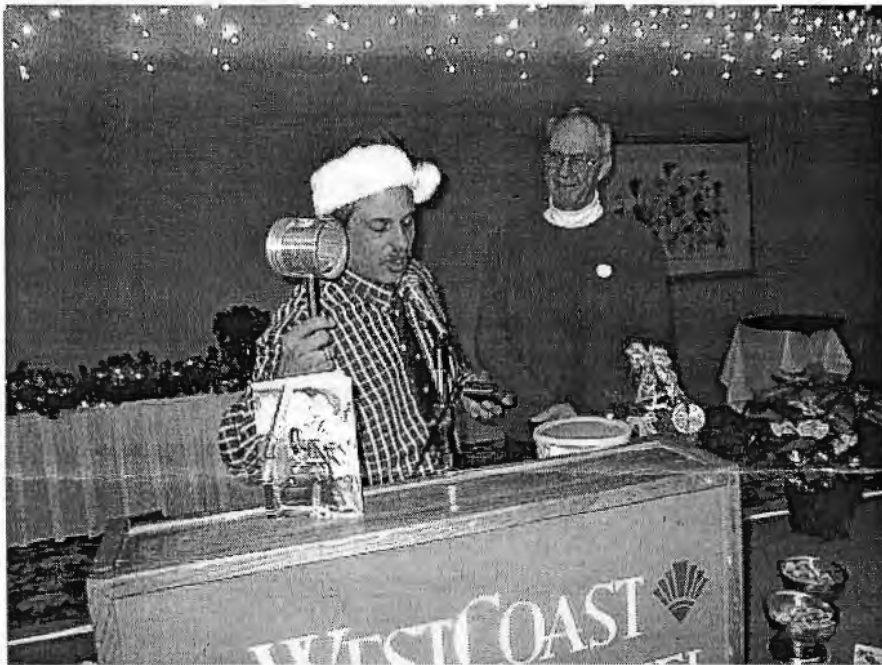


The Distributor

Happy New Year 2000



Out with the old; in with the new. Greg Carcerano turns our gavel over to John Knox.

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Reminder:

Send in your 2000 club dues and roster updates

President's Column

As a 6 year old boy with a toy pedal car, just pedaling was not enough. I would put 2x6 boards across the narrow end of our small, but empty, swimming pool and pretend it was a grease rack. I would spend lots of time under the car with an oil can. I had the easiest pedaling car in town. I would just pretend to fix this and that. The real repairs were done by my dad.

Today, I still like to work on the car but prefer driving it more than working on it. I am so grateful for the knowledgeable (and some not so knowledgeable) members who have helped me during my 6 years as a member to become more and

more versed in the running and maintaining of my car. It is fun to ask 4 people the same question and get 5 different answers. It is fun to have Dorothy to share in many of the repairs as well as sharing most all the miles.

We are here for each other and it is neat to work, to learn, and tour together. You are a great bunch of people and I look forward to being your president in the year 2000.

Dorothy and I send our warmest greeting for the New Year.

John Knox

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Southern California Region

by Bev Marsh

On Saturday, November 27th a meeting of the SCR was held in Pasadena. Twelve chapter representatives and guests attended.

Main highlights addressed were the Temecula meet results and election of new officers. The new president is Marlin Perry, secretary is Carla Maricle and treasurer is Elaine Perry.

Marlin's first order of business was to see how the chapters felt about hosting a national convention in 2002. Everyone was enthused and pledged support. Ed Dairs and I felt we needed to talk with our chapters about it before we could vote. The 10 other chapters voted for it. Since then, it has been presented to the National Board and

approved.

I already have a volunteer, John McMillan, to be in charge of our club's part in helping to host this huge event. But, we need support from our club members in order to participate. I will be asking for your feelings on this matter at the January general meeting.

Also, they really need judges for National Convention. Please call me and let me know if you are interested.

If any of you are interested in learning more or want to be in on the planning, there will be a meeting at 10:00 at MAFCA headquarters in La Habra on January 15, 2000.

Here is a list of this year's regional events. Mark your calendars.

Jan. 29-30	Turlock Swapmeet
Feb. 26-27	San Diego Swapmeet
Mar. 11	Johnnies Broiler Flying "A"'s Car Show
Mar. 26	O.C. Pancake Breakfast
April 7-9	Pomona - Laughlin Tour
May 6	O.C. Swapmeet
May 5-7	Central Calif. Round-Up
May 21	Santa Anita - Fun Day
June 1-4	North Calif.- Grass Valley Regional Meet
June 11	Diamond Tred - Ford Family Picnic
July 10-15	National Convention - Kansas City
July 14-16	Wings and Wheels
Sept. 8-10	Whittier - Rim of the World
Sept. 24	Paradise Valley Swapmeet
Oct. 1	Frazier Park
Oct. 8	Queen Mary reunion
Nov. 4	Diamond Tred Parts exchange
Nov. 5	Bates Bros. Nut Farm

Schedule of Activities

January 2000

13, Thursday General Meeting

Will be held at Santiago Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

14, Friday Technical Seminar

We will be rebuilding shocks at McMillan's home starting at 7:30 PM. See map on this page.

15, Saturday So. Cal. Edison Substation

A very unique opportunity to visit a manned substation. We will depart the Sears Mall of Orange parking lot at 7:30 AM sharp!!

This is a freeway tour, 50 MPH minimum. The tour of the substation begins at 9:00 AM and we must travel to Hwy 74 and Menifee Rd. Hosted by the Cruisin' A's of Hemet.

NEW LOCATION 20, Thursday Board Meeting

Will be held at Knox's home at 7:30 PM. 1/2 mile above Central Ave. Just a few houses south of Whittier Blvd. 2 miles west of 57 off-ramp for Lambert.

146 N. Puente St.
Brea, CA
(562) 697-2545

28, Friday Feb. Newsletter Deadline

29-30, Saturday-Sunday Modesto A Swap Meet

Turlock fair grounds. \$3 entry fee; \$20 RV parking. We can decide at the January meeting if some want to go up as a group.

February 2000

10, Thursday General Meeting

Will be held at Santiago Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

17, Thursday Board Meeting

17-20, Thursday-Sunday Death Valley 2000

We will be staying at the Furnace Creek Ranch. Reservations are under Orange County Model A Club. Phone (760) 786-2345 and ask for Nan. Rooms are \$124.00 plus 9% tax, 48 hour cancellation.

Glenn Johnson will be leading the tour as we hope to have the "Old Timers" from 5 years ago and lots of "New Timers".

25, Friday March Newsletter Deadline

March 2000

9, Thursday General Meeting

Will be held at Santiago Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

16, Thursday Board Meeting

26, Sunday Pancake Breakfast

31, Friday April Newsletter Deadline

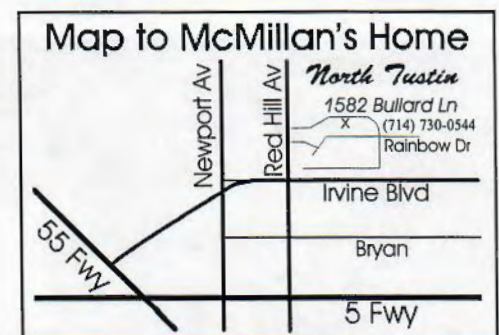
April 2000

13, Thursday General Meeting

Will be held at Santiago Elementary School, 7:30 PM.

20, Thursday Board Meeting

28, Friday May Newsletter Deadline



December Photographs



Jean McMillan, Nancy Erickson, Kathie McCall, John & Dorothy Knox, Leslie Carcerano and Joan Mariola converse at the dining table during the December Board Meeting at John & Alice Graves' home.



Don Schmidt, Walter Deutsch, Vince Mariola and Dale McCall have some male bonding time in the living room during the December Board Meeting held at John & Alice Graves' home.



Greg Carcerano interviews the guests of honor at the Children's Christmas Party.



Don Schmidt gives Santa Clause some competition at the Children's Christmas Party.



Looks like Santa Clause found himself a new reindeer to recruit.



Santa Clause came bearing gifts for the kids at the Children's Christmas Party.



Frosty, the piñata, on display until it was his time for the spotlight.



The first damaging blow.



After many blows, Frosty lost his head and spilled his guts. The kids quickly rushed in to claim their portion of the goods.



Money trees and candles were raffled at the Awards Banquet.



Greg Carcerano and the Marsh Family presented the 1999 Marsh Family Award to John & Alice Graves.



Your new 2000 Board: Rick & Deena Peterson, John Knox, Ken Dierken, Alice Graves, Kathy McCall and John McMillan.

Editor's Note

by Rick Peterson

This is your club; so get involved! We want to hear from you. The club newsletter and web-site is a place to share your pictures, stories and information. Here are some suggestions for articles you may want to submit for publication in *The Distributor* or our OCMAFCA.Org web-site:

Are you a new member?

Submit an article telling us about yourself and how you got interested in restoring Model A's. This is a great way to introduce yourself.

Are you currently restoring a Model A?

Submit articles about how your project is coming along. This is a great way to get assistance from other club members. It would be interesting to document your progress month to month – remember to include photographs.

Do you own a 1930?

Submit an article about your car with photographs. It is the 70th birthday for 1930s and we would like to learn about your automobile and its history.

Have you gone on a recent tour?

Many club members are unable to attend and would enjoy hearing about it. Submit an article about your experience and share your photographs from the trip.

Do you have something you want to sell?

Submit a classified "For Sale" advertisement.

Do you have something you want to buy?

Submit a classified "Wanted" advertisement.

Do you have a favorite recipe?

Share it with others by submitting it for publication in our newsletter.



Ways to Submit Material:

E-mail

This is the preferred method since it does not require us to retype the article. You may send text and digital pictures to our personal e-mail address: RDPeterson@USA.Net

Fax

You can send us a Fax 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The number is (810) 821-2650.

In Person

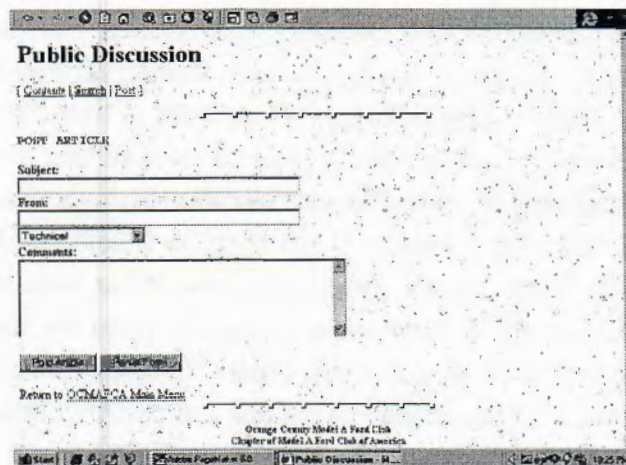
Find us at the meetings and give us your materials or make an appointment to stop by our residence.

The Distributor Deadline

Articles must be submitted by last Friday of the month to be included in the next issue of *The Distributor*.

Public Discussion on OCMAFCA.Org

You can publish material directly to our club's web-site. Post a new article which starts a new thread. Reply to an existing article which adds to that thread.





Board Meeting

Orange County Chapter
Model A Ford Club of America
December 16, 1999
by Colleen Schmidt, Secretary

The December Board Meeting was held at Dick Church's Restaurant in Costa Mesa. Members present were Ken Zitrer, Kathy and Dale McCall, John Knox, Lee Jackson, John & Alice Graves, Colleen Schmidt, Ken Dierken, Rick Peterson, Bev Marsh and Greg Carcerano.

Secretary's Report

The December General Meeting and Children's Christmas party was held on December 9th at Me-n-Ed's Pizza Parlor in Garden Grove with about twelve children as guests. Alice Graves reported the annual dues are now due and may be paid at any time. A sign-up sheet for the Christmas Light Tour was circulated. Coming events include a tour of a manned Edison Sub Station in January sponsored by Cruising A's of Hemet. Glen Johnson reviewed plans for the Death Valley tour in February. John Knox distributed a working draft of next year's calendar and asked that suggestions be submitted by mail for the next board meeting. Following the business portion, the Children's Christmas Party began when Santa showed up with gifts for all the children. There was also a snowman piñata filled with goodies. Thanks go to Bev Marsh, Jeanne Parrish, Lydia and Joe Deleon and all those who helped make it a success.

Our Annual Installation and Awards Banquet was held at the West Coast Anaheim Hotel on Dec. 12th and attended by about 68 members and guests. The new board of directors for the year 2000 are: John Knox, President; Ken Dierken, Activities; Kathy McCall, Secretary; Alice Graves, Treasurer; John McMillan, Technical; Rick and Deena Peterson, Editors; and Lee Jackson, Special Events. Certificates of appreciation were presented to committee chairpersons for all their work throughout the year. New committee members were introduced. Special recognition went to Gwen Riggs as Member of the Year. The Marsh Family Award was presented to Alice and John Graves, and John and Gwen Riggs received the Kelly Craig award for attending the most tours. Congratulations go to Rick and Deena Peterson for receiving a MAFCA Certificate of Merit for the terrific job they've done on *The Distributor*.

Treasurer

The last expense for the year is the Christmas Light Tour. We are in good financial shape and our CD has been rolled over for another six months. Alice reported that she will be upgrading the accounting records to Quicken 2000 for the coming year.

Activities

Ken announced that mileage patches will be presented at the January meeting. The Christmas Light Tour will be the first mileage tour for year 2000. There were eighteen tours this past year, including three long distance tours.

Technical

The January technical workshop will be held at the home of John McMillan and will be on rebuilding shock absorbers.

Editors

Check your mailboxes for membership cards. Be sure to review for member information and make any necessary changes before mailing in your dues. Your listing in the directory will be based on the information on these cards.

Special Events

Lee Jackson reviewed plans for the Pancake Breakfast scheduled for March. Buttons, shirts, flyers, parking, and raffle prizes were discussed. A motion by the board members was passed to purchase five tires as the grand prize. The board also approved a motion to increase the cost of the breakfast to \$4.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children.

New Business

A motion was carried to purchase ten raffle tickets for the Santa Anita MAFCA fund raiser at a total cost of \$50. A motion to make a \$300 donation to Santiago Elementary School in appreciation for providing a place for our meetings was carried.

The January Board Meeting will be held at the home of John and Dorothy Knox. See map on next page.

Pancake Breakfast 2000

by Rick Peterson

It's time to start planning for 2000! Our Pancake Breakfast requires a lot of work and we could use your help. Sign-up to precook ten pounds of sausage; about 20 people are needed. Ask businesses in our community for donations. Last year's event was a success and we appreciate everyone who pitched in. Here is a partial list of last year's donation contributors:

"Sam's"

A&L Auto Specialties
Best Gasket Company
C W Moss
Cal & Jan Shook
Catalina Passenger Service
College Park Mobile
Cottage Hill Publishing
Daniel & Sylvia Adelman
Deena Peterson
Diana Weirman
Diane Waterman
Dick & June Riha
Egge Machine
Geene Autry Museum
Glenn & Sharon Johnson
Greg & Leslie Carcerano
H&H Antique Motors
Helen Loeffler
Hemming Motor News
Hines Nursery
Hof's Hut
Jim & Pat Willet
Joel & Lydia Deleon
John & Alice Graves
John & Gwen Riggs
Katella Deli
Ken Zitrer
Larry & Gerry McKinney
Lou Speilberger

Meet Early Auto Parts

Meguirs
Mimi's
Mothers
NAPA Auto Parts
Old Car's Publication
Paradise Valley MAFCA
Polly's Pies
Ramada Express
Richard & Jeanne Parrish
Riverside Resorts Laughlin
Sam & Wilda Vernola
San Diego MARC/MAFCA
Santa Ana Plating
Simple Green
Taylor Engine
Ted Loeffler
Tom Endy
Tony Roma's
Vintage Auto
Vintage Shop Coat

\$ Cash Donations \$

Carl & Nancy Erickson
Don & Colleen Schmidt
Larry & Carolyn Romaine
Mel & Terry Collins
Ted & Helen Loeffler
Vince & Joan Mariola
Hal & Sue Brand

Dorothy and Harry Murrell

by Bob & Christene La Brash

forwarded by Pieter Dwinger

This letter was sent to me; so, I thought I would pass it on to the club since many of the OC club members know Arizona folks.

Dorothy Murrell was killed while her husband Harry was driving their 1929 Tudor home from a long weekend tour down to the Southern Arizona Fall Tour in Yuma, Arizona. The accident occurred 10 miles east of Gila Bend on I-8 on Sunday, October 17, 1999.

Harry & Dorothy were driving their 1929 Tudor in front of a group of 3 As, with Fred & Pat Laurita and Lloyd & JoAnn Green all moving along about 55 mph. A Jeep passed the first 2 cars traveling well over the posted speed of 75 mph & pulled between Fred and Harry. The Jeep basically ran over Harry's vehicle. The Tudor went end over end 2 times and rolled a couple more, Dorothy came out of the passenger door in one of the rolls. The A ended up on its drivers side with Harry still inside. The vehicle landed on Dorothy and she died at the scene. Harry was stuck in the vehicle and Fred who was first on the scene got him out and stopped a leak in the gas tank.

Harry said, "he kept calling for Dorothy but she didn't answer". Fred had to tell him she was gone. As luck would have it 2 paramedics were on the scene about 45 seconds after Fred to assist.

Harry was Airevac to St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix. He is in the Trauma ICU in stable condition. Fred is a retired police officer from the Denver Police Department.

The group of As had just stopped 10 miles prior to fill with gas and get a snack before heading the last 85 miles home. I have not seen the Tudor but understand that the car will be almost impossible to restore. Funeral arrangements have not been made yet. The people driving the Jeep got out of their vehicle and ran into the desert. The driver has been captured.

Harry and Dorothy have driven the A on many local tours and even to Reno MAFCA National in 1998. They also were attendees in the 1993 & 1997 New Zealand MAFCA Model A Meet. Harry is a past President of the Model A Restorers Club of Arizona and Dorothy very active in the club doing all kinds of jobs. They both have lead tours and were great friends to the Model A clubs & members. Dorothy's last job for the club was to take the dinner tickets Saturday Night at the Banquet in Yuma. Christine & I shared a motor home with Dorothy & Harry when we went to NZ in 1993. That was an interesting experience.

We will miss Dorothy and hope Harry recovers from his injuries. Please put them in your prayers.

The Tudor went end over end 2 times and rolled a couple more...

Sunshine & Sorrow

Nancy Erickson

Our dear friend and club member died early Sunday morning, January 2 at St. Joseph Hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Fairhaven Memorial Park in Santa Ana.

Danny Nichols
To: Orange County
Model 'A' Ford Club

Both Joanne and I wish to thank our extended club family for the outpouring of love, sympathy and especially the support you have shown to both of us and our family during the time of bereavement of the loss of our youngest son Danny.

Your prayers, flowers and offers of help have meant so very much to us during this time of sadness.

The potted plan we received from the club will always occupy a special place in our home.

May God continued to bless and protect all of us.

Jim Nichols

In the News

OUR LEGACY: MILLENNIUM MOMENTS



WORK IN PROGRESS: Alice Graves talks with Antonio Garcia on Tuesday at the Laguna Beach Bay Weekens' Center.

Helping hand in Laguna Beach

Alice Graves' volunteering vistas grew after she got in the swing

THE MOMENT
The Cross Cultural Council is a Laguna Beach volunteer organization that works to build strong positive relations between Spanish and English speakers in the community. Its programs include management of a day labor program and English classes for Spanish-speaking women who had been provided for the students.

ALICE GRAVES, 66 HAS HELPED HISPANICS AND THE HOMELESS IN LAGUNA BEACH FOR 12 YEARS

THE REFLECTION
Alice Graves has long been involved in volunteer activities. About 12 years ago, after she joined the Laguna Beach Hispanic Affairs Committee, she had a friend decide to help feed the homeless in a Laguna Beach church one night. It turned into a weekly meal that Graves will organize.

She then got involved in Hispanic issues. She also helped launch a Thanksgiving community project and she reviews students at Laguna Beach High School.

"Once I got my toe in the door in Laguna Beach, I couldn't get it out. I kind of backed into the homeless situation. It opened my eyes to the fact that a lot of people are in need, and they're good people. They're a nice group. They appreciate not only the food, but that we're their friends."

It's really necessary to take the next step, to go to going to get anything accomplished. I think a lot of people, once they're involved in one of the issues, realize that.

"Laguna Beach gives you that opportunity, because the people here seem to be aware of what we're not doing in Emerald Bay, maybe they aren't doing anything else."

— Interviewed by Peter Larson

DISCOVER 2000 INCLUDING LUMINITY
A daily look at the history of Orange County. This month, a high light hometown heroes at notable occasions. View special selected Millennium Moments on www.ocregister.com

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51 Fun book about playbooks online

ONLINE
www.ocregister.com

CONTACT: The Cross Cultural Council, (949) 467-3956. **VOLUNTEERS WANTED:** To provide child care, teach English, more than one. **REACH THE REGISTER:** (714) 716-7222 or e-mail reach@ocregister.com

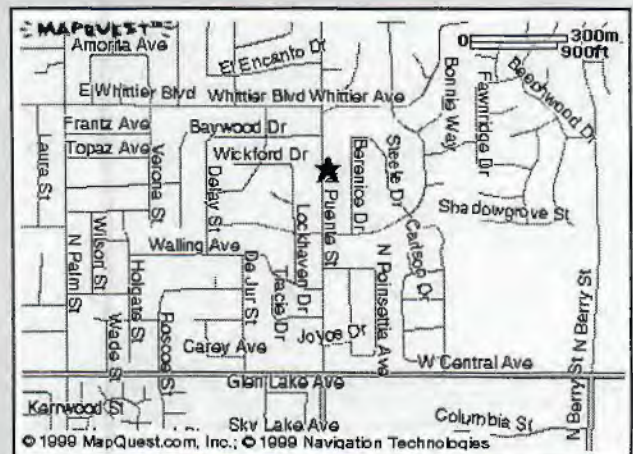
A recent article in the Orange County Register recognized Alice Graves for her 12 years of helping Hispanics and the homeless in Laguna Beach.

January Board Meeting

John & Dorothy Knox's Home
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(562) 697-2545



City Map

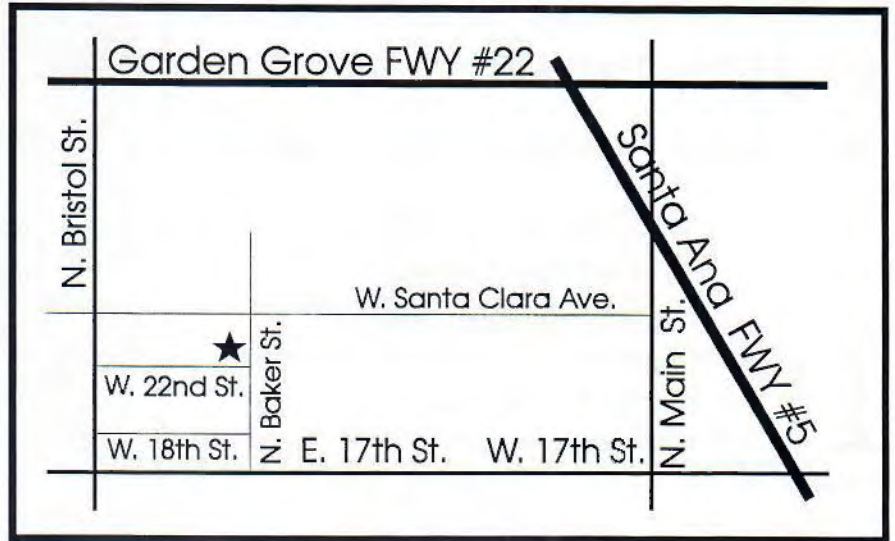
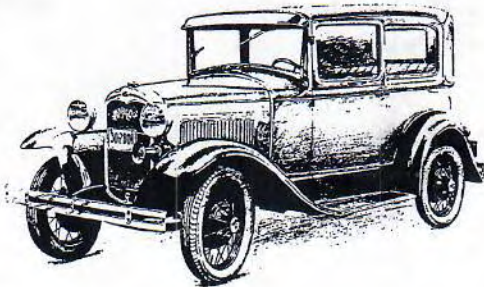


Street Map

General Meeting Location

[Second Thursday of every month]
January 13, 2000 @ 7:30 PM

Santiago Elementary School
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 Santa Ana, CA



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