Mammoth Midway postal facility back on sales block

The ultimate fate of the largely-abandoned Midway Post Office is still in limbo, although the gigantic and once-vital postal facility on Midway Drive is back on the sales block.

The United States Postal Service (USPS) is still in the process of divesting itself of the 464,000-square-foot, three-story former United States Postal Service Processing and Distribution Center at 2555 Midway Drive in Loma Portal, said Ken Boyd, USPS facilities and customer relations manager.

“It’s listed for sale for a period clos- ing sometime in February,” said Boyd.

Candidate: DAVID ALVAREZ
(City Councilman, Dist. 8)
Q: With the City Council’s renewed emphasis on neighborhood enhancement/improvement programs and long-needed updates to decades-old community plans, what is your specific vision for San Diego’s beach communities?
A: Our beach communities have specific needs that have been ignored by past city leadership. As mayor, I will ensure we have clean beaches and water. I have pushed hard to implement a plan that utilizes water purification technology that will help reduce the outflow of wastewater into the ocean. Additionally, I feel strongly about the importance of beach safety and have prioritized restoring funding to lifeguard services in the city budget. As such, I am proud to be endorsed by the San Diego Lifeguard Association, which safeguards our beaches for the thousands of families that use our beaches every year.

Candidate: KEVIN FAULCONER
(City Councilman, Dist. 2)
Q: With the City Council’s renewed emphasis on neighborhood enhancement/improvement programs and long-needed updates to decades-old community plans, what is your specific vision for San Diego’s beach communities?
A: As the beach-area councilmember, I’m proud to have brought financial stability to City Hall. We can begin to reinvest in our neighborhoods. As mayor, I plan to repair our roads and improve every San Diego neighborhood — without raising taxes. I set a goal of paving 500 miles of roads and investing $900 million for neighborhood improvements over five years — including repairs to the crumbling seawall in Pacific Beach and Mission Beach. I will also create “Economic Opportunity Districts” to encourage revitalization in older neighborhoods. By updating community plans to include incentives for private investment, we can create more livable, walkable and economically thriving communities.

Candidate: KEVIN FAULCONER
(City Councilman, Dist. 2)
Q: Describe in detail what sets you apart from your political opponent and how you will capture San Diego’s economic and political future to promote the city and compete with the interests of neighboring counties and cities fighting for the same piece of California’s funding pie.
A: I have been consistent in my desire to see all communities throughout San Diego be treated fairly and equitably by City Hall, while my opponent has prioritized taxpayer giveaways to developer
Planners give thumbs-up to flashing crosswalk lights at Silver Gate school

Peninsula planners mixed a map waiver to convert four apartment units under construction into condos and approved flashing crosswalks near Silver Gate Elementary School, as well as hearing a comprehensive report from the Unified Port of San Diego updating its long-range vision.

Those were the highlights of the Peninsula Community Planning Board’s (PCPB) Jan. 16 meeting. Claude-Anthony Marengo, representing developers American Coastal Properties, gave a presentation on a project under way at 1102-1104 Avenida De Portugal and 1120-1122 Locust St. requesting planners’ approval of a map waiver to allow a change of building type. Marengo said the project is merely “following the regulations to meet the (building) code.”

Roseville neighbor Gade Barlow, who lives near the project, said she opposed the map waiver.

“Anyone can fudge,” she said, given less stringent height regulations for apartment-to-condo conversions. “We have many condos [already] in Point Loma. We don’t need any more.”

Barlow said if one were to drive around the neighborhood, “there’s nothing that looks like this.”

Another neighbor complained that allowing this apartment-to-condo conversion would “open up the floodgates” to other similar development projects “obstructing view corridors.”

“This project is a fait accompli,” said planner Norm Allenby. “They’re already building it. I don’t think there’s anything we can do.”

Other planners were not so sure.

“We can vote in opposition,” disagreed planner Jarvis Ross, who said laws favoring condo conversions in areas not conducive to them “need to be addressed.”

Another neighbor complained that the conversion project didn’t conform with community character. A second motion specifically on the map waiver — which required a majority vote to carry — resulted in a 5-5-2 vote. The action fell short to pass the waiver.

In other action, the advisory group voted unanimously in favor of a motion to support placing flashing crosswalk lights at the corner of Catalina Boulevard and Orchard Avenue for traffic-calming measures to protect pedestrians.

“Parents at Silver Gate Elementary School have asked the city to come out with many different options and this is the option that’s best with a push-button [system] activating the light,” said Quinn.

Airport board to host Town Hall meeting on planned north-side airfield projects

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA) will host a Town Hall meeting in Point Loma on Tuesday, Feb. 11 to receive public input on its north-side development plans to maximize the efficiency of the 661-acre airport.

The public meeting will take place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the McMillin Companies Event Center at Liberty Station, located at 2875 Deeray Road.

The proposed projects in the north-side redevelopment include:

- A rental-car center housing a number of rental-car companies in a single building, including national brands, as well as local, independent and small-business rental-car companies. The new center is expected to dramatically reduce the number of shuttle buses circulating around the airport.
- A new fixed-base operator complex to create a larger, more environmentally friendly facility to provide hangars, fueling and other services for general aviation aircraft.
- Roadway improvements involving several projects that will improve traffic and access to the north side of the airport.

A receiving and distribution center, which is a 21,000-square-foot central delivery location for food, beverage, retail and other goods, was completed in November 2012. The center helps reduce traffic surrounding roadways by centralizing all truck deliveries, reducing truck trips on Harbor Drive by 50 to 75 per day.

The SDCRAA was created in 2003 as an independent agency to manage the San Diego County Regional Airport.
Peninsula-area pot dispensaries temporarily lose bid to operate without federal interference

Attorneys for four medical-marijuana dispensaries — including one in Point Loma and another in the Midway District — were denied a legal appeal this month by a three-judge appellate-court panel, which ruled the federal government can continue enforcing the laws that make marijuana illegal under California law. The lack of marijuana authorization has been a source of bitter debate since 1996, when 56 percent of California voters gave the thumbs-up to Proposition 215, the Medical Marijuana Act. Despite the approval of state voters, the federal government maintains that marijuana remains illegal under U.S. law.

To add fuel to the bitter debate, a majority of voters in Colorado and Washington have also gone to the ballot box to legalize marijuana for recreational use.

Among the dispensaries pursuing the lawsuit are Cloud 9 Cooperative in Point Loma and Light the Way in the Midway District, which were both forced to close their doors after the U.S. Attorney’s Office dispatched letters to dispensaries in San Diego County as well as to their landlords — ordering the businesses to shut down or face forfeiture and criminal prosecution. Those who miss that deadline have until March 10 to qualify as a write-in candidate.

To run, applicants must be at least 18 and live, own property or run a business in the Ocean Beach planning area. This area is divided into seven districts.

Candidates must gather 15 signatures in the district of their residence, business or property. The boundaries of the planning area and its seven districts can be viewed at oceanbeachplanning.org.

Hopefuls must also have attended at least one meeting between February 2013 and January 2014. The OBPPB is one of more than 40 community planning boards across the city sanctioned by the City Council to make recommendations on land use and other community matters.

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A candidate forum is planned for March 5 at 6 p.m. at the Ocean Beach Recreation Center, 4724 East Village Ave. Balloting is March 11 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the same location. Identification and proof of residence is required. Voters may preregister and mail in ballots.

Ballots, candidate applications and information will be available at the Wednesday Farmers Market from 5 to 7 p.m. on Feb. 12, 19 and 26, or visit oceanbeachplanning.org.

Terms are two years and meetings take place the first Wednesday of the month. Successful candidates must also complete a planning curriculum as a community orientation workshop. A handbook may be downloaded at sandiego.gov/planning/community/cow.shtml.

Window opens for citizens to make difference in community OB planners set to host annual board elections

Oceanside, how much do you care about your community? Enough to run for office? If so, get your clipboards, sharpen your pencils and start knocking on doors. It’s election time, and seven positions are up for grabs.

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OB’s long-awaited community plan revisited for formal public input

It’s been one of the most important and highly anticipated developments in what Ocean Beach looks like over the next several decades — and it’s been in the works since 2002.

But the last word on the Ocean Beach Community Plan Update is still a way off. Dates have been released for review and approval by city agencies. The San Diego Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the plan Feb. 13. The City Council will review the project Jan. 27. Meeting times will be released online one week before the meetings at sandiego.gov.

The community plan is intended to be a blueprint for the future and contains specific proposals for land uses and public facilities such as parkland, transportation, and urban design, as well as public facilities like libraries, parks, fire stations, and rec centers.

This document and the accompanying environmental impact report can be viewed online at sandiego.gov/plan Сергій Зайцев. — Neal Putnam

State’s top lawyer said the proposal plan will be conducted in numerous phases over a number of years.

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“Any offers we get will be evaluated and we’ll move from there.”

Melanie Nickel, chairwoman of the Midway Community Planning Advisory Group (MCPAG), said the group has discussed the Midway postal facility several times previously, knowing the property has been offered for sale by the federal government.

“We heard two or three presentations by prospective buyers, none of whom actually wound up purchasing the place,” Nickel said, adding there are several community concerns about the property’s ultimate disposition.

“We are very concerned about the traffic impacts of development,” Nickel said. “Any large development would make the already awful traffic situation at Midway [Drive] and Rosecrans [Street] even worse. Some kind of street infrastructure improvements will definitely be needed and will, hopefully, be one of the things the city requires from the developer.”

“We suspect that re-using the existing building will not be part of the plans of most developers, although it does have the advantage that it is more than 30 feet in height.”

Nickel said any replacement buildings will have to make the city to the height limit in the area.

“There is one thing the Midway neighborhood appears certain about when it comes to Midway postal site redevelopment.

“We do not want to see a big-box retail store surrounded by an asphalt parking lot there,” Nickel said. “The area already has more than enough of that kind of project. And besides, the traffic impact of something like that would be unsustainable.”

The MCPAG discussed the possibility of a mixed-use development (smaller retail combined with housing), or some sort of park next to the Midway postal site, according to Nickel.

“We heard a suggestion for senior housing at the site and we are very supportive of that idea, if it is feasible,” Nickel said.

Nickel said any future redevelopment “should include some public space, possibly a historic plaza or historic park re-creating the site as Dutch Flats, where Lindbergh first tested his plane, the Spirit of St. Louis.”

“It would be nice to see the property become a park or other public facility, but let’s be realistic,” said Nickel. “The federal government is selling the property, not giving it away. They want the full appraised value for it.”

Once the central mail-processing facility for all of San Diego County, Boyd said the Midway facility, built in 1979, had become too small for that purpose by the early 1990s. Mail processing was moved to the Mari- garet L. Sellers Processing Center on Rancho Carmel Drive, which opened in 1993. Mail for the Midway ZIP codes served by the Midway Post Office has since been returned from Rancho Carmel, pre-sorted for carriers to pick up and deliver.

Prime real estate located just minutes from Interstate 8 and 5 and San Diego International Airport, the Midway facility is near the landmark Marine Corp Recruit Depot.

The Midway postal facility itself is in the middle of a historic area known as Dutch Flats. Dutch Flats was the name of a small dirt airstrip in the early 1900s used by Ryan Aeronautical Company leaders to choose to sell the property, then estimat- ed to be worth about $62.5 million. An independent group came forward with a bid to use the land as a self-sustained homeless center, a proposal which never bore fruit. The site was also rumoured to have been considered for a Costco store, but that never came to pass and the property was taken off the market.

The Midway postal site consists of 15.4 acres of land with two existing buildings and about 350 parking spaces. The two buildings include the old mail-processing facility, a 34,166-square-foot building; and a former vehicle maintenance facility, a 22,000-square-foot single-story build- ing.

Ortise zoning accommodates a range of industrial and manufacturing activities to promote a balanced land use and economy, and to encourage employ- ment growth, according to USPS offi- cials. The industrial zones are intended to provide flexibility in the design of new and redeveloped industrial projects while assuring high-quality develop- ment, and to protect land for industrial uses and limit non-industrial uses.

The site could be redeveloped to provide space for a science and business park.

“The property development standards of this zone are intended to create a campus-like environment character- ized by comprehensive site design and substantial landscaping, allowing a mix of light industrial and office uses,” according to the sales listing on the web site uspsproperties.gsa.gov.

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special interests. In order to increase funding for vital infrastructure projects in every community, it is critical the city get its fair share of state and fed- eral funding. For far too long, the city has not had a strong presence in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento. As mayor, I will actively lobby state and federal agencies for everything from home- builders to get the most benefit for local infra- structure projects in blighted communities.

Q: With the departure of former Mayor Bob Filner, much healing appears needed at City Hall and within San Diego’s respective neighborhoods. What is your plan to promote cohesiveness within the City Council and local town councils and planning groups?

A: City Hall is healing from a tumultuous year. To effectively govern, it’s critical that the mayor leads. All San Diegans — regardless of their special interests. As such, I will govern by treat- ing all members of our communities with the dignity and respect they deserve. Unlike past administrations, I’ll work with our town coun- cils and planning groups to help with neigh- borhood issues. I have and will continue to work cooperatively with each city councilmem- ber to ensure each community receives the resources and services it needs. Although the mayor and City Council may not always agree, working together to do what’s best for the city we can get San Diego back on track and moving full steam ahead.

Q: The city’s tourism industry — particularly the Embrocadero-based cruise-line business and the Convention Center’s bookings — has struggled in recent years. What is your plan to put San Diego’s tourism industry back on the map and at the forefront of lure in the region?

A: San Diego’s tourism industry is vital to our economy and it’s critical we effectively market the city to ensure tourism revenues continue to grow. This was the reason I bro- ke a compromise to free up tourism fund- ing, working cooperatively with all stakehold- ers involved and solving a stalemate that had paralyzed City Hall and our ability to market San Diego and its tourism assets.

Within my first term, I will strengthen our port by working cooperatively to do what’s best for the city. I will work hands-on to ensure key projects are prioritized.

Q: In terms of maintaining/growing the presence of law enforcement in our beach communities and maintaining boosting budgetary support for the San Diego Fire/Rescue Department’s Lifeguard Services, what will you advocate as mayor?

A: I have consistently fought for increased funding for our Lifeguard Services in the city budget. When I was elected to the City Council, my opponent and past city leaders had chosen to slash public safety funding and resources. This was a reckless way to balance the budget. I proposed and successfully restored funding for browned-out lifeguards and expanded lifeguard personnel. I found unnecessary expenses to cut without impacting public services. I’m proud to have the firefighters and lifeguards supporting my campaign and, as mayor, funding public safety services over non-essential budgetary expenses will be a top priority.

Q: What is your plan to put San Diego’s tourism industry back on the map and at the forefront of lure in the region? A: I’m the only candidate who understands the tourism economy is critical to creating jobs and generating revenue to improve our parks, roads and neighborhoods. David Alvarez opposed key tourism initiatives — financing the Convention Center and advertising San Diego — casting lone “no” votes against a bipartisan supermajority. In the coming term, I will strengthen our port and secure a long-term contract with Cono-Con to keep the convention in San Diego for years to come. And within my first year as mayor, I will create a Film and Creative Industry Commission to market San Diego and attract film and entertainment projects.

Q: In terms of maintaining/growing the presence of law enforcement in our beach communities and maintaining boosting budgetary support for the San Diego Fire/Rescue Department’s Lifeguard Services, what will you advocate as mayor?

A: Every San Diegocean deserves to feel safe. And as home to thousands of residents and tourists, the beach communities face additional public-safety needs. My three-point “Strong and Safe Neighborhoods Plan” will rebuild the shrinking San Diego Police Department by streamlining recruitment and hiring practices, closing the compensation gap that is luring officers to other agencies after San Diego taxpayers pay for their training and investing in staff and equipment. My four-point “Neigh- borhood Fairness Plan” will improve emergency response times by building new fire stations and create enhanced accountability measures for emer- gency first responders. Read more at www.Kevin Faulconer.com.

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first, I’m the only candidate who opposed the 2010 sales-tax proposal and supports the pension and budget reforms that have turned our city around.

A: I was first elected to the City Council in the mid-1990s — a freshman councilmember — comes from the San Diego Film and Creative Industry Commission to market San Diego and attract film and entertainment projects.

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**David Scott Tremel, 45, avid surfer and friend**

David Scott Tremel passed away Jan. 24. He was 45. Born on Sept. 6, 1968, David was the beloved son of Jim and Jane Tremel and was a friend to all.

David was a Point Loma High School graduate, class of 1986. He participated in the Sunset Cliffs Surfing Association and was a true waterman whose generous spirit and quick wit will be missed by many friends in the tight knit Sunset Cliffs/Ocean Beach surfing communities. Sunset Cliffs reefs and Baja points were his playground.

A paddleout by local surfers was held earlier this month to eulogize David and memorial services have also taken place.

Dave, see you in the Newbreak lineup.

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**Michael Charter, decorated veteran, tireless volunteer, activist**

In the early morning hours on Jan. 23, Michael Paul Charter passed away. He was 69.

As many grieve the loss of a great man, they remember who he was and the great things he has done. As a recipient of several badges of honor — including the Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge and the National Defense Service Medal — his list of accomplishments as a civilian and military man are, indeed, impressive.

A strong advocate for Purple Heart recipients, he would go to the wall with them and for them to help ensure they got the recognition and benefits they deserve. He most recently worked on the Purple Heart Memorial at the Veterans Museum and Memorial Center in Balboa Park and was petitioning for recipients of the Purple Heart Medal to have special parking.

He also participated on the Mental Health Advisory Board representing the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and Veterans Village of San Diego to develop the post-traumatic stress disorder program for combat veterans.

In the early 1990s, Charter was a board member of the Ocean Beach Town Council, serving for a time as president. He participated in the organization of chili cook-off festivals, Christmas parades, fought against San Diego wastewater being dumped in the ocean just a few miles out of Ocean Beach, restoration of the Ocean Beach Pier, beautification of the Ocean Beach entryway, an Adopt-a-Beach program, and the building of the Ocean Beach Skateboard Park, just to name a few.

Memorial services will be held Feb. 1 at Veterans Village of San Diego, located at 4141 Pacific Highway, in the Jack Lyons Auditorium at 2:30 p.m. He will be laid to rest at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery among his comrades.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, monetary donations be made to the Veterans Village of San Diego in Michael Charter’s name.

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**20th Annual Spaghetti Dinner & Sauce Contest**

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- **Jeannette Walls**, author of *The Glass Castle*, *Half-Broke Horses*, and *The Silver Star*
  - February 26, 7:00 PM in Brown Chapel
  - Tickets: $15 [Available at www.pointloma.edu/writers](http://www.pointloma.edu/writers)

- **Samuel Freedman**, author of *Breaking the Line*, *Small Victories*, *Jew vs. Jew*, *Upon This Rock*
  - February 20, 7:00 PM in Salomon Theatre
  - Tickets: $10 [Available at www.pointloma.edu/writers](http://www.pointloma.edu/writers)

- **Paul Farmer, M.D.**, Humanitarian, Physician, Author, Activist
  - April 9, 7:30 PM in Brown Chapel
  - Tickets available at www.pointloma.edu/farmer

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**Feb. 22, 2014**

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Alley Cat Street struts fluff for Jerry Garcia’s solo work

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Lots of great bands emerged during the 1960s, but only one drew fame for its audiences as well as its music — the Grateful Dead.

Still one of the world’s most famous groups, despite the passing of frontman Jerry Garcia in 1995, it’s only natural that there be tribute acts in their honor, including Ocean Beach favorite Electric Waste Band. Now comes Alley Cat Street, a new offshoot of this combo — this time dedicated to Garcia’s solo work.

Alley Cat Street debuted Dec. 7 at Winston’s Beach Club, where it will continue to play regular gigs. The group is made up of keyboardist Paul Bell, guitarist Andy Brauerstein, drummer D.J. Bonin and bassist Andrew Lantz.

Bell said Winston’s is the obvious choice when it comes to a home base. It was a no-brainer,” said Bell. “I played 16 years of straight Monday nights there. The ‘dead-head’ scene is thriving in OB.”

Bell said he originally left Electric Waste Band for a change of pace, though he didn’t go too far. “After spending over 16 years playing in the Electric Waste Band, I had a feeling it was time to move on,” he said. “I will always love Jerry Garcia’s musical sensibilities and will crave that style, so I knew I would be able to assemble these cats and have a good ol’ time playing with what, to me, are brand-new sets of music.”

Garcia fans will be happy to know that Alley Cat Street does, indeed, stick to Garcia’s solo work. “To begin, we are making an effort to not play Grateful Dead songs,” Bell said. “Jerry Garcia Band [JGB] would only play one or two songs that were also in a typical Dead show. The song ‘Deal,’ for example, was used as a barometer to see how the audience was doing. It was a no-brainer,” said Bell. “I will be able to assemble these sets of tunes and use them with their Dead request, sure,” he laughed.

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Paul Bell is the keyboardist for Alley Cat Street, an offshoot of the local Grateful Dead tribute combo Electric Waste Band. Alley Cat Street’s repertoire focuses on the solo work of Jerry Garcia, the Grateful Dead’s late lead guitarist and lyricist.

Although the band isn’t limited to playing Garcia’s music, they often pay tribute to his work of Jerry Garcia, the Grateful Dead’s late lead guitarist and lyricist.

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PLHS grapplers show promise in early tournaments

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Wrestlers at Point Loma High School have earned numerous medals during early season tournaments.

During “The Battle by the Beach” varsity tournament at Mar Vista High School, the Pointers finished with the fourth-best overall team score.

The team was led by Nathan Maracle (152 pounds) and Michael Serrano (285), who both captured second-place medals.

Third-place finishers were Chase Harris (113), Matt Maller (118) and Raeliu Cruz (172).

Correll Thomas (220) and Joel Frost (126) each scored fifth-place awards.

In the Carlsbad Varsity Tournament, Serrano wrestled his way to the finals before receiving a second-place title.

Harris took third and Maracle ended in fifth place.

In the John Bright Tournament at Poway for junior varsity grapplers, four Pointers reached the final round as the team finished with the sixth-highest score and seven medal winners.

Angel Milan-Sanchez (152), Brian Martinez (113), Arthur Daniels (220) and Tomas Runkle (98) each took home a second-place medal.

Byron Lamb (118) took a third-place honor, while Ricky Jimenez (120) and Will Wilson finished in fourth.

The Pointer wrestling program has been steadily improving over the last several seasons under head coach Phil Moore and assistants Brian Lamb and Miles Doughty.

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

PLNU basketball set for 7 end-of-season homestand series

PLNU ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS DEPT.

This year, the Point Loma Nazarene University men’s basketball team is 10-7 overall and in eighth place in the PacWest with a 5-6 record in conference.

The Sea Lions played much of their early season schedule on the road but will close out the season with seven of its last nine games at home starting Saturday, Jan. 25.

Hayden Lescall leads PLNU and ranks sixth in the PacWest with 16.8 points per game. He also ranks fourth in the conference in steals (1.7) and fifth in minutes (34.7), while leading the team in each category. Junior Morgan has provided PLNU with a solid presence in the paint since joining the team this offseason. He is averaging 14.4 points per game and 6.5 rebounds to rank 14th in the PacWest in both categories. He is also ranked ninth in the PacWest in shooting percentage at .554.

Fellow big man AJ Ussery is seventh in the PacWest in shooting percentage (.566), 11th in rebounding (6.6) and fourth in blocks (1.6). Point guard Marek Klassen ranks sixth in the PacWest in 3-pointers per game (2.4), ninth in assists (3.9) and 19th in scoring (12.8).

As a team, Point Loma leads the PacWest in scoring defense, allowing just 69.1 points per game. Their opponents are shooting just .424 percent from the field (second in the PacWest) and .342 from 3-point range. On offense, PLNU is third in the conference with a .492 field-goal percentage and ranks third in assists (14.4) and fifth in 3-pointers made (6.9).
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Baseball program prepares to open season Feb. 1
Point Loma student-athletes Brett Carlile and Trey Hunt have both been voted to the preseason All-Pacific West Conference team by the league’s coaches.
Carlile was one of just three pitchers to make the team and was the only one selected as a reliever. Last year, Carlile appeared in 18 games for the Sea Lions — 16 of the bullpens — and posted a 2.1 record with a 5.48 earned-run average. He allowed just 31 hits in 33.2 innings pitched and struck out 13 batters. He also had one save and opponents hit just .254 off him.
Hunt was named to the preseason all-conference team as an outfielder. He was a third team all-conference selection last season after hitting .318 with a .369 on-base percentage. He was second on the team with 22 runs batted in, 28 runs scored and 63 total bases. He struck out just 18 times in 179 at-bats and also added six outfield assists.
In the same poll, the Sea Lions were one of four teams picked to finish third in the PacWest standings. Azusa Pacific, Poly Pomona in a doubleheader starting on Saturday, Feb. 1 at home against Cal Poly Pomona in a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.
plan is to create “a more pedestrian scale and feel” to lend more of a main-street atmosphere, encouraging smaller stores to come in.

“Did you study any options with the sports arena not being there?” asked Midway planner Cathy Kenton, who was told by city officials one non-sports arena alternative was being studied.

Advisory group chairwoman Melanie Nickel pointed out there is one important consideration to be factored into any rethinking of area land use.

“Now much lives here, pretty much everyone arrives by car,” Nickel said.

She added the community is not interested in seeing redevelopment characterized by lots of blacktop or concrete parking lots, which already predominate.

“If there isn’t a sports arena, than maybe there could be some kind of entertainment focus there,” said Nickel.

City engineer Galloway responded that “a big theater with shopping around it, or an ice-skating rink or park space” could be redevelopment alternatives to be considered. He added local planners could look to other areas elsewhere in the state and nation that have similarly redeveloped urban spaces like the Midway/Pacific Highway Corridor.

Jarvis Ross, a planner representing the nearby Peninsula Community Planning Group covering Point Loma, said any redrawn map of land use in the Midway area will necessarily have to focus on traffic impacts in the notoriously crowded and cramped urban corridor linking coastal communities, Old Town and the San Diego River.

Galloway said aesthetics is a critical consideration in re-envisioning what the Midway/Pacific Highway Corridor can be, helping it to achieve its full potential.

“We need to focus on green streets for sustainability measures, using shade trees and traffic calming, developing elements connecting you to park space accommodating pedestrians and bicyclists,” Galloway said.

The advisory group will resume discussion of the Midway/Pacific Highway Plan Update at its Feb. 19 meeting, when it is hoped planners will vote on some key provisions of a new community plan.

The group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 3 p.m. at San Diego Community College West City Campus, 1249 Fordham St. in Room 208.
Peninsula-area events, Jan. 30-Feb. 18

THURSDAY, Jan. 30

Loma Portal Elementary School hosts a Centennial Kickoff Party in preparation for the school’s 100th birthday during the 2014-15 school year. Alumni are urged to attend and children are welcome. The event takes place at the Burrell family residence, 2262 Willow St. For more information, call (619) 255-0800, email lomaportal100@gmail.com or visit www.lomaportalelementary.com.

SATURDAY, Feb. 1

The Institute of Feminine Wisdom, a program of the Women’s Museum of California based at Liberty Station, will hold an inaugural benefit event at a private home in Point Loma, themed “Under a Starry Night Sky.” The event benefits the institute’s Sophia Camp for Girls leadership program. Ticket costs for the fundraiser are $50, and includes appetizers by Chef Joann, desserts by Stephanie Weaver and live music by Manna Christy. The event takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. at 2655 Poinsettia Drive. For more information, call (619) 820-0806, or visit instituteoffemininewisdom.com.

MONDAY, Feb. 3

The Sharp Healthcare Senior Resource Center will host a free seminar and consultation to help locals learn the ins and outs of getting the most income from their homes with a program “Life Estate Gift Annuity vs. Reverse Mortgage.” If you or your parents are house rich and cash poor and would like to receive a meaningful income without moving, the seminar will be presented by Norm Timmins, JD, gift and estate planning director of the Sharp HealthCare Foundation. The event takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire St. Registration is required by calling (800) 827-4277 or by registering online at www.sharp.com.

TUESDAY, Feb. 4

The Sharp Senior Resource Center will host free blood-pressure screenings by registered nurses at the Peninsula Family YMCA, located at 4,390 Valeta St., from 9 to 11 a.m. No appointments are necessary and the public is welcome. For more information, call (800) 827-4277.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 12

The Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library will host a free presentation by speaker by Sam Halpern, who will discuss “A Far Piece to Canaan,” in which he recalls his childhood memories of growing up in Georgetown, Ky., in a family of sharecroppers to tell the story of his central figure, Samuel Zelinsky. The presentation takes place at the library, located at 1701 Voltaire St., at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (619) 531-1539.

TUESDAY, Feb. 18

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