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February Crime and Incident Report

Trends and Analysis

Since this semester began, six weeks ago, There have been approximately 45 documented instances (In the Campus Security activity log) of incidents involving alcohol and/or alcohol affected behavior. (That's an average of more than one per day) Seven arrests/citations/felony investigations developed out of those incidents with two students, one alumnus and four off-campus subjects as alleged perpetrators. All of the subjects were arrested or cited for alcohol/disorderly conduct except for one student who is being investigated for rape.

Alcohol related medical calls, for which the paramedics were called, totaled 8 for the same 6 week period — that's not counting many other instances of intoxicated persons needing assistance because of their inability to take care of themselves or get back to their rooms. Our record keeping is not sufficiently precise to track alcohol related vandalism, fire equipment tampering, noise complaints, etc. although alcohol use is suspect in many, if not most, of those incidents. Considering that approximately 75% of our

undergraduate students are under the legal age allowing possession or use of alcohol, the activities mentioned seem disproportionately high. Forty-three of the aforementioned 45 incidents occurred on four undergraduate campuses. Not surprisingly, those campuses with the fewest large alcohol parties had the fewest alcohol related incidents.

For Your Information

As mentioned in the previous monthly Crime and Incident Report, this issue is also on the Campus Safety [new name in July] web page. (www.cuc.claremont.edu/cs) We now have entered the monthly reports from the previous year as well. Additional areas of interest may be the *Silent Witness* page which can be used to report crimes and incidents anonymously, as well as other information about security issues on campus. Since the page is new and we are still working on it, you can expect to see more improvements and additions from week to week.

Selective Incident Summary, Feb. 1 – Feb. 28, 1999

- A staff female received a sexually explicit voice mail message from a male who gave a name and a call-back number. (invalid)
- A student received two answering machine messages from a male who said he would wait at her door for her, in part, because he liked her answering machine message.

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- Campus staff in different offices received rambling messages from a female who advised that the next person she was going to call is President Clinton because the police and FBI are not listening, regarding her fears of assassination. CPD was advised.
- A student reported making a substantial loan to another student who failed, repeatedly to repay the loan as promised. The dean and civil authorities were advised.
- A female brought to the Security station by students from a student union, when it closed, gave an involved story about waiting for her husband and other interesting details. Two hours later when her behavior and story ceased making sense, CPD was notified and identified her as a local transient. She was escorted off campus by CPD.
- Two solicitors, advertising and collecting names for their commercial venture were identified and escorted off campus.
- A female student reported three males in a basement music area "messaging with the lights". Security found three band members who had just finished a radio performance. No damage.
- A student reported the theft of a bike, locked with a u-lock, from a dorm rack over the "break".
- A female student reported being threatened, stalked and held against her will by a former boyfriend. CPD took a report, and protective arrangements were made.
- An emergency phone activated in a social room where a party was ending. No emergency.
- At 0014 hrs. groups of partygoers from off-campus found loitering in parking lots were urged, by Campus Security, to leave and complied.
- An '86 pick-up truck was stolen from a student lot. CPD took a report.
- A non-injury traffic accident on a college boundary street resulted in one vehicle being removed by flat bed truck.
- A student's bike was stolen from an admin. building rack.
- A staff person observed students rolling a large cable spool down the street. They, then, abandoned it and went into an athletic facility and were not found. "Maintenance" was advised to take care of the spool.
- A noisy group of students who were observed fleeing into a dorm room with a beer keg resisted RA efforts to confiscate the keg and the dean was called. Security officers heard a thump outside and found that the keg had been ejected from the dorm window. RA's secured the keg and identified the students.
- Ski lift ticket solicitors were interviewed and asked to leave campus.
- A student reported his unlocked bike stolen from near his dorm room. A Security officer checking the area found an abandoned bike which had been stolen from a different part of the campus. A Security officer reported that he had seen a male subject driving away on the 2nd bike, later found to be stolen. It seems that the suspect took an unlocked bike from one campus and abandoned it for a better bike on another campus.
- A female reported being photographed in the library by a male approx. 19 with an orange backpack and a skateboard. She heard the auto wind camera, saw the picture taker, moved to a different area and then saw him peering at her through the stacks. He fled before Security's arrival.
- At 0018 Security escorted an intoxicated female student back to her dorm. The on-call RA was informed.
- Someone poured detergent all over the laundry room floor of a dorm during a lacrosse game.
- An intoxicated male student punched three dorm windows out with his fist and left. Security officers followed his blood trail to a different building and had CPD and LACFD respond. The argumentative student was transported to the hospital against his will because of profuse bleeding.
- A student complained about loud music. Security found the baseball team had hooked up a megaphone to their radio. It was turned off.
- At 0104 noise complaints resulted in staff confiscating a keg when Security found a group traveling with a keg as they were "kicked out" of previous locations.
- Someone reported fighting at student apartments involving off-campus people. Security found about 75 students in the area

and were told that a group involved in the altercation, from Chaffey College, had left.

- At 0156 on Saturday, student apartment fire alarms activated. Students reported a damaged water main, but actually a fire system locked water valve had been opened. Security officers found several groups of fleeing students and chased them onto an adjoining campus. Several uncooperative students were stopped and identified after fleeing into dorms and other buildings, jumping out of windows, etc. Appropriate deans were notified, the fire alarm technician was called to campus to reset the alarm and re-install a breakaway lock on the valve. The entire episode squandered about two hours of time of two deans, four Security patrol officers and a fire alarm technician.
- At 0208 hrs. an intoxicated male student fell and injured himself, possibly while trying to pull himself up on a basketball rim. He was transported to the hospital by an RA.
- At 0332 hrs. someone reported the sound of breaking glass and 2 males running from the area. Security found only broken beer bottles in the area near the dorm.
- At 0100 hrs. someone reported the smell of smoke in a dorm. Security found the odor of cigarette smoke as well as fumes from spray paint from an unventilated room where a mural was being painted.
- At 0205 a fire alarm activated after someone discharged a fire extinguisher in the dorm hallway, pulled the alarm box and damaged a fire extinguisher cabinet.
- At 0334 hrs. Security officers heard the sound of breaking glass inside of a dorm. Upon entering they saw a male subject with a four foot green "bong" flee into a room. When two subjects fled from an adjoining room and identified themselves as off-campus persons, CPD was called, the subjects relented and identified themselves as students so the on-call dean responded to the area instead. The bong was turned over to Security and the party was shut down.
- A staff person reported two persons picking avocados in a tree. Security found, however, two persons with permission, taking photographs using the magnolia tree.
- The front windshield of a parked car was shattered by an unknown object.
- A student vehicle with excessive citations and a stolen, altered, hang tag was towed. The owner later registered the vehicle.
- At 0118 hrs. loud noise was emanating from a social room where a party was to have ended at 2400 hrs. Security found approx. 25 intoxicated students and two kegs. An RA took control of the kegs and the students dispersed.
- At 2151 hrs. a staff person reported an apparent transient male setting up camp in an admin. building lobby. Security interviewed the individual and asked for CPD help in obtaining temporary shelter for the homeless, confused individual away from the campus.
- On the same day as the previous entry a student reported a 6 ft. white female with blonde hair standing outside of his dorm window yelling at him. Security found an emotionally disturbed woman, supposedly on medication, claiming to have been drugged by the mafia. CPD took her into custody and had her admitted to a psychiatric facility.
- At 2136 hrs. a Security officer stopped four male subjects hanging around a dorm. While identifying them one of the subjects, who said he was a dining hall employee, refused to cooperate, interfered with the officer, and walked away making derogatory comments to the officer. He was identified.
- A male student and two male friends returning to his room discovered a male dining hall employee fleeing his room with some of the student's property. The subject fought with the students as they attempted to apprehend him but they prevailed and the subject was identified, and arrested by CPD for the crime. (He subsequently pleaded guilty to burglary.)
- At 2229 hrs. on Wednesday, a Security officer passing a parked, occupied car saw a male drinking from a 40 oz. beer bottle and saw three other subjects in the vehicle. CPD responded when the subjects were found to be uncooperative, off-campus subjects who also had marijuana in the vehicle. One of the subjects, who was on probation for vandalism, was in possession of spray paint cans. Only the driver was cited for having an "open container".
- At 0156 hrs. CPD pursued a Cadillac which crashed into a tree. The male Hispanic subject inside fled and was not found.

- At 0246 hrs. a Security officer returning to his golf cart found 10-15 male students on the roof of the cart, apparently attempting to steal the vehicle. The males fled and the cart roof structure was found to be damaged.
- A Security officer recognized a subject walking through campus, who had previously been stopped and arrested on campus. The subject told a worker in the area that he was going to apply for work in the dining hall.
- At 0109 hrs. a student reported someone running up and down the hallway in the dorm. Security talked to students who said that it was someone skating the hallways delivering papers.
- Security stopped 5 skateboarders at Big Bridges. They were from Arrowhead and left the campus for the skateboard park. There were numerous additional reports and sightings of skateboarders on various parts of the campus over this reporting period.
- Staff reported the theft of the "Employee of the Month" sign. The sign and its 8' pole were taken from the temporary socket in which it was installed.
- At 2256 hrs. students reported a group of males pulling on dorm doors and peering into vehicles while walking through campus. Security found and identified three students, two of whom were urinating in an academic building courtyard. No additional action taken.
- An intoxicated, male, off-campus, subject with an unleashed dog and with a previous loitering contact became very cantankerous with the Security officer attempting to enforce the leash law. Then, an off campus student with an unleashed dog arrived. The student complied with the regulation but CPD responded to discuss the situation with the other subject who was warned that a citation would follow another violation.
- At 0016 hrs. A Security officer observed loud music, the sound of breaking glass and students on dorm balconies and on the roof throwing beer bottles off of the roof. The RA was advised and opted to handle the situation.
- At 0104 hrs. a student reported that one of eight males threw a rock through his dorm window, breaking the pane.
- A student's bike, locked with a chain and padlock, was stolen from an academic building rack.
- A student reported a vehicle window vandalized but an anonymous passerby had previously reported the window fell out and broke as she was walking by.
- An RA was called, at 2139 hrs., to handle a situation in which obstreperous students were on a balcony drinking and trying to get on the roof of the dorm.
- At 0020 hrs. a student reported an intoxicated white male, off-campus subject hanging around the campus for the past couple of hours. Security interviewed the subject who gave the name of an off-campus person to come pick him up. The person who was called wanted nothing to do with the subject and CPD then provided the escort somewhere.
- A previous entry about students on balconies deteriorated into uncontrollable vandalism and disorderly conduct resulting in a dorm glass entry door being shattered and CPD and deans being notified of the situation. Students were identified and one was escorted away. No injuries nor arrests.
- At 0043 hrs. a female student reported that an older white male in a grey Mitsubishi pickup drove by her a couple of times, then exposed himself to her and drove away. Security and CPD UTL.
- At 0108 hrs. Security responded to assist an RA in getting a group of off-campus subjects to leave campus. The group was with a male student host but all were leaving the party.
- A Security officer reported that the golf cart she was using was missing. Another officer spotted the cart at a different dorm and saw two male students fleeing into the dorm.
- At 0228 hrs. Students reported a fight breaking out at a party at student apartments. Security found a 17 yr. old, off-campus, male subject lying on the ground bleeding from the mouth. Students reported that the male had been at the party drinking from a bottle of gin and had threatened students with a knife. Apparently, unknown students pummeled the subject and disposed of the knife, which was not found. CPD arrested the subject for "drunk in public".

- At 0133 hrs. someone reported students on the roof of a dorm. An RA and Security found a small group who were neither drunk nor uncooperative, on the roof. They left when requested to do so. Someone, however, had thrown a cigarette into a trash can nearby and that ignited as officers were in the area. They extinguished the fire.
- At 0021 hrs. two students reported that there were as many as 100 students at an off campus party near Baseline and Benson where they had been drinking and that they might need rides home. Apparently the "Safe Rides" program, utilizing taxis was already operating.
- Someone reported homophobic statements written on the walls of a co-ed restroom near a dining hall. Maintenance notified.
- CPD took a crime report for the theft of 8 books from the bookstore obtained by the use of a "bad" check. The offender was a student from an out-of-county college.
- A student reported a male subject running up and down the stairway of a student resident "tower". The subject, identified as a student from an out of town college, was training to be a firefighter. He was advised to train elsewhere.
- At 0058 female screams in a dorm prompted a Security response to an apparent "domestic abuse" situation in which the offender had already left the area. He was identified and subsequently banned from campus.
- A student came to the Security office to report that a bike ridden by another student had run into her vehicle when she stopped to allow the bike to pass. Slight damage — no injuries.
- Two off-campus males were stopped while spray painting on an expression wall. One refused to cooperate and was eventually stopped by CPD. Both were interviewed, identified and cautioned not to return.
- A student's skateboard was stolen from a dining hall exterior courtyard.
- At 2310 a student who reported that someone just urinated on his apartment wall and kicked over a potted plant also said that there are usually problems when off-campus people are attending parties on campus and he wanted more patrol attention.
- Security officers checked four off-campus male subjects found in a parked car from which the odor of marijuana emanated. The subjects were waiting to attend a social event open to outsiders. They were in possession of marijuana, 6 spray paint cans and a marker. One was cited for marijuana possession by CPD and they were advised to leave.
- Another male attending the same event was found urinating on a vehicle in a parking lot. He asked whether he could paint on the expression wall but was advised against it.
- At 0100 hrs. following reports of students jumping and dancing on the bleachers, Security found about 20 students and several bottles of alcohol. They dispersed without rancor.
- Security found two male subjects leaving the area of a pay phone from which "911" had been activated, near an "open" social event. Both were uncooperative and hostile as they left.
- At 0730 staff reported students sleeping on an athletic field in a tent on the pole vault mat. They were advised to pack up and leave.
- A Security officer saw apparent o/c subjects on the 2nd floor of a dorm throwing beer cans off. The RA was notified.
- At 2350 hrs. a Security officer heard fireworks being detonated near a dorm. The RA was advised when the subjects could not be located.
- An off-campus person called from home to report seeing a male subject in a blue van masturbating while she walked by on campus. Employees in the area either did not understand her or did not seem interested when she tried to report the incident. Security believes the subject to be part of an unscheduled campus tour.
- At 0029 an RA asked for assistance in handling a noise complaint in an outside area. Security and the RA found a distraught, intoxicated male throwing things out of his room and another male urinating on the lawn in front of everyone. The students were identified.
- A Security officer who informed two subjects with unleashed dogs about campus policy and corresponding city regulations was berated by one intoxicated male subject who partially identified himself as the husband of an employee. He threatened to report the officer to someone he knew in the Security dept. The subject was, eventually, identified.
- A disturbed male relative of a deceased faculty person contacted another of many

campus offices attempting to get support for action against a medical service provider. He was, again, clearly informed that his quest was misdirected and his continued contact was most unwelcome.

- At 0149 hrs. a female student reported that an intoxicated male walked into her room. She directed him out and he was gone before Security arrived. There were several overturned concrete trash cans in the area as well, but the subject was gone.
- Four off-campus subjects in a vehicle who inquired about a party were accompanied by 4 more carloads of other off-campus persons. When the Security officer, who smelled marijuana coming from their vehicle, asked for their identity they said they were from one of the consortium colleges. They later apologized for lying when the party organizer identified them as members of the band contracted to play at the party.
- Staff reported the presence of a fanatical fan who has been stalking a performer currently performing at Big Bridges. Security intervened between the subject and a limo driver but the subject then fled the area.
- A female senior staff member found an intoxicated young male standing in her house at 2235 hours. He fled and was chased and apprehended by Security on an adjacent campus. He said he thought he had entered a sorority house and was subsequently chased by a mugger. Security, CPD and the home resident didn't "buy it" and the student was arrested for disorderly conduct.
- At 2354 an anonymous caller reported that a female had fallen from a 2nd floor balcony. Security found an intoxicated female who tried to slide down the bannister and fell. She initially refused medical assistance. Against the advice of paramedics, an RA, rather than the ambulance, transported the victim and another intoxicated person to the hospital.
- Staff reported the theft of a \$600 phone from a dorm reception area.
- A campus visitor bicyclist with children in a trailer fell and broke her wrist and was transported to PVHMC. Security contacted family for the children and stored the equipment until she could reclaim the items.

- At 0130 hrs. Security officers stopped a male subject carrying tools and a knife while he was seemingly "casing" a bike rack. He said he was looking for a college employee acquaintance. His tools and knife were considered "legal" by CPD and he was released.
- The CPD dispatcher advised Security of off-campus complaints about loud music coming from the campus. Security advised a student/staff person who responded to the area but found CPD already on the scene issuing a warning citation.
- At 0343 a student used an emergency phone to report vandalism to a light pole to which the emergency phone was attached. The light pole had been knocked down and was straddling a pedestrian walkway. Security found one additional light pole on the same walkway also knocked down with bared electrical wires protruding from the base. This was the second or third similar incident in that location, resulting in thousands of dollars of damage. The walkway was the pedestrian thoroughway between two campus parties held on the night of the vandalism. There were about 20 beer cups and drink containers discarded along the walkway.
- Two off-campus subjects found painting on an expression wall at 1537 hrs. were identified and told that campus policy prohibited that activity.
- At 0944 Security found a male and female camping out in a tent on an athletic field. They said they had been there all night. They were advised to leave and to get permission before camping there again.
- A student received an obscene answering machine message initiated from the service desk of the dorm by a male attempting to disguise his voice.
- Staff reported that a male subject entered a business office attempting to gain support for an effort to collect money to compensate for losses caused by the death of a parent associated with The Colleges. The subject has visited many campus offices in a similar campaign.
- At 0129 hrs. a student reported the sound of breaking glass in a dorm and found a fire extinguisher case door broken and two male

subjects walking away. Security found the missing extinguisher near the exit.

- A college-owned video movie was stolen from a lounge in a dorm.
- Males roommates having severe compatibility problems resulting in vandalism and disgusting behavior were referred to the dean's office for counseling and a resolution.
- At 1834 hrs. an off-campus woman in a Mercedes drove through a campus pedestrian mall barricaded with a chain, breaking the chain. She believed it was a shortcut to the nearest street and didn't see the chain.
- At 0006 hrs. a Security officer observed a grey sedan passing through on a campus street with a subject standing on top of the vehicle. CPD was notified.
- Someone reported the theft of a wallet from the base of a tree in a quad. It was later found by a groundsman a block away, but without the cash.
- A female student reported several hang-up calls over the past week.
- A wallet and checkbook were reported stolen from a student's unlocked dorm room.
- At 0321 hrs. an RA reported an intoxicated male subject running down the halls of a female dorm. Security found several subjects outside of a nearby dorm attempting to enter and chased and apprehended them. They were later identified as guests of students at an adjacent campus and were known by the residents of the dorm they were trying to enter.
- At 0205 hrs. residence hall staff requested assistance in getting an o/c (off-campus) group of 14 (some intoxicated) persons to leave. Security assisted.
- A student reported that someone entered her locked car and stole her stereo and a cell phone. The car window had been left partially open. Cameras revealed the theft occurred at 0207 hrs. on a night when many outsiders attended a party in a nearby student center.
- A student reported vandalism to his vehicle window in the same lot and also on the same night mentioned in the previous incident.
- Two students called Security to report that they were locked inside the library on a Saturday night. They were freed.

- At 2234 hrs. a Security officer reported a concrete trash can broken into pieces and left in a dorm archway.
- At 0135 hrs. an RA reported a large crowd arguing and refusing to disperse. Security found a group of 35 to 40. One subject was pushing on a light pole in the area where an embedded concrete trash can had been uprooted. The crowd was dispersed.
- At 0137 a student reported that another light pole had been knocked down along a walkway. Another crime report was written.
- At 0828 on the same day as the previous entry, but on a different campus, a Security officer found six 4' walkway light standards damaged, perhaps by a club or other blunt object. Broken glass was lying about.
- At 1229 hrs., again on the same day as the previous entry, a student reported that a plastic jar of red tempera paint had been smashed against the stucco of his outside dorm wall, also spattering on a nearby concrete block wall and the sidewalk below.
- 15 minutes later, a Security officer observed that an imported, marble gargoyle had been broken from a "Venus" fish pond water bowl/ pedestal, and was lying on the rim of the pond. The marble was chipped in the apparent fall. A chair, possibly used to gain access to the gargoyle, was still in the pond. A crime report was written. Estimated repair cost - \$2500.
- A parent reported that his daughter discovered a voice mail death threat when she checked her voice mail from out of town. The police are investigating. The message is believed to have originated from a phone in student housing on one of our campuses.
- A female student reported physical abuse and a death threat from a former (off-campus) boyfriend. The subject was banned from the campus by the dean's office and CPD is investigating.
- Someone reported a white male rolling a concrete trash can from one campus to another. A Security officer stopped the subject who refused to identify himself while standing on top of the heavy container. When pressed for identification information the subject shoved the can at the officer who dodged it but sustained slight damage to his bicycle. The subject fled but was later identified through a photo and was

subsequently arrested by CPD for assault with a deadly weapon.

Crime Prevention Strategies/Tips

During the “spring break” there is a drastic reduction of activity on campus by legitimate users of the facilities — a diminution of the “eyes and ears” reporting activity that helps preserve our property and safety. Because of that you should take special care of the property you leave behind.

- Double lock your room, if possible.
- Bring your bike inside and lock it to something or put it in a secure storage area.
- If your car will be on campus, check it, park it in a video monitored lot, lock it, & set the alarm.
- Turn off your clock radio and unplug any other appliances.
- Pets? We hope somebody is caring for them. Don't forget to provide for fish, cats, etc.
- Lock computer equipment, stereos, CD's, jewelry, other valuables in a locked chest, container or closet, if possible. Or take valuable items with you.
- If you're not going home for the break, leave information about your whereabouts with the dean's office in case you need notification about your property or your car.
- Secure any checkbooks, credit cards, ATM cards, etc. whether on your person or in your room.
- Call Campus Security for any urgent situation requiring campus coordination. “Security” will remain open 24 hrs. daily, even when you're gone.

February 1999 Statistics

Annoying Call	1
Assault	
ADW (assault w/deadly weapon)	
Disturbance	
Hate Incident	
Indecent Exposure	
Prowling	
Rape	1
Robbery	1
Sexual Assault	
<i>Other</i>	3
Arson	
Burglary	
Theft (From Auto)	1
Theft (Bike)	5
Theft (Building)	
Theft (Other)	3
Grand Theft Auto	1
Trespass	
Vandalism	10
<i>Other</i>	1

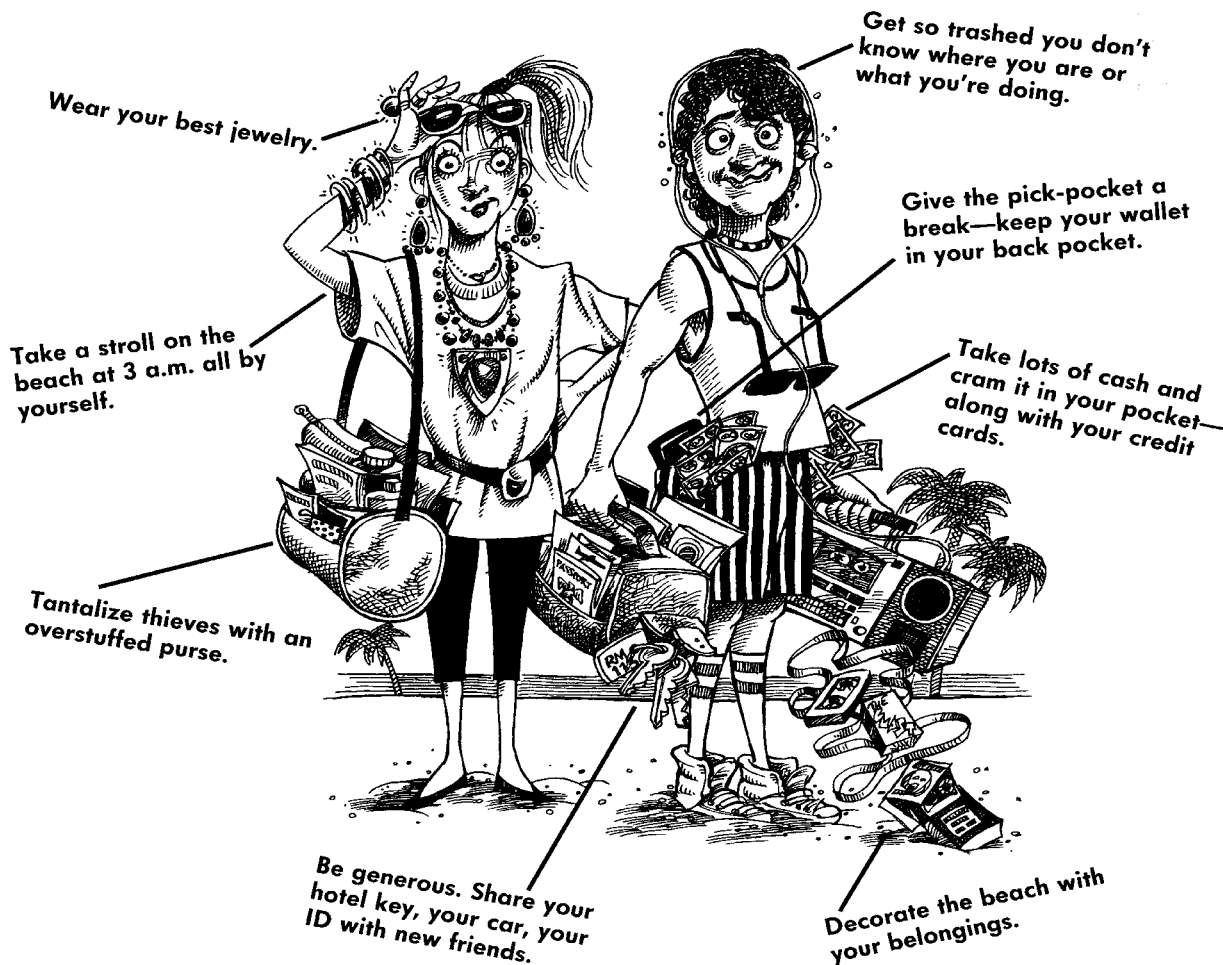
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8 WAYS TO RUIN SPRING BREAK



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