One of the floats in the Ocean Beach Holiday Parade was named the OB Pause, a take on the well-known Point Loma pause, which happens when airplanes take off from the San Diego International Airport and fly over the Peninsula, creating enough noise to drown out conversations. The community’s eclectic holiday parade down Newport Avenue took place the evening of Dec. 5.

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Short-term rentals ordinance sent back for a rewrite

By DAVE SCHWAB | THE BEACON

On Dec. 3, the city Planning Commission “tore up” a proposed new city ordinance on Short Term Vacation Rentals (STVRs), cobbled together following months of public testimony and directed city staff to return Jan. 28 with a new set of proposed regulations.

The city ordinance commissioners nixed what would have created a new use category for STVRs while amending an existing one. It would have established a separately regulated — and new — use category for whole home rentals: “Short Term Vacation Rentals.”

The ordinance would also have put Home Sharing (owner-occupied rentals) in the same use category as the current Boarding and Lodging category. It proposed limits on visitor frequency, etc.

Hearing for area man charged with human trafficking, rape

By NEAL PUTNAM | THE BEACON

A Jan. 26 preliminary hearing has been set for a Point Loma man accused of extortion, rape, and other offenses involving him posing as a modeling agent to young women. Maverick Mendez Rosales, 24, is also charged with human trafficking of a minor, oral copulation by threat, sexual battery, and digital penetration.

He has pleaded not guilty to all counts. The victims knew him as “Michael.”

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OB planners set strict limits for short-term rentals in residential areas

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Does the increasingly popular practice of renting property in residential areas to short-term vacationers add unwanted noise and trash, reduce parking and create havoc in otherwise placid neighborhoods?

Or does it inject excitement and new perspectives, exposing neighborhoods to far-faring voyagers and cultures, benefiting businesses with more customers and providing a badly needed second income to property owners?

Regardless of where you stand, the effort to regulate the practice is about to kick into high gear. A draft ordinance that seeks to both define the enterprise and rein in its perceived abuses has had its first hearing by the San Diego Planning Commission. On Dec. 3, the city Planning Commission directed city staff to return to them Jan. 28 with an entirely new set of proposed regulations for Short Term Vacation Rentals.

The Ocean Beach Planning Board, which recently sent a letter to District 2 home-rental landlords, called for a ban on short-term rentals in residential areas. Now, the San Diego City Councilmember Lorete Zapf is calling for strict limits on the practice, which was recently discussed at its monthly meeting on Dec. 2.

In recent years, online rental services such as Airbnb or VRBO have allowed property owners to rent out their homes and condos to short-term occupants. Predictably, the practice has become especially popular in neighborhoods adjacent to the coast, such as Ocean Beach.

Zapf, who has overseen development of the ordinance in her role as chair of the City Council’s Smart Growth and Land Use Committee, favors imposing a minimum stay of 21 days for whole-home rentals in single-family zones. Her office has stressed, however, the ordinance is still considered a work in progress.

Instead of a duration limit, the board has called for placing a 3 percent limit on the number of all city residential units—both in single- and multifamily zones—that could be allowed for use as vacation rentals.

“It’s time for Ocean Beach to take a stance,” said board chairman John Ambert before the board voted unanimously to approve the letter at its November meeting.

If the ordinance only applies to single-family zones, most of Ocean Beach—where multifamily zones dominate—would go unregulated, Ambert said.

Not addressing multifamily zones is “particularly troubling, given the number of renters we have in Ocean Beach,” Ambert said. “The more short-term vacation rentals, the less opportunity for long-term renters. It will exacerbate the affordability of housing.”

Without saturation limits, it could become too easy for property owners to turn homes into short-term rentals—displacing families, driving up rents and property values, encouraging real estate speculation and degrading community character, board members said.

Some even wondered out loud if the practice may have fueled the need to terminate two teachers at Ocean Beach Elementary School, where enrollment is down more than 15 percent since last year.

“What we’re worried about is losing our neighborhoods,” vice chairman Blake Herrschaft said.

As for “homesharing,” the practice of renting a room to a vacationer while the owner lives on premises, both Zapf and the board agree the practice should be permitted to continue with minor restrictions. The draft ordinance calls for a limit of two boarders per home at any given time and for the homeowner to provide one parking spot for boarders.

In addition to the 3 percent saturation limit—which was inspired by a law recently approved in Austin, Texas—the board also calls for an annual licensing fee, with the proceeds earmarked for code enforcement resources.

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**Jewelry boutique Diamonds Forever offers custom engagement rings and estate jewelry**

**By Dave Schiawab | The Beacon**

Diamonds Forever, an independent jeweler in Point Loma Plaza in the Midway District, has trained gemologists to serve every customer’s special needs.

“We specialize in custom engagement rings and estate jewelry,” said Diamonds Forever owner Jenny Seligmann, whose shop has been at 1689 Midway Drive, Suite A, next door to Sports Chalet in the mall for six years. “We carry two designer lines for ladies’ engagement rings and then a couple lines for men’s bands.”

Diamonds Forever is widely recognized as one of San Diego’s premiere jewelry boutiques, known not only for its custom-made engagement rings but also for the work it does repairing jewelry and Luxury watches as well as handling insurance appraisals.

Seligmann noted Diamonds Forever buys pre-owned jewelry from the public, fixes it up and resells it “for a fraction of the ‘new’ price, so it’s a real good value for people.”

The store’s creative team of Gemological Institute of America (GIA)-trained jewelers fashion, handcrafted, one-of-a-kind engagement rings designed to individual specifications.

The company’s website, diamondsforeversandiego.com, notes that the store’s understanding of metalwork, coupled with its knowledge of gemology, allows its jewelers to “create jewelry that is unparalleled, built for longevity and designed to showcase the stone’s natural beauty.”

Superior knowledge, Seligmann said, gives Diamonds Forever’s jewelers the “edge” in collaborating with clients.

“We’ll show them different things that maybe they haven’t considered or that they could add in there,” Seligmann said. “Then we design it, and they’re able to come in and see a wax model of the ring, try it on and make sure that’s what they wanted.”

Diamonds Forever’s expertise translates into price savings for clients.

“Generally, people can get a custom ring made here for the same price as what a production ring would be offered at another place,” Seligmann said. “So it’s pretty reasonable for the service.”

Seligmann said the diamond industry was a perfect “fit” for her.

“I just always liked jewelry growing up,” she said. “I would make bracelets and sell them at school. I love it. I feel like I get to live vicariously, celebrating all these people’s life occasions with them. It’s really positive.”

Seligmann attended the GIA training center in Carlsbad. The GIA is a nonprofit institute dedicated to research and education in the field of gemology and the jewelry arts.

“Families in jewelry from all over the world will send their children there, and I happened to be in San Diego, so I was lucky,” Seligmann said, adding her gemological training was “amazing. I just love the industry. Being in it, the more I learn about it.”

Discussing trends in engagement rings, Seligmann noted that doing the wedding band in a contrasting color with the ring has become fashionable.

“Maybe the engagement ring will be rose-gold or yellow-gold,” she said. “It’s getting pretty popular to wear three or four rings together — but for all of them to be different.”

Seligmann talked about a special “collaboration” she and her colleagues can do with their clients.

“If a guy wants to come in on his own and choose the center stone, we can set it into a classic tiffany setting,” she said, adding, “If a guy can surprise her, then we offer a $300 trade-in value so she can come back with him and pick the setting for it. It’s something that gives the woman the best of both worlds. They get the surprise proposal. Then they get to choose the ring that they’re going to wear forever.”

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“With a fire station in every neighborhood, San Diego Fire is a great partner in our program,” said Marine Capt. Evita Mosqueda-Chapman, the San Diego Fire’s Toys for Tots coordinator. “The stations are not only drop-off points, but the Fire Department moves the toys to central collection points so our Marines can more easily get them to the Reserve Center to be sorted and distributed.

Residents can drop off a new, unwrapped toy at a San Diego Fire station anytime until Dec. 18 and be assured it will get to Toys for Tots.

“We’re glad to do our part,” San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Commodore Robert Ch僰en said. “Chaffee’s Toy Drive is an important part of the mission and the Toy Drive Committee has worked hard all year to make sure the children have a happy Christmas.”

Mosqueda-Chapman says their warehouse is currently completely out of toys for boys and girls ages 10 to 12, and girls 6 to 9 years old. “We want and need toys for all ages, but the warehouse is bare for those age groups now,” she said.

Toys for Tots started in Los Angeles in 1947 and through the years has collected and distributed nearly half a billion toys to less fortunate children nationwide.

MELISSA VAUGHN

Melissa Vaughn and Bernie Nelson stand next to their 34-foot boat Independence.

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OB Town Council partners with community groups and volunteers to package a week’s worth of groceries, care packages and new gifts and toys for those in need of help during the holidays. To donate or volunteer, call the OB Town Council at (619) 515-8400.

Wreaths Across America
Representatives from each military service branch and community members will honor veterans, remember fallen heroes and teach children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families at the Fort Rosecrans and Miramar National cemeteries Wreaths Across America ceremonies 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 12. Following the ceremony, volunteers will place wreaths on veteran graves.

Local elementary school children from the peninsula have practiced every Wednesday night to present the annual Christmas musical to the community. Participants feel that it is one of the best things going as an activity for kids in the neighborhood.

BRIEFS

OB Food and Toy Drive
The OB Food and Toy Drive will take place Dec. 15 to 18 with donations/volunteer opportunities from 5 to 9 p.m.; distribution starting at 9 a.m. Dec. 19.

The OB Food and Toy Drive provides assistance to more than 80 local families and seniors in need during the holidays. The OB Town Council partners with community groups and volunteers to ensure heroes and teach children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families at Fort Rosecrans and Miramar National cemeteries.

Annual Christmas musical
The SDFC’s Children’s Choir “Fact or Fiction: The Christmas Edition” will take place 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 (free/donation) at Brown Chapel, San Diego First Church, located at 3901 Lomaland Drive.

SDFC’s Brown Chapel at Point Loma Nazarene University is packed year after year for the musical and celebrates with complimentary cake following the performance. Local vendors in the Family Life Center sell lunch as well. It’s a fun time to sit, cut and talk to friends and enjoy holiday cheer. For information: (619) 849-3117, shelle-james@sdfcnaz.com.

Polar Plunge at The Pearl
Get your ‘chill’ on for a great cause. The inaugural Polar Plunge at The Pearl will take place 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15. Residents are invited to take the plunge in the chilly saltwater pool, and The Pearl Hotel will donate $2.25 per plunge (up to $1,000) to ARTS (A Reason To Survive), an organization dedicated to providing, supporting and advocating for arts programs that inspire, and empower youth facing adversity.

After the plunge, there will be a Drive-In Movie viewing of National Lampoon’s “Christmas Vacation.”

Taking the plunge? RSVP to rsvp@thepearlsd.com. For more information, contact Natalie Richards at nrichards@thepearlsd.com or (760) 216-0860.

New Year’s Eve on Bay
Celebrate the New Year in style with the Maritime Museum of San Diego at the Black and Gold New Year’s Eve Party Dec. 31. They’re transforming the McKinnney deck event center on the historic Steam Ferry Berkeley into a classy lounge. Two stages will feature opening DJs Digital Lizards of Doom, Swing Phunk, DJ Ray Chill, Dbear and headliners DJ MANGAT and Goose MAVIK.

Private booths are available along with individual tickets. Photo booth, champagne, art demonstrations, sweet treats and much more will be available throughout the evening. Party runs from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Guests will receive hats, noisemakers, beads, etc. cetera to help ring in the New Year. Tickets start at $50, and details are available at www.sdmaritime.org.

Maritime Museum docents needed
Have you ever wanted to volunteer or donate your time and not know where to begin? This is your opportunity to become a docent volunteer at the top-ranked maritime museum in North America. Learn about worldwide maritime history with a special focus on the 16th through 21st centuries represented by the vessels and artifacts in the Maritime Museum’s collection.

As a docent, you will be able to engage with museum visitors, fielding their questions and sharing your knowledge, thereby enriching their experience. Training is carried out in a series of lectures, suggested readings and walking tours.

Why not join other aspiring volunteers aboard Star of India for the series of lectures and ship tours beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 5. To obtain more information about the Docent Training Program, contact docent training coordinator Nancy Matthews at (619) 234-9153 ext. 101 or sdmaritime.org.

If you are unable to attend the Tuesday morning training classes, ask about the mentorship program, wherein you work one on one with an experienced docent to build the necessary skill-set. Membership in the Maritime Museum is required.
7 Things You Must Know Before Putting Your Home Up for Sale

A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowers make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling a home has become increasingly less and less effective in today’s market. The fact of the matter is that 75% of home owners don’t get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and - worse - financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As the report uncovers, most home owners make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes are entirely preventable.

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Gnomes added to metro for art's sake

New public art project installed at SD airport

As a prelude to the opening of its $316 million Rental Car Center in January, San Diego International Airport Dec. 8 unveiled MetroGnome, a public art project featuring two 54-foot-high kinetic sculptural forms adjacent to the new building.

Created by German-born, Los Angeles-based artist Christian Moeller, the artwork is located within one of the facilities’ exterior bioswale areas.

At a press conference, Lauren Lockhart, airport art program manager, said the sculptures were created specifically for that site.

“We hired the artist based on their past qualifications and experience,” Lockhart said. “We formed an ad hoc panel of art and design professionals who looked through a competitive pool of submissions from across the country.”

Moeller was chosen as the most qualified and worked with the larger architecture and design team to identify this location and to create a site-specific piece, Lockhart said.

Concerning his muse, Moeller said he was thinking about this unique site where the Rental Car Center is, noting it’s a hub of transportation modes near the I-5 and Pacific Highway, San Diego Bay and the airfield.

“He (Moeller) wanted something that reflected that constant coming and going and movement of travelers at this site, and that’s why the art pieces are kinetic – like a metronome keeping time,” Lockhart said. “But then it’s also a little bit playful because there’s a G added into the spelling of that, which is a reference to his childhood in Germany where there’s a tradition that dates back to the 19th century where people put a garden gnome in their front yard. MetroGnome’s sort of an elegant abstract hybrid of a garden gnome and metronome.”

The beauty of the sculpture, said Lockhart, is that “you can read a lot of different associations into it. I’ve heard a lot of different interpretations of it.”

The MetroGnome is controlled with electro-magnets in its interior. The sculpture is going to continue to be tested, but it will be ready in January for the grand opening of the building, noted Lockhart.

There is also another major art piece in the works, “Dazzle,” by artist group Uberall International, LLC, which is to adorn the outside of the new rental car facility.

Uberall International, a leading experiential design firm, and E Ink Holdings, an innovator of electronic ink technology, have joined to produce eFlow, a groundbreaking project at the airport that will combine art, media and state-of-the-art technology.

Uberall and E Ink have been selected to do the exterior art work on the north-east side of the new, four-story airport rental car center.

“Theyir cutting-edge technology will animate the entire façade of the building in a camouflage dazzle pattern,” said Lockhart.
Point Loma's Heather Leavitt named PacWest Player of Year

Heather Leavitt was named the 2015 PacWest Volleyball Player of the Year by the league's coaches. The senior outside hitter is the first Sea Lion student-athlete to earn the honor, bestowed after pacing the PacWest and ranking third in the NCAA with 4.77 kills per set.

The Mesa, Ariz., native had a .264 hitting percentage and averaged 3.63 digs per set to rank 3rd and 14th in the PacWest, respectively. She posted double-doubles in 23 of 29 matches and finished the regular season with 10 double-figure kills in all but one match. She was the first Sport Imports/A VCA double-figure kills leader in all but one match and finished the regular season with 10 double-figure kills in all but one match.

PLNU leads the PacWest in league play. The volleyball team tied for second place, while cross-country took third and men's soccer finished fourth.

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PLNU held Military Night

The Point Loma Athletic Department held its first Military Night at the basketball game between the Sea Lions and Azusa Pacific on Dec. 3. Former and active-duty military members were honored at the game, and the fans wore a special PLNU camouflage logo T-shirt.

PLNU leads the PacWest Commissioner's Cup

With the 2015 PacWest fall season complete, the Point Loma Sea Lions stand atop the Commissioner's Cup standings, with an average of 12.625 points per sport. The four fall Sea Lion sports teams finished first, second, third and fourth in their respective standings to allow PLNU to place the 14-team conference. The Point Loma women's soccer team won the PacWest Conference for the second consecutive year, going 11-0-2 in league play. The volleyball team tied for second place, while cross-country took third and men's soccer finished fourth.

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Pointers' last-second comeback falls short in semifinal at O'side

Sitting just three miles from the entrance to massive Camp Pendleton, a proliferation of American flags can be seen at Oceanside High and in the surrounding Marine-dominated community.

For Point Loma High players and fans who made the 16-mile foray up the I-5 to Simcox Field for a CIF Div. I semifinal football game, their patriotic spirits were stirred. But it was flags of another type that left the Pointer faithful frustrated and disappointed as the Pirates edged the Pointers 28-24.

The disfavored flags were of a solid bright yellow color and flew not from flagpoles but from the waistbands of Point Loma's Heather Leavitt named PacWest Player of Year
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Holiday Events in Old Town to be Held Throughout December

Old Town San Diego State Historical Park will be decked out in historic holiday finery this year and will showcase gingerbread house displays throughout the park as well as a tree-lighting ceremony with caroling starting at 5 p.m. every Saturday in the month of December.

The caroling around the display of nine Christmas trees will be followed each Saturday evening with a bonfire in the plaza complete with free s’mores and hot chocolate, readings and more singing. The annual Holiday in the Park Merchant Open House will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, from noon to 9 p.m. Crafts for children and special holiday treats will be in the museums, stores and restaurants in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park during the day with an evening bonfire and extended shopping hours until 9 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 13, marks the 65th-annual Las Posadas event in Old Town. The Las Posadas procession is a walking reenactment of the biblical story of Mary and Joseph’s search for a birthplace for Jesus. Everyone is invited to join the candlelit procession, starting at 4:45 p.m., and sing traditional holiday songs in both Spanish and English as the players go from inn to inn, symbolically asking for lodging. The procession will include local actors playing the parts of Joseph and the innkeepers.

The procession culminates with a live nativity tableau in front of Casa de Estudillo along with a choir performance.

The events are sponsored by Wells Fargo Foundation and The Old Town State Park Merchants Association. There is free parking available in the Caltrans parking lot on Taylor Street in Old Town after 5 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. For more information about any of these events, visit Fiestadereyes.com or call 619-297-3100.