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Fallen Tree from 1991 big storm, photo by Kathy Blavatt

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**MIKE MARTINO
1918
DROWNINGS
IN
OCEAN BEACH
THURSDAY
FEB. 18th, 7 PM**

at
PL Methodist Church (PLUM)
1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.,
in O.B.

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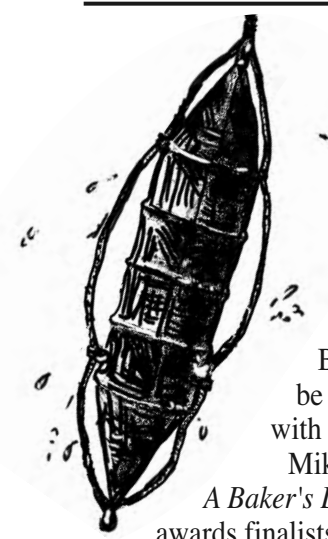
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Thurs., Feb 18th, at 7 p.m. - Mike Martino Presents: 1918 DROWNINGS IN OCEAN BEACH

At PL United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Mike Martino, who is a Lifeguard Supervisor at Silver Strand State Beach, will present the story of the May 5, 1918, Ocean Beach drownings. He will give analysis and examine some of the characters involved the tragic event.

This sad chapter in Ocean Beach's history occurred when a large rip current formed off Ocean Beach devastated the community. thirteen people drown including eleven servicemen. Others thought to be missing, but not confirmed. Multiple rescues were performed by lifeguards, police, and military along with civilians. Rescue operations spanned over three hours.

Mike has written the book the *Lifeguards of San Diego County* published by Arcadia. He also wrote *A Baker's Dozen by the LawGiver* a book of short stories about his work. Both books were San Diego Book awards finalists in 2007.

Annual Wisteria Party

The Ocean Beach Historical Society Annual Wisteria Party will be on the first day of Spring, March 20, 2010 at Noon.

(If the blooms are blooming).
Minimum Suggested Member \$5 Donation.
A notice will be sent to members and posted on:
www.obhistory.wordpress.com

Our Wisteria Party is held at **4761 Niagara Ave., O.B.**, in the yard of the 1904 (or 05) home of OBHS Vice Chair Ned Titlow. The purple Wisteria canopy is the largest Wisteria in OB.
We look forward to another year of Wisteria in full bloom at our tea party where we will have lovely music by John Taffolla and delectables.

Please come join us for a beautiful afternoon of OB culture and fun.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS
OBHS MEETINGS/EVENTS

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ANNUAL
WISTERIA PARTY
SAT., MARCH 20, noon
4761 Niagara Ave., O.B.

EVENTS

OB FARMERS MARKET
Wednesdays 4 p.m.
Newport Ave., OB

NEW MEMBERS

thru JAN:
Marti & Bill Klees, Alva Shafer,
Jaclyn Silvestri.
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HISTORY MAKING OCEAN BEACH STORMS


Left photos,
Famous
1916
Ocean Beach
flood.

Right,
Jan. 2010
Ocean Beach
flood.



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A fond farewell to JACK REICH



We have just learned of the passing of Jack Reich a long-time supporter, Life Member and substantial contributor of pictorial memorabilia to our archives. For the last ten years at least, Jack split his time between Port Townsend, WA and Oceanside, attending our meetings as he was able. He died in June 2009.



Above, 1991 storm, up-rooted tree on Bacon & Narragansett

UNTOLD TALES OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICE

The Congress of History of San Diego and Imperial Counties
45th Annual History Conference
Friday & Saturday, March 5 & 6, 2010
Co-Sponsor: San Diego Police Historical Association
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. • \$25 for both days *

*Only \$25/person for both days (\$20 seniors 65+, \$15 students w/ID)
Conference location: Across the street from the Police Museum
College Avenue Baptist Church, 4747 College Ave., San Diego
www.congressofhistory.org • www.sandiegopolicemuseum.com



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Historical pool below Silver Spray Apt.:
Left, 1991 storm.
Below, Jan. 2010



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Below, OB Pier during storm of 1991



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Below, OB Pier during recent storm of Jan. 2010



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