is possible that parking could be expanded to serve the approximately 350 thousand people who pass through the Center every year.

And if you're wondering how the Center's Manager, Danell Doornbos, can help you, why not call her at 647-6554 to schedule your next business or civic meeting in one of the Transportation Center's conference rooms on the 4th and 5th floors?

So, congratulations to Marion who wins a lunch for two courtesy of our friends at Mon Petite Cafe at 904 N. Main St.

Neighborhood Letter:

It was more than a *Fair* day in Sandpointe Neighborhood on April 20th of this year - it was a *wonderful* day. If you ever wanted to find out what the sense of community felt like, it could be found that day at the Taft/Sandpointe Community Carnival.

This was the third annual community fair to be held in Sandpointe. Bigger and better than ever, this year it was held in conjunction between the Sandpointe Neighborhood Association and Taft Elementary School.

Together the neighborhood association and the school created the best turnout yet to the fair and netted \$1,500 of badly needed funding for the school.

Everyone had fun. Carnival booths and food stands delighted everybody. City Councilmen Rob Richardson and Miguel Pulido along with school board member Rob Balen recognized crosswalk guard Juanita Davidson who was seriously injured earlier this year while helping children cross the intersection of Mac Arthur and Flower.

Ron Ono of City Parks and Recreation along with neighborhood leaders recognized Lydia Macias for her excellent supervision of children's activities at Sandpointe Park.

In addition, there was tremendous support from City Police and Fire Departments that clearly demonstrated the enormous personal effort put out by members of the City staff to support the neighborhoods.

Lt. Mike Foot of the Santa Ana Police Department helped to coordinate the Police Mobile Command Center exhibit, Corporal Mike Fleet and K9 Carlos drug sniffing demonstration, Police Cadets who finger printed the children, motorcycle patrol officers, and Barney the Talking Squad Car.

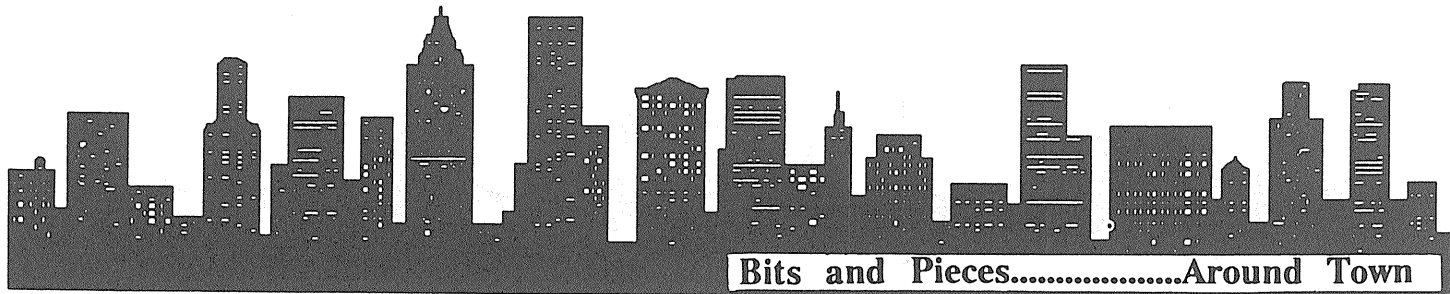
Karl Ellman and Sharon Frank of the City's Fire Department brought in the four-story hook and ladder fire truck, paramedics, and O.C. search and rescue groups.

The fair brought together City Personnel and local residents in this enjoyable community building event. The children saw the Fire and Police personnel as their friends and the adults learned more about what it take to protect our quality of life here in Sandpointe.

As a Fair organizer the only regrettable thing is that it's not possible to adequately thank all of the City Staff for the fine effort they made to make this fair a truly successful community event.

I would say that the support of Santa Ana City Manager Dave Ream and Mayor Dan Young has helped Sandpointe go a long way to building a fine community and better place to live.

Jim Walker,
Co-Chairman, Sandpointe Neighborhood Association



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Doing Our Part To Save Water

The results are in. Santa Ana residents and businesses are doing their part to conserve water during our drought.

In January and February, Santa Ana water use was down 6% each month compared to the same time last year. In March, when the water restrictions first went into effect, water use dropped a whopping 25%.

The months of April and May showed drops of 14% and 12% respectively over last year's usage.

The actual gallon amounts of water used in March, April, and May were 30,599,859, 36,323,626, and 41,410,003 for those of you who keep track of these things.

Keep watching your water use and reducing your water waste. We're doing something right. Let's see if we can keep dropping those numbers.

No One Lost Here

Seeking revenge for a previous loss, Santa Ana's Finest again went up against the Orange County Sheriff's Department in the 13th Annual Cop'er Bowl, the Santa Ana Police Department officer's charity football game.

Well, it seems that the Sheriff's Department got quite a bit tougher this year as they defeated our guys 30 to nothing.

The real winners were kids. \$20,000 was raised from the event and donated to four worthy causes: the Ronald McDonald House, Orangewood's Child Abuse Services Team, Olive Crest, and the Santa Ana High School football program.

In the last 13 years, over \$150,000 has been raised by our men and women in blue for local youths.

And that should take the bite out of any defeat on the football field.

Wall Street Winners

Next time you want to make a killing in the stock market, you might want to contact a group of Lathrop Jr. High students called the "Hot Tamales." It seems they bested 53 other student teams from around the county picking stocks in The Register's Stock Market Game. Their stocks rose almost 30% in just eight weeks.

Unfortunately the investments were "imaginary" and didn't result in any cash windfall profits, but the experience helped the students with their math skills.

Ron Rose, the students' teacher noted, "Students learned how to convert fractions to decimals and vice-versa, use calculators, and compute loss and gain."

The winners gained a \$350 grand prize which they decided to use for computer supplies for the school. Well, that's after the "Hot Tamales" treat themselves to a cool ice cream party.

Upcoming events:

The Friends of the Santa Ana Public Library will host their annual book sale in November. Anyone interested in helping or donating books should contact George or Jean Upton at 542-4298.

Top Local Corporation

When Hispanic Business magazine ranked the top 500 Latino-owned firms across the country, Santa Ana based Infotec Development Inc. came in at No. 9 in the state and No. 31 in the entire country.

Infotec is a very successful, high-tech engineering services company with over 525 employees and 1990 sales of over 50 million dollars.

Congratulations and continued success.

White Elephant

When Rainer Westphal and Antoinette Williams of Santa Ana wanted to get married, Antoinette chose Bertha, the performing elephant, to serve as her maid of honor.

Antoinette's choice was due to her love of elephants and out of respect for her late uncle, who was Bertha's original trainer. The ceremony was held outside the Sparks Nugget hotel and casino in Sparks, Nevada.

Bertha did her part proud. Wearing a red sequined headdress, Bertha marched up the aisle carrying the gold wedding rings on top of a velvet pillow.

After the ceremony Bertha took the bride for a ride in her trunk. The only hitch was when Bertha was to have signed the marriage certificate.

Not having mastered signing her name yet, Bertha did have to have a stand-in for that honor.

Award-winning Posters



The results are in for this year's 1991 Santa Ana Beautiful/Keep America Beautiful poster contest.

In the Intermediate Division: Vivathana Phaphouampheng, shown above, an eighth grader at MacArthur Fundamental, won first place with the theme "Take Pride in Making Santa Ana Shine;" Veronica Rendon, a seventh grader at Willard, won second, and Salomon Palencia, a seventh grader at Willard, won third.

In the elementary school division: Chanthone Sengdara, a fifth grader at Kennedy, won first place with the theme "Let's Keep Santa Ana Clean;" Socheata Chhouk, a fifth grader at Madison, won second and Ryan Ortega, a second grader at Greenville Fundamental, won third.

Unsafe Detectors

The Santa Ana Fire Department asked us to pass the word on a possible life-threatening safety problem.

"Vanguard" heat detectors were sold in recent years to residents by door-to-door sales people. The Federal Trade Commission has ruled they seriously misrepresented the early-warning capabilities of the detectors in case of fire.

If you do have a heat detector made by Vanguard (or Figgie) and purchased it from May 1980 through July 1987, you may be eligible for a court-ordered refund.

Contact the FTC at 11000 Wilshire Blvd., Ste 13209, Dept. J, Los Angeles, 90024.

If the Fire Department can be of assistance, please call 647-5700.

Celebrity Waiters/Waitresses

It may seem early to think about it, but once again, Y2000 members are thinking about Thanksgiving as they plan on becoming celebrity waiters and waitresses to serve Thanksgiving Dinner to the homeless at the YWCA Hotel for Homeless Women.

For the second year, members of the YWCA Hotel support group will take up their positions as waiters, chefs, bus persons, dish-washers, and clean-up crew, based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars they raise from individuals, corporations, and community groups.

\$100 buys them a spot on the clean-up crew, \$500 entitles them to all the rights and privileges of a busperson, and \$5,000 buys the top spot of Maitre'd.

"Competition is already heating up as Y2000 members urge their friends and business associates to contribute to this fun event", stated Nuby Sears, Y2000 President and president of HMS Equities in Newport Beach.

The YWCA Hotel for Homeless Women has served more than 1,500 women since its opening in 1987...women who are once again productive members of our community. The Hotel is a 19 room double occupancy facility providing transitional housing and support services for women in crisis.

This Thanksgiving dinner will provide not only food for the Hotel residents and low-income families, but also much needed financial support for the facility.

Y2000 is a group of young professionals dedicated to raising community awareness and funds to support the Santa Ana YWCA Hotel. Varying in age from twenty-five to thirty-five, these single professionals come from fields including law, real estate, sales, and marketing to help support a program that has become a "model" solution to homelessness.

If you'd like to participate in Y2000 or the dinner or would like to make a donation, contact Debra Jay at 542-3577.

Rockin' Zoo

Hold onto your hoola-hoops and poodle skirts, it's time for Rockin' Zoo, S.A., a fabulous fifties event on Saturday, July 13 from 6:30 until 9:30 pm at the Santa Ana Zoo.

The band "Rock Around the Clock" will provide fifties and sixties music, "Surf City" will bring their awesome collection of surfside sounds, and classic cars including roadsters and Woodys to enhance the atmosphere.

Then let's not forget your chance to ride an elephant, have your picture taken riding a "big wave" right here in the middle of Santa Ana, or even the chance to "monkey around" with the "residents" of the Zoo, all while you're dining on the food of the fifties -- burgers, chips, and a Coke.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo for the support and continued development of the Zoo. Tickets are \$5 each (children under 5 are free) and can be purchased in advance by calling the Friends at 953-8555.

The Zoo is located at 1801 Chestnut St, just off of First St. near the Santa Ana Fwy.

Number One Again

For the fifth year in a row, the Crazy Horse Steak House and Saloon has won the Academy of Country Music's Country Night Club of the Year Award.

The club offers the finest in country music in a very warm and intimate setting in addition to cooking up some pretty good tasting beef. They even offer free country dance lessons on Wednesday night.

To owner Fred Reiser and his talented staff, congratulations again for a job well done.

Good-bye Santa Ana Stationers

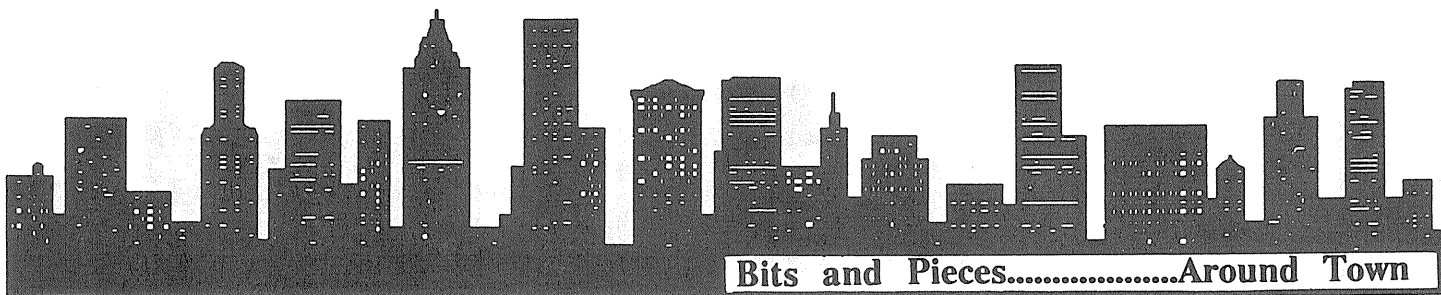
In August we'll be bidding adieu to one of the oldest family run businesses in Santa Ana -- Santa Ana Stationers, who will be closing the doors to their store on North Main St. forever.

The business was started as the Santa Ana Book Store over 80 years ago by founder Robert Brown, a Scottish immigrant who came to the United States just a few years before.

As Downtown grew at the beginning of the century, so did the store, moving to larger quarters in the 1920's and then to its present location in the 1980's.

Three generations of the Brown family ran the stationer business, offering personal service and reasonable prices. With the recent growth of office superstores, like Staples and Office Club, the owners could no longer be confident of their future.

So a little bit of history will shut down in August. But we can remember that Robert Brown and his descendants gave us 81 years of fine quality service.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Philharmonic Women

The Women's Committees of the Orange County Philharmonic Society (OCPS) have been busy bringing music education programs to Orange County Youth since 1954. These Committees are responsible for bringing the Disneyland Band Concerts, chamber concerts, performances of "The Little Prince," and other enriching musical experiences to our students free of charge.

In the past, even though Santa Ana had no Women's Committee of its own, our schools have been helped by OCPS youth programs through the generosity of neighboring cities. But in 1990, a small group of women who love music and cared about doing their part for Santa Ana youth, formed the Santa Ana Women's Committee.

Since the Santa Ana Committee was formed, it has been spearheaded by Garfield School Resource Teacher Mary Manos. Under Mary's able leadership, the Committee numbers twenty-six committed women--almost all of whom are teachers, administrators, and parents of children in the Santa Ana Unified School District.

In June, Washington School Resource Teacher Teresa Stetler-Heather and parent volunteer Julie Alexander will take over as new co-chairs.

"Our group has a good working relationship with the S.A. Unified School District which allows us to be very effective in our efforts," according to Alexander. To increase the size of their projects, they are looking for new members. "One of our goals is to double our size in the next year," noted Alexander.

If you'd like to join the Santa Ana Women's Committee, please call the Orange County Philharmonic Society office at 642-8232.

Help "Let Music Ring" for Santa Ana Youth.

The Amazon's Edge

Fifth-grader Natika Padilla of John Adams Elementary School tapped into her imagination to dream up the winning name in Santa Ana Zoo's Name Our New Exhibit" contest.

"The Amazon's Edge" was judged by a 10-person panel to best describe the zoo's \$800,000 new exhibit, planned for a fall groundbreaking.

Black howler monkeys and capybaras will inhabit the exhibit, which kicks off an ambitious 10-phase, \$10 million master plan to renovate the 39-year-old zoo using a South American theme.

Santa Ana Zoo received 429 entries in the contest, which was open to Santa Ana students in grades K-5.

Natika's class, under the direction of teacher Hans Duncan, receives an all expenses paid field trip to the Zoo, complete with animal encounters and a specially designed zoo class.

Giving the Gift of Knowledge

Never let it be said that the hundreds of local post office letter carriers didn't do their part to help the children of Santa Ana to read.

Over 7,000 books were collected by the carriers from residents and businesses in Santa Ana and some surrounding areas. The books were then delivered to Franklin and Garfield Annex Elementary Schools where they were put to very good use.

This makes over 22,000 collected in the past two years in this book drive sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers, the Santa Ana branch of the USPS, and a postal employee focus group -- Employee Involvement/Quality of Worklife.

Scouting Wants You!

Over 1300 boys in Santa Ana are already part of the Boy Scout program. And this year the Scouts are mounting a very active recruitment campaign to increase those numbers.

In September, Scout leaders will be visiting Santa Ana schools to spread the word about the fun and experience of Scouting.

In addition, the local district is extending its program even further into the Latino community. They have an outreach program that seeks to provide Scouting to boys that would normally not be able to join. They've begun to work with Hermandad Mexicana Nacional to be a key resource in their successful campaign.

Boys 7-18 are eligible for Scout membership. Once they've become Scouts, they'll have an wide variety of activities to participate in to enhance their experience.

Most Troops go camping once a month and spend a whole week in the summer camping. Other council activities include the Scout Fair, programs at the Boy Scout Sea Base in Newport Beach, Scouting for Food, and Camporee.

One basic key ingredient to a good Scouting program is volunteers: parents to provide direct programs and community volunteers providing overall support. Also, they are always looking for enthusiastic groups to sponsor Troops, Packs, and Explorer posts.

For more information about Scouting or if you'd like to help volunteer, contact Bruce Andersen or Greg Horter at 546-4990.

Calculating Students

Santa Ana High's calculus class placed 13th in the nation in a contest sponsored by the Continental Calculus League. Approximately 300 high schoolers participated in the series of four exams.

Seniors An Vo and Nhatuyen Pham received medals for their scores which placed them in the top 10 percent of all students who competed.

Educators Honor 19 Students

The Santa Ana chapter of the Black Educators of Orange County honored 19 outstanding black students at their first annual Academic Achievement Awards dinner recently. The students were chosen from all grades in the Santa Ana Unified School District and nominated by the schools themselves.

The high school winners receive partial scholarships while those in lower grades receive certificates of achievement.

Duran Williams, from Valley High; Brent Kelly, from Saddleback; La Tonya Tims, from Santa Ana; and Alexia Planks, from Mountain View Continuation are the high school seniors who will receive a scholarship for their selected colleges.

In the intermediate level, those who received certificates were: Brian Bell, Tamia Thomas, and Lucinda Watson, all from MacArthur Fundamental; Jessica Graham, McFadden; Jermaine Robinson, Spurgeon; Erinn Sampson and Aracelis Girmax, from Sierra; Dion Smith, Willard; and Peter White from Carr.

For the elementary level, honorees include: Dominique Abrams, Monte Vista; Charles Crook, Muir Fundamental; James Farmer, Greenville Fundamental; Denise Hampton, John Adams; Angelia Jefferson, Martin; and Jason Williams from Lincoln.

Free Locks For Seniors

The Santa Ana Police Department Community Relations section would like to make home security easier for eligible senior citizens living in Santa Ana.

Free deadbolt locks, including professional installation, will be provided to senior citizens over the age of 62 with an annual income of less than \$16,154.

Funding for the locks and installation is provided by the federal government's Community Block Grant program.

For more information or for an application, please call the Santa Ana Police Department's Community Relations Dept. at 647-5093.

Save The Greenway

A number of folks who are trying to save one of the last large, open, green areas touching our City would like to invite you to a special event.

The "Show Support for Santiago Creek Rally and Walk" will happen on Saturday, July 27, starting at 9 am at Hart Park in Orange at the Shaffer Street entrance.

The Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance, the project sponsors, have been working for several years to prevent the development of this natural creekbed and flood control channel along our border.

They have worked to preserve, restore, and enhance the ecological, scenic, historical, and recreational resources of Santiago Creek in order to protect the Creek as a living resource for present and future generations.

For further information on the Rally/Walk or on the Alliance, call Howard DeCruyenaere at 997-4446.

Uncle Guy's Treasure Map

After a few glitches were resolved, "Uncle Guy's Treasure Map," a guide to fun stuff in Santa Ana, is finally headed for the printers and will be published at the end of July.

This small brochure will feature a map of the City with local museums, attractions, theatres, and other points of interest prominently displayed.

Uncle Guy wanted to thank all of you who've already sent in stamped, self-addressed envelopes and promises that you will be the first to get your very own copy as soon as it comes off the press.

If anybody else would like their free copy, send a stamped, business-sized envelope to: Treasure Map, Eye on Santa Ana, P.O. Box 2422, Santa Ana, 92707.

We'll send a copy as soon as it's available.

Budding Rembrandts

If you visit the Laguna Beach Festival of Arts this summer, keep an eye out for artwork created by Santa Ana students. Five student's artwork was selected to appear in the Junior Art Gallery exhibit, July 7-August 30.

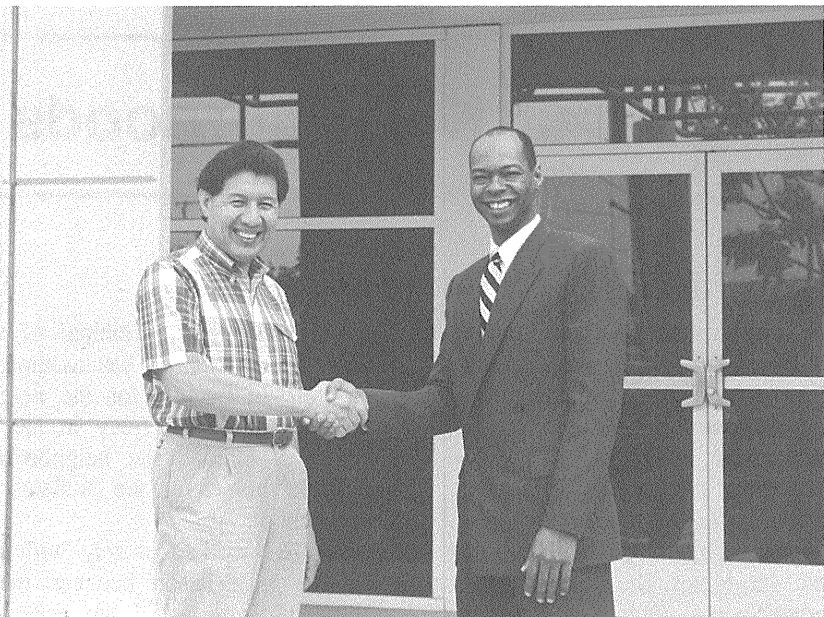
These students competed against others schools around Orange County. Four artists are from Willard -- Jose Aleman, Thao Nguyen, Elvira Macias, and Gabriel Samayoa. The fifth is from MacArthur -- Roberto Alvarado.

Looking For A New Way To Reach People?

With a circulation of 10,000, **Eye on Santa Ana** may be just what your business or group is looking for to advertise that "special" event or service you provide.

With rates as low as \$50 for a business card size, we'll get your message to people who are interested in or involved with our City.

Please contact Terri Eggers at (714) 667-2200 if you're interested in advertising in the Fall issue.



Start of a Beautiful Friendship -- Dr. Daniel Mejia, Director of the Santa Ana Business Enterprise Center, welcomes Fritz Richard, the Center's newest entrepreneur/tenant. Photo by Carl Calvert

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reports "an 80% chance" of success.

His next step was to fill out the brief form and return it to the Center for review by the Tenant Oversight Committee, then to come in for his personal interview. Dr. Mejia explains, "This Committee, which is part of the Santa Ana Economic Development Corporation (SAEDC), makes sure that the applicant is operating a for-profit business that is compatible with our incubator business objectives, and has a reasonable chance to succeed."

Coincidentally, Dr. Mejia had just finished talking with the telephone company about arranging six phone lines to be installed in Fritz' office when I called to ask if I could come over for a quick tour.

From the front door throughout the facility and back to what will be Fritz' office the human scale conveyed a unique impression both of personal warmth and professionalism.

As he showed me through the facility, Dr. Mejia pointed out the duplicating equipment, conference facilities and business library that Fritz will have at his disposal.

"Our conference room also is used by outside business people when their own facilities are inadequate or inappropriate for meetings and conferences," Dr Mejia noted.

But its their "willingness to help" that Fritz feels offers him the most hope. "Even before I had been accepted as a tenant, Daniel and the Committee began giving me leads and suggestions on ways to improve my financial position,

like applying for a loan through the Small Business Association (S.B.A.). Unfortunately, I found out the S.B.A. can't fund publishing ventures, but they may be able to help with a small business loan for my graphics business. The Center also suggested revising my publishing schedule, and that I begin charging for some client consultations."

Such guidance is an important part of this incubator environment which, according to Dr. Mejia, includes "providing access to technical advisers and management information concerning critical areas like cash flow, telemarketing, public relations, and market image."

If all goes according to plan, Fritz will move into his offices in July or August. He is especially looking forward to "being in an environment with other small business owners like myself.

"With the changes the Center has suggested plus those I am already making, I am more convinced than ever that this incubator environment will increase my rate of growth and productivity beyond anything I could achieve on my own."

But his voice carried a renewed note of optimism and self-confidence that showed the Center had already achieved several of its goals: it had reduced some of Fritz' immediate anxiety and stress, and it had begun alleviating some of his mounting uncertainty, fear and doubt about the venture.

And Daniel Mejia has recruited another devout believer in the Santa Ana Business Enterprise Center.

Business Incubator Helps Fledgling Businesses Take Wing

During the past four years, 27 ventures have been successfully launched at the Business Enterprise Center, which offers tenants:

Low Rent (up to 20% less than average)

Short Term Leases (starting at six months)

Flexible Space (150 to 1,800 sq ft plus warehouse)

Free Services, including

Receptionist, Security Parking, Telephone Answering/Communications Center, Conference Room, Reception Area, Janitorial, Paid Utilities

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On-site Entrepreneurial Assistance, including:

Seminars and workshops in marketing, government contracting, financing, bidding and bonding, and more.

The Business Enterprise Center is located near the Santa Ana Transportation Center at 901 E. Santa Ana Blvd.

For more information on how they can help your fledgling business get off the ground, call Dan Mejia at 647-1134.

Jazzfest Returns

SoCal Jazzfest '91, a traditional, Dixieland, and swing jazz festival, will return October 12 and 13 to the big and beautiful Santa Ana Elks Lodge.

The two day affair, produced by the New Orleans Jazz Club of Southern California, will feature 20 bands, all from Southern California. Ten bands will play on each of the two days.

Some of the groups are nationally known in traditional jazz circles including the Nightblooming Jazzmen, Golden Eagle Jazz Band, and the Chicago Six.

You can either listen or dance. Food and beverages will be available and patrons are encourage to 'make a day of it'. On Saturday evening, at 8 pm, the Tracy Wells Big Band will play for dancing in the ballroom.

The Santa Ana Elks Lodge has been acclaimed as a perfect local venue for a music festival, with four stages and superb acoustics. One day tickets are \$20, both days are \$40. Children under 17 are free with a paid adult. By ordering in advance the tickets are \$18 and \$35. The Elks Lodge is located at 212 Elk Lane, off 1st St., near the Santa Ana Zoo.

The New Orleans Jazz Club holds regular monthly meetings at the Elks Lodge. These meetings feature five hours of live music



for your listening and dancing pleasure on the first Sunday afternoon of each month. The public is invited to attend and admission for non-members is \$5 per person. Bar service is available and popcorn on the table is free.

A typical monthly meeting will feature about fifty top musicians from Orange, Los Angeles, San Diego, and Riverside Counties. Attendance is usually about 200-300 people who enjoy a wonderful afternoon of New Orleans Traditional, Dixieland, and swing music as performed by small bands.

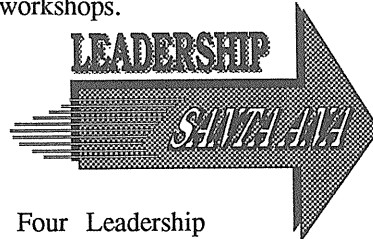
Call 974-4161 or 664-1408 for more information on the Jazzfest or the club's monthly meetings.

Leadership Santa Ana

Every community needs its leaders. The volunteer who joins a museum's governing board, the activist who collects signatures to request a new stop light, and the new candidates for city council --these are the people who make things happen.

Where do they come from? How does a person get the background and information needed to be an effective community volunteer? The Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce offers a program tailor-made for the potential community leader. Leadership Santa Ana provides training in community issues and leadership skills.

Students meet once a month for a full day, for nine months. Each month's session focuses on a different subject, from the nuts and bolts of local government and education to issues of health and homelessness. Community leaders explain current programs and lead students in problem-solving workshops.



Four Leadership classes have already graduated, and alumni have gone on to serve the community in city government, social services, and neighborhood associations.

Many students are sponsored by their employers, who appreciate the knowledge and decision-making skills learned in the class.

The Class of 1992 will begin meetings in October. If you are interested in learning more about Leadership Santa Ana, contact the Chamber for a brochure and application. Call them at 541-5353.



Tour the Turn of the Century

Discover the charm and elegance of the Victorian era with one of the Discovery Museum's new *Turn of the Century* tours. Three different two-hour tours of the Museum's restored 1898 Kellogg House and grounds will give you an opportunity to explore various aspects of Victorian life in Southern California.

The Victorian Woman provides an overview of the period from 1890 to 1915 including social customs, morals and manners, and fashion. This tour will take place on July 26 and 27, Aug 23 and 24.

On Sept 27-28 and Oct 23-24. The Fashionable Home focuses on turn of the century interior design, decorative arts, and seasonal decoration.

The Proper Pantry centers around the Victorian kitchen and features authentic period recipes, a view of household management, and trends in entertaining. This tour is on Nov 15 and 16.

On Fridays, the tour runs from 2 to 4 pm. On Saturdays, the tour runs from 10 to 12 am. All tours include tea served on the Kellogg House porch or in the gazebo. Prices are \$15 per person for one tour, \$40 for the series of three.

Call the Discovery Museum at 540-0404 for reservations or if you'd like more information.

Laurelhurst

Over forty enthusiastic residents turned out for a recent general meeting at the John Adams School. Councilman Miguel Pulido and a City Neighborhood Improvement Specialist discussed interests and concerns of the neighborhood. The meeting ended with an open discussion and residents' questions.

The City has started to work on closing off the access to the adjacent bike trail. Problems with crime prompted the association to request that the City cut off all access to the pathway. The block wall surrounding the neighborhood will also be seeing a fresh coat of paint thanks to City personnel who will be painting the wall in the near future.

The steering committee met in June and appointed a new secretary and treasurer. Block chairmen gave their reports on needs in their sections and streets. A report regarding the much needed turn signal at Raitt and Warner was discussed.

The next general meeting will be held in August in both English and Spanish.

Sunwood Central

At their last meeting, Mayor Dan Young spoke with residents about their concerns. He also was given a "State of the Neighborhood" assessment of accomplishments so far by the neighborhood residents. This included the success of their graffiti removal program in reducing the frequency of the blight.

Installation of a traffic stop sign at three intersections on Central and one for Shelton should be completed by the City in August. These were requested by the neighborhood to help reduce some problem spots.

A survey of the Little Triangle Park has been completed by the Parks and Recreation Department. The neighborhood approved of their plans for a new wall planted with ivy cover, a walkway, and appropriate shrubbery and trees.

In the planning stages for this summer is a combined food faire and neighborhood garage sale.

The next meeting of the neighborhood will be on Thursday, July 25 at Coastal Community Hospital on Bristol St.

Northwest

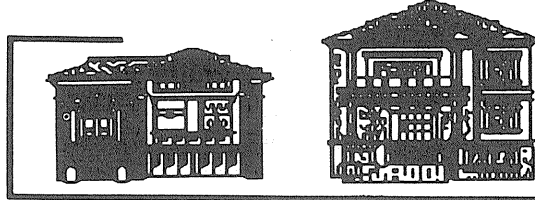
Permit parking is a strong interest of residents. Many of those in attendance at their June meeting favored a 24-hour ban (except for permitted cars).

Residents will canvass the neighborhood for required signatures. Canvassers will ask homeowners of their preference to a early morning curfew, 24-hour restriction, or opposition of either.

Concerns with the apartment complex on Willard were discussed with the request to City staff to inquire about their change to senior-only housing.

At that meeting, residents also heard about earthquake preparedness and the steps they could take to prepare for future quakes.

After a summer hiatus, the next meeting for the neighborhood will be in September.



In Our Neighborhoods

Fisher Park

Neighbors of Fisher Park and their friends celebrated Memorial Day with a potluck supper, organized by Amanda Booth. They enjoyed delicious food and fabulous face painting as well as a fun holiday get-together.

Purkiss-Rose, landscape architects, met with interested residents and City staff members in May to gather ideas on improvements for Jack Fisher Park. With a highly participatory workshop format, they prompted group discussion of ideal park usage considerations including activities, amenities, security, and noise.

The architects will prepare two or more possible park designs and provide preliminary budget information by July. The designs are likely to emphasize priorities established by group consensus, including safety in the children's play area and elimination of existing hazards at the creek wall.

Other suggestions included water-wise irrigation demonstrations, native drought-resistant plantings, and a garden-like setting.

The association is grateful to Ron Ono, the City's Park Design Manager, and other City staff members who made this community input session possible.

Some residents are looking into neighborhood parking restrictions, including permit parking, to relieve the congestion and litter related to park use by large parties.

At the June meeting, Tom Ash, director of Landscapes Southern California Style, addressed the membership on how yards and landscapes can survive the current drought and still look great.

French Park

Their major event this spring was the French Park Historic Home Tour. Eleven historic homes, ranging in age from 65 to 103 years old, were open to the public. All have been or are in the process of being restored to their original beauty. Over 1200 persons attended the two-day event, with the proceeds benefiting neighborhood preservation projects.

French Park will be receiving a Community Block Grant to help in the purchase of an apartment building located in their neighborhood. Residents hope to rehabilitate the structure and eliminate the negative impact it presently has.

Residents are also working on the possibility of moving a "new" older home onto one of the vacant lots in the neighborhood. The house was once slated for demolition but may see a rebirth in an appreciative environment.

Southcoast

While not presently holding regular meetings, Southcoast residents have requested that the neighborhood become a permit parking district. The necessary signatures of homeowners are being secured for that purpose.

Bristol Manor

Thanks to the hard work of local residents, the Bristol Manor Neighborhood was able to come up with over 1500 trophies donated by individuals and businesses for the Special Olympics Program. Two organizations, the Orange County Special Olympics and the Mater Dei School sponsored Special Olympics program, will receive the trophies.

A recent garage sale to benefit the neighborhood gave the organization their first real bank account with over \$500 raised from the sale of donated items.

Assemblyman Tom Umberg is slated to come to the neighborhood's August meeting.

The neighborhood has been working very closely with Memorial Park to come up with ideas for new program and facility improvements. Memorial Park is celebrating its 35th birthday this year and residents are proud of this park at the center of their neighborhood.

Morning Sunwood

At their June meeting at McFadden School, residents heard updates on a variety of subjects. Thornton Park was discussed regarding upcoming improvements, especially the proposed section for handicapped residents. C.O.P. brought everyone up to date on the Neighborhood Watch program.

The Bristol Street widening, redevelopment areas, and the City's five-year infrastructure plan were also discussed.

Questions were raised by residents regarding an apparent hazardous waste site, and heavy construction equipment being stored at someone's home. The block wall around a section of neighborhood apparently was not built to code and some residents feel it's a safety hazard.

Elections for officers of the association were discussed and will be held at their August meeting.

Willard

The Willard Neighborhood Association recently became association number 34 in Santa Ana. The neighborhood is bordered by 17th St on the north, Broadway on the east, Civic Center on the south, and Flower on the west.

Residents recently held a neighborhood clean-up that included dumpsters, graffiti paint-out, and parkway sweeping. A number of multi-family unit owners and managers joined in and helped their tenants clean up their apartments and patios as well as around their buildings.

Local businesses helped out. The Salvation Army donated sodas, Yum Yum donuts donated donuts, the City's Community Services donated tickets to the 4th of July fireworks show, Carl's Jr. donated food, and Thrifty Drug Store donated ice cream. The neighborhood wanted to express their thanks for all those supporting their efforts.

Logan Lacy

Joyce Horowitz, principal of Garfield Annex School has assumed the role of contact for the neighborhood of Logan Lacy in the hopes of making the neighborhood a better home for the students at her school.

She has worked closely with the parents as a liaison between them and City agencies in the hopes of resolving neighborhood concerns. These include alcohol sales in the neighborhood markets and the homeless loitering around the school area.

Their general meetings are usually attended by about 80-100 parents. A steering committee of officers meets monthly to discuss school and neighborhood issues.

Wilshire Square

In June, the neighborhood held their third annual historic home tour with over 800 people visiting the neighborhood and viewing the seven distinctive homes. Added to the tour this year were neighborhood gardens and artist studios.

Proceeds from the two-day event will go towards paying for their bi-monthly newsletter and other community service programs.

A block party is being planned for Sat., Sept 21. Once again, they'll be hot dogs, burgers, sodas, and chips for everyone not to mention a return of some pretty successful games including the sneaker toss and cake walk.

Residents are invited to hold a yard sale on Sat., July 20th from 8 am until 2 pm as part of an association sponsored neighborhood wide promotion of sales for that day. Ads will be run in local publications and signs will be up to point the way. Organizers expect over 50 homeowners to bring out their items for sale.

At the August 7th neighborhood meeting, State Assemblyman Tom Umberg is expected to visit and answer resident's questions on his views of state affairs.

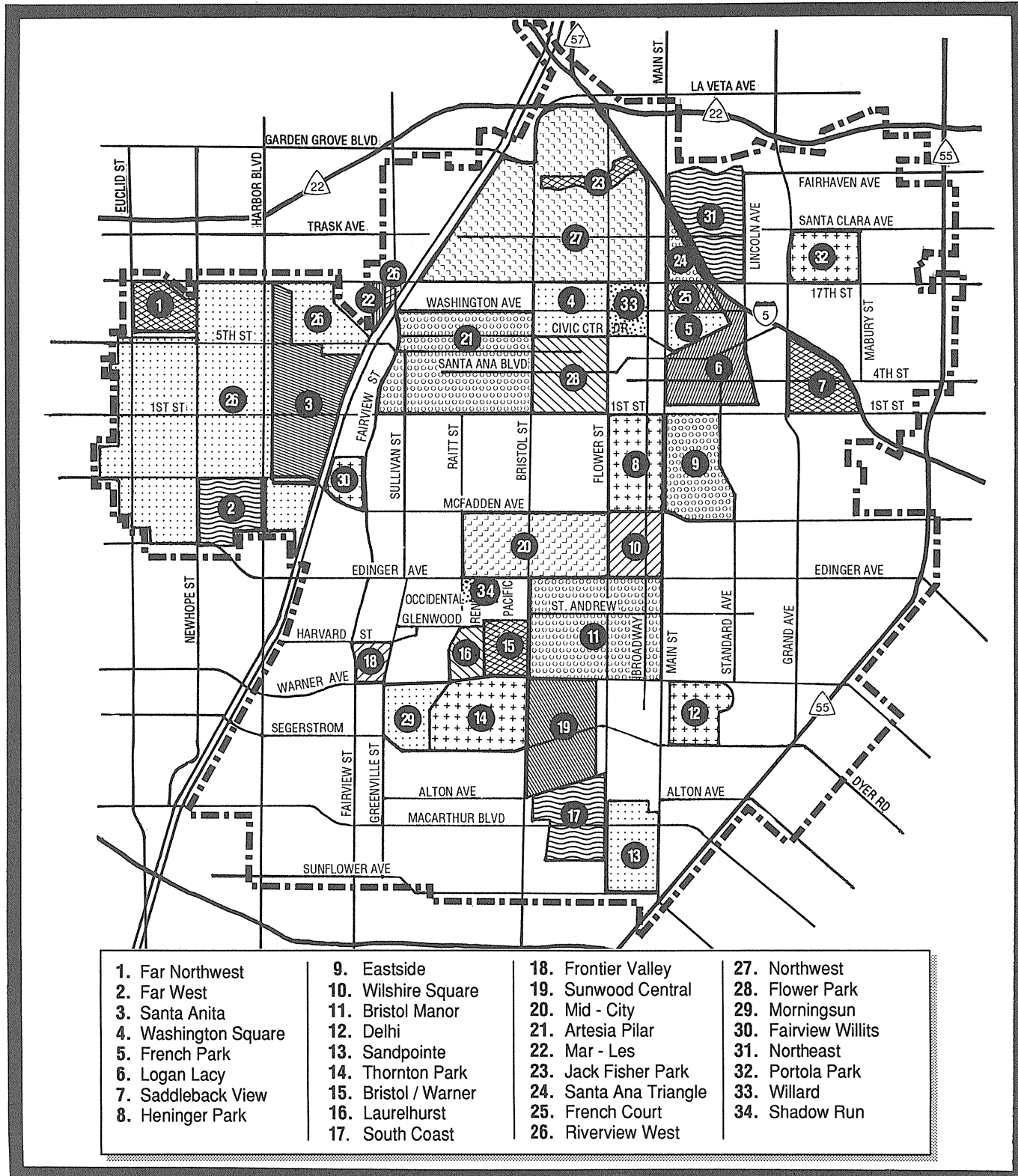
Eastside

The neighborhood has been seeing major street work in progress on Cypress and on Orange Ave. This street repair is part of Eastside's Neighborhood Plan's long term goals in the area of physical improvements.

Under the guidance and request of the neighborhood association, street lights have been put in, sidewalks have been repaired and replaced, the bike trail along Maple St. has been put in, and the street repairs are taking place.

Eastside welcomes their new police commander for the Southeast District, Lt. Bob Sayne. He spoke at their June neighborhood meeting, also answering questions posed by residents.

At their July 10th meeting, Dave Hermance of the Planning and Building Agency will be speaking on the new overcrowding and property maintenance ordinances.



Washington Square

Washington Square Neighborhood Association has pinpointed Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th as the dates of its first Home and Garden Tour.

Committees have been organized to select the homes that will be on tour, to arrange docents to help oversee the homes, and to arrange publicity and refreshments, all under the watchful eye of Todd Walsh, event chairman.

They plan to have a variety of homes that will show off the neighborhood's pride and its architecture of the 1920's through the 1950's.

Advance ticket sales are available at a discount. For further details, see the notice in this issue of Eye on Santa Ana.

If you would like to volunteer as a docent, please contact Tom Lutz at 835-6130. Proceeds from the Home and Garden Tour are to go towards funding additional street lighting in the Washington Square neighborhood.

The association and its neighbors congratulate Art and Joanne Pimantall, 1403 N. Freeman St., this year's winner of the Santa Ana Most Beautiful Yard Contest for the neighborhood. Art and Joanne are on a roll as they won this past year's Neighborhood Christmas Decorating Contest for the category of Best Use of Lights.

The April Spring Clean-up was a huge success. Eight dumpsters were placed throughout the neighborhood. Volunteers with pick-up trucks helped by carting items for the elderly to the dumpsters. By late Saturday, all the dumpsters were full.

The third Washington Square general meeting of the year will be held Thursday, July 11 at the Wilson School, 1315 N. Baker St., at 7 pm.

The public is welcome to attend.

Portola Park

A record turnout of more than 60 residents attended the third meeting of their association. Presentations were made by guest speakers Santa Ana Police Department Lt. Rick Hicks and Principal Dan Salcedo, of nearby Sierra Intermediate School.

While commenting on police functions and the Problem Oriented Policing program now underway, Lt. Hicks stated the need for individual responsibility among all residents. Such a focus has been a major objective of the association as they feel that the assistance of all residents is needed to maximize the benefits and preserve the neighborhood.

Mr. Salcedo recounted the history of Sierra when it began as an elementary school, eventually becoming an intermediate facility, now with more than 1,200 students.

A major step towards helping and informing residents was achieved with the publication of the first newsletter in June. It was personally handed to every resident in the area -- some 355 homes.

The newsletter idea was first introduced by Chairman Joe Pierce with the development and preparation accomplished through the efforts of Nick and George Ross.

Riverview West

The Riverview West Neighborhood Association represents residents living west of the Santa Ana riverbed and the areas bounded on the other three sides by the City limits. In April, they had a successful membership drive during the grand opening ceremonies of their new police substation at McFadden and Harbor.

RWNA represents a large area and seeks participation from residents to ensure that a majority of the population is represented.

One concern of the association is about the development in the area and its impact on the neighborhood and property values.

They're monitoring the development of the property at Harbor and McFadden. Currently there are plans on the drawing board for a very large grocery store for that spot making four within a 1-1/2 mile area. Also a K-Mart "superstore" will be opening on the site of the former Builder's Square.

The impact of shopping carts taken off the premises and dropped off in the neighborhood is of major concern.

Assemblyman Tom Umberg has contacted the neighborhood to schedule a meeting to address their concerns at the state level.

Space in this newsletter limits review of their concerns, goals, and accomplishments, but they encourage attendance at their monthly meetings at the police substation in the Lucky Shopping Center at Harbor and McFadden.

The meetings are held every third Monday starting at 6:30 pm. Spanish language translators are provided. All residents are invited.

Sandpointe

The recent neighborhood fair proved to be a great success in getting 400-500 residents out to the event held jointly with Taft Elementary School to build community spirit, in addition to raising \$1,500 for school programs.

The first meeting was held with developers of Hutton Centre One, a new, proposed 12-story office building and 8-story parking garage for the corner of Main and MacArthur. Neighborhood concerns center around traffic, increased pollution, and physical impact caused by the planned development.

Two new programs have been organized to help the neighborhood. One, the Preferred Vendor Program, will publish residents' recommendations of outstanding contractors/vendors to help other residents looking for quality help.

A problem identification system will make it easier for residents to identify problems such as street lights out, broken sidewalks and curbs and feed that information back to Public Works. Residents can pass the word to neighborhood liasons who will report the problems to a central neighborhood person who will contact the City and keep track of the results.

Assemblyman Tom Umberg is slated to attend their July meeting.

French Court

This newly re-established association includes Main St. to the railroad tracks and 17th St. to Washington. Election of officers took place at a recent meeting.

The neighborhood is currently working on efforts focusing on overcrowding in the multi-family portions of the neighborhood. They feel this effort will assist in controlling crime, graffiti, litter, and excessive street parking.

They have been contacting the large property owners recently to discuss the overcrowding problems and obtain the owners help in solving them.

Frontier Valley

The Frontier Valley Neighborhood Association has been making several efforts recently to increase their visibility within their neighborhood. One of these include a neighborhood association logo recently designed by Bill Chavez to provide an identifying emblem for formal stationery, signs, and other printed items.

A clean-up project held on a week-end in May was very successful. Dumpsters were supplied by the City and residents were encouraged to "clean-up and throw out." By the height of the trash in each overflowing dumpster, it appears the effort worked.

A garage sale to raise funds for the neighborhood association is being planned for this summer.

Mid-City

Mid-City's June meeting was one of the neighborhood's best attended since their reorganization featuring several guest speakers who helped made the meeting very informative.

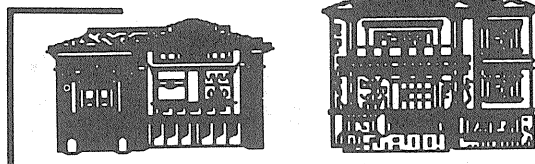
Councilman Miguel Pulido spoke on overcrowding and noise ordinances, gangs, and drugs. Linda Torrez from the Police Department talked about home security and offered to make visits to individual homes for a security check. Karl Ellman from the Fire Department discussed home fire escape plans and equipment like extinguishers and detectors needed in our homes. Several other members of the Police Department addressed other concerns of the residents.

Co-chairman Gilda Brown spoke on the need to build the neighborhood's membership and the forthcoming newsletter. The publication is a cooperative effort of many residents who will write the articles, Larry Brown of the TSL Group who will typeset the pages, and the City who will print it for the neighborhood.

A steering committee is being formed and will meet monthly. New block and co-block captains will be appointed and will be able to report on what's going on in their respective areas.

The next general meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 7 pm at the Luthern Church located at 1446 S. Bristol (near Borchard). Everyone is invited to attend.

Several special events will be discussed: a Halloween party for the kids, a Christmas party, and a block party to meet your neighbors. Plans for a walk against drugs will also be discussed (volunteers and walkers are needed). For more information, call 239-4648.



In Our Neighborhoods

Shadow Run

Shadow Run is Santa Ana's 33rd organized neighborhood association. Residents formed, in part, in response to traffic problems in their neighborhood. They recently had stop signs installed and will be considering changing their neighborhood into a permit parking district.

The neighborhood is bounded by Edinger to the north, Pacific St. on the east, the Orange County Flood Control District on the south, and Raitt St. on the west.

Thornton Park

Over 60 residents attended a recent general meeting where the topic was gangs. Members of the police department's gang detail spoke about how to identify gang member by their clothing and what gang activity has occurred in the neighborhood.

Due to recent problems at Thornton Park's parking lot, the association requested the Parks Department install a chain, closing the entrance after the park closes. The result has reduced much of the after-hours activities which disturbed nearby residents.

The next general meeting is scheduled for July 16 at 7 pm at Jefferson Elementary School.

Dave Hermance from the City's Code Enforcement Department has been invited to update residents on the overcrowding, property maintenance, and pushcart ordinances.

All are invited to attend.

Indian Village

A recent meeting at Jackson School featured Monica Hernandez, a Police Department PSO, who spoke about home security including topics of lights, deadbolts, and Neighborhood Watch.

In June, the neighborhood heard about earthquake preparedness and how they could be ready for the next "big one."

Neighborhood Communications Linkage Committee

The June meeting of the Linkage Committee featured Bob Hoffman of the City's Redevelopment Agency speaking about the new "Educational Facilities Improvement Plan," a city-wide redevelopment plan proposed to help generate funds for new school and community facilities.

Neighborhood representatives got a chance to quiz Hoffman for information to feed back to their individual neighborhoods.

State Assemblyman Tom Umberg will attend the July meeting in part to become better aware of the state of neighborhoods in the City. As always, all neighborhoods in the City are invited to send representatives to the meeting. Contact Terri Eggers at 667-2246 for date, time, and location (not available at the time of this writing).

The Committee reorganized slightly with the addition of two elected facilitators to help direct the committee's direction and meeting agendas. Jim Walker, chairman of the Sandpointe Neighborhood, and Brian Bist, former co-chair of the Wilshire Square Neighborhood, were elected facilitator and co-facilitator by the neighborhoods in attendance at the May meeting.

Community Oriented Policing (COP)

The Central District is holding a general meeting open to the entire city on Thursday, July 11 from 7:30 to 9 pm at the Corbin Community Center Auditorium, 2215 W. McFadden Ave. The program will focus on the Problem Oriented Policing approach with Lt. Bob Chavez speaking and answering questions afterwards.

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

SAMSON's June meeting featured Richard Patterson, a representative from the H. Ross Perot Group, the company hoping to build a 57 Freeway extension over the Santa Ana riverbed. He spoke to the crowded meeting about the proposal, the benefits to residents, and the planning underway to make it a reality.

SAMSON continues to meet on the third Saturday of each month at Republic Savings at 2400 E. 17th St. at 10 am. All City residents are invited to attend the meetings. For further information, call 836-1970.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

Because the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society is closely involved with Santa Ana's historic homes and neighborhoods, the organization is planning several seminars especially for those who live in or love old houses.

The first in the series, "How to Research Your Old House," was held in June and will be repeated again next winter.

A special class regarding historic designation, the National Register program, and the Santa Ana Historic Register will be held after the historic survey review process for the City of Santa Ana has begun. Santa Ana's historic stock is one of our City's most important treasures.

Wallpapering, painting, plaster, historic gardens, and other subjects of interest will continue the series. Admission to the series is free for members and just a few dollars for non.

The S.A.H.P.S. was honored to be a part of the Historic French Park Home Tour. They met a lot of interesting people, and everyone seemed to enjoy the tours of the Dr. Howe-Waffle House.

A special invitation is extended to all City residents who have never seen the inside of the Dr. Howe-Waffle House. On Saturday, August 17, the S.A.H.P.S. will hold an open house from 10 am until 2 pm. Learn about one of Orange County's first woman doctors and the house she called home (and office).

The house is located at 120 Civic Center Dr. West, at the corner of Sycamore, across from the Old County Courthouse.

Heritage Committee

Heritage Committee members, which include representatives of most of Santa Ana historic neighborhoods, have been learning how to research the City's historic homes and building. Sessions held at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House include the use of old city directories and books as well as sources for additional research.

The Committee's purpose is to assist the consultant being hired by the City to decide which of our buildings are worthy of being called historic. While some of Santa Ana's 6000 plus pre-1940 buildings have been researched, the majority have not.

Albums with a photograph and address have been assembled to assist the consultant in making the decisions about historical buildings.

If you are interested in helping, call Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

Neighborhood Meetings

Here's information on meetings of each organized neighborhood. If you'd like further details on their next meeting, call their Neighborhood Improvement team member listed below at 667-2260.

- Artesia-Pilar:** meets last Wednesday of every month - Patricia Moran
- Bristol Manor:** meets second Tuesday of every month - Andria Gagliano
- Bristol-Warner:** contact Patricia Moran for meeting schedule
- Delhi:** not meeting presently - Will Hayes
- Eastside:** contact Will Hayes for meeting schedule
- Far Northwest:** meets with Riverview West - Will Hayes
- Far West:** meets with Riverview West - Will Hayes
- Fisher Park:** meets third Monday of every month - Andria Gagliano
- Flower Park:** not meeting presently - Andria Gagliano
- French Court:** contact Terri Eggers for meeting schedule
- French Park:** meets first Tuesday of every month - Terri Eggers
- Frontier Valley:** general meetings held every other month - Terri Eggers
- Heninger Park:** general meetings held quarterly - Patricia Moran
- Indian Village:** meets third Wed. of every month - Andria Gagliano
- Laurelhurst:** general meetings held quarterly - Will Hayes
- Logan-Lacy:** meets monthly - Patricia Moran
- Mar-Les:** meets with Riverview West - Will Hayes
- Mid City:** meets monthly - Will Hayes
- Morning Sunwood:** meets first Mon. of every month - Andria Gagliano
- Northeast:** meets fourth Wednesday of every month - Will Hayes
- Northwest:** meets first Tuesday of every month --Andria Gagliano
- Portola Park:** meets every six weeks - Patricia Moran
- Riverview West:** meets third Monday of every month - Will Hayes
- Saddleback View:** not presently meeting - Andria Gagliano
- Sandpointe:** meets second Thursday of every month - Will Hayes
- Santa Ana Triangle:** not presently meeting - Terri Eggers
- Santa Anita:** not presently meeting - Will Hayes
- Shadow Run:** meets once each month - Patricia Moran
- Southcoast:** not presently meeting - Andria Gagliano
- Sunwood Central:** meets fourth Thur. every other month --Terri Eggers
- Thornton Park:** meets second Tuesday of every month -Will Hayes
- Washington Square:** meets first Thur. of every month -- Patricia Moran
- Willard:** contact Patricia Moran for meeting schedule
- Wilshire Square:** meets first Wed. of every month - Patricia Moran

Neighborhoods

Remember!

Deadline for our next issue (Fall) is:

September 10th

Food For Thought

As part of its growing efforts to serve our downtown community, First Presbyterian Church of Santa Ana is continuing its popular 45-minute "Food For Thought" luncheons every Tuesday throughout the summer in their McFarland Hall.

A new series of four programs will begin on Tuesday, July 9, featuring Dr. Fran Williams, an authority on issues affecting cross-cultural relations.

Come enjoy soup, sandwiches, fruit, beverage, and cookies...and a little "Food For Thought," all for only \$3.00...and bring a friend!

For more information, call the church at 542-7253.

The Laker's Are Coming

So are the Bulls, the Trailblazers, and the Warriors...all these teams will be playing in the National Junior Basketball League in Santa Ana this winter. The League is a youth basketball league for boys and girls, grades 3-8, emphasizing clean competition, good sportsmanship, and player self-esteem.

The National Junior Basketball League is currently rebuilding in Santa Ana with over 75 players participating in the past season. The Santa Ana league made an outstanding showing in the Region Championships, placing third in the 5th and 6th grade division.

Some of the other Santa Ana League activities last year included Banner Night, a basketball clinic presented by the Los Angeles Clippers, and a guest appearance at closing ceremonies by former LA Clipper, Marquis Johnson.

Their plans include expanding the league in Santa Ana for the '91-92 season which runs from December through March. The youth play indoors on high school courts with C.I.F. referees. The cost per child is \$35 which includes uniform, insurance, team and individual pictures, and trophy.

If you're interested in playing, coaching, or sponsoring a team (\$150), please call Linda Frierson at 556-2215.

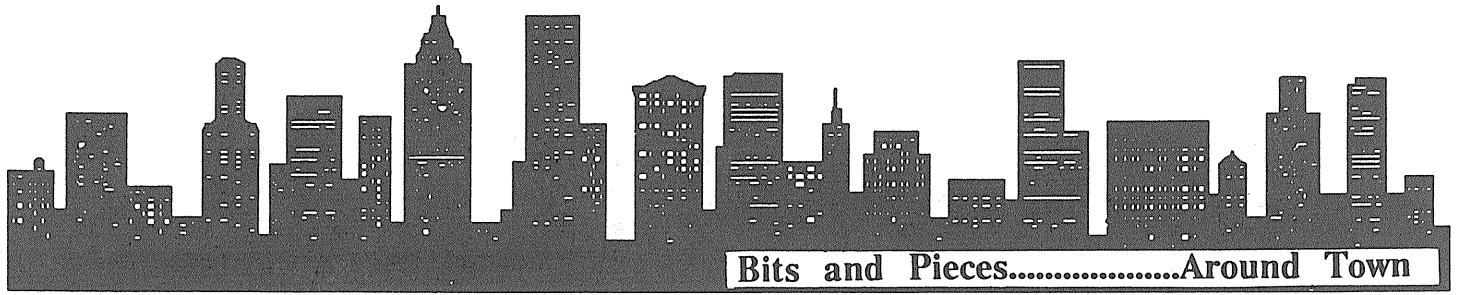
Century Boosters

Participation in high school athletics gives young people strong experience in team work and decision making, as well as influencing their desire to stay in school. Unfortunately with school funding being extremely tight these days, athletics is one of the areas often cut back.

Supporters of Century High School football are putting out a call to all of the professionals and businesses in the area to help out by advertising in their 1991 season football program.

For as little as \$50, you can place a business card ad (1/8 page) in the program sold at all five home games. Not only do you get some tax deductible exposure, but you get the satisfaction of being part of the effort to support the football program at our newest high school.

If you'd like to place an advertisement or would like details on the other size ads, give Ursula Brown, program coordinator, a call at 637-1605.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Neighbors Helping The Library

A group of community members, concerned with the recent budget cuts to the Santa Ana Public Library, have organized a grassroots network of neighborly support for the Library.

This group will become the "Centennial Chapter" of the existing Friends of the Library and will focus on fund raising and promoting awareness of the Library and its varied programs.

In a City with "Education First" as its motto, it seems appropriate that the community would rally its support for an institution that has served the educational needs of Santa Ana for nearly a century.

The burgeoning population of the City and the reductions in funding for school libraries are placing heavy demands on the already constrained Library budget.

Community support is needed to raise the funds and provide the volunteers necessary to maintain a Library that residents can be proud of.

The "Centennial Chapter" is still in the formative stages and would welcome additional volunteers.

The month of September marks the beginning of the Library's hundredth year of operation.

The "Centennial Chapter" will work throughout this year to establish the foundation for continuous community support.

Membership (active and inactive) is available for individuals and families (\$5), organizations (\$25), and businesses (\$35).

Contact Davis Mejia, chapter president at 667-3905 if you'd like more information about membership or if you'd like to help out on the organizing committee.

SCORE to Success

The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) is sponsoring a conference series for small businesses in August. Each of the two hour sessions deal with basic management principles.

The session topics include: "Franchising: What the Franchisee Should Know" on Aug 6; "Business Plan: Road Map to Success" on Aug 13; "Mail Order Business" on Aug 20; and "Advertising, Publicity, and Public Relations" on Aug 27.

The sessions start at 1 pm and are held at Republic Federal, 2400 E. 17th St. Fee is \$10.

SCORE also offers a full day business seminar on Thurs, Aug 22 to help new business owners (or those soon to be) maximize their business potential.

Topics will include site location, recordkeeping, increasing sales, and legal procedures. The seminar will also be held at Republic Federal, from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm.

For more information on any of their other low-cost programs to help small businesses or to pre-register, call SCORE at 836-2709.

Dance Folklorico

Fiesta Folklorico is currently offering a number of classes teaching Mexican folk dance this summer. All are open to the public, regardless of level or background.

Senior Citizen classes are held every Friday at the Santa Ana Senior Center from 10:30 to 11:30 am. Children ages 5 through 13 are taught on Friday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, also at the Senior Center.

Classes are also held at the Jefferson Elementary School every Tuesday from 2:30 to 4:00 pm.

The Adult Performing Company is conducting dance classes every Tuesday and Wednesday nights for young adults ages 14 through 21 at the Markel Hall, 1441 S. Main St. from 7 to 10 pm.

The artistic director of the performing company is Graciela Holguin. The other classes are taught by Rosalie Deverona.

Fiesta Folklorico is dedicated to teaching and performing the traditional music and dance of Mexico. They often have performances and student recitals throughout the City. If you'd like additional information, call 836-7748.

Study in Black & White

You may remember Susan Faye Chin from Eye on Santa Ana's Santa Ana Proud Photo Contest last year. The Planning Department employee won 2nd place with a graphically dramatic shot of three police officers.

In more recent days, she won two first places in a City employee photo contest.

Well, if you happen over to Kanegaye International in the Marketplace shopping center across from U.C.I. before July 27, you'll see an exhibit of her photographic works on display.

Shot in black and white, the photos share Susan's "appreciation with what exists" with viewers. The exhibit is dedicated to her father who influenced her appreciation of architecture by virtue of his related career.

Ah, the creativity of our City employees. Congratulations Susan!

Testing 1-2-3

Saint Joseph Hospital offers free health screenings at MainPlace Mall every day of the week.

Tests include those for cholesterol; diabetes; colo-rectal, skin, and breast cancer; glaucoma; and vision (to name but a few).

Some of the free screenings are offered on a walk-in basis, others require an appointment.

Testing 1-2-3 is located at the Main St. entrance on the upper level between Robinson's and Spoons

Call 1-800-660-TEST for further test information or to make an appointment.

Mystery Cafe

If your life needs just a bit more mystery in it, you might want to take in Mystery Cafe's "Murder at Cafe Noir," a dinner theatre/murder mystery being presented at Hubert's Restaurant in Hutton Centre.

Mystery Cafe transports you to a 1940's Caribbean-style locale, while entertaining you with intrigue, comedy, and a bit of romance.

Hubert's employees are the characters and between the five scenes of murder and mayhem, they'll serve four courses of dinner.

Mystery Cafe presents this new style of dinner theatre every Friday and Saturday night at 8 pm, Sunday at 11:30 am (brunch). Entertainment with dinner costs about \$45.00.

Call Hubert's at 955-CLUE (955-2583) for reservations.

I Want My PA TV

Unhappy with the shows on TV? Think you could do better if you just had that one big break?

KYOU -- to the rescue.

KYOU is Santa Ana's public access station that gives residents and employees of local companies the opportunity to produce their own shows.

With their own "state of the art" facilities at Centennial Park, KYOU staff will help fledgling TV producers create a quality product that can be shown on Comcast Cable channel 20.

Already on the nightly schedule are shows like "Around and About Orange County," "Spectrum News," "Baseball Card Showcase," and "Rock on Video."

You too with just minimal training and the free use of KYOU equipment can become another Norman Lear or Fred Silverman.

Call KYOU at 564-5690 for more information about getting your "Show of Shows" on the air.

Volunteer Spirit

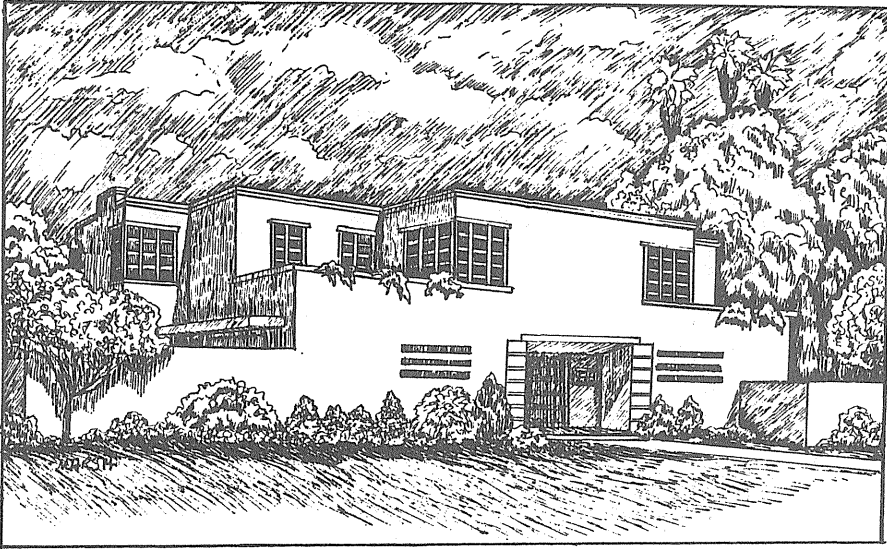
Nancy Weir and Danny Schneider were picked by the Volunteer Center of Orange County to receive the "1990 Spirit of Volunteerism" award in recognition for their service to the community.

Nancy volunteers about 90 hours a month, helping to operate the Alliance Clothesmobile project which provides clothing to impoverished mentally ill persons.

Danny is a full time student and volunteers about 100 hours a month overseeing projects involving 300 youth volunteers for the Orange County Red Cross.

The Volunteer Center is the county's only resource center dedicated to promoting volunteerism as a way to address community needs. Centers' services include the recruitment and placement of volunteers and providing management and training assistance to area nonprofit organizations.

For further information about the Center, call 953-5757.



The House the Maharajah Built

by Diann Marsh

The Maharajah of Indore was said to have been so wealthy when he built his "palace" at the corner of Heliotrope and Santa Clara that he could plunge his arm up to his elbow into several chests full of precious jewels having an estimated value of twenty million dollars.

In 1938, when he settled in Santa Ana, the Indian ruler owned seventeen homes around the world. It was reported that during the Depression he made an average of seventy million dollars a year.

Designed by Balboa Island architect, Donald Beach Kirby, and built by prominent Santa Ana builder, Allison Honer, the house on Heliotrope was constructed in 1938 as a home for the Maharajah's new bride and the five-year-old Princess Usha. It was one of the few houses in Orange County designed in the Moderne style.

The Santa Ana Register stated "A man's home is his castle, and the castle being built for the "world's richest man," the Maharajah of Indore, in Santa Ana...is not only a castle; it is literally a fortress. It will guard that which is more dear to him than all of his income--it will guard the safety and continued well-being of his daughter, Princess Usha."

Huge steel and concrete bars and heavy steel gratings were used on all of the windows of the 12 room home. The basic cost of the house at the time was \$50,000, with an additional \$150,000 to be spent on furnishings and finishing touches.

Why did the Maharajah decide to settle in Santa Ana?

Well, he and his new bride, Marguerite Branyen, liked its beauty, its quiet, and the promise of restful seclusion.

The Maharajah, whose proper name was Sir Yeshwant Holkar, was an Oxford graduate and spoke English very well. He devoted much of his time to the study of world affairs, art, and music. He traveled with two Indian army officers, a chauffeur, and as many as 15 servants.

He had inherited the throne of the State of Indore from the line of an 18th century ancestor, Rao Holkar, and with it the rule of approximately 1,300,000 subjects and over 10,000 square miles of land.

Sir Yeshwant became the Maharajah in 1926, after his father was forced to abdicate the throne. His first wife died in 1937, leaving him with a four year old princess to raise. Yeshwant met Marguerite Lawler Branyen, 30, in 1938, when she nursed him back to health at Los Angeles' Good Samaritan Hospital. They were married later that year.

The Holkars furnished the house lavishly with tiger skin rugs and leopard skin drapes. The upstairs hall walls were clad in scarlet grass cloth and each bedroom featured a fireplace.

The living room floor was covered with jungle green rubber sheeting covered with a white rug. The fireplace in this room was polished glass. A heavy iron gate was installed to close off the second floor from the first, in case of emergency.

While in Orange County, the Holkars did little entertaining, but did have a small circle of friends that included the Honers and attorney Dave Howell and his wife. The Honers lived across Santa Clara from the royal family. Donald Honer remembers Princess Usha quite well, and said the neighborhood children treated her as they would any other child. The Princess was sent to public school at Hoover Elementary with the other children.

The Princess and Helen, the Honer's daughter, were close friends and corresponded for many years after the Princess went back to India and Helen married and moved to Italy.

The Maharajah and his family had only been in Santa Ana for about a year before they announced they would be "returning to India to be of service to his emperor and his country." Princess Usha stayed here with her governess, who was named her legal guardian. Four years later Marguerite was back in her Santa Ana house, with fascinating stories to tell her about her life in India.

But the marriage was not to last. In 1943, the Maharajah went to Reno Nevada to get a divorce. As part of the settlement, Marguerite was allowed to adopt Princess Usha, whom she is said to have adored. She also received three fabulous California homes and alimony. In 1944, Usha ended up returning to India because of her loneliness for her father.

In August of 1952, Marguerite sold the house and furnishings at auction because the taxes and upkeep were too large a burden for her. She and her new husband, Charles Masters, moved to Corona del Mar, where she died in 1963. Princess Usha came back to America to go to school in Massachusetts and eventually was seated on the throne her father abdicated several years before. When she became engaged in 1956, Helen Honer visited her in Bombay.

Since that time the house has had several owners. Yet, it has changed little since the days when the Maharajah, Marguerite, and Princess Usha lived their exotic life among the tiger rugs, leopard skin drapes, and scarlet grasscloth walls of the home on Heliotrope.

Orange's Loss Was Santa Ana's Gain

by Catherine C. Cate

It was one of those days when the phone, the doorbell and the FAX competed for attention all day long, while a myriad of other deadlines and demands nudged and nibbled around the back of my mind. By 6:30 that night all I wanted to hear was the tick-tock of our mantle clock.

In that frazzled frame of mind my husband Steve and I reluctantly headed out to dinner...and turned into what proved to be the perfect oasis for the occasion: Marse Continental Cafe at 2211 East 17th Street in Santa Ana.

Those who have been around awhile may remember the stone-front facade of the old Marse from its long tenure at 545 S. Main Street in Orange. Now four years at its new location (formerly the site of Claudine's Cafe), the menu is a bit lighter (no prime rib, for example) but the quality of food is as excellent as always.

Tired as we were, the experienced attention of a mature waitress was especially refreshing as we took our time reading the menu and asking questions about that evening's specials. Being in

no mood to make another decision made it even harder to choose between the fresh fish, poultry, beef and veal, many offering the tantalizing sauces that distinguish Continental cuisine.

But it was the perfectly prepared pasta that accompanied our Chicken Sauteed Forestiere and Veal Piccata Milanaise that for some reason really tickled our taste buds, with a tomato-base sauce that should be a frequent request from Thursday's "S.O.S." column in the food section of *The Times*.

Since they do not prepare bakery items on the premises, fortunately they were out of what would have been our choice of desserts (Apfelstrudel), and the straight-back seating was becoming a bit uncomfortable or we would doubtless have lingered even longer over coffee.

But we left well-satisfied and looking forward to returning earlier another evening in the near future so we can pay our compliments to the great Chef Herr in person.

Reader's Picks

Guillermo's La Fiesta (819 S. Main St.)...crab meat enchilada is a favorite...the bean soup is absolutely wonderful -- *Ricki and Robert Older*
Marse Restaurant (2211 E. 17th St.)...Continental restaurant affordably priced with a very comfortable ambiance. Family owned, the husband is the chef and his wife is the hostess. The restaurant is known for its wonderful sauces and tender meats -- *Skip Loverin and John Davies*

Armonia Ristorante (3314 S. Bristol St.)...Tony and Janina Musci offer superb Italian cuisine and extraordinarily attentive service...it's hard not to feel like family. Recently rated "among the best" Italian restaurants by the Southern California Restaurant Writers Association and the honor is well deserved -- *Leigh-Anne Browning and Ron Carr*

El Carbonero (803 S. Main St.)...authentic Salvadorean food and a fine family atmosphere. You've got to try the various "pupusas" -- *Rose Anne and Simon Kings*

Benjies (1828 N. Tustin Ave.)...great New York style deli type food with a very intimate East Coast type of cocktail lounge -- *Paul Nguyen*

Washington Square Home and Garden Tour October 5 & 6, 1991

Washington Square is proud to announce its first neighborhood Home and Garden Tour. This exciting event will take place on **October 5 & 6, 1991**, between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Washington Square Home and Garden Tour will be featuring homes throughout the neighborhood, ranging from the 1920's to the 1950's. Each home will have its own unique distinction in architectural features, such as sculptured ceilings,

hardwood floors, french windows, lush landscaping and gazebos. And as a special treat, we will also be displaying a variety of vintage automobiles throughout the tour.

Tickets for the Washington Square Home and Garden Tour are available now for the special price of just \$6.00 for presale tickets and \$7.00 on the day of tour (Senior Citizen discount tickets are \$6.00). For more information please call (714) 835-8783.

I would like to attend the Washington Square Home and Garden Tour. Enclosed is my check made out to Washington Square Neighborhood Association in the donation amount of \$_____ for _____ tour admissions.

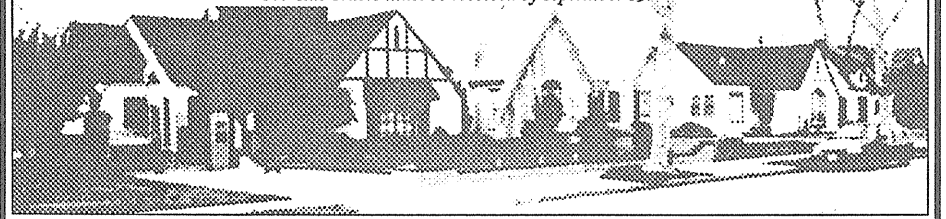
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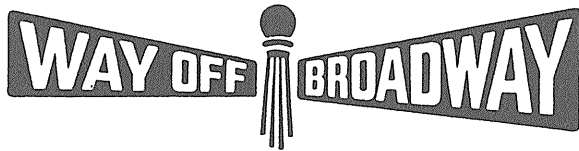
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Mail to: Washington Square Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 4435 Santa Ana, CA 92702

Pre-Sale orders must be received by September 15.





Beginning with "\$5,000 and dreams," Tony Reverditto and a handful of committed volunteers founded Way Off Broadway Playhouse in April 1987, transforming the gutted basement of a seventy-year old renovated building into a cozy, 50 seat, New York Village-style theatre.

They opened later that year, on Halloween, with Dracula. Since that debut, Way Off Broadway has successfully grown into what local newspapers have proclaimed "a rising star" and "one of the top theatres" in Orange County.

Despite the fact that it's hidden in an old industrial park, critical acclaim and sellout audiences have had no problem finding the Playhouse. Way Off Broadway's top-notch and versatile work--both artistic and technically--provides great "alternative" theatre to Southern California.

Currently Way Off Broadway is presenting "Alone at the Beach," a

comedy by Richard Dresser, about an editor who rents rooms on the week-ends to neurotic Manhattan yuppies.

As with all Way Off Broadway productions, a portion of the receipts is donated to charity such as the AIDS Research Foundation, Parent Help USA, and the Children's Home Society. "We feel it's necessary to contribute back to a community that supports the theatre," noted Reverditto.

In addition to the productions on the main stage, Way Off Broadway offers extensive training programs for actors of all ages, with many of the students later performing in Way Off Broadway productions. Other activities include producing "Young Lives," a young actors soap airing on local cable channels, and three "Off The Wall" Comedy Nights per year.

If you're interested in a theatre schedule or in any of their acting classes, call them at 547-8997.

Cultural Calendar

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART)

1636 S. Grand -- A.R.T.'s fifth season unveils with "The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams opening September 27 and running through November 6. Previews are September 20-26. Call 836-7929 for reservations or more details.

Way Off Broadway Playhouse

1058 E. 1st St. (in the Advertising Arts Building) -- Opening July 19th, "Alone at the Beach" by Richard Dressler, a story of Manhattanites desperate to get out of the City on the weekends come to the Hamptons and create havoc with one another. Runs to September 22. For show times or reservations, call 547-8997.

Orange County Black Actors Theatre

"Lady Day at Emerson Bar's & Grill," a musical drama revue about the life of Billie Holiday will run from July 2nd through the 21st at the South Coast Repertory theatre.

For reservations and information, call 667-7090.

Orange County Crazies

"Don't Cry For Me Orangentina," another in their satirical series on life in Orange County runs from July 13 through September 14. Location not available at time of this writing.

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

Stop-Gap Theatre

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

Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

3621 W. MacArthur Blvd., Space 111 -- Opening July 10, the Eleventh Annual OCCCA Juried Show representing artists from 7 western states. The exhibit ends August 9. Artwork by Janelle Morte, Lynn Kubasek, and Stanley Kramer will be exhibited August 14 through September 13. On Sunday, September 15, OCCCA will hold an art auction from 4 to 9 pm. Beginning September 18, Jerry Uelsmann, Elizabeth Jennings, and Kathleen Kaplan will show their creative works.

Call 549-4989 for more information.

Modern Museum of Art Griffin Towers,

5 Hutton Centre Dr. -- closed at this time.

Contact the Museum for re-opening information at 754-4111.

Fiesta Folklorico

In addition to classes, Fiesta Folklorico occasionally holds public performances and recitals of Mexican folk dance and music.

For information on their summer schedule, call 836-7748.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra

The Pacific Symphony Orchestra will accompany The Royal Ballet of Great Britain, one of the world's most prestigious dance companies, at performances at the Orange County Performing Arts Center from August 6 to 11. Tickets may be purchased at the Center's box office or at Ticketmaster. Call 556-ARTS for more information.

Saint Joseph Ballet

For information on their summer schedule, call 541-8314.

Orange County Performing Arts Center

600 Town Center Dr., (Costa Mesa) "Jerome Robbins' Broadway," celebrating the golden age of Broadway in an all-dancing, all singing production, runs from July 23 through Aug 4.

For additional information, call 556-ARTS.

Caged Chameleon Gallery

2103 N. Main St. -- Opening July 20 with a reception from 8-11pm, "State of the Union/Union of the State," a joint show with paintings by Maria Schowngerdht and Dan Kaufman. The show continues to Aug 11.

Call 836-5137 for information on future shows.

SHō

3801 So. Main St. -- SHō is a new art gallery with an additional dedicated area for performance art. They'll open for the first time on Friday, September 13 with a performance artist.

Call 252-8946 for additional information.

Costa Mesa Art League

South Coast Plaza Village (S.A.) -- Works in various media by Art League members

Crazy Horse Steakhouse/Saloon

1580 Brookhollow -- Country musical artists in the next few months include Carlene Carter, Jeff Pearson, Asleep at the Wheel, and Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

Call 549-1512 for ticket or dinner information.

Mystery Cafe

Hubert's Restaurant, 2 Hutton Centre Dr. -- "Murder at the Cafe Noir," a murder mystery and dinner show where the audience is right in the middle of things. Continuing performances.

Call 955-2583 for information or reservations.

Rancho Santiago College

17th at Bristol St. -- All departments are on summer hiatus. After school begins, call 564-5600 for information on upcoming events.

Send your upcoming cultural events to Eye on Santa Ana by Sept 10 to be included in our Fall issue.



Uncle Guy's



Easy Way to Save Our Planet

Part 5 -- Recycling in Santa Ana

Since we've had a few letters asking about where to recycle in our fair City, Uncle Guy thought it was time to re-cap local recycling info.

Aluminum cans are real simple. Since they're worth the most, aluminum recycling centers are as common as aphids. If you don't want to cart them down to the locations yourself, you could place them in a bag and tie it to your garbage can. We'll bet if you put the trash out early enough, the aluminum can fairy will make them disappear lickety split.

Newspapers are another item that free curbside pick-up is often available for. Just put them out a day in advance of trash day to give the newspaper fairy a chance to get them (papers are heavier and take more time for the fairies to fly away on their gossamer wings).

Plastic and glass beverage bottles are a bit tougher. Every authorized recycling center is supposed to take them but you may have to visit the bigger local supermarkets to actually get rid of them.

Uncle Guy doesn't use that many beverage bottles and ends up bringing and donating them to the Orange Coast College Recycling Center in (gasp) Costa Mesa after he visits the OCC Swap Meet (a great place to buy some good used stuff). That way he can recycle, donate to a good cause and save money all at the same time.

Thanks to Ralphs, Alpha Beta, and Vons, we now have a place to recycle our plastic grocery bags. Both stores have a convenient display in the front of the store for your returns.

Recycle your no-longer-needed clothing and household items at Goodwill, Salvation Army, CHOC or any of the other charities. Drop them off or call for pick-up.

Used motor oil is easily recycled by bringing it to Chief Auto, 1101 S. Bristol; Hemmingway Garage, 818 E. 4th St; or Memory Lane Chevron, 2702 N. Bristol. Cousin Brent notes that the local Pep Boys is nice enough to take his without charge.

If the left-over paints, cleaners, insecticides, and various other chemicals sitting in your closets or garages aren't in good enough shape to sell cheaply at your next garage sale, cart them down to the Orange County Toxic Waste Collection Center, 2761 E. White Star Ave. in Anaheim.

Speaking of recycling, those same wise people who wrote "50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save The Earth" have returned with "The Recycler's Handbook," a very good, grass-roots text on why you should and what you can do to recycle.

Did you know that we throw away enough office paper to build a 12 foot high wall from New York to Los Angeles or enough plastic soda bottles to circle the earth four times?

Well, you would if you read the book (\$4.95 from Earth Works Press).

Earth Works also puts out 50 Simple Things Your Business Can Do..., "50 More Things You Can Do...", and "15 Simple Things Californians Can Do To Recycle." Good, down-to-earth books on changing our habits. Simply, of course. See ya next time!

And now, a very special secret message to all those kids, big and small, with Commando Cody Message Decoder Rings (also works with the more recent McDonald's Duck Tales Decoder Watches, or by using A=1, etc.):

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Community Calendar

July...

July 3 (Wed) -- Celebrate the Fourth one day early at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. Third St. Wearing red, white, and blue, celebrants will enjoy a Bar-B-Que, the OK Klowns, and some Bingo. Call 547-5671.

July 4 (Thurs) -- The 10th Annual July 4th Fireworks and Concert begins at 4 pm at the Santa Ana Stadium. Once again, the event will include a dazzling display of overhead and ground fireworks as well as musical and dancing entertainers before the explosive display begins. Admission for adults is \$6, children 6-12 and seniors are \$4. Call 647-6561 for info.

July 8 (Mon) -- Join the Mayor of Santa Ana and SAUSD Superintendent Rudy Castruita at the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce 1991 Golf Tournament, "Drive for Education," at the Newport Beach Country Club. The event helps support the Chamber's extensive and innovative education programs for our City's youth. Call Bob Spencer at 541-5353 for more information.

July 11-13 (Thurs-Sat) -- Rancho Santiago College Community Services offers a "Cheerleading Camp" for those ages 8-15. Different styles will

be demonstrated, including dance, yell leading, basic mounts and dismounts, and tumbling. Call 564-6220 for info.

July 13 (Sat) -- Celebrate America's fabulous fifties at Rockin' Zoo Santa Ana held on the green of the Santa Ana Zoo. "Rock Around the Clock" and "Surf City" are the featured musical groups in this second annual musical fundraising event by the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo. Starts at 6 pm. Call 836-4000.

July 20 (Sat) -- Garage sale addicts take note, residents in Wilshire Square are having their first neighborhood-wide yard sale. Over 50 residents are expected to sell merchandise of all sorts. The homes are between Main and Flower, and Edinger and McFadden. Sale runs from 8 am until 2 pm.

July 26 (Fri) -- Need a great way to cool off on a hot summer day? Seniors will gather at 12:30 pm at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. Third St., for an Ice Cream Social, courtesy of Secure Horizons. The OK Klowns will provide lots of fun and musical entertainment will be ongoing throughout the afternoon. Bingo will follow. Call 547-5671 for more information.

July 26-27 (Fri-Sat) -- Take a unique two-hour tour of the Discovery Museum's historic Kellogg House and come away with an overview of the social customs, morals and manners, and fashion of turn of the century living. The tour costs \$15 per person and includes tea served at the Kellogg House gazebo. The Discovery Museum is located at 3101 W. Harvard St. Call 540-0404 for further details.

July 27 (Sat) -- Show your support for the Santiago Creek with a rally and walk starting at 9 am sponsored by the Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance. Help support one of the last beautiful natural spots along our City. Meet at Hart Park in Orange at the Shaffer Street entrance.

July 27 (Sat) -- Crazy games and wild relays for youths of all ages are part of Wacky Olympics VIII. Zany Olympic-type events such as hopping hurdles, hula hoop relay, and balloon heave take place at El Salvador Park, 1825 W. Civic Center Dr. beginning at 1 pm. 647-6558.

July 28 (Sun) -- The giant ACP computer swap meet returns with over 100 vendors with everything under the sun. Admission is free to the event at 1310 E. Edinger, from 8 to 2 pm.

August...

Aug 4 (Sun) -- Fiesta Folklorico will present an adult performance of Mexican folk dance at the East Anaheim shopping center at 1:30 pm. The event is open to the public and is free. Call 836-7748 for more information.

Aug 5-9 (Mon-Fri) -- SONWARD HO! is the theme of this year's vacation bible school to be held at First United Methodist Church, 609 Spurgeon St., from 9-12 am. Children will learn about the book of Acts enjoy exciting games and songs, imaginative crafts, and life related Bible study. Call to enroll, 542-2323.

Aug 9 (Fri) -- Enjoy a Hawaiian Luau, an afternoon of Polynesian food, drink, and entertainment, complete with "Hawaiian dancers" at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. Third St. beginning at 11:30 am. Compete for the best dressed "Hawaiian." Suggested donation for the 55+ crowd is \$1.50. Call 547-5671 for info.

Aug 10 (Sat) -- Come see the 16th Annual Antique Car Parade and Show. The event begins at 9 am with the cars in the parade assembled for display at Centennial Park, off Edinger and Fairview. At noon, the parade begins to South Coast Plaza Village. The cars will again be on display until 3:30 pm on the Village Green.

Aug 11 (Sun) -- Fiesta Folklorico will present a student recital of Mexican folk dance at the Santa Ana Seniors Center at 3rd and Ross St from 1 until 4 pm. All residents are invited to this free performance. Call 836-7748.

Aug 17 (Sat) -- The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society will have an open house of the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Dr. West, from 10 am until 2 pm. Come tour the beautifully restored Victorian home and office of Orange County's most beloved woman doctor from the turn of the century. Call 541-2441 for additional information.

Aug 17 (Sat) -- Everyone's invited to the Kid's Summer Ten-Penny Carnival, a grand culmination of summer activities. Come and enjoy the annual Orange Box Derby, Talent Show, and Midway Carnival. Starts at 1 pm at Memorial Park, 2102 So. Flower St. Call 549-6887.

Aug 17 (Sat) -- The classic rock 'n' roll group Sha Na Na will be the featured artist at the 8th Annual "Class Reunion," a special event from 5 to 10 pm at the Discovery Museum including a barbeque dinner and auction. For more information, call 540-0404.

Aug 19 (Mon) -- Registration for free vocation

al and technical training classes for the fall semester begins at the Cental County Regional Occupational Program (CCROP). Call the Santa Ana office at 558-5558 for information.

Aug 23-24 (Fri-Sat) -- Take a unique two-hour tour of the Discovery Museum's historic Kellogg House and come away with an overview of the social customs, morals and manners, and fashion of turn of the century living. The tour costs \$15 per person and includes tea served at the Kellogg House gazebo. The Discovery Museum is located at 3101 W. Harvard St. Call 540-0404 for further details.

Aug 24 (Sat) -- "Turn on to Sports, turn off to Drugs and Gangs." Join the Santa Ana Recreation and Community Services Agency's Youth Sports Program with a special sports carnival beginning at 10 am at Centennial Park. Try their Drills in Skills, Football Fiesta, and Volleyball Spiketacular. Plenty of fun and learning for everyone. Register from 8:30-9:30 am. Call 647-6502 for more information.

Aug 24 (Sat) -- An enchanted evening of Chinese culture and a performance to benefit the Bowers Museum will be held at the Orange County Performing Arts Center. For tickets or further details, call 972-1382.

September

Sept 7 (Sat) -- You're not going to want to miss the "La Jamaica" family festival at the Bowers Museum. Folkloric and step Aztec dancers and mariachis will join traditional Mexican musical groups and singers. "La Jamaica" will be held from 2 to 9 pm at the Bowers Museum at 2002 No. Main St. and will also host artisan and food booths. Call 972-1382.

Sept 13-15 (Fri-Sun) -- "Fiesta Independencia" will again celebrate Mexican Independence Day by closing Fourth St. from 10 am until 10 pm for musicians, dancers, food, and gift booths. Sponsored by the Downtown Santa Ana Business Association and the City of Santa Ana.

Sept 14 (Sat) -- See some of the top bicyclists in the world compete in the 6th Annual Golden City Grand Prix Bike Race to be held in Downtown Santa Ana beginning at 7 am. Absolutely no charge to watch. Call 571-4200.

Sept 14 (Sat) -- Bowers Museums hosts a trip to the San Diego Art Museum and the Orr

Gallery to explore the three of the most complete exhibits on California Impressionists ever presented in Southern California. The \$50 fee includes transportation, lunch, and all admissions. Leave at 9 am. Call 972-1382.

Sept 15 (Sun) -- A festive and colorful Independencia Parade takes over Main Street from 1 until 3 pm with floats, marchers, bands, and entertainers. Sponsored by the Downtown Santa Ana Business Association.

Sept 19 (Thurs) -- With the children back in school, mothers are invited to relax and enjoy a morning tea at the Discovery Museum's Kellogg House. Tasty tea sandwiches, scones with preserves, breakfast pastries, and a selection of fragrant teas will be served in the delightful turn of the century setting. Two seatings are available; 9 or 10:30 am. The Back to School Tea is \$12.50 per person and reservations may be made by calling 540-0404.

Sept 21-22 (Sat-Sun) -- The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society will host an antique quilt show at the historic Dr. Howe-Waffle

House, 120 Civic Center Dr. West, from 11 am to 4 pm. Tour the beautifully restored Victorian home as you view the exquisite workmanship of some very talented quilters. Sponsored by the Flying Geese Quilter's Guild and the Historical Society, the event's \$2.50 admission includes light refreshments.

Sept 22 (Sun) -- Seniors are cordially invited to the Fourth Annual Harvest Moon Ball. Held at the Senior Center, 424 W. Third St., festivities will begin at 1:30 pm and continue until 4:30 pm. For further details, call 547-5671.

Sept 28 (Sat) -- Create a unique, one-of-a-kind crazy quilt Christmas stocking from scraps of memories you bring to a two session workshop at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St. The fee is \$15. Call 540-0404.

Don't Forget -- Mark your calendars for Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th for the first Washington Square Neighborhood Home and Garden Tour. See the notice in this issue for full information and a chance to order discounted advance sale tickets.