

Rancho Santa Fe spoof opens March 26

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RANCHO SANTA FE — Maybe a day in the life of a Rancho Santa Fe resident isn't exactly typical of the struggling working class, but it is as crammed with activities and ripe for satire.

So the residents who annually have put together a local talent show have decided to expand it this year into a full-scale extravaganza with music and dance and provide, not only a great outlet for local theatrics, but a fund-raising project for education.

"How to Cope With Life on the Ranch" or "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Jonathan's" is a revue spoofing a day in super suburbia written by Rancho Santa Fe resident Jeff Brown with help from such friends as Jane Carlin, who wrote some of the lyrics.

With a cast of 50 local residents, aged 8 to senior citizen, it will be staged March 26 to 29 in the Rancho Santa Fe Garcen Club, Avenida de Acacias and La Granada. The proceeds are to pay the salary of art and music teachers for the local elementary school.

Rancho Santa Fe is also

subject to budget cuts, and post Prop. 13 brought elimination of specialist teachers in the arts, which are now the responsibility of the regular classroom teachers.

The PTA is not exactly happy with the prospect for a future when classroom teachers may not be as skilled in the arts as the present ones are, so it decided to raise \$25,000 to \$35,000 for salaries. The revue is to make a major contribution, but private donations have already amounted to about \$15,000, according to volunteer publicist Penny Nicholas.

To make the revue as professional as possible, Brown, as producer, hired Dennis O'Drane, music coordinator

of the Poway Unified School District and a veteran at directing high school and community theater musicals, to stage the show.

The garden clubhouse has 250 seats, and tickets have

been going so fast that two matinees have been added at 2:30 March 28 and 29. Tickets are on sale to the public for \$5 and \$3.50, and may be reserved by phoning 756-1141, or 756-2918.