

Police Reports

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Compiled by Evan Ortega STOLEN MEDICATION THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

A woman and her husband parked in the lower north pier parking lot at noon. The woman has a tumor on her spine and carries

a prescription for 100mg and 30mg Morphine pills to help ease her pain. The woman packed the Morphine pills, along with her husband's iPod, his Prednisone and \$80 into a plastic grocery bag. As they walked on the beach, west of 12th Street, carrying their towels and

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at home Sunday with my Rams, which should be a good thing for the Hawks.

St. Louis Rams (4-12): Not trying to be negative, just realistic here, but my Rams have been awful for the past three years, so a four-win season seems about right. And

they don't get to play the Raiders. Good luck to new coach Spagnuolo. Any chance the Rams will tank the season, play before a bunch of empty seats, and then decide to move back to L.A.? •

Mustangs

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but perhaps another CIF finals appearance. "They're a good football team and so are we. We'll just have to cut down on the mistakes because against a good football team they'll make the most of it," said Morrow.

The Mustangs hit the road tonight to take on South Torrance in the Spartans' new

stadium home opener at 7 p.m. The Spartans won't pose as much of a threat to the Mustangs as Loyola did, but they certainly are a quality team.

The Mustangs return home for their home opener next Friday night, September 17, at 7 p.m. against the Esperanza Aztecs. •

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be targeted for a break-in)

Also, never use this type of information in your passwords.

One last – and serious – reminder: Sexual predators increasingly are using the Internet to target both child and adult victims by posing as peers or friends. Although software is available to help you track your children's online activities, you can't follow them 24/7. Have the "don't talk with or email strangers"

discussion with your kids as soon as they start using computers.

These are only a few of the precautions you and your kids should take when using social networking sites to protect your personal information and prevent identity theft. For more tips, visit Visa Inc.'s free personal financial management site, Practical Money Skills for Life (www.practicalmoneyskills.com/security). •

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Union; At Home With Care; Automobile Driving Museum; Battaglini Estate Winery; Bristol Farms; Britt's BBQ; Classic Party Rentals; CSimplicity Design; Crowne Plaza LAX, Curves El Segundo; Del Rey Transportation; DoubleTree Hotel; Dr. Smile; Embassy Suites Los Angeles International Airport/South; Godiva Chocolatier; H & R Block; Hacienda Hotel; Hyatt Summerfield Suites; Inconen Staffing Solutions; Il Fornaio; Konica Minolta Business Solutions; Los Angeles World Airports; Loyola Marymount University Extension; McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant; Murad Inclusive Health Center & Spa; Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore; Natural Simplicity; NaturWell Holistic Center; Neptune Society; Paul Martin's American Bistro; Portofino Hotel and Yacht Club; Residence Inn; Rock Goddess Jewelry; Second City Bistro; South Bay Business Lawyers; South Bay Environmental Services Center; South Bay Workforce Investment Board; South Cal Electric, Inc.; Suzy Prudden International;

Von Flue Studio; Waste Management; Xceed Financial Credit Union.

Hansen believes a general policy of collaboration among South Bay area chambers will help spur business for everyone, and she hopes to coordinate additional cooperative events in the future. "We need to be creative in this economy and look beyond our own boundaries," she said. "Members of neighboring chambers are looking to extend their reach, and programs like the Expo are one way to do just that. We're pleased to partner with Manhattan Beach Chamber to make this a win-win for all concerned."

For more information on Expo 2009 or to RSVP for the after party, contact the El Segundo Chamber at 310-322-1220, or the Manhattan Beach Chamber at 310-545-5313. Applications for table sign-ups are available online at ElSegundoChamber.org or ManhattanBeachChamber.net. The Hacienda Hotel is located at 525 S. Sepulveda Boulevard at the corner of Mariposa Avenue.

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implode. Or the fire to engulf him.

Went to work that day, but nothing was happening on the job, other than folks monitoring the newscasts. *CNN* began reporting on the hijacking around 6:15, and by 6:30, the Federal Aviation Administration had grounded all civilian aircraft in the United States. It was about this time that another group of hijackers took over Flight 93, the one that ended up crashing in Pennsylvania about a half hour later.

And this was after Flight 77 had been hijacked and crashed into the western side of the Pentagon.

Said to heck with work, I'm heading home. After all, I reside in El Segundo, live pretty close to LAX, which seemed to be a pretty natural target for any more of the mayhem that may have gone down. The kid was attending school right down the street and just needed to head home. To do what,

I wasn't sure.

But I had also grown up with a father who worked in the aerospace industry, and I think that he had mentioned more than once that if the dreaded Russians were going to point their missiles our way, they just might send 'em toward Aviation Boulevard, where a lot of important stuff, top-secret stuff, was taking place.

Got home, and thankfully, nothing happened out West. Of course, both of the Towers ended up collapsing.

Went to New York City two years ago, took a bus by the Towers' site, but there was really not a lot to see. But I was awestruck as we passed the site.

Don't forget the day. Don't forget the innocent people who died. And don't forget the first responders who went *up* into the Towers to try and save the innocents. Would you have run *up* the stairs of the Towers?

Roundhouse

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Santa Monica Bay. The fees from classes help supplement donations to pay for staff and upkeep.

OTS also entered into a contract with the L.A. County Office of Education and developed educational materials that complied with its standards. "They were very helpful; they wanted to make it work," Fruin said. "We had independent contractor teachers and they were also the people who took care of the aquarium ...it was very touch-and-go financially, but from that beginning, we built it to where it is today."

The board began working with other aquariums to receive donated tanks and supplies, as well as technical expertise. Tanks first came from the Natural History Museum, and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium donated equipment. "We didn't have the equipment to provide and cool water, so we had pictures of fish that we would cut out and spin from a fish line," Fruin said. "We said, 'When we get money, we'll fill this tank with real fish.'"

Since that time, the aquarium has been able to install custom-built tanks that are filled using a hose that sucks water from the ocean below. "The animals that are in the aquarium are all indigenous to the Santa Monica Bay," Blieden said. "We have sea bass, eels, sharks we have all sorts of snails, we have an octopus now, so it's really a reflection of all the local waters."

Aquarium staff members have trained at other aquariums and the Roundhouse also shares specimens.

"We're able to teach classes year-round and we now have corporate contributors who donate money for the purpose of funding classes" Fruin said. "They're no longer

funding tanks or other things. They're funding classes.

Students from inner cities and beach cities are now being educated about the ocean, thanks to financial help from single donors and grants from organizations like the Anenberg Foundation. OTS also operates a van that travels to schools. "We're interested in promoting information and knowledge about our marine resources, how to preserve it, how to use it and how to enjoy it," Fruin said.

The Roundhouse's staff of three is supplemented by more than 100 volunteers, many of whom are students of Mira Costa High School as well as senior citizens and university students. "I think the secret to our success is that over the years, we've had young, enthusiastic college graduates who came in and with their energy and improved what we had already," Fruin said.

Blieden will sometimes meet parents who used to visit the aquarium when they were kids, revealing the lasting impact the Roundhouse has on some of its young visitors. "It's several generations now who come to the aquarium, it's really fun to see," Blieden said. "We teach thousands of kids a year, we teach them about storm drains and about how not to throw things in the street... we tell them to tell their parents and their friends, so I think we spread the word."

On the eve of the organization's 30th anniversary, Gross is positive about what the future holds. "I think the futures looking quite good...there were a lot of times when it was in danger of disappearing in its history, but it's well established," Gross said. "As long as the community continues to support it, it will pay back to the community." •

School Board

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were expected; Pacific was attended by 641 children, under the anticipated 659; Meadows welcomed 489 student the first day, slightly under the expected 494; Pennekamp's first-day students numbered 563, below the predicted 572; and Robinson saw 402 students, under the projected 416.

The only deviation from the district's enrollment pattern was at Manhattan Beach Middle School, where the actual first-day student count was 1274, under the anticipated 1336 and also two below the 1276 reported in 2008.

Steve Romines, the district's assistant superintendent, told the board about improvements made to the school system's food services system. He started his presentation by noting food services was deemed fiscally stable for the second year in a row. About \$40,000 of the food service budget was applied toward facility insurance and liability coverage. System improvements included the installation of new signage, development of a new Web-based menu system, implementation of a staggered lunchtime schedule, the installation of automated scanners, with which students can pay for meals by simply swiping a card and the replacement of various cooking appliances, such as oven doors, which Romine explain "take a beating" during the normal course of a work day.

There were also a wide variety of improvements or repairs made on individual school campuses. District staff completed about 300 work orders at Mira Costa, where, among other things, they installed 20 new LCD projectors, a new library exhaust system, repaired about 2,500 student lockers and removed chewing gum from throughout the facility.

Staffers also competed the new on-campus location of the district's Regional Occupational Program, ROP, Superintendent Beverly Rohrer noted moving the ROP offices would give students much closer proximity --- and access --- to the program's aeronautics and engineering curricula.

Myriad fixes and improvements were also

made at the elementary schools, including Grand View, where crews swapped out rusty hallways poles and electrical panels, installed new rain gutters and a new clock-and-alarm system and repaired a water main and a cracked concrete slab.

"One of the questions I'm often asked is, 'How was your summer?' Actually, because there's no class and we finally have free time to do a lot of these things, summer ends up the busiest time for the year for us," said Romines.

The board read through and unanimously approved changes to the district policy on property sales. The modifications provide greater specificity about informing the public about district meetings during which property transfers will be considered.

Near the end of the meeting, Rohrer announced her hope that as many district families, students, staff, faculty and other community members attend the Sep. 12 workshop at Mira Costa to discuss the new proposed designs high school.

In particular, she said, "we really do need our students to take the opportunity and make suggestions."

Nancy Hersman, the board's president, echoed the superintendent's call for student input.

Current and incoming high schoolers deserve their say, she said. After all, "they're walking it, they're living it."

The meeting was attend by an audience of three. No one addressed the board during either of the two public comment periods.

After the meeting, Mira Costa senior Jeff Whelan, his school's new ASB vice president and student liaison to the board, admitted he didn't realize how much study and deliberation goes into board decisions.

"For most students, they just go to school," with little awareness of the decision-making that keeps their schools going, Whelan said. "I'm really dedicated to representing them as well as I can...to making a difference that offers the greatest benefit to everyone." •