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# Eye on Santa Ana

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## Santa Ana Arena Here It Comes!

With the recent City Council approval of land use zoning changes, the arrival of the proposed 20,000 seat indoor sports and entertainment arena seems closer and closer.

If all goes as planned, ground-breaking will come this fall and the arena grand opening will be in time for the fall 1992 basketball season.

The Santa Ana Arena will be located at the corner of Lyon St and Edinger Ave, near the 55 Freeway. It will be privately owned and cost \$75-80 million to construct.

Besides the 20,000 seats, there are 120 luxury suites planned.

"Besides the obvious sports and entertainment benefit of having the arena here," said Tony Guanci, of King-Guanci Development, Inc, one of the partners in the project, "you also have a great economic boost in terms of increased restaurant and hotel business and extra sales and entertainment tax revenue.

Spectacor, the world's largest operator of indoor arenas, will manage the arena along with MCA Entertainment.

Talks are presently underway with various sports teams to call Santa Ana their home, but until the construction crews start, few can commit.

The approximately 120 feet tall structure will also include a 15,000 square foot restaurant with outdoor seating. Two 7 level parking structures will hold over 4,000 cars with additional surface parking planned.



President George Bush waves to over 12,000 people at a rally at Santa Ana Stadium in March. He praised Orange County's "Say No to Drugs" program and recognized a number of residents who are making a difference in the battle against drugs.

In addition to the thousands of local students, all of the pupils from McFadden Intermediate School were invited due to their receiving a national award of excellence from the US Dept of Education last year.

## President Visits Santa Ana

by Catherine Cate

"Imagine: the President of the United States is speaking within walking distance of my home!"

When the phone rang at 10 pm on Thursday, March 1, the last thing I expected was being offered the opportunity to hear President Bush the next day.

As I accepted the caller's VIP tickets to the Anti-Drug Rally in the Santa Ana Bowl, I thought, "Tomorrow, I will walk to hear the President of the United States...all because we have chosen to live where we could enjoy the conveniences of an urban lifestyle!"

And I still think about it as I continue walking to our bank, church, library, post office, restaurants, various business services, and of course, Trader Joe's.

In fact, since I work from my home office, well-equipped with computer, fax, and phone, I realize that sometimes several days may pass before I need to go beyond reasonable walking-- or bicycling--distance.

Yes, I admit my husband Steve and I feel a bit smug. But I figure we've earned it after

defending our decision to settle in Santa Ana for the past 13 years.

At first we thought, "Why Santa Ana?" was an innocent question. When a job transfer brought us to Orange County in 1977, the answer was simple: its central location.

Knowing nothing else about the city except what we saw on a map, renting at 1722 N. Ross seemed the logical choice--at least

until we knew where we would be working.

Then the "gas crisis" of 1979-80 came along. As residents of South County "bedroom communities" struggled to stretch every gallon, our only essential car use was the short round trip to our jobs.

We were walking or bicycling to the bank, the butcher, the grocery store, library, restaurants and church.

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## Redeveloping Santa Ana

by Roger Kooi,

The City of Santa Ana established their first redevelopment project area in 1973 in the Downtown area and later amended the area to include the Fashion Square Mall location in 1975.

Since those early years, redevelopment in the central city has taken on many faces. The first projects facilitated historical and seismic rehabilitation of over 100 buildings

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## Buy Santa Ana!

We have the finest in shopping malls. We have the greatest little discount stores this side of Los Angeles. We have simply wonderful restaurants. We have jewelry stores and auto repair shops and computer centers and travel agents and hardware stores.

You name it, Santa Ana has it.

Why support our local businesses?

Many times, they're owned by local people just like you and me who want to chart their own future. They've thrown in their life savings to give it a try. And they've stayed in Santa Ana.

How about the local residents they employ? Your neighbors and friends and relatives, maybe?

How about the youths they hire? How many local businesses give our kids a chance to learn how to deal with the real world? That also includes lessons that keep them out of trouble.

How about the donations they give to school programs and community affairs and charitable organizations?

How about the business taxes they pay? Or the improvements they do to make their building more attractive?

How about the money that comes back to Santa Ana from the sales taxes you pay in our city?

By buying products and services from businesses in Santa Ana, you support them and keep them alive.

In turn, businesses do the same thing for Santa Ana. They support us and keep us alive.

But they need your help!

The next time your car veers towards the Santa Ana border as you go shopping, think twice. Grab the wheel in your hand and steer it towards a local store.

The money you spend will go alot further than you think.

Guy Ball

## Redeveloping Santa Ana.....from page 1

in the central retail and office core of the City.

Senior citizen's residential projects and the Town Square downtown condominium project were also products of early Redevelopment Agency activity.

The attention of the Redevelopment staff turned to major land parcel development sites and infrastructure improvements in the early 1980's.

Projects such as the ten-story Park Tower office building, Fiesta Marketplace, Garden Court Apartments, Oakwood Apartments, Downtown Plaza Shopping Center, and the Fourth Street public improvements were all products of redevelopment efforts of the 80's.

'People started to return in droves to a Downtown Santa Ana that had deteriorated so rapidly, but also so typically in the 1960's.

The ever-increasing Latino population in the City flocked to the central city in roles as owners, employees, and as customers, filling vacant buildings, authoring new projects, and creating one of the most viable central city, seven-day-a-week business districts in the State of California.

Simultaneously, just twenty-four blocks to the north of the central city on Main Street, the groundwork laid by twelve years of efforts by the Redevelopment staff, started paying off with a \$400 million Fashion Square Mall/Main-Place Mall conversion and expansion projects.

This Redevelopment effort provided Santa Ana with one of the largest grossing retail/office malls in California at no expense to its downtown retail core. This is a feat almost unheard of.

The decade of the 1990s will continue to feature high profile and much needed redevelopments.

Projects like the proposed Orange County Jewelry Mart, Santa Ana Arena, Xerox Center, MacArthur Place, Hutton Center II, and the Orient Finance/Hurwitz projects will provide not only visible economic vitality to the City, but a source of funds to support the ever-increasing demand on public services such as Police, Fire, and maintenance for all of Santa Ana.

The creation of the much-needed Bristol Street Corridor project area will provide the potential for arresting blight on this very crucial north-south arterial while providing opportunities for many local residents and merchants.

The North Harbor, South Harbor, South Main, and Inter-City Project areas share the potential of a bright future with the Central City project area, assuring a diverse stability of funding for this dynamic county seat.

Redevelopment, which was once thought of as a dirty word, is the key to the future viability, vitality, and quality of life in Santa Ana as its five, soon-to-be six, redevelopment project areas mature even more in the 1990's.

Because of the many lessons learned in the Central City redevelopment process over 17 years, Santa Ana's new activity has a more acute grasp on the sensitivity of the project areas.

Santa Ana city fathers realize the potency of the redevelopment tools but also realize how sensitively they must be used as we approach the end of the century.

## Walking to see the President...from page 1

We even had a backup: the bus. After this experience I declared, "I will never, ever live in an area where I cannot reach all essential services on foot, bicycle, or bus."

But when we decided to purchase property here in 1980, we realized that "Why Santa Ana?" was not an innocent question but a challenge, as in "Explain yourself!"

And sometimes we wondered ourselves during the next six years of condo living at the corner of Civic Center and Minter Streets, even while we were active in the formation of French Park, Orange County's first officially designated historic residential district.

Then a Friday dinner at Los Panchos Restaurant (Fifth and Broadway) sealed our fate. We learned our favorite house in the four-year-old Historic French Park Neighborhood was "for sale by owner."

And the next day it was love at the front door of 820 N. French Street.

In fact, this beautiful 1927 Mediterranean revival style house contained every feature on our "wish list" -- even the "fountain in the backyard."

Today, with the convenient, centrally located lifestyle we enjoy, we continue to be amazed when we read reports in the L.A. Times (March 11) that in January the average property sales in our 92701 zip code was still only \$148,545...only \$8,184 above zip code 92706, our old neighborhood on North Ross, which the Times reports having the lowest average sales price in Santa Ana: \$140,361.

Of course, we could be crazy to live here--but I'll always enjoy remembering the day I walked from my home to see the President of the United States!

## Eye on Santa Ana

Eye on Santa Ana is a production of the residents of Santa Ana through the Neighborhood Communications Linkage Committee in cooperation with the City's Neighborhood Improvement Office.

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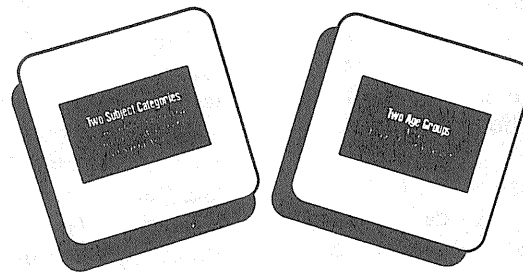
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# SANTA ANA PROUD PHOTO CONTEST

A contest to show off the great points of our City



Judging will be on how well you express either of the two categories, as well as photographic ability. Signed releases must be available on all identifiable people in the winning photos.

Entry deadline - May 31, 1990. Drop your photos off at:  
Main Photo Services, 827 South Main Street  
Santa Ana Greater Chamber of Commerce,  
801 Civic Center Drive West

Merchandise and gift certificate prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in all 4 categories.

A copy of the entry form must be attached to the back of each entry. Non-winning photo entries must be picked up by June 16th at a location to be announced.

No entry fee. Limit 3 entries per person. Entrants must live or work in Santa Ana and be non-professional photographers.

Photos will be handled as carefully as possible, but the contest organizers will not be responsible for any damaged or missing prints.

Color or black and white photos - 8x10" through 11x14" print sizes mounted on mat board. Overmats allowed.

Further information or extra entry forms may be obtained by writing to Eye on Santa Ana/Santa Ana Proud Photo Contest, 1212 So. Parton St., Santa Ana, CA 92707, or by calling (714)667-2260.

Winning photos will be displayed publicly. Winners will be notified as to pick-up date and location.

Co-sponsored by Eye on Santa Ana, Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture, and Main Photo Services

### Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Photo Category:  People  Buildings/Scenery Age Category:  Adult  Youth

I have read and agree to abide by all of the Photo Contest rules. \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

## Champions for Education

The recent Champions for Education telethon netted over \$5,000 for scholarships for Santa Ana students.

The five hour bi-lingual event featured musical bands, singers, and other performers as well as speakers from the Santa Ana Unified School District and Rancho Santiago College.

The event was sponsored by local residents and businesses to raise money to help keep Santa Ana youths in school.

KBUENAVision/ComcastCable donated air time, the studio facility, and personnel.

We hear even David Barford, Comcast's Area VP and General Manager, got into the act as a behind the scene's worker.

Rueben Martinez, one of the telethon's organizers, noted "education is the key to everyone's future. We want to help those who might not be able to continue their schooling."

Ten scholarships of \$500 each are being offered to Hispanic high school and community college students who live in Santa Ana. Applications may be obtained from counselors at the high schools or Rancho Santiago College.

## Hot Rodding on Main St

If you were one of the old-time hot rodders who used to hang out at the Main Malt Shop on Main Street back in the 1940-50s, mark April 21 on your calendar.

That Saturday will see the eighth annual reunion of "the old gang" at Santiago Park from 10am until 4pm.

Look out for the tall story telling and bench racing as well as the picnic and renewal of old friendships.

## SA Police Dept. Best of the Best Annual Awards

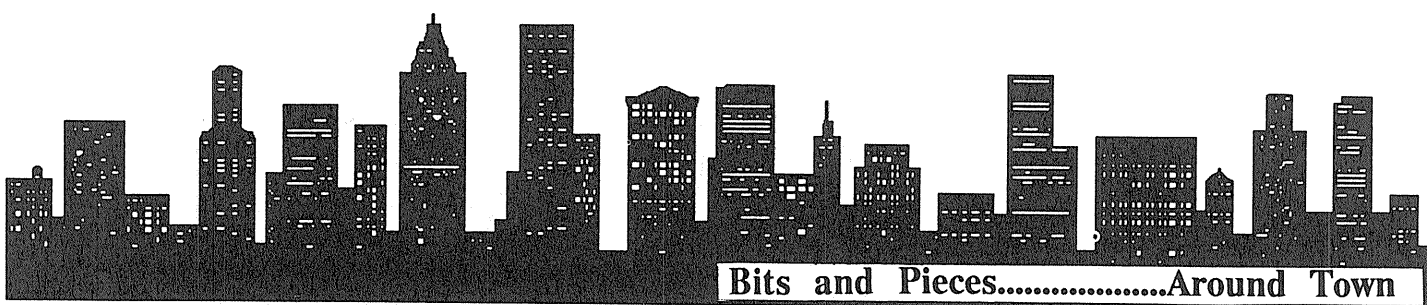
The Santa Ana Police Department recognized a few of their best recently.

Officer Mike Kuplast received a Distinguished Service Medal, particularly for showing courage and self control in an extremely dangerous incident last year. His actions rescued a fellow officer from a potentially life threatening situation.

Receiving 1989 "Officer of the Year" as well as a Class A Commendation was Officer Ed Demarco. Ed was also named 1989 "Officer of the Year" by the Police Benevolent Association.

Corporal Rick Reese was awarded the "Investigator of the Year" along with his Class A Commendation. Rick is assigned to the SAPD Gang Unit and has been recognized county-wide for his expertise.

Class A Commendations were also given to PIS Linda Faust, Sergeant Chuck Deakins, Officer Don Fox, Officer Jimmy Judd, Officer Henry Oviedo, PSO Debbie Reyes, Corporal Ken Tomlinson, Corporal Julian Samora, and Sergeant David Smith for their exemplary performances.



## Mentor a Future Success Story

Rancho Santiago College offers a unique service to high school students in an attempt to reduce the rate of dropouts.

The Career Beginnings program uses volunteers from the business and professional community to serve as mentors for these students.

One hundred high school students are involved in program activities that will help them to graduate from high school, find good entry level jobs, and gain access to further post-high school education.

The students initially are placed into career-oriented summer employment based upon individual interest. They are also matched with a volunteer mentor.

This one-to-one mentor activity gives students direct exposure to the world of work, provides a role model for students, and helps them to learn decision-making skills.

Students receive added encouragement and support through a series of enrichment courses and support information.

Now's your chance as a business and/or professional person to make a major impact on a student's future.

If you have a desire to help and can volunteer, contact Cindy Sorensen or Janet McEnroe at Rancho Santiago at 667-3420.

## Town Hall Meetings

If you ever wanted to meet representatives of the City government, police/fire, and school district, now's your chance.

The Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, as part of their Santa Ana Proud program, is sponsoring two more Town Hall Meetings in the next few months.

The April meeting will held be on Wed, the 25th, at the Days Inn, 1600 E. 1st St. The May meeting will be on Wed, the 23rd, at the Ramada Hotel, 2726 S. Grand. The time will be from 7 until 9 pm.

While the April meeting will focus on the central areas of the City and May will focus on the southern, any resident may attend and ask questions which relate to their area.

Call the Chamber at 543-4888 if you have any other questions.

## New Child Care Facility

The YWCA has nearly completed construction on a new child care facility at 321 W. Washington (corner of Durant).

The center will provide affordable child care services to working parents in Santa Ana. It will house 60 infants and toddlers and offer comprehensive, state-of-the-art facilities and programs.

For further information, contact 542-3577.

## Celebration Especial --Cinco de Mayo

A huge street festival takes over Downtown Santa Ana May 5 and 6.

Sponsored by the Downtown Business Association, the festival will feature musical bands, performers, food and vendor booths, public information exhibits, and radio station personalities.

Fourth St will be closed from French to Ross with activities from noon to 6 pm.

Fiesta Marketplace will also sponsor "Mariachi Fest 1990" which will feature Mariachis and Ranchero Singers at their stage on Bush and Fourth.

The professional ensembles Mariachi Uclatlan and Mariachi Los Camperos will appear as well as Mariachi Mexicapan and Mariachi UCLA. The latter two are excellent student groups.

UCI Ballet Folklorico will perform Mexican folk dances. Ranchero Singers David Corpus and Perla Leduc will also perform on stage at various times during the day.

Admission is free.

## Pride Sweep Sweeps Clean

On Saturday, April 28, Santa Ana residents, organized neighborhoods, businesses and their employees will be joining together to pick up litter and trash along Bristol and Edinger.

The event is being organized by the City's Neighborhood Improvement Department along with the Keep America Beautiful Committee and is being assisted by many of the local businesses and neighborhoods.

The area selected for the "Pride Sweep" is from McFadden to Warner and Raitt to Flower. One lane in each direction of the route will be closed off with cones to ensure the safety of the volunteers.

The "Sweep" will begin at 9 am and finish at noon in the K-Mart parking lot at Bristol and Edinger. Free refreshments and recognition awards will await those who finish.

If you'd like to help or have any questions, call Andria Gagliano at 667-2260.

## Hispanic Women Recognition Awards

The Santa Ana Council of LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens), recognized the accomplishments and commitment of five Orange County Hispanic women recently.

Rosa Perez, homemaker and neighborhood anti-drug activist, and Lola Romero Seymour, co-owner of Clifton Seymour & Associates, were two of the Santa Ana residents who were honored for their efforts.

Rosa Perez received her recognition for her tireless efforts to rid her neighborhood of drug-dealing and in assisting the police in making arrests.

She recently was publicly recognized for those efforts by President George Bush on his recent visit to Santa Ana. She, her husband, and her three children have just become legal US residents through the Amnesty Program.

Lola Romero Seymour is extremely active in a number of organizations including Soroptimists, Bowers Museum Mexican American Arts Council, Pacific Symphony Orchestra Hispanic Programs, and Relampago del Cielo Ballet Folklorico dance group.

The recognition award is an annual program based on nominations. The Santa Ana chapter of LULAC is the oldest Californian chapter of the Latino civic organization.

## "Quality Dealer of the Year" - Time

Crevier BMW of Santa Ana recently won Time magazine's "Quality Dealer of the Year" award for outstanding service to their customers.

Crevier BMW is a long-time Santa Ana auto dealer and one of the top BMW dealers in the US.

As part of their long term commitment to Santa Ana, they were among the first dealers in the new Santa Ana Auto Mall when it opened.

Robert Crevier also received a proclamation of appreciation from the City Council recently for his dealership's commitment of excellence and in recognition of the Time magazine award.

### How do you like it?

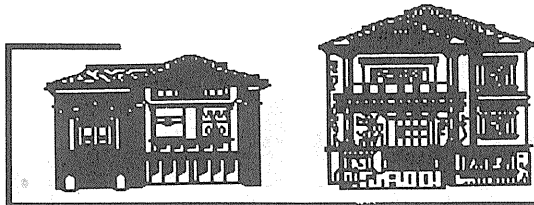
As you can see, Eye on Santa Ana has made some major changes in paper size, format, and type size. This has allowed us to increase our coverage of our fair City.

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.

We'd love to know how you feel about Eye on Santa Ana. Please drop us a card or letter and tell us how we're doing.

Send all correspondence to Guy Ball, Eye on Santa Ana, P.O. Box 2422, Santa Ana, CA 92707.

Thank you!



## In Our Neighborhoods

### Riverview West

Residents of west Santa Ana are in the early stages of forming a new combined Riverview West Neighborhood Association.

As the name indicates, the association will include homes west of the Santa Ana riverbed, north to the Garden Grove border, east to the Westminster, and south to the Costa Mesa/Fountain Valley city limits.

The organizers include representatives of the existing neighborhood associations of Far West, Far North West, Santa Anita, and Mar Les.

The new neighborhood intends to harness the energy of the existing groups and jointly work on concerns that effect the entire area.

Residents of Riverview have already met with City Manager Dave Ream in March to discuss code enforcement, sanitation, and overall esthetics of the west side. They also met with the Redevelopment Agency to discuss issues affecting the redevelopment of their area.

Others groups in that area are invited to join. Call 667-2260 or write to Riverview West, PO Box 26363, Santa Ana, 92799.

### Thornton Park

A general meeting held in late March brought out 50 residents to hear speakers from Code Enforcement and the Police Department.

Recently, a letter from the association was sent out to residents addressing some of their concerns including property maintenance and dealing with questionable activities taking place in Thornton Park.

In addition to the now bi-monthly general meetings, a steering committee meets monthly.

On the agenda for near-future projects include a welcoming committee for new residents, a trash and litter cleanup, and a graffiti removal team.

### Sandpointe

Planning's underway for a 2nd "Keep Sandpointe Beautiful Fair" to be held Sat, June 2 from 10am until 2pm at Sandpoint Park.

In addition to the games, demonstrations, booths, and festive atmosphere, organizers hope to involve musical bands from local schools as well as host an "International Food Fair" with ethnic food dishes being shared by local residents.

Recently, Sandpointe received the good news that the Pactel building to be built in Hutton Center across from their neighborhood has been redesigned to reflect the concerns voiced by residents

Setbacks and building size modifications are part of the new preliminary plans being proposed.

The association met with the land owners many times over the past year to discuss how the new building would impact the neighborhood and what could be done to reduce the negatives.

Sandpointe residents have been very active with city wide issues lately, including fighting against larger billboards and supporting Washington Square's traffic diverter plans.

### Jack Fisher Park

This new neighborhood organization met recently to discuss the results of a neighborhood survey which asked for the concerns and participation of residents.

The neighborhood's boundaries were changed to include Memory Lane between Bristol and Flower, and extended south to Santiago Creek.

The next neighborhood meeting will be on May 16th at 7:30pm.

### Historic French Park

The Historic French Park Association has had numerous meetings this past month in order to resolve some significant planning issues which will affect their future.

The French Park board is pursuing a change to a lower density from the medium density zoning it now has. The City allows construction of up to 15 units per acre presently. Residents would like to have that reduced to the 7 units per acre zoning in effect in many other historical neighborhoods.

The City has purchased three lots in the neighborhood and the Association is helping to plan for their use, preferably as single family homes.

A fund raising "estate sale" will be held on Sat, April 28 to benefit neighborhood projects. Donated items from residents will be on sale from 9am until 2:30pm and take place at French Park, on French St, one block north of Civic Center.

### Bristol Manor

One of Santa Ana's earliest organized neighborhoods, Bristol Manor has been inactive for a while.

Recently resurrected under the leadership of Kim McPeak, residents have met several times to map out their reorganization.

An initial meeting held in March turned out over 40 interested residents to talk about their issues and concerns.

Many of those attended volunteered to join the upcoming Pride Sweep, which will border their neighborhood.

Regular general meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at the Washington Elementary School, 910 Anahurst Pl, Room 36, at 7pm.

The boundaries are Edinger to Warner, and Main to Bristol.

### Mid City

Councilman Miguel Pulido spoke at their March meeting about the direction of the City in regards to neighborhood issues and concerns.

The organization is presently re-evaluating the priorities of their own issues and concerns.

Residents will be out on April 28th for the "Pride Sweep" which will help clean up Edinger and Bristol, two streets that border their neighborhood.

### South Coast

Residents will be picking up the paint brushes soon if all goes to according to plan. The block wall along Flower and McArthur will be spruced up with a new coat of paint.

The City has agreed to supply the paint and the Neighborhood will supply the muscle for the 4,300 feet of wall work.

South Coast has begun a monthly "group sweep" along that same 4,300 ft of wall. Residents now come out with brooms and blowers regularly to clean up the outskirts of their neighborhood.

The corner of MacArthur and Flower is due for re-landscape after Public Works lays in irrigation lines. The next issue of South Coast's newsletter is due out soon.

A Community Oriented Policing program will be implemented starting on Olive St. With time, they expect to continue throughout the tract.

### Eastside

Eastside Neighbors continued their revitalized efforts to improve their neighborhood. New, younger families have been getting involved and are working closely with the group.

Recently, residents succeeded in having photo machines and telephones removed from a local supermarket. People were having their photos taken inside the market and then having false immigration cards illegally made in the parking lot outside. The phones were often used for drug transactions.

A representative from Senator Edward Royce's office attended a recent meeting to discuss pending legislation and to listen to residents' concerns.

### Laurelhurst Park

Residents have won a Keep America Beautiful award recently for their efforts in keeping their neighborhood neat and tidy.

On a regular basis, residents clean up the trash and litter along Raitt St which borders their area. Also, using blowers provided by a local Realtor, they hit the street on the day before the street sweeper comes by to help magnify the effort.

A major concern of late is the condition of the block wall, particularly along Raitt. Residents feel that areas are in poor shape and are working with the City to see what can be done.

So far, the fence and locked gate along an adjacent bike trail has received excellent reviews from most residents. The closed access was sought by the neighborhood to reduce crime in the neighborhood.

### Sunwood Central

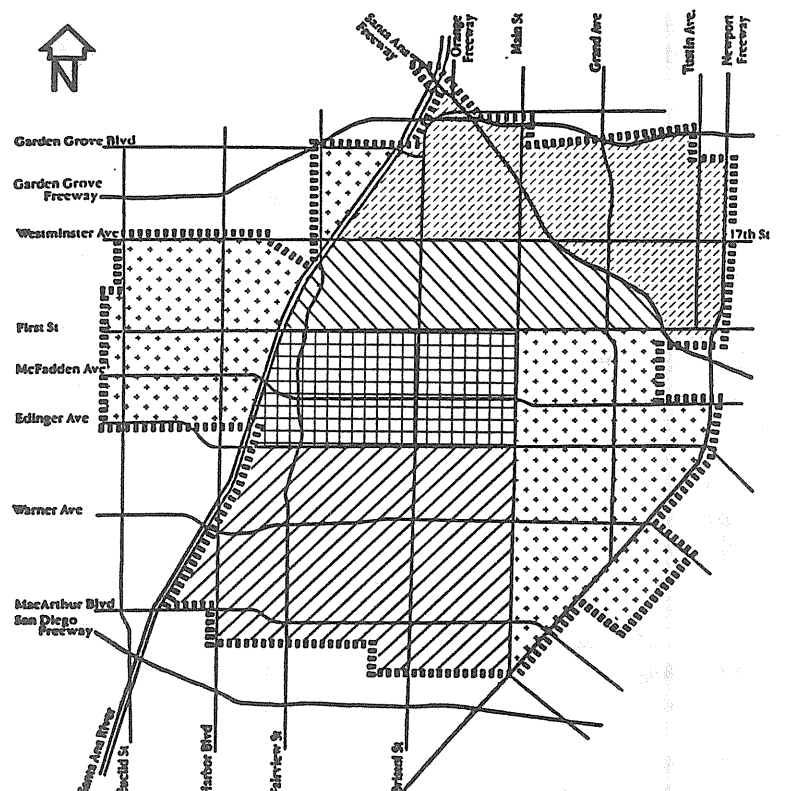
Sunwood residents recently had their second general meeting.

One of the topics involved a representative of the City's traffic department who spoke about possible solutions to residential traffic concerns.

The Keep America Beautiful Campaign and the Pride Sweep were also discussed and residents volunteered to help out.

A graffiti committee has been organized to help handle the unwanted signage. Residents will be able to call a committee member who will take care of the problem either by painting it over or by contacting City crews.

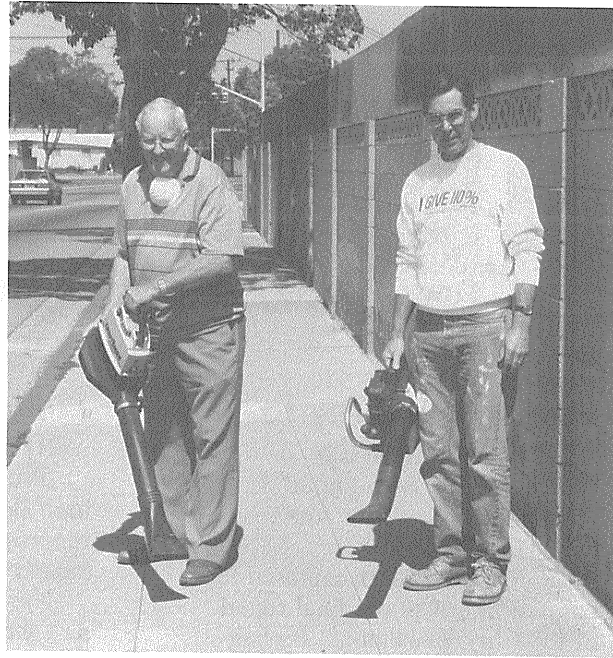
A property maintenance committee has also been organized to survey the existing conditions and make recommendations on improvements.



**New Policing Areas**--The Santa Ana Police Department has realigned the previous 4 policing areas into 6, taking into account neighborhoods and other natural boundaries. The new plan, to take effect this summer, will make the areas more manageable and allow the police to concentrate on neighborhood specific issues. The map above shows the new alignment. The Community Oriented Policing (COP) program will also realign according to the new divisions.

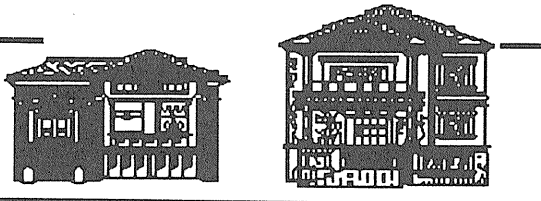


Sandpointe's Most Beautiful Yard Winners



Laurelhurst's Blower Team

## In Our Neighborhoods



### Heninger Park

Mayor Dan Young was the guest speaker at a quarterly, General Meeting recently. He spoke of the future of the city including plans for redevelopment, the arena, and the monorail.

He also spoke briefly on the Neighborhood Preservation Task Force, which will be issuing a report soon.

Heninger Park has been pretty busy lately with new committees being formed for newsletter, code enforcement, graffiti and infrastructure, and appreciation calling. Issues of traffic weigh heavy with residents. A committee has been formed to study the problem and come up with possible solutions.

Residents of Heninger Park have been very active in a number of city-wide citizen groups including the Traffic and Transportation and the Neighborhood Preservation Task Forces as well as the Neighborhood Linkage Committee.

### Santa Ana Triangle

This new neighborhood held their first general meeting in early March and discussed concerns and goals.

This association is particularly unique in that it is the first to have businesses and property managers join residents as active members.

A steering committee meeting will be held in April to set goals for the neighborhood and to meet with property owners of the area multi-family complexes.

### Frontier Valley

The City has agreed to paint red curbs on Sullivan between Camden and Harvard to restrict parking and improve the traffic flow and safety in the area.

Camden Place will soon be looking greener as new trees will be planted as part of a neighborhood improvement project.

A Fourth of July street party is being considered as a great way to bring out the residents and recruit new members to the association. City approval regarding the street closing is pending and will determine the final festive location.

### Washington Square

After two years of hard work and perseverance, Washington Square received the City Council's go-ahead for a traffic diverter in their neighborhood.

Most of the residents felt there were too many commuters driving through their area via Washington St.

These non-residential motorists brought unwanted traffic, noise, and safety problems.

Members of Washington Square worked with the City's traffic department to come up with options to reduce the traffic.

After great debate and compromise, the plan approved allows for a 90 day trial of a diverter limiting traffic entering Washington from Flower St.

After 90 days, car counts will be reviewed and a decision on permanency will be made.

The neighborhood is also meeting with Rancho Santiago College regarding concerns about a Sunday swap meet on college grounds.

Opposition by residents forced the college to redo an unsatisfactory environmental impact review of the effects of the swap meet.

Residents attribute a great deal of trash, noise, and safety problems to the weekly event.

Washington Square recently had a neighborhood clean-up complete with a pick-up crew for trash and dumpsters for cleaning the junk out of their garages and yards.

### Northwest

A new neighborhood has formed for the north west area of Santa Ana. Over 80 people attended the first general meeting held at the beginning of April.

At that meeting, City Manager Dave Ream, Planning Director Robyn Simpson, and Public Works Director Jim Ross addressed concerns about redevelopment, the Bristol Marketplace (formerly Horner Plaza), and the Caltrans I-5 widening.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tues, May 1 at 7pm at the Santiago School Library, 2212 N. Baker. A representative from Caltrans is scheduled to speak to residents.

### Saddleback View

Residents of Saddleback View expect a quieter and more secluded neighborhood when some streets into the neighborhood are closed due to I-5 and I-55 highway construction.

Sixth St will end in a cul-de-sac at the place where it now joins Lyon. If state funds are available, Sixth St could be permanently closed as early as this summer.

Residents have also asked the City to explore the possibility of closing Sixth St at McClay.

This street closure, if undertaken, would separate the residential neighborhood from traffic going to and from commercial and industrial locations on Grand Ave.

Residents of Saddleback, in particular Dr. Laurence Hitterdale, have been very active in the Earth Day activities in Santa Ana. Larry was a key player in getting the City to issue a proclamation proclaiming April 22 as Earth Day in Santa Ana.

### Bristol/Warner

Residents of Bristol/Warner played an active role with the Census. They got the message out by posting signs and flyers and talking to others about the need for an accurate count.

The abandonment of shopping carts throughout the neighborhood is one of the issues residents have been trying to resolve. They have met with local supermarkets to try to get a better response on cart pick-up. Enforcement of laws regarding the removal of carts from the store is lax.

In addition to being active on the City Charter Review Committee, local residents have been regularly involved in the Neighborhood Linkage Committee.

### Wilshire Square

The final planning for the 2nd Historic Home Tour is underway. The last houses are being lined up, program information is being written, and tickets are being sold.

Eight homes built in the 1920's-1940's will be on tour. Represented will be homes in the Craftsman, Mediterranean, and English Tudor styles. Many feature moulded ceilings, elaborate fireplaces, curved archways, and rich wood built-ins.

The event will be on Sat and Sun, June 2 and 3 from 11am until 5pm. Tickets are \$7 each with advance sales costing only \$6.

For information write: WS, PO Box 2441, SA, 92707.

Wilshire Square won a Keep America Beautiful award in April for their periodic trash and litter cleanups as well as their attempts to keep the neighborhood looking good.

The neighborhood continues to have success with keeping graffiti at a minimum with their own "graffiti buster" program. Residents try to paint over the visual blight within 24 hours.

### Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee

The Neighborhood Communication Linkage Committee was formed to create a closer communications link between the various neighborhood organizations in Santa Ana.

Each neighborhood is invited to send a representative to discuss issues of importance to their area and to work with the other members on projects of joint interest.

One concern that arose immediately was the need for a communications vehicle between the organized neighborhoods, the City, the business community, and the residents at large.

From that meeting, the Eye on Santa Ana newsletter was created.

Other recent meetings featured members of the planning department who spoke of the residential housing densities levels throughout the city.

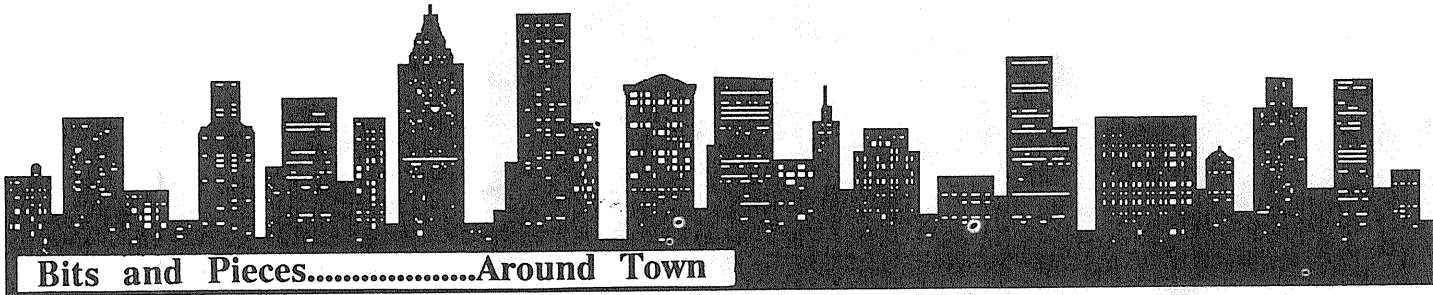
They also talked about the development process including the initial conceptual review, the site plan review, and the building plan check that all new projects must go through.

Neighborhood members questioned the department representatives regarding the possible creation of a system to make neighborhoods aware of future new construction within their boundaries.

The problem of abandoned shopping carts was another issue discussed by the Linkage Committee.

A subcommittee was formed and will look at the possible solutions to this constant eyesore.

The Committee meets once a month at 7pm in the evening. If you would like further information or would like to join, call the Neighborhood Improvement Office at 667-2260



### A Simply Amazing Woman

Hitting 105 years old was a piece of cake for Minnie Miller.

The Santa Ana resident (for 77 years) celebrated her 105th birthday celebration in March. She spent the day with friends, about 50 well-wishers, and the Santa Ana High School marching band.

Miller had moved to Santa Ana to care for her mother. Her husband Harry became the city's first taxi driver. She retired from Goodwill at 83; "reluctantly," she says.

Congratulations Minnie!

### Police Kick the Pigskin

The Santa Ana Police Department "HOGS" will take on the Orange Police Department "Bulldogs" in their upcoming "Cop'er Bowl" charity football game.

Besides the sports fans having a great time, proceeds from the charity event will go to youth athletic and abused children programs.

The game will be played on Friday, May 11 at Eddie West Field on Civic Center Dr in Santa Ana. Kick-off time is 7 pm and tickets for adults are only \$5. Children 12 and under are free.

For more information or tickets, call 647-5094.

### Marital Bliss

A hearty best wishes to two special Santa Ana residents who just recently got married.

Councilman Rick Norton tied the knot with Michelle McGuigan in a ceremony at the Bower's Museum.

They met when Rick had tried to set up a lunch meeting with Michelle's mom, Councilwoman Pat McGuigan.

Cupid's arrows hit hard as they became engaged a month later.

Where will they reside? Santa Ana, of course!

### Number One Again

When you're competing against the best across America and particularly in the Nashville area, you've got to be damn good to win the "Country Nightclub of the Year."

Well, Santa Ana's own Crazy Horse Saloon has won that title again. This is the fourth year in a row the Academy of County Music has chosen the club tops in the country.

No other club has won the award more than twice in the past 15 years.

Congratulations, Crazy Horse, for the well deserved award.

### Putting His Way to Championship

"America's Best Putter" is none other than Santa Ana resident Bob Clark.

In February, Clark captured the coveted award in the final round of the Chrysler National Putting Championship in Sarasota, Florida.

Bob Clark is no stranger to the winner's circle. In 1969, he was a National Collegiate Athletic Association golf champion and he played on the international tour during the 70's.

He quit touring in the late 70's to become a mortgage banker. Two years ago, he returned to the links with his wife Lisa.

### A Simply Beautiful Woman

Santa Ana's own Jane Lindsey was crowned Ms. Senior America for California in a February contest.

She was one of 21 women who met in Anaheim to compete for the state title.

The contestants' philosophy on life and a talent demonstration were the judging factors for the competition. Lindsey noted that the contest was "a search for the gracious lady that best exemplifies dignity, maturity, and the inner beauty of senior Americans."

The beauty pageant was only for women 60 and older.

She travels to Atlantic City in April to compete in the national pageant.

### Scholar Awards Ceremony

Jess Araujo, former Rancho Santiago College student, author and local attorney, delivered the keynote address to a select group of RSC students recently.

These students received recognition for academic achievement at the Distinguished Chicano/Latino Scholars Program awards ceremony.

Approximately 500 students who have distinguished themselves by achieving a grade point average of 3.0 or better were honored by both the College and the Santiago Club.

In addition to recognizing outstanding students, the Scholars Program also provides for visits to four year institutions and special work-shops to facilitate students' transition from RSC to university study.

Rancho Santiago College has over 4,000 Chicano/Latino students who are enrolled in college courses.

The Santiago Club is a Santa Ana community service organization created to enhance cultural, social and educational opportunities.

### Thank You Register and Times

Both of our local newspapers have done an excellent job of reporting the positive side of Santa Ana.

The Orange County Register and the Times-Orange County are now routinely presenting a balanced picture of our very complex city.

In addition to articles about the City as a whole, the newspapers have increased coverage of local neighborhood's activities, school district's programs, civic organization's projects, and some of our more energetic resident's efforts.

We'd like to thank the editors and reporters of the two papers and in particular the Santa Ana "beat reporters," Lily Eng of the Times and Erin Kelly and Mark de la Vina of the Register.

If you or your organization would like to keep them informed of your upcoming projects, they're interested in hearing from you.

Send releases and information to the Register, c/o Press Room, 10 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, 92701.

Send material to the Times at 600 W. Santa Ana Blvd, Santa Ana, 92701.

### The City Wants You!

A few of the city departments have citizen advisory commissions to assist them in deciding direction and policy. Right now, four of those commissions have openings: Parks and Recreation, Cable TV Board, Housing, and Human Relations.

The positions are appointed by the City Council, based on applications submitted by residents.

If you're interested in applying to become a commission member or would like information on the commissions themselves, contact the City Clerk's office at 647-6900.

### Police/Fire Vehicle Display

It's that time again.

The annual Santa Ana Police and Fire Vehicle Display Show will be held on Saturday, June 2nd from 9 am to 3 pm at the Metro Town Shopping Center on Bristol at Sunflower St.

And of course, Barney the Talking Police Car and Officer John Reed's Puppet Show will be there to put a smile on your (and your child's) face.

Attractions will also include fire pumper and ladder trucks, paramedic units, SWAT display, police canine unit, and a crime prevention display.

Parents can have ID fingerprints taken of their children. If you bring your camera, you can take a photo of your child on a real police motorcycle.

For more info, call 647-5093.

### Museum Day

Most of us who work during the week don't get much of a chance to see the Orange County History Museum or the inside of the Old Orange County Courthouse, where its located.

Well, now's our chance. On Saturday May 19, several local historical organizations will participate in "Orange County Museum Day." The historic Courthouse, located at Santa Ana Blvd and Broadway, will be open from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Dr. Howe Waffle House, home of the Santa Ana Historic Preservation Society and just across the street, will also be open for tours that day.

For further information, contact Marshall Duell at the Orange County Historical Programs Office at 834-3703.

And if that touch of history wasn't enough, Orange County's own historic architecture will be featured at an exhibit opening on May 31 in the Old Courthouse Museum.

Santa Ana history buffs (to put it mildly) Rob Richardson and Diann Marsh will present a program about early Orange County architects on Thurs, May 31.

The program will begin at 7:30 pm in the Old OC Courthouse on Santa Ana Blvd and will include refreshments at the Dr. Waffle House after the presentation.

Rob Richardson has a fine slide show featuring the work of Orange County's most prominent early architect, Federick Eley.

A companion exhibit titled "Gateways to Eden," will be provided by the California State Archives. It will feature many of the early pamphlets used to entice people to California in the 1910-1930s.

An exhibit of Orange County's architecture will feature historical photographs and post cards of that era.

Marshall Duell and Diann Marsh are the curators of the exhibit. The Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society and the Orange County Historical Society are the hosts.

### Active Teens

The YWCA is offering a wonderful program for teens in Santa Ana. Boys or girls join in on weekly activities including after school recreational and drama programs, cultural events and speakers, and field trips to such places as Magic Mountain, Museum of Science and Industry, and TV shows.

Regular events include "Monday Movie Mania" where teens get to see a popular videotaped movie at no charge and "Pizza and Pals," a weekly discussion group addressing the issues young teen girls face today.

The YWCA Teen Program is available to any teen at no cost to themselves or their families. The YWCA utilizes private contributions from individuals and businesses to support this important program.

For information about the Teen Program or any services offered by the YWCA, call 542-3577.

If you would like to contribute to the program either financially or in services, they'd love to hear from you.

# Culturally speaking.....

## Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture

It's hard to imagine Santa Ana without any major cultural organizations, but that was a possibility a short while ago.

The lack of facilities and the perception that Santa Ana just didn't care was causing some of our local arts and cultural groups to think about leaving our city.

Enter the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture: an umbrella organization of the City's finest arts and cultural institutions, museums, schools, and artist groups.

"We organized to help arts organizations realize that Santa Ana has a cultural side to its community," notes Don Cribb, president and founder. "We wanted to stem these groups from moving outside the city."

Today, just over a year later, over 20 separate organizational members work together on complex issues.

They're working on issues such as convincing City Council and builders to add art facilities (like theaters and exhibit areas) within new construction and developments.

And they're thinking about the future cultural life of Santa Ana including an artist village concept, possibly in the Downtown

area. Artists would live and work in lofts similar to designated areas in Los Angeles and New York.

Some of the Council's most promising recent work has been a joint project with the school district with students taking field trips to artist studios and cultural exhibitions.

In March, advanced visual arts students from Saddleback High School visited artist studios and the OC Center for Contemporary Art while drama students from Santa Ana High were involved with a video workshop at the Way Off Broadway Playhouse.

Afterwards, both groups of students met at the Bower's Museum for lunch and a performance production that encompassed both the visual and dramatic arts.

In addition, Cribb notes, "we're trying to get the community to recognize the resources arts and culture represent...socially, economically, and educationally."

"The Arts are very important to the future of Santa Ana. And the Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture will help keep the flame burning."

**Orange County Center for Contemporary Art**, 3621 W. MacArthur Blvd, Space 111--exhibit of paintings and sculpture by Ling Chung, Janet Croul, and Bardene Allen continues until April 20. Opening April 25, painting and sculpture by Patricia Norman, Bret Price, and Suki Berg.

Also, on Saturday, April 21, from 10 am to 5 pm, Long Beach artist William Freeman will hold a performance art workshop. The workshop will develop within the artist the ability to express ideas through performance and will consist of a lecture, demonstration, and exercises. Cost is \$80/person. Information--549-4989

**O.C.C.A.**, Hutton Centre Satellite, 201 E. Sandpointe-- Paintings by Janet Mackaig and sculpture by Grace Songolo. Information--549-4989.

**Rancho Santiago College**, 17th St at Bristol--(Music)--on April 22, the Jazz Singers will present an evening of mellow choral sounds and jazz rhythms backed by an instrumental combo. On May 5 and 6, the RSC Jazz Ensemble will host a jazz festival. Information--667-3163.

(Dance)--April 21, Lara Teeter will conduct a tap dance master class from 10 am to Noon. Information--667-3506. April 27-29, student/faculty dance concert.

(Theatre Arts)--April 6-21, "Don't Go Back to Rockville," the OC premiere of this award winning play. May 3-13, new play and players exploration workshop. May 4-19, "Candide," the musical comedy based on Voltaire's classic satire.

(Art)--May 7-17, annual student art exhibition featuring the best work from all classes in the art and photo departments. Will include drawings, paintings, jewelry, stained glass and ceramics, photography, computer graphics, and other fine works.

**Rancho Santiago College Art Forum Series**--guest artists meet with public to discuss current trends and issues. Each Monday at noon in room C-104 of the RSC Santa Ana campus. Abstract painter Stephanie Weber will speak on April 16. Info--667-3177.

**Modern Museum of Art**, 5 Hutton Centre Dr--retrospective exhibition of holograms and sculpture by British artist, Alexander, through May 13th. Info--754-4111

**The Hamptons**, 3503 S. Harbor Blvd--intimate 450 seat dinner/concert hall featuring pop, jazz, new age musicians. April-May lineup includes Keiko Matsui, Eric Burdon, the Yellow Jackets, and Laura Nyro. Information--979-5511.

**The Crazy Horse Saloon** 1580 Brookhollow--world renown steakhouse/saloon/concert venue for country music. April lineup includes Waylon Jennings, Lacy Dalton, and Kathy Mattea. Information--549-1512.

**Alternative Repertory Theatre**, 1636 S. Grand--Opening night gala for "Joe Egg" will be held Friday, April 27. The British black comedy will continue through June 2nd. Info--836-7929.

**Way Off Broadway Playhouse**, 1058 E. First St--A romantic comedy of the ethereal kind, "A Higher Source," will open April 5 and continue to April 29. A one day comedy workshop with the O.C. Crazies will be held on April 17.

"Way Off the Wall" comedy night will be held May 19th. "Hunting Cockroaches," a black comedy, will open June 7. Info--547-8997.

**Bowers Museum**, 2002 N. Main St--while the galleries and gift store closed for renovations and expansion, educational outreach and special exhibits are still being held. Also, some exhibits will be at the Bircher/Xerox Center on 4th St. Info--972-1900.

## 14 Tips on Saving Our Environment

1. Use a broom rather than a hose to clean sidewalks.
2. Don't let the hose run when you wash your car.
3. Avoid disposable plates, cups, and utensils.
4. Grow some of your own food.
5. Keep your automobiles properly tuned.
6. Mend and repair rather than discard and replace.
7. Prepare only as much food as will be eaten.
8. Recycle your newspapers, beverage cans and bottles.
9. Recycle your used motor oil.
10. Re-use paper and plastic bags.
11. Turn off the water while you brush your teeth/shave.
12. Use less tap water whenever possible.
13. Buy used goods (garage sales, thrift stores).
14. Plant trees in your yard and community.

## Earth Day -- Santa Ana

**April 7-14--Earth Day** exhibit on display at MainPlace Mall. A press conference at noon on April 7 will officially inaugurate the display.

### April 22--Earth Day

**Earth Festival**--Full day of environmental exhibits, art, music, nature walks, demonstrations, participatory sculpturing, celebrations, and other activities. Held at Centennial Park (Edinger and Fairview) from 8 am until 4 pm. Bring a shopping bag full of recyclable bottles or cans and receive free entry.

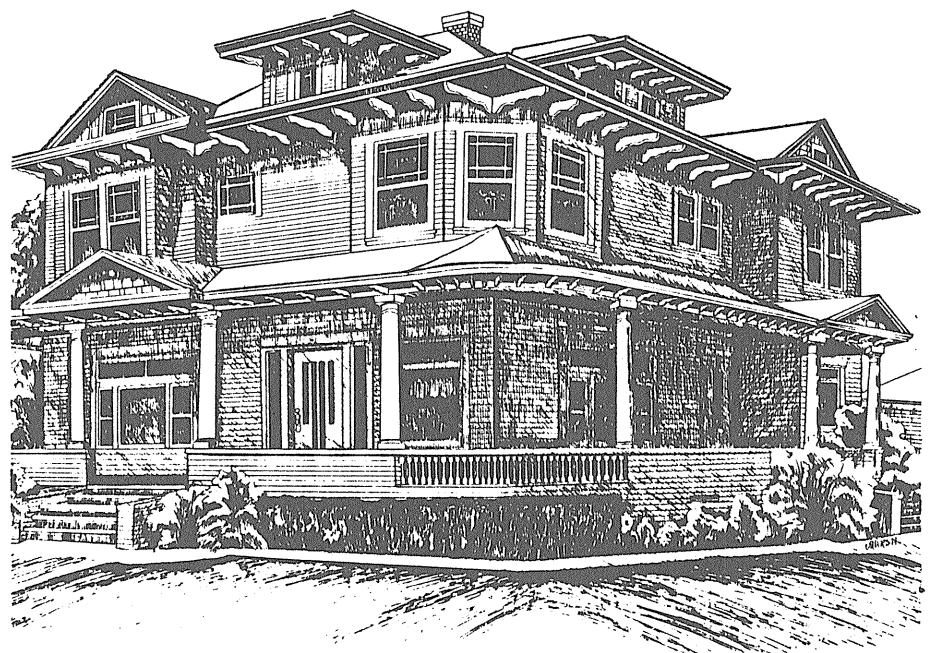
**River to the Sea Walk**--The Orange County Fund for Environmental Defense will host a 7 mile walk along the Santa Ana River Trail from Centennial Park to the ocean. Shuttles will return walkers to the park. Drawings for free prizes at 8 am; walk starts at 8:30. Contact 963-1430

**Bicycle Ride**--Orange County Sierra Singles will be conducting a bicycle ride of 30 miles along the Santa Ana River Trail to the beach, through Balboa and Upper Newport Bay. Meet at Centennial Park bike trail entrance (near Edinger). Bring water, lunch, spare tube, and a helmet. Contact 631-8071.

**Conservation Day at the Zoo**--the Santa Ana Zoo, Chestnut St and the 5 Fwy, will mark the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day with a variety of activities.

Exhibits and demonstrations will focus on recycling, illegal animal sales, alternative energy sources, marine mammals, oil spills, and endangered species.

Zoo visitors will learn how to create "new" paper from old newspaper, watch foods cook in a solar oven, closely observe rehabilitated birds of prey, and see the effects of oil on bird feathers. Zoo hours 10 am - 5 pm. Contact 647-6575.



**A Little Bit of History For Sale**--The historic Heninger House is an excellent example of Colonial Revival architecture. Located in the center of the Heninger Park Historic District, it was built in 1911 as a custom home by Martin and Mary Heninger, one of Santa Ana's prominent early developers. The house has two stories, a full basement with cement floors, airy rooms and lots of large windows. The present owners, David and Nicki Sands, are regrettably moving to northern California.

If you willing to be a caretaker for a part of history, call Doris Small at 547-6221.

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# Community Calendar

## April...

**April 1 (Sun)** -- 60 days to go to enter your favorite photos in the Santa Ana Proud Photo Contest, sponsored by Eye on Santa Ana, Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, Santa Ana Council of Arts and Culture, and Main Photo.

No entry fees--merchandise and gift certificate prizes. Further info inside.

**April 4, 11, 18, 25 (Wed)** -- Multicultural Film Series from various Margaret Mead film festivals. Programs arranged in themes of music and dance, ancient traditions, artists, and women and culture.

Held from 7-9 pm at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. Information 972-1382.

**April 7 (Sat)** -- Egg Dying with natural dyes will be featured at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard. 11 am - 3 pm. Information 540-0404.

**April 7, 21 (Sat)** -- The Spring large item pick-up will be held at twenty locations in the City. These drop-off spots offer residents a chance to clean out their yards, sheds, and garages and dispose of the materials at no cost. Info 565-4007.

**April 12 (Thurs)** -- Southern California historic architectural styles will be the subject of this general meeting of the Orange County Historical Society. Dr. Robert Winters will speak and show slides.

Dr Winter's talk will also launch the Orange County Conservancy, an organization devoted to historic preservation.

Held at the Bowers Museum at 7:30 pm. For more information, call 972-8462

**April 18 (Wed)** -- Third annual "Most Beautiful Yard Contest" awards ceremony will be held at the historical Old County Courthouse. Yards throughout the City were judged by residents earlier this month. Starts at 6 pm.

Sponsored by the Keep America Beautiful Committee. Information 667-2260.

**April 21 (Sat)** -- "Anti-Drug March" sponsored by COP's C.A.N. program. For location and time call 547-1358.

**April 21-29** -- The 1990 Imagination Celebration, sponsored by the OC Performing Arts Center and OC Department of Education features arts festival, musical concerts, ethnic celebrations, and an arts playground at various sites. See the article inside.

**April 22 (Sun)** -- "Earth Day" -- A day to emphasize the planet we live on. Festivals, speakers, walks, bicycle tours, and other activities. See article inside.

**April 22 (Sun)** -- "Neighbor helping Neighbor Beat the Quake" -- Earth-quake exposition sponsored by the City's public service agencies. Displays and demonstrations by emergency response groups, sur-

vival supply vendors, and neighborhood organizations. Also, family oriented entertainment. Noon-4 pm--Birch Park near 3rd St.

**April 25 (Wed)** -- Town Hall Meeting sponsored for the residents of Santa Ana by the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives from City government, police, and the school district will be there to answer questions. Starts at 7 pm at the Days Inn, 1600 E. 1st St. For further information call 541-5353.

**April 28 (Sat)** -- Hispanic family history seminar and theatre presentation showing the story of the Mexican colonists who celebrated the first Thanksgiving on the banks of the Rio Grande.

Sponsored by the Mexican-American Arts Council of Bowers Museum. All day event at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. Admission--\$17. Call 972-1900.

**April 28 (Sat)** -- "Pride Sweep" -- Residents, organized neighborhoods, businesses, and employees will join together to pick up litter along two of our major streets-- Bristol and Edinger.

"Pride Sweep" will begin at 9 am from McFadden to Warner (on Bristol) and Raitt to Flower (on Edinger). The effort will culminate at noon with free food (for workers) at the K-Mart Shopping Plaza at Bristol and Edinger.

Extra volunteers are welcomed. For info, call 667-2260.

## May...

**May 5, 6 (Sat, Sun)** -- "Cinco de Mayo" -- A street festival to celebrate Cinco de Mayo will close 4th St in Downtown Santa Ana.

Between French and Ross, musical entertainment, performers, food and vendor booths will participate in the two day event. Noon until 6.

**May 5,6 (Sat, Sun)** -- "Marachi Fest 1990" -- Fiesta Marketplace will host well known Mariachis and Ranchero Singers on their performing stage at Bush and 4th.

Also appearing will be the UCI Ballet Folklorico as well as other younger Mariachi groups. 11 am until 6 pm.

**May 11 (Fri)** -- Police charity football game. Santa Ana PD will take on the Orange PD. Kick-off at 7 pm at Eddie West Field. Tickets--\$5. 647-5094.

**May 12 (Sat)** -- Mother's Day Tea will be held in the Centennial Garden at the Discover Museum, 3101 W. Harvard from

11:30 am until 1. Reservations required. Call 540-0404.

**May 19 (Sat)** -- Orange County Museum Day -- Usually open only on Tuesday and Thursdays, the Orange County Museum located in the Old County Courthouse will be open from 10 am until 3 pm.

The Dr. Waffle House will also be open for tours.

Information 834-3703, Marshall Duell at (O.C. Historical Programs Office).

**May 19 (Sat)** -- The Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut, will have demonstrations and exhibits on Sheep Shearing. Call 836-4000.

**May 23 (Wed)** -- Town Hall Meeting sponsored for the residents of Santa Ana by the Greater Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce.

Representatives from City government, police, and the school district will be there to answer questions. Starts at 7 pm at the Ramada Hotel, 2726 So. Grand. For more information, call 541-5353.

**May 23, 29 (Wed)** -- Japanese experimental films from 1960 to 1980 offer stunning glimpses into the Japanese way of life as it really is, rather than as Westerners imagine it.

Held from 7 to 9 pm at the Bowers Museum, 2002 N. Main St. Information 972-1382.

**May 31 (Thur)** -- Orange County's historic architecture will be featured in an exhibit opening at the Old County Courthouse Museum. A program including a slide show of architect Frederick Eley will begin at 7:30 pm on the 31st.

Another display will feature early California travel materials.

**May 31 (Thur)** -- Santa Ana Proud Photo Contest -- Final day to enter by dropping your photo off at either Main Photo, 827 So. Main St, or Chamber of Commerce, 801 W. Civic Center Dr.

Full rules and details in this issue or write to Santa Ana Proud Photo Contest, P.O. Box 2422, S.A. 92707 or call 667-2260 for entry form.

## June....

**June 2 (Sat)** -- Santa Ana Police and Fire Vehicle Display Show. Barney the Talking Police Car, puppet show, fire trucks, police cars, and displays.

Metro Town Center, Bristol at Sunflower from 9 am until 3 pm. Info--647-5093.

**June 2, 3 (Sat, Sun)** -- Historic Home Tour -- The Wilshire Square Neighborhood hosts their second annual Historic

Home Tour featuring 8 of their most unique or beautiful homes.

Architectural styles include Spanish Colonial Revival, English Tudor Revival, Mediterranean, and Chateausque.

For more information and tickets write to Wilshire Square, Box 2441, SA, 92707.

**June 3 (Sun)** -- The Troubleshooter Swapmeet -- Hundreds of antique dealers sell a wide variety of items.

Sponsored by the Register newspaper, proceeds benefit the Register Charities.

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

Held in the parking area of the City Shopping Center, Chapman Ave, Orange.

**June 16 (Sat)** -- "Nostalgic Look at Baseball" exhibit and activities including a baseball card swap. Food sold will include hotdogs, peanuts, and Cracker Jacks.

Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard. 11 am to 3 pm. Call 540-0404 for info.