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Civic Center Field construction kicks-off with groundbreaking ceremony



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FIELD: Officials gathered at the Santa Monica Civic Center on Tuesday to break ground on the new athletic field at the corner of 4th and Pico.

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

Residents who advocated for a quarter of a century to replace a large parking lot at the Civic Center with a sports field finally saw the project break ground Tuesday.

Construction on the Civic Center Multipurpose Sports Field began this week with a groundbreaking ceremony attended by local officials and community members. The 2.3 acre sports field, which is located across 4th Street from Santa Monica High School, is slated to open next summer and will provide space for Santa Monicans of all ages to play soccer, rugby and lacrosse.

The $8.6 million field will replace almost 700 parking spaces. The City Council approved the proposal to turn the parking lot into a field in June 2018 after more than a decade of lobbying by Samohi families,

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Preview and Analysis: 2019 Corsair Football

DESHAWN POUPER
SMC Corsair / Daily Press Staff Writer

To kick off his second season as head coach of the Santa Monica College (SMC) football team, Kelly Ledwith led the Corsairs into a pre-season scrimmage against West Los Angeles Community College on Saturday, Aug. 24.

After struggling in past seasons, the Corsairs are looking to embrace a new start with hunger. SMC's scrimmage against West L.A. had its ups and downs. The Corsairs were overpowered on both the offensive and defensive lines at times, became lost with coverages and experienced momentum killers.

The Corsairs weren't able to keep pressure on West L.A.'s quarterbacks for the duration of the scrimmage. West L.A. moved the ball effectively against SMC's defense. A lack of depth on the defensive side of the ball could become a problem for the Corsairs if they face injury problems at any point of the season.

With that being said, SMC's performance in the scrimmage shouldn't sound the alarms just yet. Saturday marked the Corsairs' first action of the preseason and they showed some bright spots.

On the defensive side of the ball, SMC showed some ability to get after the quarterback. Early in the scrimmage, the Corsairs tallied three sacks. Two of those sacks occurred consecutively to end a West L.A. drive.

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Ex-Google engineer charged in Uber self-driving theft case

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

A former Google engineer was charged Tuesday with stealing self-driving car technology from the company shortly before he joined Uber's efforts to catch up in the high-stakes race to build robotic vehicles.

The indictment filed by the U.S. attorney's office in San Jose, California, is an offshoot of a lawsuit filed in 2017 by Waymo, a self-driving car pioneer spun off from Google. Uber agreed to settle the case for $245 million last year, but the presiding judge made an unusual recommendation to open a criminal probe after seeing enough evidence to

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BOATS: The City's annual Cardboard Regatta was last weekend. See Page 6 for more information.

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Comic Book Club
Weekly Wednesday meetup at Hi De Ho Comics from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Aug. 28: Rick & Morty. Sept. 4: Invaders, Sept. 11: Middlewest, Sept. 18, Teen Titans Raven, Sept. 25 Walk Through Hell. Visit http://www.hidehocomics.com/ or call 310-394-2820 for more info.

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The Commission for the Senior Community Special Meeting
Santa Monica's Commission for the Senior Community focuses on preserving and improving the quality of life for Santa Monicans 60 and older. The Commission advises City Council on a wide range of issues relevant to older adults. The Commission also provides opportunities to educate seniors, their families and caregivers on these issues. 1 p.m. Ken Edwards Center.

Baby Story Time
Story time series for babies 0-17 months. A ticket is required to attend. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, 15 minutes before the program, at the Information Desk. Montana Avenue Branch Library. 11:15 - 11:35 a.m.

Thursday, August 29

Mat Pilates Class For Beginners With Raghavan
Develop core strength and coordination, this class draws traditional Pilates exercises with breath and correct alignment. Including resistance to body weight training and core isolation. Helping the body to increase movement to joints and tone the abdominal muscles. Pico Branch Library, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Soundwaves: Continuum
A set of adventurous electric jazz with Al Garcia (bass & guitar), Chris Garcia (percussion), Craig Ochikubo (keyboards), and Pablo Calogero and Daniel Weidlein (saxophones and clarinets). Main Library, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Family Game Night
Turn off those electronic devices and spend some quality time with your family. Board games for young and older kids provided – or bring your own! For Families. Pizza provided. Main Library, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday, August 30

Guest House Open.
Visit anytime between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for a self-guided or docent tour. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House

Saturday, August 31

Santa Monica Rep Play Reading: The Revolutionists
Santa Monica Rep performs a reading of Lauren Gunderson's caustic feminist farce, which imagines a meeting between Queen Marie Antoinette, assassin Charlotte Corday, playwright Olympe de Gouges, and Haitian spy Marianne Angelle during France's Reign of Terror (1793-1794). Seating is limited. Free tickets released 30 minutes prior to performance. Due to space constraints, late seating will not be permitted once the reading has begun. Fairview Branch Library, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Educational Travel Adventure for Adults with Road Scholar
Road Scholar Ambassador Jill Swaim will inspire adults to learn, discover and travel. An overview of Road Scholar Program and lecture on how to experience the world, by meeting new people, touching history where it happened, and delving deep into the cultures and landscapes. Pico Branch Library. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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‘Coward’: Epstein accusers pour out their anger in court

TOM HAYS AND LARRY NEUMEISTER
Associated Press

One by one, 16 women who say they were sexually abused by Jeffrey Epstein poured out their anger Tuesday, lashing out at him as a coward and a manipulator, after a judge gave them the day in court they were denied when he killed himself behind bars.

“The fact I will never have a chance to face my predator in court eats away at my soul,” said Jennifer Araoz, who has accused Epstein of raping her in his New York mansion when she was a 15-year-old aspiring actress.

“Even in death, Epstein is trying to hurt me. I had hoped to at last get an apology, but this evil man had no remorse or caring for what he did to anyone,” she said.

The hearing was convened by U.S. District Judge Richard M. Berman, who presided over the case after federal prosecutors had Epstein arrested last month.

The question before the judge was whether to throw out the indictment because of the defendant’s death, a usually pro forma step undertaken without a hearing. But the judge offered Epstein’s accusers an extraordinary opportunity to speak in court.

In addition to the women who spoke — some publicly for the first time — statements from several others were read in court by their lawyers.

They vented their fury over Epstein’s alleged crimes and his suicide in his jail cell Aug. 10 while awaiting trial on sex-trafficking charges involving dozens of teenage girls. Repeatedly, the women described themselves as survivors and said they hoped coming forward would help others.

“I was a victim, but I will not remain a victim and be silent for one more day,” said actress Anouska De Georgiou, who said she was sexually abused by Epstein as a teenager. “Although I think it’s tragic when anybody dies before their time, I’m extremely relieved that Jeffrey Epstein will not be in a position to hurt any more children or any more women.”

Courtney Wild, who has said she was sexually abused by Epstein in Florida at age 14, called him a “coward” who had “robbed myself and all the other victims of our day in court to confront him.”

Araoz said she felt let down by Epstein’s jailers, too.

“They let this man kill himself and kill the chance for justice for so many others in the process,” she said.

Virginia Roberts Giuffre, who has said she was a 15-year-old working at President Donald Trump’s Mar-a-Lago club when she was recruited to perform sex acts on Epstein, told the court: “My hopes were quickly dashed, and my dreams were stolen.”

Sarah Ransome, who said Epstein pressured her into sex when she was in her early 20s, pleaded with prosecutors to go after those who helped the financier in his pursuit of victims.

“Please, please finish what you started,” she said.

Among those under scrutiny: Epstein’s girlfriend, Ghislaine Maxwell, who has been accused of recruiting young women for his sexual pleasure and taking part in the abuse. She has denied wrongdoing.

In opening the session, the judge called the 66-year-old Epstein’s suicide a “rather stunning turn of events.” He defended his decision to let the women speak, saying public hearings “promote transparency.”

During the 2½-hour proceeding, the women sometimes clutched one another to lend support. Most remained composed, but several cried as they described falling into Epstein’s web. His suicide left some of them angry, others sad. One said she was relieved that he was gone and could abuse no others.

Some women described their shame and embarrassment, saying Epstein manipulated them, dangling his wealth and power and connection to celebrities and political figures, while seizing on their vulnerabilities.

Several of the women chose to testify anonymously, including one who said she was 15 when she was flown to Epstein’s New Mexico ranch. While molesting her, he was also “explaining to me how beneficial the experience was for me and how he was helping me grow,” she said.

She said that as he abused her, she could see framed pictures of him on a dresser, smiling with celebrities.

Teala Davies, taking deep breaths to steady her voice, said she was 17 when she was victimized. She said she thought Epstein was the most powerful person she would ever meet.

“But the end is here, and here I stand, becoming more powerful than he will ever be,” she said.

A New York City coroner ruled that Epstein hanged himself . But one of Epstein’s lawyers, Martin Weinberg, challenged that finding during Tuesday’s hearing, saying “we are told by a very experienced forensic pathologist” that broken bones in his neck were more consistent with strangulation than with suicide.

“Find out what happened to our client,” the lawyer told the judge.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Maurene Comey, though, said the manner of Epstein’s death was irrelevant to Tuesday’s proceedings.

The judge said he thought it was “fair game” for the defense to raise concerns, but took no immediate action on the request. Prosecutors noted that a grand jury is already investigating the death.

Dr. Michael Baden, the pathologist hired by Epstein’s representatives to observe the autopsy, told The Associated Press Tuesday he is awaiting the report from the medical examiner’s office before offering his opinion on the cause of death.

Comey said the dismissal of an indictment against Epstein “in no way lessens the government’s resolve to stand up for the victims”

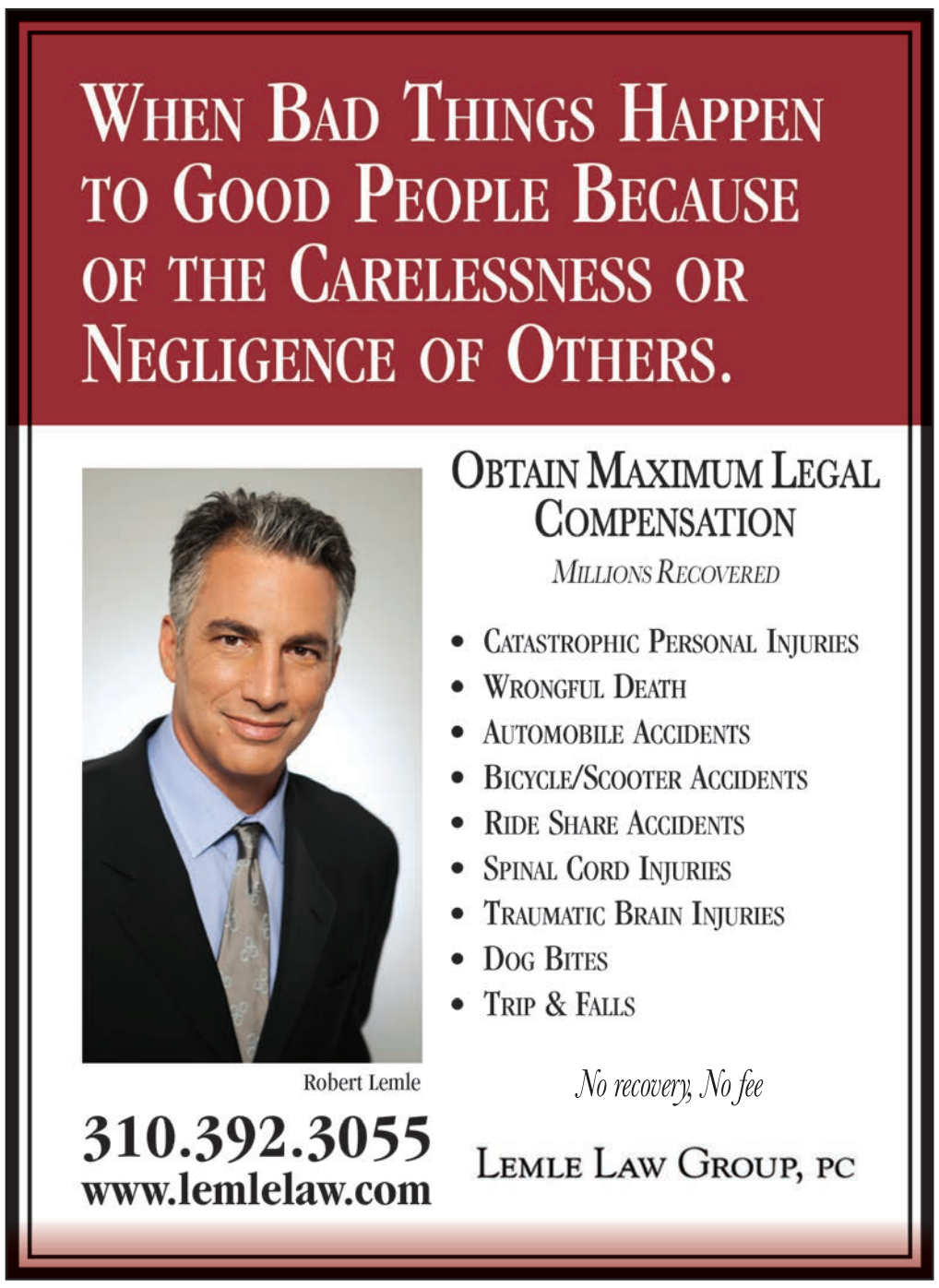
At his death, Epstein was being held without bail, accused of abusing girls in the early 2000s at his mansions in New York and Palm Beach, Florida.

In the wake of his suicide, the warden of the federal jail and the acting director of the

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OxyContin maker, government attorneys in settlement talks

ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
Associated Press

State attorneys general and lawyers representing local governments said Tuesday they are in active settlement talks with Purdue Pharma, the maker of the prescription painkiller OxyContin that is facing billions of dollars in potential liability for its role in the nation's opioid crisis.

Purdue has been cast by attorneys and addiction experts as a main villain in the crisis for producing a blockbuster drug while understating its addiction risk. A report by NBC News said the privately held company has offered to settle for $10 billion to $12 billion.

In a statement, the Stamford, Connecticut-based company said it's prepared to defend itself but sees little good in years of "wasteful litigation and appeals."

"Purdue believes a constructive global resolution is the best path forward, and the company is actively working with the state attorneys general and other plaintiffs to achieve this outcome," the company said.

News of the settlement talks involving more than 2,000 lawsuits against the company and other players in the painkiller industry comes about two months before the first federal trial over the toll of opioids is scheduled to start in Cleveland.

NBC reported that Purdue presented a plan for it to declare Chapter 11 bankruptcy and then restructure into a for-profit "public benefit trust."

Paul Farrell Jr., a lead plaintiffs' lawyer representing local governments, said all sides remain under a gag order: "All we can confirm is that we are in active settlement discussions with Purdue."

Attorneys general representing several states also confirmed the accelerated negotiations.

Ohio Attorney General David Yost is "actively engaged in conversations with Purdue," said spokeswoman Bethany McCorkle, declining further comment.

Kylie Mason, spokeswoman for Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody, declined comment on details of any possible settlement but said the state will "continue to aggressively pursue justice — to ensure those companies complicit in the opioid crisis pay for the pain and suffering inflicted on our state."

Purdue Pharma is owned by members of the Sackler family, who have given money to cultural institutions around the world, including the Smithsonian Institution, New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art and London's Tate Modern.

In March, Purdue and members of the Sackler family reached a $270 million settlement with Oklahoma to avoid a state trial on the toll of opioids there.

Lawsuits filed by more than 2,000 state, local and tribal governments have cast Purdue as a chief villain in an overdose crisis that has killed more than 400,000 people in the U.S. since 2000.

The lawsuits assert the company aggressively sold OxyContin as a drug with a low chance of triggering addictions despite knowing that wasn't true.

Purdue's drugs are just a slice of the opioids prescribed, but critics assign a lot of the blame to the company because it developed both the drug and an aggressive marketing strategy.

"Our mission here has always been clear — make Purdue Pharma and the other manufacturers and distributors pay for what they did to Pennsylvania and its people, and put the Sackler family out of the opioid business for good," said Jacklin Rhoads, spokeswoman for Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, who has staffers at the Cleveland negotiations.

Associated Press writers Geoff Mulvihill in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and Marc Levy in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, contributed to this report.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

New campus concepts for LA's La Brea Tar Pits unveiled

Three architect-led teams have unveiled conceptual approaches for reimagining the famed La Brea Tar Pits, an active Ice Age excavation site in the middle of Los Angeles.

The designs revealed Monday night will be reviewed by experts from a range of disciplines and public input will be considered before the Natural History Museums of Los Angeles County chooses one firm by year's end.

More than 400,000 people visit the Tar Pits annually, which have yielded millions of fossils including saber-toothed cats, dire wolf and mastodon skeletons, as well as samples of plants, small animals and insects that give insight into 50,000 years of history.

But it's been more than 40 years since the Tar Pits' George C. Page Museum was built, and officials determined it's necessary to improve the visitor experience.

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When they go low? Dems navigating nasty race against Trump

STEVE PEOPLES
AP National Political Writer

President Donald Trump told American congresswomen of color to "go back" to where they came from. He vowed to revive a racial slur to tear down Elizabeth Warren, promoted a wild conspiracy theory linking a past political opponent to the death of a high-profile sex offender and blamed Friday's stock market slide on a low-polling former presidential candidate.

And that was just over the past six weeks.

With 435 days until the next presidential election, the Democrats seeking to oust Trump are bracing for the nastiest contest in the modern era, one that will almost certainly tear at the moral and cultural fabric of a deeply divided nation.

Knowing what lies ahead once their own divisive primary is decided, Democrats are confronting a critical question: Just how low should they go to push back against Trump?

Political strategists and recent history suggest there may be more risk than reward for candidates wishing to fight Trump on his terms. But Democratic primary voters, energized and enraged by Trump's turbulent presidency, are increasingly calling for the candidates to fight fire with fire.

"The high road isn't going to win this time," Blake Caldwell, a 71-year-old retired physician, said at a recent event hosted by candidate Pete Buttigieg in rural South Carolina. "If we go high when they go low, we will lose."

Several White House hopefuls opened their campaigns with a firm plan to focus on substance and rise above the Republican president's personal attacks. But as primary voting approaches, many candidates are embracing a more aggressive posture as they work to convince primary voters they have what it takes to stand up to Trump.

Most of the leading candidates have called for Trump's impeachment. Virtually all of them have openly called him a racist.

Joe Biden is the notable exception on both. The former vice president and early Democratic front-runner has sidestepped both questions as he works to maintain an optimistic outlook while highlighting the gravity of Trump's leadership.

Others, like Warren and Kamala Harris, generally lean into charged language against Trump only when asked. Bernie Sanders, however, seizes on Trump's behavior in his standard stump speech.

"The United States cannot continue to have a president who is a racist, who is a sexist, who is a homophobe, who is a religious bigot, who is a xenophobe, and who is also a pathological liar," Sanders declared at a recent town hall meeting in northern New Hampshire.

Sanders' chief strategist, Jeff Weaver, said the senator would not shy away from aggressive criticism of Trump when necessary. Especially on issues of race and immigration, he said, calling Trump a racist shouldn't be something candidates are afraid of.

"You can't give into the bully. You gotta lean in and tell it like it is," Weaver said. "That's what people appreciate about Bernie."

Jef Pollock, a pollster for New York Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's campaign, concedes that "there's a lot of nervousness about how you attack Donald Trump."

While primary voters may want toughness, persuadable general election voters are more likely to say they want bipartisanship and civility. Yet it's not so simple, Pollock said.

"I think it would be a mistake for a candidate to think they could just go high. We're not in the age of Barack Obama anymore," he said. "It'd be a mistake to think you can just rise above it all and not engage him at his level."

There are obvious risks. Just ask Marco Rubio.

Alex Conant advised the Florida senator's 2016 presidential primary campaign against Trump, which took a nasty turn near the end. Among other personal attacks, Rubio seized on Trump's hand size.

Conant believes that nothing matters so much as authenticity when going up against the brash billionaire.

"If you're not the kind of person who makes personal attacks on other people, don't try it for the first time against Trump," Conant said. "You feel so much pressure from your supporters, from your donors, from the media to punch back. The key is to find ways to do it that are authentic and consistent with your image."

Some Democratic allies are urging candidates to stay away from attacks against Trump's character and temperament altogether. That was a pillar of Hillary Clinton's message against Trump in 2016, and it ultimately failed.

The pro-Democrat super PAC Priorities USA, which backed Clinton, instead wants the 2020 candidates to focus on the policies enacted under Trump and their effect on voters' lives.

"Our strategy is not to go nasty," said Josh Schwerin, the super PAC's senior strategist. "It's much more effective to say you're paying more for your medicine every month and Donald Trump gave drug companies a massive tax cuts than to say Donald Trump is a jerk."

Republican pollster Frank Luntz has studied the art of negative campaigning extensively over the last 18 months. He insists there's far more risk than reward for candidates who go negative — especially against Trump.

It's all about context and subtlety.

"Do they appear pained as they deliver the body blow? Do they look and feel like they don't want to be there, like they've been forced into it? It's one of the most subtle arts at a time when politics feel so much like championship wrestling," Luntz said. "Most candidates don't know the difference."

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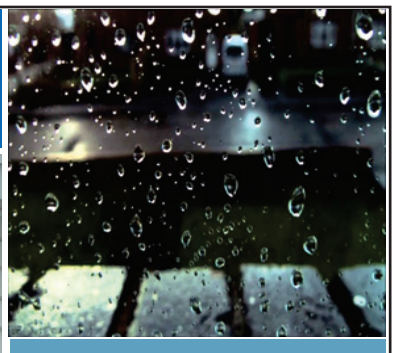


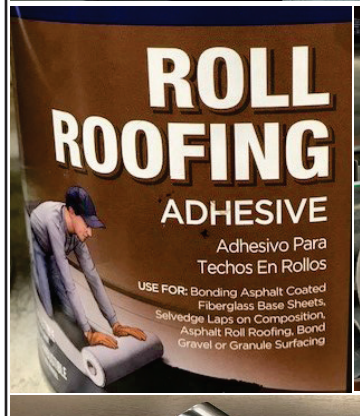
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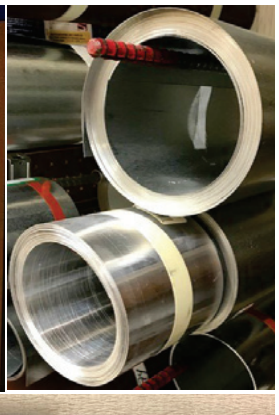
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Curious City

Charles Andrews
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Not only slow, but those hidden agendas

THERE'S SO MUCH WE DON'T KNOW

And will never know about why and how things happen in our little Bay City. Transparency? That word was kicked out of the dictionaries and spell checks in our local government and school system 10 or 20 years ago. Let's not confuse the kids, eh?

Last week I wrote part of my column about the long, slow effort to save the Muir Woods mural that has been a fixture at the very busy intersection of Lincoln and Ocean Park for 41 years. Literally tens of millions of people have driven by that mural. Jerry and Marissa Rubin and I teamed up to form the Save The Muir Woods Mural group shortly after I discovered plans to obliterate it for some cheesy painting of the Pier in garish colors (one version had a tiger lying in the surf — ?!), and wrote a CURIOUS CITY column about it in 2014.

WHY IS THIS EFFORT EVEN NECESSARY?

The Rubins and I sometimes ask ourselves. Why haven't we already committed to preserve this historic, popular, even beloved, paean to the environment, that also honors a national hero from California, the pioneering environmental icon John Muir? (The Scotsman lived in CA nearly half a century and died in an LA hospital.) For pete's sake, he and his beloved Yosemite are on the back of the state quarter for CA!

The Amazon is on fire and we're going to tear down a representation of an ancient forest? Doesn't that seem ironic, even irresponsible, at this point in history? Sending the wrong message, especially on the wall of a school?

I remember, years ago, at one of our rallies, then-chair of the Recreation & Parks Commission Phil Brock said, "I know we're never going to get a park at that intersection but if that wonderful mural of a forest is as close as we can get, I'll take it!"

WE WORKED TO SAVE CHAIN REACTION TOO

And that was controversial. But this mural should be a no-brainer. You may or may not love it but who can hate it? Tear it down! Get rid of that painting of a deep, dark, calming forest! — said no one for any good reason.

There is opposition to restoring it, or we would have done it years ago. Maybe by only a handful of people, whose agendas I can't figure out. When I posted last week's column, partly about that mural, there were responses from well-meaning but ill-informed residents about the "demands" by the artist, Jane Golden, now world-renowned as head of Philadelphia's murals project, 4000 and counting. Who would be spreading this misinformation?

"The artist asked for a very large amount of money to come out and restore it..." "She wanted all her expenses paid!" So, she should clear her jam-packed schedule at her high-profile job for 2-3 weeks, reach into her own pocket to fly from the East Coast, with assistants, to restore a mural that belongs to us? Her estimate then was around $35,000 — that's a bargain, a gift. The Save The Muir Woods Mural committee could definitely raise that money, for this cause.

BUT WE HAD THE MONEY

At that time. A 6/4/2014 news story in SMDP reported, "[SMMUSD] documents from April show that Olympic [High School, site of the mural] does have $62,000 set aside from the Bond Measure BB budget for the wall and mural." But... that money disappeared, somehow.

"...and [Golden] wouldn't let them retouch it or paint it over," read another post, by someone "who knows." Just the opposite. When told, incorrectly, that there was no money to do this, Golden generously acquiesced and said, do what you must. But Rubin an I spoke with her a few times by phone and the last we heard, she would love to see that mural saved and would love to be part of that.

THE WALL BELONGS TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

But the 40-year-old mural belongs to the community. Let's recognize that and move forward with a plan to restore it, that can greatly benefit the students at Olympic and the community. This project could be another moment that tells the world, Santa Monica values art and the environment. Or would we rather be known as the birthplace of the scooters?

GUNS

(Different topic.) First of all I've had it up to here with ignoramuses who have been trained by Fox and Rush to scream about their God-given right in this country to own any gun and infinite ammo feeder as though it were as important as eating, breathing or... health care. There is a Second Amendment, but they refuse to complete the sentence, you know, the part about "a well-regulated militia." Teenagers set loose with automatic weapons of war is complete insanity.

We just lost a very young SM resident, 19, Charles Mondev, gunned down by his brother in the 900 block of Lincoln after an argument.

Remember when brothers would argue and then beat each other up with their fists? Are you really going to try to tell me that having more guns than people in the USA doesn't account for our being the gun slaughter capital of the world?

Charles Andrews has lived in Santa Monica for 33 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Military ships begin to arrive for LA Fleet Week

The first of a half-dozen ships have arrived at the Port of Los Angeles for LA Fleet Week.

The littoral combat ship USS Tulsa was first in Tuesday morning to prepare for events Friday through Monday.

Also due in are the dock landing ship USS Comstock, the guided missile destroyer USS Spruance, the mine countermeasures ship USS Scout and the U.S. Coast Guard cutters Forrest Rednour and Alert.

Public tours begin Friday and unlike previous years they will be on a first-come-first-served basis with no reservations required.

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BOSTON

Judge says Loughlin, husband can stick with their law firm

A judge says actress Lori Loughlin and her fashion designer husband, Mossimo Giannulli, can continue using a law firm that recently represented the University of Southern California.

The couple appeared in Boston federal court on Tuesday to settle a dispute over their choice of lawyers in a sweeping college admissions bribery case.

Prosecutors had said their lawyers pose a potential conflict of interest. Loughlin and Giannulli say the firm's work for USC was unrelated to the admissions case and was handled by different lawyers.

The judge is expected to rule later on a potential conflict with another firm representing the couple that also represents other defendants in the case.

The couple is accused of paying $500,000 to have their two daughters labeled as recruits to the USC crew team, even though neither participated in the sport. They have pleaded not guilty.

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ENDLESS SUMMER

Keep rolling out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer on the Third Street Promenade with a series of free events.

Beginning August 11

EVENT SCHEDULE

Where: The Experiment Stage
Third Street Promenade @ Wilshire Blvd

Shimmy Sundays | 12pm-1pm
EVERY SUNDAY THROUGH SEPT. 29
Get ready to exercise like never before with Dane Sorensen, a former figure skater, gymnast, dancer and certified pilates instructor whose high-energy classes are loaded with good music and lots of laughs.

Salsa Sundays
4-6pm: Lessons / 6pm-10pm: Dancing
EVERY SUNDAY THROUGH SEPT. 29
Ignite the evening with Salsa Familia for a night of dancing under the stars on the Third Street Promenade. All levels of dancers are invited.

Kid Fit | 1pm-2pm
EVERY MONDAY THROUGH SEPT. 30
Enjoy memory-making fun with your favorite little one at this free exercise series for parents and their kids. (No class on Labor Day)

Work it Wednesdays | 6pm-7pm
EVERY WEDNESDAY THROUGH SEPT. 25
Get the extra boost to push over that midweek hump with free exercise classes hosted by local fitness experts.

Laugh Out Loud | 7pm-8:30pm
EVERY THURSDAY THROUGH SEPT. 26
Westside Comedy Theatre presents Mission IMPROVable, the Westside's best improvisational comedy show.

Fridays with Family | 7pm
EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH SEPT. 27
Spend Friday nights on the Third Street Promenade with a series of family-friendly events.

Heard That | 8pm-10pm
EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH SEPT. 28
Enjoy live music from some of the area's hottest bands — funk, rock, bluegrass and other genres.

All performances are free and open to the public.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 28)

You will work hard to achieve a certain aim and greatly value that accomplishment for years to come. You'll also learn what doesn't work. You'll break out of unhelpful patterns, mostly through involvement with others. You'll serve and assist and become better, stronger, happier and richer for the experience. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 35, 2, 33 and 19.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are formalities to uphold, but if you cling too strictly to them, the connection you make with others will be shallow. To make a strong connection, you have to dig in past the formalities. It's a risk worth taking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You care how people feel around you. Your realm of influence travels with you. You take some responsibility for the environment wherever you roam, even though it's is not technically yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Perseverance is important, but so is knowing where to put it. Misplaced perseverance wastes time. Know when to pivot and when to apply the same actions to a more promising trajectory.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's normal to get knocked off course from time to time. It's not important to figure out exactly what happened here. Just get up; dust yourself off; and start fresh.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't let not knowing what to say stop you from moving forward in a relationship. The words aren't as important as the dance – moving in a pleasant emotion together, one that both of you trust.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The quick fix might work, but even then, it won't do you much good, because chances are, this doesn't address the real issue. If you fix something that's not really the problem, you still have a problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Issues of territory arise. Honor people's need to be powerful in their own realm. No one wants to feel cornered or manipulated. Understanding this is key to building rapport and relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People sometimes stick with sunken costs out of a sense of pride or loyalty that helps no one. Just because you've put a lot of money and time into an endeavor doesn't automatically mean you need to stick with it no matter what.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll proceed down the corridor of life in hopes that things will open up at the end of the hall. Maybe they will, or maybe you'll have to turn around and go back. At least you'll no longer have to wonder where this one leads.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people make a hobby out of telling others what to do. You don't need such direction, even from a boss. Be an advocate for yourself. You can get the instruction you need without playing into weird social dynamics.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't favor perfection over practicality. Trying to make a thing too perfect will prevent it from getting finished in time. To forward your aims, you need to finish and ship the thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today plays out like a coin toss. You start things off on one side, get thrown into the air, take a spin and land either pretty much where you started or the exact opposite of that.

Martian Trine to Uranus

The Mars and Uranus booster is best appreciated by those who know the difference between motion and progress. Moving just for the sake of doing something can be a waste of energy that could be conserved and strategically placed. Be thoughtful and purposeful. Take aim, and put this exciting burst of fresh energy to a specific use.

ASTROLOGICAL INSIGHTS

"My parents hardly took any pictures of me when I was little. Now I have a little Scorpio, and I want to photograph her – she's so pretty! But when I turn the camera on her, she always makes a weird face, contorts her body or runs away. None of my pictures of her look like the little one I know and love. I took her to a professional, and she cried the entire time. I am determined to get a good photo of her. What do I do?" Scorpios are famously private, and it sounds like your little Scorpio falls right in line with the description of her sign! Your best bet will be candid photos. That means no requests for a pose or a smile, and no doing anything to draw attention to the fact that a picture is being taken. You could hire a photographer to hang out with you and snap shots while you play. Make sure the pro is there long enough to blend into the background. Someone who can work outdoors with a telephoto lens (like the paparazzi do!) would be ideal. By the way, her camera shyness may not completely go away, but she will likely outgrow the extreme camera aversion she has now.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Next up for Jack Black is the highly anticipated "Jumanji: Next Level." From "School of Rock" to "Kung Fu Panda," this Virgo superstar often plays the bumbling, cocky, self-conscious outsider trying for an improbable prize. In reality, Black has the Virgo work ethic and practicality that makes any goal attainable. Mars in Sagittarius adds passion and a healthy spirit of adventure. **Write Holiday Mathis at HolidayMathis.com.**

WORD UP!

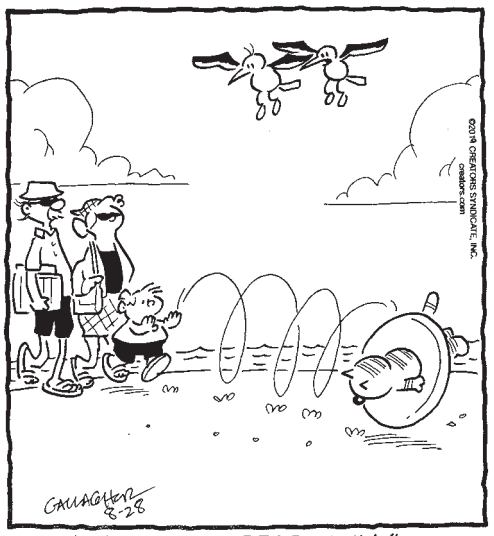
Peacherino

Noun [pee-chuh-ree-noh] Informal: Older Use.

A person or thing that is especially attractive, liked, or enjoyed.

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER



"IT'S A GREAT BEACH DAY."

Strange Brew

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Power#: 1
Jackpot: 60 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 08/23
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Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 103 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 08/24
4 6 14 24 45
Mega#: 21
Jackpot: 8 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 08/26
16 32 34 36 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 08/26
Evening: 9 0 5
Draw Date: 08/27
Midday: 3 3 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 08/12
1st: 02 - LUCKY STAR
2nd: 06 - WHIRL WIN
3rd: 09 - WINNING SPIRIT
RACE TIME: 1:49.04

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 73.3°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft ankle to knee high
New S swell slowly creeps up.

THURSDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft knee to waist high
New S swell continues to slowly build.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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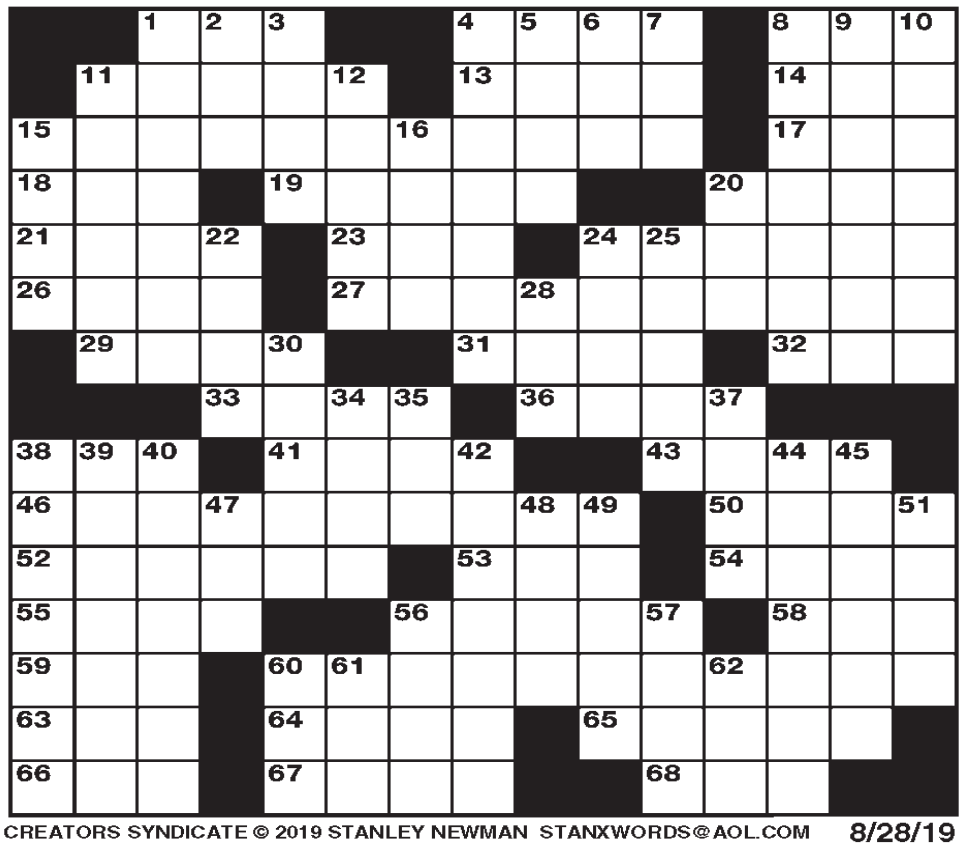
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Sawyer of Twain stories
4 Flying toy
8 Cocktail cooler
11 Wife of Abraham
13 Lake near Niagara Falls
14 Possibly could
15 Sincere
17 Opposite of post-
18 Sharp door knock
19 Reaches across
20 Typical Jordanian
21 Sprout up
23 Apple-filled dessert
24 City near Seattle
26 Jazz singer Fitzgerald
27 Sincere
29 Offer in a store
31 Sword handle
32 Right-angle shape
33 Ocean's ebb and flow
36 Snow-gliding vehicle
38 Container for recycling
41 Implores
43 Package of copier paper
46 Sincere
50 Each, informally
52 Rebellion
53 Driveway substance
54 Banned action
55 Prepare, as pekoe
56 Conclusive
58 Haloed ones: Abbr.
59 Feel unwell
60 Sincere
63 Mouse cousin
64 Little Pigs' adversary
65 Talons, for instance
66 "__ questions?"
67 Nothing more than
68 Daughter of a deer

DOWN
1 Baby frog
2 Rock with metal
3 Harvard U.'s state
4 Branagh of films
5 Purple flower
6 Soft metal in pewter
7 Brain-wave test, for short
8 Make better
9 Chewy candy bar ingredient
10 Observe closely
11 Traffic tie-ups
12 Big-mouthed safari beast
15 Egg on
16 Acquire
20 Star pitcher
22 __ Disney World
24 Blab a secret
25 Make a change to
28 __-and-hers watches
30 Slander's counterpart
34 Amount owed
35 Concern for oneself
37 College official
38 TV host Walters
39 Spaniard or Portuguese
40 Something new or unusual
42 Hit the spot
44 New Testament disciple
45 Wall calendar pages
47 Formal promise
48 Deliver a tirade
49 Sketched
51 "Ring-around-the-rosy" flower
56 At maximum capacity
57 Batch of laundry
60 Duet complement
61 Director Howard
62 Brazilian city, familiarly



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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 353 CALLS ON AUGUST 26

Shots fired 3rd St / Bay St 12:47 a.m.
Oversize vehicle violation 500blk Georgina Ave 12:57 a.m.
Petty theft 1700blk Ocean Ave 1:52 a.m.
Prowler 2200blk 20th St 2:22 a.m.
Vandalism 1400blk 24th St 3:27 a.m.
Encampment 100blk California Ave 5:01 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 6:30 a.m.
Encampment 900blk Arizona Ave 6:38 a.m.
Petty theft 6th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:55 a.m.
Vandalism 800blk Broadway 7:04 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1500blk 4th St 7:46 a.m.
Person with a gun 1600blk the beach 7:51 a.m.
Vandalism 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 7:56 a.m.
Grand theft 1500blk California Ave 8:11 a.m.
Bike theft 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 8:13 a.m.
Indecent exposure 1500blk 4th St 8:16 a.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 8:20 a.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 17th St 8:33 a.m.
Person with a gun 3000blk Olympic Blvd 9:09 a.m.
Scar 1000blk 9th St 9:13 a.m.
Bike theft 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:33 a.m.
Encampment 1500blk Olympic Blvd 10:27 a.m.
Auto burglary 1600blk Franklin St 10:30 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1200blk Franklin St 10:39 a.m.
Injured person 1400blk Montana Ave 10:39 a.m.
Petty theft 2000blk Broadway 11:01 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk 19th St 11:02 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1400blk 17th St 11:19 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 900blk 5th St 11:23 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1100blk 11th St 11:34 a.m.
Hit and run 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:57 a.m.
Encampment 700blk Olympic Blvd E 11:58 a.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1400blk 17th St 12:30 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 900blk 20th St 12:48 p.m.
Attempt auto theft 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:50 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 1200blk 19th St 1:02 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1400blk 17th St 1:07 p.m.
Speeding Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 1:25 p.m.
Battery 300blk Broadway 1:38 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 400blk 24th St 1:45 p.m.
Urinating/defecating in public 1300blk 14th St 1:46 p.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 1:48 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 100blk Bicknell Ave 1:51 p.m.
Bike theft 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:20 p.m.
Fraud 300blk Pacific St 2:37 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 100blk Pacific St 2:58 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 200blk Strand St 3:32 p.m.
Person with a gun 7th St / Olympic Blvd W 3:46 p.m.
Fraud 2500blk 4th St 4:18 p.m.
Indecent exposure 400blk Olympic Blvd E 4:25 p.m.
Child endangerment 1900blk 11th St 4:25 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 1000blk California Ave 4:31 p.m.
Bike theft 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:06 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1300blk 19th St 5:16 p.m.
Battery 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 5:39 p.m.
Auto burglary 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 5:40 p.m.
Speeding 1800blk Ocean Front Walk 5:42 p.m.
Elder abuse 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:45 p.m.
Hit and run 20th St / Pico Blvd 6:48 p.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Berkeley St 6:58 p.m.
Fight 1200blk 16th St 6:58 p.m.
Found senile person 1900blk 18th St 7:00 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 600blk Grant St 7:19 p.m.
Grand theft 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 7:24 p.m.
Fight Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:29 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2300blk Kansas Ave 7:37 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2nd St / Pier Ave 7:39 p.m.
Assault 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:43 p.m.
Vandalism 500blk Raymond Ave 7:49 p.m.
Indecent exposure 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 7:56 p.m.
Speeding 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 8:02 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold Main St / Hill St 8:25 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 2300blk Kansas Ave 8:36 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 8:41 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 500blk Colorado Ave 8:50 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 15th St / Montana Ave 8:57 p.m.
Encampment 2800blk Neilson Way 9:05 p.m.
Petty theft 2600blk Pico Blvd 9:35 p.m.
Identity theft 300blk Olympic Dr 10:33 p.m.
Encampment 1500blk the beach 11:23 p.m.

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DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 42 CALLS ON AUGUST 26

SMDP staff chose the following from 42 calls on August 26

Emergency Medical Service 2nd St / Santa Monica Blvd 3:24 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900blk 3rd St 5:11 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900blk 3rd St 5:41 a.m.
Automatic alarm 900blk 3rd St 6:40 a.m.
Miscellaneous outside fire 2100blk Main St 6:45 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 17th St 7:28 a.m.
EMS 600blk Palisades Ave 8:31 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2300blk Pearl St 8:55 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 9:57 a.m.
EMS 2200blk 10th St 10:21 a.m.
EMS 1500blk 6th St 10:26 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Lincoln Blvd 11:54 a.m.
EMS 1200blk Ocean Front Walk 11:59 a.m.
Automatic alarm 700blk Navy St 12:09 p.m.
Public assist 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:16 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Bay St 12:23 p.m.
EMS 1500blk 5th St 12:45 p.m.
EMS 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 1:38 p.m.
EMS 200blk Santa Monica Pier 1:42 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 1:42 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Pico Blvd 2:02 p.m.
EMS 20th St / Pearl St 2:04 p.m.
EMS 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:06 p.m.
EMS 2300blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:58 p.m.
EMS 3400blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:07 p.m.
EMS 800blk Pico Blvd 5:58 p.m.
Carbon monoxide alarm 300blk 20th St 6:02 p.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 6:03 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800blk 3rd St 6:03 p.m.
Structure fire 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 6:06 p.m.
Odor investigation 1500blk 4th St 6:50 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 11th St 7:02 p.m.
EMS Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 7:30 p.m.
EMS 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 7:40 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800blk 3rd St 7:44 p.m.
Broken gas main 500blk Raymond Ave 7:48 p.m.
Elevator rescue 500blk Ocean Ave 8:15 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 9th St 8:39 p.m.
EMS 15th St / Montana Ave 8:57 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury 15th St / Montana Ave 8:57 p.m.
EMS 500blk Raymond Ave 10:40 p.m.

ACCUSERS

FROM PAGE 3

Bureau of Prisons were removed, and two guards who were supposed to be watching Epstein were placed on leave.

Epstein's lawyers contended he could not be prosecuted because he signed a non-prosecution deal with federal authorities over a decade ago in Florida that resulted in a 13-month stint in jail on state prostitution-related charges. Federal prosecutors in New York said that deal did not prevent the new charges.

The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sex crimes unless they give their consent, which several Epstein accusers have done.

CEREMONY

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who argued that the high school did not have sufficient space for outdoor sports.

"We'll have a field that will serve many sports, many cultural events and thousands of community members. It's a very public use of public land," said Maryanne Laguardia, vice president of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Laguardia, who pushed for the field for 25 years, said the field's supporters withstood a multitude of setbacks and delays while fighting to bring the project to fruition.

"The community never gave up," she said.

The field will also include artistic and educational components that commemorate the history of the Belmar neighborhood, an African-American community that thrived in the first half of the 20th century before the city of Santa Monica took control of it through eminent domain in the 1950s to build the Civic Center.

The city will work with community leaders, artists and historian Dr. Alison Rose Jefferson to create artwork, signage and educational materials that increase awareness of the legacy of the Belmar neighborhood and the impact of its displacement on the greater Santa Monica community, said city spokesperson Constance Farrell.

At Jefferson's suggestion, the Coastal Commission required that the sports field commemorate the Belmar neighborhood when it approved the project in March.

"Telling the history of the area and the rich legacy of African Americans' contributions to Santa Monica life helps make the history of the African-American experience in California more visible," Jefferson said.

The Coastal Commission also required that the city create a transportation demand management plan with the goal of reducing parking demand on the site over the long term. The city will have to monitor parking occupancy at the Civic Center after the field is completed.

The synthetic turf field will be encircled by an eight-foot-high perimeter chain-link fence and 24-foot-high netting. The fencing will be screened by a landscape buffer.

The field will be illuminated by 60-foot-tall lights at night.

The City Council approved in May about $4.8 million with C.S. Legacy Construction for building the field, about $98,000 with AECOM for testing and inspection services and about $417,000 with Simpson & Simpson Management Consulting for construction management services.

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CASE

FROM PAGE 1

conclude a theft may have occurred.

Uber considered having self-driving technology crucial to survive and counter potential competitive threats from Waymo and dozens of other companies working on robotic vehicles. Uber wants to build self-driving cars so it can eliminate the need to have a human behind the wheel, one of the biggest expenses in its still-unprofitable ride-hailing service.

Anthony Levandowski, a pioneer in robotic vehicles, was charged with 33 counts of trade secrets theft. Each count carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a $250,000 fine, or $8.25 million if convicted of all counts.

Miles Ehrlich, one of Levandowski's attorneys, maintained his innocence in a statement read outside the courthouse.

"He didn't steal anything, from anyone," Ehrlich said. "This case rehashes claims already discredited in a civil case that settled more than a year."

Prosecutors say the probe is ongoing, but they wouldn't say whether Uber and former CEO Travis Kalanick are targets. Prosecutors say Google, Waymo and Uber cooperated in the investigation. Uber issued a statement Tuesday promising to continue to cooperate.

Although Tuesday's indictment didn't charge Uber, it's a stain for a company that has been trying to recover from a series of scandals since jettisoning Kalanick two years ago . Besides trying to reverse perceptions that it's a technological thief, Uber has been dealing with fallout from its own acknowledgment of rampant sexual harassment , its use of software designed to dupe regulators and a yearlong cover-up of a hacking attack that stole the personal information of 57 million passengers and 600,000 drivers.

The case seems unlikely to endear Uber with investors already skeptical about the company's ability to make money after piling up billions of dollars of losses. The lack of profits is the main reason the company's stock has fallen about 25% below the price set during its much-ballyhooed initial public offering of stock in May. Nonetheless, Uber's stock fell less than 1% after the announcement.

The FBI depicted its pursuit of the complex case as a sign of its commitment to protecting technology considered vital to the economy's growth. "Silicon Valley is not the Wild West," said John Bennett, the FBI agent in charge of the investigation.

Prosecutors say Levandowski turned himself in earlier Tuesday.

Levandowski was accused of stealing years of top-secret information, which prosecutors likened to the crown jewels of the Waymo spinoff. That included breakthroughs in lidar, a key piece of technology that enables self-driving cars to detect what's around them.

During the Waymo trial, Kalanick conceded that Uber needed to develop self-driving cars if it hoped to maintain its early position as the world's largest ride-hailing service. But he denied that he ever resorted to stealing technology from Google, whom he believed was an ally until he began to suspect the company intended to launch its own ride-hailing service consisting entirely of its robotic vehicles.

But Kalanick also testified that his push to build a fleet of self-driving cars for Uber led him to start wooing Levandowski in 2015 while he was still at Google. Levandowski left early the following year to devote his time to Otto, a self-driving truck company he started with another Google employee, Lior Ron, who also left. Uber bought Otto later in 2016 for $680 million.

Waymo, which spun off from Google in 2016, alleged that Levandowski downloaded 14,000 documents containing its trade secrets before he left for Otto.

Uber denied know anything about those documents, but eventually fired him after he repeatedly asserted his constitutional right against self-incrimination leading up to the trial.

Ehrlich's statement Tuesday said Levandowski downloaded the documents as an authorized Google employee and never brought those files to Uber or any other company.

The whiff of potential wrongdoing in Waymo's civil case became even more pungent following the disclosure of allegations by a former Uber security specialist, Richard Jacobs, that the company employed an espionage team to spy on Waymo and other rivals while creating ways to conceal any stolen technology.

Google also pursued a separate case against Levandowski in arbitration proceedings, which resulted in a panel ordering Levandowski to pay the company $127 million, according to disclosure made by Uber leading up to its IPO. Uber may be held liable for paying all or part of that as part of guarantees it made in its Otto acquisition, but believes it may be able to get out of those obligations.

After Levandowski left Uber, he started another self-driving startup called Pronto, which said Tuesday that he would no longer be its CEO as he defends himself against the charges.

FOOTBALL

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Another bright spot for SMC is their defensive backs' capability to cover man-to-man and limit potential big plays down the field. Overall, the defense has room to improve, but has an entire season ahead to correct mistakes and clean things up.

The Corsairs won't take the field for a regular season game for two more weeks, on Sept. 7 at Southwest College.

Offensively is where SMC needs to make its biggest improvements. The Corsairs had trouble moving the ball down the field consistently and effectively and possessed a run game that couldn't get moving.

West L.A. sniffed out almost every run play and the quarterback had trouble completing passes to his receivers.

SMC did score a touchdown on an acrobatic catch to start the scrimmage off, but had minimal success moving the ball down the field for the rest of the game. It'll be interesting to see what changes are made to the offense throughout the season.

The upcoming regular season spans 10 weeks and SMC has reason to be optimistic, but should also be playing with a sense of urgency. There is enough time for SMC to evaluate and self-scout between the end of August and their first regular season matchup with Southwest.

Expectations for SMC aren't high this season, but there's a sense that the 2019 Corsairs have the potential to change things around. While the scrimmage didn't mark the best of starts for SMC, a long regular season with endless possibilities awaits.

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