

CRIME

Arrest made in 2018 shooting

Police say Edward Jacobs shot and killed former Long Beach City College football player

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A 30-year-old Lynwood man was arrested Friday in connection with the shooting death of a former Long Beach City College football player at a fast-food restaurant in September 2018, authorities said.

Police believe Edward Jacobs

approached 20-year-old Guy Eugene Alford III with the intention of robbing him. Jacobs is accused of shooting Alford while the victim sat inside a blue Chevrolet Impala outside a Jack in the Box in North Long Beach, police said.

Alford, of Hawthorne, was struck several times in the upper torso and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Jacobs already was in custody

on an unrelated incident in Los Angeles. Long Beach detectives took him to Long Beach City Jail, where he was booked on suspicion of murder and was being held in lieu of \$2 million bail.

The shooting occurred at the Jack in the Box near Atlantic Avenue and 52nd Street about 12:15 a.m. on Sept. 26, 2018, police said. It rocked the Long Beach City College football program, where Alford played safety in 2016 and 2017.

He had aspirations of play-

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Amari Alford holds a candle and a photo of his brother Guy Alford III at a vigil for him in 2018. Guy Alford III was a Long Beach City College Football player who was killed in September 2018.

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CHARITY

Teams demonstrate their can-do spirits



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Students from Sato Academy along with M4 Engineering Inc. worked together to build this rocket ship out of about 1,000 cans.

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One can, two can, red can, blue can.

Teams of local architect and engineering firms transformed some 15,000 pounds of canned goods into magnificent steel and tin creations in the Made by Millworks art gallery and gift shop early Thursday morning as part of the sixth annual CANstruction Long Beach competition.

Given about 12 hours, local firms RDC, Swinerton, M4 Aerospace, MHP Engineering, P2S Inc. and the Long Beach Water Department competed

to build structures made from donated canned goods, with this year's "One Can, Two Cans, Who Can? You Can" theme, centering around Dr. Seuss-based creations.

With cans of all colors, teams built towering structures that emulated beloved Dr. Seuss stories including "In a People House," "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" and "Fox in Socks."

The completed exhibits and voting bins will remain on display until Oct. 20, when the exhibits will be taken down. All of the canned goods will be donated to Food Finders, a Lakewood-based food bank and

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Jenna Schonfeld, left, and Mindy Trieu from the Swinerton team place some of the 2,160 cans to build their "Fox in Sox" structure inside Made by Millworks art gallery and gift shop on Thursday.

ENVIRONMENT

Algalita celebrates advocacy anniversary

Research and education organization plans party at Long Beach Yacht Club

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Since 1994, the Long Beach nonprofit Algalita has been a leading force in the marine research and education front regarding ocean pollution.

"When we were founded 25 years ago, our mission was to restore the kelp forests, and then a couple years after that it switched to plastic pollution," Stephanie Shao, Algalita development coordinator, said. "Then we started to focus more on education and sharing what we learned with the community."

The mission for the first 10 years or so was dedicated to research, Shao said. Algalita founder Capt. Charles Moore had discovered and documented the great Pacific garbage patch a giant floating collection of garbage in the Pacific Ocean emphasizing the need for a solution to a plastic pollution problem.

To celebrate a quarter century of its education efforts, the organization is throwing a party at the Long Beach Yacht Club Sunday and the public is invited.

The aloha-themed event will include dinner and cocktails, a silent auction and plenty of discussion surrounding Algalita programs and goals to reach for the next year. Moore also is scheduled to address the crowd.

Many of the programs to

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BILL MCDONALD — ALGALITA FOUNDATION

Plastic trash is scooped up out of the mouth of the Los Angeles River in Long Beach.

FOOD

Turkey Day hits Porto's Bakery

Cafe begins serving Thanksgiving-style potato ball snack

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Turkey Day arrived early at Porto's Bakery & Cafe.

The pastry emporium has begun serving turkey and gravy potato balls, a seasonal adaptation of one of its signature items.

The snack features a Thanksgiving-style taste of turkey encased in mashed potatoes that is coated in savory Panko bread-crumbs.

They cost \$1.29 each at Porto's newest location in West Covina and can be ordered heated for dine-in at the cafe section or

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Porto's Bakery & Cafe's potato balls are sold individually.

LONG BEACH

Police to host a community forum at downtown HQ

From staff reports

The Long Beach Police Department's South Division will host a community forum Wednesday night at police headquarters in the city's downtown.

Sgt. John Magallanes, Sgt. Greg Brown and crime analyst Amanda Economy will discuss various topics, including crime trends in neighborhoods within the South Division, homicides, drug investigations, crime reports, and how residents and business owners can work with police to address their concerns.

The South Division's boundaries are Ocean Boulevard to the south and Anaheim Street to the north; and the 710 freeway to the west and Cherry Avenue to the east.

Parking is available in the structure located at Broadway and Chestnut Avenue, or on the street.

The meeting is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the community room, 400 West Broadway.

IF YOU GO

When: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday

Where: Long Beach Police Department headquarters, 400 W. Broadway

Information: 562-570-7578 or LBPDSouth@longbeach.gov

PUBLIC HEALTH



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People rally in support of abortion rights at the Capitol in Sacramento. Gov. Gavin Newsom signed a measure, on Friday that will require public colleges and universities to offer abortion medication at campus health centers.

State to require abortion medication at public colleges

By Kathleen Ronayne and Adam Beam
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO » California will be the first state to require abortion medication on college campuses under a law signed Friday by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom.

The law takes effect in 2023 and only applies to the 34 campuses in the University of California and California State University systems. But the law will only be implemented if a state commission can raise more than \$10 million in private donations to pay for it.

Former California Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed a similar bill last year, arguing it was not necessary because abortion services were readily available off campus.

But Newsom, who took office in January, said the law is needed "as other states

and the federal government go backward, restricting reproductive freedom."

Several Republican-led states, including Georgia, Kentucky and Mississippi, have passed laws banning abortions once a fetal heartbeat is detected. Abortion-rights groups are challenging those laws in court.

"Abortion is a protected right, and it is important that everyone — including college students — have access to that right, if they so choose," said Democratic Sen. Connie Leyva, the bill's author.

Religious and anti-abortion groups opposed the bill, with Live Action President Lila Rose saying the law "turns universities into abortion centers." And Maria Jose Fernandez, legislative advocate for the California Catholic Conference, said the law is "trying to limit the alternatives for women."

"We're giving them the option to terminate a life, but what about those who want to continue on with that pregnancy? Where is the help for those women?" Fernandez said.

The medication is an option for women who are less than 10 weeks pregnant. The process requires taking two pills. The first pill, taken at the clinics, blocks the hormone progesterone. The second, taken a few days later at home, has an effect similar to a miscarriage.

California State University spokesman Michael Uhlenkamp said the university will comply with the law by 2023.

University of California spokeswoman Sarah McBride said the university "believes students should have access to affordable and convenient reproductive health care of their choosing."

SACRAMENTO

State adopts broad rules for seizing guns

By Don Thompson
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO » California Gov. Gavin Newsom on Friday signed a law that will make the state the first to allow employers, co-workers and teachers to seek gun violence restraining orders against other people.

The bill was vetoed twice by former governor Jerry Brown, a Democrat, and goes beyond a measure that he signed allowing only law enforcement officers and immediate family members to ask judges to temporarily take away peoples' guns when they are deemed a danger to themselves or others.

Newsom is also a Democrat and signed a companion bill allowing the gun violence restraining orders to last one and five years, although the gun owners could petition to end those

restrictions earlier.

The new laws are were among 15 gun-related laws that Newsom approved as the state strengthens what the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence calls the nation's toughest restrictions.

"California has outperformed the rest of the nation, because of our gun safety laws, in reducing the gun murder rate substantially compared to the national reduction," Newsom said as he signed the measures surrounded by state lawmakers. "No state does it as well or comprehensively as the state of California, and we still have a long way to go."

Between 1993 and 2017, there was a 62% decline in the gun murder rate in California, nearly double the 34% nationally, he said.

Brady Campaign spokeswoman Amanda Wilcox,

who lost her 19-year-old daughter to gun violence in 2001, said that California's laws are already so strict that the latest bills amount to "tweaks to policies already in place, ways to improve implementation" of existing limits.

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have laws similar to California's current restraining order law, but the new law that takes effect on Jan. 1 will be broader.

"With school and workplace shootings on the rise, it's common sense to give the people we see every day the power to intervene and prevent tragedies," said the bill's author, Democratic Assemblyman Phil Ting. "The existing law has mostly been used by police officers, but Ting said the expansion should allow more awareness and more opportunity for others to act."

SACRAMENTO

State to end its use of for-profit prisons

By Don Thompson and Amy Taxin
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO » California will ban the use of for-profit, private detention facilities, including those under contract to the federal government to hold immigrants awaiting deportation hearings, under a bill that Gov. Gavin Newsom said Friday that he had signed.

The Democratic governor said the measure helps fulfill a promise he made to end private prison use, which he said contributes to over-incarceration and does "not reflect our values."

The state's prison system was already phasing them out, despite having to com-

ply with an inmate population cap imposed by federal judges.

Immigrant advocates have praised the bill authored by Democratic Assemblyman Rob Bonta, which they said would put an end to almost all immigration detention in California in the next year.

However, one private prison company said it expects most if not all of the law would fail a legal challenge, particularly requiring the federal government to end its contracts.

"States cannot lawfully pass legislation mandating the closure of federal facilities that displease them on the basis of ideological differences," The Geo Group of Adelanto, California, said in a statement.

California has been at the forefront of resisting President Donald Trump's efforts to deport those who are in the country illegally and has a so-called "sanctuary state" law that restricts police from asking people about their immigration status or participating in federal immigration enforcement actions.

The new measure prohibits the state corrections department from renewing contracts starting next year and from housing any state inmates in private, for-profit prisons starting in 2028.

"We are sending a powerful message that we vehemently oppose the practice of profiteering off the backs of Californians in custody," Bonta said.

Cans

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food rescue organization that links donated food to pantries and shelters.

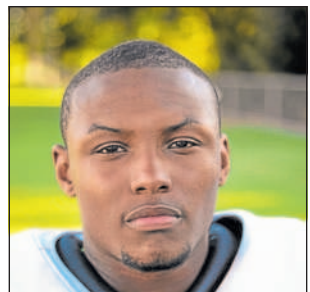
Visitors can also help by stopping by Made by Millworks to vote for their favorite sculpture by donating a can in a corresponding bin. The structures will be judged by panel for a variety of categories including structural ingenuity, best use of labels, most cans and more.

For more information on CANstruction Long Beach, visit canstructionlongbeach.org. Made by Millworks is located at 240 Pine Ave. in Long Beach.



Members of the RDC firm work to build a House Mouse structure inspired by Dr. Seuss using 5,791 cans inside the Made by Millworks art gallery and gift shop in Long Beach on Thursday.

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Alford

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ing in the National Football League, family members said at a candlelight vigil in his memory the day after the shooting. A separate vigil was at the college's football stadium and

was attended by about 70 people, including former teammates.

Prior to his two seasons at Long Beach City College, Alford played prep football at Redondo Union High School in Redondo Beach and Bishop Alemany High School in Mission Hills.

His mother, April Roby-

Alford, said her son loved eating her pork chops and dancing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

Alford was in the process of finishing up a few classes to earn credits in order to qualify for a scholarship to a Division I college football program, Long Beach City College football coach Brett Pea-

body said after news of the shooting.

Peabody remembered Alford as a tremendous human being who made good decisions in life.

How police linked Jacobs to the shooting was not immediately disclosed by authorities.

Jail records show Jacobs was arrested on Oct.

29, 2018. He faces charges of assault, arson, burglary and resisting an executive officer in an unrelated court case stemming from that arrest according to court records.

Police plan to present their case to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for filing consideration next week.

25 years

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addressed focuses on education outreach, which includes two international youth summits each year, with one happening at Cal State Long Beach. They also partner with different educators to reach larger student audiences around the world, an effort that Shao said has gone global.

And until recently, Algalita was less known at home, she added.

"Better-known nonprofits tend to offer services out to the community, but for us, because we focus so much on research and education, our audience has largely been educators and students," Shao said. "If you didn't seek us out, you probably had never known we were here."

But that all changed when Bring Your Own (BYO) Long Beach moved into the Algalita space rent-free, Shao said.

"BYO offers a variety of

plastic-free items, and the store alone starts a conversation with a larger group of people," she added. "And with the expanded space downtown, people want to know what this is and why it's here, and we just have a bigger platform to talk about what we are doing here."

And the hope, Shao said, is to continue to reach even more people year after year.

"It takes time for the general public to catch up with science, in this case, to catch up with plastic research and the damage plastic waste does cause," she said. "But in the last five years we've been able to reach a lot more people and our goal is to continue expanding on that."

Algalita's 25th anniversary celebration is happening from 5 to 9 p.m. this Sunday at Alamitos Bay Yacht Club.

Tickets are \$150 and can be purchased by emailed Stephanie Shao at stephanie@algalita.org, or by calling 562-598-4889.

For more information, go to algalita.org.



Seasonal treats at Porto's Bakery & Cafe include Dia de los Muertos cupcakes.



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Pumpkin cupcakes are new on the menu at Porto's Bakery & Cafe.

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for takeout at the separate pastry section.

Porto's original potato balls are stuffed with beef and cost \$1.05 and there is a cheese and pepper ball that costs \$1.29.

Other small bites on Porto's cafe menu include meat pies, chicken empanadas and chicken croquettes. Porto's also

serves salads and sandwiches.

Although the turkey potato balls provide a preview of Thanksgiving, Porto's isn't totally ignoring current festivities. Its desserts include a pumpkin cupcake with cream cheese frosting and Dia de los Muertos Parisian Cupcakes. Both are \$2.35.

Porto's has other locations in Burbank, Glendale, Downey, and Buena Park.

Information: portosbakery.com.