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**AUGUST POSTAGE UPDATE**

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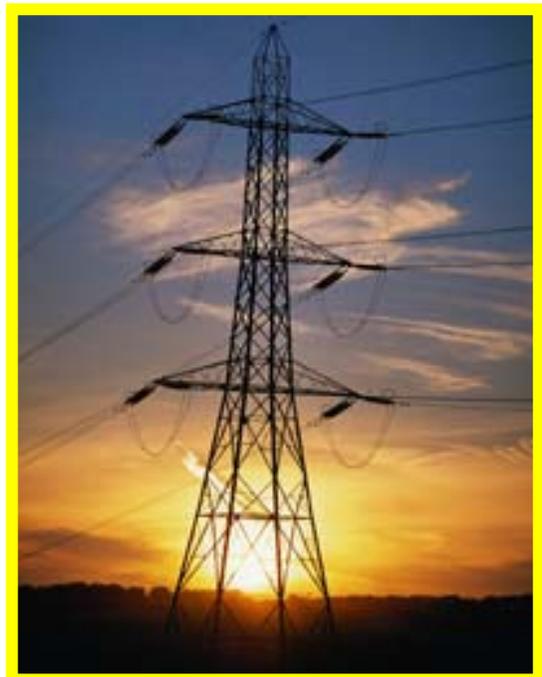
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**Preparing for Power Outages  
By Huntington Beach Fire Department**

Southern California Edison (SCE) has informed the City of Huntington Beach there may be rotating power outages in the future. They should not exceed one-hour intervals. The Huntington Beach Emergency Management & Homeland Security has prepared a list of Safety, Security, and Health issues that you should use to prepare for a power outage. (see page 2)



**Independent System Operator Alerts**

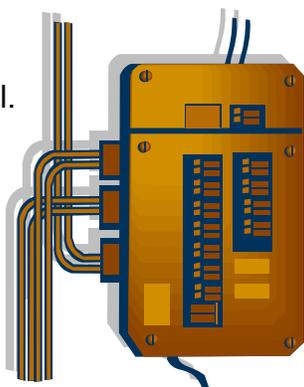
Stage I - Less than 7% operating reserves

Stage II - Less than 5% operating reserves

Stage III - Less than 1.5% operating reserve

**Safety Issues**

- Purchase needed items for your home, office and car including: flashlights, batteries, AM/FM battery powered radio, rechargeable power failure lights, and lightsticks.
- Have a 72-hour emergency kit for your family.
- Keep cash and change on hand; in power failures ATMs may not work and you may need to make a phone call at a pay phone.
- Check your home and office phones. Phones that are cordless and phones with answering machines are power dependent. Have one phone that does not require power to operate in case you need to call 9-1-1. Keep your cell phone powered up.
- Familiarize yourself with your main electrical panel. You may be required to turn off the main breaker or have to reset circuit breakers.
- Portable generators are an excellent source of backup power if operated safely. Safely stockpile fuel outside, never indoors, and not in garages. Operate generators outside. Only use fresh gasoline because old gasoline may ignite. Plug appliances directly into the generator and NEVER attach generators to the facility current.
- Use space heaters only as recommended by manufacturers. Keep them at least 3' away from combustibles and walls. Do not drape items over them and do not use with extension cords. Turn them off before going to bed.
- To save electricity use your fireplace for heating, but responsibly. Don't burn wood



with paint or stain. Any time you have an open flame in your home you should observe it at all times. Make sure you close your fireplace screen to prevent sparks from flying. Do not store newspapers, kindling, or matches near the fireplace.

- Do not use candles for lighting, instead use lanterns. If you use candles, make sure you have smoke detectors in all rooms and that the batteries are operating. Have a fire extinguisher and know how to operate it. Have a fire evacuation plan and practice fire drills. More fires are caused by candles than any other source.
- If your smoke detectors are wired directly into the electrical system they will not operate during a power failure. Consider purchasing a battery detector backup. Special smoke detectors are available for the hearing impaired.
- During the power outage, unplug all small appliances to avoid a power surge. Leave one light on so you know when the power comes back on.
- When power comes back on you may have to reset your clocks, VCRs, microwave ovens, programmable thermostats, burglar and fire alarms.

**Security Issues**

- Have a plan for checking on and reuniting family members.
- Stay home and be safe during a power outage. Stores and gas stations may be closed. Don't add to the confusion by driving around.
- During an area-wide power outage, traffic signals may be out. If so, remember the intersection becomes a 4-way Stop.
- Watch for suspicious activity. Criminals may decide to take advantage of the power outage. Always call 9-1-1 if you notice suspicious activity.

**HB1—CRIME FIGHTER IN THE SKY**

June activity increased slightly with the end of the school year and the start of summer vacations.



Training is progressing with Officer Mark Wersching who is about to be an official Line Pilot with 450 hours of pilot time. Officer Erick Ramsey is progressing toward his Commercial Pilots License. All pilots are pitching in to make-up any staffing shortages.

On Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Doug Tallman and Officer Ramsey spotted a brush fire at Murdy Park. The Fire Dept. was called and the fire was put out.

On Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Officers Ramsey and McNaughton assisted Irvine PD with a pursuit north on the 55 Fwy to the 91 Fwy. The suspect gave up and was taken into custody without incident.

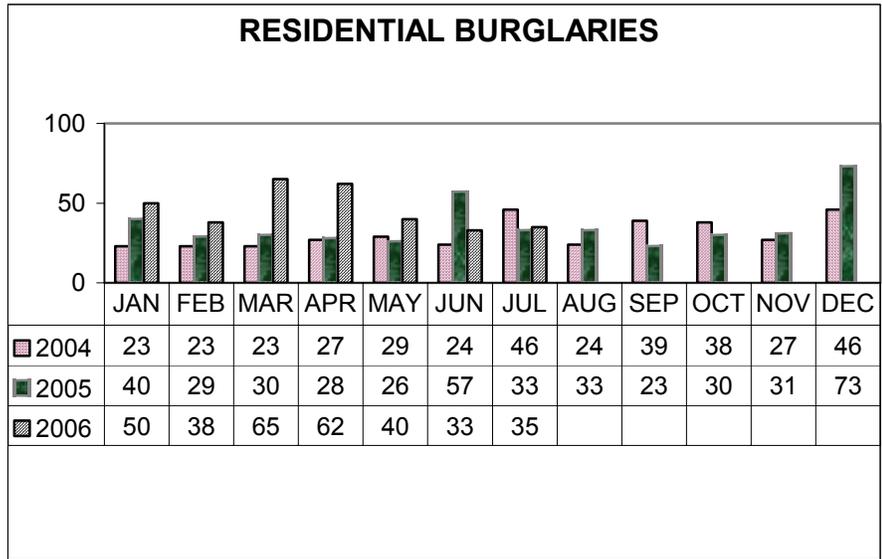
On Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Officers Ramsey and Mc Naughton assisted State Lifeguards in looking for a missing person in the surf at 1:00 a.m. They located a dead boy east of Tower 6 and the body was recovered.

On two occasions HB-1 crews performed an EOC video downlink successfully for the RACES Group, demonstrating aircraft readiness for any city declared emergency.

On Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, Officers Catalano and Wersching spotted a boat adrift approaching the rocks near the cliffs. They were able to assist the crew of the boat to avert an emergency.

Finally, on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Sgt. Tallman and Officer Catalano used the helicopter's PA system to alert neighbors of a lost 6-year-old girl. A resident heard the announcement and reported finding the girl on her street. The girl was returned home.

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**



**Special thanks to members listed below for their donation**

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**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

The police patrol areas are the north and south. The patrol beats are 2-13. Your RD (Reporting District) is the half-mile square surrounding your home.

To locate your Beat and RD, please check the map on the back inside page. In most cases, your BEAT/RD is identified on your address-mailing label.

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES**

**35 REPORTED IN JULY**  
**33 REPORTED IN JUNE**

Twenty-one of the entries were due to **OPEN OR UNLOCKED** windows or doors, or 60% of the entries reported.

Further breakdown reveals 10 garage entries out of 35 burglaries, or 29% of the entries reported in July.

Seventeen of the entries reported to have occurred during daytime (6:00 am. to 6:00 pm.). Eighteen entries occurred during night (6:00 pm. to 6:00 am.).

There were five entries by force or pry tool, two entries by window smash, two entries by unknown means, three attempts without entry, one entry with house “ under fumigation”, and one entry thru an open window, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**

**64 REPORTED IN JULY**  
**48 REPORTED IN JUNE**

**GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

**46 REPORTED IN JULY**  
**48 REPORTED IN JUNE**

**BEAT 2**

**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**2 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 474 – 1      RD 476 - 1**

Streets: Brookhurst and Hamilton.

**ONE ENTRY THRU AN OPEN WINDOW.** One garage entry by force.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 475 – 1      RD 476 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 476 – 1**

**BEAT 3**

**2 Residential Burglaries**  
**1 Vehicle Burglary**  
**0 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 446 – 1      RD 454 – 1**

Streets: Big Sur and Van Ness **TWO**

**ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOORS.**

There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 444 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**None**

**BEAT 4**

**3 Residential Burglaries**  
**10 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 432 – 1      RD 442 – 1**  
**RD 443 – 1**

Streets: Rochester, Lakeside and

Bluffside. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.**

One entry by force or pry tool. There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 432 – 7      RD 453 – 1**  
**RD 462 – 1      RD 463 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 432 - 1      RD 433 – 1**

**RD 443 – 2**

**BEAT 5**

**5 Residential Burglaries**  
**2 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 425 – 2      RD 426 – 3**

Streets: Hyde Park, Brabham, Windridge, Carp and Brookhurst.

**FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.**

One entry by a window smash.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 425 – 1      RD 436 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 436 – 1**

**BEAT 6**

**4 Residential Burglaries**  
**11 Vehicle Burglaries**  
**4 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 441 – 2      RD 451 – 2**

Streets: Lake St., 21<sup>st</sup> St., 6<sup>th</sup> St. and 7<sup>th</sup> St. **TWO ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOW OR DOORS.**

One entry by unknown means and one attempt without entry. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 337 – 1      RD 348 – 1**  
**RD 349 – 1      RD 359 – 3**

**RD 431 – 1      RD 441 – 1**  
**RD 451 – 1      RD 461 – 2**

**RD 451 – 1      RD 461 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 451 - 4**

**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES, VEHICLE BURGLARIES, GRAND THEFT AUTOS**

**BEAT 7**

**4 Residential Burglaries  
6 Vehicle Burglaries  
6 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 293 – 1            RD 413 – 1  
RD 422 – 1            RD 423 – 1**

Streets : Wharton, Delaware, Ellis and Hamden. **THREE ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** One entry by an open window while house fumigated. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 292 – 2            RD 293 – 2  
RD 412 – 1            RD 422 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 292 – 2            RD 412 – 4**

**BEAT 8**

**3 Residential Burglaries  
8 Vehicle Burglaries  
3 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 177 – 1            RD 189 – 1  
RD 198 – 1**

Streets: Wild Rose, Rio Vista and Tailgate. Two entries by unknown means and one entry by force or pry tool.

There were two garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 176 – 2            RD 177 – 1  
RD 178 – 1            RD 187 - 1  
RD 188 – 1            RD 199 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 179– 3**

**BEAT 9**

**6 Residential Burglaries  
3 Vehicle Burglaries  
9 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 272 – 1            RD 273 – 3  
RD 283 - 2**

Streets: Elm, Marken, Newland, Hawes, Guilders and Maggie. **FOUR ENTRIES BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** There was one attempt without entry and one window smash. Entries in RD 283 on Hawes and Maggie occurred in the middle of the night thru **open windows or doors** while the resident was sleeping. A possible suspect was seen in a backyard on Marken (RD 273) during early evening hours in an attempted entry. He is described as a male Black adult, 25-30 yrs., approx. 5'11", 180 lbs., short black hair Call 960-8825(non emerg. number) on any suspicious people or activity. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 264 – 1            RD 271 – 1  
RD 283 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 263 – 1            RD 271 - 1  
RD 273 - 2            RD 282 – 3  
RD 283 – 2**

**BEAT 10**

**3 Residential Burglaries  
11 Vehicle Burglaries  
4 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 154 - 1            RD 155 – 1  
RD 175 - 1**

Streets: Shorebird, Kona and Warner.

**ONE ENTRY BY OPEN OR UNLOCKED WINDOWS OR DOORS.** Two entries by force or pry tool. There was one garage entry.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 162 – 1            RD 164 – 3  
RD 165 – 3            RD 174 – 1  
RD 175 – 3**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 151 – 1            RD165 – 1  
RD 173 – 2**

**BEAT 11**

**1 Residential Burglary  
2 Vehicle Burglaries  
1 Grand Theft Auto**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 168 – 1**

Street: Warner. Entry by an **OPEN WINDOW** (2<sup>ND</sup> floor). No garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 158 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 158 – 1**

**BEAT 12**

**1 Residential Burglary  
6 Vehicle Burglaries  
5 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 138 – 1**

Street: Drake. An attempt without entry. There were no garage entries.

Vehicle Burglaries

**RD 137 – 1            RD 139 – 1  
RD 146 – 1            RD 147 – 2  
RD 148 – 1**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 117 – 1            RD 139 – 2  
RD 148 – 1            RD 149 – 1**

**BEAT 13**

**1 Residential Burglary  
2 Vehicle Burglaries  
8 Grand Theft Autos**

Residential Burglaries

**RD 262 – 1**

Street: Rhine with entry thru an **OPEN** garage.

Vehicle Burglaries

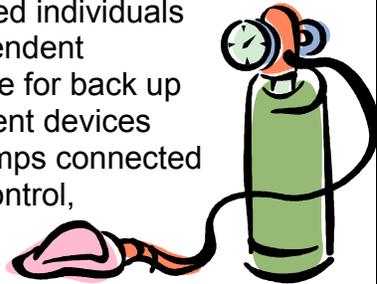
**RD 253 – 1            RD 262 – 2**

Grand Theft Autos

**RD 242 – 2            RD 251 – 2  
RD 253 – 2            RD 262 – 1**

**Health Issues (cont. from page 2)**

- Focus on children’s needs. Provide a flashlight for each child that they can keep by their bed and in their backpacks. Discuss living without electricity and how the outage is usually short term.
- Help elderly and disabled individuals who are on power-dependent medical devices arrange for back up power. Power-dependent devices include: medication pumps connected to IV’s including pain control, anti-arrhythmia and chemotherapy; dialysis machines; home ventilators; and backup oxygen tanks. Anyone who utilizes a medical devise should arrange for a neighbor, relative or friend come to check on him or her in an emergency.
- All hospitals are required to have backup power.
- Have a first aid kit in your home, office, and car. Take first aid and CPR training.
- Sewer pump stations have limited storage capacity. Do not flush your toilet during a power outage. Wait until after the power has been restored to flush.



Be a good neighbor and check on any elderly, disabled, and children who are home alone during a power outage. They may need your help. Try to conserve electricity between the hours of 5 – 9 AM and 4 – 7 PM. For information on the Fire Department & CERT disaster preparedness classes or literature, call 536-5974.

**Prepared by**

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**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

**Maryjo Reed**

**RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**



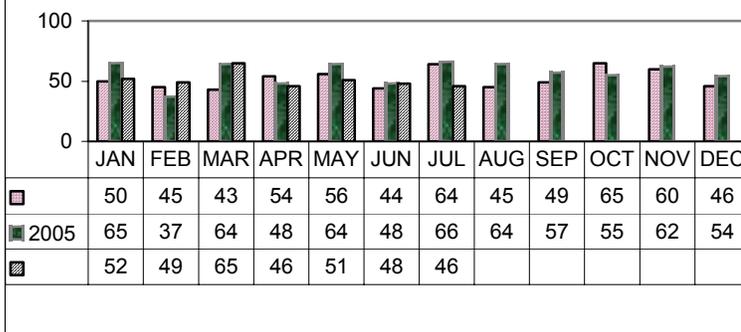
Maryjo is a native Californian, born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area. She graduated from Castro Valley High School and then matriculated through Brigham Young University where she received her Bachelor of Arts degree.

After teaching for a year in Ukiah, California, she moved to Huntington Beach in 1968.

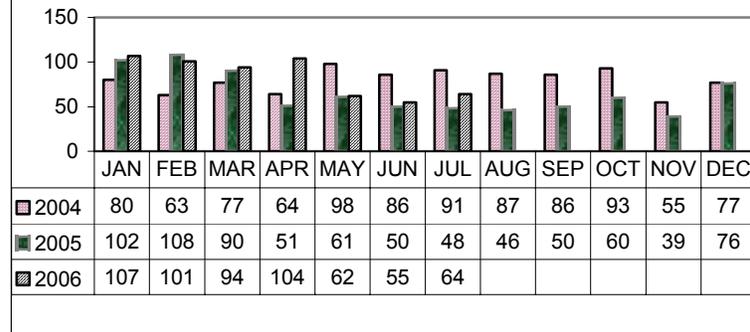
Maryjo worked for the Fountain Valley School District for 36 years, with thirty-three of those years in Huntington Beach at Arevalos, Oka, Bushard and of course, Talbert Middle School. She retired in 2004 after working with approximately 5,000 fine young people.

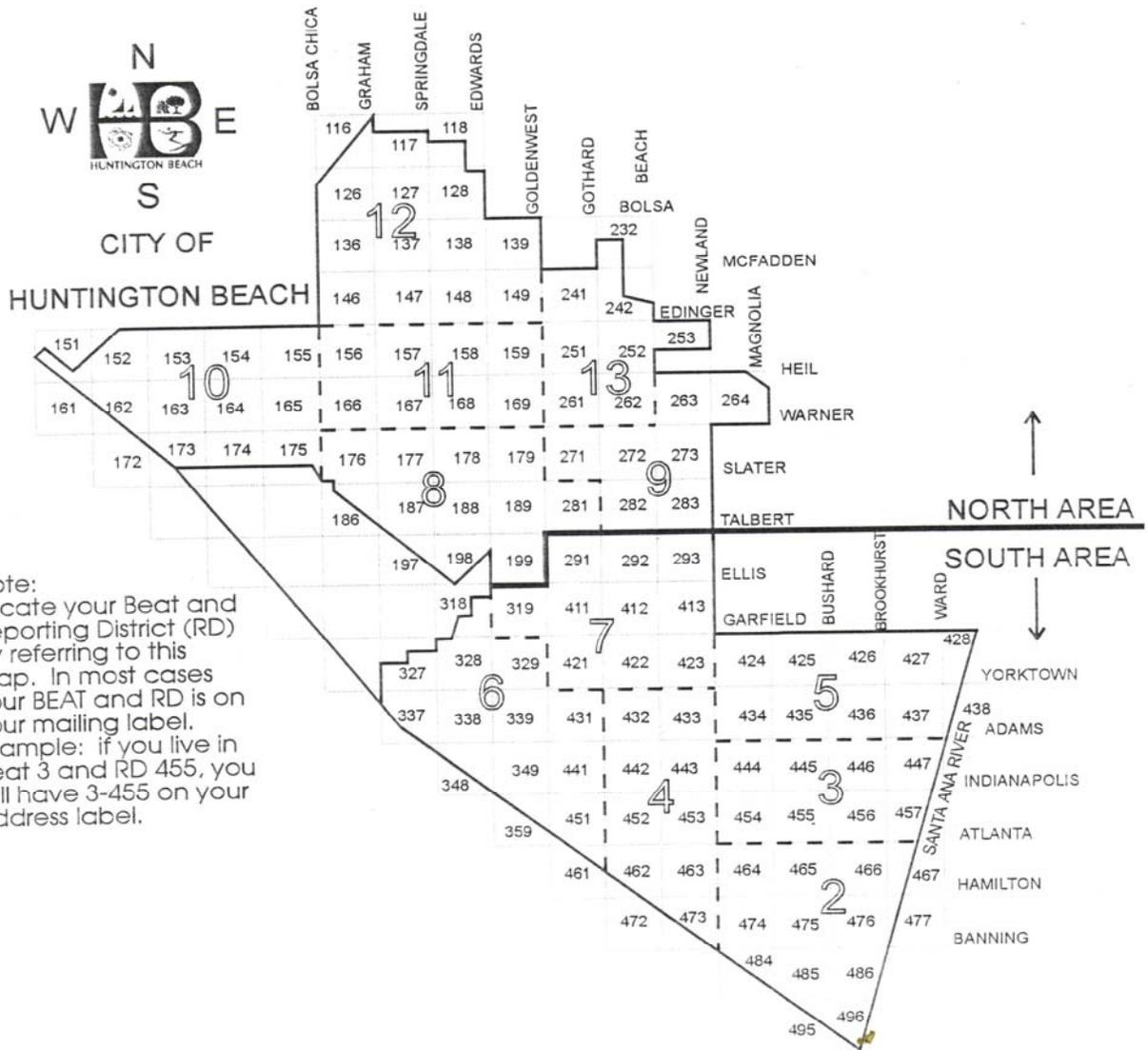
Since then she has traveled: China; the western Caribbean; western New York and Massachusetts; Chicago; Alberta, Canada; and of course Lake Tahoe. She has taken a couple of adult education classes and joined the RSVP program. She spends time volunteering with the CSI Division of the police department. This service program doesn’t count service points, but it does give you the joy of helping others and your community. Maryjo still referees high school and club volleyball. She also enjoys the opportunity to go to more church functions, especially the Newport Beach Temple. Her poodles continue to run things around the house and she still enjoys the beauty of our city.

**GRAND THEFT AUTO**



**VEHICLE BURGLARIES**





Note:  
Locate your Beat and Reporting District (RD) by referring to this map. In most cases your BEAT and RD is on your mailing label.  
Example: if you live in Beat 3 and RD 455, you will have 3-455 on your address label.