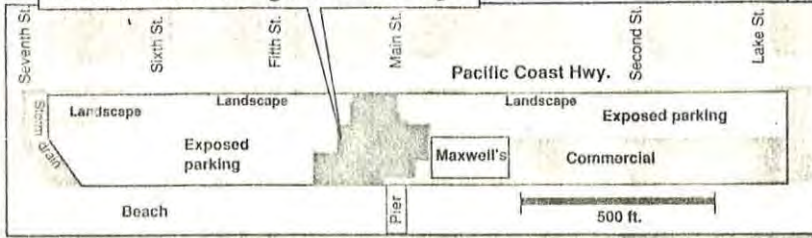


A different plan

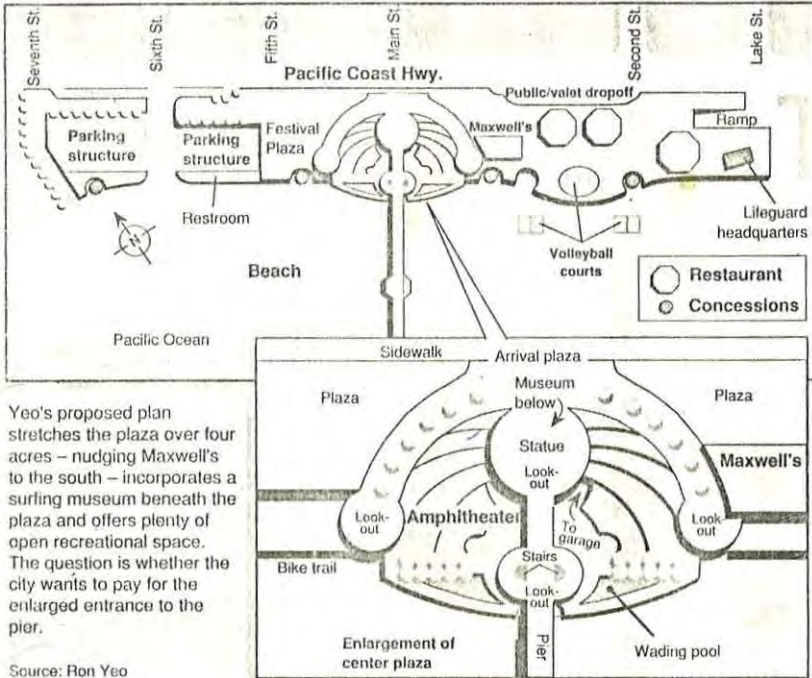
Architect Ron Yeo and a six-member design committee have proposed a much more elaborate plan than expected for the entrance to the city's soon-to-be-rebuilt pier. The existing plan gave the team a 3/4-acre plaza to design, with Maxwell's restaurant in its current location and not much room for pier-side activities.



Area architect Yeo given to redesign



Ron Yeo's design



Yeo's proposed plan stretches the plaza over four acres - nudging Maxwell's to the south - incorporates a surfing museum beneath the plaza and offers plenty of open recreational space. The question is whether the city wants to pay for the enlarged entrance to the pier.

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Larger gateway envisioned for rebuilt Huntington pier

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HUNTINGTON BEACH — Architect Ron Yeo took one look at the city's proposed design for an entrance plaza to its soon-to-be-rebuilt pier — the centerpiece in the city's dream of catching up with its neighboring beach communities in attracting tourists.

He scrapped it.

"We decided to make the design possibilities wide open for ourselves," Yeo said. "We felt we should show the city its options."

That option, which is gaining support the more it is shown

around town, is to create a 4-acre gateway to the 75-year-old landmark pier.

Huntington Beach closed the 1,830-foot pier in July 1988, six months after a storm knocked about 250 feet off the end and engineering studies determined that it no longer was safe.

When it closed the pier, the City Council promised to have it rebuilt and ready for strolling by summer 1991, part of an overall redevelopment scheme that includes a complete renovation of its old Surf City downtown.

New shops, hotels, homes, condominiums, offices and an entertainment complex will replace

the ramshackle architectural history of downtown's past eight decades.

To Yeo and the six-member pier design committee, that convergence of projects looked like too much of an opportunity to squander on a Spartan half-acre plan first proposed for the entrance to the city's principal landmark.

If a more imposing plaza means a more imposing price for the new pier, it will be worth it, the committee decided.

"The potential down there is so great right now that something good is bound to come out of it,"

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