

Eye on Santa Ana

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Local Students Succeed Despite the Odds

Despite the furor about students who act outside the law. Despite economic and social pressures. Santa Ana students succeed, and sometimes they do so in spite of overwhelming odds.

At the district's academic awards ceremony in May, the top 100 scholars from Santa Ana Unified School District's graduating classes were honored by their families, friends, and school and district staff.

The highest grade point average (GPA) recognized that night belonged to Jian Zhang who will graduate from Saddleback High School with a 4.7. She has taken all honors and advanced placement (AP) classes. A grade of "A" in an AP class is worth a 5.0 rather than 4.0, because of the difficulty and allows many top students to earn GPAs of more than 4.0, the standard value for an "A."

Jian has excelled in math, English, foreign language, and social studies. She earned an academic letter, is a member of the California Scholastic Federation, and received the prestigious Seymour Award. The senior is also active in many clubs on campus and holds leadership roles in several. In the fall Jian will enter the California Institute of Technology and will major in engineering.

Another outstanding graduate is Eddie Nguyen, also of Saddleback. At age five, Eddie, his sister, and their parents became refugees from Vietnam. Somehow, in boarding the boats, Eddie and his sister became separated from their parents. First one, then another adult assumed responsibility for the children and they were finally provided transportation to the United States where they ultimately caught up with their parents.

Eddie will graduate with a 4.6 GPA and will attend UCLA where he will begin pre-med with a biology major. At Saddleback he has distinguished himself in math, English, and social science and has also played on the varsity badminton team. He was named outstanding attorney in Orange County's mock trial competition and belongs to the Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and several other clubs.

The top male and female scholars from the other three high schools are as follows:

Century

Hoa Lai, 4.3;
 Rachel Evans, 4.3

Santa Ana

Luan Tran, 4.5
 Eunice Manzo, 4.4

Valley

Yen Jason Pham, 4.3;
 Oanh Vu Nguyen, 4.5

Students from Santa Ana will attend a variety of universities in the fall. Fabiola Pereyra, from Valley High, will study math at the University of Southern California. Sylvina Elizalde, Santa Ana, will major in mechanical engineering at Boston University. Another Santa Ana High School Saint, Alma Lidia Aguilar, will begin at Rancho Santiago with plans to transfer to USC where she will study chemical engineering.

Saddleback's graduates will also travel in several directions. Anh Dang will go to Smith; Akilyn Dreyer, Brigham Young University; and Erin Hennessey, the University of Puget Sound. Valley's Tracey Thomas will major in biological engineering at Stanford. UC Berkeley attracted many graduates: Kiet Hung Nguyen, Saddleback; Stan Woodall from Valley who will major in nuclear engineering; and, also from Valley, Tan Nguyen who will major in biology and Vu Tran who will study in business.

The University of California at Los Angeles, Allegheny College, California Polytechnic at Pomona, Stetson University, and Sterling College are other designations for 1992 graduates.

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Not your average house fire -- Santa Ana firemen douse a fire of their own handiwork at a special training exercise designed to keep the fire fighters in top form.. Old houses, already slated for demolition, are given to the fire department for a controlled burn. This allows a more realistic training session to practice their fire fighting skills.

Group Helps Homeless -- Seeks Community Assistance --

On June 1st, the Santa Ana City Council was ready to deal with the issue of a growing homeless population in the Civic Center area. Responding to the complaints of workers, business owners, and homeowners, the Council was about to put a "no camping" ordinance on the law books.

Eight advocates for the homeless

asked for a ninety day reprieve to give them time to try to help the estimated 300 men, women, and children who call the streets of Downtown home.

They promised to help find alternative housing and jobs for those who have skills and desire work. They also promised to find appropriate treatment programs for those who are mentally or physically ill or addicted to drugs or alcohol.

To accomplish these challenging tasks, an organization, called Operation Fresh Start (OFS) was formed and placed under the umbrella of the existing non-profit group, Shelter for the Homeless.

The specific tasks of the group, according to co-chair Kathi Winter, are:

- 1) to identify the various segments within the homeless community,
- 2) to provide appropriate support services, and
- 3) to eliminate the tents by September 1 (the date the ordinance is to go into effect)."

As of the end of June, 96 of the people had been categorized and 20 had been moved into shelters, three of whom have jobs.

"We were very pleased to place one man with Hughes Aircraft, one with the U.S. Post Office, and one with a curtain manufacturer," said Don Bryant, co-chair of OFS.

"Many want jobs and we desperately need to get the word out to businesses that they can find dependable, skilled workers among these people."

At that time, 48 more homeless

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City Help for the Homeless

With all of the press Santa Ana has gotten lately over the homeless issue, the amount of support the City provides homeless shelters, prevention programs, and bootstrap programs gets lost in the headlines.

Given the complexity of the homeless issue, the City of Santa Ana long ago recognized that no one program or approach fully addresses the needs of the individuals and families. Funding from the City either directly, through the Housing Division, or through federal Community Development Block Grants has been provided to a broad range of organizations servicing as diverse a population as possible.

Agencies have included (to name a few) the YWCA, the Salvation Army, American Veteran's Assistance Center, Shelter for the Homeless, Orange Coast Interfaith Shelter, Thomas House Temporary Shelter, and a homelessness prevention program operated by the Recreation and Community Services Agency.

Since the enactment of the federal

Emergency Shelter Grant Program in 1987, the City has advanced \$422,000 in grants to homeless service providers. In addition, a new transitional housing program to assist homeless women with children was recently approved and the development of single room occupancy (SRO) units continues to be encouraged to assist single individuals who need very low cost apartments. Just recently, the old YMCA building was purchased just for that future development. The YWCA facility is also being examined for the conversion of part of their space into an SRO.

The Santa Ana Housing Division is at the forefront in the county at providing assisted housing through funds from the federal government to help lower the cost of rent for families and seniors who fall below a low income level. This year, over 1,400 families were part of that program to help provide a reasonable level of comfort for those who just couldn't make it otherwise.

VIEWPOINT

Guy Ball

Heros

In the last issue, our guest viewpoint spoke about heros and how much our children need them today. In producing this issue, we decided to focus a bit more on the positive things the kids of today are doing, and you know, in the process we think we found some heros.

Heros like Eddie Nguyen who at age five was floating in a boat escaping the harsh reality of a dictatorial regime. Twelve years later, Eddie will attend UCLA with a 4.6 GPA earned by his hard work and dedication.

Heros like Stephanie Meyers whose closing words of advice in her valedictorian speech at Willard Intermediate were "Keep up the good work and always try your best and be your best."

Heros like Joe Sanchez who is one of 13 children who must help with raising a family due to an ailing mother and a missing father. He graduated with a 3.2 GPA and will attend Cal State Fullerton in the fall.

There's an awful lot of success stories here in Santa Ana. Maybe we're partial but we think we see a whole lot more of those types of stories than in many other cities -- particularly when success is not "guaranteed" by income or location.

Life isn't supposed to be easy. We grow and get stronger through some of the strife and adversity we have to deal with. So whether you're becoming the first in your family to graduate high school, or you're bringing your neighborhood back from a deteriorated dead end, you have to keep shooting for that goal. Sometimes we win from obtaining the goal. Sometimes we win from the journey.

Heros? Here's to the Eddies, the Stephanies, and the Joes of this world. Modern day heros in our book.

Register to Vote

Too many of us take voting for granted. You might ask how your one little vote counts? Well, on the national level, it is hard to tell. On the local level though, it's a different story altogether. On the local level, your vote really counts especially when elections are won or lost by a few hundred votes.

Those of us who push citizen involvement at the local level know what kind of change the ballot box can do. At a local level, your vote is intimately encouraged by politicians who also know just how important it is.

The responsibility therefore is to use the power wisely. Know the issues. Know the candidates. Think which way YOU would like the City to move forward. And then act on it.

In the coming months, expect at least one candidate's forum and maybe two or three. Attend them! If you have an opportunity to meet a candidate in your neighborhood, do so! Listen to what the candidates' talk about and how they answer questions. Read the political mailings but realize how "hit campaigns" manipulate the truth. Then come November, on that fateful Tuesday, Vote!!

It doesn't matter if you were born here or worked hard to become a citizen. You can be Latino, Anglo, Asian, Black, Native Indian, or a some combination of them all. Your vote is your voice.

Don't let that voice be still!

Eye on Santa Ana

Our Community Newsletter

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

The circulation of this issue is 10,000 copies, distributed to residents, neighborhoods, businesses, City employees, civic organizations, and other interested readers. We welcome and encourage your comments, articles, press releases, letters, calendar listings, and other material.

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Catherine's City

Santa Ana - "the Garden City"?

by Catherine C. Cate

I've been "down" on Santa Ana lately. Noise, litter, overcrowding, empty storefronts, potholes, traffic, vagrants and numerous other irritations all have taken their toll.

I can't fool myself any longer; Santa Ana isn't going to be the garden city of Southern California.

Or is it?

Last spring we repainted our rental, a little California bungalow located at 312 E. 9th Street in Historic French Park. The three-color paint scheme was chosen with the help of many knowledgeable neighbors, some of whom are expert architectural historians. Our goal was to choose colors that enhance the characteristic features of the house and garage, and also complement other structures on this short block between French and Spurgeon Streets.

Finally, late last summer we re-landscaped the front yard, then put in a brick and flagstone patio.

A few weeks ago we were notified that this home had won Santa Ana's "Most Beautiful Yard" Award for our neighborhood. To be honest, I was thrilled -- not because I set out to win an award, but because the "Santa Ana Beautiful Committee" had recognized the thought and effort that had gone into the project, and appreciated the results, which also makes our whole street look better.

During the award ceremonies held on Wednesday, June 10, at the Lawn Bowling Clubhouse in Santiago Park, another winner confessed, "I didn't even know about this program; I think it's just great that the City supports its neighborhoods and recognizes residents' efforts this way."

Suddenly, I was ashamed. I had been so busy focusing on what was *wrong* with Santa Ana that I had lost sight of what is *right*. Even worse, I had forgotten that I can't do everything, but I can do something.

I want to thank the City of Santa Ana and its "Santa Ana Beautiful Committee" for reminding me that whether it's painting my property, or picking up a piece of trash, I can make a difference.

Even those who earn a meager living re-cycling bottles and cans contribute more than I do when I just blame, criticize, and complain about what's wrong.

Because it's the efforts of individuals like me who will decide whether Santa Ana becomes a slum or a garden city.

We Need Your Help -- We Need Your Opinions

Part I

As we embark on our 4th year of publication, *Eye on Santa Ana*, your community newsletter, needs your thoughts on how we're doing, how we can improve, and where you think we should be headed?

Questions, the editors and staff would like to know:

How did you get this issue of the *Eye*? How many others have you read? Do you like our focus on the positive things happening in the community? What features do you read? What don't you? What have we told you that you didn't know before? How would you like to see us improve the *Eye* (features, frequency, distribution)?

Part II

Let your voice be heard!

The City government, school district, neighborhoods, business community, and civic organizations have been working real hard to improve or solve some of the problems facing Santa Ana.

Here's your chance to tell us how you think it's going.

Compare today to a few years ago (or longer). Is the City going in the right direction in whatever issues interest you the most? What's working? What's not? If you could, what issues would you work on and how?

Tell us, and we'll tell our elected officials (and the November candidates if they request it). Here is your chance to tell us and them like it is.

No names will be passed on, just your comments.

Send your thoughts (as wordy or as short as you want!!!) to Guy Ball; *Eye on Santa Ana*, P.O. Box 2422, Santa Ana, CA 92707. If you would, also, please note your sex, age, and how long you've lived in Santa Ana.

Community Oriented Policing

Community Oriented Policing is a collection of residents throughout the City who come together to aid the police in protecting their lives and property. It is also called a neighborhood watch because we watch after each other in our neighborhoods and act as the eyes and ears of the Police Department.

Right now we are recruiting new members from the organized neighborhood associations and from the community at large who are not familiar with C.O.P. and police procedures but would like to learn. We would like to help answer their questions and educate them on police procedures so they can best help themselves.

We would also like to have a representative from each association on our District Boards so we can learn the different problems people are having and give them helpful information to take back to their neighbors.

We need to stop asking what the police department is doing for us, and ask what we can do to help protect ourselves and our property. We need to become familiar with police procedures; have a better understanding of the department, and why its hands are sometimes tied; and how far they can go with a situation.

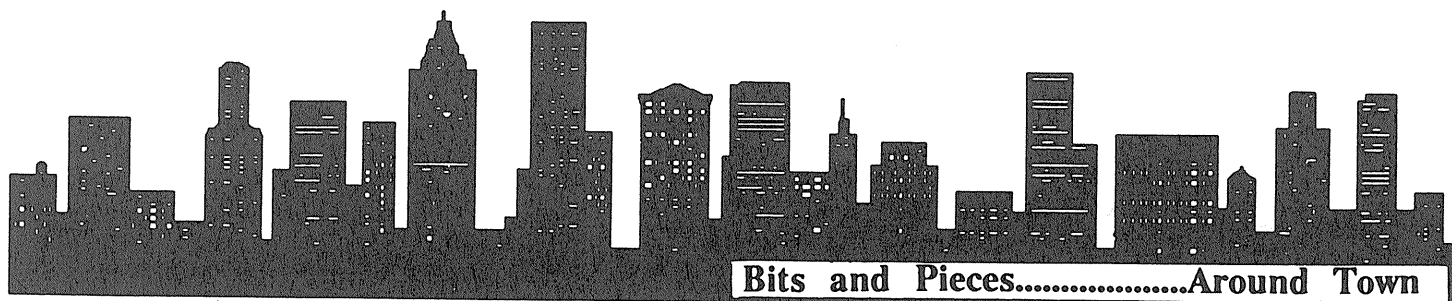
We encourage becoming acquainted with as many police officers as possible so you know whom you're are dealing with. It's also very helpful if the officers know whom they're dealing with.

Being acquainted with members of the department and knowing their procedures can be very beneficial in a crisis.

Just as we need our police department, they need us. And Community Oriented Policing is there to help.

Mrs. Evangeline Gawronski
Citywide C.O.P. President

For more information on C.O.P. and what we can offer you, please call 541-8971.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Early Christmas

In the last issue we reported about the "Christmas in April" project organized by the Junior League of Orange County. Well, we're happy to update you with the successful results of that effort.

On Saturday April 25, more than 850 volunteers came together to rehabilitate 17 homes of elderly citizens, 4 shelters for the homeless, a school for exceptional needs children, and a senior citizen center. The 23 sites were in Santa Ana, La Habra, Costa Mesa, San Clemente, and Dana Point.

In Santa Ana, the volunteer ranks also included several neighborhoods who made a concerted effort to involve their neighbors. Washington and Wilshire Square both had teams that went in to help needy neighbors in other parts of the city. Members of Northwest, Heninger Park, and Sandpointe also got involve.

Other Santa Ana organizations that volunteered their time included companies like Ingram Micro and Behr Paints and civic groups like the Rotary Club. Behr Paints donated all of the paint for the project. Santa Ana organizational contributors (of money or supplies) included Abbey Rents, the Register, Building Industry Association, Santa Ana Fire Department, Great Western Reclamation, and the Wilshire Square Neighborhood Association.

All in all, it was one very successful day for a very special cause.

Convention Delegates

As the Democrats convene in New York to choose a presidential candidate, three Santa Ana residents will be participating in the process as delegates from Orange County. Rueben Martinez and John Hanna are delegates for Bill Clinton and Tim Carpenter is a delegate for Jerry Brown.

Martinez, owner of Hacienda Hair Salon, is a member of the both the California and Orange County Democratic Central Committees. He was also a delegate to the 1988 Democratic Convention.

Hanna, attorney with the firm of Horton, Barbaro, & Reilly, is the former chair of the Orange County Democratic Party and serves on the executive board of the California Democratic Party.

Carpenter, self-employed organizer, is a member of both the California and Orange County Democratic Central Committees. He was also a delegate to the 1988 Convention.

Community Forum

You're invited to a community forum on Crime Prevention sponsored by State Assemblyman Tom Umberg on Thursday, August 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the City Council Chambers.

Representatives from various law enforcement agencies (including the California Highway Patrol and the Orange County District Attorney's office) will be present to discuss auto theft prevention, home burglary prevention, and gang prevention, as well as assistance for victims of violent and domestic crime.

Home Tours

More and more Santa Ana neighborhoods are showing off these days and inviting perfect strangers to come and appreciate their very special architectural character. Newly organized Floral Park Neighborhood just announced plans to put on their first home tour in April of next year. They join with three others including Washington Square (in October), Wilshire Square (in June), and the granddaddy of them all, French Park (in spring, date still being set), to show a very positive side of Santa Ana.

Between five hundred and one thousand "tour-ists" come to visit the neighborhoods during the average tour. Over half come from outside the City and leave with a better perspective of Santa Ana than they came with. Funds generated by the tours go to fund neighborhood projects. All of the tours are completely run by the neighborhoods with no funds from the City.

But in case you didn't know, all four have a very friendly working relationship with each other. Members of each group assist each other as docents (tour guides) and the "old-timers" have provided start-up assistance for the newcomers. Even the list of people who take the tour is shared by each of the Santa Ana tour groups in a master mailing list for advance information and sale flyers.

If you'd like to be on that mailing list for future tours, we'll make sure you get on it. Just send your name and address to Home Tour Lists, Eye on Santa Ana, P.O. Box 2422, Santa Ana, 92707.

Tying the Knot Part I

It seems that if you were single before you became a Councilman, you don't stay that way for long. A couple years back, Councilman Rick Norton took the vows of marriage and just recently we had another bachelor take the marital plunge.

Congratulations to Councilman Miguel Pulido and his new wife, Laura. We wish them all the best and hope for an absolutely super future together.

California's Best

el Don, Rancho Santiago College's student newspaper was named California champions in community college journalism for the 1991-92 academic year by the Journalism Association of Community Colleges. Professional journalists did the judging and selected *el Don* first place for general excellence and noted the paper "reaches the professional level of the press with its careful editing and progressive sense of layout. The hard work and care are obvious in this fine paper."

The RSC journalism program is not a stranger to awards, particularly this school year when students received over 45 state and national honors. Over the past six years, RSC journalism students have won more than 450 writing and editing awards and 150 collegiate Academic All-American honors.

Countdown to Bowers

They're starting to set up for the first exhibits for the opening of the newly renovated Bowers Museum of Cultural Arts with the official opening October 18. Bowers has gotten quite a bit of press lately as one of Orange County "High Society's" new social hot spots.

The new Leo Freedman Foundation Galleria was christened in June with a spectacular La Fiesta fundraising gala subtitled "Rediscover the World of Bowers." On August 16th, the museum's new Southwest-cuisine themed restaurant will be previewed at a \$500 per plate gourmet feast. A special black-tie sneak preview will be held on October 16 for the Bowers Fellows support group.

The Bowers have been very fortunate in receiving numerous major financial gifts from some of the "well-heeled" families of Orange County. The Leo Freedman Foundation recently gave a \$1 million grant - the museum's largest to date. Gifts for \$100,000 to \$250,000 have been received by the Segerstrom family, the Fluor family, Parker Kennedy, and Peter and Mary Muth.

This large financial support has been instrumental at positioning the Bowers as a world class facility for ethnic cultural arts. The remodeling and expansion will result in a total of 60,000 sq. ft. of exhibit space, shops, offices, and a restaurant.

But don't let the big donations make you think that Bowers doesn't need us "less endowed" families. They do and they'd love to have you join as a member. It won't cost you a lot of cash (you just won't get a wing named after you). For membership info, call 972-1900.

Poet Lauded

As part of American Home Week, the East Orange County Association of Realtors honored Poppy Major of Santa Ana as Grand Prize winner in their writing and coloring contest.

For her efforts, Poppy was presented a beautiful red ten-speed bike at the organization's luncheon in May and sat at the head table with Paul Wylie, Olympic silver medalist. Eleven year old Poppy read her poem, "Family-Home" to the filled room of Realtors. Her original art and poem will be framed and a copy sent to Vice President Dan Quail.

My Home
Proud, Strong
Loving, Caring, Sharing
My home is the center of my family
Sharing, Caring, Loving
Strong, Proud
My Family

Measure M Comes to Santa Ana

In June, county transportation officials divvied up another \$24.5 million of Measure M tax money for improvements to local streets for the next year. Part of that will go towards projects in Santa Ana to begin (or be put out to bid) immediately.

Funds will go toward feasibility studies to identify improvements necessary to improve traffic congestion on Harbor Blvd (the entire length) and Warner (from Harbor to Pacific Coast Hwy). \$1.2 million will be used to buy properties for right-of-way to widen Bristol from Warner to Memory Lane.

Two million dollars will go towards the improvement of the 5 Fwy interchange with Main and Broadway. Signal coordination for Tustin Ave. and Main St. will be funded.

Eight hundred thousand dollars will be directed to widen the Harbor Blvd. bridge over the Santa Ana River at Warner. Some of the money will go to help fund the over-crossings over the 55 Fwy at 17th St., Santa Clara, and Fairhaven.

News at the Zoo

The Santa Ana Zoo has received a \$129,000 grant from the state Department of Parks and Recreation. This grant will be used to create a habitat for exotic birds. The free-flight aviary for South American birds will be landscaped with bamboo and built along a koi pond.

Visitors will be able to meander through this 135-foot-long aviary with possible viewing areas at different heights with the 40-foot-high structure.

"We're very pleased with the grant," stated Zoo director Ron Glazier. "This allows us to build an exhibit we think the public will be very excited to see."

Designing work will look to include interactive props within the exhibit to enhance the visitor's experience. The exhibit is intended to highlight the zoo's new master plan theme which will focus on South American animals.

The Zoo is anticipating groundbreaking this summer for a new exhibit entitled "Amazon's Edge."

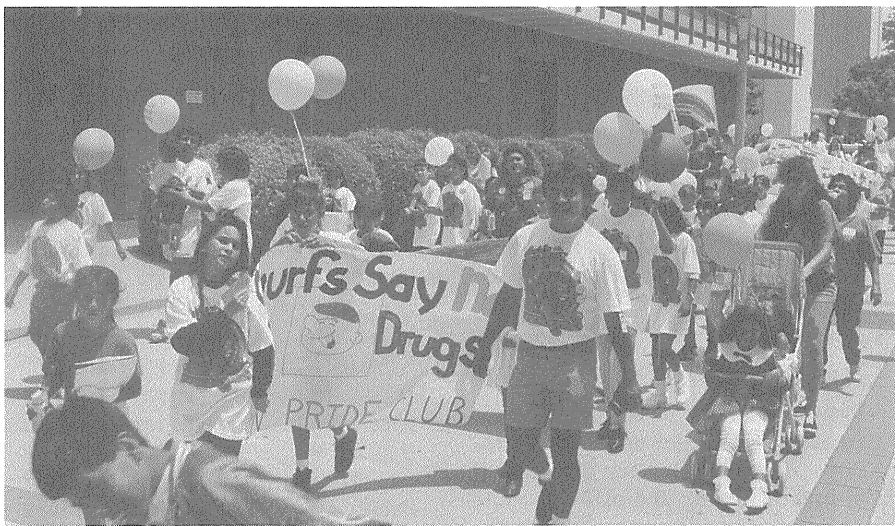
This naturalistic animal habitat will be fashioned after the edge of a small South American river with its own waterfall and lush, green vegetation. From a thatched-roof observation hut the Zoo visitor will be able to observe black howler monkeys cavorting in the trees, a 100 pound capybara stretching out in the sun, and waterfowl leisurely paddling through the water.

Interpretive signs, graphics, and displays will assist the Zoo visitor to understand and appreciate this neotropical habitat. Completion of this exhibit is projected for 1993. It will be the opening act of an exciting 10 phase master plan that will revitalize the Santa Ana Zoo.

Hot Community Events

(see the Community Calendar for more information)

- Town Hall Meeting -- Neighborhood Improvement -- Thurs, July 9.
- Community Meeting -- Education and the General Plan -- Tues, July 28.
- Kids Care Fair -- Health Screenings and Information -- Sat, Aug 8
- Town Hall Meeting -- Future of Business -- Thurs, Aug 6.
- Santa Ana Police and Fire Vehicle Show -- Sat, Aug 29
- Fiesta de Independencia -- Street Festival -- Fri-Sun, Sept 18-20.
- Washington Square Home and Garden Tour -- Sat-Sun, Oct 10-11.



Guide with P.R.I.D.E.

Project P.R.I.D.E., the City of Santa Ana's award winning gang prevention program, conducted an anti-gang/anti-drug rally and march recently. The event began at City Hall where children took part in a banner competition and were entertained by a variety of student performers.

Among the entertainers were the Ballet Folklorico, "Renacimiento" from Jerome Center, poetry recital by the EASE program at Carr Intermediate, a jazz ensemble from Valley High School, and band performances by students at Carr and Spurgeon Intermediate. Officer John Reed acted as master of ceremonies.

The winners of the banner competition were Carr Intermediate, grand prize; Memorial Center, 1st place; Lathrop Intermediate, 2nd place; and Remington Elementary, 3rd place.

The march began later and ended up at Rancho Santiago College. There participants joined the "Education First: Families and Community United" parent conference which included food, resource fair, and entertainment.

Kids' Care Fair

Corbin Center will coordinate their third annual Kids Care Fair on Saturday, August 8th from 9 am to 1 pm at 2215 W. McFadden Ave. The fair will provide free health screenings and immunizations for children, as well as family health education. The event is sponsored by the American Red Cross, KABC-TV, Children Now, and FHP health care services.

For further information, contact Carolyn Jackson at 647-6557.

Matinee and a Discount Meal

Seniors 50 years and older can enjoy a discount meal followed by a matinee once a month at Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin Ave. The next matinee will take place Saturday, August 8. Have lunch at 1 pm and then at 2, relax and watch "The Glenn Miller Story." Lunch and the movie are included for the bargain price of \$1.99. Western Med even throws in the popcorn.

Some movies will be old-time favorites and some will be current hits. On September 19, they've scheduled "Driving Miss Daisy."

Lunch is in the Western Med cafeteria. The movies are in the Bash Auditorium. Both are located on the lower level of the hospital.

Mark your calendars, tell your friends, and call 835-3555 for more info.

Newspapers Wanted

To the Boy Scouts of Troop 28 in Santa Ana, newspaper is like money in the bank. Each scout has an account and uses it to pay for camping equipment, monthly camping, and summer camp.

This unique year round recycling system has proved successful and the community is being asked to help. More old newspaper is needed now to help with the 40 scouts and the high cost of summer camp.

You can help in one of two ways: 1) Save your bagged or bundled newspaper for recycling and add it to our pile at the northeast corner behind the Spurgeon Methodist Church at 1025 W. Memory Lane (between Flower and Bristol).

2) Save your bagged or bundled newspaper for recycling until you have 10 feet or more. Give Rich Boughman a call at 541-9362 and one of the scouts will be assigned to pick it up at your convenience.

Kiwanis Club Awards \$23,500 in Scholarships

College scholarships totaling \$23,500 were awarded this year by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ana to students who demonstrated academic excellence and financial need.

The latest two year awards presented to graduating sophomores at Rancho Santiago were in the amounts of \$4,400 each to help the students continue their education at a four year college.

These scholarships were presented to Andrea Eberhardt, who plans to study law at UC Berkeley; Alberto Huerta, planning to study management at UCLA; Laura Salcido, interested in a BA in theater arts at UC Santa Cruz; and Christopher Sandoval, Associated Student Body President, who plans to study law at Western States University of Law.

In addition, Rita Ceja received a Kiwanis Vocational Scholarship to

study for her LVN degree at RSC. Later, she hopes to obtain a BS in nursing.

The Santa Ana Kiwanis Foundation has awarded scholarships since 1954 when it was started by a generous bequest of long time member, Charles Fuller. Funds are accumulated from contributions and bequests of Kiwanis members.

The 100-member community service organization has been in existence for more than 70 years, helping community projects such as the Carl Harvey School, the Santa Ana Boy Scout Soccer League, and developing plans for a barrier free park for handicapped children, in addition to having awarded over \$400,000 in scholarships.

Meetings are held each Wednesday noon at the Ebell Club, 625 N. French St. Newcomers are welcome.

Help Keep Your Home in Shape

The City of Santa Ana is fortunate to have a wide variety of architecturally diverse housing stock. From the Victorian style of the 1890-1900's to the California Ranch style of the 1950-60's, the diversity gives interest and charm to Santa Ana's historic and older neighborhoods.

However housing is subject to needing repair and remodeling over time in order to prevent deterioration.

Recognizing that a majority of the city's housing stock is greater than 40 years old, an age where major repair or renovation can be anticipated, the City Council has authorized the implementation of a broad base of residential improvement programs to address the rehabilitation and upgrading of the community's housing stock. The Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program is administered through the Housing Division of the Community Development Agency.

The Housing Division is responsible for a wide range of financing programs including those to assist both owner-occupied residences and investor owned rental property. The following describes programs implemented to enhance and upgrade the owner-occupied housing stock within Santa Ana.

• Home Improvement Loans

To be eligible, the property must be located in the City of Santa Ana, the borrower must be the owner and reside in the property. In addition, the medium gross family income cannot exceed 120 percent of the Orange County median income as published by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Eligible improvements are those which ensure compliance with local building codes and health and safety standards.

Additional improvement will only be considered if all code as well as health and safety items are corrected, and the borrower can support the additional debt. The loan can also include the cost of planning, plans, permits, and related fees.

The maximum loan amount: is \$30,000 at between 3 and 8% interest (depending on income and family size) for up to 15 years.

• Deferred Payment Home Improvement Loan

To be eligible, the property must be located in the City of Santa Ana, the borrower must be the owner and reside in the property. In addition, the borrower's housing debt must be greater than 30 percent of income.

Eligible improvements include health and safety, and code violation repairs only. They can also include the cost of planning, plans, permits, and related fees.

The maximum loan amount is \$25,000 at 5% interest for 15 years. There will be an annual review of the borrower's financial ability to begin payments.

• Substantial Rehabilitation/New Construction

To be eligible, the property must be located in the City of Santa Ana, the borrower must be the owner and reside in the property after rehab. In addition, the medium gross family income cannot exceed 120 percent of the county's median income.

Eligible improvements include the on-site development costs, all related public improvements to ensure compliance with health and safety standards, City building codes and standards, and rehab/new construction standards. Also eligible are the costs prepare the site including demolition and removal of substandard structures and also the costs related to engineering, planning, plans, permits, loan fees, and recording fees.

The maximum loan amount is \$75,000 at 5% interest for 15 years.

• Residential Improvement Rebate Program

To be eligible, the property must be located within a rebate-designated area within the City. The borrower must own and live in the property. In addition, the medium gross family income cannot exceed 120 percent of the county's median income.

Eligible improvements are only those visible from the street.

The maximum rebate is up to \$2,000 covering 50 or 75% of the cost of the repair based on your income and family size.

For more information on any of these programs, call the Santa Ana Housing Division at 667-2240.

Jazz is Back!!

The 3rd Annual So Cal Jazz Fest returns to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11. Enjoy the Nightblooming Jazzmen, Hot Frogs Jumping Jazz Band, Dixie Devils, and more of the best of the west. Call 664-1408 for more band and ticket information.

Future Leaders

Congratulations to the 1992 Leadership Santa Ana Graduates! Thirteen members of our community completed the nine-month course designed to help give our future leaders in-depth knowledge of issues with community significance.

The program consists of meeting one day a month for a workshop covering such topics as government, education, public safety, and the news media.

Speakers include key decision makers and government leaders as well as highly respected "people-in-the-know." Created and sponsored by the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Santa Ana has graduated 100 men and women in its five years of providing insight into the workings of our City.

This year the graduates (and the organizations they are affiliated with) included: Patricia Bejerano, City of Santa Ana; Leigh-Anne Browning, Wilshire Square Neighborhood; Brett Franklin, Franklin Real Estate; Stephen Garcia, Rancho Santiago Community College; Gary Haas, Ricoh Electronics; Larry Herschler, Santa Ana/Tustin YMCA; Paula Rankin, Wilshire Square Neighborhood; Sheri Robbins, Urland & Morello Law Firm; Bob Sayne, Santa Ana Police Department; Bob Spencer, Chamber of Commerce; Matt Taylor, National Bank of Long Beach, Joe Venegas, Jr., Santa Ana School District; and Kathryn Ware, Case Swayne.

Alumni of the Leadership Santa Ana program have gone on to become city council candidates, city commission and board members, neighborhood and organization chairpersons, and other respected and outspoken members of our civic and business community.

Applications for Leadership Santa Ana 1992/93, which begins in October are now being accepted. For information on fees and scholarship availability, contact the Chamber at 541-5353.

Making a Difference

Project Together is a program that matches adult volunteers with children and teens on a one-to-one basis. The majority of these children are socially and economically deprived and lack the self-esteem, confidence, and social skills necessary for a successful role in society. The volunteer, by being a trusted friend and a stable adult role model, helps the child to begin building these invaluable skills.

The program is part of the Orange County Health Care Agency's Children's Mental Health Services. They ask for a minimum commitment to see the child on a regular basis (usually weekly) for 6 months. After the initial screening, volunteers are matched with a child according to mutual interests. The volunteer receives ongoing supervision and training. In addition a variety of passes and gift certificates are provided to help defray the costs involved.

Project Together has a need for both male and female volunteers, particularly male (due to a very heavy caseload of boys).

If you'd like more information, call Renee Tolliver at 568-4378.

Literary Santa Ana

While Santa Ana doesn't yet have a coffee shop where you can sit and listen to the some bard's latest words, we do have a number of literary type creative people.

For instance, a new book of poetry will soon grace the bookseller's shelves. *Holy Ghosts*, a collection of poetry by former Santa Ana resident Terry Kennedy will be published by Santa Ana based Puertas Press. *Holy Ghosts* will be published in both English and Spanish. The Spanish version will be translated by Florinda Mintz, a noted Santa Ana writer on her own (and also with the Fiesta Marketplace in Downtown).

Terry and her husband Mark James Miller were Rancho Santiago College professors of English who moved to Cambria, CA to start a publishing company of their own -- Tiger Moon Publications. One of their latest books is *Future Tense*, a collection of new poems by Virginia Smith.

Hopefully by now, you've all purchased a copy of *Uncommon and Unheralded Museums* (Hippocrene Books) penned by Wilshire Square resident Beverly Narkiewicz (and co-author Lincoln Bates). This treasure-trove of America's most interesting museums talks about over 500 regional and thematic museums offering insights into the idiosyncrasies of the American experience.

And don't forget Jess Araujo's *The Law and Your Legal Rights* (RH Communications) which offers a bi-lingual, comprehensive, and easy to understand summary of the law written for the non-lawyer.

Let's hear from the rest of you Santa Ana published authors.

Tying the Knot Part II

When you're the president of the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, where do you hold your wedding? It seems that Prez Mike Metzler had to think long and hard on that one.

With the proper discussion with fiance Stephanie Bogan, they decided on getting hitched in August in the beautiful Center Court of MainPlace Santa Ana, one of Southern California's premiere shopping malls.

Not exactly your standard location to have a wedding, but then again, they're not your average couple.

Santa Ana Camp-out

Hundreds of Santa Ana Girl Scouts camped out for the week-end in Santiago Park in April. This annual Girl Scout community camp-out really was in the community; no driving for hours through freeway traffic to camp in some other city's park. They stayed right here at home.

Tents were set up and camp food was cooking on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday as girls ages 5 to 18 and their leaders had a fun filled weekend with planned activities. "Initially the idea of camping at Santiago Park didn't sound like it would be very exciting because we go there all the time, but it really was a good camp-out especially for those girls and leaders who never camped before," commented Connie Major, a leader of Cadette troop 1842 at Willard Intermediate School.

Santa Ana Girl Scouts are very active with troops meeting in schools, churches, and leaders' homes all over the city. If you'd like more information about joining Girl Scouts, call Connee Valle at 979-7900.

Soccer Sign-ups

Any girl or boy 5 to 18 years old that wants to play soccer can sign up for the fall American Youth Soccer (AYSO) League. The Santa Ana players will start team practices in mid-August. Boys and girls can still get on a team in their division and receive a full uniform, photo packet, yearbook, and trophy. Come with medical information and running shoes to McFadden Intermediate, 2701 S. Raitt St. between 10 am and 2 pm on July 11.

The registration fee of \$45 still doesn't cover all the costs of the league so sponsors at \$150 for each team are needed. The money is used so each player receives a trophy regardless of the team standing. For some children, this is their only trophy. If you are interested in becoming a tax deductible sponsor, call 556-AYSO (2976).

Their eleven week season starts September 12th with opening ceremonies in the Santa Ana Stadium on September 8 at 7 pm. AYSO is more than just soccer, it's good family outdoor fun.

Lions Roar

The Santa Ana Host Lions Club is part of an organization of over 1.4 million Lions worldwide serving their community.

Locally, the Santa Ana Host Club provides funds to such worthwhile projects as the *Register's* Camper-ship Fund, the Santa Ana Boys and Girls Club, Career Beginnings, and others, as well as providing eye

examinations and glasses to needy Santa Ana students.

Funds are raised by club members serving food at the *Register's* Troublesooter Swapmeet in June and October.

The club meets each Thursday at noon at the Santa Ana Elks Club, 212 So. Elk Lane. If you'd like more information on their activities or on membership, write to them at P.O. Box 1401, Santa Ana, 92702 or just show up one Thursday.

If you're looking to help your community and meet some great people at the same time, this might just be your group.

Bobby Sox Softball

While most youth sport programs may set as one of their many goals the participation of all players, many do not make it the *number one goal*. Bobby Sox Softball and Central Orange Bobby Sox makes successful and involved participation *number one*. Central Orange Bobby Sox Softball is a recreational Girls softball program for young ladies between the ages of six and 18 living in the cities of Santa Ana and Orange.

Central Orange Bobby Sox is broken into six divisions based upon the ages of the players and each team is made up of players of different abilities. Each player in Central Orange Bobby Sox must play a minimum of three innings in the field and all players are in the game's batting line-up.

Registration for the Spring season starts in January and the first practice is in March. The regular season begins the first week of April and continues until the second week of June. At closing day ceremonies, all players receive trophies and All-Stars are announced. The League Champion teams and the All-Star players continue to play in various tournaments thru July.

Central Orange Bobby Sox also offers a Fall traveling program which is open to all players. This program competes against teams from other local Leagues and plays double headers each weekend during the months of September thru November.

For further information about this exciting and fun girls softball program contact Alan Pollack, president, at 558-2624 or Judy Norton, player agent, at 997-8989.

Educational Meeting

The City's Planning Department would also like to invite you to a community meeting to discuss revisions to the Education Element of the General Plan. The Element is the City's vehicle for interfacing land use and development policy

with the various school district's provision of educational services.

The Element is intended to address the long range planning for the development and location of school facilities and their relationship to the quality of the educational services. The Planning staff is updating this element and would like to give residents a chance to discuss their concerns with the City's policies.

The meeting will take place on July 28 at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers. For more info, contact Lynnette Perry at 667-2700.

Hispanic Genealogy

Curious about your Latino roots? On Saturday, July 25th, the Society of Hispanic Historical and Ancestral Research (SHHAR) will offer 8 workshops to help Hispanic families research their history. Whether your roots are in California, Texas, Peru, or wherever, experienced volunteers will assist your search.

A beginner's workshop will cover how to begin the search, how to access to a computer database of over 11 million names, and how to use civil and church records. Some of the other workshops will focus on military migrations, early families, central Mexico, and the Velasco-Farfán expedition.

SHHAR is a non-profit volunteer organization with the goal of helping Hispanics research their family history. The organization started in 1987 as a small group of county residents realized the need for cooperative sharing of search techniques and data. They quickly grew to national networking status and presently offer free lectures and workshops with prominent historians and genealogists.

The program will be held from 8 am to 12 noon at the Orange Family History Center, 674 S. Yorba, Orange. There is no cost for the event. For further info, call 773-1510.

Having a Zooper Summer

The Santa Ana Zoo will again be offering their very popular Zoo Camp series this summer. Zoo Camp is a week-long day camp focusing on educational activities which are geared for having fun with science in a zoo setting.

"The main goal is to instill that sense of wonder about the animal world," stated Kent Yamaguchi, coordinator of these summer programs.

Those programs include Junior Zoo Camp for children ages 6 and 7 offering an introduction to the animal world through zoo activities, games, and crafts. Then there's Zoo Camp I offering campers ages 8-12 a variety of zoo labs, zookeeping exercises, a field trip, and an evening barbecue on zoo grounds. Advanced campers ages 10-14 can enroll in Zoo Camp II with lab activities focusing on animal physiology and behavior, zoo husbandry, and animal health.

Animal Training in Zoos is designed for campers ages 12-15 or graduates of Zoo Camp II. This program emphasizes the principals of operant conditioning in which desired animal behaviors are followed by a reward. Students will train selected animals and also participate in a field trip.

Enrollment for these programs is coordinated by the Community Services Department of the local junior colleges including Rancho Santiago (564-6220), Orange Coast (432-5880), and Golden West (891-3991).

For additional information, contact one of the colleges or the Santa Ana Zoo educational program office at 836-4000.

Are you a water waster?

Just because Santa Ana lifted the water restrictions awhile ago doesn't mean that our super intelligent and environmentally astute *Eye on Santa Ana* readers can go back to wasteful ways again.

That means you guys on Parton Street -- no more washing down the new driveway just 'cause its "dirty." And that big development on the corner of MacArthur and Main that we won't mention the name of -- no more sprinkling your huge lawn at 2 in the afternoon.

Let's be water smart. We don't have all the water in the world. We still are in a drought. And our water supply from our very "friendly" neighbors to the north is in dire straights of being reduced again.

How can you help?

- 1) Water your lawn in the morning before 10 am or in the evening after 4 pm. Also, water it less frequently, but deep soak it.
- 2) Don't wash down driveways or sidewalks to clean them off. Use a broom.
- 3) Fix leaks in your faucets, toilets, and hoses. You may just need that water someday.
- 4) If your favorite restaurant places a water glass at your table without asking, try to convince the manager to have the waiters ask first.

Wilshire Square

Residents are elated by the great press coverage received recently by being mentioned in an article titled "The Secret's Out - Charming Orange County Neighborhoods You Never Knew Existed" appearing in the June edition of *Orange Coast Magazine*.

And this Wilshire Square secret was discovered by over 700 people who strolled through the streets of the neighborhood on June 6 & 7 for the 4th annual home tour, touted as the best ever. Seven never-before-seen homes were on the tour along with a stop where neighborhood artists displayed their work and resident musician, Ernest Ale, provided a soothing musical sound as visitors took a refreshment break. Plans are already being discussed for the 1993 5th "anniversary" tour.

Thanks to each and every person who graced our neighborhood for this event, and especially to those living in other parts of Santa Ana who came out to support our efforts.

When a large group of Wilshire Square neighbors recently took part in the Christmas in April project, the overwhelming consensus was to continue a similar effort right in our own back yard. Co-chairs Leigh-Anne Browning and Gitte Wachsman formed a task force which met recently to discuss implementing the program.

Tentatively identified as Wilshire Square HomeAid, Neighbors Helping Neighbors, the pilot project is slated to happen in the fall. David Rudge will chair the project.

The "Most Beautiful Yard" contest sponsored by Santa Ana Beautiful choose the yard of Joe and Yvonne Wilkens of South Ross Street for our neighborhood's gem. Congratulations from your neighbors!

Floral Park

Floral Park recently held their third neighborhood wide meeting since organizing in April of this year. They've already selected a Board of Directors, elected officers, developed by-laws, formalized a voluntary dues structure as well as developing a number of subcommittees: Home Tour, Newsletter, and Public Safety.

Prior to their inception, organizers polled the 650 homes within the Floral Park Neighborhood to determine what they would like their association to do for them; issues they'd like addressed as well as activities they would like coordinated.

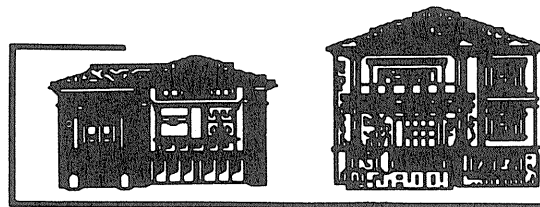
Sixty-five percent of the neighborhood responded and outlined three top issues they'd like the association to address: Crime, Neighborhood Encroachment, and Traffic.

The top three activities needing to be coordinated by the association were identified as revitalization of the Neighborhood Crime Watch, creation of a graffiti clean-up team, and implementation of a recycling program.

Floral Park's first social event for the neighborhood, scheduled for late July, will be an event at the Bowers Museum specifically designed to promote membership in the museum to Floral Park neighbors.

They have also set a date for the first annual Floral Park Home Tour, tentatively scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25, 1993. More information will be published in the local press as well as *Eye on Santa Ana*.

Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month and are open to everyone in the community, with voting privileges confined to Floral Park residents only.



In Our Neighborhoods

Mar-Les

A neighborhood meeting and potluck was held in mid-June. The main topics on the agenda dealt with the overall condition of the neighborhood and the crime problem in Santa Ana.

The neighborhood is ready to get involved fighting crime and has been examining how they can do it. The association plans to appoint a gang liaison person. In addition, business owners that live in the neighborhood will be encouraged to hire a youth from the Santa Ana area.

The main issue of the meeting was to discuss and vote on setting up a gated card entry for their main street. It has always been private due to the way the neighborhood was originally set up, but some homeowners would like to close the street off from public access.

Logan

The residents of Logan Neighborhood have a long history of involvement as a neighborhood even dating back to the early 1900's when many of the houses were first built. In some cases, children and grandchildren (and great-grandchildren!) of the original residents still live in Logan. Through the years, residents have gotten involved in projects like the original construction of the 5 Freeway, the renovation of the 5 Freeway, and the planning and construction of the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center (the train station).

Josephine "Chepa" Andrade, a 64 year old, life long resident of Logan is presently co-chair along with Sam Romero. The neighborhood meets on an occasional basis, usually when some issue comes up. The area boasts a low crime rate, in part because most all of the residents know each other and keep an eye out for each other.

The neighborhood is one of a very few that have worked with the city to have otherwise soon-to-be-demolished houses in other parts of the city, moved onto vacant property in the area for rehabilitation into low cost housing. Presently they have seven such houses, in addition to two major rehabilitations of existing housing, and two of new construction.

Presently, neighborhood representatives are meeting with the city on the planning and possible development of the area around the Regional Transportation Center

Laurelhurst

We as an association are striving in keeping our homes and yards maintained as well as keeping removing graffiti from our walls as soon as possible. These are a few of the things we all know will help keep our property values up.

A big thanks to the Public Works Department who made it possible for us to have dividers at Warner and Linda Way.

No meetings are scheduled through summer unless an emergency pops up which would trigger one. Fliers would be sent out to all residents in that case.

Projects for improving the neighborhood will continue in the fall.

Have a safe and sane summer!

Fisher Park

Fisher Park renovation plans have been approved by the Parks Commission, the Planning Commission, and the City Council Plans are moving ahead thanks to the support of City staff, especially Allen Doby and Ron Ono.

Funding for security lights was allocated for the park in the current budget year but installation was suspended until the park restoration plan was finalized. Now that the park plans are approved, securing funds for the improvement is the next challenge.

Restoring Fisher Park is just one way to preserve the park's charm and character, while enhancing security for park users and the neighborhood at large. Other association goals include reducing traffic speed and volume, providing social events, and linking the neighborhood with local government.

Neighbors in Fisher Park did some spring cleaning and for the first time held a Neighborhood Spring Cleanup, Yard and Garage Sale.

Their 2nd Annual Memorial Day Picnic was held in the park. Many neighbors and friends looked forward to the old fashion fun and food which included potluck dishes, face painting, and children's parade.

The next neighborhood general meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 3 at 7 pm.

For more Fisher Park information, call Bette Feeney at 542-6468.

Portola Park

A collective sigh of relief in this community followed the installation of stop signs throughout the neighborhood. The signs immediately checked the speeding and cut-through traffic problem. They were installed after a study by the Traffic Engineering Department.

Vector control was the subject at the last meeting at Sierra Intermediate School. Fred Beams of the Orange County Health Department presented extensive information on the breeding and control of flies, mosquitoes, and roof rats.

Shortly after this meeting, at least one resident phoned the County Vector Control for assistance in dealing with roof rats in his area. Vector Control provided traps and bait for placement in his orange trees. Already five rats have been trapped. Other residents are encouraged to phone their offices for help.

Emphasis on individual involvement continues the theme in this neighborhood. Citizen concern and response are seen as critical in dealing with any existing or latent problems. No governmental agency can solve the problems; citizen involvement can strongly impact any area. Such a theme has been conveyed to residents via the newsletter and at meetings

Riverview West

Residents who want to get involved in bettering their neighborhood are invited to the meetings of Riverview West. Their meetings are held at 7 pm on the third Wednesday of every month at the police substation at the shopping center at Harbor and McFadden. Their next meeting is Wednesday July 15th.

French Park

The Historic French Park Association will be celebrating July 4th with an ice cream social in French Park. The fun begins at 2 pm and runs until everyone is ready to go home. Everyone is invited!

Design guidelines for projects in the neighborhood are near completion. The guidelines have been prepared by the neighborhood association along with the City's Planning Department and will be reviewed at the July board meeting and the final version should be printed this summer.

Plans are being discussed for a historic home tour for next spring. The neighborhood hosts a tour of their very special Victorians every two years. More information will be featured in the future issues of *Eye on Santa Ana*.

Washington Square

It's that time again. The neighborhood is proud to announce their second neighborhood Home and Garden Tour. This exciting event will take place on Saturday and Sunday, October 10 and 11 between 10 am and 4 pm.

The tour will be featuring homes throughout the neighborhood, ranging from the 1920's to 1950's. Each home will have its own distinction in architectural features, such as sculptured ceilings, hardwood floors, french windows, and gazebos.

As a special treat, they'll be displaying a variety of vintage automobiles throughout the tour.

Tickets for the Washington Square Home and Garden Tour are available now for the special price of \$6 for presale tickets and \$8 on the day of tour. For more information, call 262-7907 or 550-7058.

Eastside

If you travel down a number of the streets of Eastside in the evening, you'll be amazed by the brightness. A new lighting system replaced one from the early part of the century that had been rapidly deteriorating lately. The replacement light standards are replicas of old fashioned lights, similar to what was there before. The neighborhood had requested the replicas when the idea of replacement came up.

The new lights put out at least double the light as before, which will help to cut down on crime as well as let residents get around the neighborhood at night easier.

The neighborhood has been working with the Immigration and Naturalization Service on the sale of illegal "green" cards at local markets. While there have been arrests, the sales continue.

The next neighborhood meeting will be on July 29th at 7 pm at the Senior Center at 625 Cypress. All are invited.

Southcoast

Neighborhood has been basically dormant for awhile with no major issues or vocal requests of the City. If you'd like additional information on getting involved in the neighborhood, contact the Neighborhood Improvement representative, Andria Gagliano at 667-2274.

The Neighborhoods of Santa Ana



Saddleback View

At their quarterly meeting, neighbors heard from the City's Water Department about the availability, quality, and future of Santa Ana's water supply. Lee Harry from the department showed slides and answered resident's questions about the drought and new water projects.

The neighborhood has commented to the Planning Commission regarding a new home being built in their area that has requested a variance. Residents are also reviewing the landscaping conditions near the local school.

Morning Sunwood

The neighborhood got a nice pat on the back recently with a feature article on their efforts in the *Register*. The article discussed the history of the development as well as the activities of the neighborhood association.

Efforts by residents recently have included successfully lobbying the City to repaint their perimeter wall. Patchwork from car damage and graffiti cover-ups have taken their toll on the stucco-covered, cinderblock wall and the residents felt it was time to spruce it up with a good solid paint job.

The neighborhood has also gotten behind the landscaping of a bordering bikeway which reminds one of a dirt strip with a few trees.

Unfortunately, funds for a landscaping project aren't available so the association is trying to find other resources.

A neighborhood fair was held recently with great success thanks to the dedication of the organizers. Residents turned out in droves to meet and be with their neighbors. Many new faces joined neighborhood regulars.

Northwest

Areas 6 and 7 (west of Bristol) are organizing a "Get to Know Your Neighbor" party on Saturday, the fourth of July at Alona Park. Everyone is invited to come on down any time after noon and stay past dark visiting, eating, and playing. Bring your own food, lawnchairs, blanket, frisbees, sports equipment, family, friends, and relatives.

The entrance to the park is at the west end of 21st St. If you would like to help organize a volleyball or softball game, or if you'd like to help with kids' games, call Richard at 541-6801, Kathi Jo at 285-1492, or Suszan at 558-9537.

The neighborhood is hoping to see a lot of familiar and new faces at this very special event.

A recent meeting's topic of discussion was the new sewer line proposed for Memory Lane. The reasons for the construction, timeline of installation, and the expected effect on the neighborhood traffic were addressed.

A community garden project being organized by Richard Moser and others is just about on track. Some killer weeds have been slowing down their effort to take a vacant City lot on Bristol and 1st St. and convert it to a community garden. In addition, a water meter has already been installed by the City. The plan is to have the section open to planting within two months.

Cedar/Evergreen

Cedar/Evergreen is not actually a formalized neighborhood at this time but there has been a cooperative effort between multi-family property owners and City agencies to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. Issues concerning long-term rehabilitation and preservation as well as economic viability have been looked at.

A graffiti removal co-op has been established with property owners contributing.

Community Oriented Policing (C.O.P.)

A fellowship luncheon was held in May to honor Jake Thomas for his service to the community.

Jake, a World War II veteran, has been an active member of C.O.P. for more than 10 years. He was an Eagle Boy Scout. He served as scout master, achieving the Silver Beaver medal, the highest level in civilian scouting. He has dedicated himself to volunteering his cooking expertise to benefit the Santa Ana Boys Club, C.O.P., and the Boy Scouts, to name a few.

Attending the function were members of the Santa Ana Police Department who presented Jake a certificate of appreciation. C.O.P. members gave him a ten year pin and a "four star" poem of tribute. Councilman John Acosta honored Jake with a proclamation from the City of Santa Ana declaring May 16th "Jake Thomas Day."

Neighborhood Communications Linkage Committee

"Comm-Link" has played a role in the "peace" now being played out by the gangs in our City. Back in May, after the senseless shooting of a father after a game of basketball, Comm-Link leaders brought Alfredo Amezcua, a local lawyer who had a multi-point program to fight gangs, to their next joint neighborhood meeting. In addition, leaders from Hispanic, church, and civic organizations were invited to come together for the first time under one roof.

Over 100 community leaders listened to Amezcua, police and school representatives, and even ex-gang members talk about the problem and what can be done.

Comm-Link will be hosting a special meeting with Orange County Municipal Court Presiding Judge James Brooks to discuss how the local community can understand the judicial process, particularly in light of the court decisions overturning the overcrowding ordinance and giving minimal interest on code enforcement cases. Brooks will speak on Wed., July 15 at 7 pm at the YWCA, 1411 N. Sycamore. The public is invited.

The Homeless were the topic of discussion at June's meeting with representatives from Operation Fresh Start speaking to neighborhood leaders about their plans to help move the homeless who live in the Civic Center area into shelters and attempt to get their lives back on track.

The next meeting in July will deal with charter and procedural issues.

Meetings are the fourth Thursday of each month.

Bristol/Warner

June 2nd was a "win" for resident James (Jim) Tucker. Jim was a candidate for the 69th Assembly Republican Committee. Of the eleven candidates, Jim was the 3rd top vote getter, earning him one of the spots.

Jim is the chairman of the City of Santa Ana's Human Relations Commission, a member of the Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors (SAMSON), and a member of the local Keep America Beautiful committee.

Thanks to all who supported and voted for Jim.

Shadow Run

The City Council approved a resolution for permit parking to help residents get a handle on the parking problem in their neighborhood caused by nearby apartments.

Permits were scheduled to be distributed at a recent neighborhood meeting.

Frontier Valley

Residents recently held their first annual neighborhood clean-up in conjunction with the City Spring Clean-up. The event was very successful with neighbors cleaning up trash, sweeping alleys, painting over graffiti, and even taking care of a few areas outside the neighborhood. Two residents loaned their trucks to help haul trash to the dumpsters.

Residents not only accomplished a lot. They had fun too. Because of the community clean-up, people were asking questions about the neighborhood organization and when the next meeting was. Organizers want to thank Mary Castillo and Patricia Johnson for their help.

Upcoming events include a neighborhood garage sale. General meetings are usually every other month on the third Wednesday at 7 pm at the Mitchell School (corner of Fairview and Harvard). All are invited.

Bristol Manor

Traffic problems relating to the Mater Dei High School have been a topic of concern lately. Numerous meetings have been held with the neighborhood, City staff, and school officials resulting in some new ideas and compromise plans.

Neighborhood leaders are starting to organize the "Great Debate II."

Similar to the first one, two years ago, mayor and council candidates will be invited to answer similar questions before a live audience.

Organizers hope to have the event televised this year on Comcast Cable channel 3. The event is planned for October. More information will be published in the *Eye* and the local press as the details are finalized.

Sandpointe

The Taft/Sandpointe Community Fair held recently was a rousing success. Hundreds of neighbors, parents, and children enjoyed the games, food, entertainment, and displays.

The police and fire departments were out with their equipment and featured demonstrations.

The Orange County Mobile Health Clinic provided free vaccinations (reportedly more than any other event they've attended previously).

The Marine Corps Color Guard were there and presented the flag with the Star Spangled Banner playing in the background.

Plaques were presented to City Manager Dave Ream and school district board President Rob Balen for their efforts at building community in Sandpointe and Santa Ana.

State Assemblyman Tom Umberg is expected to speak at a future general neighborhood meeting. He had to cancel at the last minute at a previous meeting due to the budget problems in Sacramento.

The next general meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 7 pm, at the MacArthur Fundamental School.

If you'd like more information about the neighborhood you live in or if you'd like to help form one in your area, contact Neighborhood Improvement at 667-2260.

Deadline for neighborhood news for the next issue is September 12.

Neighborhood Photo Album



Cleaning Up the City One Bit at a Time -- Residents of two neighborhoods were among those who came out in force recently to clean up their little piece of the world. In the left two photos, big and little neighbors in the

Cedar/Evergreen area are seen picking up trash and sweeping their sidewalks clean. In the photo at right, residents of Frontier Valley are targeting an alley for clean-up and graffiti paint-out.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

After hosting fifteen events in the past year, the S.A.H.P.S. is using the summer hiatus to plan for the coming fall and winter seasons. Being discussed is a "haunted house" tour for Halloween, another Christmas Progressive Dinner, and additional home restoration seminars for older home owners.

If you'd like to help us keep the historic heritage of Santa Ana alive (and receive advance information on our events), we'd love to welcome you as a member. Dues for the year are just \$10 for individuals and \$15 for families. Send a check with your name, address, and phone number to Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society; 120 Civic Center Dr., West; Santa Ana, 92701.

Our first annual Victorian Tea, Garden Tour, and Spring Boutique, was held on May 2nd and was very successful. The Dr. Howe-Waffle House was the site of the tea and the craft boutique. Six of our members opened their beautiful gardens up to our guests completing the event.

The Dr. Howe-Waffle House (our headquarters) is sporting a new coat of pale yellow paint, trimmed in medium blue-green and accented with dark red and dark green. Funds for the overdue paint job were from the Community Block Grant program provided through the City of Santa Ana. The painters did an excellent job and we've received many nice comments about the color scheme.

To celebrate the 125th anniversary of Santa Ana, the Society is working with Heritage Books to publish *Santa Ana: An Illustrated History*. Board members Diann Marsh and Todd Walsh are providing the research and text for the book. The publication will be a richly illustrated coffee table style book and will also include the histories of local organizations, businesses, and families. While originally planned for publication late this year, the book is expected to be off the press next year.

Historic Resources Review Committee (Heritage Committee)

Committee members have been reviewing the history and architectural features of each building in the North Broadway/North Main District as well as in the Museum District. A slide of each building and a paragraph about its history have been

College For Kids Provides Learning Environment With Emphasis on Fun

During the summer months, when school children pack their books away and wish not to see them again until September, Rancho Santiago College's popular College for Kids program is in the middle of its busiest time of the year.

Sponsored by the Community Services Office, College for Kids hardly resembles any typical classroom setting. The idea is to have

prepared. The buildings are being rated according to their eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places and the Santa Ana Historic Register.

The Committee's entire project will entail reviewing the architecture of most of the city. The northwest section of the city is the first to be looked at.

Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month, but sometimes are rescheduled. Interested residents are welcome to attend. Please call Diann Marsh at 541-2441 if you'd like additional information.

Keep Santa Ana/America Beautiful

The committee has been keeping busy. They were involved in the Arbor Day celebration when members planted a tree in Thorton Park; they judged schoolchildren's essays for a contest; and they judged yards for the Most Beautiful Yard Contest in Santa Ana's neighborhoods.

Keep America Beautiful meetings are the second Wednesday of the month and they welcome anyone who would like to get involved in making Santa Ana a more beautiful place to live. Contact Teresa Morgan at 571-4200 for more information.

We want your news!

Would you like to have news about your organization printed in the next issue of *Eye on Santa Ana*?

Simply send us a press release by September 12th. (It doesn't have to be fancy.) Include information on your group, any awards, projects, or upcoming events.

Include a contact phone number in case we have questions.

fun while learning new skills for school, meeting other kids and developing self-esteem.

"If we were offering classes that are similar to some regular classroom settings, parents would not enroll their children in our program," said Leslie James, Community Services Supervisor. "Our classes have proven popular because they're different and the instructors we have are committed to the development of kids.

"Most of our classes are held on (the Santa Ana) campus, so it also gives children the opportunity to say they've been to a college campus and in the future they may even return to enroll as students looking to earn a degree."

Two of the in-demand classes promote the magic of memory power for the improvement of study skills and grades in the classroom, while the other teaches the art of magic and comedy to fool friends at recess.

Dan Mikels, along with his sister Chris, has been helping children and adults for many years latch onto the secrets of better memory and note-taking techniques that lead to success when the next school year arrives. Some of Mikel's associates have a background in theatre arts, which comes in handy with an audience of enthusiastic kids.

"Our goal is to reinforce the thrill of learning and do whatever it takes not to bore the kids," said Mikels. "We present the material framed in such a way that keeps the kids continuously guessing what will happen next."

Though teachers want children to learn all they can and get good grades, schools have not always been able to help with the basics of how to learn. Mikels knows through his experiences that one way of learning is not the only way.

"Everybody has different learning styles. What I want to do is find the strongest style and the weakest style in a particular person and then encourage that person to use the strongest style," he noted.

"Teachers do not always have the luxury of spending time with individual students finding out what that proper learning style is."

While Mikels finds the medium between having fun and learning skills that will last a lifetime, Steve Klasky's business revolves around having a good time. He is the

founder and dean of the Academy of Comedy, Orange County's leading school for comedy and magic located at the Waterfront Hilton Hotel in Huntington Beach.

This summer marks the first time Klasky has brought his classes in performing stand-up comedy and magic to the College for Kids after presenting them to adults for several years at RSC and community colleges throughout the county. Klasky and his classes have been featured in various newspaper articles and television reports.

"The presentation of teaching the basic tricks in magic is really the same for children and adults, but the audience is very different," said Klasky. "With the kids, the idea is to keep it entertaining and involve everyone in the class."

"I always start by asking if anyone doesn't believe in magic. There's always a few and I usually go with the ones who are the class clowns, because they're used to getting attention and think they're funny, by using them as my helpers."

Klasky sees this as a way for kids who are shy and have a hard time making friends to develop self-esteem.

"It's a new experience for most kids. Parents enroll their children in a class like this because they see it as fun and as a way to develop a new skill or hobby. Kids can go back to their friends or schoolmates and be able to do something that they can't do."

This summer's College for Kids schedule also offers a Young Artists Club, an Aikido camp and week-long zoo camps for all ages. Adults won't be left out either, as classes for stand-up comedy and memory power are part of the summer schedule as well.

The RSC Community Services Office regularly schedules cultural events, community programs, theatre productions, seminars and travel programs to provide educational opportunities beyond regularly scheduled credit classes. All activities are self-supporting and therefore user fees must be charged.

Brochures, registration and information on the College for Kids and the 1992 Summer Community Services schedule is available by visiting the office located on the 1st floor of the Johnson Student Center on the Santa Ana campus or by calling 564-6220.

Career Beginnings a unique partnership

It might have seemed like any other day to some, but for the Career Beginnings graduates who received their certificates at the recent 'Breakfast of Champions,' that day stands as a testament to the courage, hard work, and caring of everyone involved.

Sponsored by Rancho Santiago College, Career Beginnings is a unique business/education partnership program that teams local business professionals with mostly minority and disadvantaged students who work together to assist the students in making education and career-oriented decisions. In addition to offering mentoring services, Career Beginnings also provides monthly educational meetings and social events to motivate its students to take important initial steps toward career and educational planning. Other services provided by Career Beginnings include career planning workshops, summer jobs, counseling, and year-round educational activities.

"Helping young people gain the resources to succeed is the key goal of our program. This individual attention is crucial for junior and senior level high school students who are preparing for graduation and college enrollment," said Cindy Sorensen, Career Beginnings Coordinator at RSC.

Khevakhm Mannavong of Valley High School wrote, "When my family came to the USA, we came for freedom and a better future, ... there is nothing that will keep me from getting my education. Also, education is telling me to stay off bad things such as drugs and gangs. I take my schooling very seriously."

Another accurate observation was written by Pedro Ontivero of Saddleback High School, "As a first generation Mexican-American, I consider it my duty to set a positive ex-

ample for my people, my family, and most importantly my self. You have a much better chance at a higher-paying job with a college degree in your hands. The discipline and work habits you develop will also prove invaluable in everything else you do."

Through Rancho Santiago College, nearly 100 Orange County businesses volunteer mentors and provide financial support to Career Beginnings. Some major contributors include PacifiCare, the Santa Ana

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education."**

**Khevakhm Mannavong
- Career Beginnings graduate**

North Rotary Club, the Lions Club, the Santiago Club, and the Allstate Foundation.

Best Telecom Systems recently became the first participant in the "Adopt-A-Student" program. Through the program, Best will have an opportunity to provide financial support to a student/mentor "team" with a \$500 donation and will provide volunteer mentoring assistance as well as allowing students to serve as interns at their place of business during the summer months.

Businesses or individuals who are interested in learning how to become involved with the Career Beginnings program as a volunteer or a contributor, or both, should contact Cindy Sorensen at 564-5413.

Public Works Update

As the City embarks on a new fiscal year, design plans are in progress for neighborhood improvements that include major sidewalk, curb and gutter improvements, and reforestation of various parkway trees. The capital improvement program is part of the City's commitment to improve the condition of the condition of the infrastructure within neighborhoods throughout the community.

Each year various neighborhoods are focused on with concern for the areas needing the most repair. Considered are factors such as damage caused by tree roots, drainage flow problems, available handicapped access ramps, and the overall aesthetics of the neighborhood.

The Public Works Agency is committed to working with the City's neighborhood associations. As projects are proposed, letters will be sent notifying the residents of the project. Presentations are then scheduled via the Neighborhood Improvement Specialist assigned to the association to discuss the plans for the area with the residents who live there.

Thus far, presentations have been made to the Riverview West, Mid City, and Sunwood Central neighborhood associations.

Generally, the phases of the capital improvement program include selective tree removal or root shaving depending on the age and species of the trees; followed by concrete work

that includes replacement of existing sidewalk, curbs, and gutters. The project is then completed with reforestation of the area.

The reforestation involves planting trees that are from a City designated list of species, that has been approved by the Environmental and Transportation Advisory Committee. species are selected that will grow to shade and compliment the neighborhood and will not cause future damage or maintenance problems. These trees are also conducive to a city environment such as smog, traffic, people damage, and drought.

Areas that have been selected for the fiscal year 1992-93 Neighborhood Improvement Program include the areas whose street boundaries are:

- 1) Washington St., 17th St., Main St., and the Railroad tracks.
- 2) 17th St., Main St., and the 5 Fwy.
- 3) Santiago Creek, Flower, and the 5 Fwy.
- 4) Warner, St. Andrew, Raitt, and S. Forest.
- 5) 1st St., Civic Center, Bristol, and Flower.
- 6) Edinger, McFadden, Santa Ana River, Fairview.
- 7) Bristol, Santa Ana River, 17th St., and the north city limits.

Should you have any questions regarding these projects or on the overall program, feel free to contact Mary Castillo-Gonzales, Neighborhood Improvement Specialist for the Public Works Agency at 565-4008.

Prime Time for Reading



"Prime Time" doesn't mean turning on the TV for some Santa Ana kids. Instead, it means turning it off for at least an hour a night and picking up a book to read.

"Prime Time" is an award winning literacy program for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade children developed by in 1990 by Carol Geisbauer, executive director of Camp Fire Boys and Girls, with funding from United Way.

The program's purpose is to promote spending more leisure time reading than watching TV. Children are encouraged to give up one hour of television every night, not their favorite show but others, and spend more time reading.

Prime Time raises the children's understanding of literacy and illiteracy. During the program John Ackerman, literacy coordinator, asks, "What does literacy mean?" Most children mix the word up with littering.

The program makes it safe for children to open up when they have difficulties with reading. Ackerman stresses to the students that they shouldn't tease each other if there's a problem.

The program includes reading games and a quiet reading time when every child receives a free book. John stresses the benefits of having a library card. He's also quick to show the posters he has of well known stars like Bo Jackson who love to read.

"Prime Time" has served over 5,000 children in Orange County. Locally the program is affiliated with the Figueroa Child Care Development Center, the Cambodian Family Center, and the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Camp Fire Boys and Girls is a committed organization to the development of youth through a variety of programs that are both fun and purposeful. The Orange County Council works hard to make local children productive members of our urban society.

In addition to the Prime Time program, Camp Fire also sponsors "I Can Do It," an eight week course designed to promote self-reliance among third grade children. The program teaches self help skills including home safety, personal safety, and family responsibility. Topics in the program include I Smell Smoke!, Dealing with Strangers, Earthquake, Answering the Phone, Good Health Habits, and Using the Stove to Make a Nutritious Snack.

For more information on "Prime Time" or on any of their programs, call Camp Fire Boys and Girls at 838-9991.

Group Helps Homeless

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were ready to be placed in shelters as soon as space became available.

The census program to identify the homeless takes place on Saturdays between 3 and 6 pm near Ross and Santa Ana Blvd. It will continue until all the people are accounted for. Organizers hope the results will provide an accurate assessment of what percentage of the homeless wants to change their living situation and what kinds of skills they have to put to work.

Aware of the many groups already in existence that work with the homeless, Operation Fresh Start hopes these forces can be joined in order to provide all of the elements to bring about an eventual solution to the homeless problem countywide. OFS needs financial and moral support to administer both the ninety day immediate program and the long-term solutions for our community.

Fund raisers currently being planned include car washes, bowlathon, donation cans set up in businesses. This is in addition to working with local individuals and businesses for larger donations.

If you, your business, church, or organization can assist with financial contributions; supplies for the shelters such as bed linens, towels, blankets, pillows, and personal hygiene items; jobs or job counseling; low cost or free housing (temporary or long-term); hospitalization or medical referrals; please contact Jim Miller, Executive Director, Shelter for the Homeless at 897-3221.

Donations of money (tax deductible) can be sent to the Shelter for the Homeless, 8291 Westminster Blvd., Ste. 170, Westminster 92683.

Local Students Succeed

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Another Valley student exemplifies the determination and personal courage exhibited by many of this year's graduates. Jose Sanchez is one of 13 children who must all pitch in financially due to their mother's poor health and his father's absence from the home. Jose has worked since he was 13 years old. But he is a member of Valley's track team, was enrolled in advanced placement English, and will graduate this spring with a 3.2 GPA. This fall he will attend California State University at Fullerton.

"Jose and many of our students are absolute winners," said SAUSD Superintendent Rudy Castruita. "Our graduates are such an inspiration. For a variety of reasons, they may have had to work harder than some others, but I would match them with any graduates in the county. They're going to some of the best universities there are."

"I also believe very strongly," Castruita continued, "that these students have learned lessons in perseverance, tenacity, and optimism that will stand them in good stead for years to come. I'm going to be proud to live in a world that in a few years these young people will be running."

Top Honor Students Receive Recognition

by Erica Aguilar, Melissa Eichenberger, Karen Frain

The following is a special article for Eye on Santa Ana from reporters from Willard Intermediate School's student newspaper, the Willard Echo

Two of Willard Intermediate School's top honor students were chosen as female and male valedictorians for the graduating class of 1992. These students are fine examples of today's youth. They presented their speeches at the graduation ceremony in June in front of family, friends, and teachers.

Stephanie Meyers is "one of the finest students at Willard. She's conscientious and meticulous about her work; she shows enthusiasm and creativity," according to Science teacher, Jerry Goyette. Stephanie performs as a Varsity cheerleader and is a GATE student. She recently won first place at a speech meet with her speech on the topics of Women's Rights and Abortion. For three years she has earned straight A's, has achieved "Outstanding Citizenship," and has been a member of the Honor Society. Not too many students can match Stephanie's scholastic achievements.

Stephanie felt extremely proud about being chosen valedictorian. She was asked why she thought she deserved this award and said, "I feel that I greatly deserve this award because of all the long, hard hours of work that I devote to my education." Stephanie's last words of advice to other students were, "Keep up the good work and always try your best and be your best."

Stephanie will be attending Esperanza High School in Yorba

Linda in the Fall.

The other valedictorian from the 1992 graduating class of Willard is a young man named Cory Martino. During eighth grade Cory has been involved in a large variety of activities and has received many top honors. He was a member of the Pentathlon team, played soccer and baseball and worked hard in his classes. Cory is a member of the Honor Society and is an "O" Club student meaning he received all outstanding citizenship grades on his report card. In June on Willard Academics Award Night, Cory earned Student of the Year awards in three departments - Math, History, and English. On June 10 Cory received the Coaches Award in baseball for his outstanding efforts and citizenship.

"I think I was chosen valedictorian because I try my hardest and did my best to get good grades and stayed out of trouble," says Martino. "At the graduation ceremony I won't be nervous. I will be excited and honored to get to say such an honorable speech.

Cory will attend Century High School in the fall.

Santa Ana should be proud of these two valedictorians. They have done their best and proved that they could make it to the top.

Congratulations Stephanie Meyers and Cory Martino! You have done a wonderful job.



Santa Ana Chronicles



The John Maag House

by Diann Marsh

John and Katherine Maag needed a large house for their lively family of ten children. After moving from Columbus, Nebraska in 1891, the Maags purchased a 31 acre ranch near Fairhaven Cemetery and moved the family into a small bungalow and batten house already existing on the property. They lived there until the larger house was completed.

The "new" house reflected Mr. Maag's success as a rancher. It had six bedrooms, a grand paneled entry hall, large parlour, music room, a dining room, spacious kitchen, butler's pantry, and one and a half bathrooms. Neo-classical swag trim embellished the frieze below the gables and the pedimented gables above the front and two side entries. A wrap-around porch on one side and a rectangular porch on the other encouraged the family to sit outside on balmy summer evenings. As with many ranch houses, the family members almost always used the back door to avoid getting the formal portions of the house dirty. As with many large Victorian houses, this one had both a front and a back stairway.

The curving front stairway was part of the wide entry hall and was bordered with slender turned balusters. A wooden window seat was tucked in besides the delicate stairway and stained glass windows let colored light into the room. The back stairway, which was for the help and the children, was steep, narrow, and unadorned. The parlor and music room were separated by pairs of pocket doors. The parlor room contained a very decorative, carved wood fireplace.

The dining room was the center for Sunday dinners and special parties, containing a huge table seating 20 - 24 people. A large chandelier of green marbled glass hung above the table. In the built-in china closet were the gold trimmed dishes used only when special guests were being entertained.

The music room held a piano and Victorian settees. Its walls were covered with pictures and bookcases.

Mrs. Maag worked very hard and each of the children had a regular daily routine of chores. Generally, if they were not in school they were working. Except on Sundays, of course, when they all dressed up in suits and ties or their best dresses, presenting an immaculate parade as they entered St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Each of the daughters was given a piano on her eighteenth birthday. The boys received teams of horses when they reached the same age. As a wedding gift, John Maag gave each of his sons ranch land which they were expected to plant in oranges.

John Maag was an active rancher in early Orange County. He was a founding member and organizer of several citrus growers' associations. Among these were the Santiago Orange Growers, the Central Lemon Growers, the Olive Height Orange Growers, and the Richland Walnut Growers associations. Membership in such organizations led to Mr. Maag's involvement in the development of Sunkist Oranges. Prominent in civic affairs, he helped organize the Citizen's Commercial and Savings Bank. He died on the ranch in 1931.

Katherine lived in the house until her death in 1955. The ranch was then purchased by the adjacent Fairhaven Cemetery. Their caretakers lived in the home until the property was sold for a mobile home park in the 1970's. In 1982 it was moved to the Discovery Museum on West Harvard Street in order to save it from demolition.

The Museum has plans to restore the Maag House to its former beauty when it will once again serve as a gracious place to entertain, true to the Victorian tradition.

Soccer Sign-ups

Any girl or boy 5 to 18 years old that wants to play soccer can sign up for the fall American Youth Soccer (AYSO) League. The Santa Ana players will start team practices in mid-August. Boys and girls can still get on a team in their division and receive a full uniform, photo packet, yearbook, and trophy. Come with medical information and running shoes to McFadden Intermediate, 2701 S. Raitt St. between 10 am and 2 pm on July 11.

The registration fee of \$45 still doesn't cover all the costs of the league so sponsors at \$150 for each team are needed. The money is used so each player receives a trophy regardless of the team standing. For some children, this is their only trophy. If you are interested in becoming a tax deductible sponsor, call 556-AYSO (2976).

Their eleven week season starts September 12th with opening ceremonies in the Santa Ana Stadium on September 8 at 7 pm.

Washington Square Home and Garden Tour October 10 & 11, 1992

Washington Square is proud to announce its second neighborhood Home and Garden Tour. This exciting event will take place on October 10 & 11, 1992 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Tickets for the Washington Square Home and Garden Tour are available now for the special price of just \$6.00 for presale tickets and \$8.00 on the day of tour (Senior Citizen discount tickets are \$6.00). For more information please call (714) 262-7907 or (714) 550-7058.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ Zip Code: _____

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

Pre-Sale orders must be received by September 15.



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Gallery Offers an Alternative Space to Experience Art

In 1989, Eric Smissen and Richard Espinachio decided to give those who create and those who view art a different type of gallery.

They opened the Caged Chameleon Art Shop and Gallery to provide both artists and the community with an alternative space in which to exhibit and look at art. They wanted to create a friendly, informal atmosphere to instill in their guests a sense of comfort and belonging to the gallery all the while discovering some of Orange County's best and most exciting artists.

The Caged Chameleon offers the opportunity to see diverse works by a variety of new and established artists. At the opening reception at the beginning of the exhibit's run, they provide guests with the opportunity to meet and speak with the artists, increasing the communications between the viewers and the creators, as well as giving the artist a chance to increase their interaction with the community at large. In addition, the gallery has created the space for experienced and novice arts enthusiasts to meet and interact with one another.

The basic philosophy behind the Caged Chameleon is the belief that all forms of artistic expression are valid. They are dedicated to presenting artists whose work is not only visually appealing, but also challenging and thought provoking. The gallery offer artists the opportunity of free exhibition space allowing them to present artists who many not otherwise have had an outlet for

their work. To date, they've held over 25 shows with exhibiting art by Ken Ruzic, Emigdio Vasquez, Jeffrey Rodriguez, Rosa Williamson, Belinda Tanno, and Ross Amador.

Smissen and Espinachio also involve their gallery in supporting the community-in-need around them. A group show in progress (closing on July 19), "Awareness," is composed of original artwork by a number of area artists. Fifty percent of the purchase price of the art will be donated to the charitable organization of the buyer's choice - groups including the Blind Children's Learning Center, AIDS Response Program, and the Mariposa Center for battered and chemically dependent women.

In the coming year, the Caged Chameleon plans to expand the uses of the gallery. They'll be providing space in the gallery for artists to present film and video works, musical performances, reader's theatre, performance art, and small theatre productions.

(They're encouraging artists interested in presenting these types of works to contact the gallery.)

The Caged Chameleon Art Shop and Gallery is located at 2103 N. Main St., north of 20th St. and across the street from Bowers Museum. Their hours are Thursday through Sunday, from 12 - 4 pm. The phone number is 836-5137.

For upcoming shows, see the Cultural Calendar section of the Eye on Santa Ana.

If you would like to have your arts or cultural group highlighted in one of the next issues of the Eye on Santa Ana, send us a letter or press release telling us about your group. Be sure to include a contact phone number.



Uncle Guy's



Easy Way to Save Our Planet

Well Uncle Guy is back with a few words to the wise. This time let's talk about toxic waste. We don't usually think of some extra insecticide or some old paint in our garage as toxic waste, but it fits the category of stuff that will damage our environment and our water system if we're not careful.

You probably heard the story about the lady in Huntington Beach who was cleaning water-based latex paint off some brushes in her street gutter. She ended up paying several thousand dollars in fines to pay for a hazardous material problem that she could have *correctly* poured down her sink.

What's happened?

The street gutter goes to the storm drain. Liquids that go into that drain travel without any processing into the sea. So any liquid other than water can be a pollution problem. The "safe" liquids you pour down the sink drain in your home eventually get processed and treated. With a water-based paint, the smart move was for her to use her household drains to clean the brushes.

What about oil-based paints, household cleaners, insecticides, used oil and other chemicals? The safe route here is if you can't give or sell them to someone who can use them (like a neighbor or at a garage sale), you can bring them to the Orange County's Hazardous Material Centers and get rid of them free. Those wonderful people will take care of the chemicals properly and at no risk to the environment.

County residents can dispose of household waste (paints, poisons, insecticides, aerosols, oil, etc.) by dropping off a maximum of 5 gallons at any of the following local locations: 1131 Blue Gum St. (near the 57 and 91 Fwys), Anaheim, or 17121 Nichols St. (near Beach and Warner), Huntington Beach. Call 665-6970 for recorded information on hours open and other details.

Caution: Don't mix your chemicals. And try to keep everything in their original containers (except for motor oil and antifreeze).

Also, an easy way to get rid of your motor oil (if you change it at home), is to bring it to your local Kragen Chief, or Pep Boys auto parts stores. They're nice enough to take your oil for recycling at no charge. Call first for full details.

Well, thanks again for inviting me into your homes. Just by working a little smarter, we really can save our planet for our children and their children. By the way, let me know if there's anything you'd like me to write about.

See ya' next time!

Cultural Calendar

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART)

1636 S. Grand -- 836-7929

ART's new season starts on September 25th with "Antigone," a contemporary adaptation of an ancient classic -- the story of a sister's sacrifices to honor her brother. ART previews the play with special performances September 18-24. "Antigone" will run until November 14.

Way Off Broadway

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

"Eastern Standard" by Richard Greenberg runs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm through August 15. The play charts the lives of five young, upwardly mobile professionals who encounter a schizophrenic bag woman who takes them through some devastating truths about themselves.

"Tales of the Lost Formicans," a script deflecting the story of a man with Alzheimer's Disease into a travel guide to middle America conducted by aliens, opens on September 18.

Orange County Craziest

115 E. Santa Ana Blvd. (Pacific Symphony Building) -- 840-1406

"Orangelahoma!," a satirical revue of life in Orange County, features skits and improvisational pieces by Orange County's premiere improvisational comedy troupe. Performances begin July 18 and run through August 29.

Orange County Black Actors Theatre

For information on their schedule, call 667-7090.

Orange County Center For Contemporary Art

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

Twelve annual Juried Art Show featuring the best of western U.S. artists opens runs from July 8 through August 7 with a reception on July 11.

Caged Chameleon Gallery

2103 N. Main St. -- 836-5137

New work by R. H. Phister and Lynn Kubasek is shown from July 25 through August 23 with the opening reception on the 25th at 8 pm.

Artwork by Gomez and Dan Kaufman opens on August 29 and runs until September 27. Reception is on the 29th at 8 pm.

The Illustrious Theatre Orchestra is featured beginning October 3rd.

NESE Gallery

4131 S. Main St. -- 979-2787

Call the gallery for information on their upcoming shows.

Murder Mystery Dinner

South Coast Plaza Village -- 675-9726

"Murder in the Mummy's Tomb" -- as you travel from restaurant to restaurant (and there are five in all), participate in an interactive mystery thriller featuring Sherlock Holmes, a mummy's tomb, and you.

Crazy Horse Steakhouse and Saloon

1580 Brookhollow -- 549-1512

Offering the finest in country entertainment including upcoming shows by Lacy Dalton (July 6), Paulette Carlson (July 13), Kris Kristofferson (July 20 & 21), Michael Martin Murphy (July 27), Joe Cannon (July 28), Helen Reddy (Aug. 3), and Roger Miller.

The Crazy Horse also features complimentary country dance lessons on Wednesday and Thursday nights in their saloon.

New Orleans Jazz Club of Southern California

Holds monthly jazz sessions on the first Sunday of every month at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane (off 1st St.). The public is invited. Call 664-1408 for further information.

Fiesta Folklorico

Offers children and adult, beginning and advanced dance classes. Call 836-7748 for more information.

Orange County Performing Arts Center

600 Town Center Dr., Costa Mesa -- 556-ARTS

"Les Miserables," termed the "world's most popular musical," is performed from September 29 to October 4. Call early for the best seats.

Opera Pacific

Events held at the Orange County Performing Arts Center - 979-7000

"La Boheme," one of the most romantic of operas, is performed from September 12 to 20. Enjoy a superbly conducted orchestra, convincing acting, and lavish sets and costumes. An English translation of the Italian lyrics is projected above the stage to help you enjoy the opera even more.

South Coast Repertory

655 Town Center Drive -- 751-7827

"The Man Who Came To Dinner," a hilarious production of a disabled raconteur who meddles devilishly in the family affairs of an unsuspecting household, plays from September 11 through October 11 on the Main Stage.

The world premiere of "Let's Play Two" begins on September 25 on SCR's Second Stage. This screwball look at the singles scene combines two of America's favorite pastimes -- baseball and sex.

Orange County Philharmonic Society

Events held at the Orange County Performing Arts Center -- 553-2422

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra plays works by Forsyth, Beethoven, and Mussorgsky/Ravel on September 26 at 8 pm.

Rancho Santiago College

17th at Bristol -- Fine Arts Office - 564-6515 The RSC Art Gallery is showing "Spectrum," works by contemporary Southern California women artists, through July 16. The 14 women in the show belong to WAM, a West Coast based group of artists representing diverse philosophies and work in a variety of methods and media.

Send your upcoming cultural events to eye on Santa Ana by September 12 to be included in our Fall issue.

Community Calendar

July

July 2 (Thurs) -- An old fashion Ice Cream Social will cool you off at the Santa Ana Senior Center, 424 W. 3rd St., courtesy of Secure Horizons. Come join the 50+ crowd with music, fun, and celebration at 11:30 am. Call 647-6540.

July 3-5 (Fri-Sun) -- The City of Santa Ana presents the 11th Annual July 4th Spectacular including a carnival, food booths, children activities, musical entertainment, and a Saturday evening finale of fireworks. The event will be held at Centennial Park (Edinger and Fairview). Fireworks are Friday at 9 pm. Admission is free.

July 4 (Sat) -- You're invited to a "Get to Know Your Neighbor Party" at Alona Park on the wooded banks of the cascading waters of the winding Santa Ana River from noon to past dusk. Hosted by the Northwest Neighborhood, everyone is welcome regardless of what neighborhood you live in. Bring your lawn chairs and expect to meet a whole bunch of new friends.

July 9 (Thurs) -- Town Hall 92 focuses on Neighborhood Improvement as a panel of civic and community leaders discuss the issues confronting the City and answer questions from the audience. Join them at the council chambers at City Hall in the Civic Center Plaza from 7 to 8 pm. The event is sponsored by the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. For info, call 541-5353.

July 10-26 (Fri-Sun) -- It's been 100 years in

the making as the Orange County Fair celebrates their centennial celebration with the biggest, best, and brightest Orange County Fair ever. Extended to 17 days and nights of excitement with more venues, events, and entertainers, the event offers something for everyone with exhibits, carnival rides, craft demonstrations, petting zoo, musical concerts, rodeo, and even ostrich races.

The Fair is held at the Orange County Fairgrounds, corner of Fair and Newport Frwy in Costa Mesa with hours from noon to midnight on Mon. through Wed.; 10 am to midnight on Thurs. through Sun. On Mon., July 13 Santa Ana residents receive 2 for 1 adult admission (with proof of residence) courtesy of the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. Call 751-FAIR.

July 11 (Sat) -- Dealing with the anger within is the topic of a free workshop given by Judith Westerfield, MA, MFCC, and sponsored by the Wellness Community of Orange County as part of their series to help those fighting cancer. Held from 1 to 3 pm at their offices at 1924 E. Glenwood Pl. Call 258-1210 for more details.

July 15 (Wed) -- An informative discussion of the role of the community in water issues for our city and region will be held by the Southern California Water Committee and the City of Santa Ana at the Southwest Senior Center, 2201 W. McFadden Ave., from 9 to 11 am. RSVP to the SCWC at 261-7466.

July 15 (Wed) -- Orange County Municipal Court Judge James Brooks will speak on the sub-

ject of "Matching Judicial and Neighborhood Priorities," to help clarify the role of the court system, the laws our community enacts, and their enforcement (or not). Sponsored by the Neighborhood Communications Linkage Committee, the event will be held at the YWCA, 1411 N. Sycamore from 7 to 9 pm. All are invited.

July 18 (Sat) -- Wacky Olympic Games include crazy games and wild relays for youths 7 to 14. If you're interested in Olympic-type events like hopping hurdles, hula hoop relays, and balloon heave, come on down to the El Salvador Center, 1825 Civic Center, from 3 to 5 pm. 647-6558.

July 26 (Sun) -- It's ACP Computer Swap Meet time again with hundreds of vendors offering some great deals on computer stuff. Wander on over to the parking lot of Advanced Computer Products at 1310 E. Edinger from 8 am to 2 pm.

July 28 (Tues) -- Community meeting to discuss long term educational policy issues relating to the City's General Plan. Sponsored by the City's Planning Division, the meeting is scheduled to be held at 7 pm in the City Council Chambers (22 Civic Center Plaza). Call Lynnette Perry at 667-2700 for confirmation or more information.

July 29, 31 (Wed, Fri) -- Mature Driving Class for seniors 55 and older will be held at the Western Medical Center, 1001 N. Tustin Ave. from 9 am to 1 pm. Completion of this low-cost class may mean a discount with your auto insurer. Call 953-3450 for further details and fees.

August

Aug 1 (Sat) -- Western Medical Center is sponsoring a Children's Health Fair from 10 am to 2 pm at 999 N. Tustin (next to the hospital). Events will include free immunizations, health screenings, children's product booths, and maternity and newborn FYI booths. Children can enjoy clowns, magicians, games, and more. For more information, call 953-KIDS.

Aug 3-8 (Mon-Sat) -- KLOS-FM and the American Red Cross once again co-sponsor the eleventh annual KLOS Blood Drive for Southern California. The Red Cross facility at 601 N. Golden Circle Drive (off 4th St.) will be the local donation point for your lifesaving blood. Call 1-800-491-2113 to make an appointment.

Aug 5 (Wed) -- A free seminar "How to Protect your Million Dollar Idea," is being presented by John Connors, a patent attorney, at 6:30 pm at the Orange County Bar Association, 601 Civic Center Dr., West. Call 542-6833.

Aug 6, 13, 20, 27 (Thurs) -- South Coast Plaza Village's Take Five Concert Series continues this summer with free outdoor concerts "on the green" from 5:30 to 7 pm each Thursday night in August. Each evening will offer a different type of music - blues, jazz, big band, and Motown. For more information, call 435-2050.

Aug 6 (Thurs) -- Town Hall 92 focuses on the

Future of Business in Santa Ana as a panel of civic and community leaders discuss the issues confronting the City and answer questions from the audience. Join them at the council chambers at City Hall in the Civic Center Plaza from 7 to 8 pm. The forum will be telecast live on Comcast Cable channel 3 (KCTY). Viewers will be able to call and ask questions via a special phone number shown during the program. The event is sponsored by the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce. For info, call 541-5353.

Aug 8 (Sat) -- The City of Santa Ana proudly presents their 17th Annual Antique Car Show and Parade. Beginning at 12 noon, over 100 cars will parade from Centennial Park to Bristol Market Place (17th at Bristol). The vintage cars will on display until 3:30 pm. Free admission.

Aug 8 (Sat) -- The third annual Kids Care Fair will be held at the Corbin Center, 2215 W. McFadden from 9 am - 1 pm. The event provides free health screenings, immunizations, and education for young people ages 2-18. The fair is coordinated by the City's Corbin Community Center with sponsorship by the American Red Cross, KABC-TV, Children Now, and FHP health care services. Call Carolyn Jackson at 647-6557.

Aug 8 (Sat) -- Join the Southwest Senior Center for an evening of fun on the Islands. A Hawaiian Luau will feature an authentic Hawaiian-style dinner complete with a roast pig, entertainment, and raffle. Starts at 6 pm. Call

647-5306 for more information and reservations.

Aug 14 (Fri) -- Summer is a great time to have a Hawaiian Luau and the Santa Ana Senior Center is aiming to please. They'll even have their very own Hawaiian dancers gliding on the floor to demonstrate Polynesian dancing techniques. Call 647-6540 for information and reservations.

Aug 15 (Sat) -- Everyone's invited to this "end of summer event." Come and enjoy the annual Orange Box Derby, talent show, and midway carnival at Memorial Park, 2102 S. Flower, from 3 to 5 pm. Call 549-6887.

Aug 26 (Wed) -- A "Starting Your Own Small Business" seminar will be held from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at the County Services Center, 1300 S. Grand St., Bldg. C, Room 208. Conducted by the Orange County Chapter of the Service Corps of Retired Executives Association (SCORE), this program is designed to provide information to people who plan to start a business or recently established a business. The \$20 fee includes coffee and materials. To pre-register call 836-2709.

Aug 29 (Sat) -- There's something for everyone at the Santa Ana Police and Fire Vehicle Display Show. Come see police cars, fire trucks, Barney the Talking Police Car, the canine team, safety displays, demonstrations, and information booths. Children can be fingerprinted for their parents at no charge. Held in the Metro Town Square shopping center on Bristol at MacArthur from 9 am until 3 pm. Free.

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Sept 18-20 (Fri-Sun) -- Come celebrate Mexican Independence Day at "Fiesta de Independencia" courtesy of the Downtown Santa Ana Business Association. From noon until 9 pm, parts of Fourth St. will again be closed to a street festival with musicians, dancers, excellent food, and plenty of good cheer (non-alcoholic of course).

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dens in addition to vintage automobiles will be exhibited throughout the tour. Tickets are \$8 the day of the event, \$6 in advance. Call 262-7907.

Oct 10-11 (Sat-Sun) -- The 3rd Annual So. Cal. Jazz Fest returns to the Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 212 Elk Lane (off 1st St.). Bands featured include the Nightblooming Jazzmen, Hot Frogs Jumping Jazz Band, and a host of others. Sponsored by the New Orleans Jazz Club of Southern California. Call 664-1408 for more information.

Oct 17 (Sat) -- Steve Allen, the multi-talented star of some of television's most popular programs, will be honored at Rancho Santiago College's 11th annual "Tribute to a TV Classic" at 7 pm in Phillips Hall Theatre on the RSC Santa Ana campus, 17th at Bristol. Tickets are \$10 each with proceeds going to a scholarship fund. Call 564-5600 for additional information.

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