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1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O. B.

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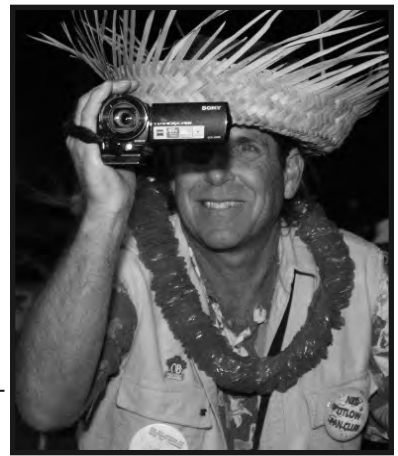
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The Ocean Beach Historical Society presents:




LOCAL BIRDS & LIFE IN O.B.

by O.B. Photographer
STEVE ROWELL
Thurs., Oct. 18th, at 7 PM
P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.



Steve Rowell programs are always a visual treat with great insight into both our local 2 and 4 legged residents. He will bring us more of his fabulous local bird photos and stories... visiting with a few new and old birds, as well as, an update on our local Osprey population. Also, he'll show us some of the people, animals, plants, and scenery of the Ocean Beach area.

Steve Rowell is a well known Ocean Beach photographer known for his historical and bird/animal photos. His work is part of the permanent collection at People's Food. ©Photos by Steve Rowell



40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE 30 FOOT HEIGHT LIMIT

Thurs., Nov. 15th, 7 PM
P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B.

Ever wonder what helps keep Ocean Beach a beach town verses Miami? Most people would answer it's activist community. But equally important is the "30-foot Coastal Height Limit Law", which is celebrating it's 40th anniversary of being voted in as a people's initiative in 1972. The law was the brainchild of a very dedicated activists group called "VOTE". They had the foresight and drive to realize a strong law was needed to protect our views and coast from overdevelopment. VOTE chair Alex Leondis and other original members of VOTE will recount the events, trials and tribulations and importance of staying vigilant when it comes to protecting this important people's voted in law. *Cont. pg.3*

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PRESERVE OB's HISTORY!
OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

We Need: • HISTORICAL PHOTOS,
 ITEMS & DOCUMENTATION • CASH DONATIONS
 • HISTORICAL INTERVIEWS • ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES

GIVE A GIFT THAT HELPS PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORY ARCHIVES

The Ocean Beach Historical Society Archives was founded to preserve the history of Ocean Beach and the peninsula. The Archives Room is housed in space rented from the PLUM Church in O.B., where the OBHS programs are held.

The collection includes: Photos, maps, books, papers, newspapers, letters & artifacts. Also, there is an extensive biography index and San Diego City Directories from 1926 to 1984 which list people, their spouses & occupations. Residents are also listed by street address. Dedicated volunteers assist with the processing.

DONATIONS TO THE ARCHIVES ARE WELCOME.

Many people believe that their lives are of no interest to others, but they are!

Unfortunately, photographs, house plans, business & organization records, and family papers end up in the trash after a death in the family. Photographs, especially, depict people, their activities & customs, homes & buildings, and dress. Some O.B. buildings vanish or functions change almost overnight and new ones appear. The cliffs erode and scenery changes. The OBHS Archives provide an invaluable window into O.B.'s past.

When donating photographs to the Archives, please remember to date, identify the people and places in them.

Reluctant to give up your photos or papers? The Archive's staff would be happy to copy and safely return items to you with your permission to use the materials.

Preservation work often needs support & supplies.

GIFTS MAY BE DONATED AT MONTHLY MEETINGS

It's important to preserve our history and maintain the archives.

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MIKE DORMER 1935 - 2012

Farewell to our very ANIMATED friend Mike... who brought us "Hot Curl"

MEMBERS

Aug.- Sept.:

New Members:

Sandy Colyer & Jerry Leever; Lynn Kirk; Karen Scanlon; Bridget & Byron Wear; Robert G Wright.

Welcome Back:

Patti Dee; Ted Kagan; Jaye & Joe MacAskill; Barbara Schmidt Knecht.

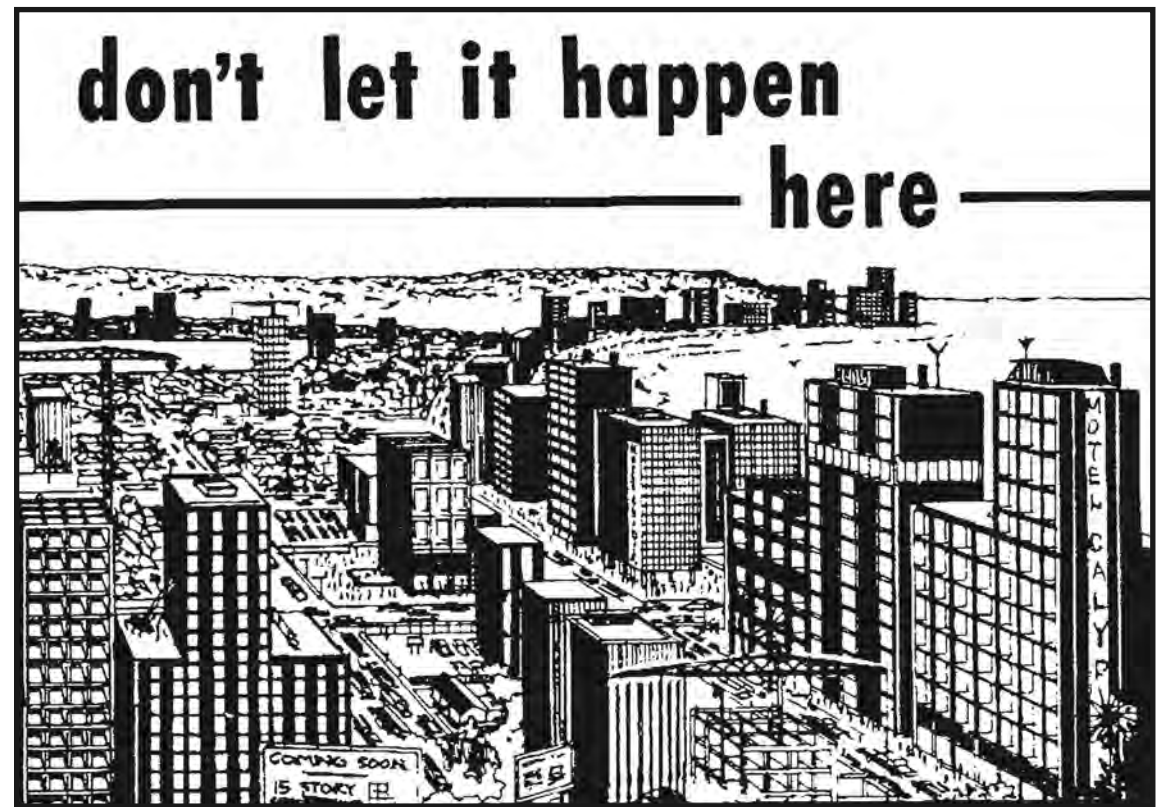
New Life Membership:

Nance & Mark Hunter.

Welcome back:

Tracy Glover; Shauna Peck.

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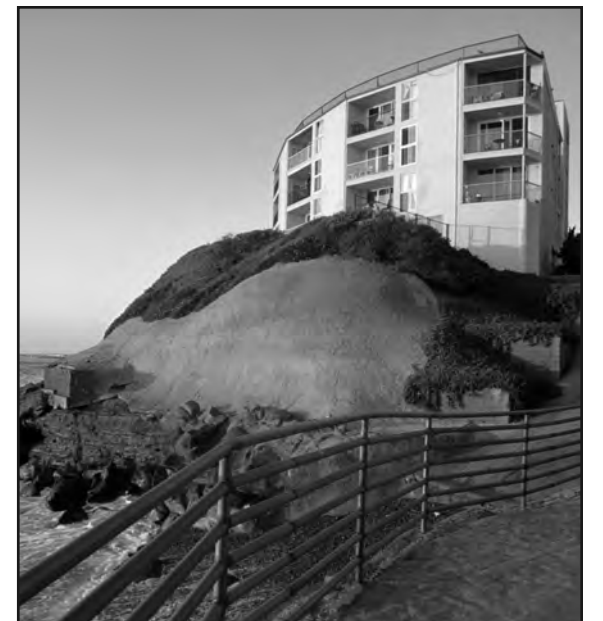
Mid-Left, Cliffs looking up to the foot of Santa Cruz St. in 1969

Lower Left, Photo of Santa Cruz St. after "above 30 foot" complex was built.

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Above Left: Original VOTE Flyer

Below, Over 30 ft. Orchard Ave. complex with seawalls and boulders ©2012-Photo by Kathy Blavatt



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30 FOOT HEIGHT LIMIT

In O.B., P.B. and La Jolla buildings over 30ft. high were fast-tracked through the city approval process before the 30 ft. law was in placet.

Three of such complexes were built on O.B.'s cliffs.

The two massive complexes at the foot of Orchard Ave. and Pescadero Dr. have been costly, due to heavy erosion. The once sandy cove and cliffside were replaced by large seawalls and boulders.