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**PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director   
**SUBJECT:** Appointment of Library Board Representatives for 2006 by the Board President  
**DATE:** December 19, 2005

**BACKGROUND:**

The following positions need to be appointed:

Placentia Library Foundation Board of Directors (2 positions – incumbent is DeVecchio and the other position is vacant)

Independent Special Districts of Orange County (Incumbent is Escobosa)

Independent Special District Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) Selection Committee (Incumbent is Escobosa)

Placentia Civic Center Authority (2 positions – incumbents are Shkoler and Wood)

Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG) (Incumbent is Turner)

**RECOMMENDATION**

Appoint Library Board Representatives.



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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Selection of Date and Time for Regular Board Meetings for 2005: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placentia Library District of Orange County to Establish the Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2005.  
**DATE:** December 19, 2005

**BACKGROUND:**

The current date and time is the third Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M.

Resolution 05-09 is Attachment A: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placentia Library District of Orange County to Establish the Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2006.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Determine the regular meeting date and time for 2005.
2. Read Resolution 05-09 by Title only: A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Placentia Library District of Orange County to Establish the Board of Trustee Regular Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2006.
3. Adopt Resolution 05-09.



RESOLUTION 05-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY  
TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING DATES  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2006

WHEREAS, Placentia Library District is an independent special library district established under the provisions of California Education Code Sections 19600-19664;

WHEREAS, Section 54954 of the Government Code of the State of California requires that the Board of Library Trustees shall provide, by ordinance, resolution, bylaws, or by whatever other rule is required for the conduct of business by that body, the time and place for holding regular meetings;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Placentia Library District of Orange County Board Of Trustees establishes the third Monday of each month at 6:30 P.M. as the Regular Board Meeting for Calendar Year 2006, dated December 19, 2005.

AYES: Shkoler, Escobosa, DeVecchio, Turner, Wood

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

State of California )  
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County of Orange )

I, Gaeten Wood, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Placentia Library District of Orange County hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Board of Trustees at a Regular Meeting hereof held on the Nineteenth Day of December, 2005.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Nineteenth Day of December 2005.

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Gaeten Wood, Secretary  
Placentia Library District Board of Trustees



## Placentia Library District Holiday and Library Public Service Schedule 2006

(Typographical correction for July 4 made on January 4, 2006)

Paid staff holidays are indicated in bold type and unpaid Library closures are indicated in regular type.

Placentia Library District Offices and Library will be closed:

New Year's Day	Sunday	January 1
<b>New Year's (Legal Holiday)</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 2</b>
Day before Monday Holiday	Sunday	February 19
<b>President's Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 20</b>
Easter	Sunday	April 16
Day before Monday Holiday	Sunday	May 28
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 29</b>
<b>Independence Day</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>July 4</b>
Day before Monday Holiday	Sunday	September 3
<b>Labor Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 4</b>
<b>Veteran's Day</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 11</b>
<b>Thanksgiving Day</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 23</b>
Christmas weekend	Saturday	December 23
<b>Christmas Eve Day</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 24</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 25</b>
New Year's Weekend	Saturday	December 30
<b>New Year's Eve Day</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 31</b>





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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director *EDM*  
**SUBJECT:** Date for the March 2006 Regular Board Meeting  
**DATE:** December 19, 2005

**BACKGROUND:**

If the schedule adopted in Agenda Item 36 keeps the same Regular Board Meeting date the February 2006 Meeting will be scheduled for March 20, 2006. The Library Director will be attending the Public Library Association Biennial Conference in Boston March 20-25, 2006. The Library Director is scheduled for vacation March 5 through March 19 and will be out of California.

The Library Director recommends that the date be changed to Monday, March 27, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Set the Regular meeting for the month of March for Monday, March 27, 2006 at 6:30 P.M.




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**TO:** Library Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Elizabeth D. Minter, Library Director   
**SUBJECT:** Library Director's Report  
**DATE:** December 19, 2005

Activities Report:

- Nov 29 Met with City Administrator Bob Dominguez to discuss the District/City relationship, the use of City Public Works staff for District maintenance and the status of the Old Town Redevelopment Project.
- Nov 30 Participated in the Foundation Investment Committee annual review of investment allocations and performance.
- Dec 2 Purchased and arranged flowers for the Foundation Donor Reception and attended the event.
- Dec 3 Saturday Manager at the Library.
- Dec 5 Friends Board of Directors Meeting.
- Dec 6 Attended the Association of Fundraising Professionals monthly meeting in Orange County to hear the speaker on generating creative ideas with groups.
- Prepared and set up for Foundation Annual Giving Committee Meeting but the Chair canceled it without notifying me.
- Dec 7 Library Board Work Session on the reorganization recommendation.
- Dec 8 Santiago Library System Council Meeting at the Orange County Library Headquarters. System Administrator Barbara Custen announced her resignation to accept the Library Director position for the City of Riverside.
- Met with Kathleen Costello, Director of the Gianneschi Center for Non-Profit Research, Cal State Fullerton, to discuss possible services in the areas of training, research and marketing for Placentia Library District.
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Mixer at Atria de Palma.
- Attended the staff holiday dinner.

- Dec 12     Attended an Infopeople workshop on “Intergenerational Issues in the Library Workplace” at the Fullerton Library.
- Dec 13     Notified by Yorba Linda Library Director Danis Kreimeier that they will be withdrawing from the Tri City Library Network. This confirms an earlier discussion that they were considering this move.
- Dec 15     Attended the Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year breakfast.

Staff Meetings:

- Dec 7     Jim Roberts led a discussion of the most recent Passport newsletter and a procedures memo on the care of wood furniture and building trim.

Agenda Item 39

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager *JR*  
DATE: December 19, 2005  
SUBJECT: Program Committee Report for the month of November.

*ADULT SERVICES*

	Nov 04-05	Nov 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	1	0	5	5
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	5	00	53	129

*CHILDREN'S SERVICES*

	Nov 04-05	Nov 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
NUMBER OF PROGRAMS	28	27	115	128
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	888	887	4,672	5,452

*PROGRAM COMMITTEE*

	Nov 04-05	Nov 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
NUMBER OF MEETINGS	0	2	0	3
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	0	10	0	16
NEWS RELEASES	NA	1	NA	3

<i>LITERACY SERVICES</i>	Nov 04-05	Nov 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
Total Tutors	121	132	224	206
Total Students	202	223	219	276
Total Hours	1,261	1,599	5,386	5,474

For more detailed literacy statistics, see Agenda Item 41, pages 2 of 3 and 3 of 3.



To: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

From: Caroline Gurkweitz, Children's Librarian




Date: for Board Meeting, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Subject: November 2005 Activities in the Children's Department**

<b>TYPE OF PROGRAM</b>	<b>NUMER OF PROGRAMS</b>	<b>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</b>
Lap Sit 2 years and under	3	95
Story Time I : 6 years & under	3	77
Story Time II : 6 years & under	3	131
Music Time: 1-3 year olds	5	201
Music Time : 4-6 year olds	5	81
Read to the Dogs event	1	28
Class Visits	6	180
Camp Library	1	94
<b>Total November 2005</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>887</b>
<b>November 2004</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>888</b>
<b>Current FY to date</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>5452</b>
<b>Previous FY to date</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>4672</b>





To: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
From: Caroline Gurkweitz, Children's Librarian   
Date: for Board Meeting, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Subject: **Arts Orange County: 2006 Imagination Celebration**

Dixie Shaw is funding an event in Children's Department that will take place during the 2006 Imagination Celebration.

Our purpose:

- to encourage parents to explore creativity and the arts with their children,
- To acquaint families with programs at the library,
- To demonstrate books and resources available at the library having to do with the arts.

The event will be held the evening of Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in the library, and will include:

- A discussion of creativity and the young child,
- Performers who will demonstrate story-telling, drawing, music, crafts, etc.
- Information tables about the library, the Imagination Celebration, local Arts groups, etc.

ARTS ORANGE COUNTY PRESENTS  
THE 2006 IMAGINATION CELEBRATION

*IMAGINATION ON THE MOVE*

**Background**

Arts Orange County (Arts OC) and the Imagination Celebration recently merged under the wing of Arts OC. Although new to Arts OC's management, the Imagination Celebration has developed over the past twenty years into the largest free family arts festival in the United States. It has played a large role to spark imagination and creativity in an entire generation of Orange County children.

In past festivals, accessibility has been important for the Imagination Celebration; 90% of the events are free and the maximum price for any event has been \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. During the 2005 festival, entitled "Imagination Takes Flight," over 35 events took place at cultural venues throughout Orange County including: the Festival of Arts in Laguna, the Santa Ana Zoo, Main Place Mall, Orange County Performing Arts Center, the Irvine Barclay Theatre, Anaheim Ballet, Discovery Science Center, Children's Museum at La Habra, Orange County Museum of Art and many more. In addition, there were individual school-based events and 13 student art exhibitions presented at public locations throughout the county. 100,000 people were reported to have participated in the 2005 festival.

**Looking ahead**

After the merger of the Imagination Celebration and Arts Orange County, board members of each organization and staff came together to visualize what the festival could become. They realized that it would take time to fully build out the potential of this much loved and consequential program. Building on the festivals' past strengths, Arts OC proposes, over the next three years, to deepen the impact of this youth and family arts festival in multiple ways—artistically and educationally—and to continue relationships with students, educators and parents on a year-round basis.

### Shaping the 2006 Imagination Celebration

The 2006 theme, *Imagination on the Move* was selected in August, with an eye to curricular ties to each artistic discipline—as well as its potential application to social studies and science. The shape of the festival program is being developed this fall, in collaboration with cities, libraries, colleges and universities and school districts. Featured artists will be determined and funding and media partner relationships will be solidified. Orange County is increasingly becoming known as a center for innovation—whether it's car design, surf wear or software. We want to look for opportunities during the festival to make a connection between learning creative skills and working in cutting edge industries in our own backyard.

In tandem with program development, Arts OC staff is working with the OC Department of Education's educators to develop a curriculum guide and plan professional development programs and school-related activities. These activities will launch in early 2006 and lead up to the festival.

By early 2006, we plan to have a new website in place designed to provide year-round information on Orange County cultural activities available for families and children. The website will have a function to sign up families to receive a monthly e-gram about these activities. A brightly-colored kiosk will be located at each Imagination Celebration event so families can pick up information on activities for children or sign up to receive them year-round. During the period of the festival, a calendar of events will be downloadable from the website. Brochure distribution and print, radio and television advertising begin in March. All advertising will promote the website to encourage year-round use.

Events will take place at cultural and educational venues throughout the county, punctuated by a number of Arts OC-produced hub events in specific areas of the county. The hub events will have all the elements to engage a multi-generational family; showcasing outstanding student performing and visual arts, performances by professional artists and hands-on/interactive activities to engage children, their parents and grandparents. Reflecting Orange County's current demographics, we will showcase the arts and engage audiences representing many different cultural traditions.

Given that this program has such enormous potential and many components, its growth will be dependent upon the financial and human resources we can develop. We are realistic about the

fact that achieving some of our goals for the festival will need to take place incrementally over the next three years. We are also confident that our solid foundations—the professional background of Arts OC staff, knowledge base of combined Arts OC and ICOC Boards and our successful collaborations with cultural and community partners, will give us the infrastructure necessary to bring this program to its full and deserved potential.

### **Three year goals for the Imagination Celebration**

Arts Orange County recently began the management of the Imagination Celebration. Both staff and the two combined boards are confident that we have the creative capacity and talent to take the festival to a whole new level of development. We envision that it may take three years to fully develop this program and with that in mind, we have set the following goals:

- ❖ Develop 3-4 strong geographically diverse hubs, in addition to countywide activities of participating arts organizations.
- ❖ Utilize a stronger thematic component to strengthen the educational value of the festival and the school year activities leading up to it (for both teachers and students).
- ❖ Enable stronger connections between professional artists and young artists.
- ❖ Celebrate and engage Orange County's diverse cultures.
- ❖ Become a year-round resource for OC parents and families (via website, e-gram and/or printed communication), providing information on community cultural opportunities available to further creative development of children.
- ❖ Develop a literary component.
- ❖ Add exploration of newer media (including digital, audio, film).
- ❖ Engage the county's higher education institutions in an expanded way.
- ❖ Develop an "Imagination @Work" component of the festival that seeks to connect kids with jobs and career paths that require creative skills developed through the arts.
- ❖ Utilize the platform of the Imagination Celebration to strongly advocate for the role of creativity and innovation in our community.
- ❖ Develop tools and methods to measure the impact of the Imagination Celebration among students, teachers, parents, participating artists, arts organizations and other community partners.

*As of 12/1/05*

### **List of 2006 Imagination Celebration Sites**

(These event sites are confirmed, but the list of participating organizations is still developing)

Balboa Performing Art Center	Newport Beach
The Barclay Theatre	Irvine
Bowers Kidseum	Santa Ana
Buena Park Library	Buena Park
Ca-Dance	Laguna Beach
Chance Theatre	Anaheim Hills
Children's Museum at La Habra	La Habra
City of Buena Park	Buena Park
City of Cypress	Cypress
City of Mission Viejo	Mission Viejo
City of Newport Beach	Newport Beach
Festival of the Arts	Laguna Beach
Fullerton Museum Center	Fullerton
Gallimaufry Performing Arts	Laguna Beach
Grand Central Art Center	Artists Village, Santa Ana
Huntington Beach Arts Center	Huntington Beach
Irvine Assistance League	Irvine
Irvine Fine Arts Center	Irvine
Laguna Art Museum	Laguna Beach
Laguna Playhouse	Laguna Beach
McGaugh Elementary School	Los Alamitos
Newport Beach Film Festival	Newport Beach
Orange County Museum of Art	Newport Beach
Orange County Performing Arts Center	Costa Mesa
Orange County Public Libraries	32 sites county-wide
Orange Curtain Theatre	San Juan Capistrano
Pacific Symphony	Costa Mesa
Shakespeare Orange County	Garden Grove
SOKA University	Aliso Viejo
South Coast Plaza	Costa Mesa
South Coast Repertory	Costa Mesa
Stella Dance Company	Costa Mesa
VSA (Very Special Arts)	Mainplace Mall, Santa Ana



Arts Orange County (Arts OC) is celebrating ten years of service as the county's nonprofit umbrella arts council. It is the only OC organization serving artists and arts organizations and is lead by a 30-member Board of Directors and a professional staff of four. Arts OC has been recognized by the California Arts Council as a model agency. In the past almost half of the arts council's budget was provided by government funding; today these sources no longer exist. Arts OC current support is from individuals, businesses and foundations.

Arts OC is dedicated to fostering growth and development of the arts and arts education in Orange County. It accomplishes this mission in the following ways:

- **Training:** Arts OC builds professional skills for people working in the arts through conferences, workshops and one-on-one management assistance. Currently, Arts OC is in the first year of the OC Arts Initiative, a collaborative project with the OC Community Foundation and the James Irvine Foundation. The Arts Initiative is providing substantial investment in capacity-building training and grants for small and mid-sized organizations.
- **Grant Support:** During the past seven years, Arts OC has given over \$600,000 in grants to arts organizations, individual artists and arts education programs. Over \$120,000 will be available to small and mid-sized organizations this year through the OC Arts Initiative along with other generous partners.
- **Public Awareness Initiatives:** Arts OC sponsors a variety of programs to increase greater participation in the arts by Orange County residents and visitors. This include: An agency website, [www.artsoc.org](http://www.artsoc.org), containing OC arts resource directories and artist opportunities. Arts OC offers a monthly arts e-gram and on-line quarterly arts magazine, an on-line artist's registry, as well as cultural maps and listings. A collaborative website: [www.ocartsources.org](http://www.ocartsources.org), serves as a portal for 80 arts organizations and provides on-going calendar information on upcoming events.
- **Arts Education Initiatives:** Past projects focused on placing professional artists in schools throughout the county. Through a merger completed in summer 2005, Arts OC has combined creative forces with the Imagination Celebration of Orange County. The month-long children and family arts festival will take place from April 29 to May 21, 2006 and will be expanded to year-round programs for OC teachers, students and parents. Events will take place at cultural and educational venues throughout the county. They will be designed to engage multi-generational families. They will connect professional artists with youth, showcase outstanding students' artwork and performances and offer hands-on/interactive activities to engage children, their parents and grandparents.
- **Advocacy:** Arts OC works with community, business and political leaders to affirm the value of the arts and arts education. Working with the OC Community Foundation, the OC Business Council, CSU Fullerton Center for Nonprofit Management, OC Department of Education and the County of Orange we are developing the first *OC Cultural Indicators Report*—a snapshot of the county's cultural sector. It will be released at the January 23, 2006 "Building A Creative Community" arts conference and provided to community leaders to identify cultural community strengths and issues which need to be addressed collectively in the future.

11/16/05

## Arts Orange County 2005-06 Board of Directors

### Officers

Mary Lyons <i>President</i>	Civic Leader, <i>Newport Beach</i>
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David Krajanowski <i>Treasurer</i>	Managing Partner, Singer Lewak Greenbaum & Goldstein LLP, <i>Santa Ana</i>
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### Members

Darrel D. Anderson	Civic Leader, <i>Newport Beach</i>
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Dean Corey	Executive Director, Philharmonic Society of OC, <i>Irvine</i>
John Forsythe	President, Orange County's Pacific Symphony, <i>Santa Ana</i>
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Michael McGee	Director, Main Art Gallery, California State University, <i>Fullerton</i>
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Kathie Nielsen	K-8 Curriculum Specialist, Tustin Unified School District, <i>Tustin</i>
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Karen Raab	Director, Chemers Gallery, <i>Tustin</i>
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Alexander F. Stimpson	Private Wealth Advisor, Merrill Lynch, <i>Newport Beach</i>
Judith Swayne	Retired Executive Director, OC Community Foundation, <i>Laguna Beach</i>
Jim Thomas	Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator, OC Department of Education, <i>Costa Mesa</i>
Catherine Thyen	Civic Leader, <i>Corona del Mar</i>
Sylvia C. Turner	Director, Fine and Performing Arts Division, Santa Ana College, <i>Santa Ana</i> (on leave)

### Staff

Bonnie Brittain Hall	Founder and Executive Director
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Consuelo Marshall	Director of Development
Erica Hall	Communications Manager


### Emeritus Board

David Emmes	Producing Artistic Director, South Coast Repertory, <i>Costa Mesa</i>
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TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager/Literacy Coordinator 

DATE: December 19, 2005

**SUBJECT: Placentia Library Literacy Services (PLLS) Activities Report for the month of November.**

**Tutor Training.** There was one tutor training workshop in November, and eleven tutors were trained, seven adults and four teens. All new volunteer tutors are matched or pending match.

**Families for Literacy (FFL) Program Status.** We had no FFL programming in September.

**Placentia Rotary Reading Enrichment Program (PRREP).** PRREP started again this school year early October. Thus far, we have recruited more than 60 PRREP tutors from El Dorado High School and Valencia High School to again participate in the program this school year.

**Update on the two new PLLS homework clubs.** The Topaz-Tuffree Homework Club at Topaz Elementary School is averaging around 20 students every Monday-Wednesday from 4-6 PM. At the Homeless Intervention Shelter (H.I.S. House), we are averaging twelve (12) school-age children Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6:30-8:00 PM.

**English Language and Literacy Intensive (ELLI) Program Update.** We have already started ELLI again this school year. We have ELLI active at three elementary schools: Ruby Drive, and Topaz, and Tynes, and we are working with more than 200 grade school students.

**Grant Update.** Our grant writer, Machoskie & Associates, submitted several letters of inquiry to possible grantors in October and November.

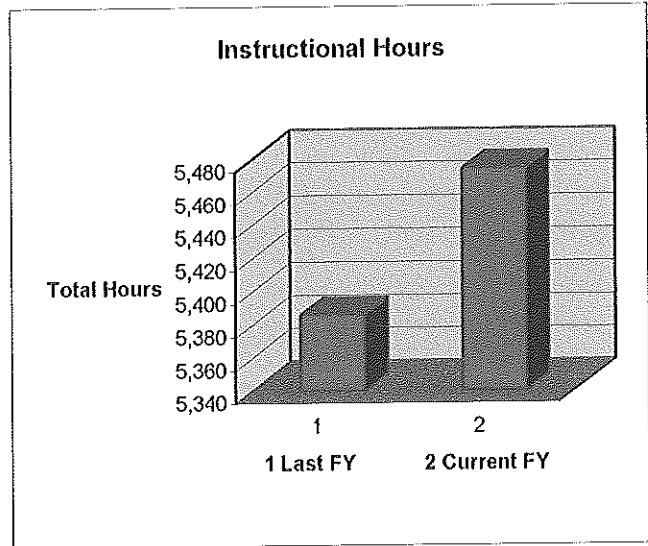
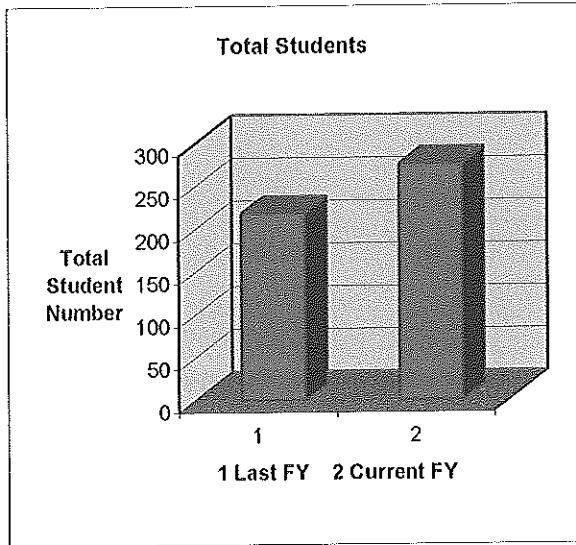
**Federal Work Study (FWS).** Our FWS partnership with Financial Aid at Cal State Fullerton grew stronger during FY 2004-05. In that respect, our FWS allocation for FY 2005-06 is now \$90,000, and we already have sixteen (16) students approved for this school year. Our FWS partnership is also very strong with Western State College University of Law as we have thirteen (13) already signed-up.

**Literacy statistics.** See Agenda Item 41, Pages 2 of 3, and 3 of 3.

## Placenta Library Literacy Services

### Report of Growth and Progress

	Nov 04-05	Nov 05-06	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
<b>Tutors</b>				
Adult	57	68	127	105
Teen	74	64	97	101
Hours Instruction	1,261	1,599	5,386	5,474
Other Volunteer Hours	40	60	400	540
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>1,659</b>	<b>5,866</b>	<b>6,014</b>
<b>Training Workshops</b>				
Workshops Held	1	1	14	16
Tutors Trained	8	11	126	129
<b>Students</b>				
With Adult Tutors	104	160	121	160
With Teen Tutors	98	63	98	116
In Groups	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Active Students</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>Families for Literacy</b>				
Family Students	6	5	6	5
Family Tutors	6	5	6	5
Hours of Instruction	80	60	160	240
<b>ELLI Program</b>				
K-6th Grade Students	45	187	45	197
Tutors for K-6th Grade	15	7	15	10
Hours of Instruction	148	971	1,558	2,529
<b>Total Tutors</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>206</b>
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>276</b>
<b>Total Instruction Hours</b>	<b>1,261</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>5,386</b>	<b>5,474</b>





TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Mary Strazdas, Librarian *MOS*

DATE: December 19, 2005

**SUBJECT: Reference and Adult Services report for November, 2005**

- There were two Program Committee meetings during the month.
- There were no programs held in November.
- In November, the trough featured books by D. P. Lyles, who will speak at the Author's Luncheon in March, as well as forensic titles; a collection of books relating to National Caregivers' Month; and (following Thanksgiving,) one for the holidays.
- Other library displays included one about Israel and another about the Byzantine Empire.

Statistical Comparisons at the Reference Desk  
November FY 2005/2006

	2004	2005	YTD 04-05	YTD 05-06
Phone Reference Questions	174	245	904	976
Desk Reference Questions	1593	1777	6632	8163
E-Mail Reference Questions	7	10	30	31
Ready Reference	35	37	218	160
Instruction	90	103	290	377
Computer Use	2275	2617	9737	13,584
Reference Books: In-Library Use	3358	3217	6158	14,898
Patron Database Signups	185	197	1089	1060

TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Gary Bell, Librarian *GB*

DATE: December 19, 2005

**SUBJECT: History Room report for November**

History Room visitors in November: fiscal year 2005-2006: 15  
History Room visitors in November: fiscal year 2004-2005: 12

Our History Room was once again the host this November for the Heritage Coordinating Council meeting on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was a request regarding the King family of Orange County.

Material was sought concerning Mexican Americans in Placentia.

A query was answered regarding the Bagnell Ranch and the Episcopal Church.

On Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> I attended a workshop on proposals for preservation and digitization projects at the Doheny Memorial Library at USC.

Several books were purchased and several volumes added to the history collection.





To: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

From: Jim Roberts, Public Services Manager *JR*

Date: December 19, 2005

**SUBJECT: Placentia Library Web Site Development Report for the month of November.**


In November, the Placentia Library District had 39,930 "hits," an average of 1,332 a day. Our year to date statistics are as follows:

Pages Visited	Sep-04/05	Sep-05/06	Oct 04-05	Oct 05-06	Nov 04-05	Nov 05-06
Borrowers	259	259	266	266	212	270
Friends	133	126	91	145	96	161
District	162	286	161	261	127	199
Kids	657	397	319	498	292	486
Foundation	123	116	111	136	95	119
History Room	215	338	202	364	201	487
Literacy/CLC Logo	192	200	139	252	161	189
Passports	559	533	272	680	249	695
Poet Laureate	528	585	626	571	700	474
Total Views Most Hits	2,827	2,840	2,193	3,173	2,113	3,080

Total Most Hits YTD      7,248      8,465      9,441      11,638      11,574      14,718



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director  
FROM: Vernon Napier, Technical Services Manager  
DATE: December 11, 2005



**SUBJECT: Technology Report for November 2005**

- Replaced checkout security gates
- Started work on the Library's new website
- Visited Newport Beach Library (again) for demo of audio book service
- Re-located the DVD collection and Large Print books


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Projects under consideration

- Approach Friends of Placentia Library for contribution towards setting up of audio book service.
- Offer "virtual" reference service using Instant Messaging software
- Convert newspapers on microfilm to a digital medium



TO: Elizabeth Minter, Library Director

FROM: Laranne Remling, Development Director and Volunteer Coordinator 

DATE: December 19, 2005

**SUBJECT: Publicity materials produced for November 2005**

**Information on the Placentia Library cable channel #24, updated November 2005:**

1. Welcome to Placentia Library, address, website & telephone number
2. Library Board of Trustees
3. Board of Trustees Meeting Schedule
4. Library Hours
5. Thanksgiving Closures
6. Library Departments
7. Holiday Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus
8. Friends of Placentia Library Used Bookstore
9. Bookstore Volunteers Needed
10. Special Back Room Book Sale Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, Hours and Dates
11. Amazon.com
12. Library Hours
13. Thanksgiving Closures
14. Shop for the Library
15. Literacy Services Logo
16. Literacy Program Tutors Needed
17. Create a Legacy
18. Placentia Historical Afghan Sale
19. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Camp Library
20. Library Hours
21. Thanksgiving Closures
22. Telephone Renewal Instructions
23. Wi Fi Here Now
24. Adopt-A-Chair
25. Apply for your passport at Placentia Library
26. Passport Hours
27. Now Doing Passport Photos
28. Library Hours
29. Thanksgiving Closures
30. Holiday Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus
31. Placentia's Newest Local History For Children & Adults
32. Lapsit Storyhours
33. Story Time I
34. Story Time II
35. Music Times, ages 3-4
36. Music Times, ages 5-6
37. Story Time at Home, *Tumblebook Library*
38. Library Hours
39. Thanksgiving Closures
40. [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org), 24/7 Reference, the Library Catalog
41. [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org), Online Resources
42. Placentia History Room Hours
43. Placentia History Room Displays
44. Placentia History Room Collections

45. Placentia History Room Archival Resources
46. Create a Legacy
47. Thanksgiving Closures

**General Newspaper articles published:**

1. Placentia leaders praise Korve
2. City selects restaurateur for service award
3. Valencia school award
4. New board of directors chairman selected
5. Raises in works for city staff
6. Packed full of history
7. Hospice care
8. A new overseer hired for OnTrac


**Library Newspaper articles published:**

1. Southern California Orchid Species Society
2. Legacy options offered by groups (2)
3. Volunteers needed (2)
4. Library offers help with homework
5. Winter books, meal are on library menu (2)
6. Donors of wooden chairs are needed
7. Camp Library
8. Giving thanks for our many celebrations
9. North Pole Express (RTWC)
10. Story times (2)
11. 'Lapsit' stories (2)
12. Teen tutors

**Flyers and Notices:**

1. Foundation thank you cards and ID cards are sent out
2. Adopt-a-Chair Campaign postcards
3. Email request forms
4. Friends membership campaign letters
5. Friends membership thank you letters are sent out with membership cards
6. Second Sunday book sale flyers
7. Foundation Bookplates
8. Veterans Day closure flyers
9. Thanksgiving closure flyers
10. *Notations* newsletter
11. Volunteer Applications
12. Santa pictures flyers
13. North Pole Express flyers
14. Christmas in Wales flyers
15. Donor Reception invitations

Welcome to Placentia Library District



411 East Chapman Avenue  
Placentia, CA 91870-6198  
714-528-1906  
www.placentialibrary.org

Placentia Library  
Board of Trustees

Al Shkoler, President  
Betty Escobosa  
Richard DeVecchio, Ed.D  
Jean Turner  
Gaeten Wood

Placentia Library  
Board of Trustees


Upcoming Meeting Schedule:  
Monday, Oct 17 at 6:30 P.M.  
Monday, Nov 21 at 6:30 P.M.  
Monday, Dec 19 at 6:30 P.M.  
Monday, Jan 15 at 6:30 P.M.

Placentia Library Hours

Sunday	1:00 - 5:00 P.M.
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Wednesday	9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Thursday	9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Friday	C L O S E D
Saturday	9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

The Library Will Be **CLOSED**

**Thursday,  
November 24<sup>th</sup>**




for

**Thanksgiving**

Placentia Library  
528-1906

Renewals Ext.# 6  
Adult Services Ext.# 209  
Children Services Ext.# 212  
Literacy Ext.# 213  
Passport Information Ext.# 265  
Volunteer Information Ext. #201  
www.placentiallibrary.org

Holiday Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus




\$20.00 per picture with reservation  
\$25.00 per picture at the door

Saturday, December 3  
1:30 - 3:30 P.M.


Call 524-3408, x213 for reservations

**USED BOOKSTORE**



Staffed entirely by Volunteers  
Located in the Library lobby

**GREAT BARGAINS!!**



**Bookstore Volunteers Always Needed!**

Sundays 3:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
Mondays 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.  
Tuesdays 4:00 - 6:00 P.M.  
Saturdays 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.  
Substitutes needed for additional hours

Please call Larenne at 528-1925, Ext. 201 for information


**SPECIAL BACKROOM SALE**  
**BARGAINS! BARGAINS! BARGAINS!**

When: Second Sunday of each month  
1:00 - 4:00 P.M.  
Upcoming Sales: Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 8 & Feb 12

Where: BACKROOM where Friends sort and price donations - ENTER through delivery entrance from parking lot

What: Everything in stock

Why: To provide money to support Library needs while providing quality reading materials at low cost



amazon.com

Shop at amazon.com through Placentia Library's website, [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org) and a percentage of the sale is donated to the Library!

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**Shop for the Library**  
[shopfortheLibrary.net](http://shopfortheLibrary.net)

**NEW! Shop for the Library**

Now you can shop from more than 700 online merchants and help raise funds for the Placentia Library at the same time.

Whenever you make a purchase through the Shop for the Library website, up to 25% of the sale goes to benefit the Library!

**Placentia Library Literacy Services**



Call Literacy Coordinators Jim Roberts or Toby Silberfarb if you or someone you know needs help in reading or speaking English.

☎ 524- 8408, x215 or x213

**Placentia Library Literacy Services**



- Volunteer tutors needed!
- Attend one 3 hour training workshop
- Training workshops are held at the Library on the first Sunday of the month 1:30 - 4:30 P.M.
- The next scheduled workshops are:  
Nov 6<sup>th</sup> - Dec 4<sup>th</sup> - Jan 8<sup>th</sup>\* - Feb 5<sup>th</sup>

\*Second Sunday of month due to holiday

For more information and to sign up call 524-8408, Ext. 213

**Support Placentia**

**Create A Legacy**

**Placentia Historical Afghans**



Green X Cranberry X Blue

On Sale Now at the Circulation Desk - \$63.00

Proceeds support the Placentia History Room







**19th Annual  
Camp Library**  
Friday, Nov 18 - 7:30 p.m.  
to  
Saturday, Nov 19 - 9:00 a.m.  
\$5 \$5  
Registration begins Sunday, Oct 16

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Renew your books  
by phone  
Using Telecirc  
714-765-1775  
*24 hours a day / 7 days a week*

"Please enter your library card number, followed by the # sign"

- Renew books
- Find out which titles you have checked out
- Find out which items you have on hold
- Find out which titles you have overdue
- Find out if you have any fines

**What Here Now!**  
**Bring Your Laptop!**

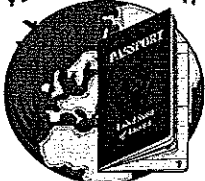
**ADOPT-A-CHAIR**  
Help replace 44 splintering chairs in the Children's Department!



Call 528-1925, x201 for more information





**PLACENTIA LIBRARY**



Passport Application  
Acceptance Agency

**Passport Services Available at the Library**



Passport hours at the Library are:  
Sunday 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.  
Monday 9:00 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
Tuesday 9:00 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
Wednesday 9:00 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.  
Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.  
Friday CLOSED  
Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.


Placentia Library is an official U.S. Department of State  
Passport Acceptance Agency  
For Passport Information:  
call 528-1925 Ext. 251 or visit the Library Website [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

**NOW DOING PASSPORT PHOTOS!**  
**2 PHOTOS FOR \$10**

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**Placentia's Newest Local History For Children & Adults**



Available At The Library Circulation Desk  
\$12.93 (including tax)



*Great Gift Idea For Young & Old*

**Lap-sit Story Times**  
*Presented by Lin Baesler*

Ages newborn to 2 years


**Thursday Mornings**  
**9:05 - 9:25 A.M.**

in the Childrens Area





Sponsored by the Gordon & Dixie Shaw Endowment  
*No pre-registration required - no charge*

**Story Time I**  
for children under 6




**Thursday Mornings**  
**9:45 - 10:15 A.M.**




*Presented by Lin Baesler*  
*No pre-registration required - no charge*

**Story Time II**  
for children under 6




**Thursday Mornings**  
**10:30 - 11:00 A.M.**




*Presented by Lin Baesler*  
*No pre-registration required - no charge*

**Music Times For Children**  
Ages 3 - 4




**Tuesday Evenings**  
**6:00 - 6:30 P.M.**




*Featuring Lin Baesler*  
*No pre-registration required - no charge*

**Music Times For Children**  
Ages 5 - 6



**Tuesday Evenings**  
**6:30 - 7:00 P.M.**



*Featuring Lin Baesler*  
*No pre-registration required - no charge*

**Story Time at Home**

Use the *Tumblebook Library* at [www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

Click on: Just for Kids

Click on the Tumblebooks icon

An on-line collection of animated, talking picture books


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[www.placentialibrary.org](http://www.placentialibrary.org)

**24/7 Reference**

There are times you need help, but can't make it to the library. Live, real-time help from a librarian is available, 24 hours a day. *(no library card number needed)*

**The Library Catalog**

You can look up what books are available at the Placentia Library, as well as Yorba Linda Library, and all of the Anaheim Library branches. *(no library card number needed)*

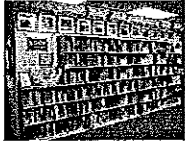
Additionally, you can reserve books, check on your library account, and renew your books. *(library card number needed)*

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**Online Resources**  
*(To access, you must have your library card number available)*

- LearnATest
- Newspapers
- Facts On File
- NovelList
- General Reference Center/Magazine Index
- Business & Company Resource Center
- Health & Wellness Resource Center

**Placentia History Room**




Staffed & Managed by Librarians & Volunteers

**Hours**  
Monday & Tuesday & Wednesday  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
Other hours by special arrangement

**Placentia History Room**

Displays currently featuring

- 📖 Local school annuals
- 📖 Traveling historical photographs of local schools
- 📖 Books by local authors



**Placentia History Room**

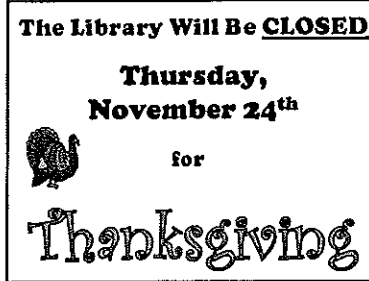
Historical Collections Include

- 📖 Bancroft's historical series
- 📖 Local oral histories
- 📖 California historical fiction
- 📖 Complete collection of Women's Round table Scrapbooks
- 📖 Local citrus label collection
- 📖 Spanish made cannonball - possibly from the 1769 Portola Expedition
- 📖 Adobe brick from Oatliner as adobe built in 1832

**Placentia History Room**

Archival Resources Include

- 📖 West Atwood Yacht Club memorabilia
- 📖 Assorted Sacramento Kraemer maps and papers
- 📖 Articles on international student visit to Placentia, Italy
- 📖 West Placentia Little League
- 📖 International Kiwanis papers and scrapbook (1965-1975)
- 📖 Virginia Carpenter photograph collection
- 📖 Placentia Courier negative collection
- 📖 Historic photograph collection
- 📖 Newspaper clippings, brochures, newsletters, maps of local historical interest



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# Placentia leaders praise Korve

## Experienced engineering firm hired to head city's beleaguered rail project.

BY CINDY ARORA  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

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**PLACENTIA** • City leaders on Wednesday said their new rail project manager - Korve Engineering - boasts a track record that will ensure the city's beleaguered rail program gets finished.

Korve, with offices in California and Utah, was hired Tuesday for \$270,000 to replace Chris Becker & Associates.

Since 1999, Korve has helped manage the Alameda Corridor East rail project in the San Gabriel Valley, a \$900 million-plus effort that spans 55 rail and road crossings.

"Their experience is key and their reputation goes hand in hand with that," Councilwoman Connie Underhill said.

Placentia has worked since the late 1990s to eliminate 11 rail crossings over five miles, pushing a plan to sink most of

the line into a trench at a cost of \$543 million.

Becker came under criticism for the rail project's spending in 2003 and under investigation by the Orange County District Attorney's Office for possible conflict of interest in 2004.

Despite early hopes to finish the project by 2005, the



Chris Becker

SEE KORVE • PAGE 6

### Korve Engineering

**Who:** A transit-oriented civil engineering and planning firm founded in 1987

**Credits:** Did conceptual work in 1997 for the Alameda Corridor East project, a \$900 million-plus effort to improve rail mobility from East Los Angeles to the San Bernardino County line, including improvements at 55 crossings. Partners with Bechtel in managing the project since 1999.

**Korve deal:** \$270,000 through June 2006

**Becker's deal:** Becker's firm billed the city for \$1.78 million during his tenure, an average of \$329,000 a year. The firm deferred \$154,000 when city finances grew tight.

**Web site:** [www.korve.com](http://www.korve.com)

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### COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

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**Planning Commission** meets at 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday each month in council chambers. Call (714) 993-8124.

#### TODAY

'Lapsit' stories for ages 2 and younger are read from 15 to 10:35 a.m. at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Free. Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

Story times for ages 3 to 6 are held from 11 to 11:30 a.m. at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Free. Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

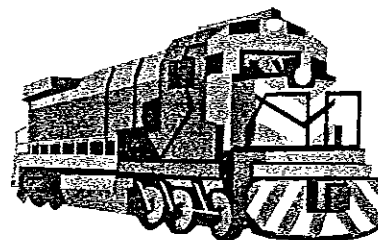
**Business networking** sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rembrandt's Restaurant, 909 E. Yorba Linda Blvd. Call (714) 528-1873.

## Community Events

Pat Irot, Community Representative

**NORTH POLE EXPRESS** - The Placentia Library is sponsoring a special trip by train to see Santa for the young and young-at-heart. The bus will leave the Placentia Library at 3:30 p.m. and travel to Fillmore, CA where participants board a train for a ride to pick up Santa. Everyone then rides back to Fillmore. During the trip Santa's elves will read THE POLAR EXPRESS and serve cookies

and milk. The event ends about 10:30 p.m. back at the Placentia Library parking lot. Ticket prices are \$45 for adults, \$35



# KORVE: Replacing Becker

FROM PAGE 1

city has built only one underpass, and environmental studies have been delayed.

The related "Quiet Zone" project to silence train whistles has fallen two years behind schedule - though the city recently secured the last of the necessary funding.

In 2003, the city was faced with a financial quandary after grant money it was banking on did not materialize.

Cash reserves were drained, and millions of dollars were borrowed to help finance the rail project. Residents questioned how much money Becker's firm and other consultants were making.

Becker did not return calls for comment.

City leaders said Becker should be credited for his successes.

Becker's team helped secure nearly \$84 million in funding for the project, including \$39 million set aside in August by the federal government, city spokesman Matt Reynolds said.

"He put us a good step up and helped us with the Quiet Zone," Mayor Scott Brady said. "But to finish the project we need a group of people that have tremendous experience."

"It was a difficult decision to make, but it was time to move on and get rid of all this ugliness that we had in the past," Councilman Norman Eckenrode said.

"He gave his heart and soul to the city. He's just a good person that got caught in a political crossfire."

Officials had hoped for \$225 million from the federal government. The smaller allocation has prompted them to shift their focus to a \$150 million effort over 15 years to build underpasses/overpasses at four more intersections.

Korve is expected to pursue that project, help expand the OnTrac's board into a regional body, finish the Quiet Zone's two remaining phases and help the city secure a transit center. Korve's contract - which still needs to be signed - is to run through June 2006.

Craig Green of Citizens for a Better Placentia, a community watchdog group that called for Becker's firing, said the city's decision was well made.

## Timeline

**1998:** Placentia studies feasibility of sinking five miles of tracks into a trench. Public Works Director Chris Becker oversees the effort.

**1999:** City approves trench plan. Becker projects it will take until 2003 to raise \$270 million, with environmental studies to be completed before money is provided. Construction would finish in 2005.

**2000:** Joint-powers authority OnTrac is formed. Anaheim, Fullerton and Yorba Linda decline to participate. Becker is hired as a consultant to be executive director. He retains his post as public works director until March 2003. During that time, he deducts his city salary from his OnTrac fees.

**2001:** Placentia announces it will receive \$28 million from the state, bringing total funding to \$32 million. Project cost now estimated at \$400 million. Work would run from 2002 to 2006.

**2002:** Construction begins on \$16.4 million Melrose Street underpass. Rail project cost grows to \$440 million.

**2003:** The cash-strapped state freezes the remaining \$11.8 million of its \$28 million pledge. Placentia borrows \$7.7 million.

**March 2004:** The city requires consultants to defer fees, begins efforts to cap Becker hours and adjust contract terms. Project cost estimate hits \$460 million.

**July 2004:** District Attorney's Office begins investigating Becker for possible conflict of interest. Becker, while serving as public works director, is alleged to have recommended that the city hire his consultant firm to run OnTrac.

**August 2004:** Rail project runs out of money. The city has spent \$18 million in grants and more than \$17 million of its own funds on the project since 1997. Consultants agree to defer fees again.

**September 2004:** The city borrows \$6.9 million to pay Office Depot for property acquired for a stalled Placentia Avenue underpass.

**January 2005:** Melrose underpass opens at an estimated cost of about \$18 million. Council takes control of OnTrac. Overall project costs now estimated at \$543 million.

**March:** City strips Chris Becker of OnTrac executive director title and assigns oversight to its public works director. Becker remains as project manager.

**July:** The environmental impact report is delayed. No completion date is set.

**August:** President Bush signs a transportation bill providing \$39 million, far less than hoped for. Placentia leaders say they will shift focus to overpasses and underpasses at key intersections - a cost of \$150 million over 15 years. Estimates place cost of overpasses/underpasses at all nine remaining crossings at \$324 million.

**September:** The state releases \$15.1 million in grants, including the \$11.8 million originally promised in 2001.

**November:** City hires Korve Engineering for \$270,000 to replace Becker's firm.

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## City selects restaurateur for service award

Placentia resident Louis Laulhere, owner of La Vie en Rose French restaurant in Brea, was recognized at Tuesday's City Council meeting for his community service.

Laulhere has organized fundraisers for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Fullerton and La Habra and the Yorba Linda/Placentia YMCA.



LOUIS LAULHERE

He also makes an excellent lobster bisque, quipped Placentia Mayor Scott Brady.

"If I have kept the door to my restaurant open, it is because of the residents," Laulhere said.

The Southern California Restaurant Writers Association named him the 2005 Restaurateur of the Year.

A Pleasant Place is devoted to coverage of good news. Call 704-3796 or fax ideas to 704-3714.

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# Giving thanks for our many holiday celebrations

**I**t didn't take much persuasion to get me to tag along with friends last week to the Messiah Lutheran Church, where women of The Living Vine and Mothers Offering Mothers Support, MOMS, Club presented "Thanksgiving: It's a Chick Thing."

It proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable morning. First there was the seasonal music and the production itself to enjoy, and then the marvelous spread of food

prepared by the ladies of the clubs and enhanced by the creative fall decorations.

Susie Snyder was general chairman of the event and extended warm greetings to all who gathered. The production was the creation of Lynda



**ELEANORE RANKIN**  
 NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Baker, Harriet Bull and Susan Hassebrock - with all three participating in some way.

Lynda advanced the storyline with her commentary, while Harriet and Susan acted in the production itself.

Music was provided by Gene Macaluso at the piano, and Fede Rodriguez rendered a vocal solo and lead the audience in singing several traditional and familiar Thanksgiving songs.

Other Placentia ladies at-



**COURTESY OF ELEANORE RANKIN**  
**MESSIAH LUTHERAN Church's** Thanksgiving luncheon and program included Dorothy Pence, from left, Harriet Bull, Ruth Vopalensky, Joanne Vopalensky, Lynda Baker, Nancy Lone-Tollefson and Evelyn Downey - all of Placentia.

tending and caught on camera Evelyn Downey, Dorothy Pence, Nancy Lone-Tollefson and Joanna and Ruth Vopalensky.

With hopes of once again checking out the display assembled by our local Genealogical Society members, I made a special trip to the Placentia Library to view their display in observance of World Family History Month in October.

I was too late. The display had already been removed, but I do want to give thanks to Steve Adamson, who heads up the

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Story Times I and II for ages 5 and younger are presented from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. Free. Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

## FRIDAY

Pat Nixon Republican Women Federated hosts dinner meeting at 6:30 at Alta Vista Country Club, 777 Alta Vista St. Claremont Institute professor Ken Masugi will speak about "Immigration and

Citizenship: The Disturbing Question No One Dares to Ask." Cost is \$20, payable at the door. Call (714) 961-8289.

The 19th annual Camp Library for ages 4 to 12, accompanied by an adult, has a few more openings for spending the night among the bookshelves from 7:30 p.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave. \$5 per person. Call (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

# NEIGHBOR

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society, for tipping me off to it.

Although I failed to cover this story at the time, I feel obligated to support the club's efforts to make our readers aware of the importance of recording their families' histories.

And while you're at it, be sure to preserve those old family photos as well. And make sure you identify those in the pictures.

If you haven't made extra copies of these precious

items, do it now. It costs so little to make duplicates of these sought-after photos. Perhaps you might be inspired to include one or two with your Christmas mailings to family and friends.

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The library display that holds front and center now, is provided by the Placentia Wood Carvers Club, California Carvers Guild No. 55.

The display also includes a collection of Santas from around the world, reminding me that Christmas is just around the corner. Each Santa Claus, identified by its country with a small plaque, is approximately 3 inches high.

Given the opportunity to select my favorite Old Saint Nick, I would have to say that I find the robust and jolly U.S. Santa the most appealing of all.

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And since the subject has swung merrily to Christmas, let me tell you that Santa Claus will make an appearance at the Placentia Library's North Pole Express excursion at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 17.

Children, and their parents will board a bus at the Civic Center that will take them to Fillmore, in Ventura County, to board the Polar Express train.

Santa will make an appearance at the end of the evening, with treats for all. Along the way, there will be storytelling, and elves will read the popular children's book, "The Polar Express."

Kids and adults are invited to wear pajamas, but to dress warmly! Blankets, pillows, stuffed animals and dolls are welcome!

Cost of the round trip including bus and train fares is \$45 for adults and ages 12 years and older, \$35 for ages 4 to 12, \$25 for infants to 3 who require a reserved seat on the bus, or \$10 for the child who is a "lap sitter."

The train departs Fillmore at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the library and advance reservations are necessary. The event is sponsored by the Friends of Placentia Library.

For more information, call Laranne Millonzi at (714) 528-1906, Ext. 201.

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**School award:** Valencia High School was chosen last week as one of 10 schools in the state selected to receive the 2005 Gold Standard Award presented by the California Business for Education Excellence. CBEE selected the school based on the large number of students who attend college, high academic performance in reading and math, and reductions of achievement gaps across ethnic and income groups.

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## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

### New board of directors chairman selected

Business leader and community philanthropist Roger Hobbs will serve as chairman of the board of directors of the Community Foundation of Orange, according to Susie Cunningham, foundation manager.

The foundation is a local non-profit organization serving the cities of Orange and Villa Park. Other offices filled are Tim Paone, president; Bill Steiner, vice president; Stu Livingstone, secretary; and Phil Bonina, treasurer.

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### Donors of wooden chairs are needed

The Placentia Library Foundation Board of Directors is working to replace 44 wood veneer chairs in the Children's Department with solid-wood chairs.

Members are asking people to sponsor a chair for \$200 a piece. Each chair will have an engraved plate listing the donor's name.

Information: Laranne Millonzi (714) 528-1925, Ext. 201

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### Winter books, meal are on library menu

Hometown Buffet will sponsor the Placentia Library's Holiday Reading Spree, a program that encourages children to read over the winter holidays. Participants can earn a free meal at the restaurant, along with small prizes.

Applications are available at the library, 411 E. Chapmar Ave.

Information: (714) 528-1906, Ext. 212.

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### Library offers help with homework

Homework help for students is available from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave.

The program is available free for students in the first through 12th grades.

Information: Jim Robe or Toby Silberfarb: (714) 524-8408, Ext. 215 or 213





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**PROPOSED:**  
Placentia merchants would like to see a property on Melrose Street and Crowther Avenue become a movie theater, seafood restaurant or antique mall with a 200-space parking structure.

# Packed full of history

## Placentia merchants propose using citrus packinghouse for new purpose.

BY CINDY ARORA  
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

**PLACENTIA** • When a group of Placentia merchants dreamed up ideas for re-using early century citrus packinghouses, they joined a cluster of neighboring communities where the old warehouse-style buildings have found new vigor.

A restaurant in Old Town Irvine was once a lima bean warehouse.

A cardboard warehouse in Orange is now a dance studio.

And a former citrus building in Yorba Linda is a two-story fitness club.

"Why save an old building?" asked Ken Ryan, Yorba Linda councilman and a principal at design firm ED&AW Inc.

"Historic places have more of a connection to the community. It taps into their values. And sometimes those sentiments bring people

back."

Orange County's historic orange crop was once packed up for shipping at some 67 packinghouses across the region.

Villa Park Orchards Packing House is the last one standing that still packs oranges.

The site is owned by Chapman University and will be shut down and readapted to fit the community in the future. Ryan said it may become an art gallery, student union or graduate housing.

Today, a handful of these Orange County relics have found new life. In some cases, the buildings are too decrepit to keep or don't fit new plans for changing communities.

The former Anaconda building in Orange, where wire was made during World War I, was torn down for that reason.

In Placentia, two packinghouses on Crowther Avenue were demolished last year as part of a redevelopment pro-

## Preserved packinghouses

Some of the readapted packinghouses left in Orange County

- **Tia Juana's Restaurant:** 14988 Sand Canyon Ave., Irvine. Former Lima Bean warehouse
- **24 hour Fitness:** 18200 Yorba Linda Blvd., Yorba Linda. Former citrus packinghouse.
- **HotMatch Custom Cycles:** 201 W. Truslow Ave., Fullerton. Formerly, the citrus-focused Elephant Packing House

ject.

"They tend to be form follows function. Just large and simple and not terribly dramatic looking," said Ryan. "But there is a form that's unique to them."

It's the uniqueness of the buildings and what they mean to residents that has galvanized the Placita Santa Fe Merchants Association to memorialize the packinghouses.

The merchants would like to see a one-acre property on Melrose Street and Crowther Avenue become a movie theater, seafood restaurant or an-

tique mall that would also include a 200-space parking structure.

"This idea has been developing for years because most of the people that came, their work and life revolved around the packinghouse," said Bill Zavala, a member of the merchants association.

"It's rooted in our history and there has always been an interest to preserve it."

Zavala, along with Craig Green, is presenting the merchant association's idea to city employees, residents and Chamber of Commerce in hopes of garnering support from the community before taking it before the council.

The city will interview two firms that could be hired to create a specific plan for the area south of downtown, where the packinghouse stands.

"There has been talk about office buildings, movie theaters, and we even discussed with Cal State Fullerton on ideas, but nothing has been settled," said Matt Reynolds, spokesman for the city.

"It's very important to maintain the heritage of the area and keep the ambiance of the old town."

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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Hospice Care

Hospice Care of California is seeking volunteers to help with its program serving the terminally ill. Four-week training sessions are offered at Hos-

pace Care's Placentia office, 377 E. Chapman Ave., Suite 280. Attendance at all meetings is mandatory to be eligible as a volunteer. Information: (714) 577-9656.

### Learning and Achievement Foundation

The Learning and Achievement Foundation is looking for

local families willing to host exchange students from Brazil, China, Taiwan and Vietnam. Students are ages 15 to 18 and English-speakers. Prospective host families may review student applications to select a match. Hosts may claim \$50 per month as a charitable deduction on their tax returns. Based in Rowland Heights, the nonprofit educational foundation aims to provide a culture exchange on an international level. Information: toll-free (877) 964-9588.

The library, 411 E. Chapman Ave., is seeking volunteers to help with book sales and assisting customers, as well as pricing and sorting donations, with sale proceeds benefiting library programs and services. Match your skills and availability to library's needs. Information: (714) 528-1925, Ext. 201.

### Placentia Senior Center

The Placentia Senior Center, 143 S. Bradford Ave., is seeking volunteers between 9:30 a.m. and noon daily to help hand out food packages and carry boxes for seniors, preferably with a weekly commitment. Spanish speakers are especially needed. Information: (714) 986-2332.

### Placentia Founders Society

The Placentia Founders Society needs Bradford House docents to conduct tours of the 1902 Victorian-style home, make presentations at schools and community organizations and help with special events. Training is provided. Leave a message at (714) 993-2470 or call Jackie O'Neil, (714) 528-8737.

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• Southern California Orchid Species Society: 2 p.m. Nov. 13. Placentia Public Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave., Placentia. Open to the public, free. (714) 991-8661.

### Teen Tutors

The Placentia Library, 411 E. Chapman Ave., provides training for volunteer teen tutors, who must be ages 13 or older. Information: (714) 524-8408, Ext. 213.

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# **A New Overseer Hired for OnTrac**

Engineering company  
replaces ex-Placentia  
official who was once  
paid \$450,000 a year as  
rail project's consultant.

By DAN WEIKEL  
Times Staff Writer

The director of a Placentia rail corridor project who parlayed his city public works position into a \$450,000-a-year consulting job has been replaced by an engineering company.

The City Council voted 5 to 0 late Tuesday to hire Korve Engineering Inc., a Los Angeles-based firm, to manage OnTrac, a controversial project to rebuild the busy rail line through the city and spark a restoration of the historic Old Town area.

Korve replaces Christopher Becker, who gave up his job as Placentia public works director to work for the city as a private consultant to head OnTrac in 2000. His \$450,000-a-year contract was scaled back significantly amid controversy more than two years ago.

The arrangement prompted City Atty. Tom Nixon to allege that Becker violated state conflict-of-interest laws prohibiting public officials from influencing contracts in which they have a financial interest.

The arrangement, among other things, has been under investigation by the Orange County district attorney's office for almost a year. Becker has denied any impropriety.

"Mr. Becker has been tainted to some degree," Mayor Scott P. Brady said. "There was a bad contract in 2000 that probably should not have been signed, a contract that is still under investigation by the D.A. It's a good time to change ponies."

Becker could not be reached for comment.

For the last two years, the city has struggled to keep OnTrac afloat during a budget crunch that compelled officials to cut public services, lay off staff, sell parkland and borrow tens of millions of dollars. The council also reduced the project's almost total reliance on expensive private consultants.

Korve, whose contract is not to exceed \$189,000 for the first year, will be responsible for overseeing rail corridor improvements, including overpasses and underpasses at major streets, and the city's innovative quiet zone. The project is designed to silence train whistles through town by improving rail crossing safety.

The City Council also extended Korve the option of using Becker for no more than 160 hours of work to acquaint the company with OnTrac.

Brady said he hoped the new management would help get more state and federal funding for OnTrac and encourage neighboring cities to participate in the project.

"This is a phenomenal development for the city," said Craig Green, a civic activist who has questioned OnTrac's expenses. "Now we have a true professional engineering firm running the project."

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### **Legacy options offered by groups**

Four community organizations - the Boys & Girls Club of Placentia-Yorba Linda, Homeless Intervention Shelter, Placentia Founders Society and Placentia Library Foundation - are informing residents how to donate money to groups in town through estate planning.

Informational fliers are available at City Hall, 401 E. Chapman Ave or at any one of the nonprofit sites.

Information: Boys & Girls Club, (714) 993-9133; Founders Society, (714) 993-2470; HIS House, (714) 993-5774; or Library Foundation, (714) 528-1925, Ext. 203.

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SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 30, 2005  
MINUTES

I. Call to Order: 2:25 P.M.

Members Attending: Katie Matas  
Caroline Gurkweitz  
Esther Guzman

Members Absent: Wendy Goodson

III. Old Business

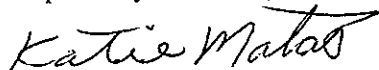
1. The fire extinguishers were checked by Katie Matas on November 30, 2005.
2. The broken Koala Seat in the public women's restroom was removed. A new one was ordered but has not arrived.
3. Staff has expressed concern about boxes of unsold book sale books being left in the loading dock area for extended periods of time. The Friends will discuss the situation at their next meeting.

IV. New Business

1. None.

The next meeting will be December 14, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Katie Matas

