



We are a diverse and always changing community. Yet the heart of O.B. is the way the wide range of lifestyles and attitudes blend. This column will be a continuing portrait of our community, ourselves, and how we come together.

**Look for Yourself,
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OLD BLUES

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Santa Monica club. Santa Monica adopted more of a direct attack, and less of a kicking-type of strategy. The results paid off as a drop-kick from 15 yards out tied the score 3-3.

Conservative play marked both teams efforts at this point, as neither side appeared willing to take any chances. The game ended in a 3 all tie.

A 15 minute overtime period was called, and five minutes later a victory was crowned. The Old Blues scored on a 25 yard drop-kick from a very difficult angle to beat the Santa Monica Team.

This win marks a big victory for the Old Blues, made up of Cal Berkely graduates. Santa Monica had previously won this tournament 7 out of 10 times, and their play has made them respected in rugby circles throughout the continent.

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everyone else. There is substantial belief that with a 40 foot height limit more affordable housing could be constructed and small "vest pocket parks" could be created to benefit the public. Negative factors would include increased parking problems (probably alleviated by use of underground parking) and traffic.

Should the Board encourage construction of affordable housing for seniors and handicapped by relaxing off-street parking requirements, increased density bonuses allowing 12 units where only 10 were previously allowed? Other issues include determining whether the Voltaire Commercial zone is Neighborhood or Community in nature. The latter designation would allow more uses in that area.

In April, the Environmental Impact Report for Site 17 (Pueblo

Lot 212) is due for our review and voting. The housing for Site 17 has been attacked on rational bases such as the potential impact on traffic, and irrational bases in that it will create a ghetto of densely placed housing. The facts are that the density will be less than 1/2 that allowed in the surrounding area along West Point Loma Blvd. An issue could late arise regarding the Famosa Slough (just to the east) in that the area will have been developed to its limit, and that to allow development of the Slough area would be to crucify the motorists of West Point Loma Blvd. on a perpetual red light traffic jam. The City Council only marginally favors the housing for Site 17 with concurrent park development of the Sunset-Nimitz Triangle to the tune of 1-1/4 million dollars.

Presumed to be a dead issue for quite some time, the prospect of drilling for oil offshore San Diego again looms. On this issue the opponents include those of widely divergent political philosophies

such as Governor Brown, Mayor Wilson and Assemblyman Kapiloff. Interior Secretary James Watt believes that there is enough value in the few weeks of oil to be drilled for offshore to risk monumental environmental hazards and economic loss such as to the fishing and tourist industries. Del Mar Deputy Mayor Dick Roe has advocated that citizens of his community actually purchase federal lands beneath the Pacific Ocean where drilling could occur, and then zone it "ocean" so as to preclude drilling.

Of the twenty six lease tracts off our county, nine are off the area from Mission Beach to Point Loma.

The Board will hold a forum on the Peripheral Canal on April 21, will discuss bike paths March 17, and other significant issues as they arise. The Ocean Beach Planning Board meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at 4726 Santa Monica Avenue. The public is welcome to raise issues, ask questions and offer opinions.