



# Costa Mesa *Activity* BOOK

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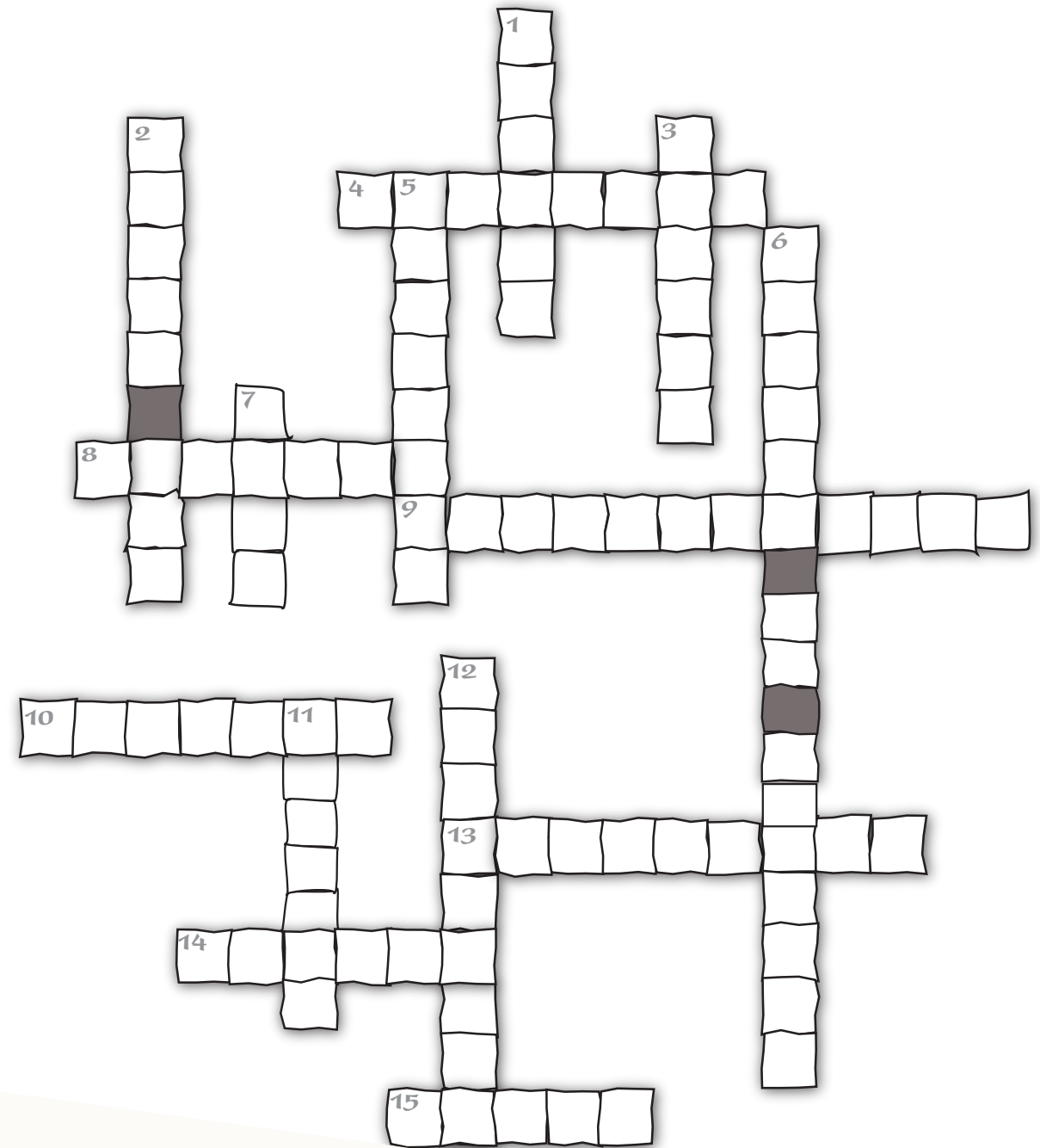
# COSTA MESA CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## ACROSS

4. The first Mayor of Costa Mesa was Charles .....
8. The Southern .....Railroad, which ran in the middle of Newport Boulevard from Santa Ana to Newport Beach, was abandoned in 1933.
9. All the separate parts of this area were united as one city in 1953 when Costa Mesa was .....
10. The first people to live on the land that is now Costa Mesa were the .....
13. What school is named after a famous aviator?.....
14. The downtown Costa Mesa area (where Harbor Boulevard join together) was originally known as ....., after a local farmer.
15. The king of Spain gave Jose Antonio ..... all of the land along the Santa Ana River. Part of his Rancho Santiago has become Costa Mesa.

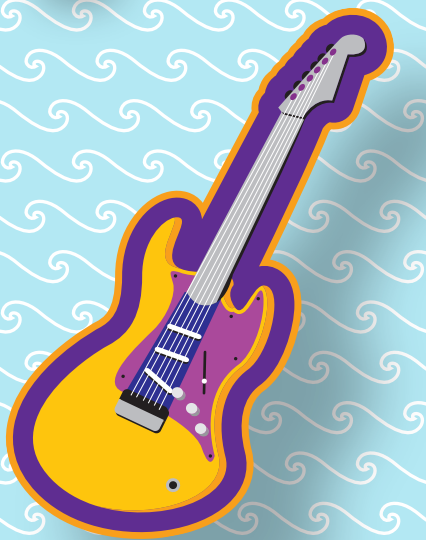
## DOWN

1. in 1846, the United States went to war with ..... After winning the war, the United States took all the land north of the Rio Grande and all of California.
2. In 1941 the .....Army Air base was built just outside of town where the O.C. Fairgrounds, Orange Coast College and the Civic Center are today. During World War II, the Army Air Base was used for flight training of pilots and navigators.
3. In 1920, Costa Mesa had a contest to name our town, Alice ..... won the \$25.00 prize, Costa Mesa, which means "Costa Tableland" in Spanish.
5. The.....Adobe is the only remaining one of three that was built some-times after 1800 on top of the bluffs overlooking the Santa Ana River.
6. The first European to see Orange County was .....in 1769.
7. To encourage people to settle in California, the .....of Spain gave land grants known as Ranchos, to special people and soldiers.
11. Costa Mesa's first barber shop and gasoline station, appeared along ..... Boulevard.
12. The original .....Schoolhouse located today near Bear Street School is one of Costa Mesa's historical landmarks.



HINT: Use "The Story of Costa Mesa" Booklet  
 #1. pg 8; #2. pg 26; #3. pg 21; #4. pg 30  
 #5. pg 7; #6. pg 6; #7. pg 6; #8. pg 24;  
 #9. pg 30; #10. pg 3; #11. pg 21; #12. pg 15  
 #13. pg 23; #14. pg 19; #15. pg 6

# DO YOU KNOW?



## Fill in the blanks:

1. The original inhabitants lived in small dome shaped huts called .....
2. The first European to see Orange County in 1769 was .....
3. Since Portola and his men camped by a river on Saint Ann 's Day, he decided to call the river.....
4. Another name for the Sepulveda Diego Adobe is.....
5. In 1887 it cost only..... for a passenger to ride from Missouri to California on the train!
6. The first local newspaper, in Fairview was called the.....
7. In 1920, a contest was held to change the name of Harbor. .... won \$25 prize with her entry of Costa Mesa.
8. Costa Mesa means .....in Spanish.
9. The .....was held every summer between 1938-1941, but was cancelled when the U.S. entered World War II.
10. The first Mayor of Costa Mesa was ....., the merchant and former postmaster.

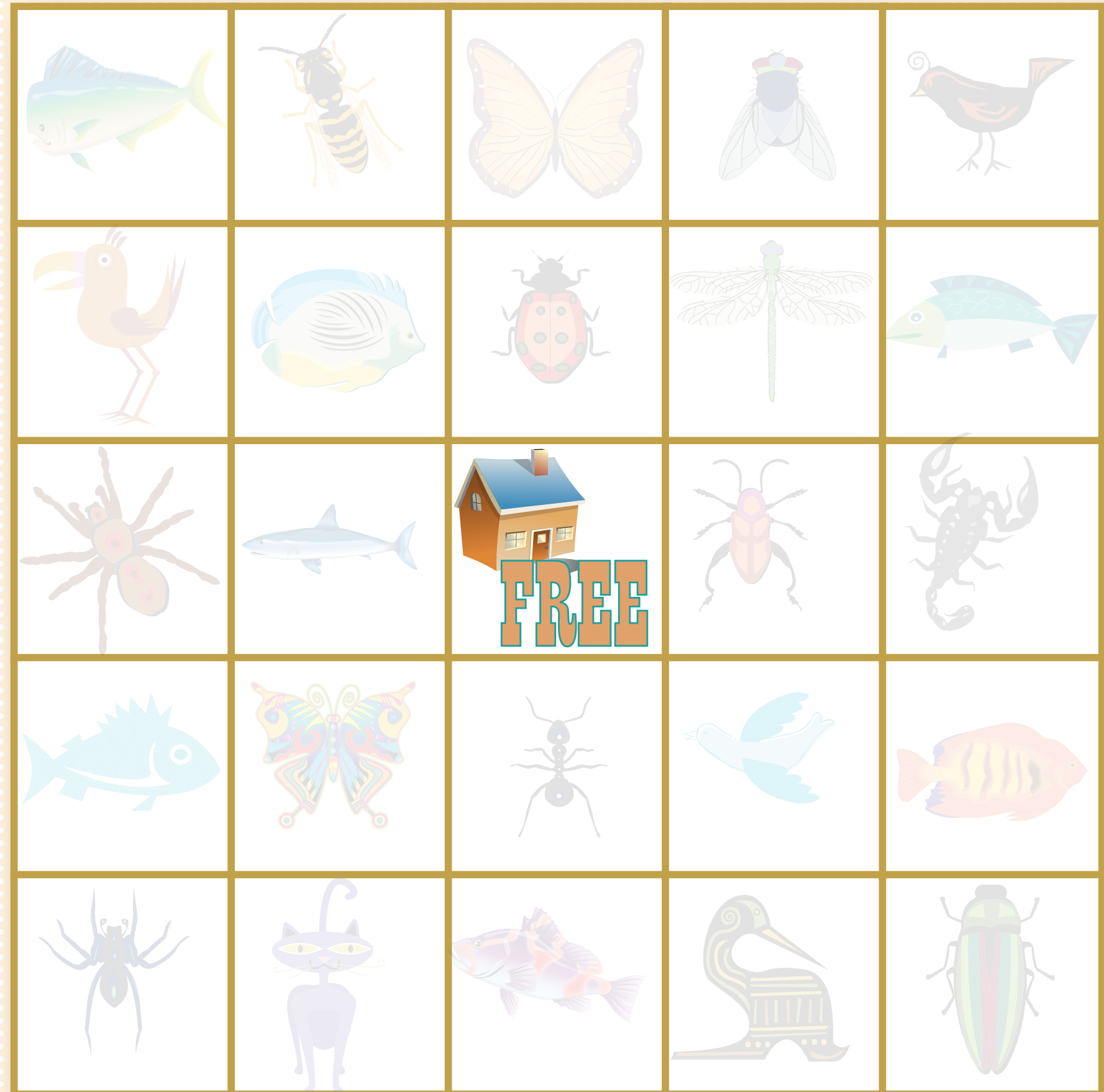
# STREET BINGO

## How to Play:

1. Pick 24 street names and fill in your bingo card by putting a different street name in each square.
2. Write each street name on individual strips of paper; mix up and draw, announcing street names.
3. Mark off each street name that is announced.

## Winner:

First bingo player to get 5 across or 5 down or 5 diagonal in a row, says BINGO!



ADAMS  
GISLER  
VICTORIA  
NEWPORT  
HARBOR BLVD.  
FAIRVIEW

ORANGE  
RED HILL AVE.  
TUSTIN AVE.  
DELMAR AVE.  
MESA DR.  
MONROVIA

WILSON  
POMONA  
PLACENTIA  
19TH ST.  
BEAR ST.  
HAMILTON ST.

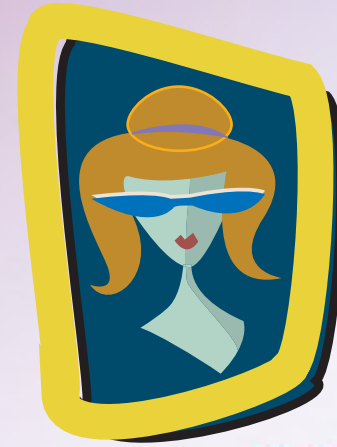
FAIR  
BRISTOL  
MESA VERDE DR.  
ARLINGTON  
BAY ST.  
SANTA ANA AVE.

WHITTIER AVE.  
SUNFLOWER  
BROADWAY ST.  
PAULARINO  
17TH ST.  
BAKER

# FAMOUS NAMES IN COSTA MESA HISTORY

Unscramble letters to find famous names in Costa Mesa's past

1. RSAAPG ED TORPLOA .....
2. SEOJ INNOATO RABOY .....
3. EYRRGGO REAHRP .....
4. RATWEL ZENOTM .....
5. HLSARCE ITEKWENL .....
6. ELIAC URMEPL .....
7. HLSARCE MORSTGEERS .....
8. RSM. M. H. WFTSI .....
9. ODEURAD ROENLPLOO .....
10. RURATH KENMCEIZ .....
11. NKRFA NHVUAG .....



HINT: Use "The Story of Costa Mesa" Booklet

#1. pg 6; #2. pg 6; #3. pg 16; #4. pg 18; #5. pg 30; #6. pg 21; #7. pg 20; #8. pg 13; #9. pg 14; #10. pg 31; #11. pg 22

# SECRET CODE



Fill in the numbered spaces with the correct letter to read the hidden message. Use the code below.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
G	Y	A	R	I	W	C	O	K	Q	M	D	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	34	25
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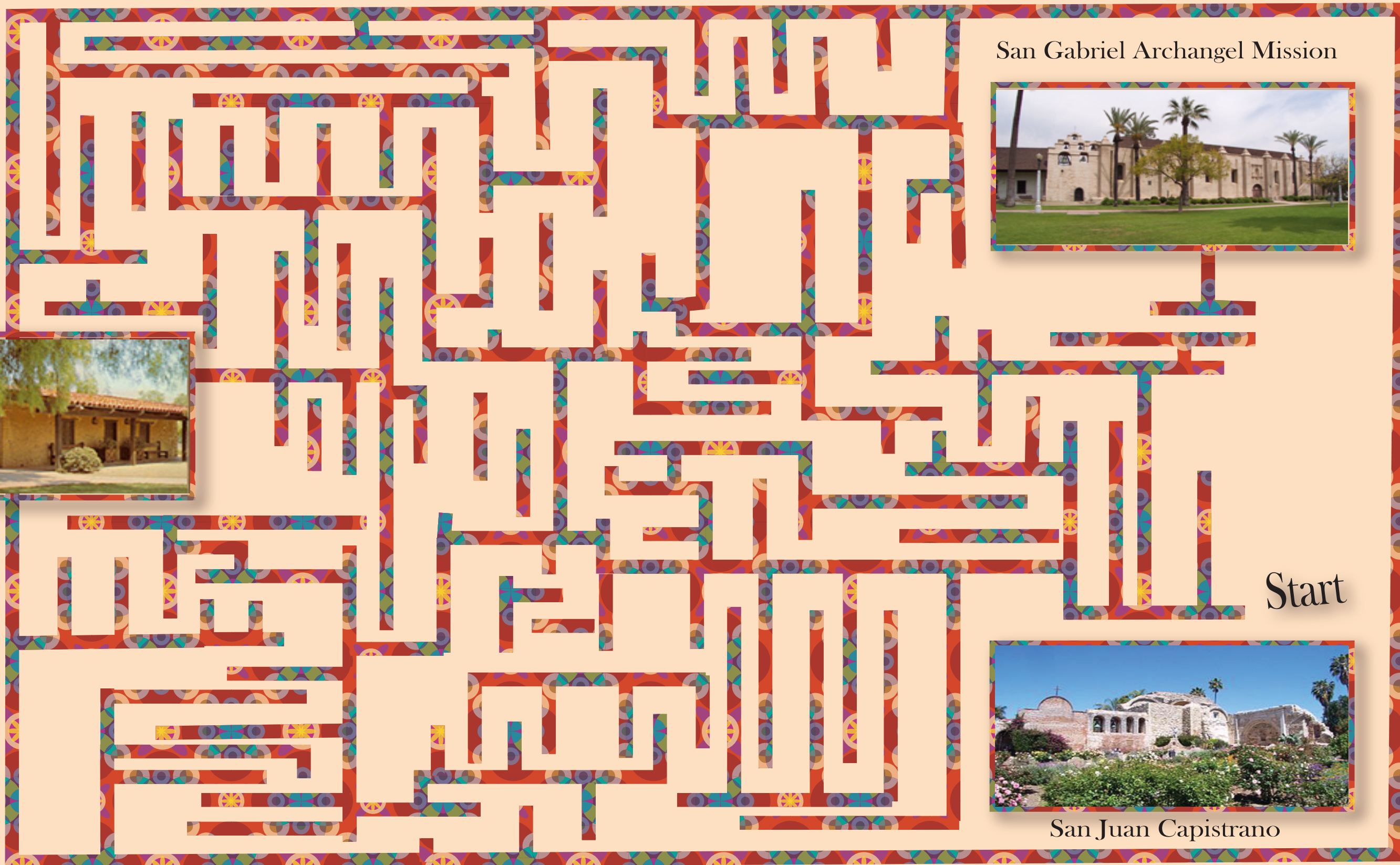
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3 19 12 25 21 3 5 25 8 13 4

7 5 16 2 8 17 7 8 25 16 3 11 21 25 3

# MISSION MAZE

Make your way from the San Juan Capistrano Mission to the Estancia Adobe and then on to the San Gabriel Archangel Mission as they did back in 1823.



San Gabriel Archangel Mission

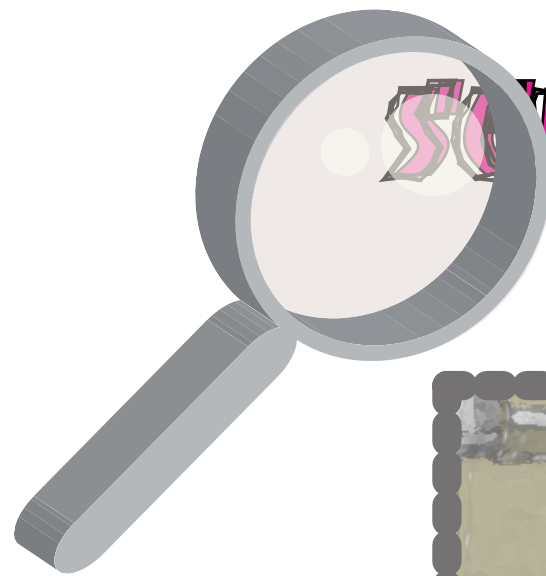


Estancia  
Adobe

Start



San Juan Capistrano



# SCHOOL SEARCH

Circle across, down, diagonally or backward to find the names of Costa Mesa elementary schools.

- Adams
- California
- College Park
- Davis
- Kaiser
- Killybrooke
- Paularino
- Pomona
- Rea
- Sonora
- Victoria
- Whittier
- Wilson
- Woodland



N	A	S	O	N	O	R	A	S	Z	Q	R	M	P
A	E	T	A	L	D	P	M	M	R	F	D	P	B
S	N	W	B	L	S	I	V	A	D	S	T	O	E
A	W	T	P	L	D	P	M	D	L	R	N	M	A
A	I	N	R	O	F	I	L	A	C	D	M	O	R
R	L	D	H	G	R	E	B	D	N	I	L	N	S
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W	O	W	R	A	G	W	H	I	T	T	I	E	R
H	N	O	H	G	B	E	L	E	J	T	P	L	E
E	K	O	O	R	B	Y	L	L	I	K	R	K	A
X	Y	D	Z	A	C	E	G	I	K	G	E	O	T
C	O	L	L	E	G	E	P	A	R	K	S	X	Z
Q	P	A	U	L	A	R	I	N	O	S	I	T	W
A	B	N	C	E	G	I	J	L	M	O	A	R	S
B	A	D	A	I	R	O	T	C	I	V	K	M	P



# MYSTERY SPOTS

FIND THEM ON THE MAP  
AND MATCH THE NUMBERS AND LETTERS.

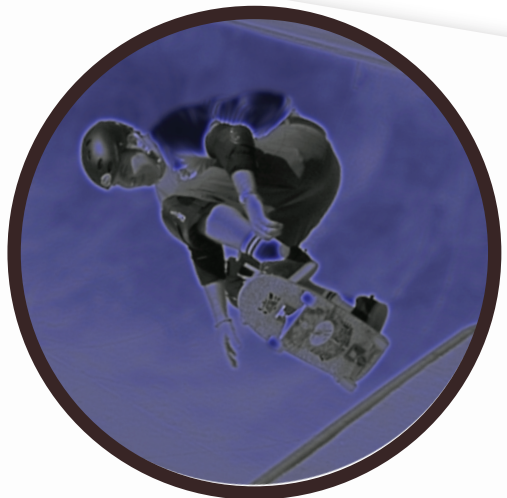


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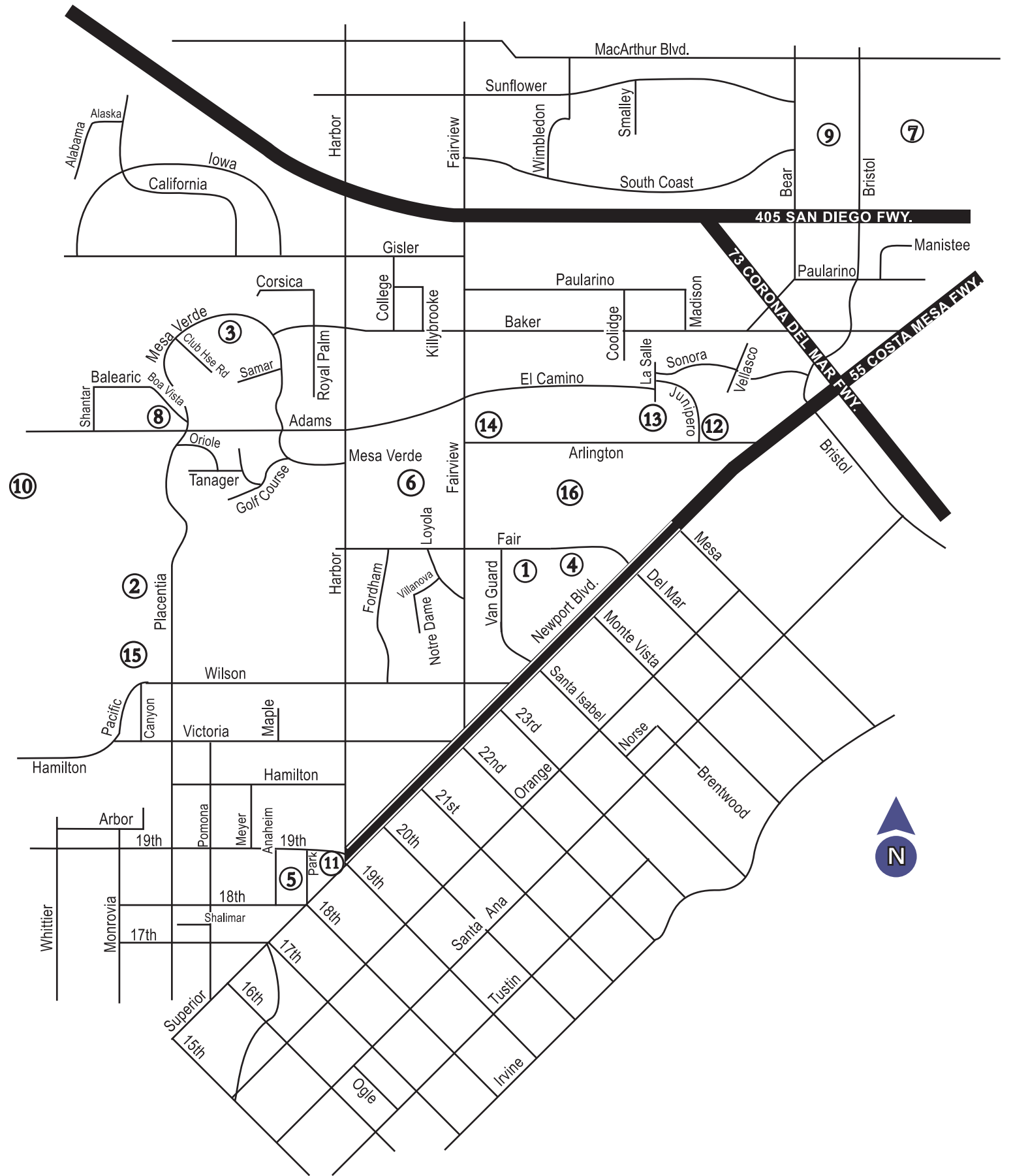
- \_\_\_\_\_ a. City Hall
- \_\_\_\_\_ b. Santa Ana River
- \_\_\_\_\_ c. Estancia Adobe
- \_\_\_\_\_ d. Orange County Fairgrounds
- \_\_\_\_\_ e. Lions Park (AKA Airplane Park)
- \_\_\_\_\_ f. Charles W. TeWinkle Memorial Park
- \_\_\_\_\_ g. O.C. Performing Arts Center
- \_\_\_\_\_ h. Mesa Verde Library



COSTA MESA CITY HALL



- \_\_\_\_\_ i. South Coast Plaza
- \_\_\_\_\_ j. Fairview Park
- \_\_\_\_\_ k. Triangle Square
- \_\_\_\_\_ l. Volcom Skate Park/ Bark park
- \_\_\_\_\_ m. Orange Coast College
- \_\_\_\_\_ n. Costa Mesa High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ o. Estancia High School
- \_\_\_\_\_ p. Police Station



Note: This map is not to scale and is intended for general reference only.



# Activity Book Answer Key

## MYSTERY SPOTS

A4 B10 C8 D16 E5 F13 G7 H3 I9 J2 K11 L12 M6 N14 O15 P1

## SECRET CODE

BETWEEN MOUNTAIN  
AND SEA IS OUR  
CITY OF COSTA MESA

## FAMOUS NAMES

1. Gaspar de Portola 2. Jose Antonio Yorba 3. Gregory Harper 4. Walter Ozment 5. Charles TeWinkle 6. Alice Plumer  
7. Charles Segerstrom 8. Mrs. M. H. Swift 9. Eduardo Polloreno 10. Arthur Mckenzie 11. Frank Vaughn

## DO YOU KNOW

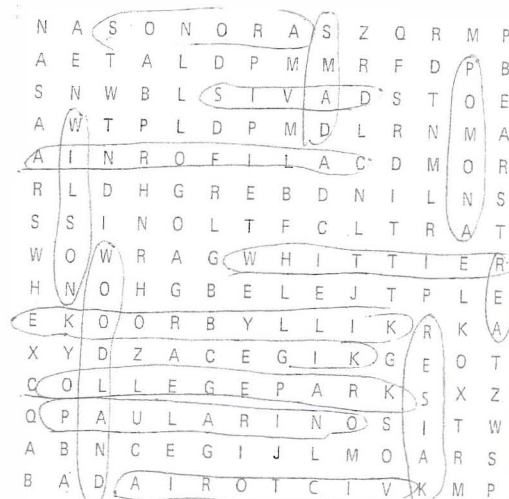
1. Wickiups 2. Portola 3. Santa Ana 4. Estancia 5. \$1 6. Fairview Register 7. Alice Plumer 8. Coastal Tableland  
9. Scarecrow Carnival 10. Charles TeWinkle

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**Across:** 4. TeWinkle 8. Pacific 9. incorporated 10. Indians 13. Lindbergh 14. Harper 15. Yorba

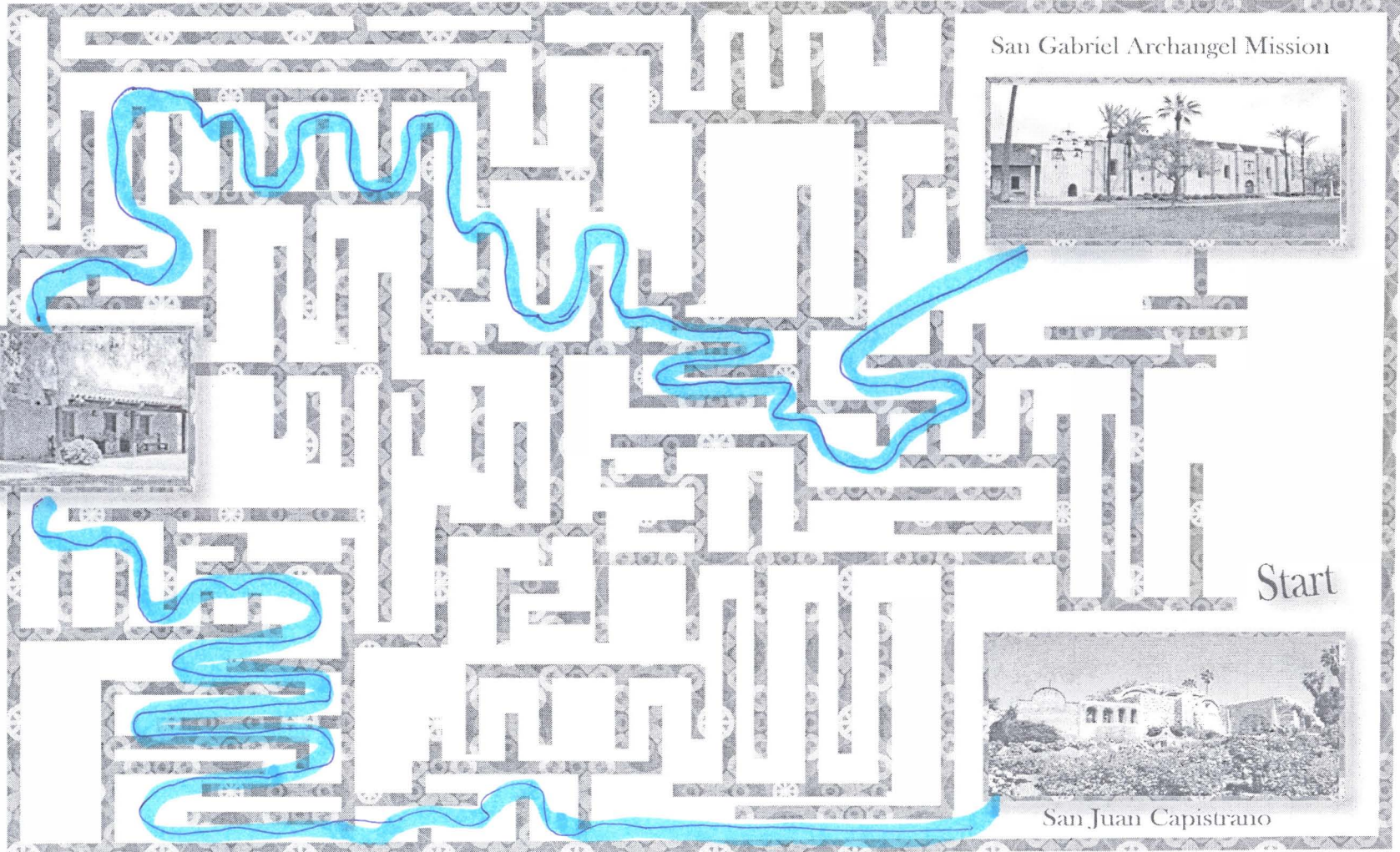
**Down:** 1. Mexico 2. Santa Ana 3. Plumer 5. Estancia 6. Gaspar de Portola 7. King 11. Newport 12. Paularino

## SCHOOL SEARCH

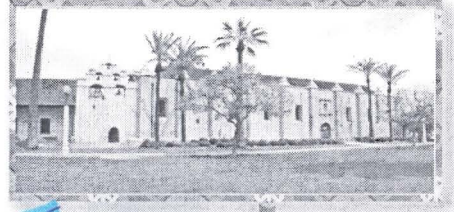


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