Airport Authority approves $3 billion redevelopment plan

By Dave Schwab | The Beacon

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority Board approved the final environmental impact report for the Airport Development Plan, which envisions replacement of the 53-year-old Terminal 1 at San Diego International Airport.

“Today we took an important vote that will help ensure our airport can accommodate expected passenger growth well into the future and ensure our customers and their families are treated to a better airport experience than today’s Terminal 1 can provide,” said April Boling, Airport Authority Board chair. “The plan will also ensure the airport can continue to function as an economic engine for the region for decades to come.”

The new Terminal 1 would feature 30 gates (up from 19) and represent a significant upgrade for passengers, offering more gate-area seating, restaurants and shops and additional security checkpoints with more lanes and a host of energy-efficiency upgrades.

The Airport Development Plan would also include numerous roadway transportation improvements and enhancements enhancing airport access. A proposed on-airport entry road would remove an estimated 45,000 cars per day from Harbor Drive.

The Airport Authority has been working with SANDAG, the Port District, the City of San Diego, MTS, NCTD, Caltrans, the County of San Diego and other regional agencies to assist in their efforts to analyze circulation around the airport, as well as to determine the best transit solution for carrying people to the airport.

The Airport Authority has set aside $3 billion for the redevelopment over the next 20 years. The Airport Authority Board approved a $69 million airport improvement program in June that includes a proposed $10 million airport runway pavement replacement project."
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transit station that could accommodate any regional transit system chosen by SANDAG and other regional planning agencies.

In addition, the Airport Authority will launch an electric shuttle fleet that will carry transit riders to and from the Old Town Transit Center. This service is scheduled to start in mid-2022.

Unanimous approval of the environmental report was not perceived as good news by everyone, including airport watchdog and Point Loma resident Casey Schnoor. Referring to the document as “inadequate,” Schnoor said, “They’re (Airport Authority Board) railroad[ing] the [EIR] through,” while warning, “The only remedy is litigation.”

An outspoken critic of the estimated $3 billion costs for rebuilding Terminal 1, Schnoor has long contended that the Airport Authority underestimated the forecasted growth rate, which he argues will tend that the Airport Authority has underestimated the forecasted growth rate, which he argues will increase San Diego International Airport’s annual passenger growth rate, which he argues will more than 39 million gallons of rain annually.

Schnoor also criticized local politicians for “not stepping up and representing the concerns of the community. There are about 15,000 people representing the concerns of the community. There are about 15,000 people who want to go to work in three years and be really mad because the politicians didn’t do anything.”

Schnoor charges the airport final EIR fails to adequately compensate local residents for noise and other impacts associated with airport travel in an uneven trade-off “to enhance the airport passenger experience.” Schnoor argues that the Airport’s Quieter Homes Program to dampen sound in homes in the airline flight path keeping them under the 65-decibel sound limit has long waiting lists, which he insists will only become greater once Terminal 1 is completed bringing heavier air traffic to San Diego.

San Diego International Airport is the busiest single-runway commercial airport in the United States. It has seen record growth in passenger volumes over the past six years.

The impacts of this growth are most evident in Terminal 1. When it opened in 1967, it served 2.5 million passengers that year. In 2019, that same facility served more than 12 million.

Overall, the airport served roughly 25 million passengers in 2019. More than 1 million of them were international passengers. In July 2019, the Airport Authority announced an unprecedented 10-year lease agreement with its airline partners that included airline pre-approved for more than $300 million total for off-airport and on-airport transportation improvements.

Next steps for the Terminal 1 expansion project include federal environmental review and consideration of a coastal development permit by the California Coastal Commission.

The goal is to break ground on the new terminal in 2021 and open the first phase (19 gates) in 2024. For more information, visit san.org/plan.
North Chapel being converted to an event venue draws criticism

A new management company’s plans to convert historic North Chapel in Liberty Station into an event venue has drawn some protest.

“At this moment, there is no compromise,” said Ron Slayen, a Liberty Station Arts District artist who, for three years, has been lobbying to preserve the chapel’s status quo. “This is an end-around like nothing I’ve ever seen. We simply want them to abide by the historical guidelines on the federal registry, which say, ‘You may not touch the interior (of the building).’”

Responding to initial rumors that the chapel might be repurposed for a restaurant since denied, historical preservationists have campaigned against removing pews or altering significantly the chapel’s interior.

North Chapel at 2881 Roosevelt Road in the Quarter District of Liberty Station was constructed in 1942 as a place of worship for sailors stationed at the Naval Training Center San Diego. Sailors prayed there before going overseas during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

The chapel closed in 1997 with the operational closure of the Navy base. The chapel has since been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which affords it architectural protection. In 2018, McMillin sold part of its Liberty Station leasehold, including the North Chapel, to Seligman and Pendulum Property Partners. Pendulum then selected 828 Venue Management as a tenant, which subsequently selected Bennett + Associates as the architect to rehabilitate the chapel.

Recently, following a review by state and federal agencies that found proposed chapel renovations to be “consistent with the (historical) standards,” 828 Venue wrote: “We plan to continue the operation of the North Chapel as a community event venue. We want to create a more inclusive space that’ll give more people the opportunity to enjoy the beauty of this historic building… the facility will continue to be available for a wide range of community events throughout the week including weddings, religious gatherings, performances, receptions, a variety of other events and faith-based celebrations, as permitted by Liberty Station’s guiding NTC Precise Plan.”

Slayen has attended several Peninsula Community Planning Board meetings, putting questions to the chapel’s new operating group in attendance.

“One asked them specifically, yes or no, are you going to remove the pew?” said Slayen. “The answer was, ‘When we have plans in place, we will return to the community. They didn’t play fair. They promised they were coming back to the community planning board — and they never did.’”

Slayen said: “We care a lot about this historic spot. We particularly care about the sailors who prayed there, went to war, and never returned.”

Chapel rebranding opponents want assurances its interior will be left intact.

“They (828 Venue) have claimed pews are furniture, not part of the structure,” said Slayen. “Our position is you can’t alter the physical nature of the interior.”

Added Slayen: “This is a religious edifice that would also be a wonderful place for local choirs to sing.”

Slayen points to a letter of support from architect Milford Wayne Donaldson to Mayor Kevin Faulconer in 2018 supporting the preservationist’s position on the chapel.

“For 15 years, the North Chapel has been used for religious services of many denominations, weddings, memorial services, conference plenary sessions, and concerts,” read Donaldson’s letter. “These uses were consistent with the historic uses of the chapel by the U.S. Navy. The master developer of NTC has explored leasing the historic North Chapel for a restaurant or event space requiring extensive food and alcoholic beverage services inconsistent with the original intent during the base reuse… it is critical to retain the chapel for its intended uses as well as public uses without major alterations to the chapel’s spectac-ular interior.”

Donaldson has served on the City’s Historical Resources Board and, from 2004-2012, was State Historic Preservation Officer in Sacramento. For more than 40 years, his architectural firm has specialized in historic preservation.
Peter Bentz was murdered in his Ocean Beach apartment by a man who was angry that Bentz videotaped him having sex with a woman, a prosecutor told a jury Tuesday (Jan. 7).

The murder trial of an electrician, Irian Eleron Hancock, 49, got underway in San Diego Superior Court involving the death of Bentz, 68, whose body has not been found.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Dort described the circumstances in his opening statement of the presumed death of Bentz whom he said was last seen alive on Nov. 20, 2017, when a security camera showed him leaving the 24-Hour Fitness gym on Midway Drive.

Bentz’s blood was found in 17 locations in his Greene Street apartment after a police cadaver dog alerted investigators to it despite someone cleaning the apartment, said Dort.

His belongings were found strewn near a freeway that included a napkin with Bentz’s blood and Hancock’s DNA on it, said Dort. Hancock used Bentz’s credit cards and a 2006 Toyota Hylander days after Bentz vanished.

Dort told the seven-woman, five-man jury that Bentz had a sexual relationship with Hancock, but that he brought over a woman and Bentz videotaped Hancock having sex with her.

That video was posted online, and Hancock was quoted by a witness as saying “I’m going to get him,” said Dort. A witness will say that Hancock worried “he didn’t bury him deep enough,” said Dort.

Hancock’s attorney, Jimmy Rodriguez, told jurors that his client met Bentz after he hired him to do electrical work in his apartment.

They had a consensual sexual relationship, he said.

“Mr. Hancock may be many things, but he is not a murderer,” said Rodriguez. “Mr. Hancock did not kill Peter Bentz.”

Rodriguez said Hancock and Bentz shared “a mutual vice—drugs,” and his client-supplied Bentz with drugs. “It doesn’t make him a killer,” said Rodriguez.

Rodriguez said Hancock came over to Bentz’s home and found him making a sex video with others. Hancock wanted to be part of the video for cash, and Bentz paid him by giving him his car keys and credit cards, said Rodriguez.

“To this day, no one knows what happened to Mr. Benta,” said Rodriguez, who said Bentz had a habit of inviting strangers to his apartment.

The defense attorney told jurors to focus on the changing stories of two women including Hancock’s own wife. Both women have signed cooperation agreements with the DA’s office and will not be prosecuted for allegedly being an accessory after the fact.

Dort said Hancock’s phone pinged from locations in Campo where it was believed Bentz is buried. A label from a tool believed purchased by Hancock was found in Campo, but no DNA or fingerprints were recovered.

“The body is just too heavy,” said Dort.

Hancock is quoted as telling his wife, according to Dort.

Jury selection started Jan. 6 and finished Jan. 7 with three female alternates chosen. Dort asked potential jurors if they had any problems with finding a person guilty of murder if a body has not been found.

The trial is estimated to last until Jan. 29. Hancock has pleaded not guilty and he remains in jail on $2 million bail.

**Question:** Are there any significant changes in the Probate laws that we should know about?

**Answer:** Effective January 1, 2020, AB 473 amended several sections of the California Probate Code, the most significant being an amendment to Probate Code § 13151, which sets the specified dollar amount for an estate to qualify for a transfer to the decedent’s heirs without a full probate administration.

AB 473 increased this specific dollar amount from $150,000 to $166,250, which means that for estates where the decedent died after January 1, 2020, a probate administration will only be necessary if the date of death value of the decedent’s real and personal property in California exceeds $166,250.
Street Stewards expand into Point Loma; looking for more neighborhood volunteers

The volunteer street steward program, begun in Ocean Beach recently, has spread out to include Pacific Beach and now Point Loma.

Street stewards are the brain-child of Aaron Null, a 10-year Obecian, who recently created a Facebook page asking residents to fill in the gaps in beautifying OB by adopting a street/block to clean every week.

“We have it (stewards program) going from Liberty Station down to the end of the point,” said Kegler. “It’s a pretty large area.”

To be a street steward, all a volunteer needs is a bucket, a pair of gloves and a trash-grabber.

“We can keep our community a lot cleaner by picking up as a group,” said Kegler.

Kegler is teaching by example. She ventures out once a week in the wooded area of Point Loma with her bucket and grabber and collects whatever trash she runs across. The amount — and type — of which can be surprising.

“There’s a lot of cigarette butts,” she pointed out adding her “haul” has also included liquor bottles and beer cans and plastics including copious amounts of leftover Halloween candy wrappers.

To become a Point Loma volunteer street steward, all people need to do is go to their Facebook page and join up.

“It’s a very casual program,” said Kegler. “They can just pick out their own street or block in their own neighborhood, or one that that’s convenient and not taken. You don’t have to report in. Just do it on your own time.”

Kegler said it also might not be a bad idea for volunteer street stewards to “take their kids with them to teach them about community service and doing random acts of kindness. It would be good for people to get the younger generation, any age group, involved.”

“It never ends,” said Kegler of the taste of beautifying the community, which extends to the ocean and bays.

“We went down to Shelter Island and it was horrible, with trash floating up near the dock,” said Kegler. “We’re getting much closer to our goal,” said Kegler. “But we have a long way to go. This is a big territory.”
Tamale fundraiser at Surf Side Deli helps families in need during holidays

By Dave Schenk | The Beacon

A Point Loma restaurateur hosted his first-ever tamale fundraiser over the holidays benefiting two local needy families.

“We have had a lot of fundraisers here to help different organizations,” said Chef Billy “Butter” Joyce, owner of Surf Side Deli at 1912 Rosecrans St. “It’s in our blood to help others.”

Peninsula activist Claudia Jack noted one of the two families aided, who wished to remain anonymous, “had never had a Christmas tree.”

Reacting to the event, Jack said, “Whoo hoo. The Tamale Takeover at Surf Side Deli rocked. Butter and staff worked hard and it was a fantastic success. The music and other things going on were great. Looking forward to the second annual tamale takeover this year.”

Pointing out he wanted to “make it fun,” Joyce opted for a “Tamale takeover” contest, describing the event turnout as “unbelievable.”

“We had 10 teams the Sunday before Christmas,” he said. “We put it out there that we were having it and that we needed people to come out and help and give.”

So, for $10, fundraiser patrons were treated to all they could eat tamales.

“The monies raised paid for gifts for the families,” said Joyce. “Additionally, participants brought unwrapped toys for the different ages of the local families in Ocean Beach.”

The first fundraiser of the year at Surf Side kicks-off on Jan. 26 at the deli. Joyce noted he also hosts regular surfing swap meets, where people bring in their old or vintage gear including surf and skateboards and wetsuits, which are then sold in the parking lot while music is played and barbecue served.

The restaurateur said they’re expanding their list of needy organizations supported by such fundraisers. “We want to donate to an orphanage in Tijuana,” he said.

“People sell their stuff at the swap meet, and then donate some of the proceeds back to me to take down to the Tijuana orphanage,” Joyce said one local artist brought in a piece he drew of a butterfly that fetched $300 that he donated which went to purchase a wagon, a plush toy and a dollhouse for a 2-year-old girl.

When Joyce gave those gifts to the child’s mother, he said she broke down in tears noting, “My cousin died last year and she loved butterflies, even had a butterfly tattoo.”

It made for a good story, noted Joyce adding it was an example of “the good that can happen if you give back.”

Mary Elizabeth Miller

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OCEAN BEACH/POINT LOMA - Mary Elizabeth Miller, age 102, passed away quietly at home with her loving son Fletcher and devoted daugh- ter-in-law June by her side.

Mary was born in Fargo, ND to recent Norwegian immigrants Johannes and Ida Mickelson. She married Robert Miller New Year’s Eve in 1937 and WV brought them to San Diego. Mary worked at Consolidated Aircraft while Bob was deployed with the Marines in the Pacific. After the war they built a small beach cottage home in Point Loma in 1951, and Mary worked at the Lutheran Service Center as Secretary-Hostess downtown.

In 1960, after 23 years of marriage, Bob and Mary’s life was surprisingly but pleasantly turned upside down by the arrival of son Fletcher. They built a larger home in Ocean Beach to accommodate him and Mary’s mother, Ida Mickelson, and Mary remained in that home for 37 years. The family joined St. Peter’s by-the-Sea Lutheran Church in Ocean Beach, where she was active in a variety of roles for decades. Mary also was a Friend of the Ocean Beach Library, and a member of the Spreckel’s Organ Society and the House of Norway.

In 2007, when Mary turned 90, Fletcher moved back to San Diego into her house, making her the happiest woman in Ocean Beach. Jane joined the family in 2009, making Fletcher the happiest man in Ocean Beach. Mary took good care of Fletcher and Jane while in her early 90s, shopping, cooking, and cleaning. Mary slowed down gradually (she is pictured here at age 98) and enjoyed having others take on household duties. The last six years she was assisted by wonderful caregivers from Senior Helpers.

Mary is survived by son, Fletcher, daughter-in-law, Jane Manderscheid, nephew Robert Randall of Montevideo, CA, and his family, and many relatives in the US and Norway.

There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, Feb. 1st at 10:30 AM at St. Peter’s by-the-Sea Lutheran Church, 1371 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., San Diego, CA 92107, followed by a luncheon reception. The favorite belongings are being directed by Beardsley-Mitchell Funeral Home, please see their website for a longer tribute to Mary’s life and more pictures (https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/san-diego-ca/mary-miller-898061). Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to St. Peter’s by-the-Sea Lutheran Church, to the Spreckel’s Organ Society in Balboa Park, or to KPBS Public Radio.

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Look for Changes in Retirement Plans

It might not have made the headlines, but a recently passed piece of legislation could affect the IRAs and 401(k)s of millions of Americans beginning in 2020. So, if you have either of these accounts, or if you run a business, you’ll want to learn more. The new laws, collectively called the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, include these noteworthy changes:

- Higher age for RMDs – Under current law, you must start taking withdrawals known as required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan once you turn 70 1/2. The new law pushes the date to start RMDs to 72, which means you can hold on to your retirement savings a bit longer.
- No age limit for traditional IRA contributions – Previously, you could only contribute to your traditional IRA until you were 70 1/2, but under the SECURE Act, you can now fund your traditional IRA for as long as you have taxable earned income.
- Elimination of “Stretch IRA” provisions – Under the old rules, beneficiaries were able to stretch taxable RMDs from a retirement account over his or her lifetime. Under the SECURE Act while spouse beneficiaries can still take advantage of this “stretch” distribution, most non-spouse beneficiaries will have to take all the RMDs by the end of the tenth year after the account owner passes away. Consequently, non-spouse beneficiaries who inherit an IRA or other retirement plan could have tax implications due to the need to take larger distributions in a shorter timeframe.
- No early withdrawal penalty for IRAs and 401(k)s when new child arrives. Typically, you must pay a 10% penalty when you withdraw funds from your IRA or 401(k) before you reach 59 1/2. But now, with the new rules, you can withdraw up to $5,000 from your retirement plan without paying the early withdrawal penalty, as long as you take the money within one year of a child being born or an adoption becoming final.
- Some provisions of the SECURE Act primarily affect business owners:
  - Multi-employer retirement plans – Unrelated companies can now work together to offer employees a 401(k) plan with less administrative work, lower costs and fewer fiduciary responsibilities than individual employers now encounter when offering their own retirement plans.
  - Tax credit for automatic enrollment – The new law provides a tax credit of $500 for some smaller employers who set up automatic enrollment in their retirement plans. And a tax credit for establishing a retirement plan has been increased from $500 to $5,000.
  - Use of annuities in 401(k) plans – It will now be easier for employers to consider including annuities as an investment option within 401(k) plans. Previously, many businesses avoided offering annuities in these plans due to liability concerns related to the annuity provider, but the new rules should help reduce these concerns.

The SECURE Act is the most significant change to our retirement savings system in over a decade. We encourage you to contact your financial advisor, tax professional and estate planning attorney to assess the potential impact on your investment strategy and determine any possible tax and estate planning implications of the SECURE Act.
By Dave Schmit | The Beacon

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Felicia returns to San Diego, her home of 35 years, after serving as executive director of the Regional Arts Commission of St. Louis for nearly five years. Prior to that position, she had a long history of service as an accomplished arts administrator and nonprofit leader with the San Diego Foundation and City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture as well as state and national arts advocacy organizations.

“I’m thrilled to be back in San Diego among family and friends and to join the region’s vibrant museum community,” said Felicia. “I’m looking forward to rolling up my sleeves and helping to lead what I hope will be a transformative campaign for change for the museum.”

The museum is among a small group of cultural institutions, including the National Women’s History Museum in Washington, D.C., that provides a platform for celebrating the broad achievements of women. Located since 2012 in the Liberty Station Arts District, the museum offers exhibitions, educational programs, and special events that give voice to women’s stories, from every moment in the nation’s history through today. Plans for 2020 include a year-long centennial celebration of the Constitution’s 19th Amendment with a kick-off on Jan. 19, the National Women’s March on Jan. 18, the annual Women’s Film Festival (April) and the 18th Annual San Diego County Women’s Hall of Fame on March 15.

The mission of the Women’s Museum of California is to educate and inspire current and future generations about the experiences and contributions of women by collecting, preserving and interpreting the evidence of that experience. For more information about the museum, visit womensmuseumca.org.
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Paragon Deli Cafe is celebrating its one-year anniversary at 2724 Shelter Island Drive.

“Business continues to grow as word gets out about our friendly service and the quality of our food and our coffee drinks,” said deli owner Ron Miller, who previously been in financial management, but felt the calling of the restaurant business he’d been in as an SDSU student in the ‘60s.

“The website, Next Door Point Loma, has been very beneficial to our business,” said Miller. “Every day we have one or two new customers tell us they read about us there.”

Miller’s rating on restaurant/food apps remains high in the four-plus category.

“We have adjusted our menu, expanding our breakfast to include French toast, egg plates any style, and we’ve had very favorable comments on our eggs Benedict plate,” he said. “A customer the other day said, ‘I’ve traveled all over the U.S. and the world and yours is the best Benedict I’ve had.’ We’ve received similar comments on our New England-style clam chowder.”

Paragon has also refined its lunch menu by dropping less-popular items and adding other customers enjoy, like a Philly cheesesteak.

“It becomes a favorite of many of our customers,” Miller said, adding, “We continue to get requests for expanding into the dinner hours. So I will be offering dinner on request, on-site, with a pre-determined dinner selection, with a party size of 6 minimum and 20 maximum.”

**BUSINESSES MAY APPLY FOR RECYCLING AWARD**

If your business or organization took steps to increase its recycling or reduce its waste in 2019, the City of San Diego wants to recognize your efforts. Beginning Friday, Jan. 10 through Monday, Feb. 10, applications are being accepted for the 2020 Business Waste Reduction and Recycling Award. Each year, the City’s Environmental Services Department (ESD) recognizes businesses and organizations located within the city of San Diego that have implemented or expanded innovative and successful waste reduction and recycling programs, as well as recycling product purchasing programs.

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**Today the fireworks cost $27,000 plus a number of fees from the City and County Water Authority so it comes to more than $38,000. We raise funds during the Street Fair in June to pay for the Fireworks on July 4th. We put decorated coffee cans throughout the community in local businesses – people can throw their change in there when they make a purchase. The chill cook-off portion of the Street Fair raises about 35% of the money, Ocean Beach Community Foundation raises funds for it also and that portion covers 5-10% of the cost,” said Point Loma’s sanitizer. “Last year the City’s Sustainability Office provided funding for the project. The City and Ocean Beach High School students are looking to join in the City’s campaign to reduce waste in the workplace.”

Applications can be downloaded at ESD’s website, completed online or by contacting Meagan Browning at MBrowning@sandiego.gov or 858-627-1310. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 10 and can be emailed or mailed to the City of San Diego, Environmental Services Department c/o Meagan Browning, 9610 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 320, San Diego, CA 92123.

The City of San Diego provides local businesses with assistance in developing waste reduction and recycling programs by offering a cost-free comprehensive waste analysis. For more information about ESD programs, call 858-694-7000 or visit ESD’s recycling-works.com.

### Changing of the Guard at The Loma Club

Management at Liberty Station’s historic golf venue The Loma Club has changed hands, with new operators Laura Johnson and Luke Mahoney, co-founders of East Village’s You & Yours Distilling Co., replacing Good Time Design, which had operated the course since 2014.

PR spokesperson Christina Valle said Johnson and Mahoney, both Point Lomans, indicated “no immediate changes will be made to the golf and beverage programs” and that “a new outside deck extending the walking course and clubhouse” is planned.

Johnson and Mahoney have teamed with business partners John Levan (You & Yours’ creative director) and Oliver Mahoney to become the new tenant/operators of the par-3 golf course.

The new management team leased the property at 2610 Truxtun Road from owners Pendulum Property Partners. Current managers and employees of the club will roll over to the new operations team.

“As passionate fans of The Loma Club, the group aims to elevate the experience by incorporating their signature approach to hospitality and design, first by updating the food and cocktail programs and then by refreshing the clubhouse interiors,” said the new operators in a statement. “Later, there will be plans to further develop and enhance both the golf and hospitality concepts.”

The Loma Club will remain a separate entity from You & Yours Distilling Co.

Sail Ho was the original name given to the then-Naval Training Center’s golf course in the 1920s. In 2014, Good Time Design took over operation of the historic Liberty Station facility. Sail Ho’s name was changed at that time to The Loma Club.

Following the changeover, the golf course was completely remodeled with a new outside deck extending the existing restaurant onto the existing patio and the grass. The idea was to showcase the golf course, product purchasing programs.

“The Loma Club has turned a corner in its operation and making it more “lounge and inviting.” The existing golf building was also remodeled to house an outdoor kitchen and bar.”
Noted ocean engineer to speak on early Scripps’ expeditions

San Diego ocean engineer Kevin Hardy is just a big kid. He’s like Tom Hanks in the 1984 blockbuster “Big,” but with precision depth recorders and deep ocean cameras and robots for toys.

La Playa Trail Association presents Hardy in its next history lecture on Tuesday, Jan. 21, titled, Home Port: Point Loma. Extraordinary Expeditions of Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The public is welcome to feast upon Hardy’s tales at sea, and light appetizers.

Kevin Hardy is just a big kid. Forty years at Scripps has not quelled Hardy’s enthusiasm for the investigation of the world’s oceans, from surface to seafloor. “When I was 10 years old I knew what I wanted to do — under-water stuff,” Hardy says. “The sea is an alien planet. It’s totally different down there.” (He may also have been influenced by the 1960s TV series “Sea Hunt,” and movies with Navy subs, he admits.)

Today Hardy explores the vertical extent with his Deep Ocean Vehicle (DOV) as founder and engineer of Global Ocean Design. Inspired by the unmanned submariners of the 1960s, Global Ocean Design creates untethered robotic platforms to explore the most hostile regions of the Earth’s oceans.

“Our products have successfully made the round trip to the deepest possible ocean depths,” Hardy says. “They have endured deployment time, and returned data and samples to the surface on acoustic command or by timer.”

For more than 100 years Scripps Institution of Oceanography has been on the leading edge of science and technology. It seems that Hardy has the same tenacity of spirit as the institution’s early pioneer, William Emerson Ritter, who journeyed to California in 1885 in the pursuit of biology. In 1891, Ritter honeymooned at Hotel del Coronado. While collecting zoological specimens along the seashore, Ritter met La Playa’s medical doctor Fred Baker, a collector of shells. Ultimately, their chance encounter would ignite the spark of the world’s most recognized institution of oceanography.

Over the years, a fleet of Scripps research vessels has been docked at La Playa and employed, from early sailing vessels to modern research giants. The extraordinary explorations of some of these early watercraft are the subjects of Hardy’s history lecture on Jan. 21.

To whet your mental appetite, Hardy says that in the 1950s, people won and lost careers based on their understanding of plate tectonics. Oceans were a few miles deep, and there was heated argument about why earth would be moving — little known then about the Ring of Fire, subduction zones, earthquakes and tsunamis. Scripps launched a ship out of La Playa, took a device, known as a magnetometer, which measures magnetic forces, and discovered the critical and irrefutable evidence to settle the argument.

Incidentally, in 1992, a team lead by Hardy entered the Guinness Book of World Records for the fastest run of a two-man non-propeller submarine, which traveled at a speed of 2.9 knots. Don’t miss Hardy’s hyper-talk and the entertaining explorations of Scripps Institution, and of his contemporary ocean adventures.

For more information about La Playa’s Lecture Series, call the Association at (619) 523-2070 or visit www.lprt.org.
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This year’s 11th annual San Diego Sunroad Boat Show returns to Harbor Island, Jan. 23-26, with about 185 boats of all sizes on display both on land and water. Now the largest on the West Coast, the boat show has something for everyone in the recreational boating arena. Offerings range from trailerable and inflatable boats, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards shown on land, to 185 boats of all sizes ranging from 30 feet to over 80 feet exhibited in the water.

The ever-larger winter boat show runs from Thursday Jan. 23 through Sunday Jan. 26 at Sunroad Resort Marina, located at 955 Harbor Island Drive. Show hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The show provides visitors the opportunity to tour both new and used power and sailboats in every price range, style and size expected to attend this year include Bill Ogle, director Jim Behun, who doubles as the marina’s general manager.

“Boats are a show organized by boaters for all kinds. Exhibits and vendors are all boat-related,” Behun said, explaining that the show has spilled over to more temporary docks.

One of this year’s highlights is a sleek gray-hulled Italian-built 82-foot Pershing motor yacht capable of cruising at 50 knots and described as “a missing link” by the owner, said Sun Country Marine’s VP Jeremiah Parkinson. His company, which boasts the show’s largest indoor-water display, will exhibit models from Sea Ray, Boston Whaler, Riviera, Prestige and Ferretti as well.

Also staging large exhibits are South Coast Yachts, showing Bénéteau’s sail and powerboats plus lines, Cruising Yachts’ Jeanneau, Elan and Island Packet models, and Alexander Marine’s Ocean Alexanders. Numerous sailing catamarans are also featured. During the show, the pavilion will also have exhibits in the various subjects, including boating in Mexico, presented by representatives from the Mexican Mariñas Association, visual distress signals, anchoring tips and techniques and offshore sail repair. Check the show website for details.

Unlike many boat shows, the Sunroad offers both new and brokerage boats shown in the water. The show’s tented exhibits include over 100 vendors offering widely ranging marine services and equipment, electronics, nautical products, boating supplies, and accessories.

Show tickets are $15, with children 12 and under free. Reserved-seat military, EMS and fire personnel with ID are free Thursday and Friday.

Because of crowded docks, show staff ask guests to keep leashes and strollers at home, with service animals always welcome. Paid parking is available adjacent to the marina on Harbor Island Drive. Several vendors will offer food menus. Nearby, Island Prime C Level Lounge and Coaster Restaurant provide alternate dining options.

For the latest information on seminars and exhibits, visit bigboatshow.com or call 619-497-5294.

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BY SCOTT HOPKINS | The Beacon

A baseball legend with ties to San Diego died on Jan. 1.

Don Larsen was not a dominating pitcher during his 14-year major league career, but for one night at Yankee Stadium, the right-hander was perfect.

On Oct. 8, 1956, Larsen proceeded to pitch the only perfect World Series game in major league history, needing just 97 pitches to complete the gem. In fact, only one Brooklyn Dodger batter got to a three-ball count against Larsen who said, “I had great control. I never had that kind of control in my life.”

Ironically, that afternoon storied Yankees manager Casey Stengel didn’t inform Larsen until he arrived at the ballpark he was going to start. Larsen made no secret of his love for the big stage and his walk-out pinstripe outfit with his number 18, as a “fun-loving guy” and earned the nickname “Gooneybird” for his antics.

Larsen made occasional trips back to San Diego for events. He co-wrote an autobiography titled “The Perfect Yankee: The Incredible Story of the Greatest Miracle in Baseball.”

The three New York Yankees to pitch perfect games include left David Cone (July 18, 1999), and Point Loma High graduates Don Larsen (Oct. 8, 1956) and David Wells (May 17, 1998). Larsen made occasional trips back to San Diego for events. He co-wrote an autobiography titled “The Perfect Yankee: The Incredible Story of the Greatest Miracle in Baseball.”

Larsen once said, “They can never break my record. The best they can do is tie it.”

Seven years ago Larsen sold his perfect game uniform, the famed Yankee pinstripe outfit with his number 18, to a memorabilia dealer at auction for $765,000. He used the money to pay for the college educations of grandsons Justin and Cody Larsen.

Larsen is survived by Corrine, his wife of 62 years, his son Scott and the grandchildren.
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