

News Briefs

Man rescued Sunday from Malibu Creek

A man was rescued from the Rock Pool area of Malibu Creek State Park on Sunday afternoon after falling and hitting his head, the third rescue in four days for Malibu Search and Rescue (SAR).

SAR, a division of the Los Angeles County Sheriff Department, responded to a call on Sunday at 12:20 p.m. of an injured male who had fallen in the Rock Pool and had hit his head on a rock, suffering a head laceration.

The male, a 28-year-old from Santa Ana, was carried out of the area by a rescue litter and litter wheel into an awaiting LA County Fire helicopter and was taken to a trauma center for treatment.

Sunday's medical transport marks 72 Malibu SAR rescues so far in 2014, including a woman rescued from the Rock Pool on June 10, a hiker rescued from Point Dume on June 30, a climber rescued from Malibu Creek on July 13, a hiker rescued in Agoura Hills on July 24 and the two youngsters rescued from Tapia Park on July 25. Last year, the team made 95 rescues total.

At this time, there is no word as to the condition of the male rescued on Sunday.

Two people struck outside of Moonshadows

Early morning on July 27, two people walked in front of a car and were injured as they left Moonshadows, a restaurant in Malibu. The accident occurred around 1:30 a.m.

According to a report by the *Santa Monica Mirror*, the pedestrians had been drinking and they walked into the car, sustaining injuries that were non-life threatening.

They were sent by ground ambulance to the hospital. Pacific Coast Highway was closed for about 30 minutes.

Santa Monica Mountains visitors have \$26-million impact

The National Park Service (NPS) reported that 633,000 visitors to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area spent \$26 million in communities near the park in 2013, supporting 332 local jobs.

U.S. Geological Survey economists conducted the consumer analysis, with help from the NPS.

"This report shows that conservation of places like the Santa Monica Mountains not only offers tangible quality of life benefits, but also helps support the local economy," said David Szymanski, superintendent of Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. "Our park welcomes thousands of outdoor enthusiasts each week."

The report also determined \$14.6 billion of direct spending by 273.6 million park visitors within 60 miles of a national park. The spending helped support more than 237,000 jobs nationally and benefitted the U.S. economy by \$26.5 billion.

Visitors spent the majority of money on lodging (30.3 percent), followed by food and beverages (27.3 percent), gas and oil (12.1 percent), admissions and fees (10.3 percent) and souvenirs and other expenses (10 percent) according to the report.

Restaurants, bars and lodging were the largest job categories supported by visitor spending, totaling over 88,000 jobs.

Teenage hiker rescued near Malibu

A missing hiker was safely located late Thursday night in the hills above Mulholland Highway in Agoura Hills.

The Malibu Search and Rescue Team responded to a call regarding

Two youngsters rescued from Tapia Park in Malibu



In its second rescue call in less than 12 hours, the Malibu Search and Rescue Team helped get two young, injured hikers to safety on Friday morning.

A rescue call came in at 9:40 a.m. for two 12-year-olds, one male and the other female, who became stuck on a cliff above Malibu's Tapia Park.

Crews from Malibu Search and Rescue, California State Parks and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department responded and determined both victims would need to be airlifted due to

their injuries. The girl was "disoriented" and suffering from heat exhaustion, according to SAR. The boy suffered an ankle injury.

An air team performed a "winch rescue" to get the girl into the helicopter, which flew her to UCLA Trauma Center. An LA County Fire helicopter "winched" out the boy and two firefighters who had climbed to assist him.

The children were hiking with a larger group of kids and adults from a local camp, according to SAR.

the missing 16-year-old male hiker and was assisted by a Sheriff's helicopter and night vision goggles. The hiker was eventually found "within the first couple of hours of the call" in the area of 30473 Mulholland Hwy.

"The boy was uninjured but a bit dehydrated from the hot temperatures," SAR said on its Facebook page. "[He] was returned to his family just before midnight."

Biologists release threatened frog species into Santa Monica Mountains

Hundreds of California red-legged frog tadpoles were released into undisclosed streams in the Santa Monica Mountains by biologists as part of a process to expand the threatened species in Southern California, according to the National Park Service (NPS).

In March, approximately 950 egg masses were transferred from the Simi Hills to mesh holding pens in the Santa Monica Mountains. The pens protected the eggs from predators as they began to hatch and grow and biologists paid twice weekly visits to feed and monitor the health of the young frogs.

The U.S. Geological Survey recently discovered amphibian populations are declining at an alarming rate. Frogs are considered an indicator species and can provide important information about habitat health through their skin, which is easily penetrable and absorbs contaminants.

After a visit to the site earlier this week, 850 tadpoles were also released once biologists determined they would be able to survive on their own. The tadpoles will continue to be closely monitored as they mature into frogs.

The project to release the tadpoles is comprised of California State Parks, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, the Mountains Restoration Trust, the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Geological Survey's Western Ecological Research Center.

SMMUSD maintains high bond ratings

The Santa Monica-Malibu

Unified School District has maintained high bond ratings from two prominent rating agencies, enabling the district to proceed with the sale of the district's first series of Measure "ES" bonds in the coming weeks.

The District received a bond rating of 'Aa1' and 'AA' from rating agencies, Moody's Investor Service and Standard & Poor's, respectively. Officials said the good ratings would help with the long-term success of the sale.

Both ratings agencies cited the district's solid finances, the strength of the local tax base and strong community support.

District officials said the credit ratings put the District in the ranks of other impressive districts that hold these stellar ratings, such as the Beverly Hill USD, Newport-Mesa USD, and Palo Alto USD. "The continuance of our excellent credit ratings is a testament to this district's commitment to maintaining its fiscal strength, so we can best serve our students in the challenging economic environment," said Superintendent Sandra Lyon in a statement. Measure "ES" is a \$385 million construction bond affirmed by the voters in November 2012, with focus on improving academic instruction, school safety, and technology of Santa Monica and Malibu schools. The first series will be for about \$30 million and will help fund the planning and prioritization of other bond projects.

A version of this story appeared in the Santa Monica Daily Press.

Registration opening for Malibu Salon Series

Registration for the new Malibu Salon Series opens August 1. The premiere event is tentatively scheduled to take place on August 20, with additional events taking place monthly through November.

The series, sponsored by the Malibu Cultural Arts Commission, gives people a chance to attend exclusive and intimate events to learn from high profile professionals in the arts industry, who will share insight into their particular fields.

The series is free to attend and open to people 18 years or older. For more information or to sign up, visit malibucity.org/SalonSeries.

Sirens

The following crimes were reported in Malibu between July 15-21:

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■ **Looted laptop**
A backpack with a laptop and headphones was stolen around 11:30 p.m. from Café Habana, totaling over \$1,130. The victim had left the backpack on a table unattended. Security cameras at the restaurant may have footage and recordings were provided to the Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff's station.

7/16

■ **Vehicle burglary**
A wallet was stolen out of a vehicle on Zumirez Drive after the passenger window was smashed. The vehicle did not have an alarm system and no surveillance was found in the area.

7/18

■ **Car charger crime**
A car parked on Zumirez Drive was burglarized when a suspect broke the

passenger window and stole a car charger. The vehicle was ransacked but no other items seemed to be missing.

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■ **Stolen supplies**
Over \$1,500 worth of tools and equipment were stolen from a tool shed behind a victim's house on Harvester Road. The victim believes the suspects are the same burglars from a

previous incident on the property.

7/21

■ **Pilfered pellets**
Two pellet guns were stolen from a vehicle that was burglarized overnight on Latigo Canyon Road. The rear passenger window of the vehicle was smashed and a small screwdriver was recovered on scene. No surveillance was recovered from the area.



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