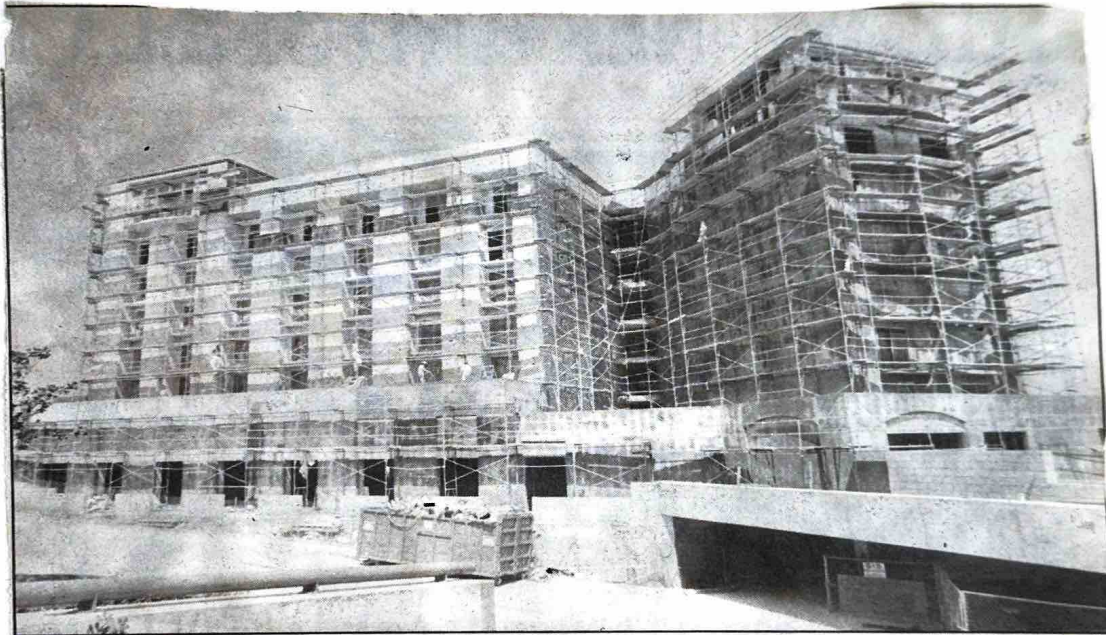


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High rising: It may look like a building turned inside out at the moment, but the Embassy Suites Hotel, on Birch next door to the Brea Civic and Cultural Center, will be a model showpiece when it is completed.

Van-triloquism

Brea police dare to educate youngsters with talking van

By Mark Berg

DSP Staff Writer

BREA — Many people have a sordid past. Many people work lifetimes to correct misdeeds performed in their youth.

The Brea Police Department has conscripted just such a character: a friend to students who is working now to defeat the efforts of a criminal past.

His name is Buster.

Buster's drug-dealing days came to an end when narcotics agents caught it in the act of transporting a large stash of drugs. Now Buster circulates in Brea and Yorba Linda schools telling about the dangers and pointlessness of drug use.

Buster is a Mitsubishi mini-van formerly owned by drug dealers operating out of the Brea area. About a year ago, Brea police uncovered their op-

eration and seized drugs, weapons, more than \$1,000,000 and the van. Thanks to federal drug asset seizure laws, the department got to keep much of what they found, putting it back to use in narcotics enforcement.

For about \$2,000, the van — once a tan color with about 900 miles on the odometer — was converted to an educational tool for use in the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, sponsored by the Police Department.

The conversion required new black-and-white paint, lights, siren, computer equipment and a new name.

Buster also required a little freshening up before its debut as a cop. "The van reeked of coffee grounds when we first got it," DARE Officer Brian Parker said. Often, he pointed out, drug dealers will shroud drugs with the potent aroma of coffee so it cannot be detected by K-9 units trained to sniff out narcotics.

Buster the talking van was outfitted with a computer brain to work its pre-programmed voice, lights, wipers and rear door. While telling students at elementary schools in the area how it helps to fight crime, Buster waves wiper blades, sounds sirens, flashes lights and even cries.

"When I get sad, I cry," Buster said in a recent demonstration of its capabilities. And from water wells hidden behind the headlights, down stream the tears of sadness.

Students react very positively to the animated van, said Police Chief Don Forkus. It is not uncommon for youngsters to answer back, wave and laugh at Buster's jokes.

The van's routine lasts about 10 minutes and has specialized scripts so any of the four school resource officers with the Brea Police Department can have Buster talk to them personally. The voice of Buster is that of a professional Northern California DJ, Parker said.



IT TALKS! — Fanning School students react to Buster's ability to joke, wave and even cry.



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Sister city group first Embassy Suites guests

By Mark Berg
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — In the background, hammers pounded, vacuums whirred, brooms swept and furniture was being moved about. Above the din of workers putting the final touches on the Embassy Suites Hotel, city dignitaries welcomed the new mayor of Hanno, Japan, and his delegation as the first guests to Brea's newest landmark.

"In recognition of the tenth anniversary of our sister city (relationship), we caused to be built this hotel," kidded Brea Mayor Carrey Nelson, after a Brea Olinda High School marching band reception at the Brea Civic & Cultural Center. "You will be the very first guests," he announced. "You are very special people to us."

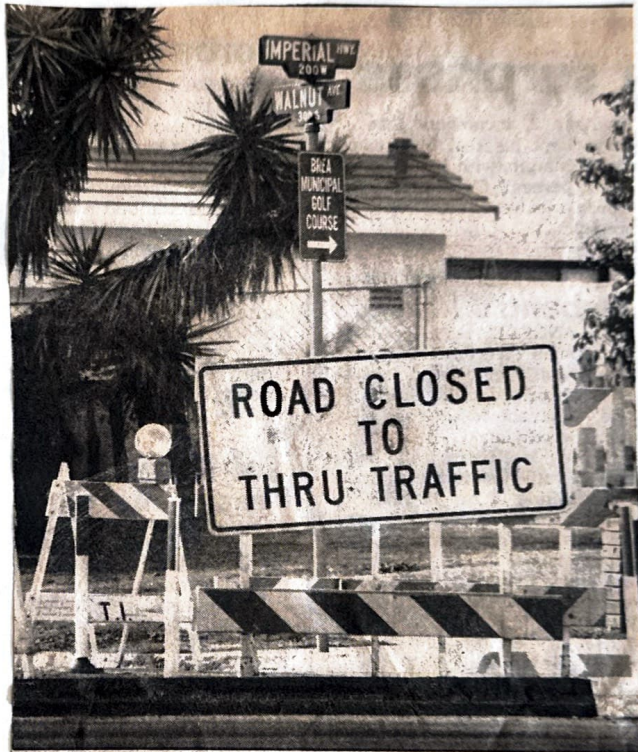
Set to open Sunday, some of the hotel rooms still lack furniture and bathroom knickknacks, but enough rooms were readied for 19 of the guests to stay in second-floor suites with Hanno Mayor Seizo Koyama and Nelson occupying suites on the third floor.

As employees of the hotel gathered in the foyer, the Hanno group was escorted into the Embassy Suites to perform a "kagami wari," or cask-breaking ceremony. Hotel General Manager Tom Murray welcomed the delegation, then handed over mallets to the mayors to break open the sake lid.

After the Japanese drink was poured into small, square wooden vessels, the mayors traded rituals: Koyama exchanged his drink with Nelson, who then linked arms with Koyama as in a wedding ceremony to sip the sake.

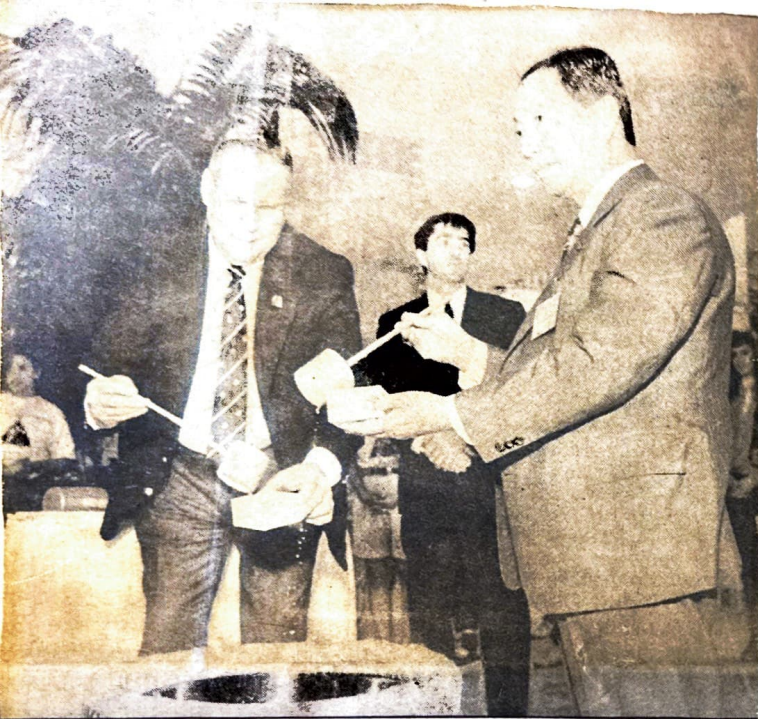


SAKE CEREMONY — Brea Mayor Carrey Nelson, Embassy Suites General Manager Tom Murray and Hanno Mayor Seizo Koyama, from left, dip into a cask of sake before the visiting Japanese delegation checked in as the first guests of the new hotel.



(Star-Progress photo by Jack Hancock)

CURBING TRAFFIC — The sign means what it says and is backed up by newly placed curbing preventing motorists from making a right turn from Imperial Highway onto southbound Walnut Avenue in Brea. The street was closed to southbound traffic because of neighborhood complaints that motorists were using the roadway for a shortcut to other parts of southern Brea. Other residents argue that the street serves as an access from Imperial Highway to the back end of City Hall Park and the Brea Plunge, as well as the St. Angela Merici Catholic Church. They also argue that allowing access to Walnut helps to take the heavy peak-traffic load off Imperial.



Staff photo by Michael Loren

Sake to me: Nelson and Koyama participate in a ceremonious sake-barrel opening.

A crowd filled the lobby of the new Brea Embassy Suites Hotel on Thursday, welcoming visitors from Hanno, Japan. A maintenance man, curious about the flashing cameras, VCR's and city officials present, asked, "Are these the new owners?"

The pomp and ceremony surrounding the visit, marking the 10-year anniversary of the Brea Sister City Association, made the mistake an easy one to make.

But such receptions are not unusual when residents from a Sister City visit. And the visit by the Hanno group, which included the city's mayor Seizo Koyama and city council members, fittingly capped the Brea Sister City program according to Mayor Carrey Nelson.

The welcoming ceremony at Brea City

Hall was the start of a two-day visit for the 19 delegates. After disembarking from their chartered bus, Nelson presented Koyama with a proclamation commending the ongoing Brea-Hanno exchange.

Koyama, speaking through an interpreter, said the delegate visits help both cities maintain progress toward better relations.

"These kind of exchanges help prevent many misunderstandings such as what is happening now in the Middle East," Koyama said. He wished more Americans would come to Japan to establish mutually beneficial relationships.

Sister city delegates visit Brea

During summer, teachers and students from Hanno Junior High Schools visited Brea as part of the Sister Cities program. The program, which was established nationwide by then-president Dwight D. Eisenhower, has the sole purpose of getting people around the world to interact face-to-face.

Nelson, who was the first Brea mayor to visit the mid-sized Japanese city in 1984, also played an important role in establishing the program in Brea. He said the program began with small aspirations and has since become very successful.

"This is a tremendous experience," Nelson said. "We believe the program should be expanded for more community involvement. We would love to see that."

"We have a large Japanese business community here in Brea, and much of it, probably, is brought about by our visits to Japan."

After the initial welcome, the delegation left City Hall and visited the neighboring Embassy Suites, where they were welcomed by the hotel's director of sales, Ted Urban, and General Manager Tom Murray. After accepting a commendation from the city, Koyama and Nelson broke open a ceremonial sake barrel and toasted the occasion.

The Hanno group later was given keys honoring them officially as the first guests of the hotel. During their stay, they will tour the city and meet with Brea officials and residents.

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Welcoming committee: Brea Mayor Carrey Nelson presents Hanno, Japan, Mayor Seizo Koyama with a plaque during a recent visit to Brea by a delegation from that city.

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LIVING WITH THE PHARAOHS



◀ The hotel sports Embassy Suites' characteristic fountain and foliage-filled atrium.

By Mark Berg
DSP Staff Writer

BREA — When visitors come here and stay in the city's first full-service hotel, they may very well feel like a stranger in a strange land.

The Embassy Suites Hotel, which opened its Birch Street doors to the public last weekend, will take its guests back centuries to ancient Egypt — a land of pyramids, palm trees and pharaohs. They are all here, but exist side-by-side with some of the most modern technology to be used in a hotel.

Take, for instance, one of the hotel's premium rooms: a "pharaoh suite." Tucked up into the apex of the four large pyramid towers on top of the hotel, the pharaoh suites offer a balcony view of the city, luxurious living space, and king-size feather beds — all in Egyptian motif. "If Mr. Suzuki comes to town, then we give him this complimentary," said Embassy Suites Director of Sales Ted Urban. The room will normally run around \$450 a night, he said.

A guest can escape for a moment from the ancient ambience and return to the 20th century by flipping on a computer-driven stereo television that can report on the guest's current bill, or even facilitate a check out. Closed circuit conferences can be piped into individual hotel rooms from another room, from the neighboring Brea Civic & Cultural Center, or even via satellite. Urban said this technology will be in place by Dec. 15.

Thanks to an agreement between the city and 229-suite hotel, the city will be able to profit from the conferences that may be scheduled through Embassy Suites. Along with bringing 10,000 more square feet of meeting space into the city, the rooms at the Brea Civic & Cultural Center that stand unused much of the time can be leased out for hotel use.

"We're going to ride the private sector's coat tails," said Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Wedin. "There is not a hotel in Orange County, there is not a hotel in Los Angeles County that has more generic capacity than this hotel," he said, pointing out the availability of such arenas as the Curtis Theatre, only a sidewalk away.

Revelers that assembled Saturday night to see the inside of the \$34 million hotel that has been rising against Brea's modest skyline for more than a year got a first-class taste of life in the chariot lane. Free-flowing wine and champagne, oysters on the half shell, swordfish, lamb and filet mignon. All donated by Embassy Suites and Lowe Development Corp., which built the hotel. The \$50 a couple funds are to be split between the Brea Foundation, the hotel's landlord, and the Brea Marketplace Day Care, presently being built across the street from the Brea Civic & Cultural Center.

City and hotel officials led small tour groups through the hotel, pointing out its unique features. The devotion to Egyptian themes

extends throughout. Photographs of actual Egyptian tomb etchings were brought in and replicated in the walls of the Sphinx Room, a private conference room. Hieroglyphics are also visible from the glass elevators as one descends into the two-level parking garage below the seven stories of suites. A cluster of palm trees near the outdoor swimming pool have been arranged pavilion-like as the Temple of Nefertiti. Some of the luxury suites even contain a mummy, imprisoned in a glass case. Much of the carpeting in the hotel was custom woven for Embassy Suites to match the color schemes in the Brea hotel.

Perhaps the most visible Egyptian touch, however, is the pair of massive stone women that are perched above a fountain at the hotel's main entrance. The statues were shaped by Brea's Artist-in-Residence Marton Varo of Hungary. The women took shape on the front lawn of the Brea Civic & Cultural Center even as the building was under construction next door. Varo had planned to unveil his contribution by unveiling his

Brea Embassy Suites holds official opening

Expected to bring almost \$8 million annually to the local community, the Brea Embassy Suites officially opened Nov. 17 with a charity dinner and celebration.

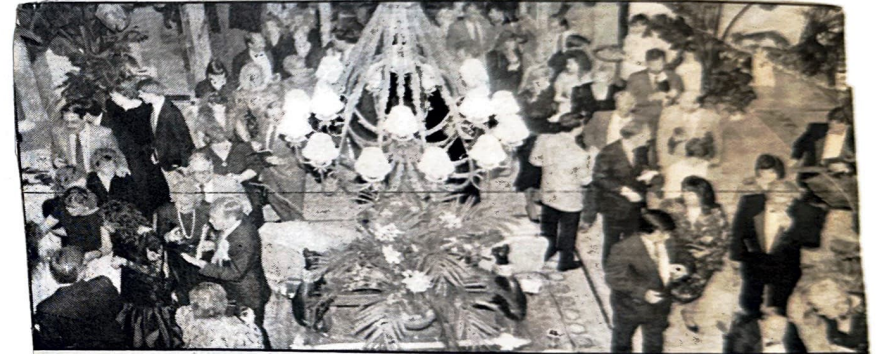
The gala opening, attended by nearly 1000 guests, benefited both the Brea Foundation and the Brea Place Childcare Center through the \$125 donations made by guests who stayed the evening.

The 229-suite hotel cost \$34 million to construct and will employ approximately 150 people. With its Egyptian design, it boasts original artwork and sculptures by local artists and school children.

The hotel is centrally located in north Orange County, next to the Brea Mall and Civic and Cultural Center.



Dancing with flair: A belly dancer entertained guests throughout the evening, adding a Middle Eastern flavor.



Staff photo by Michael Loren

Fabled gathering: A large crowd turned out Nov. 17 to see the Brea Embassy Suites. The new hotel, with its Egyptian-style decor, is now officially open to the public.



Friendly greeting: Embassy Suites President Clyde Culp (left) is congratulated on a successful opening by Brea Mayor Carrey Nelson.

Posh hotel opens with fund-raiser

The royal opening of the Egyptian Embassy Suites at 900 E. Birch St. in Brea on Nov. 17 served as a fund-raiser for the Brea Foundation and Brea Market-place Day Care Center.

The grand opening began when Marton Varo, Brea's artist in residence, unveiled two stone statues of women he created for the main entrance of the hotel.

Some 1,000 guests enjoyed appetizers (including oyster on the half shell and pawns), dinner (venison, filet mignon, swordfish), and desserts (white and chocolate fondues and many delicate pastries) served in four gorgeous rooms. The food and beverages were donated by Lowe Development Corp. and Embassy Suites.

Guests who toured the \$34 million hotel especially liked the Pharaoh Suite, which featured a king-sized feather bed. Some suites had a life-sized replica of a mummy encased in glass. All suites include two phones with voice mail, microwave oven, wet bar, refrigerator, coffeemaker, two television sets with remote control, desk, dining area and pull-out sofa. The hotel has lots of beautiful artwork, palm trees, sculptures and pharaohs. Fortune Magazine rates the hotel chain No. 1 for service.



SUSAN GAEDE



Susan Gaede/For The Orange County Register
Mary Jo Parker and Brian Saul, both of Brea, discuss the new Embassy Suites statue with Brea's artist-in-residence Marton Varo.

Day laborers get hiring hall

Brea tries to appease residents

By Luis Zaragoza
The Register

BREA — Operators of a planned city-sponsored hiring hall are notifying day laborers and their potential employers of the center's anticipated April 30 opening.

City officials said the hall is being established with the hope of drawing as many as 60 day laborers from the residential streets where they now congregate, waiting for potential employers.

Brea's hiring hall will differ from similar halls in cities such as Costa Mesa and Orange in that workers' documents will not be checked. Instead, employers will verify if workers are legal residents and are allowed to work in this country.

The hall will be the only one operating in Orange County that will allow undocumented workers to use it.

INS officials have said the hall might be vulnerable to one of its raids as it enforces laws prohibiting the hiring of undocumented workers.

City officials said they would not attempt to block any INS raid.

"If a raid occurs, then it occurs," Community Services Director Ret Wixted said. "We can't offer the day laborers protection.

"Every city that has one of these job centers is really operating an

independent pilot program," Wixted said. "Each city is taking the approach that's best for them."

In March, the City Council awarded the La Habra-based Gary Center a one-year, \$41,000 contract to operate the hall. City officials said the contract would be reviewed after one year.

The Gary Center was one of two social service agencies that responded to the city's call for bids. The center's services include free and low-cost legal and medical aid to La Habra-area residents.

The hiring hall will operate 6 a.m.-noon Mondays through Saturdays from a trailer on the northeast corner of Madrona Avenue and Imperial Highway, one block from the 300 block of Walnut Avenue, where 40 to 60 day laborers wait each morning to be picked up for day jobs.

Day laborers have gathered on that block for about two years, city officials said.

The center's nearby location will make the hall convenient for the day laborers, officials said.

The city does not have an anti-solicitation ordinance and does not anticipate needing one after the center is built, Wixted said.

Walnut Avenue residents have complained to the city about problems they associate with day labor-

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ers: litter, intimidation and traffic congestion.

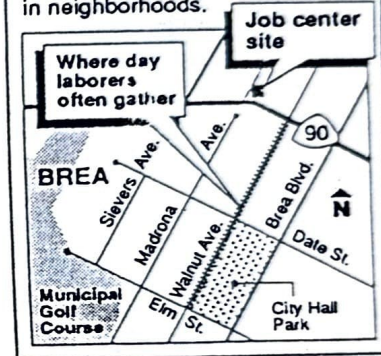
It is the Gary Center's job to make sure day laborers and their potential employers know about the center, City Manager Frank Benest said. Pamphlets stating the employers' responsibility to check workers' documentation will be distributed.

Representatives of the center are seeking day laborers to gauge their interest in the hiring hall and encourage them to congregate there instead of in residential neighborhoods.

"I'm really proud that I live in a city ... that helps people try to help themselves," said Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bev Perry, who helped plan the center.

Brea job center

City officials hope day laborers will look for jobs at the new center on the northeast corner of Madrona Avenue and Imperial Highway instead of on streets or in neighborhoods.



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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-

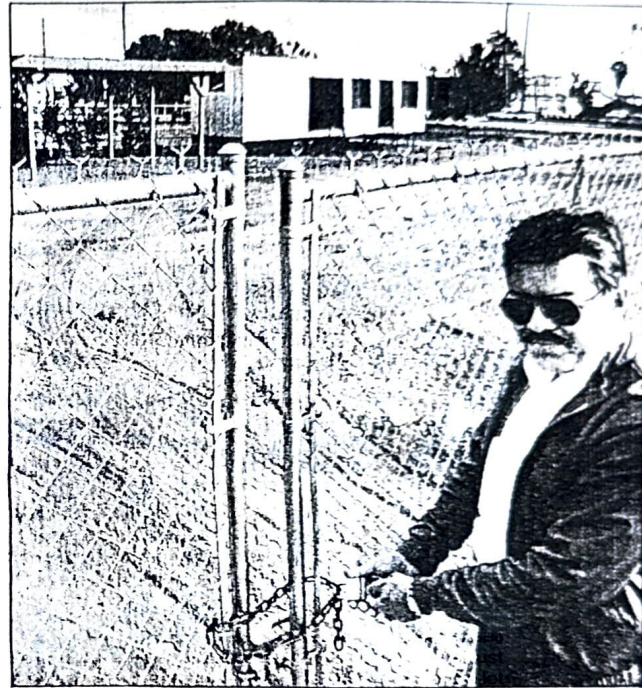
ports indicated only four employers turned out, providing jobs for only six of the more than 200 gathered at the hall. Further, a similar number showed up on Chapman as usual.

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-

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(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.

Monday opening scheduled for ne

(Continued from Page 1) 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.

The lottery approach will be used so that the day laborers "can know if they come at 6, their chance (of being hired) is just as good as the guy at the front of the line," he said, preventing workers from feeling they must camp out at the center in order to get work.

Employers will be able to drive right up to the center without getting out of their vehicles, Gaitan said. The in-and-out setup is meant to make the process of matching the workers with the employers as quick and simple as possible. The center manager will ask the employer what work is needed and will assign day laborers based on the lottery draw and their indicated skills.

Gaitan said wage agreements

will be between the employer and the laborer, but that the center will work to educate and inform both parties on minimum work standards mandated by state law. "The day laborers are very needy and are usually willing to work for less than minimum wage," he said. "It is our responsibility to inform. If they so choose (to work for less), that's a decision they make. We're not in the business of regulating ... (our business) is informing, educating and providing a much safer location to talk business."

The idea of enlarging on the services provided through the hiring hall is being talked about in city hall, however. But organizers are cautious about trying too much too soon.

Ret Wixted, director of the

Community Services Department, said more programs focused on the needs of immigrants may be added in the future, such as ESL instruction, but "we need to see who these people are and what services they will use."

Wixted characterized the job center as a "think-on-your-feet" pilot program that will be evaluated on a weekly basis.

"I think the entire city is committed to it succeeding," she said. "If it's going to work anywhere, it's going to work here."

The council has approved the center on a one-year trial basis, allowing for a 30-day notice to close it if problems or lack of use arises. Because downtown redevelopment is scheduled to pave over the temporary site of the center, the setup has been de-

signed to be... construction on... town begins... The idea of setting up... hiring hall was... Walnut Avenue residents descended on city hall last... gust in a campaign to spruce... their blighted neighborhood... Among the problems of run-down homes, overcrowded apartments, abandoned vehicles, and trash was the nuisance of the day laborers massing in front of their homes each morning, residents complained.

The city set to work tidying up Walnut and by year's end had responded to many of the residents' complaints. Officials are hoping the remaining issue of diffusing the crowd of day laborers will be solved with the opening of the hiring hall.

...ion to job facility is positive

Though questions of funding have caused 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.

"There are people in the community who are waiting for this to fall on its face," the 66-year-old said. "If they could come up with a better solution, come forth."

Segura praised city officials for finally implementing a job center that he said will help keep immigrants from falling into a pattern of welfare.

Bev Perry, commissioner with the Parks, Recreation and Human Services Commission, said the long-term benefits justify the project.

"I had some mixed feelings going into it, especially about spending tax dollars to get into it," said Perry, who served on the oversight committee for the job center, but "in the long run, people are going to feel like they are a part of Brea. We have not said, 'Go away, we don't want you.' That's not the way the city works."

"We have to spend something to get something. In the end, we will gain a lot more than the money that was shoveled out for the center." Perry said of all the programs other cities are doing, this one has the best chance to work.

Councilman Ron Isles said he

doesn't think the job center will work and that the city will ultimately have to abandon it.

"I have serious reservations about it working, to be honest," he said. "I voted for it because I felt it deserved a chance and it didn't cost a lot of money, but I don't think it'll work."

Isles said he was concerned about the political administration of citizens' tax dollars for a hiring hall he said would be used primarily by undocumented aliens. "This is kind of a social effort that we're getting into that I don't think is a right approach. I don't particularly want my tax dollars used by undocumented employees," the councilman said.

"I think what is being attempt-

ed is setting up an ex-facto social service agency," he said.

"I think the city has the right to debate (a solution) in the most desirable way possible," he said, adding that "if the result is a mixed bag, I would expect the city to shut it down."

Sandra Rodiger, who helped spearhead the neighborhood effort in moving the day laborers from in front of Walnut Avenue residences, said the center was a financially prudent solution to her neighborhood's growing problem.

"Costwise, this outweighs anything you do," Rodiger said. "If this isn't done, we will have increases in crime rate (and) incidents of rape and robbery."

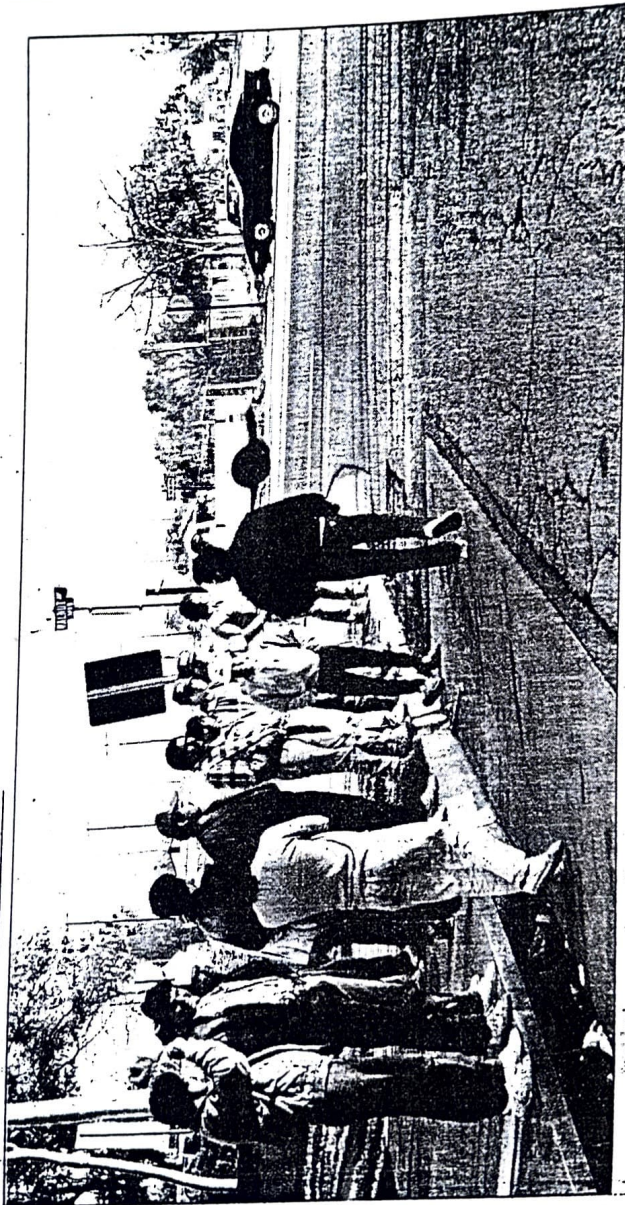
She added that citizens have

an obligation to help immigrants who are drawn here because of the economic system. She said she is unafraid a formal job center will draw even more workers to the area, however.

"The center will draw as many people as there are jobs. Some people are afraid that we will become the bonzai job center and people will come from all over. That's not true," she said.

Judy Campos, administrative assistant for Community Services said the community's perception of the day laborer population may not be accurate. "The public tends to assume that they (day laborers) are undocumented. Really, the majority of them are documented," she said.

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

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

Job center legal implications raised

By Mark Berg
DAP 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.

The second statute involves secreting away someone known to be undocumented, he said, a criminal scenario the city averts by establishing the hall as a 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.



BREA DAY LABORER JOB CENTER

Employers are reminded that the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires employers to hire only individuals authorized for employment in the United States. Employer's are also required to complete appropriate Employment Verification Forms for each employee hired which are available from the Job Center. The law requires employers to examine documentation from each prospective employee establishing his/her identity and authorization for employment in connection with the completion of the required forms. The Job Center will not be "screening" persons seeking employment to ensure their legal right to work in the United States. It is the employers responsibility to verify the employee's legal status.



BREA DAY LABORER JOB CENTER

Address: 246 S. Madrona
Phone: 990-6348
Open: Monday - Saturday,
6:00a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Special Skills and Requests

- ✓ Gardeners
- ✓ Carpenters
- ✓ Painters
- ✓ Domestic Work

No Immigration Screening

Are you looking for help?

- Do you need temporary or permanent workers to assist you?
- Would you like to be able to find help fast and easy at one location?
- The yard needs work—trees need trimming—need help?
- The garage is stuffed with junk—need help?
- Moving next week? Need some muscle, lifters, pullers, carriers?
- Building a project—need someone to pound, saw or nail?
- Walls need painting—need someone to help?
- Other projects are pending—too big for just one person?
- The house is a mess—need domestic help with cleaning?

Call for more information.

(714) 990-6384



Brea Day Worker Job Center

Operated by The Gary Center, Inc. • 6:00am to Noon
246 S. Madrona Street, Brea, CA 92621 • (Corner of Imperial Highway and Madrona Street)

Attention Contractors and Homeowners



Brea Day Laborer Job Center

246 Madrona, Corner of
Madrona & Imperial Highway

Hours of Operation: Monday through Saturday
6:00 am to Noon

- At the center, you will find plumbers, carpenters, painters, gardeners and laborers.
- Employers are not required to register at the project site.
- Salaries can be negotiated between contractor and laborer.
- There is no fee to hire someone or to get a job.
- There are free supportive services for laborers.
- There is an orderly registration system in place.
- Employers **MAY** pick up workers they **KNOW** and **PREFER** rather than go through the registration system.
- The project is supported by the Brea Police Department.

For more information call 990-6384 (24 hours)

Atencion Contratistas, Duenos de Casa y Jornaleros



Brea Day Laborer Job Center

246 Madrona Street
(Esquina de Madrona y Imperial Hwy.)
Horas de Operacion: Lunes a Sabado
de 6:00 am a Mediodia

- En el centro encontrara plomeros, carpinteros, pintores, jardineros y jornaleros.
- Los empleadores (patrones) no necesitan registrarse en el centro.
- Los salarios podran ser negociados entre contratista y trabajador.
- No hay costo para ofrecer trabajo o para solicitar empleo.
- Habran servicios adicionales de apoyo para los trabjadores.
- Se ha establecido un sistema organizado para repartir trabajo.
- Los empleadores PODRAN escojer a trabajadores que ya SON CONOCIDOS y PREFEREN
- en lugar de usar el sistema de registro.
- El proyecto esta apoyado por el Departamento de Policia de la Cludad de Brea.

Para mayor informe al 990-6384 (24 horas)

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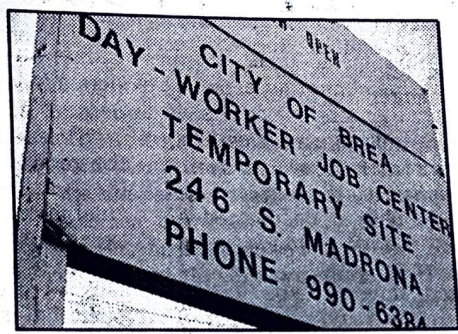
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County Perspective

Brea's Hiring Hall Approach Is Wisest

■ The legal responsibility for ascertaining a dayworker's residency lies with the employer, and not with a municipality.

Brea has taken a sensible and dignified approach to its problem of having day laborers congregate on city streets. The workers were causing a traffic safety problem because they gathered in a residential neighborhood off Walnut Avenue near Imperial Highway. They would run out into traffic, and employers would stop and make unsafe turns to pick them up. So City Manager Frank Benest came up with the idea of a city-sponsored job center. It opened early last week and quickly proved to be a place where workers and laborers could get together. Of the roughly 55 workers who showed up in the first day Monday, 23 were placed in jobs.



Needed: a sign in Spanish.

That's a pretty good record for starters.

The Brea center is the first hiring hall in Orange County that does not require workers to carry proof of U.S. residency. Orange and Costa Mesa already have hiring halls, but they screen workers for residency documentation. Laguna Beach has an outdoor hiring lot that, like the Brea center, does not attempt to distin-

guish between the documented and undocumented.

U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service officials say they prefer city hiring halls that screen for documents, as is the case in Orange and Costa Mesa. But ultimately, the responsibility for ascertaining residency lies with the employer, and not with a municipality. It is the employers who can be fined under provisions of the 1986 Immigration Control and Reform Act if caught hiring undocumented laborers.

The city has to be concerned about safety and order on the streets. The hiring hall approach offers a decent way to bring workers and employers together. Now here's one suggestion to make a good idea even better: The sign outside the center gave its name, location and telephone number in English. Wouldn't it make sense to have a sign also in Spanish to help the immigrants who use the center?

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