

News Briefs

Sirens

The following crimes were reported in Malibu between June 26 and July 3:

6/26 Pretty petty theft

■ A report was filed after a suspect stole around \$150 worth of Free People shirts at M. Fedric on Cross Creek Road. The suspect may also be the same suspect from a recent shoplifting report at the Westlake location.

7/3 MAC attack

■ The glass front door of the MAC Store was smashed in the early morning hours. Officers reported multiple pulled drawers and items everywhere, but no evidence of stolen items.

7/1 Burglaries by the beach

■ A passenger window of a car parked on PCH was smashed and items were stolen that had been hidden under a towel on the floor of the passenger seat. The items included an iPod touch, an electronic tablet reader and a purse totaling over \$460 in damage. The victims had been on the beach for a few hours.

■ Around 5:30 p.m., a passenger window was smashed and a woman's purse was stolen containing a wallet, social security card, debit card and credit cards. Damage from the burglary totaled over \$500. When the victim called the bank to notify of the theft, the suspect had already tried to withdraw \$70 and had been declined.

7/1 Winding Way wiliness

■ A vehicle was burglarized and the driver's window was smashed around 5 p.m. The suspect stole a purse, wallet, license, debit and visa card. No surveillance witnessed the crime but the credit card companies reported charges at a gas station in Agoura Hills, Taco Bell, Cigar & Cigarette shop and El Pollo Loco.

■ In another incident on Winding Way, the rear passenger window of a vehicle was smashed and a purse, wallet, school ID and \$32 in cash were stolen.

Man dies at Zuma Beach

A 66-year-old man identified as Bharat Talsana died Monday afternoon at Zuma Beach of an apparent heart attack.

The man was reportedly not in or near the water at the time of his death, and initial reports that the man drowned have since been discounted.

According to authorities, the man suffered the heart attack around 3:30 p.m. Monday near Zuma Beach Lifeguard Tower 1, located on the eastern section of the shore, and could not be resuscitated by lifeguards or fire personnel.

Talsana was a resident of Arcadia, and was reported to be visiting the beach with a friend when he collapsed.

Council to decide on Reiner Initiative next week

The Malibu City Council will meet next Monday night to decide on an initiative locals are hoping to place on the November ballot.

The Rob and Michele Reiner-led "Your Malibu, Your Decision" initiative aims to curb the number of chain stores that open in Malibu and would allow residents to vote on proposed development projects of 20,000 square feet or more.

Following orders from the City Council last month, city staff has prepared more than 100 pages of reports addressing several areas of concern over the proposal, including its legality and the responsibilities the city would undertake in enforcing it.

Theoretically, the Council could pass the ballot initiative as written on Monday, order it be placed on this year's November ballot when a countywide election is scheduled, or delay it until the next local election in April 2016.

All reports are available online at malibucity.org. The City Council meets Monday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m. at Malibu City Hall.

DUI checkpoint scheduled in Malibu

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department will conduct a DUI and driver's license checkpoint in Malibu on Friday, July 11 from 7 p.m. until 3

a.m. Saturday morning.

Checkpoint locations are not disclosed beforehand.

The checkpoints are designed to prevent drug/alcohol related incidents. Drivers will be screened for impaired driving, as well as proper driver's licenses, by the LA County Sheriff's Department's Malibu/Lost Hills Station. Drivers caught driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol could face penalties ranging from insurance increases and DUI classes, to jail time, license suspension and fees exceeding \$10,000.

According to the Sheriff's Department, "The deterrent effect of DUI checkpoints is a proven resource in reducing the number of persons killed and injured in alcohol or drug involved crashes."

Cause of drone crash determined

A malfunctioning control system and human error were the causes of a drone crash that damaged the USS Chancellorsville and injured two sailors off the coast of Point Mugu on Nov. 16, according to a U.S. Navy report released this week.

Two sailors suffered minor burns and a fire broke out when the 13-foot unmanned drone hit the missile cruisers hull as the ship was practicing training drills.

Initial Navy reports were redacted and had previously stated equipment malfunctions caused the crash.

A target control team at Point Mugu had launched the drone at the ship to test the ships ability to protect the crew from enemy missiles. Once the drone was close to the ship, the team ordered it to turn away and the drone ignored the command.

The crew on board the USS Chancellorsville failed to apply a "rogue drone" alert and also neglected recommendations to fire on the approaching drone.

A report from Pacific Fleet Commander Adm. Harry B. Harris Jr. described that virtually everyone involved in the exercises believed the chances of a drone hitting the ship were extremely remote, so they focused on targeting and data instead of the safety concerns.

The leadership at both Point

Mugu and the USS Chancellorsville had opportunities to prevent the crash and failed to do so, according to Harris' report.

After the findings, administrative actions were taken against the ship's commanding officer, tactical action officer, anti-air warfare coordinator and combat system coordinator.

The USS Chancellorsville was docked at Naval Base San Diego after the strike for repairs that took about six months and totaled over \$30 million, according to a Navy Times report.

Malibu Speaker Series continues with Scott McIntosh

Scott McIntosh will give the next lecture in the 2014 Malibu Library Speakers' Series on Wednesday, July 23.

McIntosh was the medical and research doctor for the SuperSherpas Expedition to Mount Everest. He made the climb to gain a deeper understanding of the Himalayan people, who are able to climb extreme altitudes of peaks and passes in the region.

The series, supported by funding set aside for the County of Los Angeles, the City of Malibu and the Malibu Library, will host McIntosh at Malibu Library, 23519 Civic Center Way. The event will begin at 7 p.m. and admission is free. For more information or to make a reservation, call 310.456.6438.

Malibu Library hires new manager

The Malibu Library welcomed a new staff member, Melissa Stallings, who is taking the position of Community Library Manager of the Malibu Library. Stallings started with the County of Los Angeles Public Library on July 2 and will be observing different libraries around the system throughout the next few weeks.

"I will be at the Malibu Library on July 14, but I continue observing at different locations after that," Stallings told *The Malibu Times*.

After her initial orientation, Stallings will be at Malibu Library full-time. "I am most looking forward to getting to know the Malibu community and discovering how the library can

best meet their needs," Stallings said. "The library is such a dynamic part of the community, and we want to continue that. It's very exciting!"

Senior Center to host two events next week

The Malibu Senior Center will host two events next week: Safety and Emergency Preparation for Seniors and an art workshop.

Brad Davis, Emergency Services Coordinator for the City of Malibu, will give seniors advice for staying safe around the house and everyday living. The event will take place July 14 at 12 p.m. at the Zuma Room in Malibu City Hall, 23825 Stuart Ranch Rd.

The art workshop, "Aboriginal 'Amate' Art," will take place on July 18 at 1 p.m. at the Malibu City Hall's Multipurpose Room. Participants will explore Aboriginal paintings on amate bark paper.

For more information, about either of these events, call 310.456.2489 ext. 357.

Lane closures slated for bike route project in western Malibu

As construction gets under way for a bike lane improvement project in western Malibu, the city is planning periodic lane closures and delays on Morning View Drive and Pacific Coast Highway through August 19.

The PCH Bike Route Improvement Project includes the addition of a dedicated right turn lane onto Morning View Drive, which will relocate the bus stop. Drainage and sidewalk improvements are also planned.

The second phase of the project begins after Labor Day and the project should be completed sometime in the fall.

Other improvements include installing a bike lane in the Zuma Beach area, bike route improvements from Busch Drive to the western city limits and improving the Trancas Canyon Road intersection at PCH.

School district seeks applicants for advisory committees

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified

School District Board of Education is now taking applications for openings on its district advisory committees (DACs).

Members of the public are encouraged to apply for the following committees: Early Child Care and Development, Health and Safety, Intercultural Equity and Excellence, Special Education, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Completed applications are due to the district office by August 15.

Membership terms range from one to four years, and the Board of Education is scheduled to make appointments to fill committee vacancies during the summer.

District advisory committees aim to improve understanding and information for officials to identify education needs and desires.

Some expectations for the position are:

1. Keep learning and achievement for all students as the primary focus.
2. Value, support and advocate for public education.
3. Recognize and respect differences of perspective and style on the committee and among staff, students, parents and the community
4. Conduct him/herself in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility and respect.

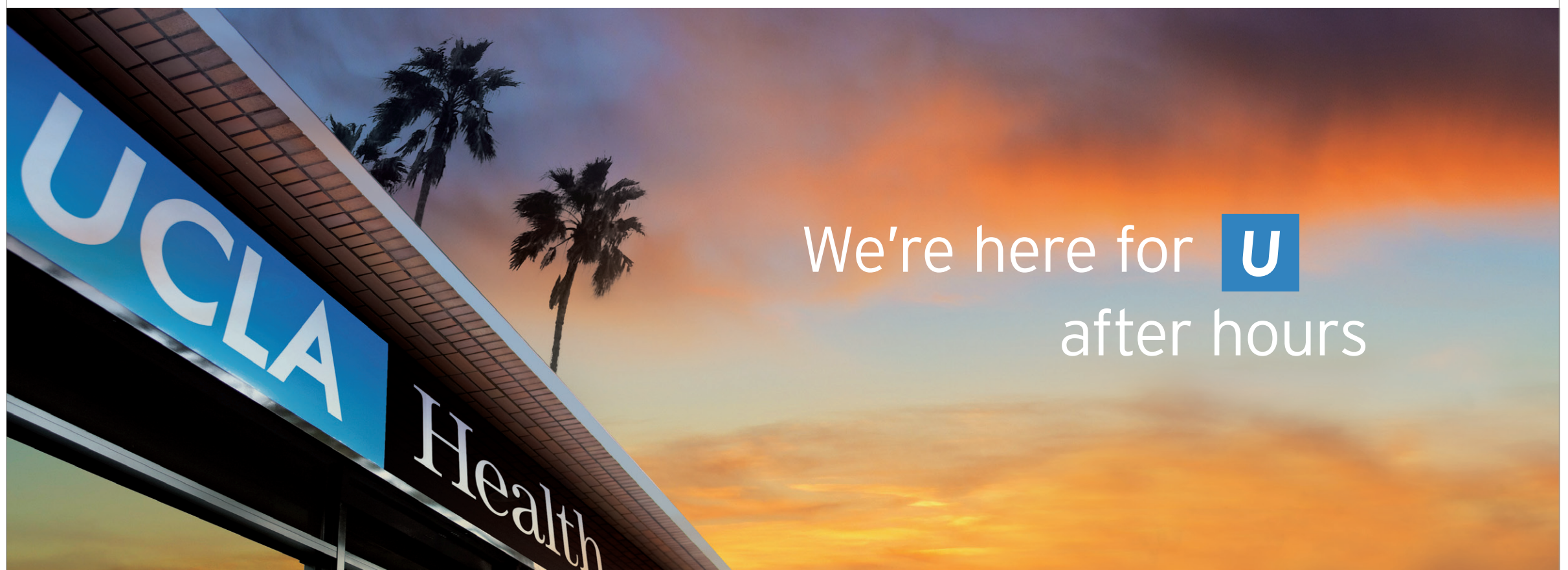
Malibu Film Society celebrates 'Hard Day's Night' anniversary

The Malibu Film Society will be showing "A Hard Day's Night" to mark the film's 50th anniversary on Friday, August 8 at 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. and on Saturday, August 9 at 7 and 9 p.m. at the Malibu Screening Room at Malibu Jewish Center and Synagogue.

In addition to the screenings, the society will host journalist Ivor Davis, who befriended and helped discover the Beatles as they became international celebrities.

Before the screenings, there will be a signing of Davis' new book "Travels with the Beatles" and an audience question and answer session where Davis will share exclusive behind-the-scenes photos of the Beatles' early years.

Tickets to the event are on sale at malibufilmsociety.org.



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