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WEEKDAY

Parks panel wants more parking, sidewalks at London Bridge Beach

By **SCOTT SHINDLEDECKER**
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

Board members with the Lake Havasu City Parks and Recreation Commission want to see if it's possible to add additional parking and sidewalks at London Bridge Beach. The Commission is scheduled to talk about potential London Bridge Beach projects and bike paths at Monday's meeting. City Parks and Recreation Director Mike Keane said some board members had requested updates.

The City's Metropolitan Planning Organization developed a Bicycle and Pedestrian Implementation Plan nearly a year ago with the idea of building more sidewalks and bike paths after statistics showed that 40 percent of the fatal crashes in the Havasu region in the last 10 years involved pedestrians and bicyclists. According to the plan, more than 1.5 million people visit Lake Havasu City each year, which adds unfamiliar bicyclists and pedestrians to the transportation network. Some of the goals of the plan is to

provide more paths and walks and proper signage that lets users know where they can find them. "But one of the things that is holding us up is finding money to do some of the projects we want to do, so that's what we're working on now," Keane said. Keane also said work on the restrooms at London Beach on the channel was on schedule to be finished soon.

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JAIL INVESTIGATION

Inmates moved as overdose investigation continues

By **BRANDON MESSICK**
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

Fifty inmates have been moved from Mohave County Jail as investigation continues into the potential presence of synthetic opioids at the facility. According to Mohave County Sheriff Doug Schuster, the inmates were moved early Thursday morning to jail facilities in Coconino and La Paz County while at least one housing unit at Mohave County Jail is searched and sanitized.

The Mohave County Sheriff's Department's investigation into the jail was launched Tuesday, after five inmates were transported to Kingman Regional Medical Center with alleged symptoms of opioid overdose. The inmates were treated with Narcan, a substance specifically designed to treat opioid overdoses, and each inmate made a full recovery. All inmates within the housing unit occupied by Tuesday's victims were

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Defense attorney files to leave Havasu sex-trafficking case

By **BRANDON MESSICK**
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

The attorney for a woman accused in a 2018 sex-trafficking case filed a motion Thursday to withdraw as counsel.

Citing a "breakdown in communications" between himself and the defendant, Lake Havasu City attorney Brad Rideout filed his motion to be excused from the case of 48-year-old Kingman resident Amanda Yamauchi.

Yamauchi was among the suspected ringleaders in an alleged prostitution ring that spanned seven massage parlors throughout Mohave County last summer. She and six others were arrested Sept. 20, following more than a year of investigation by the Lake Havasu City and Bullhead City

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HOLIDAYS: BEARING THE CROSS



Scott Shindledecker/Today's News Herald

From left, Our Lady Of The Lake Roman Catholic parishioners Jorge Alvarez, Joshua Toilolo, and Bradley Troffer, prepare to carry the wooden cross for the Veneration of the Cross ceremony Friday afternoon as part of Good Friday services.

Super-sized version of Old Glory to be unfurled in Havasu

By **PAM ASHLEY**
TODAY'S NEWS-HERALD

An American flag destined to be displayed in June at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France is making a stop in Lake Havasu City on Tuesday. Event organizer Joe Nollet said the flag is quite large, measuring in at 28 feet by 60 feet and weighing 50 pounds. Spectators who wish to see the flag unfurled will have a small window of opportunity to view it.

"We going to walk it onto

the London Bridge and then hang it over the side of the bridge," Nollet said. "Our permit is for 1 p.m. I'm not sure which side of the bridge we'll be hanging it - that depends on which way the wind is blowing on Tuesday."

The 15-minute ceremony is one of many events in which the oversized flag has appeared around the nation.

According to the flag's custodian, Mitch Mendler, this particular traveling flag is on to view it.

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The 60-by-28-foot flag, shown here at a past event, will be unfurled over the London Bridge on Tuesday, according to organizers.

Courtesy

Havasu man was among first police officers to respond to Columbine school shooting

POST-COLUMBINE, ATTITUDES TOWARD OFFICER TRAUMA SHIFT

By **P. SOLOMON BANDA**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The first SWAT team members to see the horror in the Columbine High School library had to step around bodies and ignore a wounded student's plea for help as they searched for shooters they didn't know had already died by their own hands. As member Grant Whitus put it, officers carried something home with them that day, a level of trauma and a sense of futility that stayed with them for years and may have contributed to the team's demise.

"It was just beyond anything I'd ever thought I'd see in my career," he said of the rampage that killed 12 students and a teacher and was the nation's worst school shooting at the time. "So many children were dead."

Whitus now lives in Lake Havasu City, but still works to prevent school shootings through a business that places armed security guards in private schools. He also operates a security company for marijuana businesses.

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Associated Press

Grant Whitus poses for a portrait at his home in Lake Havasu City. Whitus' marriage fell apart a year after he led his SWAT team into Columbine High School's library, where he was the first to find the dead children's bodies.