

News Briefs**Sirens**

The following crimes were reported in Malibu between July 1-13:

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Pistol problems

■ A semi automatic pistol and a gun case were reported missing from a guesthouse. The property is under construction and multiple people had access to the house through maintenance projects.

Bag thief

■ A victim reported a missing black bag from their home containing \$7,000 in cash. An electrician had recently worked in the house and may be a possible suspect.

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Pilfered on Piuma

■ A rear passenger window was smashed on Piuma Road and a purse stolen along with an iPhone charger and jewelry totaling around \$650 worth of damage.

Bag burglary

■ A purse was stolen from a vehicle parked near the hiking trails on Winding Way. The suspect used the victim's Visa card for a \$53.22 purchase at a gas station off Heathercliff Drive and also spent \$28.17 at Jack in the Box.

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Commercial burglary

■ A metal lock box, cash and a wooden drawer were stolen from a mailbox & shipping center. After receiving a call from a customer that a door was open and unlocked, the business owner arrived and noticed a missing lockbox.

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Birdview break-in

■ A laptop and knife were stolen overnight from an unlocked vehicle on Birdview Avenue. The victim was leaving home in the morning and noticed the doors to their vehicle were wide open. Damages are reported over \$2,500.

Pedestrian killed on PCH in Pacific Palisades

A pedestrian was struck and killed early Saturday morning near the intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Sunset Boulevard in Pacific Palisades, according to reports by the *Palisadian-Post*.

The accident, which occurred close to 3:30 a.m. Saturday morning, July 19, resulted in lane closures on PCH that lasted into daylight hours.

The victim was reported by the *Palisadian-Post* to be 24-year-old Los Angeles resident Anna Benitez who was crossing the highway at the time of the fatal accident. Paramedics rushed her to Saint John's Health Center where she pronounced dead at 9:31 a.m.

The driver of the vehicle involved in the crash reportedly remained on scene and an LAPD investigation as to the cause of the accident is underway.

Appeal denied for man convicted in Emily Shane murder

A State Appeals Court this week upheld a second-degree murder conviction against the suicidal man who drove recklessly and killed 13-year old Emily Shane in Malibu as she walked along Pacific Coast Highway in 2010.

According to City News Service, a three-justice panel from California's 2nd District Court of Appeal rejected the defense's argument that jurors weren't instructed properly in the trial of Sina Khankhanian, who was convicted of the April 3, 2010 death.

The justices wrote in a 14-page ruling that "from the evidence that defendant was traveling at about 70 MPH when he made a deliberate sharp right turn causing his car to drive up the embankment where Emily was walking, it is reasonable to infer that defendant intended to hit Emily as he proceeded toward the pole."

The justices also wrote that Khankhanian knew "to a substantial certainty that the force would cause her death."

Khankhanian is currently serving a 15-year-to-life term for the girl's death, but the court panel ruled he

should be resentenced due to an enhancement included on the murder charge.

The weapon enhancement involves the use of the vehicle and ran at the same time as the sentence on the murder count. The justices agreed with the defense that the enhancement must either be imposed consecutively, which would add a year to the sentence or stricken.

On the day of the crash, prosecutors said Khankhanian left a suicide note, drove haphazardly along Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway for 17 miles, zigzagging through traffic and passing vehicles along shoulders and on the wrong side of the road before crashing into the teenager near Heathercliff Road.

Prosecutors noted "numerous near-collisions all along PCH" and Khankhanian had been "driving so aggressively and erratically and recklessly" when he made a quick right turn and hit the teen head on.

Khankhanian was convicted by the second jury to hear the case after the first jury failed to reach a unanimous verdict.

Planning Commission holds hearing on Civic Center sewer

The Malibu Planning Commission heard from the public this week in regard to the draft environmental impact report for the proposed Civic Center sewer development.

The draft-EIR is the environmental impact report, which outlines how the sewer could potentially affect the area around the Civic Center.

Ten speakers addressed the commission at the end of a meeting that stretched over four hours and ended after 10:30 p.m. on Monday night.

The bulk of comments came from residents who were concerned over the possibility of toxic pollution, both in and around Webster Elementary and Our Lady of Malibu School and in the ocean where water from the sewer will be released.

Peter Shellenbarger, a staff scientist with Heal the Bay, weighed in during the public comment section

Santa Monica Daily Press editor dies at 38

Daniel Archuleta, the managing editor of the *Santa Monica Daily Press*, died on Wednesday of last week at his home in El Sereno. He was 38.

Archuleta worked at the *Daily Press* for seven years. A remembrance from the *Daily Press* described him as a "jack of all trades" for the paper whose laugh was unforgettable. He helped with the paper's daily production, covered Santa Monica sports and took photos.

"He told great stories about big Samohi basketball wins and

did spot-on impersonations of local politicians," the paper wrote.

"Daniel's work touched everyone, whether they knew it or not," publisher Ross Furukawa said. "He was a pro, and helped us craft news into sharable, repeatable stories."

He is survived by his wife, Gali, and their two daughters, Lila and Gabby.

A cause of death has not been made public. A fund has been set up to assist his family: <https://fundrazr.com/campaigns/cp6Eb#sthash.NZE5TG3P.dpuf>

of Monday's meeting. Heal the Bay is a Santa Monica-based environmental nonprofit.

"Heal the Bay supports the concept of the Civic Center Wastewater Facility," said Shellenbarger.

Shellenbarger added that the draft-EIR should better address impacts of percolation pond discharges, as well as assess geology and soil impacts.

In regard to the cost of the project, Commissioner Roohi Stack asked RMC Water and Environment spokesperson Steve Clary how much individual homeowners could expect to pay for the project as it moves into phases II and III, affecting residential neighborhoods.

Clary responded that a broad estimate for an "average" three-bedroom, 2-bathroom house could come in between \$500 and \$1000

per month for the use of the sewer. This would be a cost in perpetuity, for as long as the sewer operates.

The City is still accepting public comments on the draft-EIR, in writing, through July 28. Comments can be emailed to Senior Planner Bonnie Blue, or mailed to Malibu City Hall.

Malibu High gets new interim principal

The Board of Education approved the selection of former Calabasas High Principal David Jackson as the interim principal at Malibu High School.

In a press release from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, Superintendent Sandra Lyon explained, "appointing an interim principal will ensure a smooth start to the school year and it will

allow our district to create a strong search so that we find the right person for the position in 2015-16." Prior to retiring as principal at Calabasas High School in 2007, Jackson served as the assistant principal at Agoura High School and as principal at Royal High School in Simi Valley.

Calabasas High earned the National Blue Ribbon Award while Jackson served there, which honors schools where students perform at very high levels or where students are making significant gains in academic achievement. He also helped the school receive a six-year "clear" accreditation from Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Jackson has worked in the Burbank Unified School District, serving as an assistant principal at John Burroughs High School, David Starr Jordan Junior High School and Luther Burbank Junior High School.

During his time in Burbank, he was recognized by the Parent Teacher Association and received the Burbank Leadership Award. Jackson will take over for former Malibu High Principal Jerry Block, who announced his departure in June. Block was hired at a junior high school in Simi Valley.

PCH construction project begins this week

Drivers on Pacific Coast Highway will have to deal with intermittent lane closures beginning Wednesday, July 23, at Morning View Drive for a bike route improvement project. The City of Malibu will complete the construction as part of the ongoing PCH Bike Route Improvements Project.

The first phase of the project began on July 7 and will last until approximately August 19. Starting on July 23, access to Morning View Drive will be intermittently closed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Motorists are advised to use Busch Drive or Guernsey Avenue.

The improvements being made include construction of a northbound right turn lane, traffic signal modifications, relocation of the bus stop; paving, striping and improvements to the bike route, drainage, and sidewalk.

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