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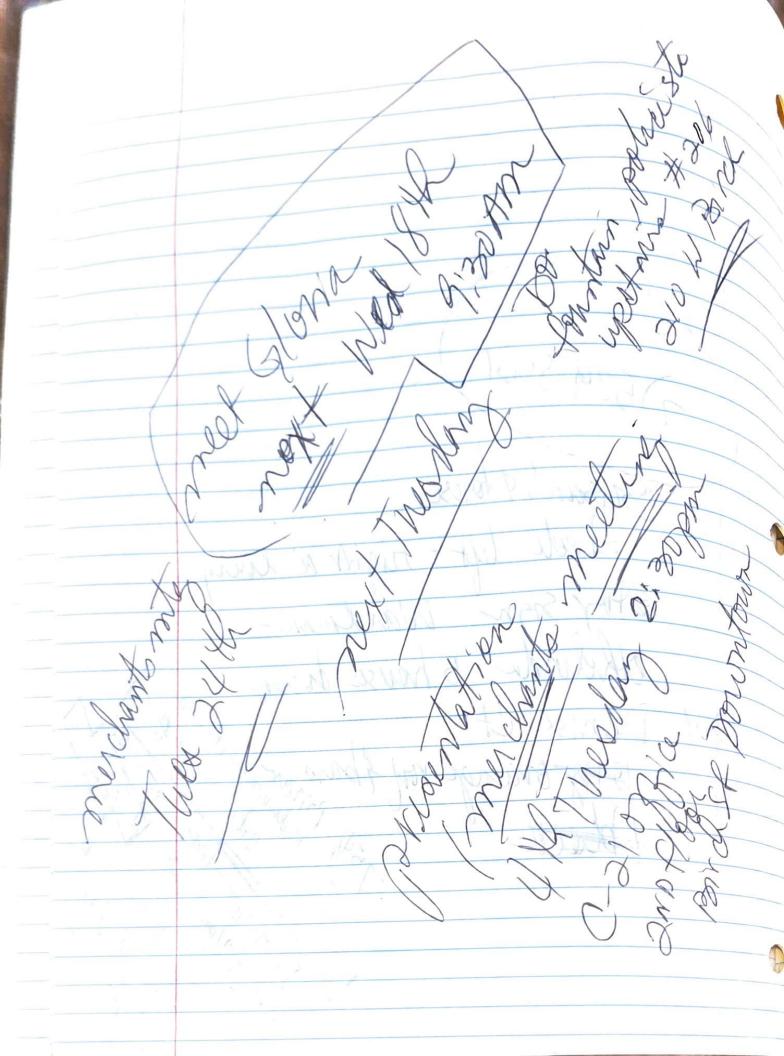
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## **Brea Olinda Unified School District History**

Soon set to celebrate the start of its second century, the Brea Olinda Unified School district began in 1903 with a single-room rural schoolhouse and has evolved into an award-winning nine-campus educational system now serving nearly 6,000 students. The beginnings of Brea's schools and the path they traveled toward today are the topics of this history.

Brea, in Spanish, means tar. Brea's earliest industry was oil, and its first education advocates were local leaders employed by the area's largest land owner—Union Oil. By the late 1890's, oil workers with families began moving into Brea Canyon, and their children were forced to walk, ride ponies or travel by horse cart to the closest schools—several miles west to La Habra Grammar, built in 1896, or several miles east to Olinda's "Little Red School," built in 1898. To remedy this situation, Union officials pushed for the creation of a local school district, and county supervisors quickly concurred.

Established as the Randolph School District on March 3, 1903, the newcomer to Orange County education employed a single teacher, Ellen Dickinson. For \$450 a year, Miss Dickinson rode on horseback to a tiny schoolhouse built by Union Oil in Brea Canyon and taught all subjects to all local students between the ages of six and 13. Secondary students continued their studies at Fullerton Union High School, opened in 1893 for its city's young scholars, and later expanded to serve the nearby districts of Buena Park, La Habra, Olinda, Orangethorpe, Placentia, Randolph and Yorba Linda.

Although only 24 students enrolled at the Brea Canyon school in its first year, its population soon swelled to more than 40, and the need for a larger building became clear. Voters approved a \$6,000 bond for new school construction in December of 1908. Completed by 1910 on the southwest corner of what is now Brea Boulevard and Lambert, Randolph School became the very first building in an otherwise empty town site. Two teachers and 51 students started school that September in its rustic, two-story frame structure, which featured two classrooms, a library, an office, a workroom and an assembly hall. Two years later, the fledgling district named Ralph Jepsen as its first superintendent. By 1914, enrollment at Randolph School topped 200, and several new teachers and classrooms were added. William (W.E.) Fanning was hired as teacher/principal that year, beginning a 38-year career marked not only by strong educational leadership, but by community involvement that inspired a tradition of support for schools.

In the next two years, a change in sentiment and an increase in population saw the Randolph district renamed the Brea School District and grand plans unveiled for an impressive new grammar school. Built on a knoll at the northern edge of settlement, this imposing Greek Revival structure, complete with classical columns, a carved portico, 10 classrooms, a 600-seat auditorium, reception and office space, cost the tax-paying public \$66,000, and was dedicated in 1916 as Brea Grammar School. (In 1956, it was redesignated Brea Junior High.)

Principal Fanning and his staff of 11 teachers welcomed more than 300 students in Brea Grammar School's opening year, some of them walking from new nearby homes, and others picked up from surrounding canyons in a converted ice truck. Only a few buildings had been erected in town by 1916, and nothing as grand as the grammar school would rise for many more years. For these reasons, the campus quickly became a center of local life, as well as a focus for improvement efforts. A well-attended Old Masters art show, a "living art" exhibition, a performance by the Los Angeles Philharmonic and weekly silent movie screenings helped raise funds for cultural and aesthetic enhancements, which included potted plants, framed art prints, a phonograph and eventually a grand piano.

Brea became Orange County's eighth incorporated city in 1917. Within three years, its nearly new grammar school ranked as one of the county's top learning centers, with well-paid teachers (earning an ample annual \$880), a quality curriculum, high-achieving students and a model campus. New playground equipment and tennis courts had been added to the school site, as well as basement assembly and cooking areas, frequently used for community functions. Hot meals in the new cafeteria sold for a

nickel; sandwiches two for five cents.

Brea became a two-school town with the September 1921 opening of Laurel. Rushed to completion within six months as new houses sprouted around it, the \$50,000 campus actually opened without a kindergarten, and Laurel's smallest students began school at a retail and office building on what is now Brea Boulevard. Designed in the popular Mission style architecture of the 20's, Laurel was adorned in its earliest years by a large front-lawn arbor covered with colorful trumpet vines. With more students to transport, the district gained its first school bus, a 30-passenger Reo, when civic leader Ed Peterkin (owner of the earlier ice truck) purchased it in 1922 for district use and charter tours. By 1923, the district had promoted W.E. Fanning to superintendent and increased its enrollment to more than 600. Though still quite small, it also had fielded the county's largest, most influential parent-teacher association, and Brea's PTA was cited as highly instrumental in establishing not only the Orange County Public Library System, but several other countywide cultural institutions.

By 1925, an elementary school district had been operating in Brea for more than two decades and a separate elementary district in nearby Olinda had passed its quarter-century mark. Even so, there was no local high school, and secondary students from both Brea and Olinda traveled south to Fullerton Union High, in early years by large horse-drawn wagons and in later days on the trolley line's Red Cars. Changes made at the Fullerton campus in the 1920's, including cutbacks in such locally popular courses as oil production and horticulture, dismayed Brea's civic leaders, causing them to look closely at their town's growing student population---and take steps to form a new north-county high school district.

Early local efforts to elicit help from the La Habra and Olinda elementary districts went down to defeat. La Habra soon was dropped from the plan, and Olinda lodged protests as well, but the topic was settled at the ballot box in March of 1925, when the Brea-Olinda Union High School District was created. Ninety Brea and Olinda freshmen and sophomores soon began attending the new district's first secondary classes, held that fall on the campus of Brea Grammar School under the direction of principal I.W. Barnett. Backed by business leaders, bonds of \$320,000 were approved for construction of the

new high school, but controversy raged over where it should be built. Olindans solidly backed a rural site deemed too far out of town by most Breans, but Olinda's vote carried the day. By 1926, Brea-Olinda Union High School had begun its slow rise from an eastern barley field

Pre-election bitterness was swept away as Breans and Olindans united to make their new high school one of the region's finest. Architectural plans including an ornate portico and columns framing the school's impressive entryway were adopted with a single change---the elimination of twin towers planned to crown the main building. Construction began immediately, and included a two-story building with offices, an auditorium, a cafeteria and classrooms, as well as a separate manual arts building and a gymnasium. Work was completed within a year, and the 23-acre, \$400,000 campus opened to students on September 14, 1927.

Early campus curricular offerings included today's standard subjects, plus heavy doses of manual training for boys and domestic arts and sciences for girls. Part of the small building where the first local high school classes were held soon was moved from Brea Grammar School to the new school and renamed the "Practice House." This neatly kept cottage near the edge of campus served generations of future homemakers as the only known full-scale, self-contained home economics lab in Orange County.

Brea-Olinda Union High School published its first yearbook, the Gusher, in 1928, and the area's oil heritage soon was reflected again in the choice of a campus mascot. Those charged with the task cleverly settled on the twice-right "Wildcat"---not only the name for an animal which once roamed local valleys and hills, but also a term widely napplied to independent oil drillers. A stuffed and mounted wildcat (of the former form) applied to independent oil drillers. A stuffed and mounted wildcat (of the former form) soon took up residence at the school, along with winning football coach Stewart "Shorty" Smith and popular principal Carl Harvey. At commencement, the new campus proudly sent forth its first 21 graduates as the Class of 1928.

The despair of the Depression left few marks on Brea, but the aftereffect of a 1933 natural disaster changed the face of its schools. Although the district's buildings suffered little apparent damage in the Long Beach Earthquake, they all soon were targeted for massive redesign as legislators drafted the Field Act, calling for stringent new rules on academic structures. While Laurel required minor modification, the beauty of Brea Grammar School and the new high school paid a high price for such safety, as their ornate facades were stripped off and their stately columns were toppled and carted away. More serious and costly repairs were required inside, as steel beams were inserted in walls and ceilings were stabilized. Brea Grammar School lost its prized auditorium, and Brea-Olinda Union High School, dedicated just seven years earlier, required repairs that equaled almost its entire construction cost. During 20 noisy months of renovation, high school scholars studied inside huge tents on the school's east lawn.

The World War II years saw a surge in school activity, as Brea staff and students joined in military and civilian relief efforts. Laurel School became an issue point for ration books on goods from coffee to tires. Two Army battalions lodged at Brea-Olinda Union High during the summer and early fall of 1942, and soldiers studying the mechanics of oil drilling in nearby fields turned its classrooms and gymnasium into barracks and its cafeteria into a mess hall. The school's machine shop swung into night production crafting anchor chain for the Navy, a small shack erected on its roof served as a watch tower for spotting enemy planes, and its gym was readied for use as an aerial-

attack decontamination station. Campus clubs sold war bonds, planted victory gardens, supervised salvage drives, organized community-soldier dances and maintained the city's service flag, which hung in the school's main hallway and marked the names of those serving their country.

The decade of the 1940's saw two major changes in local school leadership. In the elementary district, Superintendent W.E. Fanning retired in 1942, and was succeeded by veteran Brea Grammar School Principal Vincent Jaster. Brea Olinda Union High School Principal Carl Harvey, whose 18-year career stretched back almost to his school's beginning, left in 1946 for a new job at the county, and was succeeded by Frank O. Hopkins. Changes in curriculum and campuses marked the closing years of the decade. Responding in 1947 to an idea born in town, Brea-Olinda became one of the first two high schools in the state to implement both driver education and driver training, newly mandated for all 16-year-olds seeking a license. The passage of a 1949 elementary district bond funded construction of classrooms and a cafeteria at Laurel, and classrooms, tennis courts, shower facilities and a long-delayed, 350-seat "ultra-modern" auditorium at Brea Grammar School.

During the Depression and war years, the local population's slow growth had created no need for new schools, but by the mid-50's, citrus groves on the city's southwest side gave way to subdivisions, and a new elementary school was needed—the town's first in 35 years. Fourteen acres of the old Loma Ranch opened in September of 1956 as Arovista School, its unusual name drawn from the former property owner's beach house (Arrow-Vista), known for its excellent view. The opening of this new school spurred a reconfiguration in the elementary district, with Laurel and Arovista now serving as feeder schools for the former Brea Grammar School, newly rechristened Brea Junior High. The high school campus also saw change in the 1950's, when a pool and a new boys' gym were added, and 10 acres on the site's east side were purchased for a student-run farm. Late in the decade's last year, nearly 4,000 fans packed Brea's bleachers as the Wildcats won their 32-year-old school's first Southern Section CIF football championship. Repeat championships swiftly followed in 1961, 1962 and 1963.

Orange County's growth escalated in the 1950's and 60's, and Brea began to stretch out. The city was incorporated as less than two square miles and originally extended only as far east as Randolph Avenue, but land annexations in the late 1950's and early 60's soon carried its border all the way to the San Bernardino County line. As it spread eastward, Brea encompassed the faded remains of Olinda, a turn-of-the-century oil boomtown. Among the few then-still-standing structures at Olinda was its second educational institution, the "Little Green School," which was built in 1909 in what is now Carbon Canyon Park.

In the early 1960's, as regional flood-control projects took form in Carbon Canyon, Olinda's last remaining residences were removed, and its 50-year-old frame school was trucked into Brea and transformed into today's Brea Senior Citizens Center. Having lost its only school, the Olinda district leased space at nearby El Rodeo Riding Academy to conduct classes for its few remaining students. Once Carbon Canyon Dam was complete, the Army Corps of Engineers set about replacing what the dam had displaced, building a new school two miles to the northeast. Today's Olinda School opened on Lilac Lane in 1964, and pays homage to its past by displaying the old school's bell in its courtyard.

A statewide education reform movement in the mid-1960's promoted the unification of small school districts, and several north-county candidates were named for consolidation. Although local schools rejected unification with Yorba Linda, consolidation did come for the three districts then operating within Brea's borders. Olinda School District (founded in 1898; one school, moved twice) Brea School District (founded as Randolph School District in 1903; three schools), and Brea-Olinda Union High School District (founded in1925; one school) merged in 1966 to form the Brea-Olinda Unified School District. A seven-member board, chosen at large, was elected, with Brean Leo Piantoni as first president. Dr. Paul Bolie signed on as superintendent of the new K-12 district, and veteran local educator Vincent Jaster became assistant superintendent.

Rapidly accelerating growth in the community's north and west soon saw two new elementary schools built in a short span of time. Mariposa (located on Mariposa Drive) opened its doors in 1966, followed closely by Fanning (named for veteran elementary educator W.E. Fanning) in 1970. Built in a triple-pod configuration around a central media center, Fanning remains unique among the district's facilities, and school design teams often visited the campus during its early years. At the high school, the late 1960's brought a major modernization effort that included the addition of classrooms and remodeling of the auditorium. The school's farm expanded eastward, and by decade's end had grown into a barnyard home for 28 hogs, 35 beef cattle, 10 lambs and 500 chickens. In addition to animal units, the facility included classrooms, a small orchard and greenhouse, a utility shed and equipment garage.

Brea's growth slowed in the 1970's, since most remaining parcels of "undeveloped" land continued in active oil production. Still, district leaders looked ahead, and knew more schools would one day be needed. Newly complicating this process was Proposition 13, the "Taxpayer Revolt Initiative" approved by California voters in 1978. Among other provisions, this measure boosted the threshold for passage of local school bonds from 51 to 66 percent. In the coming decades, California school construction would sink to near-Depression-era levels. Dr. C. Gordon Bishop was named district superintendent in 1978. Although his three-year tenure would see the district unify its educational goals and develop its first five-year plan, it also was marked by a board recall and a five-day teachers' strike. He was succeeded in 1981 by Interim

Superintendent James Stafford.

While business leaders and civic officials always had assisted the city's schools, a new form of city-school district interaction evolved in the late 1970's, as BOHS alumnus Wayne Wedin (named Brea's city manager in 1968) and veteran school administrator Leonard MacKain (who also served as a city councilman) laid the groundwork for a series of future city-school district joint ventures. The first fruits of increased cooperation arrived in 1980, when the district sold a 13-acre parcel of land (today's Claim Jumper) that served as the site of its district office---an assortment of portable buildings. Proceeds of this sale were used for three purposes: moving the district maintenance yard to a larger Berry Street site, moving the district office (rechristened the "Jaster Education Center" for veteran educator Vincent Jaster) to the newly opened Civic & Cultural Center, and providing half the funding for a needed new elementary school east of the 57 Freeway. Brea Country Hills Elementary, which features city-school district shared park/playground facilities, opened in 1981 on a 10-acre site acquired through cooperation

with the Brea Redevelopment Agency. "Country Hills," as the school commonly is called, was built at no cost to taxpayers, and its success set the precedent for a far larger project to come.

Dr. Edgar Z. Seal signed on as district superintendent in 1982, and swiftly began planning for high school facilities. By the early 80's, the high school's Birch Street campus (the site of today's Brea Marketplace) was filled to overflowing with 1,400 students and 19 portable buildings. Seeking solutions, the district invited developers to submit proposals for either improving this crowded campus or building an entirely new school. When studies showed refurbishment would not be cost effective, the path ahead appeared clear. Though sentiment for the old school ran high, fortune favored a move, and the fact that its neighbor was a major mall meant new site-use potential was strong.

Funding for the high school project came from combined sale and lease of the 40-acre old BOHS site, with added assistance from the Brea Redevelopment Agency. The old school remained in use until its replacement campus was complete, and the first phase of the Marketplace opened on the site of the former football field. The 50-acre new high school site, long part of Union Oil's lucrative Stearns Lease, was selected over 12 other properties for value and location. On Nov. 1, 1986, a parade of yellow buses pulled up a steep slope to a small plot of level land, where groundbreaking ceremonies were held for the new Brea Olinda High School. Two million cubic yards of dirt would be moved at a cost of \$8 million before actual building could begin.

Brea Olinda's new state-of-the-art, \$35 million campus opened in September of 1989 as the first public high school in California built without state aid and at no cost to local taxpayers. Featuring a stadium, swimming pool, all-weather track, multiple gyms, a 350-seat performing arts center and classroom space for 2,000, it lost a planned ornamental tower due to budget cuts (just as the first BOHS had) yet still took design honors from the American Institute of Architects. To symbolically connect BOHS's first and second sites, the Birch Street school's cornerstone was removed and split, and the surface created this way was polished and engraved as the new school's cornerstone. Both blocks today grace the new school's inner quad. Standing guard at its entry is an updated bronze mascot, the Wildcat, carved in an outdoor studio on campus by Brea Artist in Residence Carlos Terres as a symbol of strength, possibility, intelligence and excellence.

At the time of the new high school's opening, the familiar comma which long had linked Brea and Olinda into Brea-Olinda was removed by school board action, and both the new high school's name and the school district's name took on a more streamlined look. Its era ended, the old high school hosted an alumni "Last Hurrah," and demolition crews moved in on its 63-year-old campus. A poster was commissioned to commemorate it, its bricks were salvaged and sold as souvenirs, and its former site was marked in the Marketplace by the BOHS Walk of Fame. Brea Canyon High School, which had begun on the campus of old BOHS in 1978, also moved to its new home in 1989, and Fanning Elementary earned honors that year as the district's first California Distinguished School.

Not just a time for focus on facilities, the 1980's saw BOHS athletics ascend to regional dominance as virtually every team began bringing home annual Orange League Championships. CIF Southern Section Championships followed in five sports: boys' soccer (1986 and 2001), boys' swimming (1988), gymnastics (1986), girls' swimming (1986, 1987, 1988, 1991 and 1992) and girls' basketball (1986 and 1989-2000). Brea's

girls' basketball dynasty took its first run to the top in 1989, winning the California State Championship. Repeat Ladycat state championships followed in 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1998, 1999 and 2000.

Following \$1.5 million in improvements funded through CalTrans in the wake of Imperial Highway's widening, 69-year-old Laurel School was rededicated in 1991. The district sent out a signal on substance abuse that year when smoking at school sites was prohibited for the first time and a large-scale drug-awareness and crime prevention program saw campuses designated "Drug-Free Zones" At BOHS, the Harlem Globetrotters helped inaugurate the new Wildcat gym with a benefit basketball game, the campus and its cutting-edge Pac-Tel Knowledge Network computer system were highlighted in a commercial broadcast during the Super Bowl, and the combined development of the new school and its old site won honors from the National Privatization Council. BOHS became the district's second California Distinguished School in 1991. It was named in 1993 as a National Blue Ribbon School, one of only 18 middle and high schools in California and 260 schools nationwide awarded the prestigious honor that year

Dr. Margaret "Peggy" Lynch was named district superintendent in 1994. Six months later, Orange County became the nation's largest municipal entity ever to declare bankruptcy, and portions of school funds held in its treasury were threatened, then held, but eventually restored. Acting in response to new funding from the state, the district implemented elementary class-size reduction for the first time in 1996. In 1998, twice-transplanted Olinda School celebrated a century of service to its canyon community, and Arovista Elementary was named the district's third California Distinguished School. Brea Olinda High earned Distinguished School Honors for the second time the following year. Local voters approved a \$27-million BOUSD facilities bond in 1999, marking only the second successful school tax election in Orange County since the passage of Proposition 13 more than two decades before. Achievements and honors continued into the new decade as Brea Olinda Wildcat Football took the Southern Section CIF championship (for the first time in 38 years) in 2001, and Brea Country Hills Elementary was named as a California Distinguished School in 2002.

As past becomes present and the district steps into its second century, the pace of local progress continues to quicken. Work on modernization, expansion and land acquisition for needed new schools has become a priority as Brea poises to begin growing again. Still, the importance of the basics---quality leadership, staff, training, curriculum and community support---remains the district's first focus. Led since Fall of 2001 by Superintendent Tim Harvey, the Brea Olinda Unified School District continues to embrace a long local tradition of educational excellence, and reaffirms its overarching goal in a simple new statement:

"Learning is our Priority, With Opportunity for All"

<sup>---</sup> Teresa Hampson, summer 2002

## BREA OLINDA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BREA, CA 92821

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Townsite of Brea founded (Formerly called Randolph)	1910
Change from Randolph to Brea School District	1915
Brea Grammar School (later known as Brea Junior High School)	
Laurel School opens	1916
Brea and Olinda pool resources to form Brea-Olinda Union High School District	1921
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## BREA HOME AND DOWNTOWN TOUR SCRIPT

I. YRIARTE RANCH AND RANDOLPH —Take a look around you. Go back in time a little over 100 years to the 1890's, and there was nothing here except the hills and a valley covered by scrub brush and patches of cactus stretching east and west. The first settlers had moved into the La Habra area, but here where Brea now stands there was still nothing. In 1894 the Union Oil Co. puchased a lot of land and built their headquarters just at the base of what's now Wildcat Way, the road leading up to the new high school. Some of this land they leased to Basque sheepherders whose animals were soon roaming the hills. Other land was leased and later puchased by another sort of Basque — the farmer, and the Yriarte family was the largest landholder. All the land you see around you belonged to them, and on it they raised oats and barley. The sounds of huge steam driven tractors could be heard for miles in the silence that was then Brea. (SEE PAMPHLET)

For years the Basques were basically the only families here, but in 1903 some enterprising land developers from Long Beach came to the area and purchased a lot of open land with the idea of making money by starting a settlement, or townsite. They called it Randolph. Big promises were made, some land was sold, but the planned settlement failed because they couldn't get enough water here, and the promised arrival of the Pacific Electric Railway, or redears, never happened. Their arrival didn't occur until 1911. By that time the name of the settlement had changed to Brea, many lots were sold and the town had begun to grow. Six years later, on Feb. 23, 1917, Brea became an official city after a vote for incorporation.

- 2. REDWOOD AVE.—In the early 90's there was a unsuccessful push in the city to designate this street as an official historical area, and that's the reason for the red bricks on both ends of the street and the old-looking street lights. The City did though use the street as a place to preserve 5 historical homes that were to be torn down because of redevelopment of the downtown area. I'll be telling you a little bit about each of them. The homes were selected from the many threatened using a set of criteria. Among these were their architectural uniqueness or if they were associated with someone important in Brea's history.
- 3. DON WARD HOME—It was built in 1929 as part of the new Laurel Heights Tract. It's constructed in the Provincial Revival style that became popular after WWI. Notice the high peak of the house. That's a typical feature of a Provincial Revival home. A new roof has just recently been put on, and it's of the style of the 1920's. Almost all of the other homes of this period and style have changed their roofs over the years to a more standard and simpler one. The couple who live in this home though have been working to change both the outside and inside basically back to the way they might have looked in the 20's, and I think you're going to be surprised at the results.

#### INFO ABOUT INTERIOR

- 4. CASNER HOUSE—It was built for \$2,500 in 1918 by W.D. Casner, a prominent local oilman who came to this area in 1911. He drilled the first oil well on the old G&L Lease west of town. The home's architectural style is called Airplane Craftsman which was popular between 1914 and 1922. There's only one other house close to this style in the city and it's on Imperial Hwy. and is used as a tea room. Typical of this style are the gables wings and porches, with a smaller gabled house on the second floor, vaguely resembling an airplane with a cockpit above. (SEE PAMPHLET PHOTO OF HOUSE RECENTLY PLACED ON LOT)
- 4. MATTHEWS HOUSE—It was built in 1929 just across the street from Laurel School and was moved here in the early 90's It's probably the fanciest of the Provincial Revival residences in Brea with its 3 peaked gables and its 2 columns supporting the porch. The first owners of the home were Jay and Florence Matthews. Jay worked in a case on Brea Blvd. and Florence was Brea's first postmistress. Before they built this place they were living in a small little home at the back of the lot, and then when this house was finished, they took the old house apart and used the wood to build a garage and a wash house. In the backyard there were two pecan trees, a fish pond, a cactus garden and a miniature-miniature golf

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- 6. MITCHELL HOUSE—It was built in 1918 on Madrona St., probably about where the rear downtown parking structure is now located, the one that overlooks the flood control channel. It was the home of R.H. Mitchell, who served on Brea's first Board of Trustees, or City Council. Notice the cut outs above the front porch.
- 7. FREEWAY HOMES—Have you noticed that these two homes don't fit architectually with the other houses on the street? That always confused me until recently when I learned that they're displaced "freeway homes" that were moved here to Brea in the early 50's when the Santa Ana Freeway was being built.
- 8. JAMISON HOUSE—Can you guess what its nickname is? Just look at its shape. What does it remind you of?——Yes, it was called "the Box House". This was a typical home of the common man in Brea. There was nothing fancy about it. It's a very simple Craftsman Bungalow home built just when Brea was being settled. In fact, it's one of very oldest houses in the city. It originally sat on the corner on Ash and Walnut, across from the old Brea Christian Church which is still on Ash, and which we'll see later on. The inside layout of these early craftsman homes was almost always the same. You entered into the living room, and straight ahead would be the dining room with its built-in buffet. Beyond that you'd enter the kitchen. Leading out of the living room to your left would be one bedroom, a bathroom, and then a rear bedroom. The front porch often had a porch swing or comfortable chairs because people would spend a lot of time outdoors, especially in the summer, since there was no air conditioning then.
- 9. DR. WALTER W. DAVIS HOUSE—It also had a nickname. Does anyone know or remember what it is or was? —— (the "Blue Bungalow") Why do you think it was called that? —— Because the last color it was painted was blue, and most people remember that color because this house originally sat on a very prominant downtown corner Brea Blvd at Birch, where Tower Records is now. No one's absolutely 100% sure of the construction date, but we know it existed in 1918 so we've put "circa 1918"on the plaque designating it as an official Brea landmark. Like I said, it was the home of Dr. Davis, who was one of the very early doctors of Brea. During WWI he went into the army and served in France and Germany working in hospitals treating the wounded. He returned here in 1919 and continued his practice. He died in 1930, and since then this house has served a variety of purposes. It has been a restaurant, a tea room, a rental house, a paint store, and its last use was by the police dept. It was moved here in 1994. (SEE PAMPHLET)

Notice the front part of the house with all the windows. It was added on by Dr. Davis in 1922 as a waiting room and office. The Dr. and his family lived in the rear portion of the house. You'll see when you go in that this home is entirely different than the other home we visited because over the years since it was built it has been changed so many times, that it doesn't at all look like a home of the pre-20's. It's a wonderful example though of the interior updating of an historic home.

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- 10. SE CORNER OF ASH AND FLOWER-In 1923 Dr. Davis built another house here on this lot. I think it's kind of weird that a little over 70 years later his original home was moved right there behind him. Anyway, this home here, and the one across the street are both Habitat for Humanity homes, a program started in 1976 to provide low cost housing. Since 1976, it's built more that 100,000 homes in 79 countries. About 30,000 of those homes have been built in the U.S. What makes these homes so affordable is that they're sold at no profit to the homeowner, and the homeowner and volunteers actually build the home themselves under expert supervision.
- 11. CASA BREA INN-Built in 1927 for \$25,000 and consisting of two stories with 6 housekeeping apts., 16 sleeping rooms, and two suites with sleeping and living rooms, the hotel advertised itself as having a built-in refrigerator and continuous hot water. There was even a buzzer in each room that the manager could use to notify you when you had a phone call downstairs. The Inn was torn down in 1990,

one of the first buildings removed for downtown redevelopment.

- 12. ORANGE AVE. PALM TREES—This is one of the earliest residential streets in Brea. In fact, the third house built in town used to be about mid-block until it was moved a couple years ago to the other end of Redwood Ave.by Imperial. It was the home of the Kinsler family who moved to Brea in 1911. Mr. Kinsler was Brea's first city clerk. He also headed the drive for incorporation, was city judge, recorder, and a member of the fire dept. A real supporter of labor issues, he founded the Orange County Central Labor Council which still exists today after 80 years. In March of this year his home, like the Blue Bungalow, was officially declared a Brea historical landmark. He and Mrs. Kinsler planted these palms back before 1920, and Mrs. Kinsler, using a bucket, used to go up and down the street watering them.
- 13. PERGOLA WITH PORCH PILLARS--Notice the pergola between the pillars. In the craftsman homes built between 1903 and the mid-20's, and Brea's older neighborhoods are filled with them, a pergola was often off the dining room. These porch pillars are also very typical of the ones that supported the front porch.
- 14. BREAL—This was one of the very first affordable senior housing complexes built in Brea. In the late 70's the Brea Rotary Club, the Brea Ministerial Assoc. and the City of Brea came together in a joint effort, and using donated or at-cost materials and community citizens as volunteers to do all the construction, the building was completed at 1/2 the price it normally would have cost.
- 15. EXPOSED BEAMS OR SUPPORTS UNDER ROOF OF CONDOS---Very typical of craftsman homes
- 16. LAMPS AT MEXICAN RESTAURANT--There have been different popular decorating styles over the years, and one of these was the Arts and Crafts Period which was popular in the early years of the 20th Century. There was arts and crafts architecture, furniture, art, etc, and these lamps are an updated example of ones you might find during that time. Notice the color--brown. During the A&C Period there was an attempt to go back to nature, and earth colors signified that return.
- 17. SITE OF WALL BUILDING-- (SEE PAMPHLET) An old 2-story wooden building built in either 1911 or 1912. It used to face Brea Blvd. (POMONA AVE.), but in the 1950's was moved to face Ash.

It was used in the movie Silver Streak with Gene Wilder, but you had to look quickly to see it. The building burned down on Easter Sunday, 1990.

- 18. ASH INTERSECTION ART WORK—It's called "The Family" and is made out of steel. It shows a mother, father and child holding hands, and that's supposed to signify support, protection and love. Differing planes and levels of metal show the complexities of family life.
- 19. MERGE LEFT SIGN (FORMER LOCATION OF BREA CLOCK)—Here's where the Brea Clock once stood, but because of the street widening, it was about 20 feet in towards the center of the street. Right behind it was the old Brea Hotel which was built in 1913 and taken down a couple years ago. Just on the other side of the hotel there was an old tin building at 120 N. Brea Blvd. where probably the most important event ever to take place in Brea occurred in 1925-26. (SEE PAMPHLET)

How many of you knew we once had an airport in Brea? It was located just east of the intersection of Imperial and Kraemer. Back in the 20's airplanes were the big thing, and new aircraft innovations were occurring all the time. Here in Brea though right in that tin building the first low-winged monoplane ever built in the U.S. was constructed. (Explain how there were 2-winged planes (biplanes), 3-winged planes (triplanes) and even monoplanes, but in those monoplanes the wing was always on top of the fusilage. With the Humming Bird it was below, a very novel design at the time) What makes that so important is that over 98% of planes today, from gliders to passenger jets to the Space Shuttle have the basic design of the tiny plane developed here. We're working to get a plaque placed at the garage's location to designate it as an historical landmark.

Babe Ruth and Walter Johnson and their teams changed into their uniforms in that tin building that is now Ron & Wayne's. They played an exhibition game on Halloween Day 1924 just down the hill to the

left where there's now a housing tract. Johnson was the hometown hero because he had lived in the small town of Olinda, which was located in the area around where Carbon Canyon Park is now.

20. ASH / BREA BLVD, INTERSECTION—In the early years this was the main intersection in Brea. North and south was figured from here. Also, streets in both directions were named alphabetically from this point. Looking south the streets were (SAY THEM WITH ME) Ash, Birch, Cedar (now imperial Hwy.), Date, Elm, Fir and the missing street - Gravillea. Looking north the streets were Ash, Bracken, Cypress and Deodara (now Lambert).

#### (SEE PAMPHLET)

The main structures on the corners were a market (where the church sanctuary is to be built), the Wall Bldg. A dry goods store (later Cannings Hardware), and right across the street was the La Habra Valley Bank built in 1912 (Later a diner, the post office and finally That Frame Place) On the side of the bank facing Ash there was a door, and it was through that door in Feb. 1917 that voters entered to east their votes whether Brea should become an official incorporated city. The vote was 204-45 in favor of incorporation.

Just south of the bank was the two-story brick Sewell Bldg., built in 1914 to replace a wooden Sewell Bldg, that burned down the year before. In the new building there was a large hall upstairs with a stage, and in the early years of Brea that's where boxing matches held, plus dances, minstral shows and a variety of other civic events. When Brea became a city, though, the Sewell Bldg, served as our first city hall and continued in that capacity until the old city hall by the plunge was opened for business in 1929.

Just south of the Sewell Bldg. was the Brea Bakery, better known as Sam's Place. It was built in 1915, and in the storeroom in the rear of Sam's you could still see the remnants of the baking ovens.

NOTE: Point out on the pamphlet the little Jamison Box House sitting on the corner behind the bank and Delaney Bldg.

- 21. RECESSED ENTRANCES TO STORES-- Very typical of old Brea Bldgs. Almost all the buildings had them. They allowed for a display shelf on each side behind the windows.
- 22. TILES ON FACADE ABOVE LEATHER CENTER: Why do you think they are reminicent of old Brea? Because these tiles take the place of glass bricks that were once put in above the entrances of some of the old buildings to allow light into the stores. Also, we tend to think that skylights are a relatively new thing, but there were old skylights in the 1913 Brea Hotel, the Casa Brea Inn on Ash St., the Canning's Hardware bldg: and several other structures along Brea Blvd.
- 23. SIDEWALK-- What about the sidewalk is "old Brea"? When the designers of the new downtown were looking for ways to incorporate the old into the new they looked all around for ideas, even to the sidewalks. They could easily have put big slabs of concrete or some sort of decorative sidewalk along here, but instead they returned to the small-squared sidewalks of old Brea.

NOTE-- Tell people that because of the widening of the Blvd., as we walk along here we're actually walking through the buildings themselves!

24. STREETLIGHTS IN FRONT OF FURNITURE TRADING CO.— They really look a lot like the streetlights that were along Brea Blvd. in the 20's, 30's and 40's. Take a look across the street between the movie theater and the parking structure. Do you see anything there that looks familiar? What about the lightposts? Those are the ones that used to line Brea Blvd from the 70's to the 90's until the blvd. was windened. (They're also the ones on Redwood St.) I remember hearing that after they were removed they were taken to the City Yard on Berry St., and I thought they were going to be either sold or tossed. Well, here they've made a reappearance. They were originally placed on Brea Blvd. in the 1970's as a part of another redevelopment project for the downtown. It was called the "Good Old Brea" project and was designed to make the downtown look like an old Victorian town. Some false fronts were put on buildings, the streetlights were installed, doors and windows were replaced in some of the buildings, but all that didn't work. Unlike our current new downtown, Good Old Brea was a flop and brought very few people here to shop.

- 25. BRICKS ON PASEO-- After the Sewell Bldg. and some other buildings downtown were demolished, their bricks were saved to be used in the new downtown. These here are from the Sewell Bldg., which, as I've told you, was Brea's first city hall. When you go north along Brea Blvd. take a look to your right as you reach the railroad tracks, and you'll see the remainder of the bricks just waiting for a home. They're sitting on the lot where our new fire station will soon be built.
- 26. BERGMAN'S GARAGE— (SEE PAMPHLET) Maybe some of you remember Pawlack Tile that used to sit on this corner. Originally it was a light tan-colored and white brick garage building built in 1919. There were gas pumps here on the corner, and the cars would pull in diagonally to fill up. Also, the garage served as the main bus stop in town.
- 27. BREA BLVD. (POMONA AVE.)—In the very early years of Brea the street wasn't paved at all. It was just dirt, which really made it miscrable when it rained. The street was full of ruts so it was hard to drive on. Later, a 17 ft. wide strip of cement was layed down the middle, which was wide enough for two cars to pass. Both sides of the street though were still dirt. 1922 marked an important year because the street was then paved from curb to curd.

In the 90's when the blvd, was being widened, workmen digging up the street discovered that original 17 ft, wide strip of cement

28. "BREA WELCOMES YOU" SIGN—Do you remember where the Brea Sign used to be? Back in the early 30's there was a big move to put Brea on the map. It was the middle of the Depression, but Breans wanted to show that we were doing okay. Consequently, over there in 1934, a big metal arch was constructed across the blvd, with this sign right in the middle. There was a big first lighting ceremony on April 6 under the arch with high school students singing, lots of speeches and a big street dance.

For 60 years the sign hung there undisturbed, but in 1994 a truck that was carrying a load a little too high smashed into the arch denting it out of shape. (SEE PAMPHLET) The City had plans to take down the sign anyway because of the street widening so this accident just speeded up the process.

For 7 years the sign was kept in storage waiting for a new home. It was also repaired and restored during that time. There was talk of placing it back over Brea Blvd., but the arch to support it would have had to have been half the length of a football field, and the little sign would have gotten lost. The City also talked about putting it here over the entrance to the Birch St. Promenade, but it changed it's mind because there were already too many lights and neon here with the theater and the traffic lights. Another possible location was over Birch St. on the other side of Brea Blvd. I think the strangest of the locations though was the idea to attach it to the side of a building.

Anyway, this location was decided upon. The City wanted it to be in a place with 100% visibility—where it could be seen from all directions. It also liked the idea of it turning, which kind of made it more fun to look at. Soon there's going to be a circular bench built around the base of the post.

TAKE A LOOK DOWN THE STREET. I LEARNED FROM THE DEVELOPER THAT THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO LOOK AT THIS STREET. THE FIRST WAY IS THAT THIS SIGN REPRESENTS THE PAST, THE FOUNTAIN OVER THERE REPRESENTS THE PRESENT AND THAT WHITE SPIRE AT THE END OF THE STREET REPRESENTS THE FUTURE. THE OTHER WAY TO LOOK AT THE STREET IS AS A HOUSE. THE THEATERS ARE THE LIVING OR FAMILY ROOM, THE RESTAURANTS ARE THE KITCHEN AND THE HOUSING ABOVE THE STORES IS THE BEROOM. INTERESTING, HUH?

29. EDWARDS CINEMAS—Does anyone have an idea in what arhitectural style this was built? ART DECO, which is short for decorative arts. This style was really popular in the 20's and 30's and was characterized by the use of repetive geometric shapes (POINT OUT GEOMETRIC SHAPES ALONG THE TOP OF THEATER AND ON RAILINGS), vibrant colors and kind of a streamlined or rounded look. Remember the old cars and locomotives of the 20's? They had a lot of sharp corners, and the when art deco became popular most of those corners were replaced by rounded ones. The same goes with household appliances like toasters, stoves, refrigerators.

- 30. RED LANTERN THEATRE—Back in 1922 we also had another movie theater here in town called the Red Lantern Theatre. It was built in a Chinese motif (SEE PAMPHLET) with a red lantern hanging above the marquee and buddhas inside with green lights in their foreheads. Probably the biggest thing that ever happened at the theater, other than when the whole front fell off one night during its construction, was when the Gumm Sisters performed here. Do you know who one of them was? Judy Carland (SEE PAMPHLET) Her uncle, Bill Gumm, was the theater manager. A few years later Garland (SEE PAMPHLET) Her uncle, Bill Gumm, was the theater manager here as a favor later, when she was known professionally as Judy Garland, she made a return engagement here as a favor to her uncle.
- 31. UNBUILT CITY HALL—Before we move on, there's another thing about this location that very few people know. This was supposed to be the location of a new city hall built in 1922. Plans were drawn, (SEE PAMPHLET) but nothing ever happened. You can see from the drawing that it was going to be built in a Mediterranean Spanish style. At the left were to be the city hall offices and a library, and those doors on the right was where the city's fire equipment was going to be stored. At that time we didn't yet have the old Brea Seagraves firetruck that most of you have probably seen at some city event.
- 32. OLD-LOOKING BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET—Of all the buildings in the new downtown this one is probably most reminiscent of old Brea. It doesn't especially look like any particular building, but instead it's kind of a conglomeration of all of them. How do the fronts of these stores differ though from the old-looking ones we saw on Brea Blvd.?——The entrances aren't recessed. To be authentic-looking these should have been recessed also, but that's okay because the architects were trying to update the old and give it a new look.
- 33. WALNUT ST.— When the downtown was undergoing redevelopment, the City wanted to keep the original old street names of Walnut Ave, and Madrona Ave. (the next street up). Of course they end here now instead of continuing on to Imperial Hwy. as they once did.

Take a look up the street to that church at the other end. That's the old BREA CHRISTIAN CHURCH built in 1935. It's actually the 3rd church building to stand there. The first one was built in 1914 and was nicknamed the "Tabernacle Built in a Day" because that's how long it took to construct it using community volunteers. That building was torn down after awhile and the lumber used to make the using community volunteers. I wonder if it was called that because it was never painted? Anyway, in 1921 a group of boys from the church worked together with their fathers and built the log cabin clubhouse you may have heard about or seen. It was torn down some years ago.

Between the church and here are the ASH STREET COTTAGES, which are, of course, different from the homes that once filled this area, but the developers tried to give them the look of those old homes, and I think they did a pretty good job. It was important to the City that people once again live downtown. Otherwise, it could have easily made this whole area retail.

- 34. TREE GRATES-- I don't remember tree grates along Brea Blvd, but these do give an interesting old look to the downtown.
- 35. BIRCH ST. LOFTS AND BIG CLOCK—Back in 1989 there was a big city-sponsored meeting of citizens who came together one Saturday at the Brea Senior Center and voiced their wishes about how they'd like to see the new downtown look. There were all sorts of ideas, including converting somehow that flood control channel down the hill into a small lake. One of the ideas though everyone agreed upon was having people live again downtown, and, as I told you, that was the reason for the Ash St. Cottages. Also, in old downtowns people lived above the stores, and the City followed that idea here with the Birch Street Lofts. All these people living downtown gave this area a built-in "audience".

The first couple times I came down here I never saw the clock up there. Someone finally had to point it out to me.

36. BREA CLOCK—First of all, I need to clear something up. Maybe some of you think that this clock, which, as I pointed out earlier was at the intersection of Ash and Brea Blvd., has been in the city since the early days. Well, it hasn't. It's only been here since 1975 when a clockmaker named Charlie opened a clock shop in the old Brea Hotel building and wanted a gimmick to call attention to his store.

For years it was known as "Charlie's Clock", and when he left town, the City purchased the clock from him because it had become a city landmark.

Even though it hasn't been in Brea all that long, it is old. It was once the stationmasters clock at the

Over the years the clock didn't work a lot of the time because of vandalism or just because of age. In Santa Fe Railyards in Riverside. 1979 a car actually ran into it causing some major damage, and it was some time before it was back on

Just like the Brea Sign, the clock here has been in storage since 1994 waiting for its new home. Brca Blvd During this last year, a major restoration was done to get it into great working order. Experts created an exact reproduction of the clock face, reproducing the unique calligraphy of the letters and numbers. The hands were also recreated. The inside mechanism was carefully taken apart, recast, and put back together. The face itself is the original, just repainted with some neon added so it can be seen at night. Of course, the metal casing around the face up there and the post and base are all original.

- 37. ART DECO BUILDING ACROSS THE STREET-- This I think is kind of a fun art deco building. What do you see on it that makes you think it could be art deco? --- the geometic shapes (triangles)
- 38. CASNER HOUSE LOCATION -- Remember us walking by that two-story airplane craftsman house on Redwood St. Well, it was originally located on Madrona St., just a house away from Birch so it was probably about right behind that building there on the corner (the last building on the south side of Birch). It was moved down this street on its way to Redwood in the middle of the night when there was no (SEE PHOTO OF HOUSE CROSSING BREA BLVD. AT NIGHT) traffic.
- 39. TREMAINE BOMB SHELTER- Just down the street from the Casner House was another house with an interesting feature --- it had a bomb shelter. It was the home of Bill Tremaine who built that tiny Humming Bird airplane in his garage on Brea Blvd. Two months after the attack on Pearl Harbor, when everyone was sure the Japanese were going to attack the mainland at any moment, Bill dug a big hole 7 feet deep, 6 feet wide and 10 feet long. For a roof he cut a big tank in two parts to make 2 arches so the roof kinda looked like this (Show with hands). He built some regular steps going down into the shelter, put in some shelves for food and then covered the whole thing with 2 feet of dirt. He figured that until the time came when the shelter was needed, he could use it to smoke the meat he'd get when he went deer hunting.
- 40. DOWNTOWN EVENTS-- The Downtown Businessmen's Assoc. puts on 3 big events here every year, plus some smaller events. You probably remember the big Jazz. Festival in Sept. and the car show this summer. Events for next year are already fully booked, as are 2 of the 3 big events for 2003.

#### 41. QUESTIONS?-

42. SHAFFER FOUNTAIN-- Do you know what these represent? ---- Sliced oranges, and the green posts are the branches. This is called the Shaffer Fountain and is dedicated to a former mayor and well-loved early businessman of Brea named W.D. Shaffer, owner of the Shaffer Tool Works, which was just across the street from where we started the tour. When he died in 1946, his employees wanted to do something special in his honor so they raised money and volunteered to build a large octagon-shaped fountain in old City Hall Park between the Plunge and Brea Blvd. It stood where the Rose Garden is now.

On a Sunday evening in Sept. 1948 a big ceremony was held in the park, and the fountain with its changing colored lights was officially turned on for the first time. All went well for several years, and then the fountain started to break down often. By the early 60's there was even talk of turning it into one big planter! Finally, in 1969 it was torn down, but the Shaffer family was promised that another replacement fountain would be built in Mr. Shaffer's honor, It never happened though. There were plans to build one in the 70's, but at the time there was a drought so building a fountain then just wasn't the best thing to do.

With downtown redevelopment underway and the City talking about placing fountains in the area, this was a great chance to fulfill that long-ago promise to the Shaffer family. Consequently, this fountain is now the Shaffer Fountain. It doesn't look anything at all like the original in the park, but that's okay. I think Mr. Shaffer would have been pleased anyway because one of the things he produced here in Brea

was large machines that were up on towers and, when turning, protected the citrus groves during periods of from

- 43. LA VIDA BOTTLING PLANT At the end of the 1930's there was a La Vida bottling plant here that produced a "Lime "N Lemon" carbonated drink. (SEE PAMPHLET) Originally the bottling was done in Carbon Canyon at the La Vida Hot Springs using the spring water there, but in 1937 the bottling was transferred here. Out there there was never enough water for other things like washing out the bottles and the other equipment. Here in town the company could make use of the city water supply.
- 44. OILFIELDS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING—Probably the most beautiful structure in old downtown Brea was the Oilfields National Bank Bldg, that sat right on this corner. (SEE PAMPHLET) It was built in 1928 and replaced a smaller bank up the street. The bank was actually the third building to sit on this lot. The first was a market that was here from 1911 to 1913. Next, a Congregational Church was built in 1913, but, to make room for the bank, it was moved to a new lot at Imperial and Flower. It's still there, but doesn't quite look the same anymore because it's been remodeled and stuccoed over.

Inside the bank here there was the beautiful, original safe door that went into storage when the building came down. Like the Brea Sign and the Clock, you'll be seeing it again soon but this time at the new fire station on Brea Blvd.

- 45. DER WIENERSCHNITZEL— We're back here opposite the theaters again, and can anyone remember what used to sit on that spot across the street? Yes, Der Wienerschnitzel! (SEE PAMPHLET)
- 46. EXPOSED BEAMS UNDER ROOF OF TOWER RECORDS—The architect of that building was lhaving a little fun and incorporated that exposed beam look so typical of craftman homes of the past. Remember we saw those beams also under the eaves of those condos on Ash St.
- 47.. SITE OF BLUE BUNGALOW— The front door faced Brea Blvd., but the patients entered from the door here that led into the waiting room. The last time I saw the house sitting here it was surrounded by all sorts of small palm trees and other vegetation.
- 48. POINT OUT SITE OF FIRST TELEPHONE COMPANY (just behind the Old Navy store) It was just a small little building built in 1925 and filled with a row of operators who answered when you picked up your phone. There was no direct dialting at that time so the operator put you through to the person you wanted to talk to.

Walt Bergman, whose family used to own that garage building here in the 20's, told me that the operations were always getting locked out so he'd have to climb in the back window and open the front door or there'd be no telephone service in town.

- 49. CASNER PALM TREES—Back in the 20's Mr. Casner planted a row of palm trees here on both sides of the street, and they remained here for many many years.
- 50. HONEYMOON COURT—This row of small apartments was built in 1926 by Mr. Casner. At this end for several years there was a market called the S&G, for Sam and Gladys who owned it. At the other end there was a beauty parlor.

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BREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY P.O. Box 9764 Brea, CA 92822

# **BREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



Membership Form January 1 - December 31

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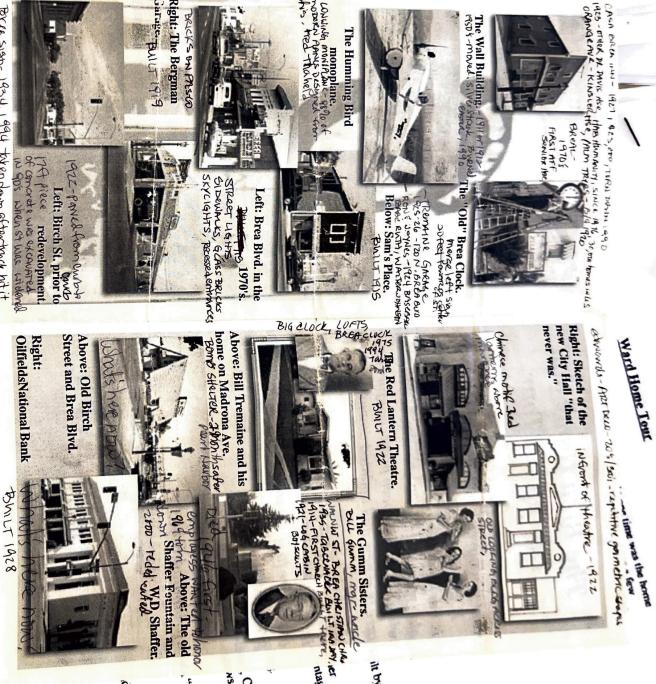
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# Historical Happenings

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# **Dedication of Newest City Landmark**

by Brian Saul

Great news! We now have a new official city landmark!
In a Redwood Ave. ceremony on Wednesday, December
12, 2001, attended by Mayor Marty Simonoff and other council
members, the former home and office of Dr. Walter W. Davis,
also known as the "Blue Bungalow," received its official plaque
placing it on the city's Historic Resources Register.

Originally located at the southeast corner of Brea Blvd. and Birch Street, this historically important structure, built circa 1918, is not only associated with one of our first physicians, but the home itself has played a long-time role in the story of our city.

The following timeline of the doctor's life and the history of the structure is provided below:

- Dr. Walter W. Davis sets up his practice in Brea shortly after he arrives here with his family, sometime prior to 1914.
- His infant daughter dies and is buried at Loma Vista Cemetery.
- On July 24, 1918 he volunteers for military duty to serve as a doctor in Europe during World War I. He is one of the first doctors in the county to sign up.
- While on his way overseas, he is delayed for a time at Camp Mills, Long Island, NY, where he helps to fight the deadly Spanish influenza epidemic.
- After sailing to Europe and arriving in Liverpool, he is sent to Le Havre, France where his unit sets up a base hospital. Over the next 8 months, the hospital moves from Le Havre to Cannes and then to occupied Germany.
- Almost exactly one year after leaving Brea, Lieut. Davis returns home in July 1919 to continue his practice.
- On January 5, 1920 Dr. Davis becomes one of the charter members of Brea's American Legion Post 181.
- A short article appeared in the Brea Star newspaper on March 7, 1921 stating that the doctor was thinking about moving his home on the corner of Pomona Ave. (Brea Blvd.) and Birch St. to the rear of his lot and then build a "modern"

home up front. While the new house was being built, his family would live in the old home. At the completion of construction, the old house would then be moved to another lot in the city and be sold. (All of this never happened)

- In February, 1922 Dr. Davis adds two rooms to the front of his office and two others to the residence portion of the structure. The office rooms will comprise of a waiting room and an examination area. (It may also be that the second room served as the doctor's personal office.)
- In the late 1920's the doctor closes his practice in Brea and the building becomes a restaurant run by the Ford family.
- On February 5, 1930 Dr. Davis, 49 years-old, dies at his new Brea home after an illness of several weeks.
- At the end of the 1930's Mrs. Mike Hogue, whose husband was an early postmaster and later mayor of Brea, opens continued on page 2



The Muhovich family in front of their home, once known as the "Blue Bungalow" and formerly the residence and office of Dr. Walter W. Davis.

## "Blue Bungalow" latest Brea landmark

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her "tearoom" in the former office/home. It's said that many local businessmen and women and local teachers enjoyed the cozy atmosphere for noon lunches, as well as dinners in the evening.

- When the tearoom closes, the house again becomes a resi-

dence, being rented for many years.

- During the following decades, the building is also used as a paint store, a gift shop, a bead store, the office of the Brea Redevelopment Agency, and a police substation.
- In the mid-1980's it is painted blue and receives the nickname, the "Blue Bungalow."
- It is moved to its present location at 101 S. Redwood Ave. in 1993.
- In February, 1994 it is purchased by Mike and Lori Muhovich, and once again it becomes a home.

Other structures/artifacts on the Brea Historic Resources Register are the Old City Hall, the Brea Plunge, the old American Legion Building (soon to become Brea's new Museum and Heritage Center), the BOHS Practice House, Brea Jr. High, Laurel School, Pioneer Hall, the Seagraves fire truck, and three additional homes on Redwood Ave. (the Casner House, the "Box House" and the Mitchell House). The final structure on the register is the former home of the Charles Kinsler family ..

# December 2001 -Last Chance to Receive a FREE Gift!

The holidays are fast approaching, and the Brea Historical Society is offering our members a great opportunity! Receive your choice of the book, "Brea: Celebrating 75 Years" (a \$28.00 value) OR the two-hour video "Brea: A Walk in Time" (a \$14.95 value) as our free gift to you (or maybe you'll want to give it as a gift.)

What's the catch? Well, there's no catch, really. In order to receive your valuable gift, just tell one of your friends or neighbors about the Brea Historical Society, and if they become a 2002 member during the month of December, the free gift is yours! And, if you get two people to join, you will receive the book AND video! What better way to support the Brea Historical Society, promote the preservation of history in our city AND receive a free gift!

Be sure to tell your friend or neighbor to include YOUR name on their membership application (one is included with this newsletter) as a referral and we will contact you to arrange delivery or pick-up of your book or video. Thank you and Happy Holidays from the Brea Historical Society!

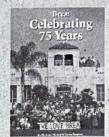


The "Blue Bungalow" at its former location on the corner of Brea Blvd. and Birch Street.

# Perfect for the Holidays... The Gift of History!

Brea: The City of Oil, Oranges and Opportunity. Written by local historian, Esther Cramer. \$21.45, incl. tax. On sale now at the Community Center and the Brea Gallery.





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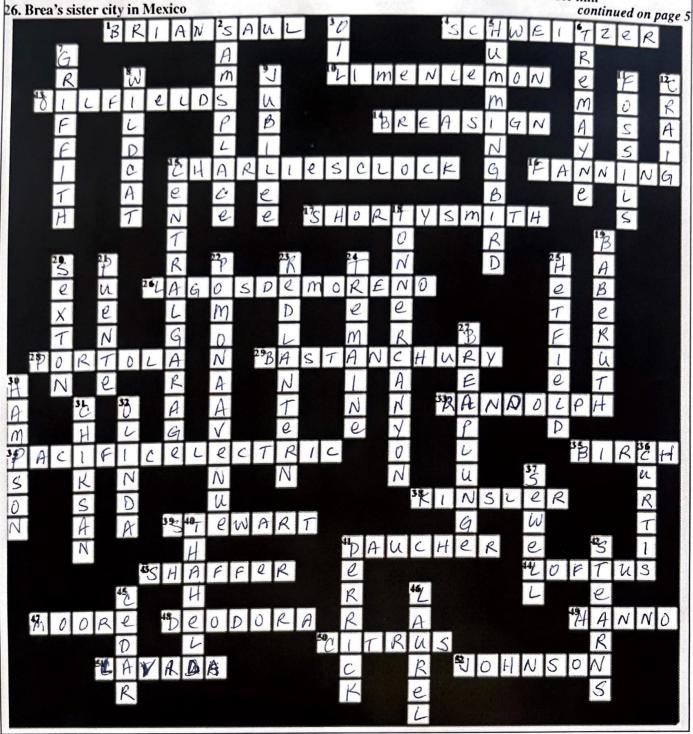
# **Brea History Crossword Puzzle** 28. Spanish explorer who passed through Brea Canyon

#### Across

- One of Brea's contemporary historians (two words)
- Designed original "Brea Sign" candilever bridge
- 10. Beverage made by La Vida bottling (three words)
- 13. Bank that was once a landmark on corner of Birch St. and Brea Blvd.
- 14. It welcomes you to the Downtown (two words)
- 15. Another name for the Brea Clock (two words)
- 16. Named superintendent of Brea schools in 1921
- 17. Brea-Olinda High School's first sports coach

29. The first Basque family to settle in the area

- 33. Name of the townsite that would later become Brea 34. Railway that provided transporation throughout So. Calif. in the early 1900's (two words)
- 35. Street where the "new" downtown is located
- 38. First City Clerk, headed up drive for incorporation
- 39. Name of Union Oil's founder
- 41. Brean currently in the California Assembly
- 43. Fountain downtown is named for him



#### Across (cont'd)

- 44. Graham &
- 47. Brean who broke the world record by running the 3/4-mile in under 3 minutes
- 48. It was renamed Lambert Road
- 49. Brea's sister city in Japan
- 50. Agricultural industry prevalent in the 1920's
- 51. Beverage bottling company located downtown in the 1930's
- 52. 1976 Cy Young Award winner or Baseball Hall of Famer from Olinda

#### Down

- Tavern owned by Sam Landa (two words)
- 3. Still the largest industry in Brea
- 5. First low-winged monoplane built in the U.S.
- 5. Late owner of Brea Meats
- 7. 1939 So. California Soap Box Derby champion
- 8. BOHS mascot
- 9. Name of Brea's 75th Birthday celebration
- 11. Ancient artifacts still found in the hills above Brea
- 12. Mayor who became leader of California Assembly
- 15. James and Walt Bergman owned this auto repair shop (two words)
- Spanish gold is rumored to be buried here (two words)
- 19. Famous Yankee slugger who played here in exhibition game Oct. 31, 1924
- 20. Brea's first mayor
- 21. Another oil lease, \_\_\_\_ Wells
- 22. Once the main thoroughfare through town, renamed Brea Blvd. (two words)
- 23. First theater in Brea
- 24. Known as "Wild Bill," built a bomb shelter behind his home on Madrona Ave.
- 25. BOHS graduate, now part of rock group Metallica
- 27. Oldest operating freshwater pool in Orange County (two words)
- 30. Wrote "Brea: Celebrating 75 Years"
- 31. Builder of oil tools that later merged with FMC
- 32. Oil town in the hills that predates Brea by 20 years
- 36. Theater at the Civic Center is named for him
- 37. Building that housed Brea's first City Hall
- 40. Aviation pioneer who designed Humming Bird and wind machines
- 41. Structure built over oil wells
- 42. One of the oil leases was named for him
- 45. It was renamed Imperial Hwy.
- 46. The pillars in front of this school were destroyed in a wind storm in 1933

Answers can be found in <u>Brea: Celebrating 75 Years</u>

Puzzle created by: Kathy Canon

# Annual Meeting of the Membership and Potluck

The Annual Meeting of the Brea Historical Society Membership will take place on Monday, January 28, 2002 at the Brea Senior Center from 6p.m. until 8:30p.m. This meeting is important to all members because a new Board of Directors of the Brea Historical Society will be voted on and seated. The upcoming year is going to be very exciting and eventful for everyone involved because we finally have a permanent home that we will be moving to soon - the old American Legion Hall.

With the number of seats on the board increasing to thirteen, the 2002 Board of Directors nominees are:

John Bickel, Kathy Canon, Marie Domenico, Dave LaNeve, Edna Makins, P.J. Mansur, Kirsten Myers, Wilma Sauer, Don Schweitzer, Jim Schweitzer, Carol Wolfert, Pat Fox. and Jim Gross.

Only members who have paid their current dues are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting. Membership is for the period of February 1 through January 31 of the following year. Annual dues are due immediately following the Annual Meeting.

The membership is also invited to bring a delectable dish and stay for the remainder of the evening for a potluck and then, a panel discussion featuring special guests. The potluck designations are:

Members with last names starting with A - K:

Bring a salad dish

Members with last names starting L - R:

Bring a main dish

Members with last names starting S - Z:

Bring a dessert dish

After the potluck dinner, members of the Freedom Committee of Orange County will participate in a panel discussion of World War II. Participants include:

Colonel Gene Robens, AUS Retired - "Eisenhower's staff - planning for "Operation Overlord" - The D-Day Invasion".

Commander Louis W. Nockold, USN Retired - "The attack on Pearl Harbor and The A-Bomb decision in 1945".

**David Lester** - "The Battle of the Bulge, from a combat engineer's viewpoint".

Carl H. Marcoux - "Merchant Marine operations in World War II".

Captain Alvin "Bud" Anderson, U.S. Army Air Corps
- "Night Fighter Pilot providing fighter air support for Patton's
Army Forces".

After the discussion, the participants will be available to take questions from the audience.

The entire evening promises to be not only important to the future of the Society, but fun, interesting and thought provoking as well. We hope everyone makes plans to attend.

## Brian Saul on Video Brea Line

For the remainder of December, Brian Saul will be featuring Brea's first mayor, Jay Sexton, during his segment on Video Brea Line.

The program airs Monday through Thursday at 10a.m. and Monday and Thursday evenings at 7p.m on Cable Channel 3.

Also, be sure and tune in the evening of January 10, 2002 at 7p.m. and catch Brian's new segment that he'll be taping in December.

# **Family Tree Classes** Resume

The Brea Historical Society will be presenting its Genealogy and Family Tree class for six weeks, beginning Thursday, January 18, 2002 at 10a.m.

Classes will be held at the Brea History Museum, located at 652 S.Brea Blvd. A one-time fee of \$5.00 is required. This session, our instructor will be genealogist, Caroline Rober. Field trips are planned, as well as instruction and assistance with unlocking the secrets to your family's past.

Seats are limited in the classes, so be sure and sign up early. To reserve a spot, call PJ Mansur at 714-528-4240 or call the museum office and leave a message.

# **Back Issues of** Newsletter Wanted!

Do you happen to have any old issues of our newsletter lying in some dusty corner that you would like to get rid of? If so, please call Jim at 714-529-0635 and he'll determine if you have any that are missing. His goal is to collect a copy of every newsletter that has ever been published by the Society and he still has a handful to go before the collection is complete. We greatly appreciate your help with this project!

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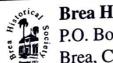
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January Board Meeting: Monday, Jan. 7, 2002, 7p.m. at the Brea History Museum. 652 S. Brea Blvd.

Museum/Office Location: 652 S. Brea Blvd (at the Brea Heights Shopping Center) (714) 256-2283

#### **Museum Hours:**

Thursdays: 11a.m. until 1p.m. Saturdays: 11a.m. until 2p.m. Or call to arrange a special tour!



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# Muhovich House Tour

- Once the home of one of Brea's first physicians, Dr. Davis. Built circa 1918. Home was moved to Redwood Ave. in 1994 from original location at Birch St. and Brea Blvd.
- Notice above front door, impression left by old street number "200" under the One-Hundred-One. Owners want to leave it that way.
- Home is 1700 square feet. 3 bedrooms.
- The front of the home was added by Dr. Davis in 1923 as office and waiting room for patients. Dr. Davis and his family lived here while he saw patients. Used to be called the "Blue Bungalow."
- On south side of room (where bank of windows is located) is original front door entrance.
   Point out indentations. Front door is original, moved to current location when the home was placed on the lot.
- Mail opening (NOT hardware) is original opening. Stained glass window was made by the owners neighbor. Pat of "Mac Beth's Stained Glass"
- Office door opening to dining area. Was widened after house was moved.
- Between kitchen and hallway, left side. Wall used to be window or opening. Not quite sure what it was for. Was closed when house was moved to current location. Note: over the years since 1930 (Dr. Davis' death), home has been used as a restaurant, tea-room, paint store and was used by the police department.
- Bathroom and back bedroom was added after house was moved. The original back of the house was removed and the bedroom was added. In bedroom, window facing Ash St. was originally in bathroom. You can tell by striation s in glass that most of the windows in the home are original/vintage.

### Go down hall to backyard

#### BACKYARD

- Garage was built when house was moved to current location. Design is same style as home.
- Homeowners painted house and garage in gray/blue color to keep historic.

#### Go into laundry room

- Ceiling light was taken from home that was demolished on Flower St. (across from Laurel School, where new apartments are now.)
- This room is where Dr. Davis' sinks and utility sinks of other occupants were located.

#### Go into kitchen

When Lori Muhovich lived in Fullerton, she would drive up Redwood Ave. to a business in Brea in order to see the old homes. She always wanted to own a vintage home and in May 1994, when she saw this home had been moved to this lot (where a previous home had been demolished), she stopped and talked to the owner/realtor. Soon, she and husband, Mike, made an offer on the home and they moved in. Lori and Mike have made an effort ever since to preserve the original, vintage exterior of the home, while renovating the inside to accommodate their family.

The Muhovich Home is a perfect example of preserving the old while incorporating the new.

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# ST. JUDE MEDICAL CENTER & BIRCH STREET/DOWNTOWN BREA

#### Partnership Outline:

A six-week opportunity to showcase the resources, programs and services of St. Jude Medical Center as key partner in the Holiday Celebrations of Birch Street/Downtown Brea. Partnership kicks-off with a Holiday ceremony of regional impact, Friday, November 24 at 6:00 P.M.

Birch Street is an outdoor, three-block shopping and dining destination that is the cornerstone of a multi-year Masterplan for the emergence of Downtown Brea as the civic, cultural and community hub for the North County region. Led by the City of Brea/Brea Redevelopment Agency, the re-creation of Downtown Brea is a collaboration of Los Angeles-based CIM Group LLC, and Orange County-based Edwards Theatres and Yacoel Properties.

Dates:

Friday, November 24 to Sunday, December 31, 2000

Description:

There are **three components** to this partnership, united by the theme of 'community' (exact title to be decided):

- Holiday Kick-Off Ceremony, Friday, November 24 at 6:00 P.M. (Day after Thanksgiving). A scripted, half-hour schedule that features a 'celebrity' emcee; choir performances; the unveiling of St. Jude's holiday program at Birch Street; Santa's arrival; a community singalong and refreshments.
- Six-Week Program to Benefit St. Jude's Pediatric Mobile Van and 'Healthy Communities,' through December 31, 2000. The program will involve participation of the community-at-large with donations to specific St. Jude services; merchant tie-ins, and street presence.
- On-Going Holiday Events and Activities. The integration of St. Jude into all Birch Street holiday programming, such as choir performances, children's workshops and activities, and other events (to be decided).

**Facilities:** 

Birch Street/Downtown Brea offers the following opportunities for programs:

- Numerous outdoor performance areas
- Prime indoor spaces devoted to St. Jude exhibitions, receptions, workshops, screenings and art projects
- Merchant participation, such as Edwards 22 Brea, Old Navy, Tower Records, specialty retail and restaurants

Outreach:

As a community gathering place, Downtown Brea delivers an unparalleled opportunity to reach a diversity of audiences strolling the three-block area:

- Exposure to 3,000 to 6,000 people per day.
- Visibility on overhead banners and signs; as well as promotional materials inside merchant stores
- Support of the City of Brea cable channel, the City marketing department, newsletters and flyers to residents

Contact:

Victoria Heidelman, St. Jude Medical Center 714.992.3033

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# CAL STATE FULLERTON & BIRCH STREET/DOWNTOWN BREA

# Partnership Outline:

A monthlong opportunity to showcase the resources, programs and talents of Cal State Fullerton faculty and students as key partner in the grand opening of the \$100 million public/private development Birch Street/Downtown Brea.

This outdoor, three-block shopping and dining destination is the cornerstone of a multiyear Masterplan for the emergence of Downtown Brea as the civic, cultural and community hub for the North County region. Led by the City of Brea/Brea Redevelopment Agency, the re-creation of Downtown Brea is a collaboration of Los Angeles-based CIM Group LLC, and Orange County-based Edwards Theatres and Yacoel Properties.

Dates:

Friday, October 20 to Sunday, November 19, 2000 (exact dates to be decided)

Description:

There are three components to this partnership:

- A VIP Ceremony hosted with Cal State Fullerton, Friday, October 20, to acknowledge key players in the creation of Birch Street, and honor the Cal State partnership. The goal is attendance of 200-300.
- A public celebration the next day, Saturday, October 21, with regional participation in well-planned and exciting activities that focus on popular culture, TV, film, theater and the arts geared to generating feature news stories, exposing thousands to the Downtown Brea experience, and introducing them to Cal State programs.
- On-going screenings, exhibitions, workshops, special appearances and events to be scheduled in succeeding weeks to sustain the Opening's energy through November 19, 2000.

Facilities:

Birch Street/Downtown Brea offers the following opportunities for programs:

- Prime indoor spaces devoted to Cal State exhibitions, receptions, workshops, screenings and art projects
- Numerous outdoor performance areas
- Merchant participation, such as Edwards 22 Brea, Old Navy, specialty retail and restaurants

Outreach:

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- Exposure to 3,000 to 6,000 people per day
- Visibility on overhead banners and signs, as well as promotional materials inside merchant stores

Contacts:

Owen Holmes, Cal State Fullerton (714) 278-5403 Robert Emry, Cal State Fullerton (714) 278-3617

### PROPERTY FACT SHEET

LOCATION-

Intersection of Brea Boulevard and Birch Street, one block north

of Imperial Highway in Downtown Brea, California; exit Highway

57 at Imperial (west)

DATE OPENED:

October 2000

OWNERS:

Brea Redevelopment Agency

CIM Group LLC Edwards Theatres Yacoel Properties LLC

MANAGER:

Brea Downtown Owners Association (BDOA)

PROPERTY DESIGN:

T-shaped interplay of two streets totaling six blocks of highdensity retail/restaurant, office and live/work spaces. Birch Street consists of entertainment-uses in an outdoor strolling atmosphere, while the Brea Boulevard 'Super-Blocks' focus on

large-square footage retail/food.

ARCHITECTS:

Robinson/Takahashi/Katz & Associates, Los Angeles (Buildings

B&C)

Koning Eizenberg Architects, Santa Monica (Building D) Clinger Spina Associates, Los Angeles (Building E)

Ehrenkrantz Eckstut & Kuhn Architects Inc. Los Angeles (Superblocks)

Kanner & Associates, Los Angeles (Buildings A & F)

TOTAL CURRENT SIZE:

Retail/Entertainment

295,034 square feet

Office

9,964

Live/Work Lofts

50,789 355,787 square feet

Edwards Brea 22 Cinemas

114,925 square feet

Restaurant/Food (15 concepts)

44,807

Old Navy

24,480

Tower Books & Music

28,580

212,792 square feet

UNITS:

ANCHORS:

Retail

30

Restaurant/Food

17 7

Office Loft

<u>62</u>

PARKING SPACES:

Parking Structures I & II

1,720

Surface Lots I & II

368

Curbside

<u>58</u>

2,146 (all free)

ADJACENCIES:

-Gateway Center (Anchors: Ralph's Supermarket; Petco; Cost

Plus: Rite-Aid)

-Ash Street Cottages (96 single-family homes)

-City Walk Town Homes (40 units)

#### The Brea Clock

- 1. The Brea Clock has been completely renovated. The job took 6 months to complete.
- 2. Renovation was an "amazing and difficult job." The glass was broken, the numbers and lettering had faded, the mechanism no longer worked. The clock was in general disrepair. It was exposed to the elements and in "beaten up" condition.
- Ampersand a company specializing in historical renovations was contracted to renovate and refurbish the Brea Clock.
- 4. World-class craftsmen recreated an "exact reproduction" the unique calligraphy of the original numbers and lettering was recreated. The original hands of the clock were recreated by outlinging them exactly and then using patterns to punch new hands out of metal. The clock mechanism was carefully disassembled, recast and put back together by master craftsmen. The mechanism now runs perfectly.
- 5. The outside casing (exterior) of the clock is the original, repainted. The clock face is the original, repainted. The "Good Old Brea" placard at the top of the clock has been remade to exact specifications the old was "beaten up and in bad shape." The placard is the same thickness as the original and is made from the same metal.
- The glass on the face is frosted, lights from around the face will provide luminescence.
- Nate Cherry oversaw all steps of the process of restoring the Brea Clock.

## Hi! Here's the info about the clock

- 1. It was originally the stationmaster's clock at the Santa Fe Railyards in Riverside.
- 2. It was placed on Brea Blvd. in 1975 as an advertising gimmick for a clock shop in the old Brea Hotel bldg. The owner of the shop was named Charlie so ever since the clock has been nicknamed "Charlie's Clock." When Charlie closed up his shop and left town, the City purchased the clock since it had become a City landmark. It also fit right into the Good Old Brea downtown redevelopment concept.
- 3. Over the years because of vandalism and just plain not working, the clock was continually being taken down and worked on. In 1979 a car actually ran into it causing major damage. After that incident it was a long time before the clock made its reappearance on the boulevard.
- 4. In 1994 the clock was finally removed, put into storage and has been there until this year.

I have two black and white photos of workmen reinstallling the clock after it was repaired due to being hit by the car. I think one of them would look going along with the story. I may bring them over to you later.

I'm going to write the fountain captions on another sheet so I can keep practicing doing the attachment thing.

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Sorry its taken me a while to get you this info, but here it isl

- Architects for the downtown. A number of them were used to help achieve an "eclectic" mix of architecture. The City used RTKL Architects in Los Angeles as our consultant to help comment and influence the designs. Nate Cherry is project architect for the Downtown and can be reached at (213) 633-6084. I'd recommend you interview Nate for your article. He can also give some info on the various architects that were involved for the developer.
- 2. Clock and sign restoration. Nate also led the design efforts for the restoration of the clock and sign and worked with Randy Hampton at Ampersand Inc. Ampersand actually did the restoration work under Nate's direction. Randy can provide details and is at (323) 255-5311.
- Redwood Homes The following addresses on Redwood are on the Historic Registry - 101, 107, 114, 119, and 258.
- 4. Bricks Finally, your paseo brick question. At the moment I can't confirm the bricks used in the Paseo's are from the Sewell building. I'm hoping our primary folks involved in the Engineering Division can confirm this. The people I need to talk with are out for a week and I need to get back to you on this one!

Thanks

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## Muhovial House - once the home of one of Breas first Physicians, Dr. W.W. Davis. BmH circa 1918. - Notice above front door, impression left of old street number "200" under on hundred one, Owners want to lime it that way - Home is 1700 square just, 3 be drooms The front of the house was added by Dr. Davis in 1923 Attache ruturned from what as office and waiting room for patients. On Davis-tirely here at and his family had here while he saw one south side to room Curtone bank of windows are so where original front don entrance was cocated. Point out indications, which there with another day is ongoinal, moved when home was

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- as going through back (3) Balkynne - Garage in was built when house was moved - in same style as house. - Homeowners painted house in Gray/Blue color to keep historic. # # Go unto Laundry Room -- Ceiling light was taken from home Hat was demolished on Flower street (across from Laurel School, where new apts are now) - this is where Dr's sinks / whility sinks for other to occupants were located. when huhory ch tred in Follyton, she would now in held an ine up Redwood to business in Brazin order to see old homes. Always wanted a virtage home and in May, 1994, when she saw this home had been moved to this lot where greenous home had been beveled, she stopped and talked to the owner Trealton. Soon, she

and her husband, Mike made an object on the house and they moved in, Lori and mike have made an effort ever since to preserve the original, virtage exterior of the home while renovating the inside to accomodate their family Perfect example of preserving the old while incorporating the new.

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Sat, 15 Dec 2001 09:00:26 -0800

### Good morning.

I'm about ready to head off to Brea to do more historical "stuff" (the

Downtown Tour), but I wanted to answer your email first because it really sounds exciting to me. Of course, I'm a bit biased I admit because I'm sure you know how much I love to teach about Brea's history. Despite that though, the idea of a 3-5 minute presentation about our past every other month I think would be interesting for the viewers as well as to give them more a feeling of being part of a community and not just a place.

I don't know if you know it already but since August I've been writing

and filming 3-5 minute segments about Brea's history that have been appearing on Video Brea Line. Four have appeared so far, and these have been about the Brea Clock and Sign, the Shaffer Fountain, the sad story of our first mayor, Jay C. Sexton, about whom little was known, the tour of a Cold War bomb shelter I discovered in town, combined with a story about a WWII bomb shelter on Madrona Ave. and the latest segment, about the first attempt to found Brea, then called Randolph. You might ask Joy in Communications and Marketing to send you copies of the segments to see if this is the type of thing you would like to see incorporated into the Council meetings.

You might also consider using these segments I've already completed

(possibly with the exception of the bomb shelter one, although it would probably be interesting for the viewers), since unfortunately I don't think Video Brea Line has a large audience, and I know the telecasts of the Council meetings do. Doing that has the added advantages of not using any extra staff time because the segments are going to be made anyway, and it could also get more people to watch Video Brea Line.

If that idea interests you, I could also appear at the Council meetings and introduce each segment.

Marty, this coming year marks the 100th anniversary of that first

attempt to found our city, because in Dec. of 1902 surveyors came here for the first time to survey the land below Brea Canyon for the purpose of starting a town to be called Randolph.

If you do like the idea of using the Video Brea Line segments, the one

I just filmed last Thurs, on Randolph would be a great first one to show.

One last thing, and it's a bit off the subject. In January the Brea

Historical Society will be presenting its first Historical Preservation Award to a homeowner on Redwood Ave. who has gone out of his way to preserve the history of his home, both inside and out. We're planning to present the award at January's General Meeting. Do you think the City would be interested in joining with us (in conjunction with us) to present the award? We would like to present an award every other month, or possibly 4 times a year, but it would be nice to do it at a Council meeting to show that the City is interested in preservation. If that is possible, we could always move the presentation of the award from next month to any time the City would like.

Marty, I'll be leaving for Michigan next Thursday for Christmas vacation and won't be returning until Jan. 5. If you'd like to meet with me before that I am available Mon., Tues., or Wed. in the late afternoon after work. On Wed. I will be at Comm & Marketing to pick up a copy of the Randolph video that Joy will be putting together on Monday. Just let me know. You can also call me here at home. My number is (562) 698-5339.

Once again, have a wonderful Christmas, thanks for your great support

for recognizing our history and congratulations on becoming mayor.

Brian

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Linda live in Car restorer moves on to something bigger — with impressive results

By LaDonna Nicholson Brea Progress

hen he was a young boy, Brian Chappelle used to watch his dad tinker with old cars.

The older Chappelle was
— and is — a whiz with
cars, taking a burned-out
hull found anywhere from a
junkyard to an estate sale
and eventually turning it
into a gleaming, classic
car.

Chappelle guesses that it was his dad who inspired him to love and appreciate older things — even those needing a little TLC to bring back up to par.

or now, though, he likes the idea that he lives in a place that's a little different and has a great deal of history behind it.

In fact, it was Chappelle's

the paper some years ago for a house for sale: a house that would be moved from the blighted downtown of Brea to Redwood Avenue.

It was an opportunity not to be passed up.

When Chappelle first saw his 1914 house, it was in a serious state of disrepair.

The front door was gone, torn from its hinges by vandals.

Most of the glass from the windows circling the unusual bay window and back kitchen was shattered. The floor was warped, the walls were cracked and the paint peeling off.

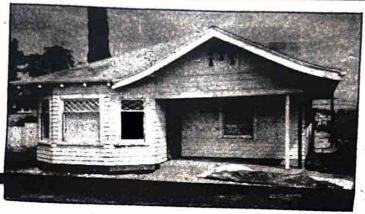
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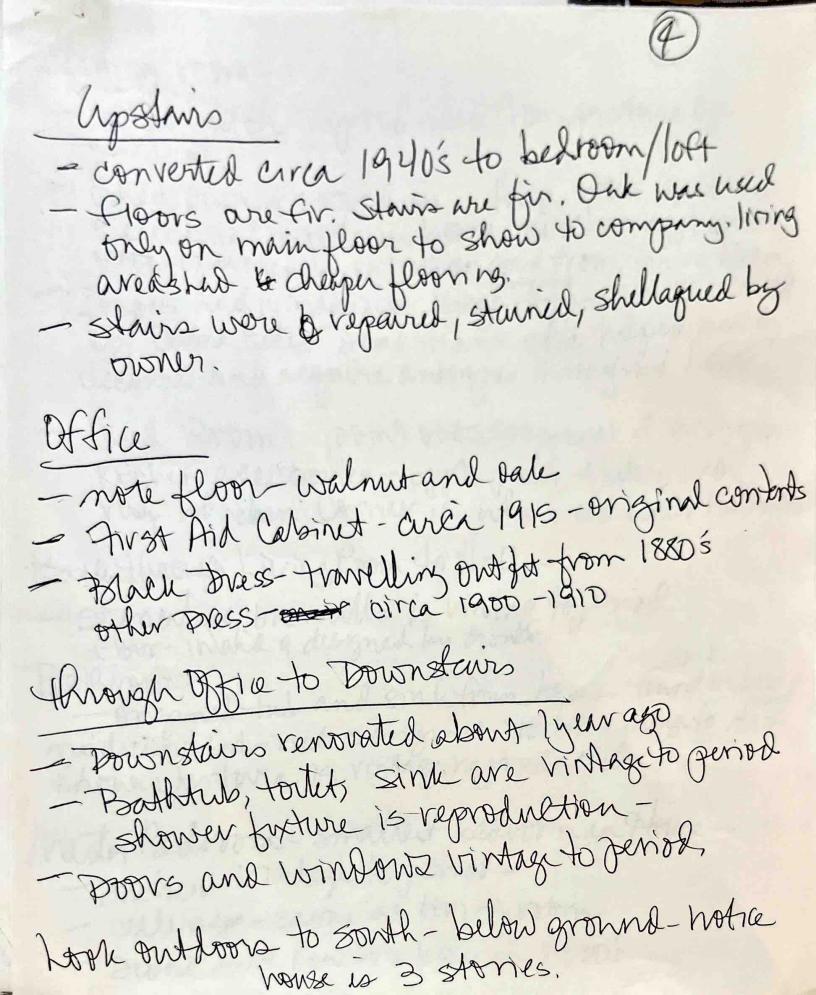
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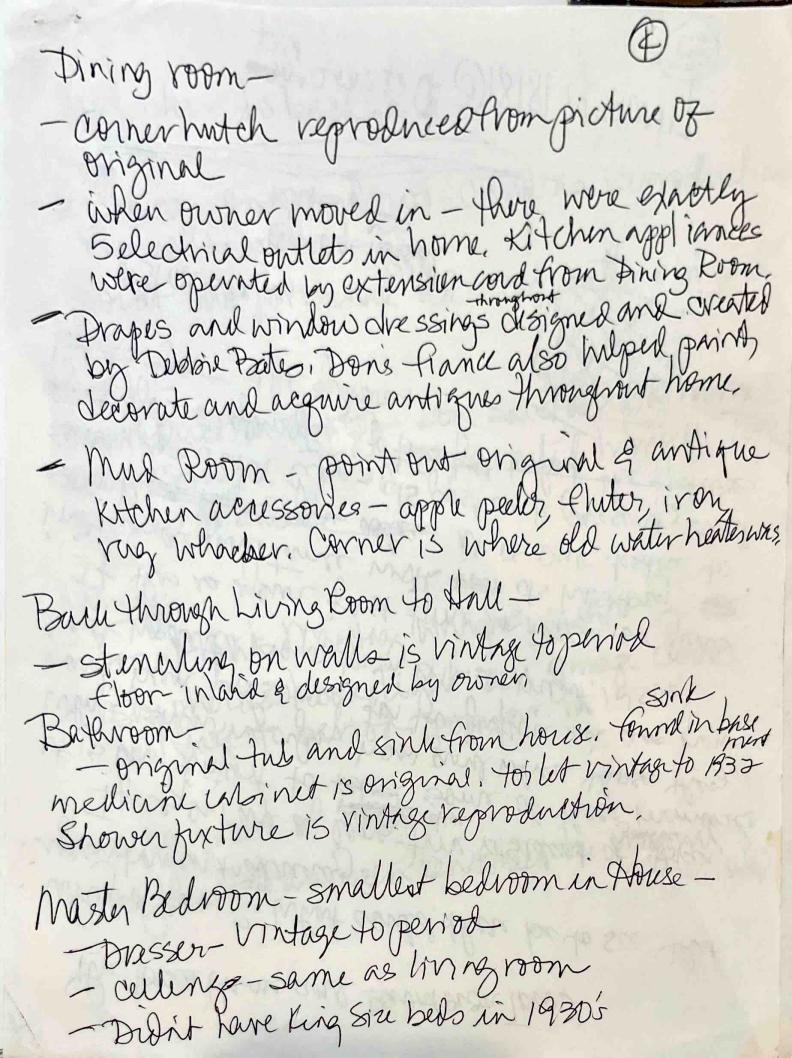
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