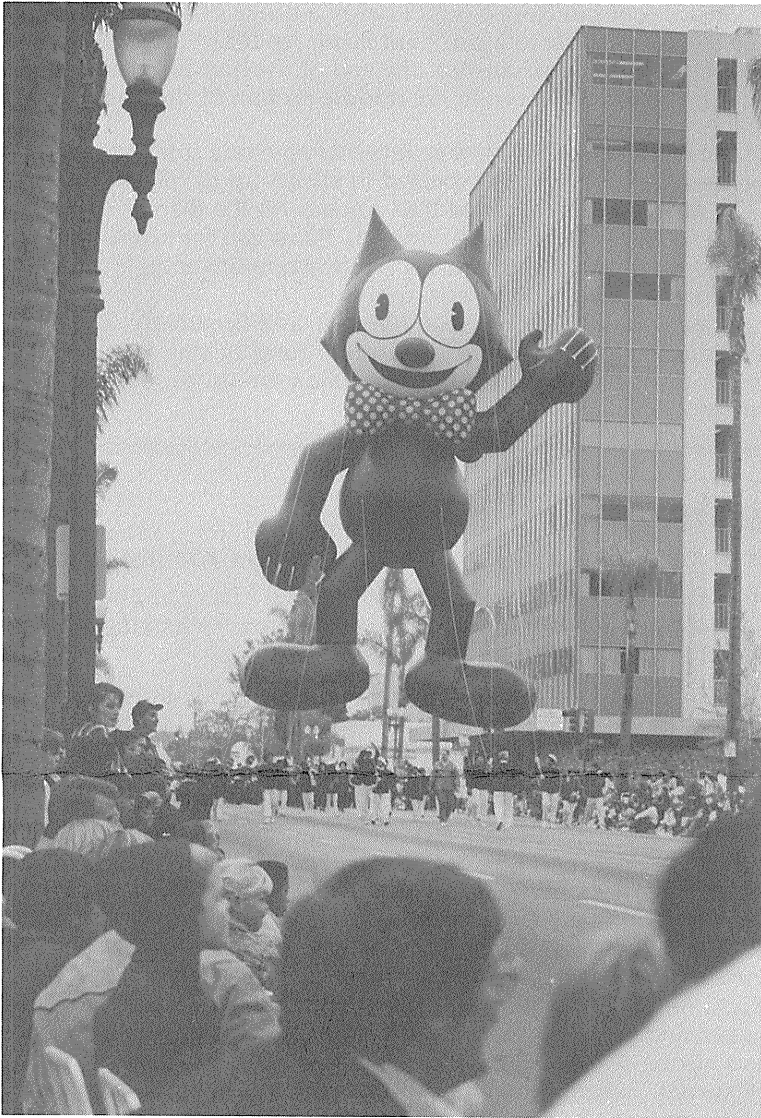


Eye on Santa Ana

Our Community Newsletter



Role Model Videotape to Encourage Staying in School

For today's teenager watching a videotape is commonplace, but hearing about a modern-day hero is rare. Combining the two ideas, Santa Ana Unified School District created "Be the Best You Can Be -- Stay in School," a role model videotape of interviews with successful athletes, entertainers, and local community personalities.

In the videotape, 10 people talk about their personal stories and the importance of staying in school to get an education including Edward James Olmos, star of "Miami Vice" and "Stand and Deliver;" Laura Diaz, KABC-TV anchor woman; Gaddi Vasquez, Orange County supervisor; Jim Everett, LA Rams quarterback; Hector Godinez, Santa Ana postmaster; Efen Herrera, former NFL football player; Manuel Ortega, Placentia police chief; Manuel Ramirez, Superior Court judge; Raul Rodriguez, Rose Parade float designer; and Judith Vallez, Goldenwest College president.

"Using this medium we'll be able to reach all of our students with the same message -- education is the cornerstone to a successful future," said SAUSD Superintendent Rudy Castruita. "It also demonstrates the Board's commitment to

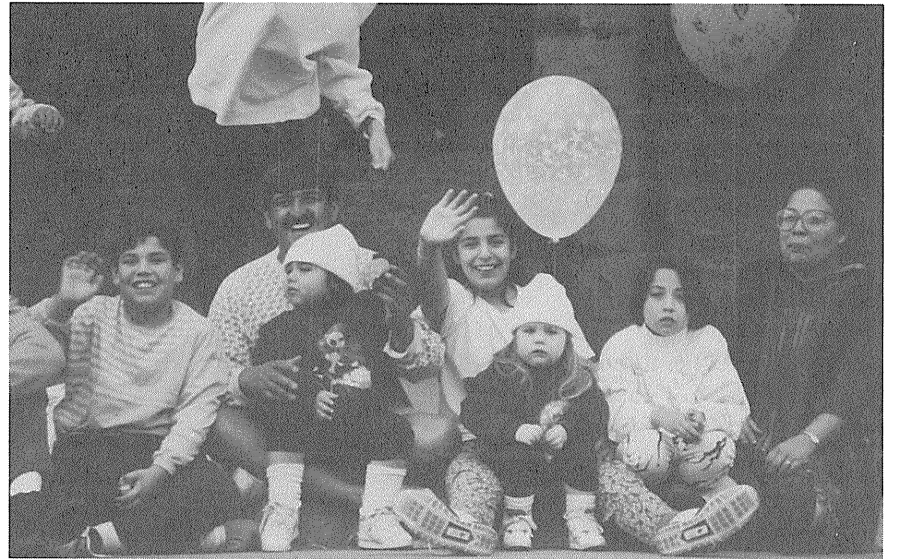
motivate our students to stay in school and thereby increase our graduation rate."

Copies of the videotape in English and Spanish will be distributed to all of SAUSD's 42 schools for presentation to students and parents. In intermediate and high schools, students will view the video during their advisement classes. Copies will also be available to parent groups who wish to borrow the video to show at meetings.

"Because so many of our families have VCRs, the tapes are available for parents to check out and take home," said Castruita. "We hope parents take advantage of this opportunity. And we believe that this kind of parental involvement increases a child's success in school."

Organization of the video project was handled by Manuel Esqueda of Serafines de Orange County, the community service arm of the California Angels. Funding for the project came from the Nike Corporation, the Arturo Barrios Foundation, and the Santiago Club.

If you're interested in viewing the videotape or showing it at a parent meeting, call the school district's Public Information Office at 558-5555.



Celebrating the Wonders of Our Planet -- Once again, the streets of Santa Ana were open to the sights and sounds of the Times/Orange County Holiday Parade. The floral floats, giant high-flying character balloons, and the West's best high school marching bands returned to delight and entertain kids of all ages. Photos by Jeff Lane, Jr.

Park Needs Reviewed

The City's Recreation and Community Services Agency is currently studying ways to improve the programs and facilities offered to residents. A key part of the study is obtaining input from the community on the successes and failures of its current recreation programs in addition to ideas on how to improve programs and facilities in the future.

The City has enlisted the services of two consultants to review the current programs and the City's demographics.

Twelve public meetings were held in various areas of the City in the last two months. At each of these, representatives from a broad distribution of residents of the community have been invited to participate and air their views on the programs and facilities available both in their own local area and on

a City-wide basis.

A balanced representation of community organizations, neighborhood groups, school districts, sports groups, and religious and cultural organizations were invited to participate in the study.

The consultants will compile all the information received and prepare a final report to the City recommending ways to improve the recreation services provided to the residents of Santa Ana.

The draft report is scheduled to be completed in January. Presentations will be made to the Board of Recreation and Parks and the City Council for approval.

If you have any questions regarding the Recreation Needs Assessment Study, please contact the City's Recreation and Community Services Agency at 571-4200.

Training for the Hispanic Leaders of Tomorrow

In 1986, the United Way's Hispanic Development Council saw the fast growing Hispanic and Latino population in Southern California and realized the need to train them in the area of community leadership.

So the Leadership Institute was formed with the intent of providing the tools needed for the graduates to take leadership roles in the community and business world. They held their first class the following year.

Since then over 143 men and women have graduated from the 12 week program. The participants are diverse in background, representing corporate, government, educational, and community sectors.

The Leadership Institute has trained police officers, accountants, teachers, agency executive direc-

tors and staff, managers, corporate entrepreneurs, and executive secretaries.

The program is viewed as a strong model to be emulated throughout various other communities the United States with cities like San Antonio and El Paso considering the establishment of a similar type of program.

They've also been recognized by elected officials and were recently previewed by KOCE on their television program, "Latinos: Visions for the Future."

The class is now offered twice a year with a new class starting in March. The fee is \$100 for the full course with scholarships available.

If you're 21 or older and are interested, give Frank Dominguez, director of the program, a call at 263-6108.

VIEWPOINT

Guy Ball

A Child's Path of Enchantment

The public library has always been a special place for me.

I remember heading over to the Emmanuel Einstein Public Library in Pompton Lakes as an elementary student and being mystified at all the colorful books of the children's section. It was here that I began my love affair with books and knowledge, sparked in part, by the very wonderful feeling I had for "my section."

Oh to be a child again....

The recent renovation to the Santa Ana Public Library added a new 1,200 sq. ft. children's section which features lower, child-sized shelving and more seating area. But it also boasts some marvelous things I never had.

The new room is highlighted by an enchanted forest themed mural with a path through some mystical trees, illustrated with foxes and raccoons and rabbits beckoning you down the trail of reading.

Then there's the special castle-like door that leads to the children's storytime room which is enhanced by a child-sized antique suit of armor standing guard at the threshold.

The mural was created by local artist Cynthia Sitton. The mural and the castle door and the suits of armor were all provided thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Santa Ana Library.

To visit the new Santa Ana Library's children's section may bring some warm memories to me but thanks to the brilliance of the people who worked so hard to make the section so very special, there will be a lot of children with mental souvenirs of their visits to the enchanted forest of books.

The Truth and Nothing But...

Not sure if you read this in a recent column (Juice) in the Orange County Register but

"a recent Reuters wire story about a fur salon that donated fur coats to the YMCA hotel for homeless women described Santa Ana as *this posh Los Angeles suburb.*"

It has to be true, it was in the newspaper. (Not that we ever doubted it for a minute.)

From all of us at
Eye on Santa Ana,
we wish you the very happiest
of New Years!

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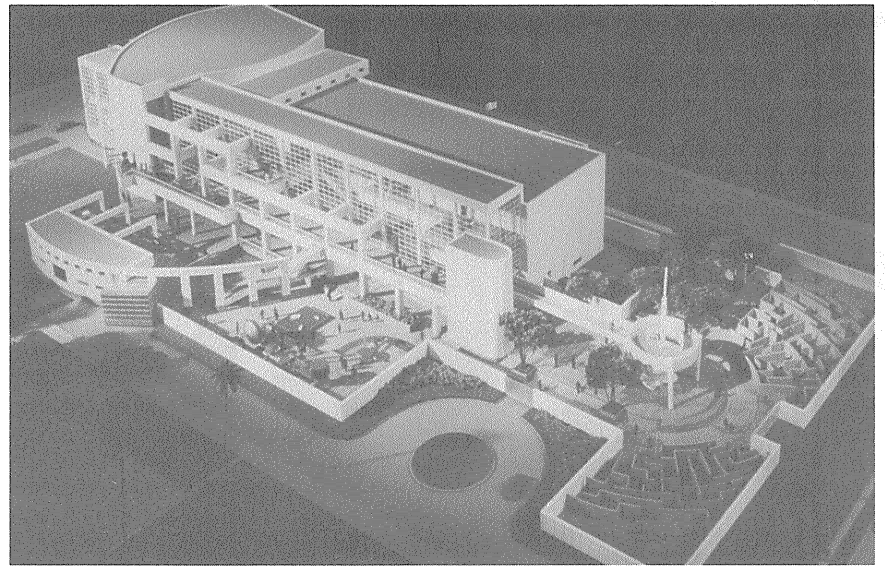
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Future Discovery Science Center -- Preliminary plans for a world-class science center were unveiled by the Discovery Museum. The three-story, 80,000 square foot building would feature a range of exhibits from a simulated space shuttle to a giant ant farm. An IMAX theatre with a seven-story screen would anchor one end of the building (top left) while the main exhibit area is seen in the middle section of the building in the photo above.

The Discovery Science Center is aimed at spurring interest in science among young people and is expected to attract up to 750,000 visitors a year. The center will be divided into zones with the themes of water, land, and space, with related exhibits for each. Plans call for outdoor exhibits including a large, walk-through maze (shown in lower right of photo) as well as other, hands-on demonstrations.

The project will be built between Main St. and Broadway, north of 19th, directly adjacent to the Bowers Museum. If fund raising for the \$37.5 million center proceeds as planned, construction would begin in 1993 with an opening in 1995.

Catherine's Picks

by Catherine C. Cate

Maybe good things come in threes, or maybe I just got unusually lucky and found three good restaurants in a row. If you're looking for new places to eat, here's a few worth trying.

Bina, "Restaurante Italiano" in the Albertsons' Shopping Center at 1730 E. 17th St., produces some of the tastiest eggplant parmesans and rigaton salsiccias in which I have ever overindulged: I kept promising myself I would take home half the huge portions while I kept nibbling away the entire meal.

My happiest surprises are the new Chinese restaurant "Peking Kitchen" in the brand new "Mediterranean" style mini-mall on the northeast corner of Ross and 17th Streets (enter the parking lot behind the shopping center off Ross or Jefferson), and "Hankey's" at 1120 W. 17th St., which reopened in April as a "restaurant and sports bar."

Right now, the piping hot (in both senses of the word!) kung pao chicken and fat egg rolls coming out of the "Peking Kitchen" make this a strong contender for the title of "Best Nearby Chinese Food Restaurant," which to date most people would say has been held by a certain renowned restaurant on Glassell in Orange!

And although at night the levels of smoke (do plan to shower before coming home!) and noise (don't plan to carry on a conversation!) can become very irritating since "Hankey's" has been transformed from a quiet family Italian restaurant into a boisterous "neighborhood hangout," all of us who remember their excellent pizza (especially the Mexican pizza, slathered with jalapenos and sour cream!) will probably come to at least tolerate these new nuisances.

And you won't believe the soft chicken and beef tacos at \$1.95.

Open Letter:

Please remind your readers:

Graffiti -- One of the most effective methods against gang activity is to have graffiti removed. The City of Santa Ana responds quickly to remove it. To report graffiti, call 565-4007

Residential Parking -- It is illegal to park motor vehicles on any public sidewalk. Violations may be reported to the Police at 834-4211. Vehicles parked on a front yard or lawn are also in violation and can be reported to Code Enforcement at 667-2780.

Animal Control -- Excessive dog barking and dogs that roam freely in violation of the leash law are a community nuisance. Pet owner negligence may be reported to Animal Control at 647-5198

Shopping Carts -- Shopping carts can become a neighborhood blight. For collection of stolen or abandoned shopping carts call the Shopping Cart Hotline at 1-800-252-4613.

Thanks --- A.C., Santa Ana.

Looking For A New Way To Reach People?

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

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

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

Countdown to October

The push is on to ready the Bowers Museum for their Oct. 15th re-opening after a \$12 million expansion and renovation including the doubling of display space.

Plans for the first exhibitions include pre-Columbian gold objects, art of the Han Dynasty of China, the arts of the Oceania countries, and the arts of Africa with an emphasis on wood sculpture of West and Central Africa.

To reflect their concentration on the "disappearing worlds of ancient cultures," the museum's name was recently modified to Bowers Museum of Cultural Art.

Bowers recently received a \$1 million donation of pre-Columbian and Aymara (pre-Inca) artifacts boosting their collection of early textiles into the top five in the country.

Another recent, important gift included a large group of notes, records, and ethnographic objects from an important study of tribal Indians in Brazil. The materials include film and recordings of some tribal dances and ceremonies no longer being practiced due to the onslaught of civilization.

Become A Docent

In preparation for the Bowers Museum reopening, the museum's Docent Guild is looking for new volunteers who are interested in giving tours to museum visitors.

New docents will be trained in the cultures of the Americas, Africa, and the Pacific Rim as well as some early history of Orange County. They'll also be among the first to look at the "new and improved" Bowers Museum. Docents receive monthly field trips, hear speakers, and have special training to keep them current on the latest exhibits.

All sorts of volunteers are needed regardless of their prior background in museum work. That also includes those who are fluent in other languages such as Spanish, Japanese, and Chinese to help with foreign visitors. Special weekend docenting is available for those who work during the week.

Special introductory, guest "coffee" will be held on Jan. 15 and 18 at 9:30 am for those interested in volunteering.

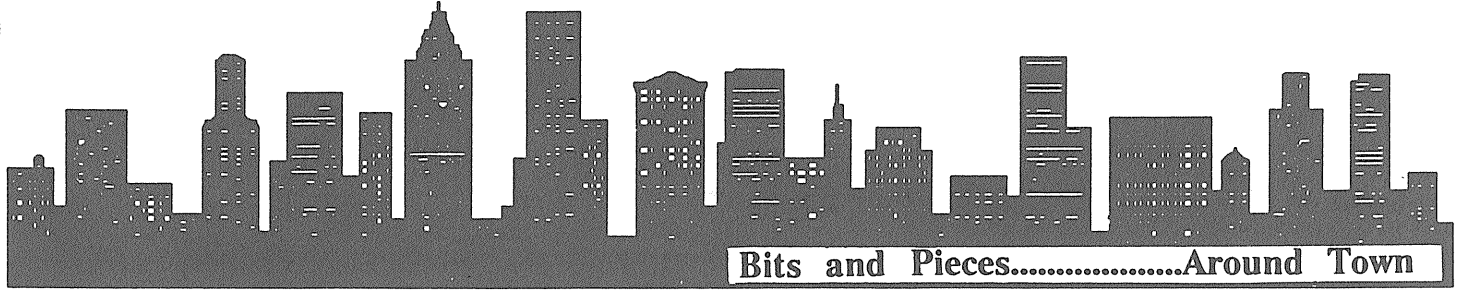
For more information, call Betty Koines with Bowers at 832-4756.

Shut-in / Not Shut-out

"You may be shut-in, but don't feel shut-out; let the Santa Ana Public Library come to you." That's the motto of the Library's homebound service which has been reaching out to the elderly and disabled residents for almost twenty years. People who no longer can get to the library because of a permanent disability or advanced age can apply for this free service with monthly deliveries right to their door.

"Service to Shut-Ins" presently reaches over 200 people in Santa Ana who are living in their own homes, convalescent hospitals, or residential care homes. Library staff and over 35 volunteers make the monthly deliveries to shut-ins after carefully selecting materials requested by the resident. Printed lists of other library materials are sent with each delivery.

If you know an elderly or disabled person who would enjoy this valuable service and might be eligible, OR if you could volunteer to help a shut-in reader by making deliveries or performing book selection, call the Shut-In Office at 647-5286.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

Teacher's Gift

Grace Alberts taught in Santa Ana schools for almost 40 years before retiring in 1971. Her dedication to her children is well remembered by those who knew or were taught by her.

So it's fitting that before she died earlier this year, she decided to share part of her estate with the Santa Ana Unified School District. In her will, she left \$50,000 for Santa Ana schools.

Long-time friends noted that teaching was her life and she considered her students as her family.

Even after she's gone, it seems she's still taking care of her family.

Birthday Party

The Santa Ana Zoo is throwing a 40th birthday party for itself and a couple thousand friends, Saturday March 7th, with festivities beginning at 11 am. Of course, you and your family are cordially invited.

They're going to have birthday treats like ice cream and drinks and a whole lot of fun. Some very special animals will be touring the grounds and there will be shows in the amphitheater too. You can also see displays of future plans and additions for the zoo.

There's a whole bunch more in store, so if you'd like more information, call those nice people at the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo at 953-8555.

Good, Clean Fun

Try something new -- enjoy some good, clean fun -- and make new friends, all at the same time!

Try a free night of square dancing for beginners, Wed., Jan. 15 at 7:30 pm, at the Santa Ana Ebell Club, 625 N. French St.

That night kicks off a new year of square dancing classes for beginners sponsored by the Shirts N' Skirts Square Dance Club of Orange County. Dave Rensberger will be the caller for the 2 hour sessions on Wednesday nights.

All friendly and fun-loving people are welcome but only if you want to have a great time. If you'd like more information, call Bailey Daugherty at 586-3907.

Scrambled TV

Plans by Comcast Cablevision to scramble all of their cable signals in November were put on hold until at least January or February due to a heavy negative response by customers and City Council members.

Presently the non-movie channel signal is unscrambled, allowing customers to hook cable-ready televisions directly to the cable without use of a decoder box. The new plan would require a decoder box on all televisions.

Comcast's reason for the change is to offer a wider range of options of service packages, while also offering a lower priced, bare-bones basic package for customers who prefer it.

Comcast also estimates approximately 3,500 homes receive cable illegally. With the scrambled signals, those homes would have to sign up and pay for the service. Comcast estimates they lose \$1 million each year from theft of service.

Those opposed to the plan are upset because of the need for the decoder boxes and the obsoleting of their remote controls. There is also the concern that the change would slip in rate increases for what residents already have.

If you're interested in letting Comcast know how you feel, write to: Comcast; 1000 E. Santa Ana Blvd.; Suite 220, Santa Ana, 92701.

Student Success

Former Saint Joseph Ballet student Melissa Young, of Santa Ana, debuted with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in December in New York City. She is a student in the dance theater's two-year certificate program.

Melissa had begun dancing with the newly-formed Saint Joseph Ballet in 1984 as part of their first full class of students.

She has performed with the ballet company in performances at Rancho Santiago College and the Orange County Performing Arts Center. She was also an instructor in Saint Joseph's DanceFree Week (their outreach program in public schools).

Rudy is #1 in State

Rudy Castruita, superintendent of Santa Ana Unified School District, has been chosen as California's Superintendent of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA).

Last year ACSA honored Castruita by giving him the Marcus Foster Award, the organization's highest recognition of achievement.

At the request of the U.S. Secretary of Education, Castruita was one of four California educators invited as delegates to the recent U.S./Mexico Border Conference on Education. He also serves on State Superintendent Bill Honig's state advisory council and is a member of the state's high school task force.

Castruita came to Santa Ana as an assistant superintendent in 1985. He has been superintendent for the past three years.

Save the Greenway

Close your eyes and imagine a network of parks linked together by a trail along a meandering pathway from the scenic foothills at Irvine Lake to beyond Jack Fisher Park in Santa Ana.

This is the vision at the heart of the effort to create the Santiago Creek Greenway, an evolving concept linking open spaces, historic sites, and recreational areas.

Right now the Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance is working hard to make that vision a reality. The SCGA is a coalition of Orange County citizens dedicated to the preservation of the Santiago Creek as a greenway and protected open space for present and future generations.

If you'd like more information on what they're trying to save and why, the SCGA would be glad to send you a free brochure.

Send a stamped, self-addressed, #10 envelope to Save Santiago Creek; SCGA; P.O. Box 1402; Orange, CA 92668.

Overcrowding Update

The City's new overcrowding ordinance is back on hold after a state court told the City not to enforce the law until they decided on an appeal to it. Recently, a county Superior Court judge had upheld the law after an initial appeal was filed by an opposing side.

Appeals at the state level typically take 1 to 1 1/2 years to resolve but the City attorney noted that he will try to shorten that.

Meanwhile, reports from other cities in the county indicate they are also drafting overcrowding ordinances of their own to battle growing issues in their communities. Many are using wording and guidelines similar to ours.

Too Much Fun

The Senior Citizen Funsters of Santa Ana closed out 1991 by performing for the D.A.R. and the Masonic Lodge in Garden Grove.

Their fun-loving group has 12 members ranging in age from 65 to 90 who perform special novelty numbers in costumes designed and made by Ruthie Lawson and Mildred McCumber.

Wanted: A Lot of Good Books!

Do you have a few spare, good books hanging around, collecting dust? We might just have a solution for you.

The Santa Ana division of the U.S. Postal Service will once again sponsor the Third Annual Book Drive in conjunction with National Book Week. From Jan. 20th through 25th, postal carriers will collect books from residents during their normal rounds.

"We are asking customers to place new or used books, suitable for students from kindergarten through high school, by their mailboxes during that week," said Santa Ana Division Manager/Postmaster Hector Godinez. This year the book collection has been expanded to include all Orange County communities.

Donations will be distributed to Santa Ana schools in need of additional reading material for their students. Some of the books will be given directly to students identified by their schools as especially needy to promote reading at home.

The book drive is jointly sponsored by the letter carriers, their union, and the postal service. They have placed over 20,000 books in the hands of Santa Ana students in the two years they've been holding the drive.

People donating more than a few books may bring them to any post office during that week. Donations of more than 1,000 books by any organization or individual will be recognized with a special commemorative plaque. If you'd like further information, call the Postal Service at 957-1601.

Wilshire Square

Neighbors once again held their annual progressive pot-luck dinner in December with appetizers, dinner, and dessert served at different homes. In addition to delicious food, elections were also held for next year's officers.

Leigh-Anne Browning and Gitte Wachsman will co-chair the neighborhood, Ricki Older will again be the treasurer, and Paula Rankin will become the secretary.

Last year's co-chairs, Lisa Bist and Rose Anne Kings, received a hardy round of applause for their hard-working efforts resulting in a year of successful projects and leadership.

The Wilshire Square Historic Home Tour is in the planning stages with chairperson Lisa Williams already organizing her committees. Reserve Sat. and Sun., June 6 and 7 on your calendar for their best home tour yet.

Recent activities by the neighborhood include forming a traffic committee to see what residents are concerned about and what the options might be to fix them.

A yard sale was held in November resulting in several hundred dollars profit for operating expenses (including their newsletter). Items for the sale were donated by residents.

Riverview West

Riverview West Neighborhood Association leaders wish everyone a warm and prosperous New Year.

Meetings for the neighborhood are open to all residents and are held the third Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the police substation in the Lucky Shopping Center at Harbor and McFadden.

French Park

The Historic French Park Association held its annual Christmas pot-luck at the home of Vickie Betencourt. A silent auction, featuring many handmade Christmas items, was held with the proceeds benefiting neighborhood association expenses.

Plans still call for the Spencer House on North Main St. (just south of Bowers Museum) to be moved to a vacant lot on Lacy St. in the near future.

Research and discussion on the best method of identifying the historic houses in the neighborhood are continuing. Both wooden and brass plaques are being discussed, as well as a method of paying for them.

The City's Planning Department is still reviewing the Design Guidelines for the neighborhood and will be making a presentation to residents soon.

Laurelhurst

It's the season to count our blessings and give thanks.

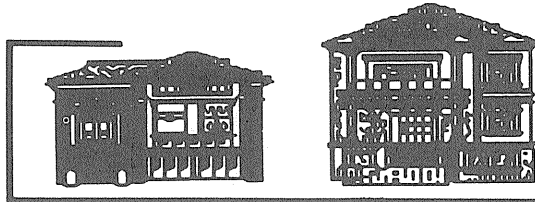
So, thanks to Will Hayes, the City Manager, and Public Works for helping us throughout the year.

Within a few weeks, we'll have our drainage ditch completed, as requested. In a recent clean-up, residents cleaned their yards and garages and filled six dumpsters. Great work and well done.

For the holidays, our neighborhood is full of homes decorated with pretty lights and other decorations and it sure looks great.

The next general meeting will be in January, at a location and time to be announced. Voting will held for new officers. So let's have a great attendance.

We wish everyone the season's best wishes for the New Year.



In Our Neighborhoods

French Court

French Court recently had their first Annual Neighborhood Clean-up. Activities even included graffiti removal with the help of the court referral program. The Santa Ana Police provided fingerprinting for the children along with free balloons and safety information.

Business sponsors included Carl's Jr., McDonald's, Casa Palmas Mexican Restaurant (17th and Bush), Pepsi-Cola, and Ralph's Grocery Company.

The City's Housing Department provided the neighborhood with five dumpsters for disposing of large items and trash. They even had use of a compressor/sandblaster courtesy of Wilshire Square residents, Matthew Poy and Craig McCauslan. Orange Coast Signs provided a neighborhood banner.

Special thanks to all the City employees for their help in making this first clean-up a spectacular success. The event allowed new and old neighbors to meet.

The French Court Neighborhood Association (only six months old) hopes this event will promote a new pride in the neighborhood.

Future projects for the neighborhood include 16 new street lights (recently approved by the City) to help light alleys and dark streets, and regular graffiti removal patrols.

Washington Square

The Washington Square Neighborhood Association has completed a successful year of events including the Annual Spring Clean-up, garage sale, Summer Party, and Christmas Decorating Contest/Caroling Party.

The biggest project undertaken by the Association this past year was its first Home and Garden Tour which took place in early October. Seven homes and two gardens were opened for the public. Free refreshments were provided as part of the ticket price, as well as a tour booklet featuring each of the homes and gardens on tour. Added treats were the antique and classic cars provided by car clubs in front of the homes on tour.

Over 500 guests came and all the homes were very well received. With such a success their first time, the Association is considering sponsoring the tour every other year -- if not annually.

Washington Square would like to thank all those who attended the tour, and especially neighborhood residents for supporting the project: those who donated their homes and those who took the extra time and effort in sprucing up their yards.

Another feature the neighborhood is excited about is the newly released promotional leaflet. The leaflet was created to promote Washington Square within the real estate market, and to draw people into their neighborhood.

The leaflet features photos of the neighborhood, describes its architecture, and offers a verbal description of their beginnings.

If you would like to have a copy, write: WSNA, P.O. Box 4435, Santa Ana, 92701. Real estate offices will be provided copies upon request.

Washington Square looks forward to 1992 and its challenges and rewards, and wants to wish all the readers of Eye on Santa Ana a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Sandpointe

A series of painting parties have been held to paint all of the neighborhood's block walls the same color. With help from the City in terms of paint, most of the walls have already been completed.

A recent rash of burglaries launched an enthusiastic neighborhood watch program. The arrest of the burglars resulted after a neighborhood "burglary alert."

Chairman Jim Walker recently went to the Costa Mesa planning commission meeting in order to keep track of a new development planned for the south side of Sunflower. While in a different city, the project will impact Sandpointe with traffic, noise, and pollution.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 7 pm at MacArthur Intermediate School.

Portola Park

Over 40 residents attended the neighborhood meeting at the end of October and heard Dave Hermance, supervisor of Community Preservation, speak about the problems of overcrowding and property neglect and the status of City ordinances drafted to deal with them.

Bonnie Birch provided status information regarding the vacant commercial properties in the area. Fred Barbour, who represents the owners of some of the properties at 17th and Grand, attended the meeting and expressed a desire to work with residents who live next to the development area.

The next meeting will be on Tues., Jan. 14 at 6:30 pm at the Sierra School. Police Service Officer Carmen Carlsen will give a presentation on how to communicate effectively when calling the police for service. Audio tapes will be played of actual phone calls.

Northwest

The Northwest Neighborhood has been in the middle of controversy lately, as construction work on the I-5 freeway has dropped excessive traffic right on their doorsteps. Non-neighborhood, cut-through traffic on streets like Santa Clara has jumped tremendously to the point where residents are very concerned about safety and noise.

Residents east of Bristol had come up with a local-traffic only plan for their streets. However, other residents on the west side of Bristol had some serious concerns about that plan.

In December, the City sponsored a series of neighborhood meetings to get feedback from the residents to help them determine a compromise plan which will be brought up at a council meeting in January or February.

Community Oriented Policing (COP)

The Central District C.O.P. served desserts and punch to police officers at the substation for Police Appreciation Day on Dec. 10.

Lt. Bob Chavez, commander of the Central District, will be attending the FBI Academy for 3 months.

Lt. Jose Garcia will be the new commander for Central District. Previously, he was the commander of the Santiago District.

Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society

More than 150 persons attended the Victorian Candlelight Dinner in December. Four historic homes and a 100 year old church, all decorated for Christmas, were open for the event. Since most of the attendees were from other cities, the evening accomplished the goal of showing our guests that Santa Ana has many fine historic homes and buildings with an impressive historic past.

The first three workshops from "The Old(er) House Restoration Series" were a success. Todd Walsh led the session on how to research your house. In October, Michael Brajdic demonstrated the art of replicating wooden screens and repairing double-hung windows.

Max Becker, master carpenter, and Mark Bausman, who owns a furniture refinishing business, presented valuable information on those subjects in November.

The four remaining sessions include "Designing Kitchens for the Historic Home" (Jan. 18), "Wallpaper and Paint for the Historic Home" (Feb. 11), Historic Neighborhoods, How to Help Yours" (Feb. 15), and "Is Your House Historic? What Does That Mean?" (Mar. 14).

See the listings in the Community Calendar section on page 8 for more information or call Diann Marsh at 541-2441.

The Historic Preservation Award for the winter quarter has been given to Michael and Marlene Brajdic for the successful restoration of their Craftsman Bungalow at 301 E. Eighth St.

In February, at its annual dinner, the Society will honor the Washington Square Neighborhood for their efforts toward the revitalization of their significant neighborhood.

Santa Ana Merged Society of Neighbors

At their December meeting and annual Christmas luncheon, SAMSON elected officers for 1992. Ron Heike was re-elected president, Al Gipson will be vice president, Don Palmer will be treasurer, Barbara Rust will be secretary, and Richard Moser will be the sergeant at arms.

State Assemblyman Mickey Conroy will speak at their next meeting on Jan. 18 at 10 am at the Republic Bank, 2400 E. 17th St. The public is invited to attend and ask questions of the legislator.

SAMSON members, along with members of the Santa Ana Human Relations Commission have volunteered to participate in the Santa Ana Armory Homeless Shelter Program. If you're interested in helping, call Susan Oakson at 263-1774.

For questions about SAMSON or future meetings, call 558-7552.

Heritage Committee

The Heritage Committee is celebrating the appointment of its members to the Historic Resources Review Committee by the City Council recently. The Review Committee will meet for the first time in January and will be working with a consultant to provide local resident's input into the decision making process regarding the 4000 to 6000 buildings over fifty years old, still surviving in our City.

Understanding the Law and Your Rights

Understanding the legal process has never been easy for the average person, but now a Santa Ana lawyer has written a clear and understandable book to help the lay public understand how common laws function and what rights we have under them.

Even more noteworthy, the text is done in Spanish as well as English to help members of the non-English speaking community understand the U.S. legal system.

The book, "The Law and Your Legal Rights," took attorney Jess Araujo over two years of research, writing, and proper translations. The toughest part was making sure the subtle differences between the Spanish and English expressions were accurate. As Araujo noted, "In many instances, there is no way to arrive at easy comparisons because there are no equivalent concepts or laws in the legal systems of many Latin countries." Araujo ended up including extra explanatory notes in the Spanish version to help his readers.

In a style that's very easy to read, Araujo breaks the main topics into chapters such as "Introduction to the Legal System," "Wills," "Criminal Law," "Immigration and Naturalization," and "Accidents and Personal Injury." He has carefully targeted the average person and included everyday topics which appeal to the broadest range of readership. He's included charts and graphs to illustrate such areas as California's judicial districts and court systems.

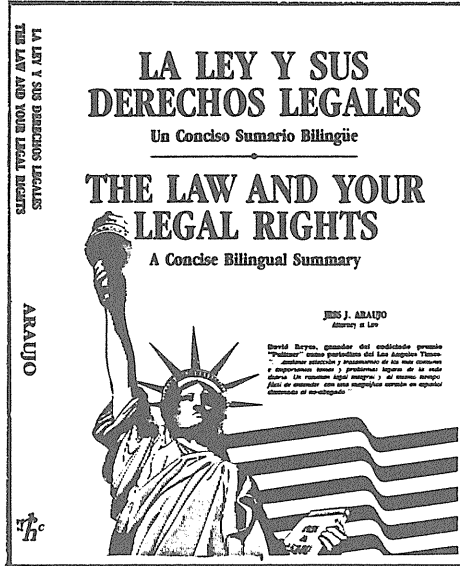
Jess Araujo is a partner in the law firm of Di Marco and Araujo. He was raised in the environment of a Texas barrio and at an early age, decided to rise above his circumstances. He also decided to help his people, Mexican-Americans, and to promote the rights of the Hispanics in America.

In his mind, the law was a logical career path.

Through hard work and determination he avoided the tempta-

tions poverty can bring and eventually earned an academic scholarship from Loyola University Law School in Los Angeles after graduating from Santa Ana College and U.C. Irvine.

Presently, in addition to his law practice, Araujo often participates as a legal expert and commentator on both Univision and Telemundo television network programs. He also is an accomplished musician having even composed and recorded "La Verdad," a poetic message of pride in the Mexican Heritage.

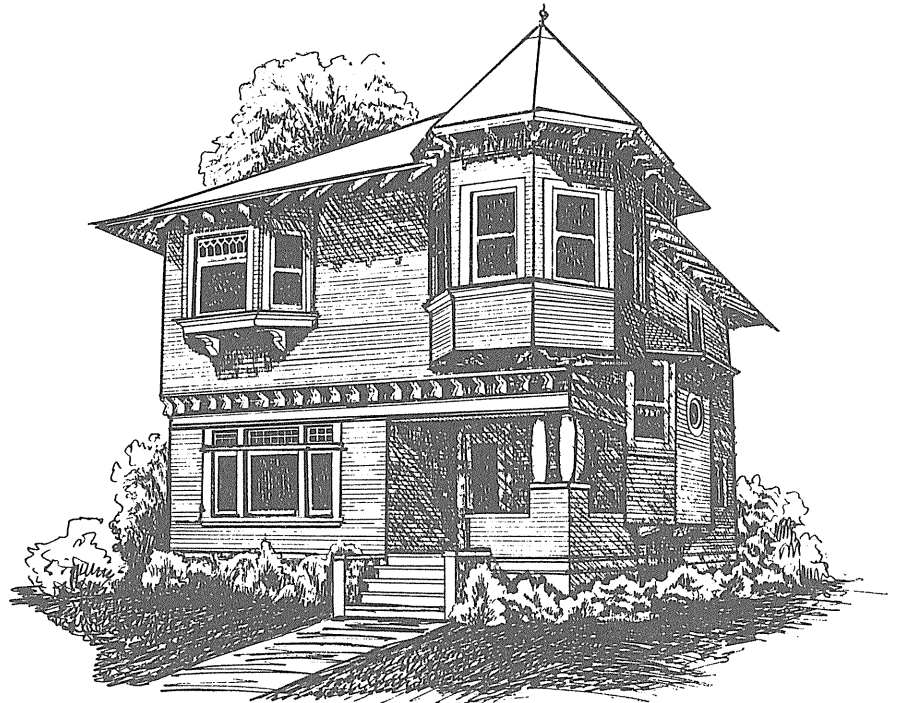


When not busy working on the second edition of "The Law and Your Legal Rights," He teaches law courses to the lay person at Fullerton State College and Rancho Santiago College.

"I want to make it easier for today's youth to achieve success, and particularly Latinos and other minorities, irrespective of race or nationality."

The book is published by RH Communications and is available in many bookstores and at the public libraries.

Special thanks to Gil Amelio for his help with this story.



New Home for a Gracious House

In the late evening of September 1987, a two-story, Colonial Revival house was uplifted from its location on Sycamore and moved out onto the road, beginning a five-hour journey to a new location on Lacy Street. A large group of residents and City staff walked along as the house made its dramatic move through downtown Santa Ana. An ambitious effort to save a part of our City's past was underway.

In 1986 the Duggan House, with its large double parlour, impressive curved staircase with carved balusters, carved fretwork and woodwork, formal dining room, and four spacious bedrooms, was to be demolished to make way for a senior citizen's housing complex. The Historic French Park Association was given the house on the condition it be moved to a vacant lot in the French Park Historic District.

Living in the turn of the century, William Lee Duggan had been a "true Southern gentleman." His grand-daughter, Betty Hilligass, remembers that the family always had the traditional southern fried chicken and homemade ice cream for Sunday dinner. Moving to Santa Ana from Georgia in 1896, he built the spacious Colonial Revival home in the early 1900's, on the corner of Sycamore and Pine Streets.

Duggan was born in Macon, Georgia on November 13, 1862. Graduating from Mercer University, he taught school in Macon until 1893 when he came to California. Three years later, he settled in Santa Ana going to work for the New York Life Insurance Company.

Here he met Miss Clara Clyde, a Utah woman who had come to teach in Santa Ana schools. She was staying at the grand Victorian-style Richelieu Hotel at the corner of Fourth and Ross. The hotel was then owned by her relatives, the Avis family.

William and Clara were married on April 12, 1899 and set up housekeeping in Santa Ana. Their first daughter, Clara, was born a year later and Dorothy, their second, arrived in 1903. The Duggans had built their large two-story Colonial Revival home in a fashionable neighborhood that was being settled with the fine two-story homes of some of the county's most prominent citizens.

William served on the Santa Ana School Board and was active in civic and charitable organizations. He lived in the house until he died in 1930 at the age of 77. Clara stayed on for several more years, until she moved to a retirement home. She died in 1947 and the family sold the house that same year.

The home became a rooming house and served as a rental to several families. Someone covered the outside with asbestos shingles, altering the original appearance of the house. The next owner, Janseena Evers, had the asbestos shingles removed and the exterior repainted. She owned the house until 1986 when it was purchased by the City to be demolished or moved.

The Historic French Park Association, recognizing the fine architectural character, historic significance, and livability of the spacious home, was given the chance to save and restore it. A grant of \$50,000 was given to the neighborhood to pay for moving expenses, placing the house on a foundation, and building a garage.

After the house was in place, the neighborhood association cleaned up the inside and held an open house, attended by over 200 persons. Proposals for the restoration of the house as a single family dwelling were submitted and reviewed. Jeff and Rolinda Biscotti were selected to complete the project. With the assistance of City staff, they began to work with the association to plan the restoration of the house and grounds.

After several years of hard work, the Duggan House is now the home of the Biscotti's and their two-year-old daughter, Victoria. In the process of restoration, they have added a large and charming kitchen, first floor bath, utility room, all new systems, and landscaping. They have begun to wallpaper and paint the rest of the rooms.

The Duggan House has once again become a gracious family home.

---Diann Marsh

Commuter Rail Offered As Alternative to Driving

Santa Ana residents commuting to Anaheim, Fullerton, or Los Angeles have a new transportation alternative -- one that keeps commuters out of the congestion on the I-5 Freeway. That alternative is Orange County Commuter Rail.

Sponsored by the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Commuter Rail provides a daily, round-trip, rush-hour service from five county stations. Each morning, Commuter Rail travels north from San Juan Capistrano and stops at the Irvine Transportation Center, the Santa Ana Regional Transportation Center, Anaheim Stadium, and the Fullerton Amtrak Station before arriving at Los Angeles' Union Station. The train returns riders to those same stations each evening.

The commuter train's schedule is ideal for those who work an 8 to 5 shift. For example, the train leaves 6:23 am to arrive in Los Angeles by 7:25 am, leaving plenty of time to reach the office. And to help riders get to the office by 8 am, there is Commuter Train 'N Wheels, an express bus service which takes commuters to major downtown employment centers for just a quarter. In the evening, Train 'N

Wheels returns riders to Union Station in time for Commuter Rail's 5:40 pm departure time.

Unlike freeway driving, you can count on Commuter Rail to be on time almost 100 percent of the time. In fact, the train is usually early.

There are a variety of ticketing options if you'd like to commute by train. Besides a one-way or round trip fair, riders can purchase a discounted ten-trip ticket pack.

Also available is a monthly Commuter Train pass that's about 35% cheaper than the 10-trip ticket and may also be used on other Amtrak trains for an extra \$1-\$3 "step-up" fee.

In addition, some employers may even pay part of your cost due to a special, mass-transit related \$21 (per month) tax write-off they can receive.

Southern California's only commuter train service is the newest alternative to coping with the frustrating trips on the I-5. With rush-hour, on-time service and economical fares, Commuter Rail offers Santa Ana residents the opportunity to enjoy a relaxing ride to work each day.

If you'd like more information, call 636-RIDE.

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Cindy Chung

Goodbye Vicki

On a sad note, we mourn the passing of Vicki Goldish who was executive director of the Wellness Community of Orange County, an educational support group for people with cancer and their families. She died after a 12 year struggle with the disease.

Vicki was a fighter, battling cancer twice, and still having time to help others understand what cancer in someone's life does and doesn't mean.

There are many others in the Wellness Community who continue her efforts and if you have cancer or are touched by it, we urge you to contact them for their assistance and knowledge.

They're located at 1924 E. Glenwood Place - Phone - 258-1210.

Meanwhile, our sympathies go out to her friends and family who will miss her the most.

Point of Light

Danny Davey has been collecting and delivering donated food, clothing, and medicine to American Indians on reservations for over 40 years. His most recent annual Thanksgiving Dinner fed 6,000.

Soon after returning to Santa Ana he had some unexpected guests.

President and Mrs. Bush awarded him and his organization, the Thunderbird Foundation, a "Point of Light" for their voluntary service toward others. The Bush's met him at Ontario Airport on their way to Hawaii for the Pearl Harbor anniversary.

He was quoted in the Register as saying, "It was a high point of my life to shake hands with the President and Barbara Bush, but it's not really my award. It belongs to all the people who help me."

If you'd like to help Danny's work, send your contributions to the Thunderbird Foundation, 1306 Mar Les Dr., Santa Ana, 92706.

Other "Point of Light" awardees in Santa Ana include the St. Joseph Ballet Company for their work with dance training of low-income children and the Orange County Rescue Mission for their efforts to improve the lives of the poor.

Policemen Honored

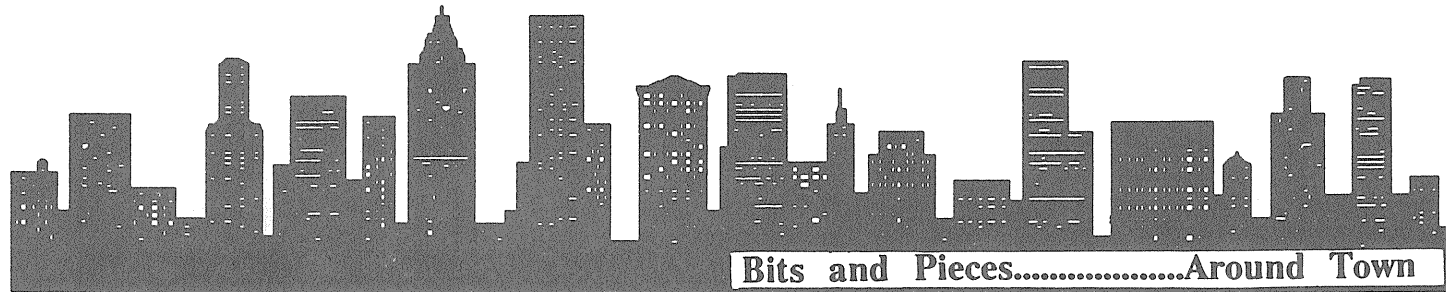
Two Santa Ana police officers were among fifty-six from throughout the county honored by the Orange County chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving in appreciation of their efforts to get drunk drivers off the road and to reduce the amount of alcohol-related accidents.

SAPD Officer Ron Moreno had requested assignment to the DUI (Driving Under the Influence) team in August 1990. Since then he has arrested 204 drinking drivers, despite missing 6 weeks of duty while recovering from an injury he received during the arrest of a drunk driver.

Officer Angelo Blascovich, using many hours of his own spare time, proposed, developed, and helped implement Santa Ana's first DUI checkpoint in December, 1990. As part of the Santa Ana Drinking Driver Team, he made 328 arrests for DUI last year.

Collectively, the fifty-six officers arrested over 6,000 drunk drivers in Orange County last year. The dedication of these officers played a major role in the 35% reduction of alcohol related fatalities and the 21% reduction of alcohol related injuries in Orange County over the past three years.

If you'd like further information on MADD and their activities, call 835-6233.



Bits and Pieces.....Around Town

45 Years of Pride

St. Anne Catholic Elementary School has just celebrated its 45th year of service to Santa Ana. The school takes great pride in its history of academic excellence as well as its community contributions.

St. Anne School educates their students in community and national concerns by hands-on involvement: paper and aluminium can recycling, food drives for the less fortunate, and visiting rest homes for the elderly for example.

According to Sr. Guadalupe Hernandez, principal, the school's success is due to many reasons. "We accept children of various beliefs and respect their heritage."

"We work hard to keep these children in school, teach them discipline, respect for authority, good study habits, and reasons for succeeding. We excel in academics and citizenship, and strive to produce well-rounded children for the future of our community."

There will be an open house at St. Anne School, 1324 So. Main, on Sunday, Feb. 2 from 9 am to 1:30 pm. All are invited.

Head Protection

The Santa Ana Police Department will ride a bit safer now that a local bicycling club, the Orange County Wheelmen, donated 30 bicycle safety helmets to the department's "officers on wheels."

The helmets, valued at over \$2,000, will protect the officers who patrol neighborhoods and ride the downtown and the Civic Center areas.

A National Treasure

Santa Ana residents who are 50 and older are very fortunate to have two adult senior centers for their use, thanks to the efforts of the City's Recreation and Community Services Agency.

The centers are gathering places for people over the age of 50. Their primary purpose is to enhance the participant's dignity, provide support and independence, and encourage involvement in community projects.

Programs consist of a variety of services and activities in areas such as: education, civic responsibility, health, nutrition, recreation, and other support projects.

They receive continued support by local corporations who help provide programs that mutually benefit both parties including SunWest Bank, FHP Corporation, Secure Horizons, Xerox, Fiesta Bargain store, and the Downtown Business Association.

The Santa Ana Senior Center is located at 424 W. 3rd St. (at Ross) with validated parking at 3rd and Birch. Transportation can be provided. The center coordinator is Evelyn Colon Beckett, 647-6540.

The Southwest Senior Center is located at 2201 W. McFadden (at Center). The center coordinator is Louis Scott, 647-5306.

If you're a Santa Ana senior, you're invited to meet and get acquainted with one another. A comprehensive, free monthly newsletter publicizing upcoming programs and day-to-day information is available at the centers.

Golden Ring

Once again, Santa Ana schools received kudos for some superior efforts. The school district earned three more Golden Bells awards, bringing their total to 23 -- more than any other district in the state.

Given annually by the California School Boards Foundation, Golden Bell awards recognize outstanding curriculum and excellence in public education.

MacArthur Fundamental Intermediate was named a first-place award winner for its "Physical Education for Lifetime Success" program. Valley High School and the district's elementary division received second-place awards for their "English as a Second Language Excel" and "College is My Future" programs.

Lawn Pros

If you're looking around for someone to mow and edge your lawn, you might want to consider letting members of the Goodwill Industries team help you out.

GW Lawn Service is a special program designed to provide on-the-job training to disabled adults in Orange County. Team members use the work both as a springboard towards personal growth as well as an income.

You, meanwhile, get your lawn perfectly manicured at a very reasonable price. If you'd like to help out at the same time you clean up, call George Gutierrez at 547-6301, ext. 323.

Fire Happenings

The City of Santa Ana welcomed aboard two new employees to the Fire Department -- Eric Evans and Larry Garcia. Eric was a reserve inspector for the department's Prevention Division and has several years experience in the sprinkler installation field. Larry comes to us from the California State Fire Marshall's office.

Also, congratulations to Lori Smith and Jim Livingston. Both were promoted to Fire Safety Specialist III for the City's Fire Department. Great job!

Literacy Video

Our local Zonta Club gave the Santa Ana Public Library a boost when they donated a video cassette training program which teaches adult non-readers to both read and write in the privacy of the library or their home.

According to Eve Cremers, president of the club, "one in five Americans is judged to be functionally illiterate and that's why the Santa Ana Zontians have joined with 36,000 other members in 60 countries throughout the world to promote literacy."

The tapes donated are from the "I Want to Read" series. They teach about the alphabet and about basic sounds. Sandra Newkirt, coordinator of the Library's Literacy Services noted that these tapes and other literacy aids are available at the Newhope branch of the library at 122 N. Newhope St.

For additional information or a confidential inquiry, call Literacy Services at 554-3455.

Senior Legislation

Members at the 11th session of the California Senior Legislative Session recently selected ten top state proposals from the 128 made at the session. While health care issues dominated, others included senior exemptions for tax purposes, consumer credit reporting, and redevelopment funds.

The California Senior Legislature is made up of elected seniors who discuss and vote on a variety of issues and concerns of the senior population of our state. Their final priorities are reviewed by the regular State Legislature.

Senior Assemblywoman Marcella Surowic, a Santa Ana resident serving her third two-year term, stated "We tackled a range of issues from health care to fishing licenses -- facing a more complex task than ever -- as we tried to balance the needs of the state's senior citizens with California's weak economy and growing budget deficit."

One proposal called for the creation of a California Health Program to provide comprehensive health services to all state residents including long-term care.

Another proposal related to the potential overturning of Prop 13 by the U.S. Supreme Court. The measure calls for special tax breaks to homeowners over 60 that would keep their property taxes at the Prop 13 levels.

If you'd like to know more about the Senior Legislature, contact Marcella at 543-7514.

Recycle Those Christmas Cards

Puzzled about what to do with all those wonderful cards you've received? How about recycling them and helping a worthy cause all at the same time.

St. Judes Ranch for Children was established to care for girls and boys who, through broken marriages, neglect, mental and physical cruelty, and abandonment, find themselves without a home and the love they need.

The children re-use the fronts of greeting cards by trimming off their edges and fixing them onto newly printed cards to sell and raise funds.

They can use cards of all kinds, not just Christmas - including birthday, get well, sympathy, etc.

Just mail the fronts to: St. Judes Ranch for Children; 7000 No. Jones Blvd.; Las Vegas, NV, 89131. Their phone number is (702) 645-1300.

Karate Gold

Instead of relaxing at home on Thanksgiving, Diego Segura of Santa Ana worked hard to train for the Karate Junior World Championship. A few weeks later, the extra effort paid off.

In Budapest, Hungary, the eleven year old won a gold medal in kata (form) for the 10-12 year age group.

Diego has been taking karate lessons for the last 7 years and is a three-time US Junior champion.

He noted that ever since he began taking lessons, he dreamed of standing on the winners platform at the world championships while the national anthem played. Years later, the dream came true.

Dinner Downtown

by Brian Bist

Wonderfully surprised, amazed, disappointed, hopeful. These adjectives best describe my evening to "come downtown and enjoy the new shining star of the business area" on the invitation of Don Cribb, president of the Santa Ana Council for Arts and Culture, and full-time promoter of the idea of a downtown artist colony.

So my wife Lisa and I took that very short drive up Broadway to Third Street. On our way, we both realized in the eight years we've lived in Santa Ana and participated in many neighborhood and citywide functions, we had spent little time in the downtown area. We had both felt there was just no real pull in the area to attract our attention, particularly at night.

Parking safely at Third and Broadway we jaywalked across the street toward cheerful blue awnings. The glass door opening to the restaurant was emblazoned with a round emblem much like a postmark that claimed, "TRATTORIA CIAO, Santa Ana, Ca."

We had arrived early and were greeted at the door by Patricio Dillon, co-manager of the immaculate eatery. The shiny wood floors and stark white walls adorned with a few nice prints and a scooter (yes, a scooter!) made me feel as though I was actually in Santa Fe or San Francisco.

In fact, Patricio and his brother, Marcelo moved here from the Bay Area. They teamed up with Argentinian chef Monica Scatliarone and opened Trattoria Ciao in October. They chose downtown because of the lack of Italian restaurants in the area. I was wonderfully surprised someone had the vision to see what downtown could become.

Patricio poured us a glass of Soave Chianti that was a perfect compliment to *focaccia*, small squares of bread, lightly seasoned with salt and rosemary. If my meal consisted of only the bread and wine I would have been satisfied. But, Don arrived and we started on appetizers of *caprese*, mozzarella and tomatoes with pesto, and *calimari fritti*. I was amazed a restaurant of this quality existed downtown. My amazement continued when I was served my *pollo parmigiana* done to absolute perfection. The sauces on everything I tried gave hints of basil or rosemary or garlic. Nothing was overwhelmingly hot or spicy, which I found refreshing. Lisa, meanwhile, was thoroughly enjoying her *fettuccine primavera*.

Over cappuccino we talked with Don about how this delightful eatery fits into plans for the downtown area. That's where I started to feel small twinges of disappointment. He explained how difficult the road has been in attempts to bring an artists' studio complex to the now dirt lot on Sycamore between Second and Third. Don sketched his plan in crayon on the paper tablecloth set out for just that purpose.

To see exactly what he envisioned we excused ourselves from a chat with Marcelo and wandered out down Second Street. My disappointment reached a peak when I realized how under-utilized this area was.

Beautiful historic buildings had more graffiti than tenants.

I looked around at the incredible potential of the area. Potential for something special, not just another pawnshop, but something to be proud of. The artists' complex is just the anchor the area needs to start rebounding.

Arts and culture have revived many parts of the world including Soho, London; Melrose Avenue, Los Angeles; and Kings Cross, Sydney.

Santa Ana's artist's colony could spawn a revival of downtown--crossing the barriers of cultural, age, and gender. I can't imagine a better scenario than walking out of a performance of the Alternative Repertory Theatre, or any of the other 20 some art organizations active in Santa Ana, into a street teaming with people and over to *Trattoria Ciao*, where even though I'm a regular, I still have to wait for my corner table.

People like Don Cribb and brothers Marcelo and Patricio Dillon have that vision. Come visit and let the Dillons' eatery bombard your senses. You may just join them, as I have, in knowing our own downtown business district is ready to be the cultural center of Orange County.

Trattoria Ciao is located at 216 West Third St. Their phone number is 973-7788. Business hours are Mon-Sun 11am to 10pm.

Spotlight on:

Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

How would you like to be greeted by flowers as large as humans with petals that quiver? Or picture garments sewn with bubble wrap and mylar? Can you imagine a sea of can openers symmetrically attached to a directors chair or a temple made of wood and weather maps or sculptured individuals waisted up in clay with comical faces?

These are all experiences of visitors who've toured the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art.

OCCCA is a non-profit, artist-run, uncensored contemporary gallery that has been serving the community since 1980. It functions as a nurturing showplace for emerging and established Southern California artists and offers programs, lectures, and workshops on a variety of topics to community residents of all ages.

Since the gallery was envisioned by founding members Susan Geer, Robert Cunningham, Richard Aaron, Althena Scott, and Carol Stella, it has exhibited more than 300 guest artists, held 11 juried shows, and showcased more than 600 participants.

The gallery has also expanded its educational outreach program where artists conduct hands-on workshops with local high school students and provide tours through the art exhibitions in the gallery.

As affiliate artist/members find opportunities to experiment and try new things, they also learn all about gallery "behind the scenes." They experience the operations of an art center, the how-to's of exhibition installations, art communication, and even the thrill of curating while they grow and spark in new dimensions as artists.

Opening January 8th is a mixed media show with guests Ann Duran and Barbara Milman, and artist/affiliate Jeffrey Frisch. You're invited to come on over and enjoy the latest in "on the edge" contemporary art.

The Orange County Center for Contemporary Art is located in the Harbor Business Park at 3621 W. MacArthur Blvd., Space 111. Gallery hours are Wed. thru Sun., 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is free.

Call the gallery at 549-4989 for further information.

Cultural Calendar

Alternative Repertory Theatre (ART)

1636 S. Grand -- 836-7929

Experience this up-close and personal theatre in their performance of "Brecht on Brecht," a profile on the controversial philosophy and ideas of the man behind the playwright. Opens Jan. 24 and continues until Mar. 14.

Way Off Broadway

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

"Times Square Angel," a comedy fantasy, runs until Jan. 18.

"Rain, Some Fish, and No Elephants," a comedy, opens February 14

Orange County Black Actors Theatre

For information on their schedule, call 667-7090.

Orange County Crazies

For information on their schedule, call 840-1406.

Caged Chameleon Gallery

2103 N. Main St. -- 836-5137.

"Let There Be Light," neon and electric sculpture by Bill Edwards, is on display from Jan. 11 through Feb. 8 (reception Jan. 11)

Opening March 7 are paintings depicting the heritage of the barrio by Emigdio Vasquez (reception March 7).

Orange County Center for Contemporary Art

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

A mixed media show by Ann Duran, Barbara Milman, and Jeffrey Frisch runs from Jan. 8 through Feb. 7 (reception Jan. 11).

On Feb. 12, an exhibition of paintings by Donald Karwelis, Shoshana Ernst, and Jen Booth opens and continues until March 13 (recept. Feb. 15).

On March 18 a show including assemblage sculpture, mixed media, and paintings by Rosalie Friis-Ross, Pat Merrill, and Jacqueline Rieder Hud opens (reception March 21).

Crazy Horse Steakhouse

1580 Brookhollow -- 549-1512.

Country musical artists in the next few months include Marty Stuart, Billy Vera and the Beaters, the Kingston Trio, and Larry Gatlin.

Mystery Cafe

Hubert's Restaurant, 2 Hutton Centre Dr. -- 955-CLUE.

"Mumm's the Word" is the latest murder mystery and dinner show where the audience is right in the middle of the action.

Murder Mystery Dinner

South Coast Plaza Village -- 675-9726/435-2050.

Featuring "Murder at the Conga Club," an interactive mystery thriller you follow from room to room.

Fiesta Folklorico

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

Orange County Performing Arts Center

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

"Man of La Mancha," the beloved musical saga of Don Quixote, continues until Jan. 5.

The Cuarteto Latinoamericano ensemble performs the chamber music of Latin America with first string quartets of Juan Arriaga, Manuel Enriquez, and Alberto Ginastera. One performance on Feb. 11 at 8 pm.

Opera Pacific

Events held at the Orange County Performing Arts Center -- 546-7372.

Superstar tenor Placido Domingo makes his Opera Pacific debut in a gala concert on Jan. 12 in an extended program of operatic arias, duets, and selections from Spanish zarzuelas.

Opera Pacific presents Puccini's brilliant melodrama, *Tosca* Jan. 17-26.

The glittering production of "The Gypsy Princess," an operetta in three acts, is performed from Feb. 21 through March 8.

"Samson et Dalila," the biblical tale of power and passion is performed in French with English surtitles from Feb. 26 through March 6.

Pacific Symphony Orchestra

Events held at the Orange County Performing Arts Center -- 474-4233.

David Atherton leads the PSO in Mendelssohn's Overture to *Fingal's Cave*, Haydn's Symphony No. 9, and Stravinsky's *Petrushka* on Jan. 8 & 9.

Carl St. Clair conducts the PSO in Knussen's "A Ride to Castle Yonder," Prokofiev's Piano Concerto, and Brahms's Symphony No. 1 on Jan. 29 & 30.

Tony Award-winner Mandy Patinkin joins the PSO on Jan. 31 and Feb. 2.

Rancho Santiago College

17th at Bristol - Ticket information -- 564-5600.

Theater - Phillips Hall Theatre

"Equus," the powerful, psychological drama by Peter Shaffer, opens on Feb. 20 and continues to March 1.

Art - Art Gallery, Fine Arts Building

"Eye Remember--I Forget," an exhibition by three artists dealing with the experience and fortitude of those afflicted by Alzheimer's Disease is open from Feb. 6 to 26.

As part of R.S.C.'s Artweek, there will be lectures, workshops, and exhibits by California African-American artists. For more information, call the Fine and Performing Arts office at 564-5600.

John Outterbridge exhibits his assemblage sculpture from beginning Mar. 12 with an opening reception and lecture on Mar. 11 at 6:30 pm.

RSC Art Forum continues with their free-to-the-public lectures by noted artists, collectors, and critics every Mon. from 12 to 2 pm in Room C-104.

Dance - Phillips Hall Theatre

As part of their open-to-the-public master dance classes, two special guest artists include Carla Luna on the Flamenco Dance on Feb. 29 and Elizabeth Molak on Ballet on March 12. Classes are \$7 each. Call 564-5641.

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

Community Calendar

January

Jan 4 (Sat) -- Recycle your Christmas tree into mulch courtesy of the City's Public Works Department at the City Yard at 730 E. Warner.

Jan 6-17 (Mon-Fri) -- Enrollment for the spring semester at Rancho Santiago College, 17th at Bristol, begins for classes starting Jan. 21. Call 564-6000 for registration information.

Jan 7 (Tues) -- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers a series of weekly workshops concerning basic business principals. Today's title is "Business Loans: Getting the Banker to Say Yes." Jan. 14 is about marketing and advertising. Jan. 21 deals with business plans, and Jan. 28 concerns taxes for the small business. All workshops are at the Republic Federal Bank, 2400 E. 17th St. from 1 to 3 pm. and cost \$10 each. Call 836-2709.

Jan 7 & 9 (Tues & Thurs)-- The "55 Alive" Mature Driving Course is designed for seniors to enhance their driving skills including the "rules of the road." Instruction will be held from 9 am to 1 pm at the Santa Ana Senior Center at 424 W. Third St. Cost is \$8 for both sessions. Call 647-6540 for info.

Jan 11 (Sat) -- "Sexuality and Cancer: The Hidden Hurt" is a seminar for adults with cancer and their families to discuss an often neglected issue of cancer care. Held by the Wellness Community at 1924 E. Glenwood Pl.

No charge. Call 258-1210 for more info.

Jan 15 (Wed) --Try something new, enjoy good, clean fun, and make some new friends at a free night of square dancing for beginners sponsored by the Shirts N' Skirts Square Dance Club of Orange County. Starts at 7:30 pm at the Ebell Club, 625 N. French St. For information, call Bailey Daugherty at 586-3907.

Jan 18 (Sat) -- State Assemblyman Mickey Conroy is the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of SAMSON at the Republic Bank, 2400 E. 17th St. at 10 am. The public is cordially invited to attend. Call 558-7552.

Jan 18 (Sat) -- Tour several remodeled kitchens in historic homes as part of a "Designing Kitchens for the Older Home," seminar offered by the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. Craig Stevens, professional cabinet maker, will discuss the design and execution of older home kitchen remodeling from 1 to 4 pm at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Drive W. Fee-\$5. Call 541-2441 for more information.

Jan 20-25 (Mon-Sat) -- The Santa Ana office of the U.S. Postal Service once again will sponsor their annual book drive to promote literacy and benefit Santa Ana schools. Postal workers will collect your new or used books during their normal mail deliveries or you can drop the books off at any post office.

Jan 21 (Tues) -- Orientation session and auditions for anchor, sports-caster, and field reporter positions will be held for Rancho Santiago College's cable news program "Around and About Orange County" at the studios of KYOU-TV at the RSG Centennial Education Center, 2900 W. Edinger Ave. Call 564-5680.

Jan 23 (Thurs) -- Learn how to "Start Your Own Small Business" at a seminar sponsored by the Service Corps of Retired Executives and the U.S. Small Business Administration from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm at Republic Bank, 2400 E. 17th St. Topics to be discussed include site location, financing, recordkeeping, increasing sales, and legal procedures. Fee is \$20 and pre-registration is recommended. Call 836-2709 for more information.

Jan 26 (Sun) -- The ACP Computer Swap Meet returns with hundreds of vendors offering some of the greatest deals you've ever seen on new and used computer stuff. The meet is located in the parking lot of Advanced Computer Products, 1310 E. Edinger from 8 am until 2 pm. Free.

Jan 27 (Mon) -- A behind the scenes look at the history and impact of television is the focus of "Television and Society: A Visual History," a course offered Monday evenings beginning tonight at 7 pm at Rancho Santiago College, 17th at Bristol. Cost is \$18. Call 564-5680 for registration.

February

Feb 1 (Sat) -- Children from 5 to 12 years will enjoy making old-fashioned Valentines in this special workshop from 9:30 am to 12 noon at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St. The fee of \$7.50 per child includes all materials and light refreshments. Call 540-0404.

Feb 1 (Sat) -- If you're interested in becoming a volunteer for the Discovery Museum, you're cordially invited to a Volunteer Tea in their beautifully restored 1898 Kellogg House, 3101 W. Harvard St. at 10 am. The Museum is an exploratory learning center and always needs interested individuals to help with their varied programs. For more information about the tea, call 540-0404.

Feb 1 (Sat) -- Mater Dei High School will hold their annual Mardi Gras Dinner/Auction at the Anaheim Hilton. The evening will include dinner, dancing, and a silent and live auction all to benefit Mater Dei. Tickets are \$75 per person. For reservations call 835-7643.

Feb 2 (Sun) -- St. Anne Catholic Elementary School, 1324 So. Main St., holds an open house for prospective students and their parents from 9 am until 1:30 pm. Call 942-9328 for more information.

Feb 4 (Tues) -- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers a series of weekly workshops concerning basic business principals. Today's title is "Exporting and International Trade." Feb. 11 is about home businesses. Feb. 18 deals with business plans, and Feb. 25 concerns essential steps for starting a business. All workshops are at the Republic Federal Bank, 2400 E. 17th St. from 1 to 3 pm. and cost \$10 each. Call 836-2709 for further information.

Feb 6 (Thurs) -- Free 1991 federal and state tax return preparation assistance is offered to low-income seniors each week until April. Appointments are necessary. Call the Santa Ana Senior Center at 547-5671 or 647-6540.

Feb 8 (Sat) -- Enjoy a "Breakfast with the Beasts" at the Santa Ana Zoo. Start early in the morning with a light breakfast of muffins, fruit, juice, and hot chocolate. Then its on to enjoy the sights and sounds of the zoo with a guided tour and talk with the staff. The tour ends in the Children's Zoo helping the zoo keeper feed the animals their breakfast. Held from 8:30 to 10 am, it's open to all ages. Fee is \$15 for a parent/child pair, \$7.50 per additional person; \$10 for single youth over ten. Additional session on March 21. Call 836-4000.

Feb 8 (Sat) -- Take a step back to a time when romance was all important and a gentleman courted a lady with flowers and billet-doux. This special Valentine edition tour of the historic Kellogg House will look at the rituals and restrictions of romance at the turn of the century. Held from 9:30 to 11:30 am at the Discovery Museum, 3101 W. Harvard St. Cost is \$15. Call 540-0404 for more details.

Feb 11 (Tues) --"Wallpaper and Paint for the Older Home" is the subject of Dave Ferner, professional wallpaper hanger and painter, in another of the Old(er) House Restoration Series held by the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. A large selection of available wallpapers will be displayed by the wallpaper specialist from Dutch Boy. Held from 7 to 9 pm at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Drive W. Fee-\$3. Call 541-2441.

Feb 14 (Fri) --What could be sweeter than a Valentine's Day Party at the Santa Ana Senior

Center, 424 W. Third St. Lunch, special entertainment, bingo, and other festivities begin at 11 am. So-sponsored by Secure Horizons. Call 647-6540 for reservations. Donation-\$1.50.

Feb 14 (Fri) -- Call early to reserve a table for you and your special friends at this popular St. Valentine's Day tea party at the Discovery Museum complete with scones, tea sandwiches and pastries served to you in the lovely, turn-of-the-century Kellogg House. Cost \$12.50. Call 540-0404 for reservations.

February 15 (Sat) -- "Historic Neighborhoods: How to Help Yours" will be presented by Diann Marsh of the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society. The seminar will discuss of problems and possible solutions, design issues, moving houses, and possibly a mini-tour of two home restorations. Held from 1 to 3 pm at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Drive West. Free. Call 541-2441.

Feb 25-March 24 (Tues) -- "Mommy and Me" is a science program for families offered by the Santa Ana Zoo. In this series of five sessions (one day per week), preschoolers learn about animal life through craft projects, touching live animals, and tours into the zoo. Fee of \$35 covers a parent and a child. Session from 10-11:30 am. Call 836-4000.

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March

March 4-April 1 (Wed) -- "Mommy and Me" at the Santa Ana Zoo. See Feb. 25.

Mar 7 (Sat) -- The Santa Ana Zoo is throwing a 40th birthday party for itself and a couple of thousand friends and that includes you! Festivities begin at 11 am and include special animals, shows, lots of fun, and ice cream for everyone. All kids who bring the Zoo a homemade birthday card will be admitted free. For more information, call the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo at 953-8555.

Mar 14 (Sat) -- A "one hour lesson on how to play the piano in five minutes" will be given by local musician Richard Moser for all those who would like to learn how to play the

piano quickly. The seminar will be held at Phillips Hall at Rancho Santiago College, 17th and Bristol, at 7:30 pm. Cost is \$10. Call 541-6801 for more information.

Mar 14 (Sat) --Is your house historic? If so, what does that mean? You can learn about the basic criteria for identifying the historic value of your house, applying for National Register and local designation, and how to take advantage of the various programs available for historic residences. Diann Marsh of the Santa Ana Historical Preservation Society will share her expertise. Held from 7 to 9 pm at the Dr. Howe-Waffle House, 120 Civic Center Drive West. Free. Call 541-2441.

Mar 17 (Tues) --GREEN! You Bet! The Santa Ana Senior Center at 424 W. Third St., is

once again celebrating St. Patrick's Day with an Irish sing-a-long, Irish parade, refreshments, and all the rest. Reservations are necessary. Donation of \$1.50 is suggested for lunch. Call 647-6540 for reservations.

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