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Brea Fire Truck: Officials from the cities of Brea and Lagos de Moreno, the Brea and Lagos Sister City Committees, and the Brea Rotary Club take part in the official presentation of the "pink slip" for a 1966 Crown fire pumper truck from Brea to its Sister City of Lagos. Pictured: (from left) Brea Fire Chief Albert "Bud" Moody, Brea Rotary Club Director of International Service Bernie Dunlap presenting the \$1 check to Mayor Carrey Nelson, and Brea Sister City Vice-President Joel Shennum. Seated in the truck are Atilano Marquez (left) from Lagos de Moreno, proudly displaying the pink slip, and Nicho Munoz, incoming president of the Lagos Sister City Committee.

Fire truck donated to sister city

Brea's Sister City of Lagos de Moreno, Mexico has a "new" fire truck thanks to the generosity of the Brea City Council and the Brea Rotary Club. Mayor Carrey Nelson had the honor of delivering the "pink slip" for a 1966 Crown fire pumper truck to Atilano Marquez, represent-

ing the Mayor of Lagos. At the same time, Bernie Dunlap, Director of International Service for the Brea Rotary Club, delivered a check for \$1 to complete the transaction.

Most recently, the truck was being used by the Brea Fire Department as a reserve unit. However, after the re-

cent purchase of a brand-new pumper truck, the city decided to retire the aging, yet functional, 1966 Crown from its fleet. In a gesture of goodwill and friendship, the unit was offered to Lagos, a small rural community with very limited funds.

Breaans take to the streets to protest spraying



By Todd Jarrett
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — Kathi Prout didn't know about Monday night's protest against malathion spraying in Brea, but she will soon be making up for lost time.

The La Habra resident is concerned about the effect the multiple sprayings in North Orange County have had on her children, ages 11 months and 4. To say her piece, Prout said she will be first in line at any future protests, such as one planned in Garden Grove Thursday at 5 p.m. at the intersection of Harbor and Garden Grove boulevards.

Monday night a group of about 90 people, comprised of environmentalists, housewives, and even children on bikes, gathered at the corner of Brea Boulevard and Imperial Highway amidst honking horns from sympathetic rush-hour motorists to protest the spraying of the controversial malathion.

That protest, as well as a later one at Garden Grove City Hall, are the largest yet to take place in Orange County since spraying began last November.

Action is coming fast and fu-

rious now in the wake of Brea's approval of a resolution last week to ask the state to study alternatives to Medfly eradication. The Garden Grove, Cypress and Huntington Beach city councils all have taken varied action towards the planned spraying in their communities. The Los Angeles City Council is also considering action.

Prout said her children have suffered from "an uncontrollable, hacking cough" subsequent to each spraying. She has marked on her calendar the date of each spraying and her kids' sickness, and notes that the children become sick within "the next day or two" after each aerial assault on the crop-destroying Mediterranean fruit fly.

Her concerns have become so acute she does not even allow the kids to play in the yard for fear of residual malathion. The next time spraying is planned, she said, she will pack up the kids and take them to stay with her parents in Riverside County.

Randall Toler, a Fullerton resident and national chairman for the environmentally oriented

Green Party, is doing all he can to address Prout's concerns. He is spearheading plans for future protests, saying that he believes the malathion issue needs to be acknowledged in the political arena.

Toler, the founder of the Green Party in 1973, said he will run against the high-powered 1992 gubernatorial candidates, including Attorney General John Van de Kamp and Senator Pete Wilson. With all the other candidates supporting the malathion spraying, Toler believes his will be the only voice of opposition.

Originally predicting a turnout of 150 at Monday's protest, Toler still feels the event was "a smashing success," adding that he usually overestimates when making predictions.

This protest and the one in Garden Grove, which drew more than 150, shows that the "opposition has really galvanized," Toler said. Only 25 appeared at the first Brea protest on Jan. 2, and Toler expects by the time of a third, that count might be up to 200.

SIGN LANGUAGE — A protester captures the spirit of the moment as he makes additional signs for the nearly 90 people who showed up Monday night at the corner of Brea Boulevard and Imperial Highway to picket against the spraying of malathion.

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Supervisor Gaddi H. Vasquez
County of Orange
Third District

(Star-Progress photo
by Jack Hardeck)

NEW OFFICE — Orange County Supervisor Gaddi Vasquez (center with hands clasped) greets guests at the recent opening of a field office for the Third District at the Brea Civic & Cultural Center. Vasquez said he opened the first satellite office to save his constituents from the fatigue of braving traffic to the Santa Ana office. "This is the realization of a dream ... to expand and be able to set up field offices," he said. Vasquez also opened a field office in Mission Viejo.



Staff photo by Gary Gossett

Branching out

Orange County Supervisor Gaddi Vasquez, officially opened his North Orange County field office during ceremonies held at his new office, which will be the second floor of the Brea Civic Center. Assisting with the ribbon cutting are, from left Brea Councilwoman Clarice Blamer, Councilman Wayne Wedin, Supervisor Vasquez, Brea's Mayor Correy Nelson, Councilman Gene Layton and Councilman Ron Isles. Vasquez, supervisor for the county's third district, which stretches from La Habra in the north to San Juan Capistrano in the south, said, his new office will "provide better access to our constituents."

Unocal subdivision plans could affect 3 cities

Golf course development would involve Brea, Fullerton, Placentia

By Luis Zaragoza
The Register

For some residents of three cities, the Imperial Golf Course is a welcome buffer against traffic and the noise it creates. The course's rolling green hills dotted with trees — and the occasional oil well — are nice to look at, too, residents say.

Unocal Land & Development Co. has long considered the 170-acre course a buffer — it stood between residential neighborhoods to the south and the Unocal chemical

plant to the north.

Unocal, however, decided in 1988 to close the plant, in Brea, and move its operations to Sacramento by 1991. The need for a buffer was gone.

Since then, residents of Brea, Fullerton and Placentia near the golf course have had to deal with Unocal's plans to subdivide the course for housing.

"We'd like it if they left the course intact, but if they do develop it, we want to be sure it fits in with what is already here," Placentia

resident Judy Vassar said.

Over the next several years, Unocal plans to develop more than 1,000 acres it owns in Brea and Fullerton, among them:

■ About 300 acres east of the Orange (57) Freeway known as the Imperial properties. The properties now contain a chemical plant and the Birch Hills Golf Course, both in Brea, and the Imperial Golf Course, which overlaps Brea's and Fullerton's borders, and abuts Placentia's.

Unocal proposes to build 217 single-family houses, 128 to 184 condominiums or apartment units and a six-acre commercial development on the 74-acre portion of the golf course in Brea.

■ About 475 acres of unincorporated county territory east of the freeway between Lambert and Tonner Canyon roads known as the Stearns property. The territory is within Brea's sphere of influence and is likely to be annexed, Brea city officials have said.

■ About 350 acres on the southwest corner of Bastanchury Road and State College Boulevard in Fullerton known as the Coyote Hills East property.

Unocal already has proposed developments for the Imperial and Coyote Hills properties. The Stearns property probably will not be developed for two or more years, said Dennis Chapman, Unocal

Land & Development Co.'s vice president for property development, southern region.

Golf courses will continue to play important roles in Unocal's new developments, Chapman said. Unocal has promised not to close the Imperial or Birch Hills courses until replacement courses are completed on other Unocal properties, he said.

Timing is key now, he said. Because the course is in two cities, Unocal must coordinate planning for development of the course with two planning procedures and zoning designations.

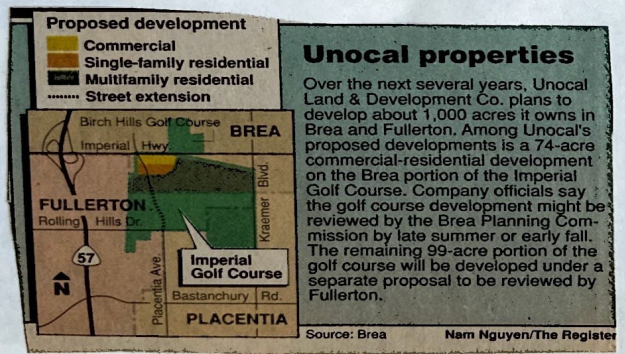
Unocal also must consider the opinions of Brea, Fullerton and Placentia residents living near the course.

On Oct. 17, the Fullerton City Council denied Unocal's request to subdivide a 31-acre corner of the course after residents protested plans to extend Placentia Avenue through the course to Brea.

Residents said they worried that commuter traffic would ruin the peace of their secluded neighborhoods and endanger children who walk to Sierra Vista Elementary School in Placentia.

In less than a month, residents were able to collect more than 1,200 signatures on a petition urging the Fullerton council to reject Unocal's proposal.

Chapman said the Imperial course development proposals might be up for review by planning commissions in Brea and Fullerton as soon as late summer.





AWARD-WINNING SMILES — Dexter Mumar and Mike Hudak (from left in foreground) check the trophy inventory at the Youth Basketball banquet, while anxious ballplayers and parents look on. (Star-Progress photo by Jack Hancock)

MOST IMPROVED

Preston Hoffman
 Steven Lee
 Graig Ward
 Tristen Gadberry
 Dan Ingolia
 Scott Merritt
 John Carlson
 Erik Giesler
 Scott Sepulveda
 Erica O'Young
 Kiki Dickson
 Lisa Duthoy
 Justin Dickson
 Tom Mirabella
 Garrett Long

Kym Smith
 Kevin Bradley
 Amber Setzer
 Greg Sheldon
 Brad Contreras
 Marlon Castaneda
 Corey Bush
 Dan Addicks
 Mark Schiefelbine
 Derek Holland
 Erin Kelly
 Lyndie Lewis
 Quincy Brown
 Jason Bock
 Jason Hart

BEST SPORT

Brian Henderson
 Blake Malgren
 Sam Lloyd
 Andrew Wood
 Mary Saverino
 Ben Mayberry
 Stephen Stagnaro
 Chase Uliciny
 Adam Garcia
 Ryan Bellerose
 Chip Greenhill
 Curtis Levine
 Erin Wood
 Phillip Charbonneau
 Nathan Seals

Reid Carlson
 Michael Premovost
 Nathan Jaffee
 Jodi Alessi
 Mike Rex
 Kristin Giesler
 Jude Keller
 Eric Lavold
 Bryan Smith
 Mark Wood
 Chris Watts
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City collects on recycling effort

Recycle Brea, the city's residential curbside recycling program, has saved residents \$16,123 since it began last November.

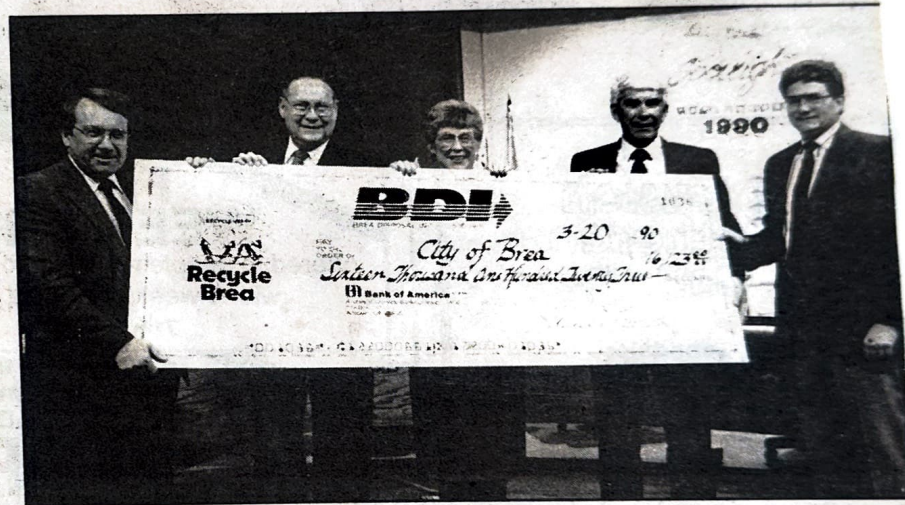
A check for that amount was presented to the City Council at its meeting March 20, by Ric Collett, director of Recycle Brea for Brea Disposal, Inc.

The money represents not only the city's share of proceeds from the sale of recyclable material, but the amount of county landfill gate fees saved as a result of diverting waste from the dump as well. These fees are currently \$13.75 per ton, so the 810 tons of recyclables not buried in the landfill means more than \$11,000 in gate fees were avoided.

In comments made during the check presentation ceremony, Mayor Carey Nelson noted that the County of Orange will increase landfill gate fees to \$17.50 per ton beginning in July.

"Every time you put a can or bottle or stack of newspapers into the green recycle container, you're not only helping save the environment. You're also saving yourself some money," he added.

"Credit for the tremendous success of Recycle Brea has to be given to the residents," noted Collett. "Nearly 88 percent of them are participating in the program, reducing the amount of trash



Recycling: Ric Collect, director of Recycle Brea for Brea Disposal, Inc. (right), presents a check for \$16,123 to Brea City Council members (from left) Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Wedin, Mayor Carrey Nelson, Clarice Blamer and Ron Isles. The amount represents proceeds from the sale of recyclables, and saving realized from paying less in landfill gate fees.

sent to the dump by an average of 27 percent.

"We are certain these numbers will in-

crease as more and more people become familiar with the program, resulting in even greater savings."



IN MEMORY — Mayor Carrey Nelson pauses during an unveiling ceremony of a memorial plaque to city employees. (Star-Progress photo by Mark Berg)

City memorializes employee

Water specialist Andy Corona the first to have died while in the city's service

BREA — In a short ceremony attended by a handful of city officials Tuesday, a memorial plaque to city employees who have died while on duty was unveiled by Mayor Carrey Nelson.

Only one name appears on the plaque: Andy Corona. The 39-year-old water quality specialist was killed last September at the intersection of Lambert Road and State College Boulevard when two cars collided, forcing one of the vehicles to strike Corona as he worked to repair a ruptured water line in the middle of the intersection.

Corona's death is the first in the city's 73-year history, a fact that is remarkable given the number of police, fire and other

public service employees whose lives are risked at times.

Corona worked for the city 17 years. He attended La Habra High School before serving in the Army between 1969 and 1972. Following his discharge, he applied for a job with the city of Brea and worked with the Fire Department before being hired onto the maintenance staff.

Corona's family filed suit earlier this year with the city over the incident, alleging neglect on the part of the city in properly marking the area where Corona was working, warning motorists of the intersection maintenance.

No members of Corona's family were present for the unveiling of the memorial plaque.

The plaque is mounted near



Andy Corona

the Carlos Terres "Hermandad-Brotherhood" sculpture at the entrance to the Brea Civic & Cultural Center.

— Mark Berg

July 4th fireworks show to return to Brea

By Mark Berg
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — After three years of hearing fireworks plans fizzle because of safety problems, Independence Day organizers are looking to bring back the night-sky spectacle with a glorious bang.

Because the 13-year tradition was formerly held at the high school campus on Birch Street, demolition of the old school and its stadium extinguished a forum

for the pyrotechnic event, leaving no other suitable location for the fireworks show. Because of the potential fire hazards associated with the pyrotechnics, safety stipulations require an area large and clear enough for the fireworks fallout.

So along with the construction of a new school and a new stadium came approval for a July 4 fireworks show when the Fire Department fired test shells from the campus earlier this

year, according to Mike Maxfield, acting assistant to the city manager.

The hourlong show is scheduled as a series of vignettes as well as a laser light show, each focusing on a particular theme, including "The 1812 Overture," "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "Phantom of the Opera." Live cannons will be featured as part of "The 1812 Overture" sequence.

Preceding the 1500-firework production at 9:30 p.m. will be

performances by several entertainment groups and a fly-over of vintage aircraft.

The 8:15 p.m. preshow will feature the U.S. Marine Corps Band, the Society for the Preservation of Big Bands, the Brea Showtime Singers and Company B. The Young Americans, a song and dance troupe, will be featured, as well as the singing talents of Sandy Behn and Cheryl Babbich.

The overall theme for the

evening show is "Spotlight on Youth," a focus Mayor Carrey Nelson has adopted for 1990.

The Lions Club will be sponsoring a fundraising barbecue on the field of the Brea Olinda High School Stadium beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$10 and will be on sale to Brea residents starting May 1. Non-residents will have a chance to acquire tickets beginning June 1. The

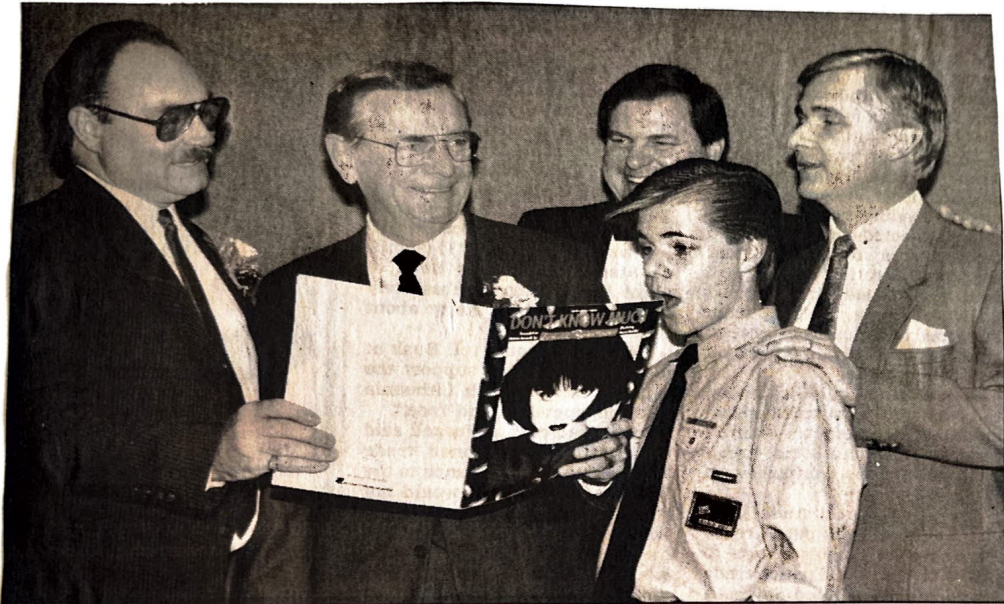
price for the Lions Club barbecue feast is \$600 for eight people.

Tickets can be purchased from the Community Services Department, Level Three of the Brea Civic & Cultural Center, Number One Civic Center Circle, or by calling (714) 990-7735. Visa and MasterCard orders are welcomed. Proceeds from the event will go toward Brea Olinda High School.

Home-grown talents grab Brea spotlight

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REHEARSAL TIME — "Spring Fanfare" emcees Gary Hobday, left, and Leonard MacKain check over sheet music with Jeff and Roger Garvin, left, of Brea and Spring Crest Drapery executive Jack Long, back. Home-grown talent bloomed during the weekend show.



MUSICAL FANS — HBIC honorary chairwoman Norma Zimmer and husband Randy of Brea take time out from a busy schedule to attend the HBIC fund-raiser.

Job center legal implications raised

By Mark Berg
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — Addressing the problem of growing numbers of day laborers in the city looking for work has brought with it a troubling legal implication: Could the city be held liable for the possibility of indirectly aiding the hiring of an illegal, undocumented alien?

Officials are saying no.

"We're trying to solve a public safety problem," City Attorney James Markman said.

The day workers that congregate at various places around the city looking for work creates community problems that need to be solved, he said. "It is becoming a hazard — a lot of people standing in the public rights-of-way where cars go by. We're trying to provide a way where they can (look for work) safely."

Markman explained that the legal ramifications of providing such a service should not involve the city.

"The issue has been whether a person who uses these facilities should be checked to see if they are a non-documented alien. We don't have a legal responsibility to do that."

He said the issue is also a philosophical one, caught in the precarious balance of solving the community's problem and possibly facilitating the efforts of an illegal alien.

The legal obligation, he said, falls on the employer to check the documentation of a worker, not the city or the agency operating the center.

"The responsibility as far as we are concerned is on the people that hire these people. ... I think the way (the council has) gone is legally sound," Markman said.

As part of the city's efforts to preserve itself from legal entanglement should an employer be caught hiring an un-

documented alien, a document will be given to all employers to sign that indicates they understand the city is not screening for documentation, he said.

City Councilman Ron Isles, who is also an attorney, said he had several concerns about the legality of the setup going into effect Monday, but he explained that each of his concerns are resolvable.

Isles said there are two statutory concerns involved: directly providing employment to a third party and harboring an undocumented alien, neither of which affects the city or the center.

Merely providing employment to a third party does not put the city liable under that statute, according to Isles, because the city is not employing, only providing a forum for employment.

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The second statute involves secreting away someone known to be undocumented, he said, a criminal scenario the city averts by establishing the hall as documentation-neutral. "The city is making no distinction (in workers)," he said.

Another legal concern, Isles said, is whether the city could be found liable in a civil suit brought against it by a citizen who was set up with an illegal alien at the center. He described a scenario of an employer being criminally prosecuted for having hired an illegal alien and the employer in turn naming the city as liable for presenting the worker as acceptable to hire.

Isles said the handout to be given all employers explaining that the city is not screening the day laborers will prevent such a liability from occurring.

Rusty Kennedy, executive director of the Orange County Human Relations Commission, agreed that the city is above legal implication in the job center because documentation checks are an employer's responsibility regulated by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

"What the city of Brea wisely has chosen to do is contain the action going on at street corners, but not get involved," he said. "The INS has their charter and their responsibilities," Kennedy said, while commending Brea for not putting city government into the business of searching out non-documented aliens.

"The INS may raid here or anywhere else (they chose)" and it would be impertinent to presuppose an intent to raid the new center, he said, pointing out that any non-documented workers were as susceptible to a raid before as they will be at the hiring hall across the street from their usual gathering point.

Monday opening scheduled for new job center in Brea

By Mark Berg
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — Set to open next week, officials are pressing to get the word out that employers will be able to find day laborers at the site of a new job center at the corner of Imperial Highway and Madrona Avenue.

The job center is a unique answer to the community's problem of congregating day workers, city and center officials say, one they hope will meet with popular response from employers and workers alike at its Monday opening.

Hiring halls have sprung up all over the Southland to answer the need brought about by the growing number of immigrant or homeless workers who depend on the on-the-spot method of employment.

While some of these halls have flourished and some have come and gone, few have been so bold as to establish outright a policy of non-regulation. The city's plan is to provide a structured environment away from residential neighborhoods and retail areas where employers with spe-

cific needs can be matched with day laborers with specific skills without screening those laborers for documentation of their resident status.

Because as many as 75 workers gather in the city each morning, most at the corner of Walnut Avenue and Imperial Highway, such a setup is expected to draw a small crowd of day laborers. Initial contact made by the project manager indicated the workers were anxious for the center to open.

In order to keep the center's preopening hype from fizzling due to lack of employer response, however, the city is working with the center management and the community to spread the word. "Our main focus will be on getting potential employers aware of the services we will be providing," said Javier Gaitan, project manager for the job center.

Less than a month ago, the city of Orange opened a hiring hall to draw day laborers off of Chapman Avenue to a facility meant to provide a better forum for the casual labor transactions. Re-

ports indicated only four employers turned out, providing jobs for only six of the more than 200 gathered at the hall. Further, a similar number showed up on Chapman as usual.

Brea officials say they are working to see similar results do not occur here. After meeting with various local agencies and authorities, city officials determined a centralized forum for employer-laborer matching was needed and that an outside agency should be contracted to supervise the employment activities.

On March 6, the City Council voted to award the La Habra-based Gary Center a contract to operate the hiring hall. Funding for the hall came in the form of a \$14,000 city grant to the Gary Center and the provision of a modular office unit and site use by the Redevelopment Agency. The Gary Center has projected annual operating costs at \$41,800.

"They get a major bang for the buck," said Rusty Kennedy, executive director of the Orange County Human Relations Com-



(Star-Progress photo by Jack Hancock)

EMPLOYMENT FIELD — With the opening of Brea's job center just around the corner, project manager Javier Gaitan checks over the lot at Imperial Highway and Madrona Avenue where day laborers will be provided a matching service to employers seeking the casual labor. Gaitan works for the La Habra-based Gary Center, which has been contracted by the city of Brea to operate the hiring hall scheduled to open Monday morning.

mission. For the least financial involvement, the city will be accomplishing its goals, he said. Kennedy has provided direction to city officials on the hiring hall, having worked with several other Orange County cities which have attempted to alleviate community uneasiness of the day laborer population.

The result, Kennedy said, looks promising. "I think (the city) has a pretty good shot at it," he said, commending organizers for a pared-down approach. "Brea is basically seeking to contain the problem (of day laborers)," he said, pointing out that the center may not be providing as much social service as other centers across the Southland have attempted to do.

While the Gary Center is able to provide other social services, Gaitan said the program will start simple and may serve other needs in the future as they are identified. For now, he said, the plan is to provide an equitable system of offering work to day laborers, avert labor conflicts, and provide information to employers about their responsibilities and about skilled workers' rights.

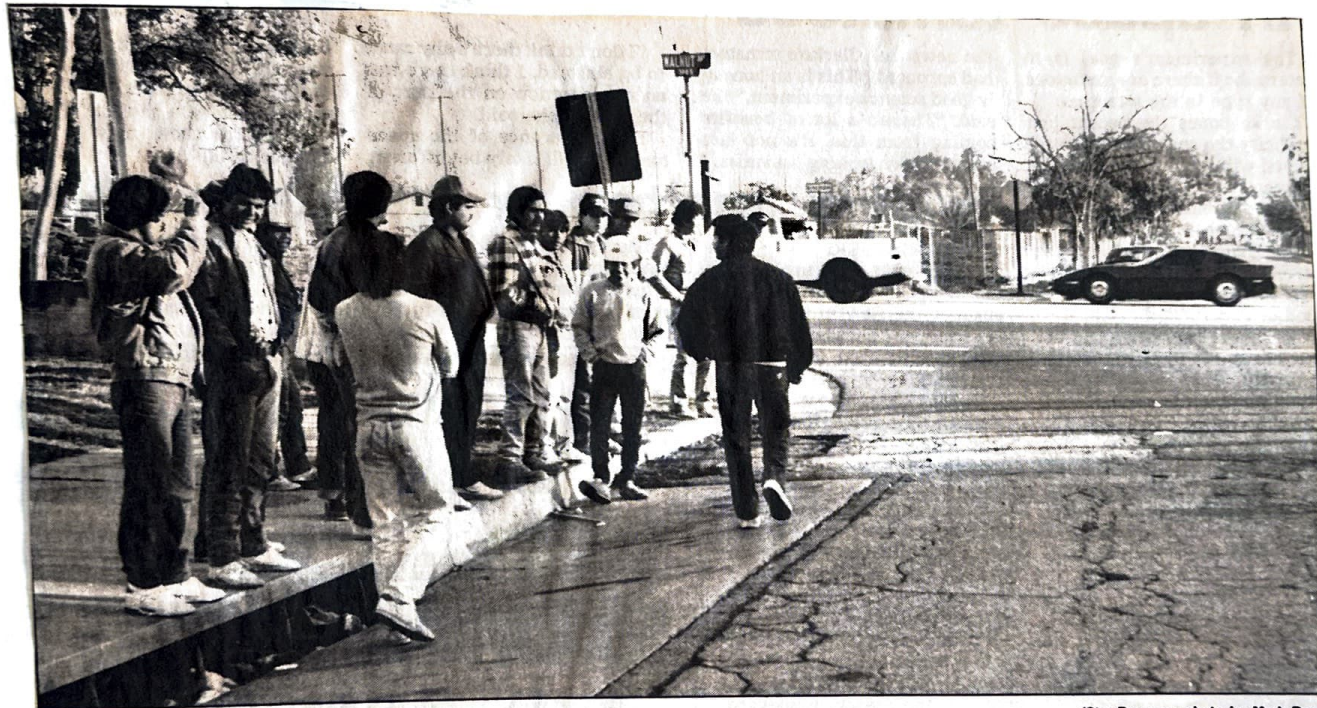
The lot is scheduled to open at 6 a.m. each morning, remaining in operation until about noon, Gaitan said. A headcount of the day laborers and a canvassing of the skills represented will be conducted by Gaitan and assistants. Workers will be hired on the basis of a lottery system that will be conducted each morning, rather than on a first-come, first-served basis, Gaitan said.

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Reaction to job facility is positive

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LOOKING FOR WORK — Day laborers congregating at the corner of Imperial Highway and Walnut Avenue is a common early morning scene, but Brea city officials are hoping the job center opening

Monday across the street will draw the workers away from Walnut Avenue residents who say the group is a nuisance.

(Star-Progress photo by Mark Berg)

By Mark Berg
OP Staff Writer

BREA — Though questions of legality and funding have caused some residents to be apprehensive, the prevailing reaction to the city's plan to open a job center for Brea's day laborer population seems to be enthusiastic endorsement.

"I think it's a very progressive and humane thing the city is doing," said David Martin, owner of Omni Rent-A-Car on South Brea Boulevard.

Martin, who said he has had occasion to hire a day laborer now and again, is one to testify on their behalf. "They're just trying to feed their families, they're not looking for a handout. These people are trying to do something productive and get paid for it. I have talked with many business people in town ... and they feel that these people aren't harming anybody."

"Our country was built on those immigrants trying to find work," Martin said. "My ancestors came here to find work — there is nothing wrong with that."

Jose Segura, a 30-year Brea resident who has been known to champion the cause of minorities in the community, called the job center a "beautiful solution" to the problems associated with day laborers.

More than 50 seek work at Brea Job Center

By Mark Berg
BSP Staff Writer

BREA — With collars turned up and hands buried deep into pockets, more than 50 men huddled against the cold this morning waiting for work at the official opening of the city-sponsored job center.

Slowly the men trickled in, a handful at a time, but soon had gathered in number, creating a sizeable work force under the canopy at the job center's

temporary site at Imperial Highway and Madrona Avenue.

And while the men seemed anxious to give the hiring hall a chance, employers did not. Only six day laborers were hired for work three hours after the center's 6 a.m. opening.

A sharp-dressed man entered the lot at about 6:40 saying he needed two men to work in a dumpster in front of his house. He offered \$5 an hour with one stipulation: the men should have boots. The two workers with boots climbed into the man's Mazda RX-7 and drove off with a day's work before them. One of the day laborers had been waiting at the center since the gates opened; the other, a thermos-bearing Caucasian, had just arrived minutes earlier.

The match-up, manager Javier Gaitan said, demonstrated the mechanics of how the center will operate. "The employer sets the rules," Gaitan said, and the employer needed booted workers — it made no difference what time the workers showed up at the center.

nursery told Gaitan she would like to find five workers who would apply for full-time work. Five workers who had been told about the chance to work there last week were given the name and address of the nursery and will report there tomorrow.

Just before 9 a.m., four other men were given jobs with two different employers who drove to the lot in need of landscape workers.

Meanwhile, the other workers

While the center will be using a lottery system to distribute the available work among the day laborers, no such system was in place today, nor was it necessary — there was little work to assign.

But at least one promise of employment for five workers tomorrow came in over the phone. A woman from a nearby

sat patiently waiting for the vehicles that normally cruised their previous gathering spot on Walnut Avenue across Imperial Highway. All morning, small clusters of men would shuttle back and forth to see if they were missing out for being at the new location. But every indication was that employers just weren't out today — a fact Raphael Gonzales attributed to the dreary weather.

"The sky looks bad, like rain," the volunteer assistant said. "There is little amount of work."

Gonzales scooped up a clipboard when Gaitan swung open the center's gates and began taking the names of the half-dozen men already assembled.



IT'S A DEAL — The first two of six employees to be hired at Brea's new job center early this morning were sent to work in a dumpster for the man at the left. Manager Javier Gaitan, gesturing, explains to the workers that boots are required for this particular transaction.

He was helping organize the day laborers simply because he wants to see the center work, Gaitan said. Gonzales, like the men he was canvassing, is a day laborer and will be one of the men applying for work at the nursery tomorrow.

Other men had been helpful in getting the center ready for opening day, Gaitan said, from watering the plants around the mobile office unit to spreading the word among other workers that work really can be found through the job center. For the past week, day laborers have been finding work at the center while it has been unofficially open in preparation for today, Gaitan said.

"We felt it was important to get a head start in letting people know (about the center)," Gaitan said.

Is he disappointed in the turnout of employers to today's opening?

"We've hit on a few cloudy days, rainy days," the bilingual

project manager said. "But I feel positive about the people who have expressed interest verbally. I'm not discouraged."

Gaitan sat up when a stakebed truck drove by the center, but then continued on.

Mayor spouts flood of water facts at luncheon

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By Barbara A. Williams
DSP Correspondent

BREA — Mayor Carrey Nelson was scheduled to talk to the Republican Women of Brea about water, so he got right to the point at their recent luncheon at La Vie En Rose.

It is possible, he said, that California is in the midst of the fourth year of a 10-year cyclical drought. It also is possible, he continued, that there will be water rationing in Orange County.

But of two things he was quite sure: "There's plenty of water," and "I'm going to have my flowers."

Nelson, a member of the Southern California Water Committee and the state Water Coalition Committee, backed his "plenty of water" claim with a deluge of facts and figures he called "Course 101 in Water." The main problem, he said, is poor distribution of California's available water.

Conservation measures may help protect his flowers, but "conservation is not enough" to solve the water distribution problem, Nelson said. The real answer, said the mayor, is "getting more water here" to the Southland through the legislative process.

Nelson praised the foresight of voters who in 1931 approved the construction of the Colorado River Aqueduct, and those who voted in 1960 to help finance the aqueducts that would bring water to the Southland from the delta of the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers.

He bemoaned the 1982 defeat of the Peripheral Canal ("a good engineering solution to water problems"), the North vs. South

battles over California water, and environmental arguments that keep the water from flowing.

"I'm not against environment," Nelson said, "but I believe there must be a balance between needs and environment."

Meanwhile, the mayor said conservation measures are

necessary to offset some of the effects of California's four-year drought — and to keep the flowers blooming in Brea yards. He endorsed the concept of dual-drainage basins, now frowned upon by state health codes, that would recycle shower and sink water for landscape irrigation.

Then looking pointedly at the

glasses of water ringing the luncheon tables, Nelson noted it takes three glasses of water to wash one glass. He suggested restaurants serve water only to those who request it.

The Metropolitan Water District has already requested that city of Brea water customers voluntarily cut back on their

water usage by 10 percent, the mayor said. The city, in turn, has offered free water conservation kits to its residents and distributed conservation tips in water bills and through city communication channels.

The city's biggest task, according to Nelson, is to move forward with plans to increase the city's water storage capacity from a two- to three-day supply to a seven-day supply.

Reservoir construction has already been approved by the City Council, he said, and the city is "going to have to limit

new water permits" and weight the merits of uncapping old wells or drilling new ones.

Meanwhile, the Brea Beautification Committee is about to become the Water Conservation and Beautification Committee, and city personnel are drawing up a mandatory water conservation ordinance, just in case it is needed in the future.

Will Brea ever have mandatory water rationing? the luncheon guests asked.

"I can see it coming," Nelson said.



(Star-Progress photo by Barbara A. Williams)

WATERWORKS — Mayor Carrey Nelson explains that the water problem in Southern California is a distribution problem, not a lack of water. He told a gathering of Republican Women of Brea at a recent luncheon that legislation is needed to solve the supply-demand breakdown.

MWD, city officials offer water conservation tips

BREA — Pat McCarron, director of the city's Maintenance Services, knows his water statistics: 325,851 gallons in 1 acre foot of water, he said, with the city of Brea using 13,000 acre feet of water each year.

He also is familiar with the Metropolitan Water District request to voluntarily cut Brea's water consumption by 10 percent. McCarron said Maintenance Services has several programs that can help meet that goal. Among them:

- A water telemetry system, about to come on line. The water control system, based at the city yard, uses computers and telephone links to keep track of where, and how much, water is used in the city.

- Modifications for pump systems to increase their efficiency.

- Moisture sensors and "rain guards" installed in city parks. The systems shut down irrigation when the ground is wet enough or when it's raining.

- "Watching our own operations," such as washing vehicles less often.

McCarron said most residential water consumption is funneled outside the house — to cars, yards and driveways. He offered the following water conservation tips for residents:

- "Cut back as much as possible" on landscape watering.

- "Cool it with hosing down the driveway and patio."

- "Don't let the hose run when washing the car."

Additional water conservation tips and free water conservation kits are available at the Finance Counter, Level Three of the Brea Civic & Cultural Center.



RISKY BUSINESS — Veteran truck drivers Rick Ireland and Paul Torres, parked at the site of a May 7 truck hijacking in Brea, describe the dangers associated with their industry. Truckers commonly pick

the Gemini Avenue lot to catch up on sleep when arriving early for morning deliveries to the nearby Albertsons and Alpha Beta distribution centers.

(Star-Progress photo by Jack Hancock)

Truckers wary of Brea stops

By Mark Berg

DSP Staff Writer

BREA — Trucking is big business in this city. And where money goes, crime usually tail-gates.

While police are seeking to drive away the increasing incidents of truck-related crime here, truckers say they continue to haul around fears that they could be the next victim of a lucrative brand of robbery.

And as two nighttime hijackings this month indicate, their fears are valid. In separate incidents, drivers and a passenger who were sleeping in parked big-rigs along Brea streets were tied up and taken to a Los Angeles suburb and relieved of their valuable cargo before being released unharmed. Police records do not indicate the exact total loss, but estimates indicate more than \$100,000.

Add in the numerous pilferings while truckers slept unaware in their cabs and it would seem trucker trouble has pulled in to Brea on an 18-wheel scale.

"Nobody thinks this is a bad area," said veteran truck driver

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Old wooden oil pump: Boon to Brea history?



(Star-Progress photo by Stan Bird)

LANDMARK GIFT — Karl Fanning, a member of the Brea Historical Society, supervises the off-loading of large beams from an old

wooden oil pump. The antique, donated to the city by Chevron USA, will be restored in hopes of placing it as a downtown landmark.

By Mark Berg
OBP Staff Writer

BREA — Brea history buffs and city officials say they have struck it big with a recent landmark acquisition, an antiquated wooden oil pumping unit that may be part of a historical point of interest towering over the future downtown.

Ironically, the pump was donated by one of Brea's less prominent oil companies — Chevron USA — and was taken from a Whittier oil field. Nonetheless, preservationists are happy to get their hands on one of the rare finds.

"We think it would make a significant statement about Brea's beginning," said Karl Fanning, speaking for local historians. "They were used in all the (oil) fields in the early days."

The oil industry gave birth to this burgeoning town in the early 1900s and now Councilman Wayne Wedin and others say it is time to preserve a part of that history.

"I am not aware of the preservation, in working order, of an exact full-scale replica (of a pump and derrick) in an urban environment," Wedin said. Erecting such a setup here would provide a historical and educational draw of curious people from all over, he said.

"To combine the (pump and derrick), we would have something that nobody else around has. It would be very special," said Brian Saul, chairman of the



COYOTE ATTACK — Kimberly Nicholson, 13, cradles the family cat Tasha outside the Nicholson home in central Brea where the family's other cat was witnessed being eaten Thursday by a pair of coyotes. Officials say it's not unusual for small pets to be the subject of an urbanized coyote's appetite.

(Star-Progress photo by Mark Berg)

Coyotes attack pets in Brea neighborhoods

BREA — "Lost Dog," the sign reads. "Small tan female. Needs medication. Owner heartbroken."

Found on dozens of telephone poles in the quiet residential heart of the city, the notice is one of several similar neighborhood pleas in recent months about missing pets, says Linda Nicholson.

Now there is a new flier being tacked to the poles and handed to residents because of a startling early-morning revelation Thursday at the Nicholson home.

"Coyotes — 220 Alder St. killed our cat. We saw them!!!" proclaims the bright yellow page.

If it had not been for the family dog raising a commotion from inside the house during the 2:30 a.m. attack on Oscar the cat on the front lawn, Linda's husband Skip would never have seen the coyotes — or Oscar.

The answer to the mysterious disappearance of her neighbors' pets, Linda Nicholson says, is not pet thieves or shadowy satanic ritual sacrifices. The animals are being eaten by coyotes, she claims, and being eaten whole.

"I just feel so sorry for these people who don't know what happened to their animals," she said, her voice trembling as she recounted the scene. "My poor cat — he just got hit. He had no idea what hit him."

What did hit the 15-year-old cat, Nicholson said, was a pair of

coyotes that tore the cat apart and were eating it, bones and all. Had her husband not scared them off, the head, tail and a leg that remained would have been completely consumed, she said.

Pointing to the area of the small lawn below a screenless window that stood open that night, she described the shock of seeing the family pet dismembered and knowing that the coyotes are coming into the developed neighborhood.

"To come in this far, they're pretty brave suckers," she said from her home a block away from Brea Boulevard. "They aren't hopping fences. They're coming right down the street."

About a mile to the east lies the expansive Craig Regional Park, where coyotes are known to live.

"We've had coyotes at the park all along," park ranger Jerry Dickson said. Although they have not surfaced for some time, he said he knew of a couple that live in the natural area of the park and to the south in the oil field. "They haven't been causing any problem," he said, apart from an occasional duck that is apparently lost to the carnivores' appetites.

Usually undisturbed, some heavy equipment has been moved into the secluded oil field portion of the park and may be driving the coyotes out, Dickson said.

Nicholson has heard of coyotes appearing in the northern part of the city which borders undeveloped hilly terrain.

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coyote habitat. But knowing they come from the nearby park and are bold enough to venture into the neighborhood has surprised her.

Officials say the coyotes are drawn from natural environments because of the easy pickings in developed areas and fringe cities, such as Brea, tend to have more sightings.

"Coyotes will see a small cat ... to them it's no different than a rabbit. It's a food source," said Judy Maitlen, assistant director of Orange County Animal Control. While saying it was impossible to attribute the number of missing pets to coyote killings, Maitlen said it should not be ruled out.

Certain precautions should be taken to discourage the animals from venturing into neighborhoods where they have become accustomed to finding food and water easily, she said.

"Most (coyotes) tend to stay in the neighborhood because there is a supply of food. Don't leave pet food outside," she warned. "A coyote is going to find that and keep coming around for a regular snack."

"Some of these are truly urbanized coyotes," Maitlen said. But because the animals are comfortable in an urban environment does not make them safe to approach, she warned. Instances where humans have been the subject of a tangle with the wild animals have usually been because the victim had food or reached out to the animals, she said. "You shouldn't try to feed or capture them."

Meanwhile, Nicholson said she is not concerned for the safety of her three children — yet. But Tasha, the other family cat, will be brought in for the night. "I

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THIRD SUSPECTED ARSON — Brea Firefighter Don Cone, left, and Capt. Dave Mahlstedt check the site of two early morning fires at a vacant building at 124 1/2 S. Brea Blvd. to ensure they are extinguished. Fire officials said phone books were used to start the two fires and attempt a third. Meanwhile, Brea police unit and fire engines light up the boulevard after the fires are contained, at left. Fire officials suspect arson as the cause of the blazes, which might have caused considerable damage had a patrolling Brea police officer not smelled smoke and notified the fire department, officials say. See story on Page 2

Fire!

4 homes gutted; Brea police arrest suspect

By Steve Creech
Staff Writer

An arson fire consuming more than 3,000 acres, extending from unincorporated areas northeast of downtown Brea, was burning out of control at the intersection of Orange, Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties as of press time.

Brea police arrested Peter Reyes, a 29-year-old transient, who confessed at 11:30 a.m. to setting two fires which became one. He was booked at Orange County jail on two felony counts of arson.

Orange County fire officials said four firefighters reported injuries because of the fire — three for smoke inhalation and one for minor injuries. Two victims were taken to Placentia Linda Hospital in Yorba Linda for observation.



Carbon Canyon horses run free, standing better odds of survival than if penned.

Staff photos by Tim Jones

At 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, fire officials could give no estimated time of containment and said if the fire continued to burn in a northeastern direction, the prestigious Western Hills Country Club area of Chino Hills could be threatened.

Areas immediately affected by the blaze included the Sleepy Hollow area at the Tri-County intersection and portions of Chino Hills, which were evacuated at about 2:30 p.m. to Townsend Junior High.

Four Sleepy Hollow homes reportedly were gutted and officials couldn't estimate the value of property damage.

Olinda Village, a populated segment of Brea, was one of the first residential areas threatened by the fire when it raged through nearby Carbon Canyon, but changes in wind direction saved the area. However, it was reported residents were dousing their homes with water, hoping to avert disaster.

The fire was reported at 11 a.m. and officials said more than 700 firefighters, from departments in all three counties, including Brea, were on the scene. Fire fighting efforts were assisted by fly-by water drops.

Erratic shifts in winds hampered the firefighters in combating the blaze on a day when temperatures soared over 100 degrees.

Staff writers Tim Jones and Kurt Holtzclaw, and Managing Editor Stan Wauer contributed to this story.

BRICKS IN BREA - OR, I REMEMBER WHEN!

Some of us who were in the 6th grade at Laurel School in 1926 will recall our being released weekly to go to Brea Grammar School (now Brea Jr. High) where girls participated in a homemaking class while the boys had a class in wood shop or "SLOYD" as it was called in those days.

We had the choice of riding the school bus, which some chose, or walking if the weather was good. The latter was preferred by some of us. The requirement was that we behaved ourselves on the way and got there on time.

We often passed a place where bricks were being made on the north side of the intersection of Ash Street and Randolph. Today Pandera Estates Mobile Home Park occupies the site. *Redwood*

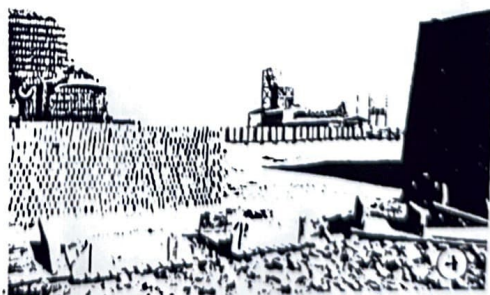
On the way home we sometimes detoured back past the brick yard to watch the creation of a brick. I can still see in my mind the rack holding many vertical wires properly spaced to cut the bed of brown clay into ribbons the width of a brick. How other cuts were made has faded in my memory.

The large kilns of clay bricks became super hot and impressed me immensely. To an 11 year old the mysterious transformation of soft brown clay into hard red bricks was not only an exciting observation but a valuable lesson showing the change of a rather useless material into something useful.

At the time I did not question the source of the natural gas used to fuel the intense fire that made the marvelous change from clay to brick, but now I know it came from the oil fields north of Brea.

Some of these bricks certainly ended up in the walls of the Brea Olinda High School being built in 1926 on East Birch at the edge of the city limits of Brea.

Perhaps the brick you bought today which came from Brea Olinda High School was made from Brea clay by the Brea Brick Company and transformed by the heat of burning gas from Brea's oil fields.



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Area fireworks shows bang-up successes

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Brea hosts sell-out audience

By Mark Berg
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — Playing to a sold-out show, the 14th Brea Fireworks Spectacular exploded in a colorful frenzy Wednesday in the skies above the Brea Olinda High School stadium.

More than 4,000 people, paying \$10 each, witnessed what a banner at the high school called the "biggest little fireworks show in California."

And indeed it was, with more than 1,800 aerial shells fired during the course of the show, 1,000 of these saved for the "Tribute to America" finale. The number of aerial shells in Brea's show exceeded the number planned for the popular show offered at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

Shuttled in from parking spots at Brea Mall and nearby Olen Pointe, the crowd gathered on blankets on the football field or in the stadium bleachers. Event organizers said the stadium could have accommodated about 2,000 more.

An aerobatic team of vintage aircraft, The Dawn Patrol, flew stunts overhead while the Lions Club hosted a barbecue dinner for VIP sponsors.

Brea resident Cheryl Lowry Babich kicked off the Independence Day formalities with her rendition of the national anthem.

Pre-fireworks entertainment featured the song and dance



(Star-Progress photo by Jack Hancock)

SPARKLING SPECTACULAR — Rainbows of red, white, blue, green, gold and violet lit up the sky near the Fullerton High School farm Tuesday, as more than 12,000 people watched from the nearby stadium. Another 13,000 watched from nearby hills and surrounding areas, according to Fullerton Police Department estimates. The Fullerton Community Fireworks Show and Festival was free.

talents of Act I and the Young Americans, as well as solos by Sandra Behn, including a sign language interpretation by Vanessa Vasquez.

The Society for the Preservation of Big Bands played several numbers that had some in the stadium on their feet kicking up their heels.

Disneyland personalities played a major role in the show, with the Dapper Dans quartet performing several numbers, and a fireworks salute to Disneyland.

While most watched the pre-show entertainment in anticipation of Brea's pyrotechnic display by Pyro-Spectaculars, the high vantage point on the hill gave others a spectacular panorama of Orange County and a dozen other fireworks displays popping in the distance.

Whoops and hollers from the patriotic signaled the crowd's approval of the spectacular display that finally lit the sky in North Orange County. One after the other, fireworks were shot into the air creating a brilliant, prolonged culmination to the hyped show.

Many commented that it was, in fact, the best fireworks show they had seen.

"Just wait till next year," said Mayor Carrey Nelson, as the crowd worked its way out of the smoky stadium. "I think that now that people have seen (the show), they'll come back next year."

The annual event suffered a three-year hiatus for lack of a safe area to launch the fireworks. The construction of the new high school introduced an opportunity to bring back the Fireworks Spectacular.

"I'm convinced that we put more shells in the sky than anyone else," said Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Wedin, who emceed the show. "We could hardly throw them up there fast enough."

Fireworks fine finale to a festive Fourth



Burt and Marilyn Lasker, patriotically adorned for the nation's 214th birthday and Burt Lasker's 65th.



the U.S. Marine Corps Band, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, El Toro.

Brea to pull licenses on new DUI law

By Mark Berg
DSP Staff Writer

A La Habra man got a sobering dose Tuesday of a new drunken driving law that allows police officers to pull a driver's license immediately if the driver refuses or fails a blood-alcohol test.

The man was pulled over at Imperial Highway and Arovista Avenue at 9:15 p.m. on suspicion of driving while under the influence and had his license confiscated — the first such action in Brea since the new law became effective Sunday at 12:01 a.m., according to Brea police Lt. Cliff Trimble.

The law stiffens the penalty for drunken driving by allowing officers to impute punishment on the spot, said Brea Police Chief Donald Forkus, a departure from the existing method of prosecuting a DUI through a court settlement.

"Our biggest criticism of the law before this," Forkus said, "was if a person refused to take the (blood-alcohol) test, we had to fill out forms and send them to the DMV. It became much more bureaucratic.

"Some may think I'm a little old-fashioned, but I think punishment needs to be swift," he said.

While officers may "literally take the license," Forkus said a temporary license, valid for 45 days, is issued in its place so driving privileges are intact long enough for an appeal to be made.

Once the results of the chemical test are known, those whose blood-alcohol content exceeds

.10 percent will have their license suspended for four months; those who refuse to take the blood-alcohol test will receive six-month suspensions. A one-year license suspension will be handed to those with two drunken driving arrests within seven years.

The current legal limit of .08 percent was not written into the law because of a technical foul-up, but corrective legislation is before the governor, officials said.

For Forkus, the stiffer penalty means safer streets.

"As people begin to learn that consequences are getting more and more stiff," they will think again before climbing behind the wheel of a car while intoxicated, he said. "It clearly puts the choice on the individual." If you don't want your license pulled, he said, don't drive drunk.

DUI checkpoints, in-the-field breathalyzer equipment and a special "deuce team" of two officers specifically patrolling Brea streets for possible DUI suspects have all contributed to the tapering number of drunken driving related accidents.

The new law does introduce a little more paperwork into a police officer's routine, but Forkus said the benefit outweighs the added burden.

"We're excited about being able to do this," he said. "I think our guys were frustrated the (previous) law didn't have more teeth in it."

In La Habra, police have
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pulled at least two licenses from people believed to have been driving drunk since the measure went into effect July 1, with temporary, 45-day licenses given in their place, Sgt. Jerry Cline said.

Cline said people driving on suspended licenses can expect even more stringent action taken to ensure they do not become repeat offenders.

Meanwhile, Lt. Bud Lathrop of Fullerton Police Department said his bureau has not received all the paperwork from the DMV to implement the program. "We're getting toward that point," he said, "but first we have to initiate training in our department once we get all the materials."

Brea mayor asking state to stiffen arson penalties

By Mark Berg
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — Angered by the destruction left behind in Carbon Canyon last week by an apparent arsonist, Mayor Carrey Nelson fired off a letter last Friday to state legislators seeking stiffer penalties for arson.

Even as hot spots continued to be doused throughout the rough canyon terrain, Nelson characterized arson as a "terrorist act" in his June 29 correspondence.

"Arson is a crime which leaves a trail of destruction usually only associated with terrorism," Nelson wrote.

Receiving the letter were Sen. Frank Hill, Sen. Edward Royce and Assemblyman Ross Johnson. Copies of the letter were sent to the board of supervisors of Santa Barbara and the mayor of Glendale, representatives of two other Southern California communities ravaged by fires in the same week.

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Too much, too loud: Elizabeth and Howard Spillers, with their neighbors, whose homes are along one of the noisiest parts of Imperial Highway, are suffering from an acute dose of noise pollution.

Tempers soar as traffic roars

By Steven Creech
Staff Writer

An issue of major concern at Brea's recent "Town Hall Meeting" was the increase of traffic congestion and noise along the city's major highways and streets.

Some residents close to the flow of traffic have registered complaints to city staff, saying the noise has reached intolerable levels.

"We can't even carry on a conversation in our front yards," said Elizabeth Spillers, who had joined other property owners along the south side of Imperial Highway, between Berry Street and the Lutheran Church, in filing a petition requesting the city construct a 720-foot sound attenuation wall between Imperial Highway and an adjacent front-age road.

"The situation is terrible," Spillers said. "The more traffic there is, the noisier it gets. We can't even sleep with our windows open."

Spillers said the 600 block of Imperial Highway is one of the only residential sections in the city that is not protected from the din created by diesel trucks and other commercial traffic.

"We're on an incline," she said. "So, the trucks have to gear down when they start out from the stoplight at Berry. The noise is bad in the back of our house, but its unbearable in front."

Responding to the petition, the City Council, in a study session last week, asked staff to investigate the feasibility of a sound wall or less expensive options, such as noise insulation, for the homes.

A preliminary plan prepared by the city engineer, based on unit costs re-

ceived for the Lambert State College sound attenuation project in 1988, said the cost of a wall as suggested by the Imperial Highway residents would be \$210,000.

And even then, the engineer pointed out, the noise level would still be an annoyance, although the direct sound from vehicle noises would be reduced to an acceptable level.

City Manager Frank Benest said there is a very slim chance the city would construct a sound wall at the location, because of the high cost.

"Sound walls are very expensive," Benest said. "Noise from traffic is a very big issue in this city, and I realize it is an issue that will not go away, but we simply do not have enough money to put up sound walls everywhere they are needed."