THE SECRET OF SUNSET CLIFFS

By Mary Jane Church

It is well known that America was discovered and explored by treasure seekers. Wild tales of buried gold and sunken galleons have always thrilled and fascinated adventurous souls. Tales of pirate treasure, pearls from the Orient, gold and silver, silks and spices have teased and taunted men into Neptune's Realm.

Legend has it that Spanish sailors hid caches of gold and silver in the thousands of caves and caverns along southern Californian coastlines. Some of the caves along Sunset Cliffs still hold many dark secrets. One of those secrets and the story of "Mean Billy Morgan" was told to me by a long-time resident of Ocean Beach who heard it from his grandfather.

It seems that back in '49 when gold was discovered at Sutters Mill, thousands of men and women filed grub stakes and sought their fortunes panning for the precious treasure. Some of them made their fortunes quickly and left to live their lives in comfort. Others squandered their gold on whiskey and wild women, still others invested in land or set up saloons, shipping lines and other commercial businesses. The men who remained usually died or were brutally murdered for their claim.

One young man, Billy Morgan, was seventeen when he left home in the mid-West to seek his fortune in the gold fields. He was headstrong and brawny. The oldest of eleven

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT SUNSET CLIFFS

After years of debate, the Sunset Cliffs shoreline protection project has received the final go-ahead. By an 8-0 vote the City Council approved the financing package for the project and awarded a contract to J.W. Mitchell Co. of Irvine, California.

Construction is scheduled to begin in late April and continue through November. Tentative schedules call for construction of rock revetments and laying of the foundations for walls, stairways, and walkways during the months of May, June and July. From mid-July to mid-September the reinforced earth walls will be

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crested and backfilled; stairways, retaining walls, and walkways will be completed. September through November will be devoted to landscaping, clean-up and touch-up work.

All of this assumes, of course, that there are no "unintegrated hang-ups," either geological or in the form of protests and opposition from the Committee to Save Sunset Cliffs, which is now circulating petitions to put the project on the ballot.

Much of the initial construction work will be channeled through a roadway at the foot of Cable Street. After completion of the project, any rubble or debris will be removed.

The walls are supposed to be color-coated to blend in with the cliffs, and the whole area heavily landscaped. However, it will take several years for the foliage to mature and properly cover the cliff and walls, so the bluffs will initially look rather barren and sterile, but should improve with time. We hope. If it doesn't turn out right, or you have any questions, call Cal Chong (293-0998) at the City Engineering Department.

Lifeguard Scott Hinchcliff with the Cliff Rescue Vehicle

Cliff rescues have been part of the San Diego Lifeguards since before World War II. Scott Hinchcliff has been the lifeguard in charge of the ten-year-old cliff rescue rig for the past nine years.

"We have never lost anyone," stated Scott. "Every attempt has been made to warn the public of the cliff's danger, the signs are ignored, or worse yet, not even noticed. Most of the victims are out of towners, it seems, unaware or dubious of the danger.

The Sunset Cliffs rescue is the safest and the most secure method of cliffs rescue, the best thing that San Diego has. The city has already spent untold dollars to train us so why not utilize us to the fullest. Keep San Diego the safest place to come visit and live in."

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LIFESAVERS, AT WHAT PRICE?
By Dorette Jackson

On one of those recent glorious mornings, I climbed the stairs to the new Ocean Beach Lifeguard Tower to meet with Al Lambert. The breath-taking view of the full expanse of the beach and pounding surf did in no way convey the constant, weighty responsibility of human lives that the lifeguard has.

The natives and tourists alike enjoy our beaches, guarded all year round. A lifeguard is an accepted way of life almost, sometime an irritable to an intrepid swimmer, straying surfer or dog-owner without a leash. We tend to take the lifeguards for granted.

As a Lifeguard 2, a permanent, for almost two years (after ten years of Lifeguard 1, seasonal duty) has been very active in the recent salary negotiation hearings by the Civil Service Commission.

"There are several inequities with our pay," Al stated. "Lifeguards 1, seasonalals, receive 45% less pay than Lifeguards 2, though the 1s are the backbone, they are the ones who have the physical contact, they do the initial response. They are paid less than other classifications, ground maintenance people, for instance, without training or responsibilities, get paid more.

A Lifeguard 1's starting pay is $5.15 an hour with no benefits. A Lifeguard 2's starting pay is $7.25 an hour with benefits. If you want to be a Lifeguard — you have to be 17 years old — swim a 600 meter run-swim-run in less than 10 minutes — pass an interview with lifeguard personnel — if you are in the top 30 candidates, you attend Lifeguard Academy. — pass 40 hours of schooling (CPR & First Aid) technical lifeguarding knowledge such as codes and fieldwork. — tests; twice a year — 1 season bay duty, 2nd year ocean birdcages (seasonal towers), work 40 hours a week at 85.13 an hour to start, without benefits.

LA. Lifeguards receive 54% more pay. Newport 56% more pay. San Clemente 15% more pay, California State 26% more pay, yet they have no different training or qualifications requirements than San Diego's lifeguards. Our city lifeguards do scuba rescue, out-of-surf rescue and river rescue, which is quite unique, even for Los Angeles County.

In the 60's and 70's the spread in salary was great, but not like now. The root of the problem is, lifeguarding has not been treated as a lifesaving service. The permanent lifeguards have been represented by the Civil Service Association, and it seems nobody is going to bat. Public safety is important, yet the Park & Rec is not truly pushing." "It takes about five years for a Lifeguard 1, in year-round duty, to get that immediate response, and that's the guys we are going to lose," said Al with sad intensity.

An increase in duties and responsibilities has been added in the recent past. In 1976, the City Council passed an ordinance empowering lifeguards to do non-aquatic arrests such as possession of glass containers, unleashed dogs, parking in emergency access and other misdemeanor crimes. The lifeguards have become an arm of the police on the beach. "In order to enforce ordinances you have to have motivated personnel, besides qualified personnel," added Al.

Out of over one hundred seasonal lifeguards, less than ten are women and only two women are in a permanent position. When questioned about his future, Al quickly responded, a fetching smile and a shrug of the shoulder punctuating a reality, "I love my work, my favorite time is tower duty in the busy time. I have a family, for the single guy it may be O.K. After twelve years, it's part of me, but it's hard."

Next time you see a summoned, energetic lifeguard, do not gloritize his job, remember he is out there watching over you, with little pay, but doing his job. Our beach community needs to be sensitive, while it is still time, voice its concern. Call your councilmen (326-6616) "Let's go to the beach" days are upon us, so many of our youth will need that lifesaving warning. Help make this not only a safe summer, but also a place where public safety has its rewards.

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Guest Editorial

In the wake of the I Love A Clean Ocean Beach Campaign, few of us all of us to evaluate what we, as individuals, can contribute toward a clean community, rather than bemoaning the cut-backs of government maintenance services.

As different factions in the community prioritize their grievance, be it litter, vagrants, dog-droppings, over-turned trashcans, or alleys collections of sundry discards, as a whole, we the community can truly impact and even do away with these eyesores. It is refreshing to see the elementary students artwork depicting a clean O.B. Some of their solutions were too easy, when carried out.

With an increase of summer population, i.e. increase of trash, a habit needs to be taken up by us, the natives, to fight that urge to dump a full ashtray in somebody’s driveway toss just that one bottle in the gutter. Thanks to the economy, ironically, the aluminum cans are the lesser offenders. Yes, we have too few trashcans, yes, the litter ordinance is not being enforced, but is it not up to us to bend down and remove the offensive object, hail at the offender, nicely, pick up that can and do it ourselves? The example could be contagious.

The idea of an annual reminder to do a special project to beautify our city, seems almost silly were it not of such importance to educate the public, or remind the public of that responsibility.

Ocean Beach, in the tradition of being a tad different could lead the way in not restricting it’s effort to eight days in the year but to make it a way of life.

Let’s do away with the dinosaur of attitudes, that I care but nobody else does, or I am doing my share and I don’t see the evidence that same, that is not going to get us far except give us the guarantee of a place, right down there with other communities, waiting year after year for somebody else to solve the problem.

Yes, I do too Love A Clean Ocean Beach.

Dear Editor:

Jackie Sanders can apparently get himself worked up into a frenzy over some of the most trivial things. While most of us are concerned about the proliferation of nuclear weapons, threats of war, taxes, uncertain employment conditions, crime, jobs, and our SDG&E bills... Sanders is concerned with O.B. suddenly having a 40-foot height limit (has he ever lived in an actual city where most buildings exceed 100 feet in height?), density levels (he could always move to Montana), and "community review" which really doesn't mean anything anyway since city government can choose to ignore it.

Yes, there are sure to have problems in O.B. with atrocious lack of land-scaping... been to North Park lately? And then there is his alluding to selling property owners what they can build, and can’t. If the developers were less constrained over the last few years we may have had a situation whereby housing would be abundant. That's what happened in Miami, Houston and dozens of other areas. Builders provided more and more housing... a glut resulted in rents reduced (the law of supply and demand) and housing costs became cheap. You can rent a beautiful place for $450 and buy a nice house for $35,000. But, I suppose, Sanders is more concerned with "input" and say, "a little less input may not result in less money on housing." Wouldn’t we all prefer that to stricter "sign regulations"?

Steven Laddlow
Point Loma Avenue, Ocean Beach

Dear Editor:

Adjacent to the gas station on the corner is a huge stucco house, then a frame house converted to a watered store, then a 14-story office building and lastly a 3-story row of townhouses. This is not San Diego, it is Houston, Texas... where zoning does not exist. Where a property owner can do with his/her land as they darn well please. Where height limits and other arbitrary restraints on construction are absent. Where never is heard a discouraging word from no planning board or commission or department of zoning. Where liberty reigns supreme, and one is in constant fear about what one's neighbor is going to drill for, construct, pave or cut down.

Unfettered freedom has its price, and in Houston that price has included ghastly air pollution often cured only by the "northerns," strong winds from the north, or a heavy rainfall. But the worst result is clearly the incredible traffic which has frequently resulted in gridlock, a phenomenon in which the urban movement reaches the ultimate logjam... nothing moves. However, the massive amounts of construction without planning or zoning has not been the disaster feared. Ample deed restrictions, covenants that are reciprocal, and peer pressure have all combined to keep the "outdoors" in abeyance while allowing most reasonable projects. Moreover, the convenience of sporadic commercial use in predominantly residential neighborhoods reduces reliance on vehicular use and most feel that this outweighs any lost aesthetics of a planned community.

Undoubtedly the lack of long-range planning has allowed Houston to grow from the Texas town it once was, to the fourth largest American city. With no viable mass transit system - things snapped, by nature, Texans love their cars and horses, so commuters hit their happy trails. Traffic jams became legendary. You can take the bus, but this is no guarantee of a timely arrival at your destination. They often break down en route and are abandoned for lack of spare parts.

Cheryl Erhardt-Thompson
The author is a cousin of former Ocean Beach Planning Board Chairperson Ken Erhardt, and is a computer scientist in Houston.

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30 29 O.B Forum 7 p.m. 7:30 Memorial Day

Beacon Deadline
February 13, 2023
O.B. TOWN COUNCIL

OUR PURPOSE AND GOALS ARE...

1) To coordinate efforts to meet problems in the community and civic pride; 2) to develop a sense of neighborhood; 3) to develop community enrichment services; 4) to foster cooperative efforts among interested groups with a common goal of raising the moral standards and public image of Ocean Beach and 5) to promote continual physical improvement and beautification of the area.

The Ocean Beach Town Council, Inc. attempts to help solve problems that require assistance on a local level. Phone: 225-1080.

WHAT WE HAVE PLANNED IN 1982

May  
Rummage Sale
Child Abuse Forum
Ocean Beach Lifeguard Tower Opening
Oceana Beach Picnic

June  
July Fireworks Festival
(July 4th)

August  
Ocean Festival
September  
Lifeguard Dinner
Blood Drive
October  
CPR Training
November  
Installation of Officers
Emergency Food Drive
December  
Tree Festival

COMMUNITY FORUM

Organization representatives and community members at last month’s Community Forum meeting. The Forum meets the last Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the O.B. Rec. and is open to all community concerns. For more info, call 225-9305.

O.B. MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

By Ron Adams

The O.B. Merchants Association is continually striving to clean up our community in many different ways. Only the beginning of the highly successful “I Love A Clean O.B.” campaign in which the merchants sponsored a poster contest for the elementary students to paint posters depicting a clean O.B. is another project aimed at combating the transient/direct problem.

The business district, more specifically the 5000 block of Newport, has a serious problem with the transient population. From all available information most of Silvergate Elementary School’s 8th graders are involved, young people of all ages are being victimized, including sailors, young people and others. As downtown and the Gaslamp Quarter have, so do we wish to make things uncomfortable for that element in our community. We are tired of the black eye O.B. gets mainly because of them.

The police cannot arrest or move people unless they are caught in the act of committing a crime. We want to give the police ammunition to help solve this crime.

The Merchants Association is proposing NO OPEN CONTAINER Ordinance for the business district.

This ordinance, if enacted (like it is in many cities across the country) would not affect the residential areas of O.B. A lot of people enjoy a cool brew on a hot afternoon, however, the place for that is not the business district.

At the March meeting, this concern was vehemently voiced by Councilman Bill Cleator, who left the meeting seeming behind such an ordinance. Mr. Cleator has since met with the police seeking their backing. A compromise has been reached with an agreement by the S.D.P.D. to assign two officers to walk the streets from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Let’s all get behind a NO OPEN ALCOHOLIC CONTAINER Ordinance in our community to help clean up Ocean Beach.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SENIOR CORNER

A social service worker to assist older adults living in the Ocean Beach-Point Loma area was announced for May 15th by Pat Rickson, Vice-President of Social Services for the Peninsula Sheriffs Centers.

The worker will be available on a regular daily basis in the Cottage, located at 6015 Conception Ave. (right behind the San Ysidro Center Thrift Shop) to help seniors and their families with daily living problems. The new worker will also visit the housebound, when required.

The Peninsula Shepherd Center is an interfaith organization developed by community churches to assist existing quality senior programs and to expand the services that enable Peninsula seniors to stay as independent as possible in their homes.

For more information, please call Mondays - Fridays, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 223-2654.

SACRED HEART PARISH FESTIVAL

The RAINBOW FAIR

Sacred Heart Parish of Ocean Beach began its annual festival in 1975 as a fun way to reducing the parish subsidy to Sacred Heart Academy, and as a means of promoting fellowship among all who participate. This year the "Rainbow Fair" will be held June 5th from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and June 6th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be a raffle for drawings of cash prizes of $2,000, $500, and two season Charger tickets. An early bird drawing will be held on May 23rd. One ticket will be drawn and the lucky person will win a 19" portable color television set.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at Sacred Heart School or Sacred Heart Church. Family sponsorship donations will also be accepted. Other information for donations to the White Elephant booth or craft booth is available by calling Mary Vicknair at 222-1684 or Sacred Heart Parish.

In memory of Joyce Southgate, 3rd grade teacher at Ocean Beach Elementary, who died suddenly last fall, almost 8600 was raised by students, colleagues, parents and community members. 844 went toward planting a Torrey Pine on the school grounds and the remainder of the monies helped out 6th graders to Camp Marston last month. 71 happy students left O.B. and arrived at the camp amidst snow flurries, waded in puddles and ran from downpours, bright sunshine on their last day.

There are no adequate words to say thank you to all of you who contributed towards this fund. Any 6th grader will tell you what an experience it was to be at camp for a week. Thank you.

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PLANNING BOARD NOTES

PLANNING BOARD ELECTIONS

By Bob Burns

The Ocean Beach Planning Board will hold its fourth community-wide elections of representatives on June 8th. At least one seat will be up for election in each of the 7 board districts. The term of office is currently three years; those elected in 1984 and beyond will have two-year terms. Petitions need to be signed by at least 20 residents, business licensees, or property owners from the district in which a candidate wishes to be nominated in to run. Petitions are available at board meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the O.B. Rec. Center, 4728 Santa Monica Ave. at 7:00 p.m. For further information or another means of acquiring a petition, call Robert Burns at 223-0441 or contact your local board reps.

PROPOSITION 9, THE PERIPHERAL CANAL BALLOT ISSUE

The Ocean Beach Planning Board and the Community Forum sponsored an informational debate on April 21st. In an attempt to shed some light on this controversial ballot measure for the residents of Ocean Beach. Ironically, the debate was held at the Ocean Beach School Cafeteria in front of a mural depicting water, ocean water at that. Less than 30 people attended this informational forum. For a ballot measure of such vast importance it is rather discouraging to acknowledge the small percentage of the voting population willing to take the time to become informed. Assemblyman Larry Kapiloff, author of the bill, spoke on the importance of the canal's construction and sensitively covered its impact on the north coast rivers, enhancement of fish and wildlife in the Delta, and foremost ensuring a sufficient supply of water to replace water lost from the Colorado River.

Dan Martin, an O.B. resident and no newcomer to the political arena, spoke eloquently against Prop. 9, giving numerous statistics and facts disproving the need for such construction; stressing the sufficient water retention tanks and in essence disclaiming the need for such a canal.

Assemblyman Kapiloff

The Questions and Answers period proved as interesting but never provided a one sentence answer, be it to the cost of the Canal or an alternative measure. If you, the voter, still do not understand Prop. 9, please call Citizens for Water, at 226-1332. Proponent of Prop. 9, or Californians for a Fair Water Policy, at 224-2933.

AND THE WINNER IS...

By Jackie Sanders

Mission Beach is in the 41st Congressional District, Lindberg field is in the 44th Congressional District. Which do you think Ocean Beach is in?

You guessed it - the 45th Congressional District, along with El Centro, Jacumba, and Ocotillo Wells. How, you may wonder? Believe me, it wasn't easy, surgically carving the Peninsula out of San Diego and connecting it with Imperial County via a narrow strip of land which runs along the Mexican Border! (see map). But such is the art of gerrymandering.

Yes, its time once again for the decennial circus known as redistricting. Every ten years legislative districts must be realigned to account for population shifts. In theory, every Congressional District should have the same population as any other Congressional District; every City Council District should be equal to any other City Council District, etc.

While on paper it is a simple mathematical exercise, in practice it becomes a bitterly fought partisan struggle to shape districts which will elect politicians of a certain party.

This time around, the Democrats were in control in California. Inten on carving out a safe Democratic seat for Jim Bates to run in, the combined as many Republican voters as possible into the 45th Congressional District. The fact that this meant linking the Republican strongholds of Pt. Loma and La Jolla with the back country all the way to Arizona was inconsequential. Poor Duncan Hunter, who will be the incumbent in the 45th District, literally had no choice but to accept the decisions by the redistricting committee.

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REZONING O.B.,
A VIEW FROM THE CITY
by Brian Milich
Associate Planner

On May 6, 1982, at 11:00 a.m., the City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the City’s Local Coastal Program. Specifically, the hearing will address implementation of the Land Use Plans within each community segment. In terms of Ocean Beach this means that finally, after over seven years, the 1975 Ocean Beach Precise Plan will at last be considered for implementation. Once this implementation phase is completed, generally all development permitting authority within the Coastal Zone will revert to the City with only limited appeal to the Coastal Commission. This will result in a streamlining of the permit process throughout the Coastal Zone.

Key provisions of the Ocean Beach Implementing Ordinances as presently proposed include the following:

1. Redesignation of the residential area west of Sunset Cliffs Boulevard from R-4 to R-1750 (one dwelling unit for every 1,750 square feet of lot area).
2. Consolidation of the commercial areas located generally along Newport, Voltaire and Point Loma Avenues and
3. Establishment of a special sensitive coastal resource overlay district designed to protect the beaches and cliffs.

Where these ordinances necessitate a rezoning, such rezonings would not occur until after the draft ordinances and zoning maps have been approved by the City Council and the Coastal Commission. The rezonings themselves would necessitate separate public hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council.

The City Planning Department has worked closely throughout the entire coastal planning process with the Ocean Beach Planning Board and a variety of interested groups and citizens. While it is realized that implementation of some of the recommendations in the Precise Plan will necessitate rezonings, such rezonings are being minimized to only those necessary to adequately implement the Precise Plan. It is important to realize that the Precise Plan has, in effect, been implemented by the Coastal Commission since 1976, since the Coastal Commission has only approved those projects which were consistent with the recommendations of the Precise Plan.

Draft copies of the ordinances are available for review at the City’s Planning Department (4th floor, 202 “C” Street) along with maps of the areas where the zoning would be applied. All interested persons are invited to review these documents and also attend the Planning Commission hearing on May 6th.

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Concerned Residents
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FRANKLY SPEAKING
By Billy Frank

RIGHT AND WRONG - LANDLORD VS. TENANT

You rent an apartment from the owner, month to month, pay your rent on time, keep their place clean, don't sneak in any pets or friends - you should be able to live there as long as you wish. Right? Wrong. In this country we have things called "private enterprise" and "private property." These are political philosophies on which our form of government are based. A person owns a patch of property, but can do anything he wishes with it, as long as he doesn't harm the general health of the community. He can agree to rent it for one month at a time with no obligation to renew it for another month. He can rent it for a year or anything he wants. Even at the end of the rental period, he can simply say "move."

On the landlord side, if a tenant rents for a year, he has the right as a tenant to occupy the property without unreasonable interference from the owner. The owner can come in any time and look at the property to make sure the tenant is not violating the lease. Right? Wrong. The landlord ordinarily cannot enter the dwelling in case of emergency to take possession or to repair or agree repairs, or with consent of the tenant. The landlord should give notice and the tenant should be home. After all, when one rents a place, for whatever time, it is his to occupy exclusively as long as he complies with the agreement.

You lease an apartment for a year thinking you will never ever leave the beach. Six months later you get transferred. You can get out of the lease. Right? Wrong. Of course you don't have to live there, but you owe the rent for the full year, unless you or the landlord can get a court to order an equal amount of rent, when you rent an apartment, you inspect it, and take it "as is." If you find out later the sink won't drain without a little help from the cockroaches, it's your tough luck. Right? Wrong. The landlord has to provide a habitable dwelling. If the basic amenities for sanitation and protection from the elements are missing, you have the right to have conditions corrected (California Civil Code Sec. 1941). The tenant can vacate the untenable premises, or can repair and deduct not more than one month's rent. However, he can only do this twice in any 12 month period. Sure, you withhold the rent the landlord kicks you out. Right? Wrong. The law SAYS the landlord cannot take retaliatory action for 180 days. As usual, it is one thing for the law to guarantee a right, and quite another to enforce it. To enforce a right, you have to sue - that means prepare and file papers in a court. That almost always means hiring a lawyer. That ALWAYS means paying a fee. True, for a retaliatory eviction, a landlord can be sued for actual damages, for up to $10,000 in punitive damages, and for attorney's fees. However, win or lose, you usually owe the lawyer and he usually wants most of it "up front." A legal "right" has a price tag, and the first thing you have to afford it. Remember, policemen don't enforce civil remedies, and lord-tenant disputes involve civil remedies.

If you don't pay your rent, the landlord has to give you 30 days notice to move. Right? Wrong. He has to give you a 3 day notice to EITHER pay the back rent or move. If you do neither, he can ONLY file an unlawful detainer suit in court. He cannot legally lock you out, cut off your utilities, or put your things on the street. BUT, if he does sue you in court, he may collect TRIPLE damages. When you move, the landlord can keep all your security deposit for general damages. Right? Wrong. The landlord can require a limited amount of security deposit, and can retain only such amount as is reasonably necessary for any unpaid rent, repair damages caused by the tenant (except ordinary wear and tear), or to clean the premises within 2 weeks after moving, when the tenant is entitled to an itemized, written statement of how the security deposit was charged off, and is entitled to be then and there paid the balance.

If you want to learn more about the landlord-tenant law, read Sections 1940 to 1954 of the Civil Code.

COP SHOP
By Officer Nancy Hawkins

April 2, 1982 saw the arrival of a new member of the Ocean Beach Community Relations Office. Ed Mendoza, a Community Service Officer has now been assigned to the storefront; Ed has been a CSEO for approximately two years.

A CSEO is a non-sworn position within the Police Department. CSEO's often drive blue wagon throughout the city and some of their duties may include writing parking citations, impounding found property, traffic direction and home security inspections.

Additionally, Ed has been trained as a referral agent. Ed is a highly competent and personal addition to the storefront staff, his arrival will enable the storefront to return to the prior 8:30 to 5 p.m. schedule.

EMERGENCY FOOD BANK

The Emergency Food Bank (Loaves and Fishes) celebrated recently it's fourth year of Service with a Pot-Luck for all the volunteers and supporters. The event was also to bid Fare Thee Well to Curt Gedney, former pastor at the Ocean Beach Baptist Church and the very first clergy to chair this organization. The social affair was a welcome change of pace from the hectic hours of bagging food, slicing cheese and doling out produce or whatever else available for the needy. This year alone the E.F.B. has helped over 1,800 people.

Thanks to all for your caring for a less fortunate fellow-man.
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Security Checklist
Helps To Evaluate Your Home's Vulnerability

Survey your home security with the checklist provided below (part of the San Diego Police Department's Community Alert. 1. Keep a list of valuable property. 2. Make a list of the serial numbers of your watches, cameras, typewriters and similar items. 3. Have on hand a description of another valuable property that does not have a number. 4. Avoid unnecessary display or publicity of your valuables. 5. Keep excess cash and other valuables in a bank.
At lands end
the sea world
begins.
At the edge of
what is known
our fantasies
are free.
CHARLES FAUST: O.B. SANDMAN

By Catherine Wambach

The Sandman of Ocean Beach is a gent who creates sculptures in thirty foot long sandboxes. The sand cast sculptures can be as large as an 80' by 20' wall. They are bas reliefs of natural settings typical to the areas in which they are hung. Some of the largest sand castings may be viewed at San Diego Federal Savings and Loan and the Chart House Restaurant. A few other spots where the sculptures have been on display is the Fine Arts Gallery, the Reuben E. Fleet Space Museum, Lindberg Field Airport and numerous local restaurants and offices.

Charles Faust creates a pacificity in his art, noticeable by the lack of people in his works. He uses local history to provide a backdrop for the natural beauty of the area. For example, in restaurants near the coast, replicas of the early schooners are depicted accompanied by whales, fish and gulls. Island buildings house sandcastings representing the mining, railroad or other experiences of the particular town. Pictures of caves and cliff villages are displayed in his desert sketches.

Charles Faust is also talented with a sculpting knife, pen and paint brush. His sculptures, sketches and paintings demonstrate his talent in capturing the quality of the past in present realism. All his work is documented by his own research or experience of the subject matter. Charles has gained some of his knowledge of the birds and beasts through his position as Architectural Design Director for the Zoological Society of San Diego. During the past twenty-five years his designs have influenced the San Diego Zoo and the Wild Animal Park. He has gained additional experience for his sketches and sandcasting on African Safaris and travels around the world.

Charles Faust is a second generation native of San Diego. He has worked work away from the city in a natural setting where he can watch environmental changes of the beach and the ocean. He lives in Ocean Beach as an artist and community. One where people are made to feel at home.

In Ocean Beach for over twelve years and maintains his studio on Voltaire Street. All of the Faust's work is involved in the business as time permits. It is a family affair. Rolfe, the eldest son, is the only full time employee, everyone else works at other jobs. The family, a paraplegic and fireman, and a High School buddy of Charles compose the current crew that work evenings to create the Faust masterpieces in the sand. An average 5 x 20' sculpture requires two or three months of labor. Every piece is an original; once the plaster is poured the original sand portrayal is destroyed.

Chuck Faust enjoys his work, his family and the community in which he has chosen to work. He likes to...
LOCAL ARTISTS

Step By Step

Walk slowly, let the trees and the earth be gentle around you, quietly you can grow step by step.

Elizabeth Harrington

Laying on the sand, bouncing surf sounds magnify the longing I feel for the summer bird.

Jon Hyde

Once Upon A Summertime

Once upon a summertime there were three.
My new friend, my true love and me,
And we were happy.
Our passion as the summer grew out of the golden dew and long before our time was done, we walked along the sea as two.
After love and you had gone and the winter came to the sea I thought of how it really was not the way I dreamed it would be.

The castles we built were only in my mind, the tide took them away
And like a child I cried alone as the dusk caught up to the day.
Now the times remembered the memories that last are only words kept on paper to remind me of the past.

Mary Jane Church

It Rained

I washed my smelly tennis shoes and lined them up in rays upon the porch, tongues open to the sun to dry.
It rained.

Marge Hawkins

Charles Faust

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Proper handling of passengers also is a boat handling skill. A wise skipper forbids bow and rail riding aboard his boat. Each year these dangerous practices account for serious injury and fatalities.

The skipper also has the responsibility of insuring all safety factors on his vessel. One of the best ways to add to safety aloof is a free Coast Guard Auxiliary Examination performed by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary at marinas and launch ramps everywhere. The Mission Bay Flotilla operates its Courtesy Marine Examination Station at Dana Landing the second Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This consists of a thorough check of safety equipment and operating gear. Vessels which pass are awarded the coveted Seal of Safety. Boats which fail are not reported or penalized.

Now that your boat is properly loaded and safely secured, check the boating novice must consider two boat handling essentials: dockage and anchoring.

For the newcomer, docking a boat can be a frustrating, embarrassing experience. It is all a matter of practice. The best advice is to approach docking with caution, slowness and patience. Experience will help you deal with those factors that influence docking such as other boats, winds, seas and current.

But always be prepared in advance with docking lines, fenders and boat hook. By taking one's time, docking can become as simple as leaving the dock.

Anchoring is a skill every boater must acquire. You select an anchor and line according to the size of the boat and the type of anchoring you expect to do. It is wise to carry two anchors, for stabilization purposes or in case of emergency.

A couple of basic rules go hand in hand with anchoring skill. They help make it relatively simple. Always point the head of your boat into the wind or current when preparing to anchor. Reduce speed then put the engine in reverse as your mate lowers (never throws) the anchor.

Idea conditions determine how much line, or scope, is let out, but generally it is a ratio of seven to one. That is, scope equal to seven times the depth of the water. This usually is sufficient for most weather and anchoring conditions.

There are a host of subjects related to boat handling, and you can improve your skill by attending a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary course in safe boating skills. For further information, contact the Mission Bay Flotilla at 272-8130.

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children, he left his family with a grim determination and true guilt seen only in men twice his age. One of the many young men on his way to the fields, Billy held two distinct advantages over the others. One was his size, he stood six feet two and weighed two hundred pounds, and the other was his intelligence. His mother had taught Billy how to read and write. He stayed panning for a year and two months when he had saved up $8600.00. He guarded it carefully, never fluxing it around and being prudent in his purchases.

Billy managed to team up with a wagon train headed for San Francisco. It was then that he met, courted and married sixteen year old Mary Bonny two weeks later. A comedy girl, Mary Bonny was for all outward appearances a shy thing. Few people knew that underneath those shy grey eyes lay the heart and nature of a mischievous. She had seduced Billy and planned to have her way with him and his money.

Mary recognized an instinctive intelligence in her young husband and worked out a plan to separate the man from his carefully guarded fortune. Billy had other plans.

One night as they parked their goods for the next days journey. Mary used her guile and cunning to convince Billy into leaving the wagon train and pairing up with another couple who were headed towards the California mission.

Billy hesitated at first but Mary persisted, pointing out that they would be able to set up a dry goods store and deal with the trade ships from the Orient. Billy gave in. The next morning they started on their journey.

CONTINUED NEXT MONTH

BOAT HANDLING

Editor's Note: This article is the first of a series offering tips on boating skill and seamanship prepared for the OB Beacon by Flotilla 16-S of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary.

By Samuel V. Briedis
Public Affairs Officer
Mission Bay Flotilla

Like driving a car or flying a plane, handling a boat is a skill gained by study and practice. It is an interesting and exciting experience.

Often a first-time boat owner may be frightened. His boat may not respond in ways he expects. He may feel he does not have control. But fear can be an Incentive to boating safety.

Basic boat handling skills require, as a first step, a knowledge of how and why boats behave as they do. This can be gained by trial and error, but caution on the water can be dangerous to the boater and those in the vicinity.

An adequate amount of basic boating knowledge can be learned in the Coast Guard Auxiliary classroom, at low risk. But eventually the more hours you spend on your boat, the more expert you become at handling her. Many novices can step aboard for the first time as good as they do. Why this happens is not quite as simple as driving the family car.

One of the grave mistakes made by novice boaters is overloading. In smaller outboard boats, the owner should examine the capacity plate affixed to the stern, which specifies the number of passengers or weight the boat is built to accommodate.

Exceeding this capacity affects performance and invites danger. Automatically, the freeboard of any boat is reduced when overloaded. This could lead to swamping or capsizing. These two dangers are also reduced by properly loading your boat, so that weight is evenly distributed from bow to stern and from side to side. Stability of a boat would be sorely affected, for example, if your five passengers are distributed four on the port side and one on the starboard.

Over-powering a boat is equally as dangerous as overloading. A similar plate on your boat's transom indicates maximum horsepower intended for a particular craft. Over-powering invites dangerous handling characteristics. Consequently, speed can be handled only by surrounding conditions and should be tempered with good judgement and caution, traffic and surface conditions.
FISH STORIES

Fish Stories is a monthly feature courtesy of OUT Rite and Tackle.

By Geoff Griffin

T is the time to cast a line so all of you youthful fishin' folks hurry on down to the waters edge and commence with some early summer fun.

Well it's May and everything is heating up, including the fishing. April was excellent with many people enjoying some very good late summer season opaline fishing off the coast and spotfin croaker action in Mission Bay.

The opaline have pretty much migrated to their summer home in the kelp for some summer Hanky Funky, but some new travelers have arrived.

Many types of bass are starting In for their summer spawn and action off of the piers and jetties should be quite good. If you have the equipment, i.e., long casting surf rod, you can have some excellent bass fishing off Sunset Cliffs all the way to Cabrillo Monument.

Two different fishing styles are good for bass: Bass and Lures.

The bait for these wiley creatures is varied: live fresh, frozen and salted anchovies, ghost shrimp and squid, although these fish will eat about anything. Ghost shrimp is my favorite as well. It is almost everything caught off the shoreline eats them, giving you a more varied catch to work with.

Many ways exist to rig your bait. The two ways I like best are: (1) a regular surf leader with 1 or 2 hooks and a weight on the bottom; or (2) a sliding weight with a 2- leader consisting of a small swivel and a hook at the end, the sliding weight being placed above the swivel on your line. The ideal part for this type of setup would be live anchovies and these also are the most difficult to keep alive.

If you don't have a lot of time or you are tired of using bait, there are many types of artificial lures which can be used quite effectively if you take the time to tune your technique. Some of the more popular types are: yellowfins, lures are scavengers, scarpers and sassy shads. These are plastic tall lures which seem to give the most life-like action for local surf fishing.

There are a whole range of lures to fish with should you get overly taken by this form of fishing.

The use of lures off the shore is ever changing as the fish come and go with the seasons. If you would like to try this particular type of fishing, stopping by your local tackle shop would be my best advice as they will be able to give you information on color, size and method for current fishing success.

Although I only discussed bass fishing don't think that they are the only fish biting. This time of year is excellent for many types of fish. To name a few: cophias and surf perch in the surf, spotfin croakers, yellowfin croakers in the bay, mackerel, bonita, barracuda, yellowtail in the kelp beds and many types of perch are off of the rocks and kelp. So take time off and enjoy some local color and if the fish don't bite well, just remember you could be holding in some dark corner glued to the tube and a day in the sun has got to be better than any show C.B.S can come up with!

Toby O'Connell - Caught at Cape May Ate

PET NEWS

Fleas? Funny You Should Ask By Ronald D. Schechter, VMD.

This article is Part Two of a three-part series provided to the Beacon courtesy of Dr. Eldon Prock, VMD.

Effects Of Flea Infestation

In addition to the constant biting and scratching, resting and restlessness of the flea infested dogs and cats, the flea bites often cause inflammation of the skin. The constant self trauma causes the hair to break and fall out and irritated bald spots to appear. In chronic cases the skin thickens and becomes dandruff and pigment.

Some dogs and cats for unknown reasons seem to be more attracted to fleas. It is not uncommon to find certain animals heavily infested, while others in the same household are relatively free. Moreover, a few animals do not seem to be particularly affected by flea bites, especially early in life. But eventually most dogs and cats develop an increasing sensitivity. Hyper-sensitivity or allergic reactions to flea bites (specifically to chemicals in flea saliva), begins to occur in some dogs and cats after repeated and prolonged exposure, although this is quite variable and unpredictable. A progressively more severe dermatitis or inflammation of the skin occurs, usually beginning on the area of the back around and just forward of the tail base (or rump). As the reaction continues it tends to spread towards the head, involving the rest of the trunk, rear and inner thighs and groin, and sometimes the abdomen and chest. These latter areas, as well as the head and neck, are often spared or are only affected late in the course of the disease. In the cat, flea bites allergy usually manifests itself as multiple, tiny red spots and crusts all over the head, neck and trunk. In both cases, the affected areas are extremely itchy and severe damage to the skin and coat results.

Fleas usually become a problem that even one or two flea bites are enough to trigger a harsh and prolonged reaction. The itching and resulting self-trauma can continue for days, despite the immediate eradication of the fleas, unless treated properly.

FLEAS AND TAPEWORMS

As if the damage caused by fleas directly were not enough, the ingestion or eating of fleas by the dog and cat can often does result in tapeworm infestation.

Tapeworm segments, which contain hundreds of tapeworm eggs, are eaten by flea larvae. The eggs hatch into tapeworm larvae that remain inside the developing fleas until it is eaten by a dog or cat. Digestion of the flea releases the tapeworm larvae, which then develop into adult tapeworms and attach to the intestinal wall of the host and begin producing new egg-bearing segments. Eventually, flea infestation may cause the dog or cat to eat more fleas and become parasitized by tapeworms.

Many conflicting symptoms have been attributed to tapeworm infestation, ranging from constipation to diarrhea, weight gain to weight loss, ravenous appetite to poor appetite, as well as many others. Most authorities, however, consider the average infestation to be relatively harmless and without clinical signs of illness; nevertheless it is probably best to worm your pet whenever tapeworm segments are noticed, just to be safe.

Tapeworm segments are usually found in feces or around the anus, often attached to the surrounding hair. They are flat, approximately 1/16 inch wide, 1/8-1/4 inch long and are tan to creamy white in color. When fresh they exhibit slow undulating contractions later after drying out, they resemble pieces of dry rice. These segments can cause tapeworm infestation directly. They must first be eaten by fleas and the flea must then be eaten by the dog or cat. Human infestation by the dog or cat tapeworm is rare.

NEXT MONTH: The Treatment
THE OPEN EYE PREVIEW

THE EVASIONS

Surf Music - What Is It?
The California lifestyle in the early 60's was exciting and innovative. With surfing and a desire to enjoy the beach gaining popularity, the endless summer became the dream. Out of this era emerged the surf sound: producing artists such as The Chantays, The Pyramids, The Astronauts and the legendary Dick Dale and The Deltones. Truly a unique sound reflecting those benevolent times.

In the mid to late 60's came the British music invasion of The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, etc., and surf music was lost, until now. Twenty years later Richard Banke, Tim Rutherford and Dave Goodwin are "The Evasions". Dave Goodwin of KGB FM. The rhythm of the driving beat and thunderous bass of Tim and Dave, with the melodic surf guitar of songwriter Richard Banke, are locked into the increasingly popular surf sound. Both Tim and Dave live and grew up surfing in the Point Loma-Ocean Beach area while Richard resides in Hillcrest. All three enjoy surfing the breaks San Diego has to offer. Their unique sound has earned them coverage in Surfer and Goldmine magazines and their originals have received air play on KGB and 100 radio stations. This spring "The Evasions" plan to release their debut album "Son of Surf". This collection of thirteen original songs and "The William Tell Overture" promises to be an exciting change of pace for music in the 80's. Talk of a Hawaiian tour in August are among some of the gigs they have scheduled this summer. The Evasions are a rising talent on the local scene and certainly a band to watch in the future.
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NEWSPHLSHES

The Bottle Can initiative collected sufficient valid signatures to be placed on the November ballot.

Collector Items
The "34th Kite Festival" T-shirts are still available for $5, through courtesy of Games People Play, 5023 Newport Ave. Proctors will go to the O.B. Rec. Council.

May 4th at 8:30 a.m., the California Coastal Commission seeks a preliminary injunction to stop A.J. Hall from draining the Famous Slough. Superior Court, Dept. 18, 1220 Broadway.

Boy Scouts of this area will be attending the District "camporee" at Dos Picos Park in Ramona. May 14, 15 & 16. The theme of the event is "Frontier Run" with the annual "Order of Arrow" tap-out ceremony.

The Plasma Center on Newport has closed shop, no future plans at this time.

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