

Though I have been referred to as "an unofficial local historian" on a nationwide radio broadcast, there's a lot of local history I don't know. It took me years to learn that Gaspar de Portola and Francisco Sanchez actually did have local streets named after them. Unfortunately, Via Portola was lost when Cabrillo School was built, and Via Sanchez was the victim when another street was combined with it. The result? two of our most distinguished historical figures don't have a street or avenue in their honor. Sanchez has the art center, and Portola has a statue, but neither has a street. Linda Mar Blvd. would more logically have become Ohlone Blvd. or Pruristac Avenue, after the local Indians, but that didn't happen either.

Let's see how close you are to being a local historian.

- 1) Who was the man in charge of planting trees in what became Sharp Park Golf Course?
- 2) Name the pioneer San Francisco Banking Family which once owned several large tracts in what has become Pacifica. (Hint: their summer home was known as "The Hermitage.")
- 3) Vallemar was never a natural forest. What was the family name of the man who imported all those hundreds of trees?

- 4) Going around the world in Pacifica's latitude, would you be north or south of Madrid, Spain? North or south of Tokyo?
- 5) What was the name of the Ocean Shore Railroad before it took on that name?
- 6) What world famous writer spent a year of his childhood in Pacifica? What year was it? And what was comment on our beautiful coastal area?
- 7) Who was the "pastor of the Coastside?" Spell both first and last name correctly.
- 8) Name two American states with altitudes lower than Pacifica's lowest.
- 9) Who was the Pacifica city employee who found a way to get state money for fishing pier and sewer outfall?
- 10) What year did we celebrate the opening of our fishing pier?