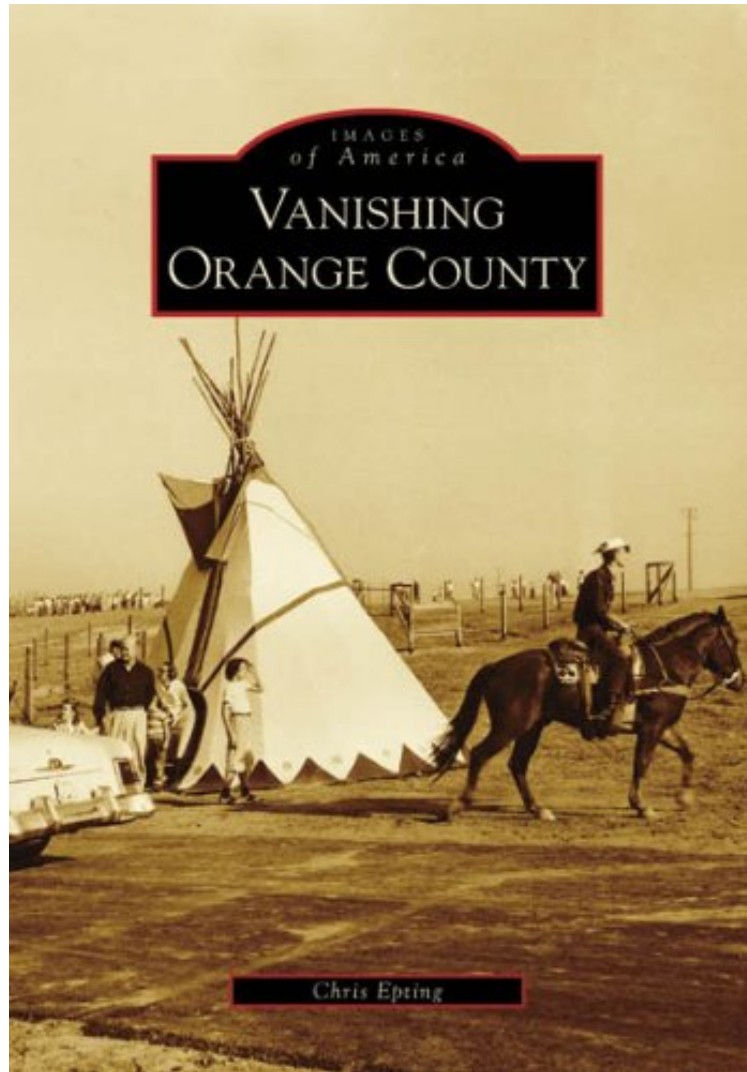


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Orange County formally separated from Los Angeles County in 1889, and there's been no looking back. Wilderness gave way to rich farmlands, where oranges, lemons, avocados, and walnuts made agriculture the new county's most important industry; the region was actually named for the prevalence of its citrus groves. The 20th century brought with it plenty of entrepreneurs, including Walter Knott and later Walt Disney, along with the aerospace industry, oil drilling, beach culture, and more. But the more popular the O.C. became, the more the past began to be lost to development and sprawl. This evocative compendium of photographs revisits many of the places locals held near and dear, including the Golden Bear nightclub, Japanese Village Deer Park, Lion Country Safari, plus popular stores, restaurants, and, of course, the ever-shrinking farmlands. Many of these images are courtesy of the Orange County Archives, and others came from the author's private collection.

Title: New Book Shows Historical Images of O.C. Author: Annie Burris Publication: O.C. Register Date: 11/21/2008
A Huntington Beach author recently published a book and postcards featuring more than 200 vintage images of Orange County. Chris Epting's 12th book, *Vanishing Orange County* has pictures that date back to the county's separation from Los Angeles in 1889. Epting said he hopes the book will inspire people to think twice before tearing down historical buildings. Pictured on the cover is the old Buffalo Ranch, a Newport tourist attraction that opened in 1955. Families could drive around the ranch, watch buffalo graze, visit a Native American village and eat buffalo burgers. By the 1970s, the place had closed, and most of the remaining buffalo had been shipped off to Catalina, where some offspring probably still roam, Epting wrote in his book. Highlights from the book include pictures of The Golden Bear nightclub in Huntington Beach, Japanese Village Deer Park in Buena Park, and Lion Country Safari in Irvine. There are also images of farmlands with oranges, lemons, avocados and walnuts. Epting has written and compiled images for the books: *Images of America: Huntington Beach*; *Then Now: Huntington Beach*, *Roadside Baseball* and *James Dean Died Here*. He lives here in Surf City with his wife and two children. The book is available through Arcadia Publishing at 888-313-2665. --O.C. Register
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Chris Epting is the author of 12 books, including *Images of America: Huntington Beach* and *Then Now: Huntington Beach*, as well as *Roadside Baseball* and *James Dean Died Here*. He also writes the weekly *In the Pipeline* column for the Huntington Beach Independent. He lives in Huntington Beach with his wife and their two children.