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1912, Tent house belonging to Ruth (Shepherd) Vallin's family (seen in front).
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Ocean Beach Historical Society Presents
**THE BATTLE OF
SAN PASQUAL
DECEMBER 1846:
LOOKING THROUGH THE
HAZE OF GUNSMOKE**
Featuring Richard L. Carrico,
Department of American Indian Studies SDSU
Thursday, September 18, 7PM



at P.L. United Methodist Church, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., O.B. Rocky Point Where Kearny's Forces Camped

EVER WONDER WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AT THE BATTLE OF SAN PASQUAL ON DECEMBER 6-7, 1846? Who really won the battle between Andres Pico and the Californios and General Kearny and the American forces? What was Kearny's objective? How many men did he lose in the ill-fated skirmish? What was the role of the Kumeyaay at the village of San Pasqual and who was the mysterious Indian Andre who accompanied Kit Carson to seek reinforcements? How can you visit the site of the battle and learn more? In the context of the overall events and battles of the Mexican War, the Battle of San Pasqual that occurred on December 6-7, 1846 in San Diego County played a relatively minor role. In the history of California, however, and especially the history of southern California, the battle is of importance because of the military and political leaders involved (both Californio and American), the involvement of local Native American people (primarily Kumeyaay/Ipai and Luiseño), the fact that the sites of the engagements can still be visited, and the placement of the battle in the subtext of California's cultural history and that history's diversity.

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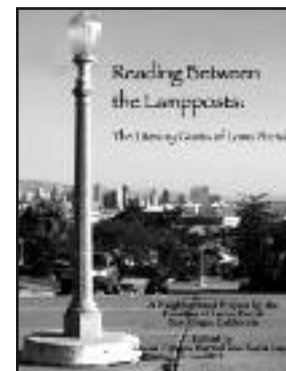
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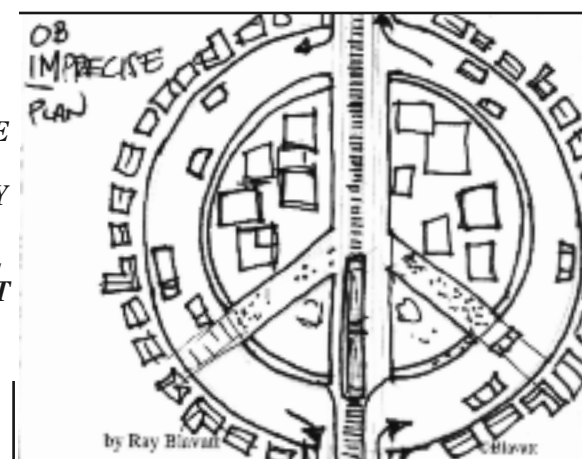
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THE LITERARY
GIANTS OF
LOMA PORTAL
A BOOK ABOUT
STREET
NAMES**

This unique book is a special neighborhood project coordinated by friends Elaine Fotinos Burrell and Karla Lopic. *Continued page 3*



OBceans Celebrated History in the Making on July 29, 2014, as the San Diego City Council Voted Unanimously FOR the Ocean Beach Community Plan Update! More on Page 3

Left Cartoon, If the O.B. Precise Plan did not go through, O.B. would have floated PLAN B— "THE IMPRECISE PLAN"!

"OCEAN BEACH"

Book Signings:

Sept. 6, Book Star, P.L., 1 PM
 Sept. 20, Morena Costco, 1-3 PM
 More Signing Info:
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The 1887 O.B. Historical map poster (in color) has lovely calligraphy, the old street names and the railroad lines. Also has locations and names of the beaches & rock formations, sand dunes and fresh water springs. The map's natural aging, torn edges and stains gives it a wonderful pirate-map quality.



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The "Ocean Beach" book is filled with pages of O.B.'s wonderful history and images including never before published historical photos.

Learn O.B.'s history and be transported back in time through the marvelous pictures in this fantastic book.

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 • CASH DONATIONS • HISTORICAL INTERVIEWS • ARCHIVAL SUPPLIES

PRESERVE OB'S HISTORY!

THE OBHS ARCHIVES HELPS PRESERVE OUR COMMUNITY'S HISTORY

The OBHS 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, 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 depicting 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

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Thank You

Dedi Ridenhour for a interesting program and reading your mother's notes about Sunset Cliffs during WWII.

GRANTS

TEN VERY HAPPY ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVED GRANTS FROM THE OCEAN BEACH TOWN COUNCIL, INCLUDING THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THANK YOU to the Ocean Beach Town Council.



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THE OCEAN BEACH HISTORICAL SOCIETY ALSO RECEIVED A GRANT FROM THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO. THANK YOU to San Diego County & Supervisor Ron Roberts.

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RICHARD L. CARRICO is a local historian, anthropologist, and college professor will provide the answers to the questions posed above and many more at the OBHS Sept. 18th program. Mr. Carrico will also be available to sign copies of his newly revised edition of *Strangers in a Stolen Land: The Indians of San Diego County from Prehistory to the New Deal*.

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READING BETWEEN THE LAMPPOSTS

The neighborhood of Loma Portal in San Diego, California has the curious distinction of its streets being named after (mostly) 18th century authors in alphabetical order. From (Louisa Mae) Alcott to (Emile) Zola, the lives of these 26 authors were researched by 26 neighborhood families, and compiled into this book. Each biographical essay is written in its own style, describing the early life of the historic author, a list of works, and excerpts of writings. A true collaborative effort, this book is a unique celebration of our cherished Loma Portal neighborhood.

OB MAKES HISTORY!



On July 29th, OBceans packed San Diego's City Hall. That afternoon Council Members voted unanimously in FAVOR of the Ocean Beach Community Plan Update!

The Ocean Beach Community Plan update was supported by every O.B. Community group, worked on for over 12 years, and helps preserve our beach town character and cottages.

Thanks to all who helped and supported the plan.

A special thanks to the OB RAG for their fabulous reporting throughout the entire process.

Detailed articles:
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