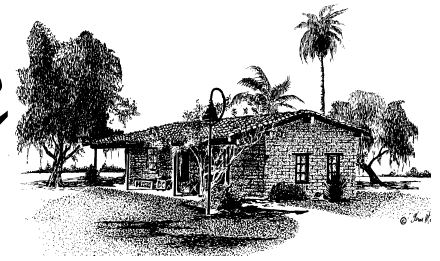


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President's Message by Dave Gardner

I would like to spend several articles talking about the early history of Costa Mesa.

It was a warm day in July in 1769. A small band of soldiers heading north stopped along the bluff overlooking Newport to refresh themselves. They probably looked out toward the ocean saying to themselves that it would make a fine harbor someday. The soldiers looked inland and observed a band of Indians numbering perhaps several hundred. Don Gaspar Deportola and his small band of soldiers slowly rode northward, never to return. I will spend the rest of this article talking about the Indians.

I am a docent at the Adobe. I tell visitors that they are standing on the ground that a tribe of Indians lived on during the 1600 and 1700's. My research tells me that the Indian tribe went by two names. Some knew them as the Lukup Indians, others feel they were related to the Canalino Indians of the Channel Islands. It appears that they peacefully lived together. They lived on acorns and the bountiful food of the sea. Evidence uncovered in several local archeological digs shows that they used stone tools and implements such as grindstones and arrowheads. They also used coggled stones, pottery and baskets. We have these items on display at both the Building down town and at the Adobe. Human bones have also been found at these locations. As for the Indians housing, they lived in huts called Wickiups that were made by bending stick fronds and covering them with dried grass. If a hut became infested with fleas, mice or other pests, the Indians would simply burn it down and build another one nearby.

I have given you an overview of the first inhabitants in our fair city. My next article will be about the history of the Adobe.

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Sunday, March 19th, Speaker Program:
Nautical historian Bob Minty of the Dana Point Historical Society will make his presentation on: Whaling off the Coast of Orange County. (*See details in the enclosed flier*)

April Sunday Event: Date and program to be announced in the April newsletter.

Special Events

Adobe Schedule: *On the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month the Diego Sepulveda Adobe at 1900 Adams Ave. is open from 12 to 4pm. Individuals and groups can make appointments to tour the Adobe at other times by calling 949-631-5918. On regular open days, no appointment is necessary because the docents are there already.*

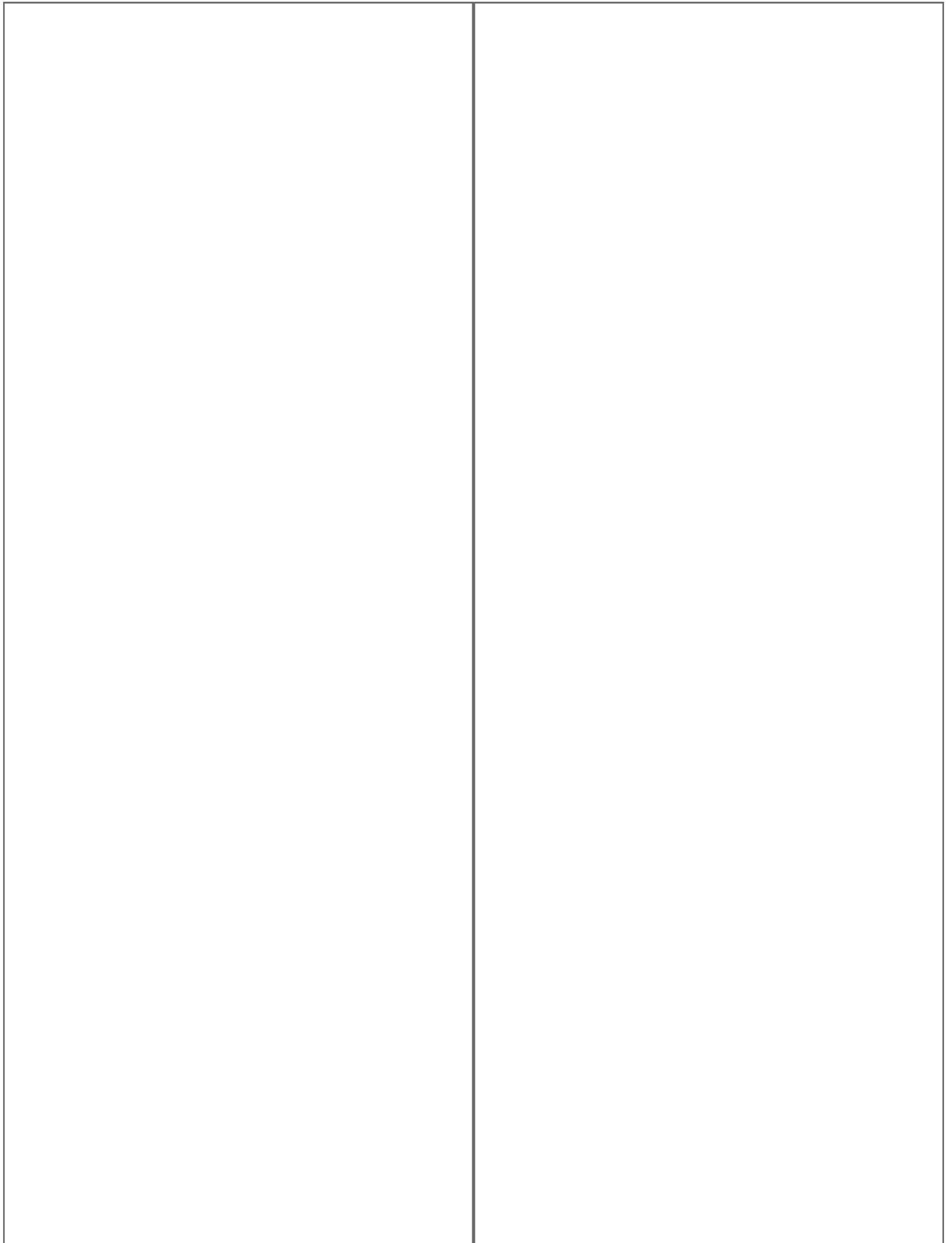
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