

# Editorial



It looks like the community spirit is shining again in Ocean Beach. Regardless of the weather, citizens of Ocean Beach have flocked to the business areas to find out what's happening with the fireworks this year. The continued motivation and support from the Merchants Association and local business owners have ensured Ocean Beach that we will not lose our Fourth of July rally. This year's cracker fest should be the best ever.

Fireworks are an ancient Chinese festivity to welcome in the New Year by warding off evil spirits which may try to descend to earth. In the U.S.A. firecracker displays have dressed the skies with color each Fourth of July to commemorate a war's end and the beginning of a new nation.

We look to the sky with oohs and aahs saluting the glory of our forefathers, mothers, sisters and brothers. In Ocean Beach we too have reason to salute those who have come before us. Ocean Beach has gone through several dramatic transitions which have shaped our community as it is today. Community participation in shaping the beach environment has been inherent in O.B. since the end of WW II. Generations of Peninsular families have participated in and enjoyed community functions sponsored by groups and associations throughout Ocean Beach and Point Loma.

We often take for granted the activities available to us. Few San Diego communities provide weekend fairs, pancake breakfasts, kite or firework festivals, parades, auctions or personalized community T-shirts. Ocean Beach is not ordinary in any way. Our community personality stems from the efforts we as active concerned citizens put forth to improve our environment.

The rest of San Diego may not realize the treasure that lies within the boundaries of Ocean Beach. Geographically isolated by hills and water, O.B. residents protect and perfect the intimate atmosphere of our small town. This friendship among neighbors creates the base for our community festivities. This Fourth of

July and throughout the summer months let's celebrate the special feelings among friends and neighbors that only Ocean Beach people know.

*The essence of all power to influence lies in getting the other person to participate.*

## Letters

Dear People:

Enclosed is my check for \$8.00 for a year's subscription to O.Beacon. Can I get copies of the first four issues, please?

I've only lived here 42 years, but there is lots of good local news of the kind I haven't been getting. Good features, too.

— Kathy Ward  
Long Branch Ave.

Dear Editor:

What happened to *The Secret of Sunset Cliffs* story? If it's true where can I get a copy of it?

— Jennifer Parker  
Point Loma Avenue

Dear Ms. Parker:

The Secret of Sunset Cliffs returns this issue and will continue throughout the summer.

— Editor

### WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU?

Your enthusiasm and willingness to step in whenever called upon has meant the success of this paper.

Connie Anderson  
Chester  
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Sam Young

For all that you have given .....  
Thank you.

### CORRECTIONS TO JUNE ISSUE

The article *Flags Along Newport* was incorrectly credited; Dusty Rhodes was the author; the names of the patriotic gentlemen pictured in the accompanying photo were reversed. Sarg Braman on the left and Ray Perine on the right. We apologize for the error.

## The Secret of Sunset Cliffs

by Mary Jane Church

Part Two of a Continuing Series

Billy Morgan was one of the few gold miners to find his fortune at Sutters Mill and keep it. He and his young bride Mary had been married six months when they finally set out on their long journey down the California coastline from San Francisco. The year was 1851 and California was a brand new state. Their final destination was the city of San Diego.

"Bigger and Better" were the words used to describe events in the United States in the 1850's and developments in the far west kept pace. The United States was "growing up" and "growing out" at the same time.

Billy and Mary's dream was to set up a trading post and general store. Fur traders and merchant ships had been making regular calls at the California ports for many years. During these calls the traders established commercial relations with settlers as they had with the Franciscan father a century before.

Father Junipero Serra had founded the first mission at San Diego in 1769, then he and his successors proceeded to build twenty more missions along the California coast upwards toward San Francisco.

The lure of new opportunity was enough to encourage Billy. He was practical about his own goals. He wanted success and respected the other men who were successful. The Californios offered a mighty testing ground.

At first Mary and Billy were unprepared for the realities of the settlers life but they rallied to meet the situation with strength and resourcefulness.

Mary found she had met her match in Billy and she rapidly readjusted her estimation of him. Life on the trail

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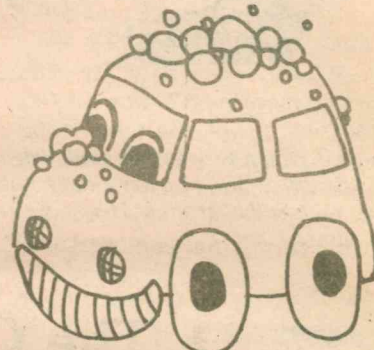
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7 W	9:59 p.m.	11:59 p.m.
8 Th	10:34 p.m.	12:34 p.m.
9 F	11:09 p.m.	1:09 p.m.
10 Sa	11:49 p.m.	1:49 p.m.
22 Th	10:51 p.m.	12:51 p.m.
23 F	11:41 p.m.	1:41 p.m.
24 Sa	12:35 p.m.	2:35 p.m.
25 Su	1:35 p.m.	3:35 p.m.

The times given for each date include the predicted time of the high tide (U.S. National Ocean Survey) and the probable two hour interval in which a spawning run may begin.



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