

LOCAL REPORTS

CRIME & PUBLIC SAFETY

Stabbing victim may have been killed by his son

A man who died after being stabbed about 10 times in City Heights Tuesday evening may have been slain by one of his sons, San Diego police said Wednesday.

“Obviously, this was a very violent attack,” said homicide Lt. Manny Del Toro.

Residents at an apartment building on 42nd Street between Landis and Dwight streets heard a commotion in one of the units and called police about 5:20 p.m., Del Toro said.

The noise sounded like “loud banging” and “things slamming around inside,” the lieutenant said.

Neighbors heard sounds of distress, went inside the apartment and found the bloodied victim.

The victim was taken to a hospital in grave condition and died a few hours later. He was identified as 42-year-old Francisco Beltran, Del Toro said.

Witnesses told officers they saw a man run from the complex and jump over a fence. He appeared to be carrying a change of clothes, one person said, and had been seen at the apartment earlier in the week.

He was described as 19 to 25 years old, about 5 feet 4 inches to 5 feet 9 inches tall, and 120 to 140 pounds. He was wearing black shorts.

“We believe it could be a family member,” Del Toro said.

Investigators found items in the apartment that belonged to Beltran's sons. They have not been found, Del Toro said. Another man also may have lived at the apartment, according to a lease agreement. He hasn't been found either.

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La Jolla couple robbed in home

LA JOLLA

A La Jolla couple were held at gunpoint and robbed in their home Wednesday morning, San Diego police said.

Two armed men broke into a house on Avenida Alamar, off Paseo Dorado, and held a gun to the husband's head, police said.

The robber came in through a back window and confronted the couple in the kitchen, police Lt. Todd Griffin said. The couple were told to not look at the robbers.

The husband is in his 70s. Griffin was not sure of the wife's age.

The intruders took small, personal items and wallets and left quickly, Griffin said. They drove away, and the victims called police about 8 a.m.

The suspect's vehicle was described as a four-door, early 2000s model Honda sedan.

Griffin said the case does not appear connected to a trio of robberies in La Jolla and Ocean Beach Tuesday night.

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Three robberies occur in hour

SAN DIEGO

San Diego police are investigating three robberies that occurred Tuesday night within an hour of each other in Ocean Beach and La Jolla.

The two Ocean Beach robberies may be related, Lt. Todd Griffin said.

In the first instance, police said, a woman was getting out of her vehicle outside of her home on Monaco Street near Sunset View Elementary when a man walked up to her about 8:35 p.m.

The stranger asked if the woman had seen his lost dog. That's when a man wearing a ski mask walked up and pointed a handgun at the victim, police said. The gunman pulled off her necklace and took off her ring.

The first suspect was described as black, in his 30s, about 5 feet 9 inches tall, with a medium build and wearing dark clothes. The gunman was described as black, about 5 feet 11 inches tall, stocky, and wearing a black jacket, black ski mask and dark clothes.

About 8:40 p.m., a similar robbery occurred less than two miles away in Ocean Beach, police said. A 35-year-old man was walking from his parked vehicle to the front door of his house on Ebers Street near Pescadero when a man asked if he had seen his lost pit bull.

At that point another suspect wearing a ski mask walked up, pointing a semi-automatic handgun at the victim, police said. The man was forced to hand over his cellphone, wallet and backpack.

The first suspect was described as a black man wearing a black sweater with yellow printed letters. The second robber was described as a black man wearing dark clothes and a black ski mask.

About 9:20 p.m., a 60-year-old La Jolla man pulled into his garage on Virginia Way. Three men in ski masks walked up as he was entering his home.

Two of the robbers were armed with black handguns, police said. The man was forced to give them his watch, cellphone and briefcase.

The suspects were described as white men wearing dark clothes and the black ski masks. One man with a handgun was described as 6 feet tall.

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POLITICS

Chargers' Measure C gets national attention

SAN DIEGO

The Chargers stadium ballot measure is getting some national media attention with Election Day less than four weeks away.

During Thursday evening's national broadcast of the Chargers' game vs Denver, CBS will air interviews with team spokesman Fred Maas and two opponents of the initiative, which will appear as Measure C on the Nov. 8 ballot.

Meanwhile, HBO's “Any Given Wednesday with Bill Simmons” recently taped interviews with two other Measure C opponents for an upcoming program that will air nationally on the cable network.

The opponents interviewed by CBS were City Councilman David Alvarez, who is part of a coalition called “No Downtown Stadium — Jobs and Streets First,” and Haney Hong, chief executive of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association.

The opponents interviewed by HBO were City Councilman Chris Cate and April Boling, chairwoman of the opposition coalition.

It's not clear whether HBO also interviewed a representative from the Chargers or when the segment will air.

David Kerns, a producer of “Any Given Wednesday,” didn't respond to an email.

Measure C would raise San Diego's hotel taxes to 16.5 percent from 12.5 percent to help pay for a combined downtown stadium and convention center annex next to Petco Park.

A Union-Tribune/10News poll released Friday showed the measure lacks the support from likely voters that will be necessary for approval.

The survey showed 41 percent of likely voters say they are certain to vote against Measure C and 36 percent say they are certain to vote for it. The remaining 23 percent describe themselves as “not certain.”

If uncertain voters are removed from the results, the measure is opposed by 53 percent and supported by 47 percent, far short of the two-thirds support — 66.7 percent — required for approval.

If all of the uncertain voters are added to those in favor, the measure would still only get support from 59 percent.

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ARTS

Theatre's 'Globe for All' cast, venues announced

SAN DIEGO

The Old Globe Theatre has announced the cast and venues for the 2016 edition of “Globe for All,” a touring program that takes Shakespeare into diverse corners of the community. Now in its third year, the program has added an extra week of performances this time around for its tour to some 17 venues — eight of them new — Nov. 1-20.

This year's play, the comedy “Measure for Measure,” is directed by Patricia McGregor, who has numerous off-Broadway and regional credits and just directed a summer run of “Hamlet” for the Public Theater's Mobile Unit, the project that inspired “Globe for All.”

The cast for this streamlined version of Shakespeare's play about romance and redemption in Vienna includes several recent graduates of the Old Globe/University of San Diego Shiley Graduate Theatre Program: Makha Mthembu (as Isabella and Soldier), Daniel Petzold (Angelo, Barnardine), Christopher Salazar (Duke Vincentio, Elbow), Ally Carey (Pompey, Provost), Jake Millgard (Lucio, Froth, Messenger), and Nathan Whitmer (Claudio).

“Globe for All has quickly grown to become one of the core programs of the Old Globe, enriching our community and galvanizing our theatre as it serves our neighbors in a deep and special way,” said Barry Edelstein, the Globe's Erna Finci Viterbi artistic director.

Free public performance of “Globe for All” will be held in venues all over the county, including the San Diego Public Library, Naval Base San Diego and Escondido Public Library. For a complete list, go to bit.ly/globeforall

“Globe for All” also will be performed for members and residents at several other venues, including schools, detention facilities and centers for veterans and the homeless. None of those events is open to the public.

The tour culminates with two low-cost public performances in the Old Globe's rehearsal studios at Balboa Park's House of Charm.

Those take place at 2 and 7 p.m. Nov. 20. Tickets are \$15 for general public, \$10 for Globe subscribers, and are currently available to subscribers only. Tickets will go on sale to the public (subject to availability) at 12 p.m. Oct. 28.

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IMMIGRATION

Local litigator honored for volunteer work

Casa Cornelia, a nonprofit that provides free legal services for immigration cases, has named Jae Park its attorney of the year.

Park, a litigator for the global law firm Dentons, spends most of his professional hours handling business-related disputes. For the past 10 years, he has also volunteered his time to take on cases for Casa Cornelia's clients, work he said is especially meaningful to him because he is also an immigrant. His family moved to the United States from Korea when he was 12.

“I know how challenging it is to move to another country where you don't know anyone, you don't know the language, you don't know the system and have to adjust to that,” Park said. “Being able to help these refugees who have come with nothing in their pockets and risk their lives to save their lives, I really connected with that feeling.”

Casa Cornelia has been part of San Diego's immigration law community for more than 20 years. It started by dealing with asylum cases and today represents three main groups of immigrants: asylum seekers, immigrants who have been victims of serious crimes and children.

While it has its own team of lawyers who work the more complex cases, Casa Cornelia relies on a network of more than 200 volunteer attorneys to assist with cases over the course of a year, said Elizabeth Camarena, associate director. She said last year Casa Cornelia helped more than 1,900 people.

Park won the attorney of the year award, she said, because of a challenging case that he worked on in 2015.

“This case kept growing organically and presenting challenges, and Jae was not deterred,” Camarena said.

She said Park has also encouraged colleagues at his law firm to work on immigration cases with Casa Cornelia.

Park will be honored at Casa Cornelia's La Mancha awards ceremony tonight at the University of San Diego's Institute for Peace and Justice from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The ceremony will also honor Latham & Watkins LLP as law firm of the year, and the California Innocence Project will receive Casa Cornelia's humanitarian award.

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Racist message written on college newspaper

CHULA VISTA

Police were called to Southwestern College in Chula Vista on Wednesday after a journalism student found a racist message written across the front paper of the student newspaper The Sun near campus.

The slur against African-Americans was scrawled in thick black ink across a front page photo that showed a demonstration over the death of Alfred Olango, an unarmed African-American shot by police in El Cajon last month.

Southwestern student and Sun photographer William Byrd said a construction worker admitted to writing on the paper and agreed to have his picture taken holding it.

Max Branscomb, the faculty advisory for the school paper, said a police officer who interviewed him said the incident might be investigated as a hate crime because it targeted a specific group.

Branscomb said in June, somebody defaced and wrote “Trump 2016” on several copies of The Sun that featured a photo of Associated Student Organization President Mona Dibas, who is Muslim.

Somebody also stole about 1,000 of the 5,000 copies of a school magazine that featured Dibas on the cover earlier this year, he said.

“Someone over here doesn't like Muslims or African-Americans very much,” he said.

The paper, which is printed about once a month, was distributed Tuesday. Byrd said he was at a 7-Eleven across the street from campus when he saw a member of a construction crew reading the paper. A few minutes later, he noticed a paper in the store's news stand had been defaced, and the construction worker was standing nearby holding a black marker.

“I go up to him with the newspaper and said, ‘Did you do this?’ and he boldly says, ‘Yeah,’” Byrd said.

The man, who Byrd described as Latino, didn't give his name, but Byrd got a clear photo of his face while he held the paper. Byrd said the man covered his face with the paper after saying he was afraid he'd lose his job if identified, but the photo was shot after he lowered it.

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COURTS

Local U.S. Attorney Duffy eyed for judgeship

SAN DIEGO

San Diego's U.S. attorney, Laura Duffy, is under consideration for appointment by Gov. Jerry Brown for a seat on the Superior Court bench.

The Commission on Judicial Nominees has begun to circulate confidential questionnaires to lawyers and judges in the area as part of the evaluation process all judicial candidates go through.

The panel, also known as the “Jenny Commission,” is part of the State Bar of California, and interviews and evaluates candidates for the bench.

It then makes a recommendation to the governor on whether a candidate is qualified for the post.

The commission assesses candidates who have passed an initial screening by the governor's judicial appointments secretary. It's unknown when Duffy may have first applied for a seat on the bench.

Duffy, who was appointed U.S. attorney for San Diego and Imperial counties in 2010 by President Barack Obama, declined Wednesday through a spokeswoman to comment on the possible appointment.

A notice from the commission about the evaluation requested responses to be returned by Oct. 31. The questionnaires are sent to attorneys and judges, some of whom are references provided by the candidate and others who are a cross section of legal professionals in the region where a candidate works.

After that, commission members personally interview judicial candidates.

Before being appointed U.S. attorney, Duffy was a career federal prosecutor with the Department of Justice, specializing in narcotics cases.

She could continue as U.S. attorney in the district after Obama leaves office, but that would be unusual — new presidents regardless of their political party prefer to appoint their own prosecutors when they enter office.

There are currently six vacancies on the San Diego Superior Court bench.

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SAN DIEGO

Korean War revisited at Lemon Grove Library

Often considered “The Forgotten War,” Korea will be remembered the next two Saturdays in Lemon Grove.

Three veterans of the war and a UC San Diego history professor are among the speakers scheduled for this Saturday's 2 p.m. event at the Lemon Grove Library. Sponsored by the Lemon Grove Historical Society, the gathering is part of an ongoing “Remembrance Project,” which looks back at important world events and their impact on the local community.

The Korean War started in June 1950 when North Korea invaded South Korea. The United States intervened under the auspices of the United Nations and spent about three years in a see-saw conflict that ended basically where it had started, with the two Koreas divided at the 38th Parallel, which today has troops on either side eyeing each other from towers separated by a buffer zone and barbed wire. About 37,000 American service members died in the war.

Saturday's “Korea Remembered” event will feature veterans Robert Weishan, Jean White and James Newberry, all members of the so-called “Chosin Few,” survivors of the war's most storied battle. Outmaneuvered and outnumbered by the Chinese, trapped in snowy mountain passes, the U.S. forces fought their way almost 80 miles down a narrow road to the Sea of Japan, where waiting ships took them to safety.

Also scheduled to speak is Todd Henry, a UC San Diego history professor who specializes in modern Korea. He will provide an overview of the origins and aftermath of the war, event organizers said.

On Oct. 22, for the second part of “Korea Remembered,” organizers will show “The Manchurian Candidate,” a 1962 film set during the Korean War and filled with Cold War anxieties. It starred Frank Sinatra and Angela Lansbury. The airing is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the library, 3001 School Lane.

The Historical Society's Remembrance Project has also looked at the Vietnam War and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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HEALTH

Alzheimer's San Diego fundraising walk is Sat.

The nonprofit organization Alzheimer's San Diego plans to conduct its first fundraising walk Saturday since splitting with its parent organization late last year.

The event, which seeks to raise \$650,000 to support various programs throughout the region for people suffering from Alzheimer's disease and their families, is scheduled to start at 8 a.m. at Balboa Park.

Free registration in the MedicAlert system — which includes a bracelet designed to identify Alzheimer's patients who wander off from home, a caregiving facility or other sites — will be included for each participant.

A second walk is scheduled for Oct. 22 beginning at the Oceanside Pier. More information on both events is available at alzsd.org.

Alzheimer's San Diego offers a range of programs, from educational activities and consultations with experts to support groups and social opportunities. For example, it runs a respite service in which volunteers relieve a patient's home caregiver for several hours on designated days — giving that family member precious time for rest, errands, medical visits or other necessities.

The organization is one of two serving the growing number of people in San Diego County affected by Alzheimer's disease. The board of directors for Alzheimer's San Diego decided to separate from the national Alzheimer's Association — alz.org/sandiego — which continues to operate a chapter that serves San Diego and Imperial counties.

Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, killing 93,541 people in 2014, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In California, the disease is the fifth-leading cause of death. And in San Diego County, it's No. 3. More than 62,000 San Diegans are living with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

The number of Americans with Alzheimer's is expected to climb sharply in coming decades if present trends continue. About 4.7 million people age 65 or older were living with Alzheimer's in 2010, according to a 2013 study in the journal Neurology. The analysis projected that by 2050, the population will expand to 13.8 million.

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