

Crime Reports

Compiled by Evan Ortega GYM CLASS THEFT FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

As a student at Mira Costa High School was undoubtedly enjoying gym class from 8 to 9 a.m., somebody stole an iPhone from her unsecured backpack. The \$300 iPhone contained pictures of the victim and her friends, along with some downloaded Japanese music. When the victim realized the theft had occurred, she tried to call the phone but it was already turned off.

STOLEN HIGH HEELS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

A woman parked her 2005 Cadillac Escalade in the driveway of her Strand home in the 3700 block area around 10:20 p.m. She returned the next day around 10 a.m. and noticed her passenger side door was slightly open but had no pry marks or damage to its locks. The victim reported a variety of items stolen, including a pair of size 8 animal print women's high heels valued at \$50, a check book, a bag containing \$600 worth of MAC brand make-up and a \$350 pair of black Prada men's sunglasses. In the crime report, police stated they were unable to obtain evidence because the victim waited nearly a week to report the crime.

"WATCH" YOUR STUFF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

A woman called the police after somebody stole her \$3,500 Cartier watch, which she last saw on the front porch of her Strand home in the 800 block area. Around 6 to 6:30 p.m. the evening before, the victim took off the watch, placed it behind a pillar and left to play beach volleyball. She woke up at around 8 the next morning to put on the watch and remembered she left it on the porch. She searched the area but could not find it.

\$36,000 WORTH OF SUNGLASSES STOLEN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

A sales representative parked her car in front of a department store at a shopping center located at 3400 North Sepulveda Boulevard around 4:45 p.m. She returned a half-hour later and drove out of the lot, before noticing somebody had smashed her rear window. She stopped and noticed four suitcases were missing. The suitcases contained about 560 Ray Ban sunglasses, each worth \$65. The victim said several company representatives have been victims of vehicle burglaries and was told that the LAPD has a task force working on the crimes. Police were able to book one partial fingerprint into evidence.

STOLEN MARIJUANA WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

A man called police after somebody stole his 70 prescription Oxycodone pills and half an ounce of medical marijuana from his home in the 1800 block of Harkness Street. The man told officers he was prescribed the pills after a car accident a week ago and was given a "marijuana recommendation" by his doctor last year. The victim told police he left his home from about 12:15 p.m. and returned at 1:30 p.m. to find the drugs missing from under the armrest of his futon. He said he thought nobody knew he kept his drugs there.

The victim said his trash can had been moved to under a window near his home and that the window above the can was easy to open, even if locked. Police noticed the dust on the sill had been disturbed but found no viable prints. They saw no pry marks or sign of forced entry.

The victim told police he filled his Oxycodone prescription several days earlier but needed a police report to refill it. The man also

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Local Boy Scouts Prepare for Rose Parade

By Evan Ortega

When the newest Eagle Scouts of Manhattan Beach Boy Scout Troop 849 march in the Rose Parade on New Year's Day, they will join hundreds of other Scouts from across America who became Eagles in 2009. One of the marchers, Robert Reeley of Troop 849, is looking forward to meeting the other Scouts who made Eagle this year and also hopes to represent his organization to the rest of the country. "It will let us reach people who don't know anything about scouting," Robert said. "Maybe it will cause a couple of them to go online to learn more about us."

The Scouts will be marching in front and behind of a float complete with real waterfalls. It will portray Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts fishing, at camp, and on canoes, kayaks, mountain bikes and even a zip-line. Among the select few Scouts chosen to ride on the float will be the America's two-millionth Eagle Scout.

This year's Rose Parade float will be the Boy Scouts' first float in about 60 years, said Mike Tauber, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 849 of Manhattan Beach. As Chairman of the Boy Scout organization's Rose Parade Float Committee, Tauber hopes the nationally televised event might help spur some additional interest in scouting. "It's real important that we get the word out; there's a lot of people that still don't know that scouting is alive and well, and we want to show the country the different activities that Scouts can do," Tauber said. "When boys and girls look at this they're going to say, 'I want to do that.'"

The Scouts decided to participate in the parade as a way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America (BSA), said Robert's father, Rick Reeley, who is

Vice Chairman of the Rose Parade Float Committee. Reeley and Tauber have been planning for more than a year and a half. "A lot of it's for publicity and awareness, but it's also a celebration too," Rick said. "It's a great program...it's a great experience for boys to get outdoor skills, leadership skills, citizenship skills."

Rick is in the process of interviewing the participating Eagle Scouts, who will be carrying their state flags or merit badge signs in front of and behind the float. "They think it's a great opportunity to celebrate our 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts and represent their troop and their city in the parade," Rick said. "They're all excited to participate...for them it's a once in a lifetime opportunity to be in the parade."

Tauber said younger Scouts, including Cub Scouts, will also have an opportunity to be involved in the parade by decorating the float in December. "Some of them helped design it, so we got a lot of responses to this thing and what they would like to see," Tauber said. "We've had people from faraway places write to us and ask if they could be part of the decorating team, and so we're signing them up."

Although the float was built by a company in Arizona, it has a white foam skin with numbers to indicate where colors and flowers should be placed. Tauber said the Scout volunteers will work different shifts to cover the roughly 90 hours of decorating time needed to complete the float. "Generally they only allow adults to work on that, but because we're Boy Scouts, they're letting us work on it," Tauber said. "We even have special permission for our Cub Scouts to do what's called 'dry decoration' where they glue

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How Well Do You Know Your Town's History?



In 1951 was the completion and dedication of the National Guard Armory at Bell and Rosecrans Avenue.

Abridged from *A Walk Beside the Sea*
By Jan Dennis

The Manhattan Beach population influx continued to increase every year. In 1950, the census recorded a population of 17,330. By 1953, the number grew to 26,315. It was distributed as 12,982 males and 13,333 females with eight non-white residents – five males and three females.

The Manhattan Beach Police Department was also steadily growing, with additional patrol cars and better communication equipment. With a teletype machine installed in the department, reception and transmission of information could be sent anywhere in Los Angeles County.

The fast growth of the city was accompanied by an accelerated infrastructure, improved transportation routes and a higher standard of living, which created demand for more development.

In 1950, the newest tract showed the trend toward continued development east of Sepulveda Boulevard. The Liberty Village housing tract, named after the project contractors, Liberty Builders, contained 75 acres bounded by Redondo Avenue, Aviation Boulevard, Marine Avenue and Manhattan Beach Boulevard. With 400 proposed homes loosely patterned after the California ranch style and an investment of approximately \$4,500,000, the City of Manhattan Beach's previous building permit record was shattered.

By October 5 of the same year, the first family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Merchant and their son, moved into their new home at 2105 Wendy Way. During that period, 20 additional families moved into the section between 19th to 23rd streets on Wendy Way and Faymont Avenue. The two streets were

named in honor of the builder's daughters, Wendy and Fay.

During the same period of time, the type C Armory was still being built when President Harry S. Truman ordered troops to help South Korea, which had been invaded by North Korea. Shortly after the troop participation, the South Bay mobilized. Again the citizens of the community were in close contact with the military. Citizens became involved with blood drives, first aid class were scheduled, and volunteers were going door-to-door in an effort to raise funds for the Red Cross.

In 1951, upon the dedication of the Armory located on Bell Avenue, Companies B, H, and S of the 578th Combat Engineer Battalion were stationed at the Armory, as well as the National Guard Defense and Security training facility. Prior to this facility, the Company had been housed at the Property Owners Association Hall located on Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Herrin Street. A small contingent of Army soldiers were also stationed on a Nike base, which was located at Marine Avenue near Redondo Avenue, now the locations of Marine Park.

Many local families invited the servicemen into their homes for the holidays and weekends. The young servicemen contributed to civic activities by delivering and planting ice-plants along the railroad tracks, helped the Garden Club plant climbing roses donated by Bishop's Nursery on the fence which lined Marine Avenue, and helped downtown merchants erect Christmas decorations.

The 1950s were also a time of surf, sand and stars, cleaner beaches, beauty contests, volleyball tournaments, paddleboard races, new schools and social organizations.

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