**Halloween Light Show**

A young woman watches one of the most spectacular sunsets of the year at Sunset Cliffs on the evening of Halloween. The high clouds glowed a red orange for nearly 30 minutes after the sun disappeared beyond the horizon.

**Improved fencing proposed to protect sensitive areas near Dog Beach**

A project to enhance and extend existing beach fencing – separating humans and canines from environmentally sensitive areas – has been proposed at Dog Beach.

Known as the Ocean Beach Estuary Project, the idea was pitched by City park ranger Araceli Dominguez to Ocean Beach Town Council at the group’s last meeting of the year in October.

“She presented a plan to improve habitat protection and trail enhancement in the coastal scrub and sand dunes along the San Diego River,” said OBTC president Mark Winkie.

Trail enhancements are proposed to be constructed by the Urban Corps of San Diego County, a non-profit serving young adults ages 18-26, helping provide them with paid job training, support services, and a second chance to earn a high school diploma.

“‘This is a wonderful project that will greatly enhance Ocean Beach’s most sensitive habitat,’” said Andrea Schlager, chair, Ocean Beach Planning Board. “‘I am thrilled to see our local park ranger, Araceli Dominguez, take initiative to make sure that our endangered animal and plant community members are being protected.’

Characterizing the environmental-protection project as “long overdue,” Dominguez said, “This whole section of the river is under Mission Beach’s Master Plan, not Ocean Beach’s. I want to focus on the wetlands, emphasizing Smiley Lagoon wetlands, which are not the same as the beach.”

Defining wetlands as low-lying, periodically submerged areas, Dominguez pointed out they are highly sensitive to human/canine intrusion.
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SAN DIEGO ELECTION – Gloria leads mayoral race, voters approve Measure E

By DALE SCHWARZ | THE BEACON

The morning after the Nov. 3 General Election, San Diego had the “blues,” with a Democratic elect- ed mayor and five new faces on the nine-member City Council, which could possibly turn out to be all Democrats except for Chris Cate in District 6.

Early returns had voter turnout of 1,254,604 ballots cast, of which 1,088,251 were mail-in ballots from among 1,949,073 registered voters.

And unlike much of the rest of the nation, where it may take days to tally mail-in ballots in raucous-thin presidential races, the Democratic ticket of Joe Biden/Kamala Harris outpaced Republican duo Donald Trump/Michael Pence by a margin of 76,125 to 447,345 in San Diego County.

Ballot Measure E, seeking to re- move the 30-foot height limit from the Midway District to allow great- er latitude in the redevelopment of the former San Diego Sports Arena, was winning on Wednesday with 276,629 voting yes and 207,085 turning hours down. Cathy Kenton, chair of Midway- Pacific Highway Community Planning Group, who had been lobbying for Measure E’s passage, was elated the day after the election.

“We’re thrilled with the early re- sults and we’re waiting anxiously to receive the final tally,” Kenton said. “We’ve made history with a bi-partisan measure that will add housing that San Diego so desper- ately needs, create a sports and entertainment venue that San Diego can be proud of, and most importantly transform our com- munity. The Community Plan up- date was the first step, the passage of Measure E is the next step in achieving our goals.”

Todd Gloria led Barbara Bry, both Democrats, in the mayor’s race by a margin of 273,059 to 212,006.

Bry, who outlasted council col- league and Republican challenger Scott Sherman in the March pri- mary election, was reluctant to concede on Nov. 4.

“We know from our experience in the primary, when we were waiting behind on election night, that it’s not over until it’s over, and there are still a lot of ballots to count, so I will reserve judgment while the remaining ballots are counted,” said Bry in a released statement.

In the City Attorney’s race, incumbent Mara Elliott defeated challenger Cory Briggs by a wide margin. 303,626 to 145,581.

Election night also went well for civil engineer, longtime com- munity planner and Democrat Joe LaCava, who handily defeated an- other Democrat, challenger Will Moore, by a margin of 35,923, to 22,128.

“I am overwhelmed and ex- tremely honored that the voters of District 1 have entrusted me to represent them at City Hall,” said LaCava.

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Port Master Plan Update preserves La Playa piers, sportfishing on Shelter Island, and hotels on Harbor Island

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

A revised draft for the Port Master Plan Update has concentrated future hotel rooms on Harbor Island while preserving both La Playa piers and the Marlin Club sportfishing on Shelter Island.

The Port’s objective for the PMPU is to create a thoughtful and balanced approach to future water and land uses on and around San Diego Bay for future generations. Its latest PMPU draft considers and reflects extensive community input received since its discussion draft was released in April 2019.

The Port Master Plan serves a number of functions. It determines where port activities take place and where public access is allowed. It also guides where recreational amenities and view corridors are to be located, and where commercial uses like hotels, restaurants, and visitor-serving retail may be built. It also helps to protect and restore the natural environment.

Port spokesperson Brianne Page said public testimony on the master plan update taken at Board of Port Commissioners’ meetings was reflected in direction of Port Commissioners’ meeting update taken at Board to protect and restore the natural environment.

Nishihira said the master plan, certified by the California Coastal Commission in 1981, has been amended 40 times since then. She said the Port decided the master plan needed an overhaul, adding a decision was made to “update the entire plan” instead of amending it piecemeal “to allow special projects.”

“The revised PMPU is now out for public review. After that, Nishihira said Port staff will sift through all the public comments received.

“ReWild Mission Bay’s ‘Wildest’ proposal takes positive step forward after Water Quality Control Board vote

In a unanimous vote following two hours of public testimony, the state Regional Water Quality Control Board for the San Diego region voted 6-0 in support of a Supplemental Environmental Project that will enable the ReWild Mission Bay “Wildest” plan for wetland restoration in northeast Mission Bay to be considered at the same level as the city’s own plan. Backed by an impressive coalition of community planning groups, businesses, labor unions, environmental outlets, and faith-based organizations, the adoption of the Supplemental Environmental Project earmarks funds for the City of San Diego to develop a new, wetland-rich plan.

The revised draft now proposes hotel development on Harbor Island only, which doesn’t have the same view-blockage issues.”

Regarding La Playa piers, Nishihira noted: “Those piers were initially constructed as part of private residences, but then the state tidelands became owned and managed by the Port. For many years, those piers have been leased to the adjacent homeowners for private use. But the Coastal Commission previously ruled that the piers had to become 100% public or be demolished. Our board has directed us to allow the piers to remain as they are today. We will see how the Coastal Commission responds to this.”

Like the piers, Marlin Club sportfishing is proposed to be left untouched in the PMPU.

The revised PMPU is now out for public review. After that, Nishihira said Port staff will sift through all the public comments received.

“Our hope is to wrap the draft process of 2021. It’s (PMUP) a 30-year plan that comes additional public feedback and looks forward to continued community engagement. To review the PMUP Revised Draft and provide feedback, go to por tosandiego.org/pmpu. Feedback will be accepted through Tuesday, Nov. 17.
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Midway planners receive updates on NAVWAR, COVID impacts

By DAVE SCHWAB | The Beacon

In October Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group heard from State Assembly member and mayoral candidate Todd Gloria about recent developments and COVID impacts at NAVWAR/Old Town.

The planning group was also briefed by the San Diego Association of Governments on the agency’s Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans.

Concerning COVID Gloria said, “The good news is we were the only county in Southern California that stayed under Tier 1 (most restrictive),” of the state’s tier system (a color-coded) system that the government has established. That should serve as a reminder to encourage folks to wear face coverings in public and stay at home when sick and observe all best practices. Fortunately, our (virus) numbers continue to creep up scraping just below Tier 1 (most restrictive) status. We want to avoid another business closure. We need to stop the spread of this virus. We’re not there yet.”

Gloria warned of tough economic times lying ahead due to COVID. “The next couple years are going to be very difficult for the City financially,” he concluded.

Speaking before MPHCPG for the last time as their state legislator, Gloria introduced a bill he co-authored, AB 2731, which was recently signed into law and is intended to help clarify the way for the proposed long-term, large-scale redevelopment of the NAVWAR/Old Town site. The plan is to transform NAVWAR/Old Town to a central transportation mobility hub with an airport connection.

Gloria discussed AB 2731 which he co-authored with Senate president pro tempore Toni G. Atkins. He noted that bill directly impacts the Midway community.

Known as the California Environmental Quality Act: City of San Diego; Old Town Center redevelopment, AB 2731 lays the groundwork for potential redevelopment of Naval Information Warfare Systems Command in the Midway District. The bill empowers CICUA as the lead government agency to prepare and certify complaints of the trust or will; (2) proper lack of mental capacity of the trustor or testator resulting has only just begun, she said―to evidence in Brookfield (sports arena developer).” Speaking at Gage Elementary School on Oct. 27, San Diego Unified said safety measures put in place over the summer have so far prevented any documented cases of COVID-19 transmission on its campuses that have reopened. The next phases would continue to be rolled out gradually, with secondary and pre-K students next to receive appointments for in-person education following further collaboration with educators and staff.

District leaders said they hope to begin bringing large numbers of students on campus in January for in-person learning, although they expressed concern over the worsening COVID-19 conditions in San Diego County. “We have a long way to go before the next year,” Molina said. “I’m excited about the opportunity this bill presents in support of a new chapter in the Midway neighborhood.” Gloria said. “Your support for Measure E (removing the 20-foot height limit in Midway) signals your willingness to go beyond the status quo. Hopefully, this bill will help shepherd the NAVWAR redevelopment and allow you a seat at the table with great transparency and public participation in what’s going on at that site. It also has the potential for a one-in-100-year opportunity to redevelop that site,” he said.

MPHCPG Chair Cathy Kenton asked Gloria, if he gets elected mayor, how he foresees the process moving forward for both creating a central mobility hub at NAVWAR/Old Town and sports arena redevelopment, should Measure E pass. “I’ve been outspoken in support of Measure E which people in this community also support,” Mayor Gloria said. Hopefully, this will help the neighborhood, residents and business owners. That message resonates, I have confidence in Brookfield (sports arena developer).”

SANDiego senior transporta- tion planner Rachel Kennedy told Midway planners about CMCPs, a comprehensive plan being studied by the regional transportation agency to concentrate numerous transportation modes including mass transit into distinct travel corridors. She said there are five such corridors – Purple Line/1-805/Blue Line/1-5 South, State Route 52 in Santee, a commuter rail line from Gateway Station 67, North County and the Central Mobility Hub and Connections at Old Town/NAVWAR – currently being studied.

In September, SANDAG’s board approved $40 million for advanced planning on CMCPs over the next five years.
Shwayder spoke of the need for advancing but has changed little from its original concept. "The Mariner's Cove project will be appearing on the Dec. 2 agenda," said Andrea Schlager, OBPP chair. "I am getting a lot of community interest in the project and I expect a robust discussion around Mariner's Cove. I want to make sure it gets the time and attention it deserves."

The Mariner's Cove expansion project was presented to the Midway-Pacific Highway Community Planning Group about six months ago. Patti Shwayder, senior vice president for the apartment project's developer, Apartment Investment and Management Co., said project planning is advancing but has changed little from its original concept. Noting Aimco has owned the 31-acre property since 2002, Shwayder spoke of the need for updating the apartment complex. "We love the location but it's '80s construction," she pointed out. "We looked at what we could do with the property. It has been well maintained, but it needs some work. At first, we looked at just rehabbing it. But the infrastructure was old and it required a huge amount of investment. So we thought we would think broader. It is 31 acres, so thinking what we could do, led us to do a whole new master plan."

Shwayder said Aimco has a ground lease for the property with the San Diego Housing Commission. "We were looking to extend the ground lease," she said. "So we started looking seven years ago at the conditions for extending the ground lease. But the housing commission required us to put millions of dollars into the property, which did not make it the new modern community that we desired. Being such a large site, we thought it was primed for additional apartments. And given we have buy-right (to increase) density, we decided to add an additional 272 apartments."

The Aimco vice president noted the new units proposed to be added to Mariner’s Cove will not be converted to condominiums, as their company handles apartments only. Aimco owns some 40 San Diego apartment communities. Shwayder said a significant portion of Mariner’s Cove will be set aside for affordable housing, but added the majority of the housing project will target "workforce housing."

"It's not going to be high-end," she said of the housing market being targeted. "We have 100 existing affordable units, and 200 affordable units in the new development, which is geared toward workforce housing, the missing middle."

Shwayder described workforce housing as applying to occupations such as "teachers, firefighters, police, those folks who make a good income, but don't qualify for affordable units," she said. "They are also priced out of more expensive areas in San Diego. The idea is to have a very robust mix of housing. In the main, it’s workforce missing-middle housing."

If all goes well with planning for Mariner’s Cove expansion, Shwayder said, "We will probably begin construction in summer of 2022, anticipat- ing completion in mid-2025, though that might be a little aggressive. Aimco has said the Mariner’s Cove apartment redo is being accomplished with private investor funds, not taxpayer support. For more information about Aimco, visit aimco.com.
Stranded couple sends rescue crews racing to Sunset Cliffs during the night

By Scott Hopkins | The Beacon

A couple’s relaxing evening on a Sunset Cliffs beach took a frightening turn when they found themselves in total darkness and unable to climb up the steep incline.

The rescue call went out at 7:19 p.m. on Oct. 29 and sent Helgards and San Diego Fire-Rescue crews from several stations to the cliffs at the intersection of Monaco Street. The first engine on the scene, observing the darkness at the site, put in a call for Copter 2, a department resource, to provide lighting for personnel.

Fire captains and a battalion chief quickly assessed the situation and devised a plan. Crews used the fully extended aerial ladder from Truck 20 to reach out over the cliffs. A system of ropes was used to lower rescuers to the beach where the uninjured man and woman were trapped. From there, each was raised separately with a firefighter, beginning with the woman, to safe ground above.

A crowd of about 100 watched the complex operation, attracted by the helicopter and flashing lights of the half dozen fire vehicles and police blocking access to the scene. Once brought to safety, each offered identification to police officers.

When finished, the couple sauntered off towards Ocean Beach as rescuers began the half-hour task of retrieving hundreds of feet of rope and retracting the huge aerial ladder.

Peninsula Beacon wins five awards at San Diego Press Club journalism contest

Peninsula Beacon contributor Scott Hopkins received four awards, all related to his coverage of events at Point Loma High School, at the San Diego Press Club’s 46th annual Excellence in Journalism Awards.

Hopkins won first place in sports writing for his account of last year’s football opener, a tough last-minute loss. He also received first place in education writing for his story of the school’s first gender-neutral election for homecoming royalty.

In the category of profiles, Hopkins received honorable mention for his tribute to famed Pointer alum Don Larsen following Larsen’s death last year.

In photography, Hopkins took third place in portraits with his emotional shot of two Pointer sisters sobbing with joy after winning a CIF basketball championship earlier this year.

Peninsula Beacon editor Thomas Melville earned a second-place award for news photography with a photo of the emotional memorial for Mike White at Sunset Cliffs.

San Diego Fire-Rescue rescues a man who was stranded at the bottom of Sunset Cliffs near Monaco Street.

Scott Hopkins third-place photo in portraits of two Pointer sisters sobbing with joy after winning a CIF basketball championship earlier this year.

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La Doña pays homage to Nati’s, and elevates the Mexican cantina

By DAVE SCHWARZ / THE BEACON

One truly authentic Mexican eatery has replaced another at the corner of Bacon Street and Niagara Avenue in Ocean Beach, as La Doña has debuted in the space where Nati’s Mexican Restaurant was for nearly 60 years.

Nati’s closed in June 2018. La Doña co-owners Brendan Huffman and Hoffman Leung are with the Social Syndicate, a San Diego-based restaurant development group founded in 2014. The group is known for revitalizing and creating popular and profitable restaurant concepts. The business duo has teamed with chef and Tijuana native Gabby Lopez to bring La Doña’s cuisine reflects chef Gabby Lopez’s family roots in Guadalajara and the Mexican state of Nayarit.

PHOTO BY CAMILA BADARO PHOTOGRAPHY

hospespun Mexican cuisine to 1852 Bacon St.

“We’ve been doing research on this project for several years as we had a cantina concept in our back pocket,” noted Huffman, pointing out chef Lopez, who has been cooking since age 8, is the star of La Doña’s show. “She’s unbelievable, she’s the leader of the band,” he said. “Her family recipes date back generations. And our beverage director, Jahmal Bento, has been doing an incredible job mixing beautiful, creative cocktails that really blend well with chef Gabby’s food menu.”

La Doña is Social Syndicate’s fourth OB restaurant joining Blue Water Seafood Market, Wonderland Ocean Pub and Ob Surf Lodge.

“We’re pretty OB-focused,” admitted Huffman adding, “We continue to try and elevate food and beverage in the surrounding area. We love the operators around us – OB Noodle House 1852, Raglan Public House and Poma’s Italian Deli – and we’re collaborating with them to enhance the corner, driving more heads to this local corridor and continuing to do good things for the community.”

La Doña’s cuisine reflects chef Lopez’s family roots in Guadalajara and the Mexican state of Nayarit. Menu offerings include mariscos dishes, tacos, Tijuana-style hot dogs, nachos, pork chile verde, chicken tinga enchiladas, a molcajete of garlic butter sauteed seafood and carne as a la tampiquena citrus-and-garlic-marinated steak.

“It gives you a taste of what Rue Mexican food can be like,” said Huffman. Drinks include local brews and craft labels such as Colima and Insurgente. The cocktail list includes classic margaritas, Amaras Verde Mezcal, tropical OB Parrot, Doctor Bird Jamaica Rum, Rinomoto, demerara and pineapple as well as lime.

Huffman said one of the ideas behind La Doña was “to bring a little of the cantina feel from Guadalajara or ‘Tijuana’ but to do it in a way that makes the food and décor unique.

“We know OB well and you can elevate the food and beverages, but you really want it to be a casual concept,” he said. “It has to be very approachable and dog-friendly. We just like to have fun. We all basically put our own stamp on La Doña.”

Huffman sees La Doña is building on the tradition begun by Nati’s.

“The food and décor unique. We’re taking the ball and running with it from there.”

Ocean Beach’s Restaurant Walk will offer take out options

By DAVE SCHWARZ / THE BEACON

Given the ongoing pandemic, Ocean Beach’s Restaurant Walk 2020 event will feature a new twist this year: A take-out edition. The fundraising event sponsored by the Ocean Beach Town Council with the assistance of Ocean Beach MainStreet Association will take place Monday through Thursday, Nov. 9-12.

“OBTC and OBMA invite you to participate in this year’s OB Restaurant Walk Take-Out Edition,” said the two groups in a statement. “In ever-changing times, we too will change, to bring the community a taste of OB’s restaurants and breweries in a way never experienced before: spread over four nights with each evening featuring select restaurants and breweries.”

Added the fundraiser’s promo, “This year’s Restaurant Walk will follow safety guidelines provided by the State, County, and City to bring the community a unique curated experience highlighting OB establishments.”

Proceeds directly support OBTC initiatives like the OB Food and Toy Drive, which brings the magic of the holidays to over 150 local families and seniors in need, as well as other OBTC events such as the beloved OB Holiday Tree and Parade.

“We are really proud of our local restaurants and bars dealing with all the changes and pivoting to a different business model during COVID,” said Denny Knox, executive director of OBMA, which was in charge of contacting restaurants and getting the walk set to go.

“In the midst of all this, many of them who could participate in a newly imagined Restaurant Walk Take-out Edition are helping to raise money for the Holiday Toy and Food Drive. We always have said that it takes a village to make good things happen. We’re lucky to have such generous businesses in our community.’”

Restaurant Walk participants will bring their digital or printed receipt to the designated check-in station Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at Ocean Beach Mainstreet Association 1868 Bacon St., from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday’s check-in station will be We Be OB at 5020 West Point Loma Blvd.

Restaurant locations will be open for pickup until 9 p.m. Upon arrival, each guest will receive a paper ticket/map, and a custom OB tote bag to collect the tastings from each featured restaurant. Once all items have been collected, attendees will have a delicious spread that can be taken home or enjoyed at your favorite open-air park or space.

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- Nov. 9 – La Doña, BBQ House, Noodle House 1502, The Harp, Pizza Porto, Newport Quick Stop, Dirty Birds, Lighthouse Ice Cream, Nova Brewing (coupon), Wow Cafe (coupon).
- Nov. 11 – We Be OB, Mother’s Saloon, OB Noodle House, People’s Organic Food Market, Voltaire Beach House, Daybreak Island Grill, Lacy’s, Mike Hess (coupon), Beach Sweets, Wow Cafe (coupon).
- Nov. 12 – Mad Munch Grilled Cheese Co., Mr. Moto Pizza, Sei Ocean Beach, OB Brewery, Black Sands Hula Lounge, Café Bella Newport, Nova Hard Kombucha (coupon), Sunnie’s (coupon), Wow Cafe (coupon).

SAN DIEGO RESTAURANT WEEK RETURNS

A foodie adventure awaits San Diegans in 2021 as San Diego Restaurant Week returns to the restaurant community for an eight-day edible extravaganza expanded to provide more dining than ever before. The beloved foodie event runs from Sunday, Jan. 17 through Sunday, Jan. 24 and features over 160 restaurants offering variations of prix fixe menus at affordable prices. Tickets are not necessary for this delectable week of discounted dining; but reservations are recommended. Visit SanDiegoRestaurantWeek.com for more information.

Spanning across San Diego County, participating restaurateurs will offer three-course prix fixe dinner menus for $20, $30, $40, $50 or $60 per person and/or two-course prix fixe lunch menus for $15, $20 or $25 per person. Restaurants will showcase their menus through traditional in-house dining, expanded outdoor spaces as well as to-go accommodations.
Point Loma High School cinema instructor Anthony Palmiotto knew he had a special film student after Ace Davis graduated and turned in a project that actually improved upon an unreleased 1994 “Fantastic Four” feature film titled “Doomed: The Untold Story of Roger Corman’s the Fantastic Four (2015).”

Corman is a 94-year-old American independent film director, producer, and actor who has been called “The Pope of Pop Cinema.” Corman mentored such high-profile film directors as Francis Ford Coppola, Ron Howard, Martin Scorsese, Jonathan Demme, John Sayles, and James Cameron. He also helped launch the acting careers of Peter Fonda, Jack Nicholson, Dennis Hopper, Bruce Dern, Sylvester Stallone, Diane Ladd, and William Shatner.

An aspiring filmmaker, Davis has been making his own movies since he was a preteen. He is the creator of an independent film production company, Smiling Devil Productions, where he has crafted a plethora of short films.

Palmiotto and Davis spoke about the origin of Davis’ successful re-mastering film project.

“I assigned the students in my cinematic arts class to watch a documentary of their choosing,” said Palmiotto. “[Davis] chose one about this unreleased film. That documentary led him to find the trailer online, and also a low-quality version of the film on YouTube. He then took it upon himself to re-master the trailer with an iMac. So if the whole point about last school year going online was the pursuit of mastery – this student proved it.”

“I was still at PLHS in Mr. P’s class,” said Davis, adding he was inspired to redo the Corman ‘Fantastic Four’ film trailer after viewing it because “the original 1994 film is not the best. So I worked on it and showed [Palmiotto] what I had and he said, ‘This looks great. Let’s keep working on it.’ Then we did some of the comic book stuff, the panels, and I recut the trailer so it looks way different. I used the original trailer as a skeleton, a framework, and worked off that. I used effects very similar to CGI action.”

Palmiotto was impressed.

“I am blown away by this young man,” the film instructor said. “He probably spent at least 200-plus hours on his own, re-editing the trailer, sound designing it, creating new titles, adding comic book panels, color correcting the film, etc. He basically just finished this working on it every now and then four months after he graduated high school.”

“For me, it was a fun thing to do,” said Davis of remastering the Corman trailer, which he characterized as a “portfolio piece.” He added his ambition is to attend film school.

“The plan is to obviously go to college and network there meeting some new people,” Davis said. “And I’m going to keep making films and submitting them to local film festivals, like the San Diego International Film Festival.”

A perfectionist, Davis got interested in filmmaking early-on.

“I’ve been making movies with a Sony Camcorder since I was a little kid, 6 years old,” he said, “I used to pull out Legos and make stop-motion Action.”

“Thankful to Palmiotto for his coaching, Davis concluded of his fledgling film making career, “It’s all a work in progress. You just keep working at it until you get it.”

The original Fantastic Four trailer is at Fantastic Four [1994] – Trailer. The remastered version by Davis is at ReMastered Fantastic Four Trailer. Davis also has a YouTube channel at youtube.com/channel/UCG8AGnvrQNfrmQp7IoWqpw/.
Annual OB storytelling event ‘Telltale’ going virtual

By SCOTT HOPKINS | THE PENINSULA BEACON

The Storytellers of San Diego are once again preparing for their popular annual “Telltale” concert, held annually in Ocean Beach. But, like many things in 2020, the storytellers are going virtual this year.

Local residents can “zoom” into the 90-minute event on Nov. 14 from 4:53 to 6:30 p.m. and this year the event will be free for all who wish to be enthralled by the eight scheduled presenters.

This year’s theme is “Living Peace,” and all tales will revolve around this tranquil topic. The event is recommended for ages 12 and up.

Members of the group pride themselves in building a repertoire of engaging and varied stories they tell in a way to mesmerize their audience, often using costumed props as they weave their oral journeys.

The event is created and emceed by Fred Laskowski and Hailey Brier and is part of an annual worldwide celebration of storytelling.

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New Point Loma High School principal Kelly Lowry and a search committee are near an announcement of the school’s new head football coach and Lowry, a former assistant football coach at Mission Bay, knows full well how important the choice is.

When former head coach Mike Hastings stepped down after 26 years on the football staff, 22 as head coach, Lowry was taken by surprise. Hastings was only the third head coach the school has had since 1946, so Lowry didn’t foresee the selection of Hastings’ successor as one of his first tasks.

“I hope that we can find another individual who can carry on that tradition, and mentor young student-athletes as they become productive citizens,” Lowry told the Peninsula Beacon just hours after learning of Hastings’ decision. The open position apparently drew high interest from applicants throughout the region. Interviews were held Oct. 26 and 27, but Lowry said the selection committee had so many well-qualified applicants that interviews were to continue with the selected names revealed Nov. 5 or 6 (after press time). An updated story will be published at sdne.ws.

Hastings, 52, called his staff together for a lunch meeting on Oct. 21 to tell them of his decision. He noted it was time for him to make a change in his life and enjoy more time at home. His daughter, Kylie, is a freshman at Cal Poly where Hastings played football and he hopes to visit the campus with his wife.

The football head coaching position requires a full commitment of nearly 52 weeks a year. There are numerous off-season workouts to be held along with developing young players hoping to earn a varsity spot. Checks must be made on players’ progress in classes along with any off-campus issues and home issues while teaching five periods a day.

Hastings and Pointer fans have felt for years that the school’s placement in the Western League with private school powers Cathedral Catholic and St. Augustine was an issue. The private schools are able to bring in selected players and waive or reduce tuition fees if needed.

An off-season effort to move the Pointers to a different league was unsuccessful. In fact, Hastings guided four of his teams to the CIF championship games at Qualcomm Stadium. The Pointers were defeated by St. Augustine in 2005 and 2006, and in 2007 and 2009 by Cathedral Catholic, both schools playing in Div. II determined by enrollment and richness of athletic advantage in obtaining players.

Hastings celebrated 148 wins with his assistants over 22 years ranking him 17th all-time in San Diego history.

Lowry cited Hastings’ strengths, besides guiding his athletes to success, as teaching important life skills including personal integrity, self-discipline, teamwork, dedication, goal setting, and completion.

Hastings noted he will remain as a PE teacher and mentor to students for five or six more years before fully retiring.
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