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Council Okays Downtown Artists Village Project

Art and architecture will soon be wedded in an exciting urban environment in Downtown Santa Ana. The City Council unanimously approved a revision in the zoning codes for the proposed artists village in the Downtown business district.

The new zoning allows artists to live and work in the several block area and encourages businesses that would fit in with "Orange County's premier community for emerging artists to live and work." The change also restricts other uses that would not be appropriate for the area.

The Artists Village is located in a nine-block area between First and Third Streets, Main and Broadway. Located within a historic district, the area includes some architecturally significant structures such as the Santora Building, Builders Exchange, Old City Hall, Grand Central Marketplace, Empire Market Building, Old Pacific Building, and the Fox West Coast Theater.

The intent of the project is to compliment and build upon the success of the existing Downtown business and office/government district.

The City has been working in conjunction with the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture and a variety of community leaders to establish a plan to create the Village. An Artists Village Planning Committee was formed and charge with helping to develop the vision, goals, and implementation plan for the area. The committee is made up of private citizens and city staff representing architec-

ture, public relations, development, advertising, and visual arts.

Federal Community Development block grant funds have already been used to purchase the Parker's Garage Building at Sycamore and Second Streets as a new home for the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art. This village anchor is undergoing extensive renovations and is expected to open in January 1995.

Cal State University at Fullerton has submitted a proposal to the City for the Grand Central Marketplace building on Second Street. They are proposing the Grand Central Art Center to incorporate artist residential space, art studios, gallery space, classrooms, a small theater, and restaurant.

A market assessment (completed last January) of the concept supported the basic ideas behind the Village which will emphasize affordable working space for artists and rental live-work housing.

The McLarand Vasquez Partnership, working with Olea Design Studio and artists Victor Casados and Luis Fernandez, have designed an innovative conceptual streetscape for the presently closed off section of Second Street which creates an outdoor mall.

Presently Art Walks are being offered on the first and third Fridays of each month to acquaint artists with the area and the plans. For reservations, call Susan Helper, project manager, at 647-6556 or Randy Au, Santa Ana resident artist, at 543-1856.



Family Friends -- When their "Little Ricky" was born, Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz were sure to have a photo taken with their good friends Pepito and Joanne. For more on the friendship between these two dynamic couples, see the story below.

-- Photo courtesy Joanne Falcy

Dancing with the Hollywood Stars in Santa Ana

by Catherine C. Cate

Behind the iron gates that surround the Victorian-style building at 1502 N. Ross lies a world well known to thousands of aspiring performers: "The Pepito and Joanne Academy of Dance." But it is a world protected and set apart not just to teach dance, "modern singing," and "theatrical arts."

"The real secret is giving kids confidence in themselves," says active 86-year-old Joanne Falcy, widow of Jose Escobar Perez (*Pepito*), whose own success in over 18,000 performances makes her exceptionally well qualified to inspire dreams and instill the value of hard work and self-confidence in her dedicated pupils.

Her career has spanned the evolution of the modern entertainment industry. Her colleagues were among the industry's biggest names from the 1920's through the 1950's: Jack Benny, George Burns and Gracie Allen, Bing Crosby, Milton Berle, Leo Carrillo (*The Cisco Kid*), Preston Foster (*My Friend Flicka*), Ginger Rogers, Marlene Dietrich, Lucille Ball, and Desi Arnaz.

This is a woman who has lived it all — from performing as an acrobatic dancer in one-hour live "prologues" that entertained audiences before the featured films of the 1920's, through the eras of silent films, vaudeville, nightclubs, and, finally, the transition to television.

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Conceptual Streetscape Drawing

VIEWPOINT

Good-bye My Friends, My Readers

This is probably the 15th draft I've written of this column. I never was too good at saying good-bye and this is tougher than I thought it would be. After 5 years of coming into your homes with information about the best Santa Ana has to offer, I'm retiring from the position of editor-in-chief of *Eye on Santa Ana* to spend more time with my family.

A tad over 5 years ago, the City had invited the leaders of all of the organized neighborhoods together to brainstorm about taking the already successful neighborhood movement "to the next level" -- in terms of communicating more to each other and to the other neighborhoods in the City that were not organized. The suggestion came up for a newsletter that would talk about all the great stuff each neighborhood was doing. With more discussion we thought that we should add in businesses, organizations, the City government, and even individuals who were doing something special to help our City.

We needed someone to head up this project and I volunteered for the job. While I had little experience with writing and with desktop publishing (I'm an engineer by profession), City staff, my fellow neighborhood leaders, and you, my readers, encouraged and allowed me to grow into the job. I remember being so proud of our first edition, even though today, it looks as amateurish as was the editor. And yes, I'm as proud of it today as I was then. Since then we grew into a publication that is more local newspaper than newsletter.

And for that, I want to say thanks to all of you. You were always more than readers to me ... you were friends. I wrote much of and edited the *Eye* to tell you what great things I found going on in the City. I wanted you to know about all the super people who make up Santa Ana and who are breathing new life into a City that too many have given up on. I wanted you to get involved and feel as excited as I did about the *renaissance* of Santa Ana. I hope you picked up on my enthusiasm.

But five years being editor (in my spare hours) is a long time "away from family." My wife Linda had unselfishly given me the space for almost 9 years to be intensively involved with neighborhood and community affairs (beyond editing the *Eye*). Recently, I decided it was time to refocus on family and our attempt to have children. (By the way, the latter effort worked. Linda and I expect to be the proud parents of a new "cub reporter" this February.)

My space is running short, so let me say thanks to a few people who I owe a lot of gratitude: Dee Runnells for getting my community spirit started; Catherine Cate for being a great advisor and writing the stories I never could; Pat Whitaker for believing in neighborhoods and this publication; Dave Ream for his continuous support and belief in what we could do; Jim Walker, Lisa Bist, and Brian Bist for being good friends; my Wilshire Square Neighbors for showing me what being good neighbors was all about; my fellow neighborhood leaders for all the camaraderie we shared; my newspaper editor Dad, Howard Ball, for all the local news ideas I stole from him; and finally to my wife, Linda, for standing with me on things I felt so important.

I also want to thank the Santa Ana Mayor and Council for having the guts to let residents speak out, become organized, and have a say in their government. Not many cities are as willing to *help* their citizens participate.

Well, my time is over and I wish the best to you and to all in my "adopted city." Thank you for the opportunities and the friendships and the memories that I'll live with forever.

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Catherine's City



by Catherine C. Cate

This morning I was walking back from the Spurgeon Street post office when I passed a young man painting parking places along the 600 block of Bush Street.

I stopped to watch, fascinated by his meticulous diligence. After dipping his brush into white paint and carefully removing the excess, he followed the faint lines still visible, being careful to cover the area completely, but also taking great pride in being neat and avoiding excess paint that could run, or dry so slowly that it would smear at the touch of a foot or a tire.

When introductions were exchanged, I commented that this was obviously a job still better done by man than machine. Luis Moreno agreed; "The machines are too big and too slow, and they don't do as good a job, either," he explained.

As I looked up and down the street, I saw what a big difference freshly painted parking spaces made. We agreed; the old, faded paint in the next block made that part of the street seem shabby.

Luis said, "I try hard to keep up the paint on the streets in my area. I like the way it makes the neighborhood look."

As impressed as I was with the difference this seemingly small touch made along a street, I was even more impressed by the well groomed appearance and caring attitude of this employee of the City of Santa Ana.

And I was reminded once again of the value of all our anonymous government employees, who quietly go about doing the jobs we take for granted. Until we have a problem or complaint, of course. Then we're quick to get names.

Well, this time it gives me great pleasure to have gotten the name of Luis Moreno, Parking Meter Technician, and to tell his boss, Roger Kooi, manager of Downtown Development, what an asset this employee is to our City.

(Shortly after this story was written, Luis' supervisor, Ed Edwards, let me know that while on duty, Luis had observed a juvenile acting suspiciously. After watching the youth from his vehicle, Luis apprehended the suspect, who was attempting to conceal a radio/cassette player he had stolen from a nearby vehicle. After calling the police, Luis gave them the assistance they needed to charge the suspect, whom it is believed is responsible for a number of other illegal acts in his neighborhood.)

A Special Letter:

(editor's note: we received this letter from SAUSD Superintendent Rudy Castruita and wanted to share it with our readers. As you can tell, it was obviously written prior to his leaving the district.)

Dear parents, my partners in education:

By now, I'm sure that most of you have heard that I am leaving the Santa Ana Unified School District to accept the position of superintendent of the San Diego County Department of Education. It's a wonderful opportunity for me and my family, but it was a very difficult decision to make. Although there will be many, many opportunities in that position to make a positive impact on the educations of more than 400,000 students in 43 San Diego County school districts, I will move on with some mixed emotions.

Working in Santa Ana has been an experience like no other in my 29 years in the education field. District employees and parents have been so mutually supportive that a real feeling of family has emerged. And because we have worked together as one community, we have made much progress for Santa Ana's school children.

More students are staying in school and more students are going on to college. It's been the goal of the Board of Education and myself to place strong emphasis on student self-esteem and on welcoming parents as full partners in the education process. We've also reached out into the business community and asked them to join us in our quest for educational excellence.

I believe that all of these things have paid off. And not only have they shown positive impact as we have grown toward our goals, but they have also created a foundation that will support continued progress. You, as parents, have become more active than you've been in the District's history. More and more of you are taking advantage of our parent leadership training. Others are also working through the Effective Black Parenting course. Parent groups at our schools are strong and active and working with your teachers and administrators for the good of your children. You're involved in your schools' long-range planning, and many of you are serving on District committees. You and the excellent employees throughout the District are the driving force that makes good things happen, and you are the glue that holds us together when we face struggles.

I have long said that any accolades that have come to me regarding achievements in Santa Ana Unified should more accurately have carried the names of all the parents and employees who have been the ones to make a difference here. I have accepted these recognitions on your behalf.

And, as my time with Santa Ana becomes shorter, I know that the good work will continue, that the cooperation will prosper and that student achievement will increase. I am confident that your participation and caring will help the new superintendent become acquainted with the needs of this community and with the high expectations you have for your children and for the educational system in this city.

Congratulations on choosing the path of commitment and involvement. Congratulations on all the accomplishments you have helped create. Your successes will continue, and I will be proud to watch from my new position and know that I was once a part of this awesome community.

Sincerely,

Rudy M. Castruita, Ed.D

Scholarship Honors

Three Santa Ana high school students were among the ten from Orange County receiving \$1,000 scholarships from the Efrén Herrera Scholarship Foundation. One of the students, Heriberto Hernandez, Jr., a graduate of Saddleback High School, received the award for the male student with the highest grade-point average and SAT score.

The other two local students who were scholarship recipients included Miguel Gomez from Santa Ana High and Eliseo Amezcua from Saddleback High.

The foundation is a private, non-profit organization that raises money to aid college-bound Latino students. It was formed several years ago by Efrén Herrera, former football player, and Manuel Ramirez, appeals judge.

All of the students were among the top honor graduates from their respective high schools.

Moving Day

It's going to be moving day for some of Santa Ana's Finest. On August 24th, the Southeast District Police Substation will be moving to a new home at 1130 E. Chestnut St. The new location will offer slightly more space and put the officers closer to the busier part of the Southeast area.

Their public hours will continue to be 7:30 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, though you may see the officers going in and out of the facility 24 hours a day, depending on their cases. They do plan to have an open house this fall (once they get situated). Stay tuned for a date and time.

Their phone numbers will stay the same - 647-5074 and 647-5075.

Courthouse On Track

Here's an update on some Downtown plans: the construction plans of the new federal courthouse at Fourth and Ross is on schedule and work will begin in October. The 348,000 square foot building will provide space for 14 courtrooms, 15 judges, and office space for a number of other federal agencies. Construction is expected to take 2 years to finish.

Big Brothers Needed

In June Fathers Day honored the bond between a father and child. Unfortunately for many Orange County children raised in single-parent homes, this day is not celebrated.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Orange County matches volunteer men and women to boys and girls who are in need of a special friend. While Big Sisters are in high supply, there is a great demand for Big Brothers. Currently there are 100 boys between the ages of 6 and 16 waiting for a male companion who can have a positive influence on their young lives.

Potential Big Brothers are required to spend approximately three to six hours a week with the child. They must be 20 years of age or older, have lived in Orange County for a minimum of six months, and successfully complete the application process.

Anyone interested in learning more about how to become a Big Brother is encouraged to call 544-7773.



Take 5 at Five

Need a unique musical break in the middle of the workweek? How about a free concert, outside - "on the green," offering a variety of jazz sure to put you in a great mood?

The South Coast Plaza Village, at the corner of MacArthur and Bear, brings back their free "Concerts on the Green" series every Wednesday night from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. The music is free and there will be food booths sponsored by some of the Village's fine restaurants. (Proceeds from the sales of the food benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.)

On Aug. 24, Karen Gallinger and the Joe LaBarbera Quartet will entertain you with Gallinger's powerful and sultry style of jazz. Freeway Philharmonic on Aug. 31 will feature their energetic combination of jazz, pop, rock, and classic sounds. The Vocal Works' crisp jazz vocals are put to good use in their format of a 1940's "radio show." And on Sept. 14, Steel Parade plays a Calypso beat that's never been better!

Come early to get a good spot.

Student Immunizations

Free immunizations will be provided to Santa Ana students who are entering the Santa Ana Unified School District schools for the first time and for those who require additional vaccinations but can't afford them. The shots will be given at the district's Registration and Testing Center, 3321 S. Fairview, August 15 to September 9 from 11 am to 1 pm. A parent or legal guardian needs to be present.

School nurses will provide immunizations against polio, DPT, measles, mumps, and rubella; all the vaccinations required by schools prior to admission. Skin testing for tuberculosis is also available. Parents should bring their child's immunization record. For more information, call 558-5555.

Our 125th Anniversary

Way back in 1869, pioneer William Spurgeon purchased 70 acres of land from the Yorba family and plotted a townsite. The new town was given the name *Santa Ana*.

One hundred and twenty-five years later, we'll be celebrating that event with the a fully illustrated and comprehensive history of our fair city, entitled, *Santa Ana, An Illustrated History: 125th Anniversary Edition*. The author, noted historian Diann Marsh, is finishing up the final chapters and the completed book should go to the publisher this month. The actual publication of the coffee-table style book is expected by November.

If you are interested in purchasing the book at the pre-publication discounted price of \$23.95, send a check for \$28.81 (includes taxes and shipping) to: Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society; History Book Project; 120 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, CA 92701. For more information, call Diann at 541-2441.

504,000 Pounds of Donated Food

Thanks to a whole heck of a lot of Santa Ana and other Orange County residents and the several thousand postal workers who volunteered to carry the load, over half-a-million pounds of food were collected during one of the nation's largest food drives to feed the hungry. This summer's 2nd annual food drive was again sponsored by the Postal Service and the letter carrier unions.

The food was picked up by the postal carriers at homes throughout the county and sent to charitable organizations for distribution to the poor. The project was so successful, organizers are expecting to repeat it again next year.

Million Dollar Support

Rancho Santiago College has received a five-year grant for \$200,000 per year from the U.S. Department of Education to begin a program to help disadvantaged middle school and high school students complete school and apply for college.

The program, called Talent Search, is a component of the TRIO program, which was first established in the 1960s to create a system that encourages students from low-income families to go to college. RSC was one of only 30 colleges and universities around the country that were awarded the new 1994 grants.

"These programs provide a pipeline by which our students, many of whom never dreamed going to college, can start getting prepared as early as the eighth grade," said Audry Yamagata-Noji, RSC Dean of Student Development and administrator of the program. "We can not create enough opportunities for our youth."

Talent Search will serve 700 Santa Ana low-income and at-risk students in grades 8-12 who have the potential to attend college upon graduation from high school.

The program's goal is to develop an individualized education plan for all students enrolled in the program and to ensure successful enrollment in the college of their choice. A special feature will be a club for eighth graders, "Club Adelante," at four middle schools where they can study and participate in educational, cultural, and motivational activities as a way to steer clear of gangs.

Last year RSC received a multi-year grant for another component of TRIO, the Student Support Services Program, which identifies disadvantaged, first-generation students already enrolled in college. It provides assistance to help students complete their community college education and transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a bachelor's degree. Approximately 300 students per year will be served through this program.

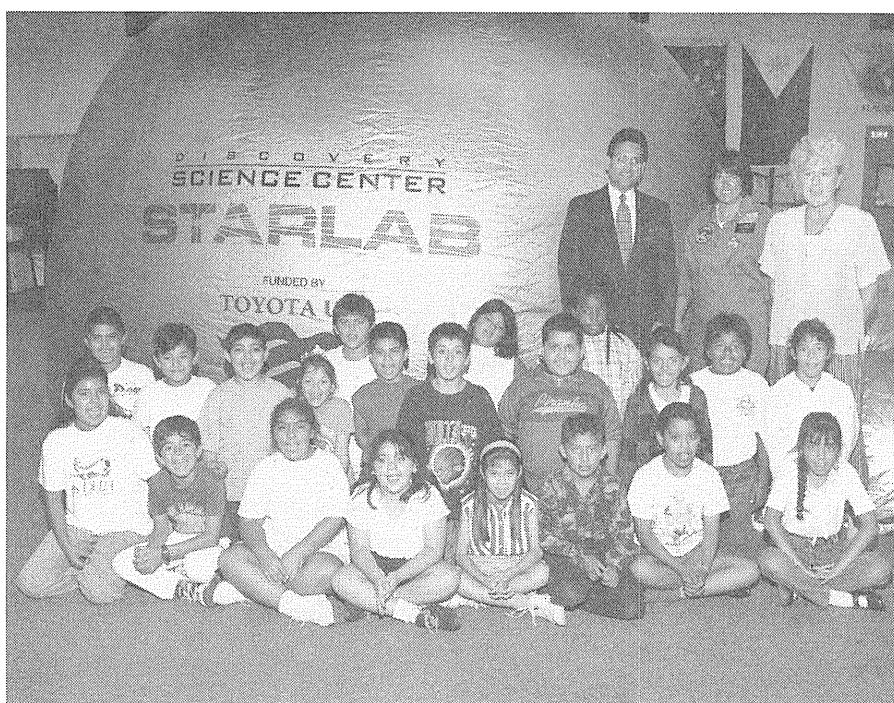
For further information, Yamagata-Noji can be reached at 564-6141.

Kudos to Students

MacArthur student Jeanna Allsop was recently selected as a President's Youth Service Award winner for her involvement in community service. President Bill Clinton sent her a letter commending her "for taking a leadership role in helping others."

At the 37th Annual Disneyland Community Service Awards luncheon held this Spring, Century's SAVVY club won second place in the service by youth category for its free bread program for needy families. The club won \$3,000 to help with their various service projects.

Kennedy students, teachers, school staff, and parents teamed up with Minne Street residents a few months ago to clean up the neighborhood. The group started from Kennedy and worked its way to the end of Minnie.



Starr-Eyed Kids -- Teacher Sandy Starr's 5th grade class from Monte Vista School enjoyed the maiden voyage of Starlab, Orange County's only portable planetarium, thanks to the Discovery Science Center and the Toyota USA Foundation. Starlab is designed to surround 30 students with a panorama of the universe, showing the beauty of the evening sky. Discovery Science Center's Starlab program was established by a \$63,000 grant from Toyota to bring interactive science learning to all 8,800 5th graders in Santa Ana schools.

Soroptimist Help

Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo and the Santa Ana Library recently received \$1,000 each thanks to Soroptimist International of Santa Ana-Tustin.

At SI's annual awards luncheon, contributions were also presented to various local organizations including YWCA of South Orange County, Regina House, SAUSD ROP-HOSA Chapter, Thomas House and Feedback Foundation. Soroptimists also recognized an outstanding senior from each of the City's high schools, as well as the Regional Youth Citizenship Award.

Earlier in the year, the organization presented a check for \$5,000 to Western Medical Center for their Pediatric Unit.

Soroptimist International is a service organization dedicated to recognizing the needs of people throughout the world, using the diverse skills of its members in individual, group, and cooperative endeavors. If you'd like to get involved with the organization, please contact Molly Doughty at 953-3140.

School's Out

Nine months of hard work for the 1993/94 Leadership Santa Ana class came to an end last month when the 14 classmates graduated with flying colors. Leadership Santa Ana is an intensive program run by the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce and is designed to help increase our local leadership potential. Participants attend eight workshops during the year covering local government, economic, and social issues as well as leadership skills.

This year's graduates were: Keith Anstadt, Suzette Caddell, Cork Catrow, Leslie Chanez-James, Maria Quezada, Rhonda Frazier, Michael Macres, Sharon Stimson, Judy Ware, John Zarian, Gordon Itow, Irma Jauregui, Jacquie Rudge, and Mary Thornton. The organizations they represent included neighborhood associations, local businesses, the Santa Ana Unified School District, Rancho Santiago College, and the Santa Ana Police Department.

This is the program's seventh class to graduate. Today, alumni are city commission members, business and civic leaders, and other interested residents who take an active role in their community.

For more information on the next classes, set to begin in October, call Bob Spencer at 541-5353, Ext. 103.

Jazz Fest Returns

The 5th Annual SoCal JazzFest returns to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9 with 20 of the finest traditional Dixieland jazz and swing bands this side of the Mississippi, including Nightblooming Jazz Band, Crown City Jazz Band, Bobby Gordon Group, and the Crazy Rhythm Jazz Band. Bowing to popular demand, this year the event will offer a special ballroom area for dancers.

The SoCal JazzFest is put on by the New Orleans Jazz Club of Southern California which also holds a monthly jazz session on the first Sunday of every month at the Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane (off of 1st St.).

For additional information on the JazzFest or on the club itself, call 664-1408.



Insider Tours

If you've ever wondered about what its like behind the scene at the Orange County Performing Arts Center, you might be interested in taking the free guided tour that they offer.

The Center Docents will show you Orange County's award-winning home for the performing arts and you'll see the Center in a whole new light. From the magnificent lobbies to the grand stage, you'll visit areas rarely seen by the public.

Tours are held on most Mondays and Wednesdays and they are also usually held on the first Saturday of the month at 10 am and 11 am. Call 556-ARTS, ext. 833 for more information.

Volunteers Needed

The Salvation Army is one of the oldest and best run operations in the county to help the less fortunate get up on their feet again.

Their Adult Rehabilitation Center in Anaheim is a warehouse and office facility for all donated items to their organization. They're looking for volunteers in the areas of office help, telephone personnel, small appliance repair, woodworking, VCR and TV repair, and literacy program.

If you could volunteer a few hours (or more) each week, please call Patricia Bortle at 758-0414.

Mater Dei Reunions

A number of Mater Dei High School Class Reunions are coming up and if you were a member of either classes, you might want to give the organizers a call. The Class of 1964 will have a celebration on Sat., Oct. 1st. Call Joan Jacobs Slavin at 964-4441 if you're interested in attending and seeing your old "chums." The Class of 1969 will be meeting on Fri., Nov. 4. Contact Kathy Nedza at 838-4886 or Kerry Fields at 283-0140.

Contract Employment Opportunity

The *Eye on Santa Ana* is an English language, award winning newspaper/newsletter printed quarterly with a circulation of 10,000. Presently the *Eye* is an 8 - 12 page, tabloid-sized publication. In addition to the English newspaper/newsletter, a Spanish language version is printed bi-annually with a circulation of 10,000.

The City of Santa Ana sponsored newsletter is seeking a new editor with the following qualifications:

- experience in writing a community based newsletter,
- experience with layout, graphics and editing,
- willingness to present neutral viewpoints,
- ability to create camera-ready originals for printing,
- understanding of the community of Santa Ana,
- Santa Ana resident preferred.

Please forward your letter of interest with samples of your work and compensation requirements to: City of Santa Ana; Housing Depart.; Attention: Terri Eggers; 500 West Santa Ana Blvd.; Suite 400 Santa Ana, CA 92702.

The application period will remain open until filled. Should you have any questions, please contact Terri Eggers at (714) 667-2246.

Veterans Groups

Santa Ana is proud to have two active veterans groups within our borders. They don't always get the press they deserve, but they provide a helping hand both to other vets and to our community at large.

Santa Ana American Legion Post 131 organized on December 17, 1919. In addition to supporting programs to help and care for veterans and their widows and orphans, the Post also sponsors children and youth programs and provides school awards and scholarships. If you're interested in joining, contact Commander Howard Darter at 540-5101.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10694 also supports programs to help those who helped our country in time of war. This includes regular trips to the V.A. Hospital to spend time with those who aren't as fortunate. The Post also sponsors school programs such as the Voice of Democracy contest. If you're interested in joining the V.F.W., call Commander Cooper at 543-9732.

Both groups meet at and share the American Legion Hall at 1404 No. Grand Ave. The V.F.W. meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 7:30 pm. The Legion meets at the same time on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays.

Toxic Sneakers?

Huh? Sneakers a hazardous waste?

Yup! And it's more than the "aroma" of a well-worn pair.

It seems those *L.A. Gear* sneakers with lights built in the heels utilize mercury in their motion-sensitive, on-off switches. Mercury is one of the most toxic of metals so when it's time to buy a new pair and toss out the old, you actually should be dropping them off at your local hazardous-waste collection center.

L.A. Gear has set up a collection and disposal program for their sneakers. Just give them a call at 1-800-786-7820 for more details.

Around and About

If you've ever wanted to be a newscaster, here's your chance. Tryouts for anchor, field reporting, and sportscasting positions for the Fall season of Rancho Santiago College's live "Around and About Orange County" newscast will be held on Tuesday, August 23 at 11 am in room E-103 of the RSC Centennial Education Center, 2900 W. Edinger Ave.

Those interested in auditioning need not have prior broadcast news experience, but should be prepared to read news items cold off a Teleprompter and must be available Tuesdays and Thursdays through mid-December for production meetings and tapings.

Many see the program as a good resource for developing professional resume tapes and to land industry internships. More than 100 AAOC alumni are now working full time in the media. AAOC has won several national awards and is seen on cable systems throughout Orange County.

For more information, call the RSC TV/Video Communications Department at 564-5680.

SABADO Update

Now in their second year of operation, Project SABADO (Santa Ana Broad-based Alcohol and Drug Organization) has made a comprehensive assessment of Santa Ana to be sure they are moving in the right direction.

As a result of the assessment, SABADO began to form task groups to address major problems. The task groups are action oriented, where residents and community workers can work together to create positive changes in their neighborhoods. The four groups are: Alcohol Policy, Drug Policy, Carver Concerned Parents, and Santa Ana Improvements and Celebration.

The Alcohol Policy Task Group works on the licensing of new alcohol outlets, improving problems around liquor stores, alcohol availability at public places, offensive alcohol advertisements, and public intoxication.

The Drug Policy Task Group works on enforcement of existing ordinances and laws about illicit drugs, bettering coordination between the courts and police around drug free zones, taking neighborhood action against drug dealing, using public nuisance laws against abandoned homes, using Court Watch and small claims to eliminate drug dealing in neighborhoods.

The Carver Concerned Parents are currently seeking solutions to problems that are occurring in the Carver/Third St./Artesia Pillar neighborhood. The residents meet twice a month. They have initiated a "parent patrol" to walk children to and from school, past the problems at the nearby liquor store.

Anyone is welcome to join the SABADO task groups. For more information, please call Arlene or Zelenne at 542-3396.



City Offers Mortgage Assistance for Santa Ana College Graduates

The City of Santa Ana is offering a great deal for Santa Ana based college graduates. If you have a four-year degree from a recognized school and had previously resided in and graduated from a high school serving Santa Ana, then buying a house in Santa Ana is going to become much easier. The Student Assisted Mortgage Program will provide up to 15 percent of the down payment for purchasing a house in the City. You only need come up with 5% of your own for a down payment (and that can be a gift).

The term of the SAM loan is 20 years, of which the first 5 years of payments will be deferred. Then at the beginning of the eleventh year, 50 percent of the principal amount of the original loan will be forgiven.

The purpose of the SAM program is to encourage students to complete a four year degree and keep some of our best students and future community leaders in the City after they graduate.

Contact Regan Candelario

at 667-2260 for additional information.

Leadership Santa Ana Training Begins Eighth Year In October

In October, the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce will begin the eighth year of Leadership Santa Ana, an intensive, nine-month course designed to develop our community's leadership potential. The program improves the participant's understanding of the various economic, social, and political forces impacting Santa Ana and Orange County and allows them to meet with many of the "movers and shakers" who are dealing with those forces today.

Leadership Santa Ana "students" attend an educational workshop one full day per month for eight consecutive months. Each workshop focuses on an important subject such as the leadership environment, government and the political process, education, the politics of growth and development, and understanding the news

media. Featured speakers are the leaders in their fields and past presenters have included top executives and officials in government, political, and business areas.

The program offers unique training to those interested in taking on additional community leadership roles. Leadership alumni include members of many City commissions and boards, as well as leaders in neighborhoods, businesses, and various other community groups. The training has also improved participant's professional careers with a better understanding of leadership roles in an organization.

For more information on Leadership Santa Ana, contact Bob Spencer with the Chamber at 541-5353, Ext. 103.

Salvation Army's Youth Centers Offer Help To Troubled Youth

Pam Hedgren, program director of The Salvation Army's Santa Ana Red Shield Youth Center, and staff member Jose Lopez, are busy giving local youths a positive alternative to street and gang life.

Under her leadership, 110-120 children each day have a place to go after school that provides sports, crafts, study time, and other recreation in a wholesome, welcoming environment. Jose is a strong role model too. As a former gang member that has found new purpose in life, he has been instrumental in demonstrating to local children that gangs are a dead-end street. He is working with Pam to develop a Youth-At-Risk outreach program, similar to one operated by The Salvation Army so successfully in Anaheim.

The program's goal will be to focus on at-risk youths and current gang members, providing them with the inspiration and opportunity to choose a better life outside of gangs.

The Red Shield Youth Center is located at 1710 W. Edinger in The Salvation Army's Santa Ana facilities, and operates from noon to 5:30 p.m.

"Orange County resident's greatest concern is crime, and much of the crime committed in our community stems from gang activity," said Bill Wenke, conference organizer and Director of Development for The Salvation Army. "Rather than start another Program," the Youth-At-Risk network is an opportunity for Christian organizations to support each other in their own efforts to provide a positive alternative to these troubled youth and reach out within their own communities."

Capt. Lee R. Lescano, Orange County Administrator for The Salvation Army, provided the opening remarks for the conference. District Attorney Michael Capizzi and County Superintendent of Schools John Dean also addressed the rapidly growing problem of youths-at-risk and gang crime in Orange County. They discussed their department's activities in addressing these issues and welcomed the involvement of the community's churches in tackling these problems.

Representatives from participating churches discussed their current programs to serve youth and gang members. Former gang members shared their experiences and the impact intervention has made on their lives. In very moving testimony, a mother told of the loss of her son, who was killed in a gang incident, and her subsequent dedication to helping other families through Christian testimony.

Orange County churches are invited to join the Youth-At-Risk Network and share their experiences in providing a Christian alternative to gang life. The Network is designed to assist churches in developing programs by providing ideas, inspiration, and identifying potential resources for groups in need of program assistance. The Salvation Army is serving as facilitator for the coalition and will host a newsletter program and help organize conferences and meetings as needed.

For more information, contact Bill Wenke at 832-7100.

AWED Offers Training Programs for Female Businesswomen

In the fall of 1993, the California American Woman's Economic Development Corporation expanded its successful training programs for women entrepreneurs into Orange County, thanks to a seed grant from the United States Small Business Administration. The expansion was timely and important, as Orange County, according to SBA statistics, ranked third in the nation for women business ownership.

Since that time, the organization has begun five sessions of its most popular course "Starting Your Own Business," which deals with the fundamentals of launching a business; writing a business plan, insurance, personnel issues, sales, marketing, and public relations. The course is taught in ten sessions over a period of 20 weeks and costs \$240.

Orange County AWED is also currently running two sessions of "Managing Your Own Business," designed to strengthen and expand businesses owned by women who are already entrepreneurs. The course addresses success strategies for the '90's including growth management, creative financing and alternative sources of credit. This intensive training course, taught in 26 sessions over a year-long period, costs \$540, and includes two free 1-1/2 hour counseling sessions.

All California AWED courses are taught by successful volunteer entrepreneurs who are experts in their fields, and are based on curriculum from the Harvard School of Business. In many instances, private and public donations make limited partial scholarships available to women interested in taking the training, but in need of funding assistance. The courses are held in sites throughout Orange County, including Santa Ana, Fullerton, and Irvine.

In addition to its training courses, California AWED produces conferences for women entrepreneurs, hosts monthly networking sessions and sponsors activities ranging from seminars to counseling sessions to CEO Roundtables.

According to Gayle Clock, Orange County AWED executive director: "The biggest problems facing small businesses are undercapitalization and poor management, a result of inadequate business training. In the general economy, 4 out of 5 small businesses fail in their first 5 years. California AWED's programs have been very successful in reducing this failure rate for women owned businesses. Women throughout Orange County can benefit from these programs, and increase their chances for business success."

If you're interested in AWED programs call 755-8010.

French Court

A mini "gallery row" is evolving on Main St. between Washington and 17th Streets in the French Court Neighborhood. The Caged Chameleon, formerly across from the Bowers Museum, has relocated their alternative space for contemporary art to 1523 N. Main, complete with an outdoor garden area.

Down the street at 1405 N. Main is Dark's Art Parlour, which exhibits intense works of local artists. And recently opened between these two art galleries is Koo's, a coffee house which will eventually have an upstairs art studio. These galleries hope to attract other artists into the neighborhood.

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, the French Court Neighborhood will again be combining a street fair with a neighborhood cleanup. At the street fair, kids can look up close at emergency response vehicles, access the City's bookmobile, and see a display of antique autos. There will also be a children's fingerprinting booth.

Entertainment will be provided throughout the day and food will be available. The event begins at 11 am.

Mar-Les

While not actively meeting as an organized neighborhood at this time, residents helped distribute fliers for a recent meeting on the Land Use Element of the General Plan. Also, community members participated in a successful neighborhood wide clean-up.

Thornton Park

A recent meeting focused on traffic signal installation procedures with concerns raised regarding railroad crossings and street enhancements. The neighborhood is requesting Public Works to review a few intersections for signal installation potential.

A recent neighborhood survey showed residents are highly concerned with property maintenance and graffiti eradication. Information from the survey will assist in setting objectives of the neighborhood plan.

The Thornton Park neighborhood meets quarterly at the Jefferson School Media Center, 1522 W. Adams St. at 7 pm.

Wilshire Square

The neighborhood held their 6th Annual Wilshire Square Historic Home and Garden Tour this June with great success in showing off their neighborhood, raising operating funds, and increasing their fellow neighbor's "work-together" attitude. A big thanks to Mary Thornton who chaired the event and to the team that made it another home tour success.

Residents recently held a very fun and successful World Cup Soccer Party with fun for all regardless of the team you were supporting. The Wilshire Square Social Committee is next planning a neighborhood Block Party in September.

This year in December, Wilshire Square will again host a Christmas Tea which will include a tour of several homes decorated for the holidays. If you'd like advance information on the event (when it's available), send your name, address, and phone number to WS Christmas Tea; PO Box 2441, Santa Ana 92707.

Ana Schwarz won this year's most beautiful yard award in Wilshire Square from the Santa Ana Keep America Beautiful Committee.



Around the Neighborhoods

Saddleback View

The neighborhood held two very successful Spring Neighborhood Cleanups in April and May and want to thank Regan Candelario from Neighborhood Improvement and the people at Great Western Reclamation for all of their help.

Residents are planning a special event in September to introduce local Realtors to the neighborhood.

Their next general meeting will be held on August 16 at 6:30 pm at Remington School, 1325 E. Fourth St. with a speaker on Santa Ana's new federal court house.

On Nov. 15, the general meeting will feature a speaker from the City's Community Preservation Department speaking about code enforcement.

Sandpointe

In June, the Sandpointe Paint Team met to paint and freshen up the walls in Sandpointe Park.

The effort represented the 30th time in the past 18 months that neighbors have donated their Saturday mornings to such a worthy cause as keeping their neighborhood clean and tidy. Special thanks to the volunteers: Jim Mitsumi, Jim Hennessey, Doug Felix, Hank Moore, and Hank Kaim.

Sandpointe is beginning to plan for this year's Annual Sandpointe Community Fair in conjunction with MacArthur School. Organizers are planning to hold the fair on Oct. 29 and will have a theme of Halloween. Stay tuned for more details as they become available.

The neighborhood's general meeting will be in November with details to be distributed closer to the meeting date. The last general meeting in May was a special event with delicious food catered by the Garden of Eat'n Restaurant, located on the neighborhood's border.

Artesia Pilar

The neighborhood has been focusing on encouraging the improvement of front yards. Three cash prizes (\$125, \$75, and \$25) have been donated by the local business community to award to residents. Deadline for registration is Aug. 12 with winners to be announced at the Aug. 26 meeting.

At their July meeting, residents discussed which home improvements needed permits, how to care your new trees, the next neighborhood clean-up, and suggestions for additional programs at El Salvador Park. Other concerns are the 10th and Raitt blockwall project and how the Washington Square traffic plan will effect their neighborhood.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at El Salvador Park. Meetings are in English or Spanish (depending on the majority) with translation available. Child care and refreshments are provided.

Bristol/Warner

Residents were involved in judging neighborhoods for this summer's Santa Ana's Keep America Beautiful Most Beautiful Yard Contest. Some residents will also be involved in the Golden Ribbon Caravan and the At the Border rally on Aug. 20.

Neighbors are talking to area store managers asking that space be made available to post items on store bulletin boards, including new ordinances, COP info., and announcement fliers.

Central City

Their focus recently has been to clean up some of the problems in the neighborhood including the many inoperable vehicles. Residents have been frustrated with the slow pace of improvement and will be working to improve that with the staffs of Community Preservation and the Police Department.

The focus of a recent neighborhood meeting was the resources available for residents to fix up and improve their properties.

Organizers are getting ready for their neighborhood clean-up set for Aug. 20.

Their next general meeting will be on Mon., Sept. 12 at 6:30 pm at the Southwest Senior Center.

Frontier Valley

A recent steering committee meeting focused on neighborhood priorities. Consensus was reached to encourage property maintenance, support measures to reduce overcrowding, and to increase the involvement of more residents.

Their next general neighborhood meeting will be on August 10th at 7 pm at Mitchell School. The Mayor Pro Tem will speak on overcrowding and the new Federal Courthouse.

Indian Village

A recent meeting including a slide show presentation on the new Federal Courthouse that will be constructed in the Downtown area. Also, J. V. Sanders was elected as the new vice-chairman.

General neighborhood meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Jackson School, 1143 S. Nakoma Dr. at 6:30 pm.

Northeast

Neighbors spoke out in large numbers to protest the completion of a pedestrian bridge across the I-5 Freeway which would have connected their area with another on the south side of the freeway. Their concern was about a return of crime problems that had plagued the neighborhood but had disappeared when a previous tunnel between the two areas was removed during the initial stages of the freeway construction.

Residents successfully convinced the SAUSD school board to ask CalTrans not to complete the project. CalTrans later agreed to the request and will not finish the bridge.

Mid-City

A number of residents have volunteered to be members of a steering committee. The group has selected a priority issue of improving the commercial corners at Bristol and Edinger. Major police involvement has been concentrated here. Street closures, towing, ticketing, and undercover work is slowly cleaning up the area.

The Mid-City neighborhood meets on the first Thursday quarterly at Martin School, 939 W. Wilshire St. at 7 pm.

Morning Sunwood

A successful neighborhood clean-up has filled 5 large dumpsters and utilized the court referral program to clean dead and overgrown vines from their perimeter block wall. The neighborhood will use the court referral program again to have certain sections of the wall painted.

Morning Sunwood meets monthly on the third Monday at 7 pm at a neighbor's residence.

Republic Homes

Their new chairperson is Arabela Higareta. Their July meeting was an ice cream social where Community Preservation spoke about the new Garage Sale ordinance.

The neighborhood meets quarterly at Coastal Community Hospital.

Riverview West

The general meetings have grown recently with upwards of 30 residents showing up. The steering committee is also growing and allowing the group to focus on plans for the economic future of the area. The Harbor Specific Plan has been adopted and permit parking is being explored in the area south of McFadden.

A recent neighborhood clean-up was very successful with 6 dumpsters filled. In addition, the association is experimenting with different forms of communication in order to involve more residents.

General meetings for Riverview West are on the third Wednesday of each even month at the Newhope Library. Steering Committee meetings are the same day on the odd months.

Valley High

A general overview of the Safe Streets Now program was presented at a recent meeting. Residents requested additional detailed presentations and it was decided that since they were a minimum of 4 hrs each, they would be held at a different time for those who will commit to the program.

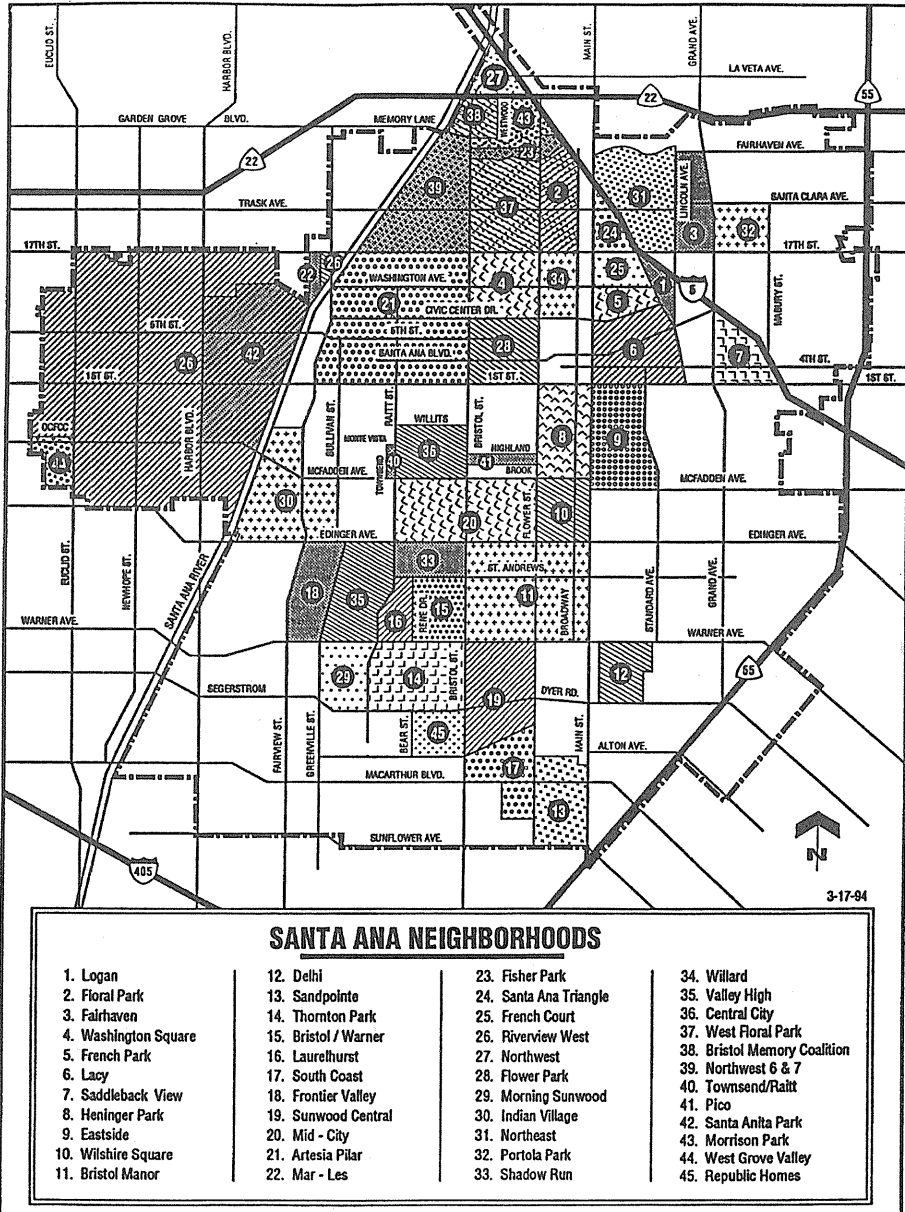
Other recent meetings included featured speakers on the garage sale ordinance and on youth alternatives to gangs.

The Valley High Neighborhood meets on the third Tuesday of each month at Valley High School Library at 7 pm. All meetings utilize translation headsets for Spanish speaking residents.

Historical Resources Review Committee

Presently the group is reviewing architecturally significant homes and buildings in the Southwest quarter of the City. They've just completed looking at 680 buildings in the Heninger Park Neighborhood which is an official Santa Ana local historic district.

They recently saw a slide show on the area's historic homes given by Ginelle Hardy, a Heninger Park



OCCCO's Youth Action Plan Comes to Santa Ana

In 1985, religious and civic leaders of Orange County had a vision of an organization that would address the needs of the families of Orange County. The idea of a grassroots organization is not new, but the Orange County Congregation Community Organization (OCCCO) has taken the dream of giving the families of Santa Ana a voice and created the reality of a powerful organization representing over 25,000 families in Santa Ana. Throughout the county OCCCO represents over 50,000 families from 12 cities.

Over the past five years, OCCCO leaders from Santa Ana have met with teachers, principals, police, park personnel, judges, probation officers, city council members, and other city officials in order to better understand what they see as the solution to the problems facing our community. Perhaps more importantly, OCCCO leaders have met with over 7,500 families in one-to-one home visits in order to understand the needs of our community.

Now, after years of building support church by church, community by community, OCCCO has set up a partnership with the Santa Ana city government and the Santa Ana Unified School district. In December 1993, the Mayor and Superintendent Castruita agreed to develop with OCCCO an "Action Plan for the Youth of Santa Ana." This partnership between the city, school district, and community was essential to the development of the Youth Action Plan.

The Plan includes the following:

- Develop a model apprenticeship program in one of our High Schools which is industry driven and prepares students to enter college or the work force.
- Expand summer jobs from 500 to 2000 openings.
- Create supervised homework centers at 5 schools or churches in Santa Ana.
- Expand and enhance the PRIDE program, including better facilities, equipment, and staff training to attract more students.
- Establish after-school programs at every intermediate school. Programs will be based on the interests of the students.
- Expand the number of outreach workers at school sites, with a minimum of one Outreach worker at every intermediate school and one per grade level at every high school.
- Create a pilot Family Support Center for Santa Ana families which would include prevention programs, specialized counseling, referral services, and support groups for families and adolescents in crisis.

Model a new community based policing strategy (beat officers spending time developing relationships with the community) in several overpopulated neighborhoods.

The families of OCCCO are committed to implementing every one of the recommendations in the "Youth Action Plan" for Santa Ana. If you are interested in participating please call the OCCCO office at 491-0771.

Neighborhood resident and Committee member.

This committee is made up of local volunteers who have been empowered by the City government to document the significant buildings within Santa Ana. They meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month. If you're interested in getting involved (experience no necessary), call Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee

Elections were held last month with Rita Corpin elected as Chairman, Jon Harwood as Vice Chairman, and Diann Marsh as Secretary. Planning Board members for the new term were also elected.

The featured speaker at the Linkage Committee's July meeting was Santa Ana Fire Chief Bud Carter who talked about the safety problems with overcrowding of residences. He also updated the audience on fire tests being carried out by the City to document those safety problems.

The Committee is made up of representatives of the organized neighborhoods in the City but the monthly meetings are open to all residents. Call Norm Canchola with the City's Neighborhood Improvement Department at 667-2262 for more information.

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

This year SAMSON will be again hosting a candidates forum for Santa Ana City council and mayor candidates on Oct. 15 at 1 pm at the Coastal Community Hospital. The event is open to the public who is encouraged to attend to hear what the candidates have to say.

Many SAMSON members will be taking part in the Golden Ribbon Caravan and the At the Border rally on Sat., Aug. 20 protesting uncontrolled immigration.

At their May meeting, members heard Albert Magee speak on the dangers of disastrous fires in overcrowded living quarters. In July, Don Tanney, Orange County Registrar of Voters, was their guest speaker.

SAMSON meets on the third Saturday of each month at 1 pm in the Community Room of Coastal Community Hospital, 2701 S. Bristol.

For more information, call 546-7996 or 953-8511.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

The Society is looking forward to the publication of *Santa Ana: An Illustrated History*, their sponsored book on the history of Santa Ana as we hit the 125th anniversary. See the *Talk of the Town* column for more information on purchasing a copy.

The SAHPS will once again hold their annual holiday Victorian Candlelight Progressive Dinner in December. The event features dinner courses at several historic sites throughout the City. If you'd like advance information on the dinner when it becomes available, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to SAHPS-Dinner Info, 120 W. Civic Center Dr., Santa Ana, 92701.

Recent special SAHPS events included a Psychic night with a number of noted Orange County psychics who explored the Dr. Howe-Waffle House and then explained what they sensed about the house to the lay audience. Also, a "Share Your Antique," show and tell type event, was held in July where people brought in their favorite antique and related its history.

Family membership in the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society is \$15 per year. Members receive a newsletter and advance information on Society events and tours. If you'd like to join, send a check to SAHPS - Membership Chairman at the address shown above.

City Offers Assistance for First Time Buyers

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

Anyone purchasing a home (income restrictions apply) within the

City of Santa Ana's target area is eligible; however, present Santa Ana residents and persons employed by Santa Ana businesses will receive first priority.

Applications and information is available from the City's Community Development Agency, Housing Division, 500 W. Santa Ana Blvd., Santa Ana.

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact Scott Kutner at 667-2259 for more information.

Boo at the Zoo Returns for Fun and Frolic

Calling all Goblins, Ghosts, and Ghouls. The Santa Ana Zoo's "spooktacular" event is back. *Boo at the Zoo Halloween Festival* will take place Friday through Sunday, October 21 to 23 from 5:30 to 8 pm.

Board member Howard Hall said, "Boo at the Zoo is a great way for families to have a fun, safe Halloween. Come join the friendly scarecrows and bright-eyed jack-o-lanterns for some merry (but not scary) Halloween fun!"

Costumed zoo friends and decorations await you throughout the zoo. Everyone is encouraged to dress up in their favorite costume for the costume parade. Along with the parade, the zoo also features frightfully fun educational programs, haunted house expedition, live animal encounters, and trick-or-treat stations.

Tickets sell out every year, so don't miss out on the "spooktacular" event at the zoo. Grab your broomstick and purchase your tickets early. In advance, the tickets are just \$3 per person (\$4 the night of the event) and they can be purchased at the zoo's gift shop.

The Santa Ana Zoo is located at 1801 East Chestnut, between the 5 Fwy and First St, and is open daily from 10 am to 4 pm. For further information, contact Leslie Perovich at 953-8555.

Getting Ahead by Going Ahead: Saying Good-bye to Community Leaders Rudy Castruita and Guy Ball

A Perspective by Catherine C. Cate

Rudy Castruita will be missed by many people, including thousands of students, parents and teachers, as he leaves his post as Superintendent of Santa Ana Unified School District and moves on to new challenges in a similar position for the County of San Diego.

As one parent and teacher said recently, "He never let us give up on ourselves. He believed that Santa Ana students could learn, and that Santa Ana schools could be first rate."

Five years ago, Wilshire Square resident Guy Ball believed that Santa Ana had a future as a first rate city.

"There's a lot of effort out there working for a better Santa Ana," he wrote (in his first editorial) in Vol. 1, No. 1 of *Eye on Santa Ana*, published in October 1989.



Rudy Castruita

"This newsletter's purpose is to publicize that effort — be it from individuals, a neighborhood, a civic organization, or the City government.

"The more we realize we're not working alone, the quicker we'll see that light at the end of the tunnel.

"And that light is all of the greatness our city can be."

For the past five years, Guy has not let us give up on ourselves. Like Rudy Castruita, he has been a tireless advocate — cheerleader — coach — and editor, who used the *Eye* as a vehicle to publicize the efforts of all those who are "taking a stand to bring back the beauty and the majesty they know Santa Ana has within."

He solicited contributions: "Big or small, if your neighborhood or civic organization is

working for a better Santa Ana, we want to spread the word and let others know. Send us information on your organization along with past, present, and future projects. Include the name or phone number of a contact person."

In this way he also began to recruit and coach a small army of volunteers, who brought him the real "man on the street" stories around and about our City.

This was not a publication filled with names and stories about politicians and other high-profile people. From the first issue it was a "production of the residents of Santa Ana" that focused on the good things happening in our schools ("McFadden Goes To Washington"), in our City ("Residents to March Against Drugs") and "In Our Neighborhoods," a feature that reported the news in the, then, 11 organized neighborhoods and the development underway of a twelfth, "as yet unnamed."

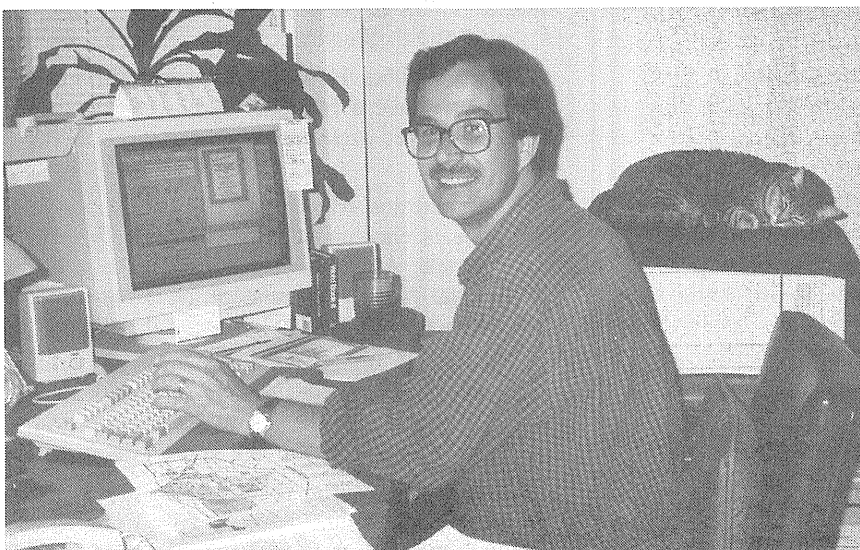
The first two issues proved so successful that the Vol. 1, No. 3, Spring 1990 issue contained "some major changes in paper size, format, and type size...that allowed us to increase coverage of our fair City."

Circulation of this quarterly publication had grown to 10,000 copies "distributed to residents, neighborhoods, businesses, City employees, civic organizations, and other interested readers."

Layout and design had become more sophisticated and a number of special features by noted citizens such as local historian Diann Marsh began to enrich the publication. First-person perspectives on such current events as the Anti-Drug Rally in the Santa Ana Bowl which brought President Bush to our City were added. The Cultural and Community Calendars were expanded, as well as "Bits and Pieces" of community news.

But "This newsletter still has one goal — to increase the communications between all of the residents, organizations, neighborhoods, businesses, civic leaders, and staff of the City of Santa Ana," Guy pointed out.

The first "Santa Ana Proud Photo Contest" announced in the expanded Spring 1990 issue was a contest "to show off the great points of our City."



Guy Ball

It yielded over 75 entries covering a variety of subjects which "showed the characteristics of a city with ... diversity ..." observed Guy. The photographs went on exhibit at the Discovery Museum, and many also appeared in the Summer 1990 newsletter.

That issue also expanded coverage of the arts and cultural news with a column by Don Cribb, president of the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture. His timely observation that "One of the characteristics that helps distinguish Santa Ana from some of its neighbors is its large number of historic buildings and houses, as well as a unique historic movement" also helped draw attention to this asset, which ultimately played a major role in plans to establish the artists' live/work project reported in the issue you're reading.

In 1991 additional financial support from the Santa Ana City Council gave Guy the funding he needed to continue this expanded publication, which now included restaurant reviews and features on buildings of special historical importance.

And so the *Eye* continued over the next thirteen issues, plus two in Spanish, an eclectic and ever-changing array of articles by, for, and about the citizens of Santa Ana — "a community newsletter dedicated to promoting and publicizing all the positive efforts that are leading to a better Santa Ana" (We're One Year Old! Vol. 2 No. 1, Fall 1990).

Reviewing the news stories covered over the past five years reveals some things that fizzled ("Santa Ana Arena — Here It Comes!" Spring 1990) and some things that flew ("Bowers Museum Has Golden Re-Opening," Fall 1992).

And some of our most exciting projects are just now visible on the horizon ("Council Okays Downtown Artists Village Project," this issue) thanks to visionaries such as Don Cribb and the members of the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture ("How the Arts are Helping to Renew Santa Ana," Summer 1993) and other dedicated arts and community leaders who have tirelessly promoted the value of our historic heritage, and the role the arts can play in the life of our city.

Overall, the grass roots efforts of ordinary citizens has yielded impressive results as Santa Ana has become "A City Built on Neighborhoods" (Spring 1994) with "45 organized neighborhoods ... whose associations have been so visible, successful, and sophisticated in their efforts to solve a variety of problems that the City now actively solicits the input of their members in many decision-making processes that affect the future of the entire city."

Now, Superintendent Rudy Castruita and Editor Guy Ball are moving on to new challenges. But they are leaving each Santa Ana citizen with a solemn responsibility to carry on the vision they have championed.

As Superintendent Castruita said in the Winter 1989-90 issue of the *Eye*, "I've seen more than ever the excellent work of our dedicated teachers, and I've seen the light of discovery shine in students' eyes." (But) "... the job of educating young people, of enhancing their future opportunities, cannot be left only to educators and parents. As important as these groups are, the responsibility for educating our young people should be shared by all of us."

And as Editor Ball said in that same issue, "For several years now, the City has moved in a positive direction with the growth of neighborhoods and businesses, lower housing density, an effective program of physical city rehabilitation, and an increase in citizens who care what happens to their city.

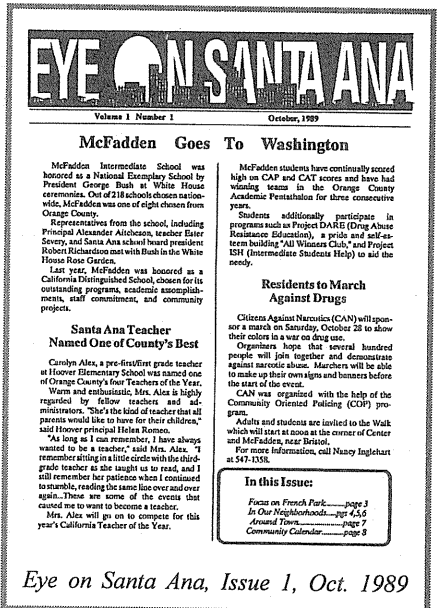
"It's okay now to hold your head up and say, *I LIVE IN SANTA ANA!* And you can think of all of the unique and wonderful things we have here. You can be proud of the great things so many people are doing to bring Santa Ana back to the glory it was.

"If we're ever going to change the image of the City in the eyes of others, residents are going to have to start seeing the whole Santa Ana ... not just the problem areas, but the positive ones also.

"And there sure are a lot more of those."

Guy Ball and Rudy Castruita have spent five years focusing on the positive areas in our educational system and in our City. They never let us give up on ourselves.

Now they've passed the torch to us. Let's not give up on ourselves, either.



"It's okay now to hold your head up and say, *I LIVE IN SANTA ANA!*"

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Natives Learn About Volunteerism in Russia

by Debra Walters

Dark and polluted skies loomed over the sad pensioners peddling a pair of old eyeglasses, a few vegetables grown in their gardens, and anything else they could find to sell. The few rubles they collected were for food and clothes. With the fall of the Soviet Union, came freedom, but also came the rise in poverty and the lack of government support for the poor, elderly, and disabled.

Even though Russia has a dark side, a bright side is emerging. That bright side is volunteerism, the chance for change. Together Carol Stone, president/ceo of the Volunteer Center of Greater Orange County, and Claire Martin, director of special groups development for the Points of Light Foundation, came to Moscow, Russia to re-teach the people something they lost long ago. The loss was the concept of volunteering. And as part of Stone and Martin's mission, the sense of community was to be rekindled. Throughout May, the two trained staff and the volunteers of nonprofit agencies like the Moscow Charity House and its 40 affiliates in the finer points of volunteer management.

In order to teach the Russians about the concept of volunteer management, Stone and Martin wrote a volunteer management workbook that they tested on the participants of the three-day conference, as well as workshops and focus groups they conducted in Moscow. The workbook is the first document about volunteer management in the Russian language. During Stone's stay in Russia, she observed that the nonprofits of Moscow have lots of volunteers, and just need some guidance on what to do with them.

Stone was selected from the 400 Volunteer Centers nationwide to make the trip to Russia because of her 14 years in leading the Volunteer Center of Greater Orange County and her extensive work with the Nonprofit Resource Center. The Nonprofit Resource Center, a component of the Volunteer Center, is designed to improve and enhance administrative, managerial, and program capabilities of nonprofit organizations.

"The Russian people taught me as much about life as I taught them about volunteerism," comments Stone. "I, now, realize how difficult the times are in Moscow." Muscovites told Stone that even though the life of today may not be sunny skies, they wanted something different for their children and grandchildren. And change will come.

Santa Ana Schools Welcome Volunteers

-- so what can you do??

From volunteering in the classroom to participating on a School Site Council or serving as a role model, there are many opportunities for Santa Ana Unified School District parents, community members, and local business leaders to be involved in schools.

Opportunities for individuals.

Individuals can serve in a variety of ways such as classroom volunteers, tutors, or library assistants. Because the needs of schools vary, parents can make an appointment with principals or assistant principals to discuss how their skills can be best utilized.

Volunteers can also participate in parent/community groups which organize various activities including fundraisers and student recognitions. Some examples are Parent Teacher Association (PTA), Parent Faculty Organization (PFO), and, in secondary schools, the Parent, Teacher, Student Associations (PTSA). Each school has one of these groups. High schools also have academic or sports booster clubs which provide support to students during competitions.

Volunteers in Committees

At schools that have federal or state funded programs such as school improvements, bilingual education, or academic assistance projects, parents or community members may join advisory councils. Members, including parents, neighborhood residents, teachers, and school staff, give input on development, implementation, and evaluation of programs. The advisory councils are School Site; Council, School Advisory Committee, and Bilingual Advisory Committee.

Community members and parents my also serve on ad hoc committees such as budget, Healthy Tomorrows, and AIDS/sex education. The Board of Education and our superintendent value input from the community.

Parents who are not yet ready to become involved in committees or have never participated in school groups or activities can develop skills through the District's Parent Leadership Training Institute. "Parents in the program build a good foundation to become effective in groups or advisory committees," said Patricia Gomez. "Those parents who are already active in schools can use the program to sharpen their skills." The five-week program includes levels ranging from basic district information to techniques for making an impact on district policy. Sessions are presented in English, Spanish, and Asian-Pacific Islander languages and are offered to parents several times throughout the year.

Volunteer Opportunities for Businesses or Professionals

Businesses and individual professionals are also invited to work as partners with schools. Approximately 200 professionals volunteer in the Stay in School program in which they "adopt" classrooms to talk about personal experiences, goal setting, and decision making. To encourage students to begin thinking about careers, schools also welcome professionals as career day speakers.

If you'd like information about any of these or other volunteer opportunities, please call your neighborhood school.



In the photo above, a Santa Ana High School student teaches Junior Achievement's second grade program entitled "Our Community."

Santa Ana Schools Still Going Strong for Summer

by Christie Costanzo

School's out for summer? Not in Santa Ana, where year round schooling has student's hitting the books instead of the beach during July and August. When school is in session so is Junior Achievement with its hands-on approach to teaching kids how America works.

Over the summer months at Carver Elementary School, students in grades K - 6 will have the opportunity to learn how businesses work within their neighborhood, city, state, and country. Trained business consultants will visit the classroom for one hour each week bringing five exciting lesson plans to life for their students.

In one lesson on production, students "work" in a donut factory where they test whether it is more productive to make donuts by hand or on an assembly line.

Elementary schools aren't the only classes in session in Santa Ana this summer. At the Junior High level, Junior Achievement's focus for the summer is on keeping kids in school using the Economics of Staying in School curriculum. This four week program demonstrates, through a board game similar to the game of LIFE, role playing, and hands on activities, the importance of staying in school.

You can make a difference in a child's life by becoming a Junior Achievement business consultant. During a one time training session, consultants are given all the materials, lesson plans, and expertise needed to bring Junior Achievement to the students of Santa Ana.

Volunteer opportunities are available immediately for the new classes in Santa Ana opening up in the Fall. Please contact the Orange County office at 938-1132 to find out how your can make a difference in the lives of Santa Ana's youth. Remember ... tomorrow's future lies in your hands today.



Native Chorus -- Yip's Children's Choir from Hong Kong recently performed at the First Presbyterian Church. The Choir is in the middle of a tour of the U.S.A. with 55 members of the full group presenting a program offering traditional religious works, arts songs, and native Chinese folksongs and dance. The Choir has toured world wide to international acclaim.

Now Performing: Pepito & Joanne

Dancing With The Hollywood Stars ...

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Joanne begins her "first person" oral history when she was performing nationwide as a dancer and gymnast in 1928: "I auditioned and was chosen by Sid Grauman to perform in *The Circus* at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood." This simulated one-ring circus act was a creative collaboration between Grauman and silent movie star Charlie Chaplin, who suggested the "doll and clown act" that gave Joanne the honor of working with Jose Escobar Perez, the great European clown "Pepito," who had emigrated from Spain to this country in 1922.

"Of course, I soon idolized him," Joanne remembers, "but I was a perfect young lady under the watchful eye of my mother (who lived to celebrate her 100th birthday in 1983), and our association continued on a purely professional basis for the next five years." During this time Joanne also performed at the world-famous Palace Theater in New York City, which closed in 1934. "I played *The Palace* before I was 20, and it was said that if you ever played *The Palace*, you never had to audition again!"

To her delight, Pepito finally realized that the accomplished performer also had matured into a lovely young woman. They were married in 1934, when she was 26 and he was approaching 40.

"Pepito and Joanne" continued to perform together in a variety of venues across the country, including the most glamorous nightclubs of the time, and Pepito also moved into motion pictures, where his exotic looks and charming accent gave him a natural advantage in Italian, French, and Spanish roles.

But when World War II broke out, Pepito decided to get a commercial fishing license in order to continue his favorite hobby: deep sea fishing out of Newport Harbor, which during the war was open only to commercial and military vessels.

Before long, his ability to pursue this hobby during wartime led to "fishing" friendships with numerous stars, including Bing Crosby, Clark Gable, Gary Cooper, and Desi Arnaz — friendships that are documented by autographed black and white photos that line walls, and lie in loose piles and albums — while Joanne and Lucille Ball were becoming fast friends back on "terra firma."

While Pepito was following the fish, however, Joanne decided to put up ballet bars in the guest house behind their home in Corona del Mar "and teach a few neighborhood kids till the war was over." Within a short time "a few neighborhood kids" had become over 100, and by the end of 1951 there were "Pepito and Joanne" academies of dance in Orange, Corona del Mar, Huntington Beach, Hollywood, and Santa Ana.

In 1954 over 500 children participated in their first major revue, a three-hour production with spectacular sets and costumes which was held at Santa Ana High School, and repeated by popular request at Orange Coast College and in Garden Grove. They also produced the handsome production *Hansel and Gretel* in conjunction with the Orange County Symphony, with sets designed and painted by Pepito, with choreography and dancing by Joanne.

In 1955 when the Irvine Company wanted to reclaim the building

located at Main and 17th where their Santa Ana studio was located, a friend found the historic building the Academy occupies today.

This house was originally built on the site of the present day Willard School in 1892 as the ranch house for the Ford Ranch, which extended from Washington to 17th, and from Flower to Broadway. The house was moved to its present site in approximately 1924, and the ranch was subdivided following Mr. Ford's death in 1924. His widow occupied the home until her death in 1945, when it was sold to Santa Ana businessman George Markowitz (owner of the Marbro, a ladies' clothing store on Fourth Street), who used it as rental property.

Although the property was in somewhat poor condition, it was perfect for their dance studio. And Pepito, who also was a talented artist, proclaimed, "I could make this look like Disneyland!" He soon set to work towards that end, remodeling the house

and grounds to meet all their personal and professional needs, with an art studio, darkroom, and workshop for himself as well as a dance studio with adequate storage for costumes and props. When he and Joanne moved from their home on Memory Lane into the studio, each had separate wings to decorate to their personal taste — Pepito's in a traditional masculine Spanish decor, Joanne's in more delicate pastels, French Provincial, and European fashions. The public area had been transformed with lovely molding, elegant wall paper, accents of gilt and paint, and furnished with elaborate European lamps, other accessories, and fine furniture. Today, little has changed, including Pepito's bedroom, which Joanne has kept as it was when he died in 1984.



"Several years ago the series was celebrated on television," says Joanne. "At the end of the program the host asked anyone who knew the whereabouts of the pilot to please come forward. I realized that person was me: Desi and Lucy had given it to Pepito as a memento of their successful teamwork." In June this pilot became available on videocassette.

And in 1956 32 Orange County children were chosen from the Pepito and Joanne Academy of Dance to appear in the *I Love Lucy* episode, "Little Ricky's Pageant."

Today, Joanne still keeps in touch with "little Desi," who is active in the "Just Say No To Drugs" program, and "little Lucie," who lives and performs in New York and is raising children of her own. Joanne continues to teach and to run the school according to Pepito's philosophy that each teacher should work for herself and be paid on commission, because "working for someone else is slavery."

She also produces several performances of an annual revue before an audience of over 400 on the spacious premises of this extraordinary school, announcing each act and accompanying many of her students at the piano. Ghosts of performers past seem to accompany those of performers present into the spotlight, many of whom are enjoying professional careers.

And their success is doubtless due not only to the professional training they received at *The Pepito and Joanne Academy of Dance*, but also to more than 50 years of guidance by the same voice of experience, "You can have what you want, if you're willing to work hard enough."

Photos left and right show Joanne in costume and Pepito and Joanne together in earlier days. Photos above shows Joanne and student Mimi Issa practicing some of her dance positions.

Older photos courtesy Joanne Falcy. Recent photos by Susan Rinek.





Eye on Our Local Heritage:

Hollywood Visits Santa Ana

by Diann Marsh

Fifty years ago Hollywood stars such as Jack Benny, Milton Berle, Rita Hayworth, Lucille Ball, George Burns, Gracie Allen, Robert Young, Barbara Stanwyk, and William Holden were but a few of the celebrities who drove down from Hollywood to visit *Daniger's Tea Room* in Santa Ana's exotic Santora Building, at the north-east corner of Second Street and Broadway.

They walked through the elegant iron-gated lobby entrance, crossed the terrazzo floors, and ascended the double staircase leading to the two-story-high central second floor lobby. Stained glass skylights and Egyptian-style columns decorated the central space. Daniger's occupied the airy rooms on the west (Broadway) side of the second floor.

Each celebrity was encouraged to sign the wood-covered guest book. Leo Carrillo drew a sketch and wrote *Viva La Irene*, referring to the co-owner of the restaurant, Irene Daniger. Among others who signed the book were child star Virginia O'Brien, Andy Devine, announcer Don Wilson, Charles Ruggles, Connie Haynes, Burgess Meredith, Linda Darnell, Alan Ladd, June Havoc, Roddy McDowell, and Cesar Romero.

What did Daniger's have that drew so many fans? Great food and good service. As actor Peter Lind Hayes wrote, "Before I met this place I was 20 pounds younger — the food! wonderful!" *Westways* magazine, in 1938, mentioned Daniger's among the restaurants it listed in an article entitled "Fine Food in California." During its ten year life (1934-1944) it proved to be the restaurant in Orange County.

Joseph and Irene Daniger did much more than run a restaurant on the second floor of the Santora Building. They welcomed not only the famous but also lonely servicemen from the four bases located nearby. Many of the cadets at the Santa Ana Army Air Base considered the Danigers their home away from home, similar to the USO. Irene and a friend even helped the boys write letters to their families. Irene was thrilled by the responses, especially from one mother who had not heard from her son for twenty years. Although the Danigers had no children of their own, they participated heavily in the VISA program, welcoming into their home students from other countries.

Daniger's served a special Thanksgiving menu in 1942. The meal, which cost \$1.50 for adults and \$1.25 for "the little ones," consisted of a choice of roast turkey, duckling, lamb chops, capon, or oysters as the entree. At the bottom of the menu, a note to their patrons says, "ORCHIDS TO YOU ALL — for your wonderful understanding of our many problems during this War Emergency. We thank God for friends like you and again, our prayer is that we continue to merit your confidence in our ability to serve you in this coming NEW YEAR."

Several years ago, the Santora Building received a major seismic renovation that paid special attention to restoring its beauty and preserving its historic character. In 1994, after several years of standing vacant, it stands ready to become a hub of activity once again. We have great hopes for its future; quite possibly as a cornerstone in Santa Ana's Second Street Artist Village.



Cultural Calendar

Bowers Museum of Cultural Art

2002 N. Main St. — 567-3600

Buddhist Images in Gilt Metal from the Chang Foundation, artifacts from China's Ming and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties, continues through Sept. 18. *Peru Before the Inca: Ancient Artworks from the Permanent Collections*, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry and textiles from the cultures of Peru as they existed before their domination by the Incas, continues through Jan. 1995. *African Icons of Power: Timeless Artworks from the Paul and Ruth Tishman Collection*, continues indefinitely.

The Bowers also features a variety of other continuing exhibitions of fine art from the indigenous peoples from the Americas, the Pacific Rim, and Africa. The museum is open Tues. through Sun. 10 am to 4 pm; Thurs. till 9 pm.

Way Off Broadway

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

Enjoy Way Off Broadway's Eighth Season with Stanley Hart's *Some of My Best Friends*, about a man who, after undergoing a mental breakdown and shock therapy, is able to understand the language of animals and plants. Performances run from Sept. 2 through Oct. 16.

Greetings, a comedy/drama by Tom Dudzick, returns by popular demand this holiday season, as a family is shown the true meaning of Christmas and Hanukkah.

Way Off Broadway also offers acting and comedy workshops for adults and children. Contact Tony Reverditto at 547-8997 for more information.

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART)

1636 S. Grand — 836-7929

Macbeth will open on Oct. 7 and run until Nov. 12.

Orange County Crazies

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

Orangethelo, a satirical revue of life in and around Orange County featuring skits and improvisational pieces will continue to August 27 with performances on Saturday nights at 8 pm.

Romancing the Orange, opens on Oct. 15 and runs until Dec. 10.

Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

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

New mixed-media exhibit by Jade Jewett, Brian Sanderson, and Jen-Hsin Booth through Sept. 9. Open public reception on Sat., Aug. 13 from 7 to 9 pm for the artists.

Dark's Art Parlour

1405 N. Main St. — 647-9733

Through August 28th, *Dark Living*, an exhibit of works by Rene Cigler, Lii Crum, William Edwards, Mandy Hansen, Lynn Kubasek, Beverly Naidus, and Virginia Halstead will be on display. Open Wed.-Sun., noon to 6 pm; Fri., noon to 8 pm.

Old Courthouse Museum

Old Orange County Courthouse, 211 W. Santa Ana Blvd. — 834-3703

Wild Blue Yonder, a colorful photographic exhibit of aviation nose art, is on display until Aug. 9. The photos emphasize the cartoon characters, pin-ups, sports figures, and other images painted on the nose of aircraft during World War II.

Homefront Orange County: The World War II Years in Orange County, California, a collection of memorabilia from the '40's, will run until March 1995.

The museum is open free to the public Mon. through Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.

Randell's

Three Hutton Centre Dr. — 556-7700

"California's Most Romantic Jazz Club" features some of the best jazz around with upcoming shows by Brandon Fields, Thom Rotella, Juan Carlos Quintero, Billy Mitchell, and the Greyboy Allstars. Shows are at 8 and 10:30 pm.

Football season brings out a special Monday Night Football show with one of the biggest screens in the area (10 foot Sony) and keyboardist Bill Cunliffe after the game.

Crazy Horse Steakhouse and Saloon

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

Offering the finest in country entertainment including upcoming shows Steve Warner, Marty Stuart, Lee Greenwood, Asleep at the Wheel, and Waylon Jennings.

The Crazy Horse also features complimentary country dance lessons on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights at 7 pm in their saloon.

New Orleans Jazz Club of Southern California

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

They hold a monthly jazz session with a headliner band on the first Sunday of every month. The public is always invited.

On Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8 and 9, the club will present the *5th Annual SoCal JazzFest* at the Elks Lodge. Over 20 of the finest traditional Dixieland jazz and swing-bands this side of the Mississippi will entertain you. This year the festival will offer a special ballroom for those who would like to dance. For additional information on performers and advance ticket sales, call 664-1408.

Orange County Performing Arts Center

Costa Mesa — 556-ARTS (2787).

Grant Norman, as the Phantom, heads the 36-member cast of *The Phantom of the Opera*. The production of this Andrew Lloyd Webber play features such hits as *The Music of the Night* and *All I Ask of You*. Performances continue through September 3.

In an exclusive West Coast appearance, the American Ballet Theatre returns to the Center performing Sir Kenneth MacMillan's masterwork *Manon* on September 20, 23, 24, and 25. *Manon* is the epic tale of a fascinating woman whose childish greed, youthful rapture, and dismal fate make this one of the century's great ballerina roles.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra

Performance locations vary — 755-5788

The Pacific Symphony performs classic music in *Porgy, Bess, and Bernstein* at the Irvine Meadows Amphitheatre on Sat., Sept. 3. Gates open for picnicking at 6 pm, concert begins at 8 pm.

A *Tchaikovsky Spectacular*, complete with fireworks will be held on Sat., Sept. 24 at the Irvine Meadows Amphitheatre. Times are the same as above.

Opera Pacific

Performances at the Orange County Performing Arts Center — 800 34-OPERA

One of opera's greatest spectacles, *Aida*, is brought to life with fatal attraction and political turmoil leading to tragic results. Two different casts, led by Metropolitan Opera sopranos Maria Guleghina and Camellia Johnson, perform the opera Oct. 1-8.

Rancho Santiago College

17th St. at Bristol — 564-5600

Fine Arts Gallery — Art exhibits are on summer hiatus and will resume after school resumes in August. Call for information.

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August

Aug 6 (Sat) — Bring your cameras and kids to Santa Ana's 18th Annual Police and Fire Vehicle Display from 9 am to 2 pm at Metro Town Square shopping center, Bristol and MacArthur. The free event will offer live entertainment, Barney the Talking Police Car, Officer Reed's Puppet Show, demonstrations, police and fire vehicles, and many other attractions. Parents can also have their children fingerprinted free.

Aug 11 (Thurs) — Southwest Senior Center and United Health Plan host a free Health Bazaar from 9 am to 2 pm at the Center, 2201 W. McFadden Ave. offering an art and quilt display, educational information booths, blood pressure testing, ice cream, popcorn, and safety displays.

Aug 13 (Sat) — Western Medical Center's monthly seniors' movie and meal program for August features *The Great Race* for only \$1.99. Seniors will be treated to a delicious meal at 11 am in the cafeteria and the movie at noon in the Bash Auditorium. Call 835-3555 for details.

Aug 14 (Sun) — The American Red Cross offer a class on Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness designed to teach you how to be aware and how to respond if one occurs. Class will be held from 1 to 3 pm at 600 N. Park Center Dr. For information, call 835-5381, ext. 100.

Aug 15-18 — Let Discovery Science Center's Science Camp take your 7 through 12 year-old

child on a stellar four-day galactic discovery mission at the Launch Pad, the Center's preview facility in Crystal Court mall. Final four day missions runs from 9 am to 2:30 pm daily, with an extended day program available. Call 546-2061 for reservations and camp fees.

Aug 17 (Wed) — A Breast Cancer Screening will be held by Western Medical Center from 9 am to noon for women 40 and over. The clinical breast exam is free; mammograms are \$50. Call 953-3393 for reservations and information.

Aug 17 & 19 (Wed & Fri) — Western Medical Center offers their 55 Alive, Safe Driving Course for seniors (55 and over) from 9 am to 1 pm. Fee is \$8. Call 953-3486 for information and reservations. Also offered Sept 21 and 23.

Aug 17 (Wed) — Lollipop Lodge, Western Medical Center's mildly ill child care center, will be holding an Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 pm to celebrate its reopening. Everyone is invited to this free event. Call the Lodge at 973-0537 for more information.

Aug 18 (Thurs) — The Santa Ana Senior Center is offering a cool Day at the Beach for only \$2 (to cover a box lunch). Be sure to bring your sunscreen, hats, and walking shoes. Call Carolyn Rios at 547-5671 for more information.

Aug 22-Sept 2 — Rancho Santiago College will hold a two-week Late Registration period for Fall 1994 classes. For more information on registration call 564-6000.

Aug 24 (Wed) — The first of four free summer concerts of live music will also highlight the restaurants of South Coast Plaza Village, at the corner of Bear and Sunflower. The concerts will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 pm and continue on the next three consecutive Wednesday evenings until Sept. 14. Call 435-2050 for more information.

Aug 25 (Thur) — The Disneyland Pigskin Classic V MainPlace Fashion Show, titled *A Picture Perfect Fall*, featuring fashions from MainPlace/Santa Ana merchants promises a picture perfect Southern California day. The luncheon, show, and silent auction will be held at the Disneyland Hotel starting at 11 am. For ticket information, call 999-9317.

Aug 26 - Sept 10 — Registration is open for children who are interested in the Golden City Flag Football, Volleyball, and Jr. Volleyball Leagues, all sponsored by the City's Recreation and Community Services Department. Sign up at your nearest recreation center or call 571-4200.

Aug 27 (Sat) — Explore your dreams in a seminar on Dreams and Wellness given by Barbara McKone, Ph.D. at The Wellness Community at 10 am. TWC is located at 1924 E. Glenwood Pl. No charge. Call 258-1210.

Aug 29 (Mon) — The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Town Hall '94, an open meeting of Santa Ana residents. The topic will be on neighborhood issues. Begins at 6 pm at the City Council Chambers. Call 541-5353 ext. 103 for details.

September

Sept 1 (Thurs) — Cholesterol screening, blood pressure check, and an educational presentation will be offered as part of a cardiac risk assessment program by Western Medical Center from 4:30 to 7 pm. Fee is just \$5. Call 953-3445 for reservations.

Sept 4 (Sun) — The American Red Cross offer a class on Earthquake and Disaster Preparedness designed to teach you how to be aware and how to respond if one occurs. Class will be held from 2 to 4 pm at 600 N. Park Center Dr. For registration, call 835-5381, ext. 100.

Sept 7 (Wed) — A free seminar, How to Protect Your Million Dollar Idea will be presented by John Connors, a patent attorney, at 6:30 pm at the Orange County Bar Association, 601 W. Civic Center Dr. Call 542-6833 for more details.

Sept 8 (Thurs) — The annual Dessert Potluck and General Meeting of the Orange County Historical Society will feature speaker Beverly Hendrickson Waid on the subject of early Orange County history and the diaries of Mary Pleasant (1860-65). This special meeting will be held at the Sherman Library and Gardens in Corona del Mar at 7:30 pm. Call 525-4879 for more details.

Sept 10 (Sat) — Terryl Warner, a victim specialist, will speak on the topic of domestic violence at the regular monthly meeting of the Mexican American Women's National Association (MANA) of Orange County. Non-members may attend for \$10. The meeting will be held at 9:30 am at Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin Ave. Call 563-MANA for more information.

Sept 10 (Sat) — The third annual ESA (Ecumenical Service Alliance) Family Picnic will be held at the Santa Ana Zoo from 11 am to 4 pm. Admission to the Zoo, picnic lunches, face painting, clowns, and games with Ruth Govorchin are all included with the \$10 individual or \$25 family donation fee. For more details, call 953-9170.

Sept 13-30 — MainPlace/Santa Ana will display Salute to the Leaders of Tomorrow, portraits of outstanding high school students and their accomplishments in the community, in the North Court of the mall. Open during regular hours.

Sept 14 (Wed) — The Southwest Senior Center is hosting a trip to Tijuana, Mexico for seniors. Call 647-5306 for additional information.

Sept 16 (Fri) — The Santa Ana Senior Center will be hosting a shopping spree to Tijuana with a stop at the famous Hadleys on the way home, all for \$25. Call 547-5671 for information.

Sept 17 (Sat) — This month, Western Medical Center's seniors' movie and meal program features *The River Runs Through It* for only \$1.99. Seniors will be treated to a delicious meal at 11 am in the cafeteria and the movie at noon in the Bash Auditorium. Call 835-3555 for details.

Sept 17 (Sat) — The Discovery Museum will host Victorians and Vaqueros, a barbeque and auction, to benefit the museum's programs. The \$50 donation includes dinner and entertainment. Call 540-0404 for more information.

Sept 19 (Sun) — American Indian Day will celebrate the crafts, customs, and lore of the American Indians. The event will be held at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St. from 11 am to 3 pm. Call 540-0404 for further information.

Sept 21 & 23 (Wed & Fri) — Western Medical Center offers their 55 Alive, Safe Driving Course for seniors (55 and over) from 9 am to 1 pm. Fee is \$8. Call 953-3486 for reservations.

Sept 29 (Thurs) — A Prostrate Cancer Screening for men 50 and over will be held by Western Medical Center at 5:30 pm. A free digital rectal exam is available. A PSA blood test is \$25. Call 953-3435 for more information and for reservations.

October

Oct 1 (Sat) — Take a free guided tour of Orange County's award-winning home for the performing arts — the Orange County Performing Arts Center. Each tour takes you to areas rarely seen by the public and start at 10 and 11 am. Call 556-ARTS, ext. 833 for more information.

Oct 1-2 (Sat-Sun) — The 5th Annual SoCal JazzFest returns to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane (off 1st St.) with 20 of the finest traditional Dixieland jazz and swing bands this side of the Mississippi. This year the event, organized by the New Orleans Jazz Club of Southern California, will offer a special ballroom area for people who would like to dance. For additional information, call 664-1408.

Oct 1 (Sat) — The Register's Trouble Shooter's Antique and Collectible Roundup returns to the City Shopping Center in Orange. Nearly 700 exhibitors will sell everything under the sun that one might collect. The event runs from 9 am to 3 pm with an early opening at a higher admission price. Proceeds benefit the Register Charities.

Oct 8 (Sat) — Annette Debs, administrative judge for unemployment, will speak on her background and past experience at the regular monthly meeting of the Mexican American Women's National Association (MANA) of Orange County. Non-members may attend for \$10. The meeting will be held at 9:30 am at Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin. 563-MANA.

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Oct 15 (Sat) — A Candidate's Forum will be held by the Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors (SAMSON) at 1 pm in the community room at Coastal Community Hospital, 2701 S. Bristol. All of the candidates for the City's elected offices will be invited. Call 546-7996 or 953-8511 for further information.

Oct 15 (Sat) — MainPlace merchants take the stage at 1 and 3 pm as the MainPlace Fall Fashion Show previews the latest fall fashions. The

stage will be set up at Center Court with limited seating available, so arrive early.

Oct 21-23 (Fri-Sun) — Enjoy a special Halloween special event with a haunted house, pumpkins, hand-made lanterns, trick or treats, and much more at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St. Call 540-0404 for times and details.

Oct 22 (Sat) — Come and enjoy the upcoming Fall Country Fest and All American Antiques Show at the South Coast Plaza Village at the corner of Bear and Sunflower. Admission is \$5 and the show will be held from 9 am to 5 pm. Call 435-2050 for additional information.

Oct 29 (Sat) — Sandpointe Neighborhood will again sponsor the Annual Sandpointe Community Fair in conjunction with MacArthur Intermediate School. The event will feature food, games, booths, exhibits, and a heck of a lot of fun. Plans are being finalized as to time and location.

Oct 29 - Nov 12 — If you thought The White House in miniature was incredible (last May at MainPlace), you will be astounded when you see the Miniature Circus, on display in MainPlace/Santa Ana mall during normal hours.