# News Briefs

# **Sirens**

The following crimes were reported in Malibu between June 14 and 16:

#### 6/14

The keys to burglary ■ A vehicle was burglarized around 3 p.m. on Pacific Coast Highway near Leo Carrillo State Beach. An iPhone, wallet and miscellaneous cash were stolen from the locked vehicle. The victim reported hiding the keys to the vehicle near the trunk of the vehicle. The suspect reportedly found the keys, unlocked the vehicle, took the items from the vehicle and returned the keys to original hiding place.

■ Another vehicle was burglarized near the scene and the suspect again found a hidden key and unlocked the car to take a wallet, a check and credit cards. The credit cards were then used at two Target locations to purchase goods totaling over \$5,000 before the cards were declined at a third location.

#### 6/16

Home Invasion ■ A burglary was recorded on Seahorn Drive with victims reporting an estimated \$28,000 worth of stolen goods. The suspect may have entered the property through an unlocked rear patio door and left with a rare diamond engagement ring, a diamond watch, pearls, an envelope of cash and a small black safe containing old documents. The property was not equipped with surveillance and there are no suspects.

## Rodenticides banned from stores as of July 1

The state Department of Pesticide Regulation has banned the consumer sale of rodenticide chemicals used to kill rodents.

California lawmakers supported the ban because rodenticides contain toxins that hurt wildlife. As of July 1, consumers are no longer able to purchase this pesticide product from retailers like Home Depot.

Rodenticides have been found to sicken or kill animals such as mountain lions through secondhand consumption if they, for example, eat a rat that's been poisoned.

Certified professionals, such as pest control businesses, will still be able to purchase rodenticides.

The City of Malibu passed an ordinance last year encouraging local stores to remove rodenticides from shelves.

#### Hiker rescued from Point Dume cliff

A female hiker was rescued safely Monday morning at Point Dume in a coordinated effort by LA County Sheriff Patrol Units, LA County Search and Rescue, LA County Fire and LA County Lifeguards.

The hiker had reportedly climbed on a cliff and was unable to safely

According to Sgt. Wright of the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff Station, the stranded hiker was a tourist and possibly visiting Malibu from Europe. She was traveling with a male, but he did not require rescue.

Although an LA Fire Department helicopter was dispatched, it was crews on the ground that performed the rescue.

In total, the rescue took around 30 minutes, according to Wright, and the woman was safely returned to her vehicle with no reported injury.

#### Fourth of July firework shows scheduled in Malibu

The Los Angeles County Fire Department's Fire Prevention office has issued permits for three professional fireworks displays to be launched from barges off the Malibu

## LVHF hosts Yaroslavsky tribute



Malibu Mayor Skylar Peak, LA County Third District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky and Malibu Mayor Pro Tem John Sibert

LA County Third District Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky was honored at King Gillette Ranch in the Santa Monica Mountains on June 21. The tribute event, hosted by the Las Virgenes Homeowners Federation, was

attended by the Federation, Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, National Park Service, State Parks, elected officials and more.

The evening was to honor Yaroslavsky for 20 years of commitment to environmental stewardship in the Santa Monica Mountains. He is credited with preserving 20,000 acres of open space. The event included a cocktail party, dinner, presentations and dancing to live music.

Permits have been issued for offshore fireworks displays on July 4 beginning at 9 p.m. in the vicinity of Malibu Colony Road, 27900 block of PCH (near Paradise Cove) and Broad Beach

Officials remind residents and visitors that fireworks of any kind are strictly prohibited within the Malibu city limits.

### Small brush fire briefly closes Kanan Dume

A small brush fire broke out just after 12 p.m. Sunday on Kanan Dume Road, briefly stopping traffic through the canyon.

The Santa Monica Mirror reported that Mountain Resource and Conservation Agency firefighters were the first to arrive on scene and put out the 25 x 50-foot fire before

Los Angeles County firefighters could respond.

California Highway Patrol officers arrived and blocked northbound traffic near Tunnel 3 on Mulholland Highway until 1 p.m.

### Spot fire extinguished in eastern Malibu

Firefighters rushed to extinguish a small spot fire that broke out Saturday afternoon in a remote canyon of eastern Malibu.

The fire was reported around 4 p.m. in an area known as Pena Canyon located off of Pacific Coast Highway south of Big Rock Drive, according to Battalion Chief Williams of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

Flames were doused with a helicopter because of the fire's remote

location, Williams said.

"We had two [ground] patrols that were able to get up there, but they still had to hike in 300 yards,"

The spot measured two-by-five feet, he estimated, and a cause has not been determined.

### Disney star arrested in Malibu for DUI

An 18-year-old star of the Disney Channel show "Lab Rats" was arrested in Malibu over the weekend for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol.

Billy Unger was pulled over on Pacific Coast Highway by the L.A. County Sheriff's Department after officers witnessed his car speeding around midnight on Saturday, TMZ reported.

Unger's blood alcohol content was reportedly at .08, which is a legal limit for those over 21, but minors found to have any alcohol in their system are considered to be driving under the influence.

The actor has played Chase Davenport on "Lab Rats" since 2012 and is also the lead singer of a band called California Chrome.

#### Board turns down tigers again

The uproar might be over. Ventura officials upheld a decision denying plans to bring a Siberian tiger facility to western Malibu.

The 4-1 decision by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors denied an appeal filed by tiger trainer Irena Hauser, who had sought to construct a tiger training and housing facility in the Deer Creek area.

She hoped to keep up to five of the endangered tiger species at the 7.2 acre home, plans that have drawn severe criticism from neighbors over concerns of safety and compatibility with the rural west Malibu area. In the denial of the appeal, Supervisor Linda Parks sided with neighbors, agreeing that the facility was incompatible, the Acorn reported.

Plans for the facility were originally denied by the county's planning commission in a 3-2 vote earlier this year. Hauser then appealed the decision to the board of supervisors.

Hauser and her sister Sophia Kryszek sought a permit to construct a 13,500-square-foot exercise arena and enclosures. Hauser and her family tout years of experience training and working with the tigers. Hauser and Kryszek own ISIS Preservation, which supplies the white tigers for filming in the entertainment industry.

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# Clarification

In the article titled "Controversy reigns as Council accepts signatures," which appeared in the June 26 issue, it was incorrectly stated that the City Council accepted 2,300 petition signatures. The City Council accepted 1,400 signatures.

