AEG Management, which operates Valley View Casino Center, is currently in lease negotiations with the City for a possible extension beyond 2020.

MAJOR MIDWAY EXPANSION?
San Diego is timing the expiration of its leases in and around the Valley View Casino Center with a plan to make way for redevelopment

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Water’s Edge Church brings new energy to OB community

By JUDI CURRY | THE BEACON

There is a “new” church in Ocean Beach. Well, not really “new” in the sense that it has never been there before, but “new” in the sense of the approach being utilized in reaching out to the community.

I spend some time with Jessica Strysko, the pastor of the Water’s Edge Church, located at the former Point Loma Methodist Church, at 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

Strysko is an energetic, optimistic, delightful individual who has many great ideas for bringing the community together. In fact, she is so enthusiastic about her mission that an open house is scheduled for the community on April 21; church open house is scheduled for the community on April 29, from 10 a.m. to noon.

She said there would be an opportunity to get a taste of the worship service at the open house. They have two mission statements: “Diving deep into the community” and “Pouring out God’s love.” The church’s band, led by Stephanie Wright, will be playing alternative folk as well as traditional songs.

Water’s Edge works with the Veterans Village, food banks, Pioneer Schools, and shares facilities with the Nazarene Peace River program.

The original Methodist church on this site needed to close because of waning enrollment. Water’s Edge Church brings new energy to OB community. See CHURCH, Page 4.
**Ocean Beach | $949,000**
Zinc-3 br 1.5 ba beach cottage in fantastic South OB location. Remodeled kitchen, FP, outdoor shower, detached 2 car garage & lush paint.

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**Ocean Beach | $915,000**
3 br 2.5 ba detached, turnkey home in OB. Open floor plan, gourmet kitchen and 2 decks with fantastic views. Beach living just got great!

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**Ocean Beach | $1,299,000**
Brand new 5 br 3.5 ba stunner has panoramic ocean views, gourmet kitchen, central heat & AC, gas FP, romantic master retreat & it’s a Smart Home.

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**Sunset Cliffs | $3,195,000**
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**Ocean Beach | $980,000**
North OB 3 br 1 house on approx. 5,000 lot ocean views. Basement and 2 car garage. Private back yard and alley access. Perfect for your re-model. I helped this buyer and I can help you too!

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**Blossom Valley | $865,000**
Single level 3 br 2 ba house in the countryside. Presently a licensed dog rescue w/ kennels & outhouses for their care. Over 2 acres of lush grounds.

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**Point Loma | $999,000**
Spanish style 2 br 2 ba townhouse with open floor plan, roof top patio w/water and city views and a second floor patio off bedroom.

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**Point Loma | $349,000-$369,000**
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Point Loma woman celebrates 100th birthday

Point Loman Ginny Davenport turned 100 on April 8 and celebrated with a champagne toast. Not surprising given it was Winston Churchill who gave her her first taste of the bubbly.

She was born Virginia Thornton in rural Arcola, Ill. in 1918. Ginny’s dad was a civil engineer and her daughter, Kelly, said the family had the first indoor plumbing in town.

Ginny married her childhood sweetheart James Wolford, a pilot. Two weeks later, he went to Canada to join the RAF to fight Nazi Germany in World War II and was lost in action.

Davenport subsequently joined the U.S. State Department and was sent to England where she was assigned to James Windant, the Ambassador to England, as his assistant. It was there she met and frequently interacted, with iconic statesman Sir Winston (Winnie) Churchill.

“I was a great big fan,” Davenport said of Churchill. “He was a charming man and wonderful to know. He was so smart. He was very witty and he really talked with him unless you had some kind of upbringing, education.”

After the war, Ginny returned to the States where she was sent to Wurzburg, Germany for 2 years. She was an educator in Wurzburg. While in Germany she traveled extensively with friends through as many of the countries as they could fit into their travel schedule. She gained a first hand look at the cultures and traditions and beauty of Germany and many other countries in Europe. Her time with the army she returned to Michigan State for his Master Degree. She earned his teaching degree there in social sciences and history. He immediately began teaching in about 1961/62 for San Diego City Schools at Correia Jr. High School in Point Loma, San Diego area. Other than summer school jobs he taught 39 years at Correia. In 1968 Bruce married Delia Oschman. They shared 49 wonderful years together.

In lieu of flower donations they can be made to: Father Joe’s Villages or Neighbor.org. Please leave your condolences on the chapel website.

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At the age of 16. Over the years, Joseph worked his way up from scraping boat bottoms to helping shape a new generation of Driscoll leadership. His work with Driscoll Boat Works and Kettenburg-Marine made America’s Cup racer America’s Cup Harbor a prime destination for quality marine services. In 1997, the Driscoll family purchased Mission Bay Marina and Boatyard, an operation Joseph would come to successfully manage for twenty years. Over his career, he was highly regarded in the industry and with the employees as an intelligent and honest straight-shooter. Customers would come from as far away as Los Angeles to have their boats repaired and serviced under Joseph’s diligent watch. He was also instrumental in bringing several of the large racing sailboats to the boat yard in Mission Bay to prepare for the races over the years. In his spare time, he loved to play golf or be out on the water with his family. Joseph is survived by his wife of over 15 years Lynn, daughter Jessica, grand pup Bentley, sister Mary-Carol Madison, brothers John (Jan), Chuck (Laurie), Tom (Karen) and Michael. Sister Cathy preceded him in death several years ago. There will be a celebration of life on Saturday April 21st from 1:00pm-4:00pm at Driscoll Mission Bay 1500 Quivira Way San Diego 92110.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Southern Caregiver Resource Center at https://caregivercenter.org/donate2.php in memory of Joseph Driscoll.
Target taking over Antique Center; shared parking still being worked out

By DAVE SCHIARAD | THE BEACON

In what might be the start of a new commercial era in Ocean Beach, a Target Express is poised to replace the 18,000-square-foot Antique Center on Newport Avenue.

"Target is taking over on April 20," confirmed Tony Franco of Franco Realty Group, the commercial broker representing the Antique Center property.

"Target is always exploring possible locations for new stores. We're continuing to pursue the site on Newport Avenue in the Ocean Beach neighborhood, and don't have anything more to share at this time," said Target spokesperson Jacqueline Defreeze, from Target's headquarters in Minnesota.

City officials, however, said the Target deal is conditioned on a shared parking agreement to be worked out between Target and South Beach Bar and Grill at 5059 Newport Ave.

"Target is required to show the city that it can accommodate the parking spaces that are subject to the shared parking agreement for South Beach Bar and Grill," said Scott Robinson, senior city public information officer.

"Target can move in and occupy the space, subject to the shared parking agreement, which requires parking for South Beach from 5pm to 2am. The shared parking agreement does not preclude Target from operating at this location."

Added Robinson, "South Beach Bar and Grill is in the process of identifying parking to change the location of their shared parking."

As of press time, South Beach Bar and Grill had not replied to messages from the Peninsula Beacon asking for further comment.

Robinson said Target has submitted a building permit for interior improvements in the former Antique Center. According to a building permit filed by Target with the City's Development Services Department, tenant improvements are planned in the existing commercial building at 4850 Newport Ave.

"These improvements are to include new partitions and doors, installation of freezers and coolers, a new roof assembly and drains, as well as building facade modifications. Building, electrical and plumbing permits are also required."

Local reaction to Target coming to Ocean Beach was mostly one of resignation.

Denise Knox, executive director of Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, the beach community's business improvement district, said she was meeting with Target this week.

"Target is definitely starting their remodel soon after the Antique Center closes," said Knox, though she noted, prior to meeting with Target, that, "There's nothing new to report at this point that we didn't know five or six months ago."

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City closes Point Loma bike track

The Famosa pump track is a no-go. Following a meeting between Point Loma bicycling advocates, the City and the San Diego Housing Commission, cyclists were told their shared parking agreement for Point Loma's bike track on vacant property at the corner of Nimitz and Famosa boulevards, has been a sore spot for Peninsula bicycling enthusiasts for years.

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The Point Loma Optimist Club’s has started a new format annual fundraiser called The Golden Optimistiki Market and Luau, featuring live entertainment including APE, Tikitronic, Millionaire Beachbums, as well as the return of the Bali Hai Restaurant’s floor show, by Hiva Katoa. Our market is sponsored by Tiki Trader which will feature some fantastic Tiki finds. The event will take place April 28, 2018 at the Bali Hai Restaurant in Shelter Island. There will be a live and silent auctions, paddle raise, raffle for a trip to Tahiti, our Tiki Mug, as well as a marketplace for fund raising activities for our community’s youth and schools.

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Ocean Beach history holds water; author of new book to speak at Water’s Edge

The cover of a new book on Ocean Beach almost never saw the light of the spectacular San Diego day. The negative was plucked from some- body’s trash, and it was pretty old to boot. The Ocean Beach Historical Society image features three silly ladies dancing on the cliffs in front of Abalone Cove near Del Monte Avenue, the Pacific Ocean mimicking their frivolity to the rear.

A dash of research places the girls somewhere around the turn of the 20th century, when OB was a mere teenager. All these years later, the rock at the bottom left sits stubbornly at the base of Del Monte, an unwitting axis between the ocean’s enormity and the timelessness the neighborhood represents.

Give it totally up for “Ocean Beach: Where Land and Water Meet,” a collection of more than 200 locally donated photographs and maps that chronicle OB’s develop- ment from the 1930s to the 1990s. From the neighborhood’s founding in 1887 to its present-day build-out among 28,000 residents, the sea has governed a significant chunk of commerce, and historical society creative director Kathy Blavatt, the book’s author, will speak on this phenomenon at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at Water’s Edge, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

The title, she said, is more than a slapdash inscription. “Everything in Ocean Beach,” Blavatt said, “derives around water. We have the San Diego River. We had the 1916 flood that wiped out Wonderland (amusement park). We’ve had buildings that were taken away by floods here. We have the Famosa Slough (wetlands). The ocean; the waves; the cliffs; the tourism; kids growing up at the beach: Everything here has pretty much been affected by its location surrounded by water.”

The book is an extension of “Ocean Beach,” a 2014 historical society production. Like the 12-page new book, “Ocean Beach” was published by Charleston, S.C.’s Arcadia Publishing, the country’s largest society production. Unlike the original, the sequel is designed to reflect both the blessings and brick- bats involved in the neighborhood’s aquatic heritage.

As it turns out, maybe not that much has changed. “A lot of people have always had gardens in OB,” Blavatt said, “and the book shows how long back that goes.” As if on cue, she pointed to an image of a rocky succulent garden from 1937 – and the irony wasn’t lost. “Here we are today,” she explained, “and we’re going back to that, cactus and succulents and low-water plants.”

Then there’s the seawall flap of the 1970s, wherein water was cen- tral to aggressive beachfront con- struction. Seven bankers boxes con- tained reams of lawsuit-related documents from anti-build residents who’d done colossal due diligence and had warned of construction’s harmful side-effects on the aquatic environment – and to this day, Blavatt said, “the City is always try- ing to do something to get around the (’70s) restrictions,” which impose a 30-foot height limit within a certain proximity to the beach.

Eric DuVall, the book’s co-author and historical society president, holds out hope. “The area has always been a mecca for freethinkers and noncon- formists,” he writes in his foreword, “and OB’s activists, business com- munity, young people and radicals have come together again and again to save her public parks and beach- es and to ward off unwanted develop- ment.”

Indeed. This is the same volatile ilk that once turned former President Nixon out from the area and that looked the other way as the neigh- borhood established a clothing-op- tional residence. They may be los- ing numbers through attrition, as their children sell their houses and leave the area, but Blavatt said that OB will surmount the obstacles in its own way, as it always has.

BOOK DISCUSSION

What: Kathy Blavatt, the book’s author, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19 at Water’s Edge, 1984 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.

Info: For more on the book, visit arcadia- publishing.com. More information about the meeting is available at obhistory.org.

A PLA Peninsula Community Conversation will take place 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at UPSSES, 15-0400 Pacific Beach Halt. It’s like NextDoor but without the typing, Meet, face to face, in person… and talk. So it’s more like getting coffee. But instead of coffee, there will be free food and a bar. Leaders from Peninsula, Ocean Beach and Midway planning boards, Ocean Beach Town Council, Ocean Beach MainStreet Association and the Point Loma Association will discuss things that affect all residents. Find out what each group does. Dis- cover how they work together, shar- ing concerns, collaborating on solu- tions, learning from one another and speaking with a unified voice to advocate for neighborhoods.

Support Cabrillo National Monument with vote

The Cabrillo National Monument needs the community’s help in obtaining a financial grant. They have been accepted into the running for the All-in 4 Change grants offered by Harrah’s Southern Cali- fornia. Awarding of the grants will be determined by votes by residents. The voting started and runs through 5 p.m. on April 23. Vote at harrahsocial.com/all-in-4-change.

Taste of Liberty Station

Foodies can pacify their palates at the second annual Taste of Liberty Station Wednesday, April 18, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event will be all- encompassing featuring the best Lib- erty Station has to offer, everything from music, art and culture to drinks and food. Attendees can stroll through Liberty Station sampling a wide variety of fare from eateries, while listening to live music and checking out artisan goods and art- work on exhibit from local galleries. Participating businesses will include Roma Express, Solare, Pisco Rotisserie & Cevicheria, Stone Brew- ing World Bistro & Gardens, Fitness Togeth er Point Loma and Lauren LeVeux Artist Studio.

Days at the Docks

The Port of San Diego’s 39th annual Day at the Docks is a celebration of sportfishing that will take place on Sunday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival marks the official start of San Diego’s spring saltwater fish- ing season. The event is held at Har- bor Drive and Scott Street.

The festival provides the opportu- nity to discover new adventures, explore the latest in fishing tackle and techniques, walk aboard and tour boats in the fleet, talk with the captains and crews, take a ride on a boat and partake in the many activi- ties planned for the day.

Free parking is available on Shel- ter Island and free round trip shuttle service to and from the festival is offered from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For complete information on Day at the Docks activities and schedules, visit sportfishing.org.
Robert Jackson takes a trip to Catalina Realty

Long-time Realtor joins Paul Vadnais

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

A Point Loma native practically born a Realtor — his mom preceded him in the profession — Robert (Tripp) Jackson recently moved from Pacific Sotheby’s to join friend and colleague Paul Vadnais at Catalina Realty.

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Paul Vadnais and Robert (Tripp) Jackson of Catalina Realty.

Jackson has an interesting tale to relate about his mom. “She worked in the office of Mary Frances Bennett Realtors on Rosecrans Street,” he said. “She got her license in 1970, but didn’t go to work until I was able to walk home from Cabrillo Elementary School.”

“Mom did maybe eight deals a year and was very quiet about it. My dad didn’t even realize what she was doing or not doing — until she wanted to remodel the kitchen. He said no,” Jackson said.

“One day, after he left in the morning, a group of contractors showed up and gutted the kitchen. He came home that evening and was speechless. Mom had already earned enough money for a new kitchen.”

Vadnais and Jackson talked with the Peninsula Beacon about real estate today and their joint venture with the nearly 70-year-old Catalina Realty, which was officially turned over to fellow broker Robert Jackson on Dec. 18, 2017.

What’s the biggest difference in being a Realtor today than before? “Computers and the multiple listing service,” answered Vadnais. “We used to have to do everything by hand.

“That and the proliferation of paperwork,” added Vadnais. “It used to be a listing was half a page. Now there are probably 30 or 40 forms that you need for every transaction.”

But some simple truths about real estate remain. “If the price is right — [property] will sell. It’s always been that way,” Vadnais said.

What does it take to be a good Realtor? “Sincerity. You always want to keep your client, and their best interests, above yourself. There isn’t any magic with it. It all gets down to honesty — and providing the best service you can,” Jackson replied.

Vadnais would add “empathy and enthusiasm” to those winning qualities. “You have to put yourself in the client’s shoes, either buyer or seller,” he said. “They can perceive if you’re interested in them and their situation.”

Jackson said it’s a good time to be in the realty business in 2018, though inventory is low.

“I remember there were about 400 listings in 1993,” he said. “Right now there are about 130.”

Low inventory is a non-starter for some in the market today, according to Vadnais.

“It’s not a market for first-time buyers because the prices are expensive,” he said. “For young people, it’s hard for them because they can’t afford to buy in the Point Loma area.”

But Vadnais pointed out, at the higher-end of the market, “There are quite a few cash sales.”

Point Loma is a great place to be in the realty business. “The [ocean] views, its proximity to downtown, it’s centrally located, those are the big features,” noted Jackson.

Vadnais talked about why he enjoys being a Realtor. “Every transaction is different,” he said. “There’s no set norm.”

Jackson likes being in a business where honesty is crucial. “It’s the responsibility of the agent to always do full disclosure, and be certain that you don’t have any conflicts of interest,” he said, adding that’s not just the “right” but also the “smart” thing to do.

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Businesses leasing Sports Arena land aren’t stoked about the City’s dreams

San Diego owns nearly 100 acres of land in the Midway District, and almost half of it could be put up for grabs to private developers in mid-2020, if the city gets its way.

Meanwhile, businesses that lease the land are trying to secure extensions from the city.

“Something’s gotta give,” said Ernie Hahn, general manager of Valley View Casino Center. “It’s the only place that a hockey team can play in town.”

Valley View is operated by AEG Management, and its lease with the city ends in May 2020. The two parties are in lease negotiations for a possible extension, with Hahn and his team seeking a five- to seven-year deal.

The city owns not only the arena and its parking lot, but also the land under businesses like Dixieline, Salvation Army, and Pier 1 Imports. Lawrence and Hahn have been through these negotiations before. Both said the process went smoothly, with the Dixieline negotiation process taking a year to complete.

“We had a lease renewal about three years ago that gave us the 2020 deadline,” Lawrence said. “We were investing in our property at the time and were notified after we had begun construction that extensions were not being granted past 2020 because of potential (to redevelop) the Sports Arena...We need to get started now. The end of 2020 will be here quickly.”

Hahn, who has been the general manager of the arena for more than 20 years, said extending the Valley View lease several years gives the San Diego Gulls a long-term home. The Gulls’ current agreement to play at Valley View expires in 2020.

The team plans to stay in San Diego, according to Gulls communications manager Steve Brown.

In terms of what we want to do, playing hockey whether that is a new arena or AEG extending the lease, we are hoping to be in San Diego,” he said. “So many iterations of the Gulls have bolted, left or changed, but we are invested long term.”

In addition to the Gulls, San Diego’s new National Lacrosse League team, the San Diego Seals, will begin playing at Valley View in November. Their agreement with the arena also ends in 2020. Hahn said the San Diego Gulls bring 350,000 people a year to the arena and expects the Seals to bring in more than 100,000 fans a year.

Extending [the lease] really gives us the ability to really work with the key entities at hand that want more time, that are a part of the San Diego community,” Hahn said. “It’s the best use of the land right now with the facility that’s there...Then down the line, should a new building get built, it gives the option to the city to get that land back while allowing the teams to continue to have a venue.”

Talks and plans for a new sports venue or event arena in San Diego have been ongoing for years. Most recently the focus has been on the Mission Valley area, which is home to SDCCU Stadium, formerly Qualcomm Stadium, and an expansion of the downtown convention center.

Last month, someone was polling residents about a potential ballot initiative to replace the Valley View Casino Center. It asked what type of additional development they would support in the area. Katie Koech, a San Diego spokeswoman, and Hahn both said they are not behind the polling.

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Point Loma woman named ARCS Light for 2018

Doris Ellsworth has been named the San Diego Chapter’s ARCS Light for 2018. This honor is awarded to one member every year who has contributed outstanding service to the organization. Academic Rewards for College Scientists (ARCS) awards approximately $500,000 annually to local scholars from UCSD, SDSU, TSRI, and USD.

Ellsworth joined the charitable organization in 1987 and has contributed in many ways to promote its mission of recognizing outstanding young scientists with scholarships. Membership committee chair of events, strategic planning committee chapter researcher, and director of field trips are a few of the duties she has performed.

Point Loma Garden Walk

On Saturday, April 21 from 10 to 4, the Dana Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary in collaboration with the Point Loma Artists Association will present the 17th Point Loma Garden Walk.

This year’s walk will be in the Wooded Area of Point Loma and features eight homes and gardens in a variety of styles from whimsical to formal and ecofriendly to dramatic. A bonus in the gardens will be artist’s demonstrations, music and a coffee stop featuring patient art from Rady Children’s Hospital-San Diego. Food trucks will be on site.

Net proceeds from the Garden Walk will benefit Craniofacial Programs at Rady Children’s. The Craniofacial Clinic diagnoses and treats complex disorders of the face and skull. The goal of the program is to provide each child with a conventional appearance, healthy teeth, intact hearing, understandable speech and smooth transition into adult social functioning.

The Marketplace at 550 Silvergate Avenue will host the Point Loma Artists Association Show and Sale with 20% of their proceeds going to support the Craniofacial Program at Rady Children’s. Linda Bienhoff, President of the Point Loma Artists Association, notes that PLAA artists will offer a variety of mediums for purchase: clay/ceramics, wood, water and oil painting, photography and calligraphy. The Marketplace will also host over 20 vendors with unique garden art, local artisans and crafters, clothing and jewelry.

“The Point Loma Garden Walk is San Diego’s most beautiful way to support Rady Children’s Hospital,” said Pam Caldwell, co-chair of Dana Unit of Rady Children’s Hospital Auxiliary. “San Diego boasts many garden tours; the element that sets ours apart is that it is a walking tour. Once our guests have their map/program they can park, visit the homes and gardens, shop in the Marketplace and have a bite to eat. We feature different areas of Point Loma each year and the aptly named Wooded Area offers a glimpse into a well-established neighborhood where large lots offer an abundance of garden designs.”

Tickets are $30; tickets can be purchased online at www.pointlomagardenwalk.com, local nurseries or on the day of the walk at 397 Silvergate Avenue.

For more information call 619-224-6494.