



costume of St. Lucia during the Christmas Legends section in the Sweden area. Assisting is Nancy
Magistrado. Karen Ditota wears the



HELPING THE NEEDY — Feathers, paper and yarn were transformed into delicate Christmas ornaments by 480 Brea Girl Scouts who gathered recently to decorate holiday trees for needy Brea families. Above, Joy Chen, 5, colors in her program while awaiting the next activity. Working with the theme "Christmas Around the World," the girls learned about the customs and foods of England, Sweden, Mexico and the Orient as they cut, glued and trimmed. Their finished ornaments represented Mexican God's Eyes, Swedish woven wheat decorations, Japanese paper fans and the feathered masks of English mummies. Jan Wingerter, community relations chairman for Brea Girl Scouts, said the international ornaments were used to trim seven Christmas trees provided by Soroptimist International of Brea. Thirteen additional trees, also provided by the Soroptimists, were decorated by individual troops whose members delivered the trees in person. This is the second year that Brea Girl Scouts and Soroptimists have worked with the City of Brea Community Services Department in the Christmas tree program, Wingerter said.

BREA BROWNIES DECORATE
FIRE PLUGS



BREA GIRL SCOUTS





BREA — Wheelchairs, blindfolds and books in braille introduced 116 Brea Girl Scouts to the "world of well-being" recently as they concluded their weeklong day camp with a day at City Hall Park.

The camp activities were organized under the theme, "Brea W.O.W." for the "worlds of wonder," which investigates Girl Scout emphasis areas in art, outdoors, people, today and tomorrow, and well-being.

At City Hall Park, the Scouts, ranging in age from Daisies to Juniors, learned handicap awareness and first aid and signing as well as folk dancing and games.

The Scouts spent the first four days of their camp at Craig Park, where they worked in the rose garden, took cleanup hikes and created ecology posters for the park's

bulletin boards.

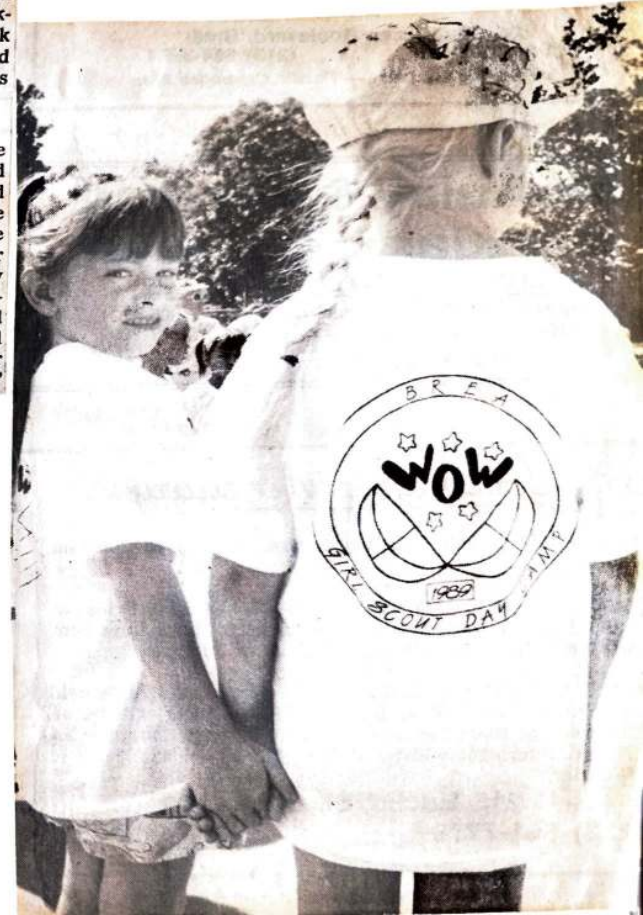
Camper groups chose names like Stargazers and International Explorers and built programs around those themes. The sixth-grade group became reporters for the week and visited the Daily Star-Progress to see newspaper work in action. By the end of the week, the Scouts had written a two-page newspaper called the "Cadette Gazette."

(Star-Progress photos
by Jack Hancock)

WORLD OF WELL-BEING — Brea Girl Scouts gained appreciation for those less fortunate than them by learning how to walk on crutches as part of a week-long camp designed to introduce Scouts to "worlds of wonder." Pictured at left are, Elizabeth Barry, left, and Jonette Comeaux testing out their crutches.

In the photo at right, Natalie Pinkus and Amy Ethington are partners in the Girl Scout dance, "Here we go round by two."

ends with 'Brea W.O.W.'





(Star-Progress photo by Jack Hancock)
SHARING BIRTHDAY WISHES — 'Happy 75th Birthday Girl Scouts' inscribed on a yummy-looking cake in the Brea Historical Society case calls attention to the nationwide celebration of Girl Scouting in America. Melissa Lambourne, 9, left, and Jennifer Rex, 10, both of Brea Troop 1036, show some of the items, which signify Girl Scouting in America. On March 12, all Girl Scouts will commemorate the day in 1912 when Juliette Low held the first meeting of an organization that in 1986 logs more than 2.2 million girl and 630,000 adult members. Brea's display is located in the local library.



QUACK UP — Girl Scout Daisy Troop 876, Brownie Troops 380, 1747 and Junior Troop 535 performed a routine called "Baby Duck" at bridging ceremonies held Thursday night. These two Brownies display their impression of what a duck should look like.



YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE HEART — Brea Girl Scout leaders, right, perform a skit to the theme of "You've Gotta Have Heart" at the Girl Scout bridging ceremonies held Thursday night at Union Oil's Fred Hartley Center

Girl Scouts light the way with bridging ceremony



BRIDGES THE GAP — During bridging ceremonies a daisy crosses the path to becoming a Brownie. Above: 142 Girl Scouts representing 24 troops crossed a greenery-decked bridge Thursday night signifying their bridging from one level of Scouting to the next. Each of the girls was greeted by a Scout from the level of Scouting she was about to enter.



LEADING THE WAY — Girl Scout leader Sharon Stanley, left, congratulates Shannon O'Neil at the Silver Awards presentation. This award is the highest award that can be earned by a Cadette and was presented by Councilwoman Clarice Blamer to (in addition to O'Neil) Lauri Becker, Linda Shantar, Beth Thompson, and Amy Wood. Don Hull represented the Brea Kiwanis Club, sponsors of the Cadette Troop, and presented each of the recipients of the award with a silver plate.

Girl Scout Council seeks staff for center

BREA — The Girl Scout Council of Orange County is now hiring staff to lead a new Girl Scout Activity Center that will open in mid-September at Laurel Elementary School.

The Activity Center, designed to serve girls of minority backgrounds who have not been reached in the traditional Girl Scout program, will feature weekly scout meetings led by paid staff. Girls from kindergarten through sixth grade will participate in the same meeting and activities.

The Activity Center troop will be included in all Brea Girl Scout events and will receive a

traditional Girl Scout program, including an emphasis on service to others.

Soroptimist International of Brea donated \$1,000 to fund the center, which hopes to draw girls from Brea's two centrally located elementary schools, Laurel and Arovista. Local Girl Scout officials said they plan to move the Activity Center troop to Arovista Park when the Brea Lions Scout Center is completed.

The Girl Scout Council of Orange County currently has 21 Activity Center troops in place, serving more than 580 girls.

Persons interested in serving as part of the Brea Activity Center's paid staff should call Patty Thomas at the offices of the Girl Scout Council of Orange County, (714) 979-7900.

That was then

Members of Girl Scout Troop 811 will backtrack to yesteryear for Brea Gallery historical exhibit

By Barbara A. Williams
DSP Correspondent

BREA — 1990s girls in turn-of-the-century cotton and bows will help bring history alive June 12 when they welcome art patrons to the Brea Civic & Cultural Center Gallery's preview reception for "Brea, Then and Now."

The girls, members of Girl Scout Junior Troop 811 from Country Hills School, will join costumed representatives of other local organizations as hostesses at an "old-fashioned social" that will replace the gallery's standard wine-and-cheese format for exhibit openings.

Scouts and club members will dispense lemonade, popcorn and hot dogs from 7 to 9 p.m. as gallery patrons get their first look at the contemporary and historical photographs that make up the newest gallery display.

Throughout the year, the 10 members of the fifth-grade

"Most people could have cooked perfectly well without cookbooks until the 1850s or '60s," she said. At that time, "the knowledge (of cooking) was in the hands,"

Scout troop have become a familiar part of Brea's Jubilee festivities.

The youngsters, wearing costumes reminiscent of 1917 schoolgirls, appeared at the opening of the Brea Time Capsule, dispensed two-cent glasses of lemonade at the Historic Homes Tour, and recently jumped along the Diamond Jubilee Parade route.

Their Jubilee activities have been a well-orchestrated combination of historical education

and service, conducted under the leadership of Brea resident Kathleen Ralph.

Ralph, a Cal State Fullerton professor and co-chairman of the Brea Jubilee Historical Committee, mixed professional know-how with Girl Scout idealism in planning a yearlong program that the fifth-graders would find challenging and entertaining.

"Girl Scouting is about service, so we focused on service to the city," said the Scout leader.

The Scouts' "local lore" badge provided activity guidelines that Ralph paired with teaching styles from her "Social Studies Methods" class in the CSF teacher credentialing program.

"We believe that teachers must get students actively involved in history," she said, adding that it was a practical idea to carry over the concept to her volunteer work as a



Members of Brea Girl Scout Troop 811 learn about local history and lifestyles of the past by dressing the part in old-fashioned clothes. From left are troop leader Kathleen Ralph, Melissa Ehrle, Kara Ralph, Courtney Salas and Hollie Peterson. The Scouts have attended all the Jubilee events and will lend their distinct look to the June 12 "Brea, Then and Now" exhibit at the city gallery.

Scout leader. Under Ralph's guidance, the Scouts immersed themselves in Brea history, listening to the

stories of longtime residents, studying Brea's written history, and touring "Good Ol' Brea" via the Historical Bus Tour.

In addition to learning how to use hammer and saw to construct an artistically weathered (Continued on Page A2)

Cutting day

The Girl Scouts of Brea are hosting the

Annual Beautification event, Cutting Day. The tradition was started in 1973 and has been hosted by the Girl Scouts every year.

This year Cutting

City

Day will be Saturday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Brea Olinda High School parking lot located at 803 E. Birch, directly across from Brea's new civic center.

Bring a cutting from one plant and exchange it for as many plants as you want. Plants are donated by Select Nurseries and individual Girl Scouts of Brea.

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BUNNY BOOSTERS — Brea Girl Scout Troop 1304 provided jelly bean-filled bunnies to the needy children of Brea through the Active Christians Today office at St. Angela's ACT Office. Pictured

(Star-Progress photo by Stan Bird)
from left are Scouts Rosanne Divernieri, Mary Testerman, Becky Slota and ACT representatives Louise Blair and Jan Zylla. Nearly 50 baskets were distributed by the girls.

Brea Girl Scouts recycle can funds into tree-planting

BREA — Brea Girl Scouts recently put a new twist on the Midas touch, turning aluminum cans into trees for Brea Olinda High School.

A citywide Scout project, dubbed "Save a Can, Plant a Tree," concluded with the Aug. 11 dedication of 11 camphor trees, planted in an L-shaped grove along an eastern walkway near the high school cafeteria. The ambitious Girl Scouts had collected recyclable cans during the month of May, raising \$1,100 for their tree project.

Bette Braden, co-chairman of the event, said the project was designed to make the scouts aware of the need for both ecology and beautification. She said the high school was selected as the site for the grove because the majority of the local Scouts would attend Brea Olinda and because the Scouts held several events on campus. The school's Performing Arts Center was the site of a recent Bridging Ceremony, she noted.

Former BOHS Principal Gary Goff, who oversaw construction of the Wildcat Way campus, was on hand to thank the Scouts for their contribution.

He said their gift represented the single largest donation to the school's tree-planting program, in which trees may be purchased by individuals in their own name or in the name of a loved one.

Also attending the tree-planting ceremony was new Brea Olinda Principal John Johnson and his son, Michael.

The Girl Scouts concluded their dedication observance by ceremoniously adding soil from their troops' favorite site to the ground beneath each tree.

Brea troops participating in the tree project included Daisy Troop 83 from Country Hills School; Brownie troops 1595 from Arovista, 1104 from Mariposa, 339 from Olinda, 12 from Fanning, and 1831, 863 and 1273 from Country Hills. Also Junior troops 328 from Mariposa, 353 from St. Angela Merici, 1036 from Arovista, and 706 and 1432 from Country Hills; and Cadette troops 1834 and 272.

Jan Wingerter served as co-chairwoman of the tree project with Braden.

— Barbara A. Williams



(Star-Progress photo by Barbara A. Williams)

CANS TO TREES — This camphor tree is the result of Brea Girl Scouts' recycling drive. Helping plant the tree are, from left Julie Thompson, Cadette Troop 272; Erin Braden, Brownie Troop 12; and Dana Stanley, Cadette Troop 272.

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Barbara Williams/Brea Progress
Ashley Finnie (from left), Jackie Shapiro and Erin Alba, of Girl Scout Troop 464, man their booth, Peach Surprise, at the recent fund-raiser.

Sometimes it takes younger eyes to find the "fun" in "fund-raising."

That seemed to be the case last month at the second annual Brea Lions Scout Center Fall Festival, when 34 groups of Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts gathered at City Hall Park to raise money for the new Scout Center.

The Scout Center — Old City Hall on Brea Boulevard with about \$600,000 in renovation work — was already in the process of getting a new roof when the Fall Festival got under way at the neighboring park. About 1,200 people came to munch their way through stacks of pancakes flipped by Brea Lions Club members, try out the game and refreshment booths, and look at skill demonstrations, Brea police and firefighter displays, and entertainment at the park's Gazebo.

The Scouts were among those who seemed to be having the most fun, whether hawking their wares at their troop booth or dashing off to try the offerings at their neighbor's.

Case in point: The members of Girl Scout Troop 464, describing the delights of their "Peach Surprise" to passers-by.

The description ran something like this: "Smooosh" graham crackers in a plastic baggie. Add a canned peach and tumble it in the crumbs. Top with a dollop of whipped cream and eat it straight out of the bag, so you don't get your hands messy.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 707 showed off a Monkey Bridge to a constant flow of adventure-seekers. Foot placement was

the key to success, they advised, as they escorted youngsters across the gently swaying rope bridge.

"Last year's Fall Festival was supposed to serve as a kickoff for our fund-raising, but the Scouts liked it so much they wanted to do it again," said Lyle Sutton, president of the Brea Lions Scout Center Foundation.

Fun fund-raiser

Which is how Bob Martin, assistant Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 1001, found himself in charge of the festival two years in a row.

"It's a huge amount of work, but the kids who come have a really good time. Even troops from Yorba Linda and Placentia have expressed an interest in the festival," Martin said.

Once the Scouts' enthusiasm carried the festival into a second year, the event developed a twofold purpose, Martin explained.

"It's still a fund-raiser, because we need to at least be able to recoup expenses. And it's important that the Scouts be able to look at the Scout Center and say, 'I helped raise money to make it possible.'"

"But it also promotes community awareness. It lets people know that Scouts are a part of the Brea community, and that the Scout Center is a unique project."

The Scout Center's uniqueness derives from its purpose of serving both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

"We know for a fact that it is the only center in the country that is home to both Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts," Martin said. "And so far as we know, Brea is the only place in the country where Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts work together on the same project."

With \$400,000 in commitments pledged to the \$600,000 renovation project, construction officially began this fall. Earthquake retrofitting and a new roof are first on the list, according to Sutton. Interior renovations will follow, with special attention to keeping the entry and exterior historically accurate.



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From left, Jessica Mungia, 8, Tiffani Davis, 8, Colleen Rooney, 8, and Mollie Vasquez, 8, of Girl Scout Troop 1763 from Arovista School use a song-and-dance routine to sell Girl Scout cookies Friday at the Von's Shopping Center.

SAME OLD SONG AND DANCE

By Danielle Benson
Brea Progress

Sixty years ago three events altered the course of history forever. The Baseball Hall of Fame was born, giving rise to such stars as Babe Ruth and Rod Carew. "Gone With the Wind" catapulted Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable to su-

more than \$4 million in 1995, selling an estimated 1.7 million boxes. The Brea Girl Scout Cookie Coordinator Tamara Ready attributes the sales to community support and a distinctive product.

"These can't be found in stores at any time," she said. "The quality is excellent and people wait all year long for these."

But it wasn't always that way. Baking cookies for profit began in the

tribution. This enabled all the boxes to feature the same design: Girl Scouts hiking and canoeing — still in use today.

Little Brownie Bakers and ABC Interbake now supply the cookies with each Girl Scout council contracting independently.

"It is a matter of financing the program in your own council in order to balance the need and ability of the families to sell the cookies," said Diane Smith, public relations manager for Girl Scout Council of Orange

Brownies from troops 1104 and 1373, at right, opened Tuesday night's Brea City Council meeting with the flag salute, as well as singing a song in Spanish to commemorate Cinco de Mayo. The troops, which are based out of Mariposa Elementary School, were directed by Laura Halcorn. At the end of their song, they presented the council and city staff with their paper flowers. Below left, Mayor Ron Isles is presented with a quilt by Junior Girl Scout Troop 811. The quilt depicts various moments and elements of Brea's history. The troop was led by Kathleen Ralph.



The lighter side

of City Hall



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**You better
watch out**

LEFT: Brownies from Arovista School, Holly Boehmke, 6, Nicole Tolman, 6, and Sarah Hodges, 6, serenade seniors at the Springhouse Senior Home. **BELOW:** From left, Delores McLean, Helen Brandt and Kate Eades enjoy the holiday croonings from local scout troops.



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centennial this year — an anniversary not too many Southern California schools have reached — but it is also the school of

some very dedicated Breans: members of Junior Troop 1432.

The Girl Scout troop, headed by co-leaders Michelle Arnold, Karen Kennedy and Barri Strachan, comprises about a dozen third- and fourth-graders, most of whom attend Olinda. Each

year, the girls select a community-service project to benefit the school, and — logically enough — this year they decided to tie it into Olinda's centenary.

The project didn't actually start out as a commemorative



TUNNEL INTO HISTORY

Girl Scouts honor Olinda Elementary School's centennial



one, though. While they were discussing possible projects, the co-leaders considered painting a tunnel that sits out on the Olinda playground — the kind of tunnel kids crawl through and climb over at recess.

The tunnel was already decorated with the Olinda Eagle, but

“It's always enriching for me to watch them accomplish a task that's beyond their paint the tunnel.

In the end, though — partly due to unanticipated difficulties encountered while trying to remove the paint — Troop 1432 painted a new image on the other side of the tunnel instead. The image they chose was the Olinda centennial logo.

Designed by third-grader Geoffrey Davidson, who won the school's logo contest last year, the design is circular, with a schoolhouse in the center. Along with the school's name, the logo includes the years 1898 — when Olinda Elementary was originally established — and 1998.

“It's very simple, but very cute,” Strachan said.

It was a two-part project. On a Friday afternoon, she said, about a half-dozen Girl Scouts accompanied her to the playground, where they stenciled the logo onto the tunnel. The next day, the entire troop showed up to help paint in the stencil. It took about two hours