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Finding herself, then 'Finding Dory'

Samohi grad guides anticipated Pixar sequel through production

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Thirteen years ago, while watching "Finding Nemo" at an historic movie theater in Oakland, Becky Neiman-Cobb found herself.

It was just before she applied for a job at Pixar, and the 2003 feature further convinced the Santa Monica native that she wanted to put her talents to use at the acclaimed animation studio.

"I remember being in that theater and being like, 'This is amazing,'" she said. "It fueled me even more to see what I could do to work there."

Neiman-Cobb's career at Pixar is now coming full circle with the upcoming release of "Finding Dory," which is due out in theaters June 17. She is credited as production manager on the highly anticipated "Nemo" sequel, and one of the movie's minor characters, Becky the Loon, is named after her.

But for Neiman-Cobb, who now lives in the Bay Area city of Albany, perhaps the most exciting part of making "Dory" was working alongside director Andrew



BECKY NEIMAN-COBB

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Armed man arrested in California was on probation in Indiana

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
Associated Press

An Indiana man arrested over the weekend in Santa Monica with three assault rifles and ammunition in his car was forbidden from leaving his home state as part of probation stemming from a case in which he pointed a gun at neighbors, according to authorities and court records.

Investigators on Monday were trying to determine whether James Wesley Howell had any plans to use the weapons. The 20-year-old told police that he was in the area to attend a gay pride event in West Hollywood that draws hundreds of thousands of people.

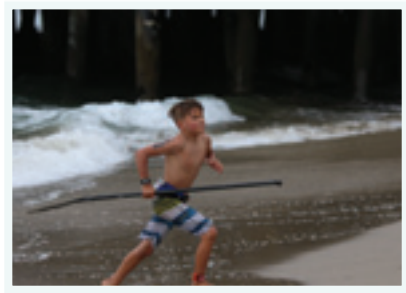
His arrest came just a few hours after 49 people were shot and killed in a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. Police said they had found no evidence the incidents were connected.

Howell of Jeffersonville, Indiana, was arrested in Santa Monica around 5 a.m. Sunday after residents called police to report suspicious behavior by a man who parked his white Acura sedan facing the wrong way. When officers arrived, they saw an assault rifle on Howell's pas-

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PADDLEBOARDS

Courtesy Photos

The Tommy Bahama Paddleboard Race & Ocean Festival brought world-class athletes to the Santa Monica Pier last weekend. The popular annual event benefits The Bay Foundation. Participants this year included an 11-year old competitor and amputee Jonas Letieri who competes using a specialized paddle.


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Minor Clarifications to the Zoning Ordinance**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce for first reading an ordinance amending the City's Zoning Ordinance (Divisions 1-5 of SMMC Article 9) making minor clarifications that address the following issues:

- Applicability of Active Commercial Design and Active Commercial Use requirements in mixed-use and commercial districts
- Requirements for enclosed garages in the R-1 zone
- Requirements for front setbacks in the OP3 zone
- Requirements for Maximum First Story Street Wall Height in the OF zone

The proposed minor clarifications do not affect policy decisions made with the adoption of the Zoning Ordinance and do not substantively alter the standards and regulations within the Zoning Ordinance. Consideration of policy changes will be brought forth at a future date to be determined.

These proposed minor clarifications to the Zoning Ordinance were previously considered by the City Council at a public hearing on May 24, 2016 where Council gave direction to staff to bring back additional information at a later date.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2016, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Zoning Ordinance Minor Clarifications
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Or email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jing Yeo at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jing.yeo@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. The Expo Line terminus is at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall and on Olympic Drive and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, June 14

Prayer Vigil
In wake of the mass shootings in Orlando, Florida, The Santa Monica Area Interfaith Council is hosting a Prayer Vigil for the community at 5:30 p.m. In front of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

Just for Seniors: Internet Basics I
1.5 hours. Learn how to navigate a web browser, locate information, evaluate online sources and print web pages. This is part of the introductory computer class series tailored for seniors and those who want to learn at a slower pace.
Registration is not required. Limited seating is on a first-arrival basis. For more information or questions, please visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 - 3 p.m.

Teen Film Series: Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001)
Watch it from the beginning! Starting June 14th through August 2nd, every Tuesday at 2pm. Answer trivia before each movie for a fun prize. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (2001) PG [152 min.] Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 2 - 4:30 p.m.

NAMI: Family to Family Education Program
A 12-week session education program to help you understand and support loved ones with mental illness. Includes information on illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression. Registration required. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Beach=Culture: Building Body/Mind Balance with PM Movement Theater
Led by Company members Stephen Beitler and Angela Lopez, this workshop will focus on bringing the body and mind into balance through meditative stretching and acroyoga. Instructors will lead the group in poses and forms accessible to beginners, while offering more advanced variations for those up to the challenge.
Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Exercise Your Mind. Read! Book Discussion: Musicophilia
In this short-run book group, we read and discuss books about the human brain. In June, our featured book is Oliver Sacks' Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 15

Commission for the Senior Community Meeting
Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission for the Senior Community. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 1:30 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Planning Commission. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

Summer Preschool Story Time @ Main
Story series for 3 to 5 year olds. A ticket is required to attend each session. A limited number of tickets are given out on a first-come, first-served basis, the morning of the program, at the Youth Reference Desk. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

College Prep Series: Summer Edition, PSAT Prep Test @Pico
Are you taking the PSAT during the

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Public urged to attend planning meeting for expansion of Santa Monica Airport Park

On Saturday, June 18, the City of Santa Monica will hold the first public planning workshop for the upcoming expansion of Airport Park. Mark Rios, the landscape architect chosen by the City to design the conversion of the first 12 acres of the airport into a park, will present his initial ideas and ask for feedback. The Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation, the nonprofit formed to advocate for turning Santa Monica Airport into a park, urges members of the public to attend this community event and contribute to the planning process for this new park.

"The promise of Measure LC, which the voters passed in 2014 to make sure that airport land will be converted to parkland, is now turning into reality with the expansion of Airport Park onto 12 acres of asphalt that until recently was used to park airplanes," said Neil Carrey, president of the foundation. "We at the Airport2Park Foundation urge the public to come to the meeting on June 18 to join the dialogue about the park expansion."

The City's event, which will take place in the north parking lot (off Donald Douglas Loop South) at the existing Airport Park (3201 Airport Avenue), from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 18.

- SUBMITTED BY FRANK GRUBER

Olympic Blvd.

Natural gas leak

Santa Monica Fire Department received reports of a construction accident, resulting in a severed natural gas main at 2425 Olympic Blvd. over the weekend. First arriving units found a high pressure, one-inch gas main severed with no fire. Three engines, a ladder truck, a hazardous materials unit, and chief officer supervisor, ultimately responded to manage the incident. This leak resulted in the evacuation of two neighboring office buildings, 2425 Olympic, and 1620 26th Street. Also, all streets in the area were blocked for the duration of the leak. Approximately two hours after the incident was reported, Southern California Gas Company was able to cap the leak. Workers were able to return to their offices after the Fire Department completed inspecting the building with combustible gas detectors, and found no residual gas. No injuries to civilians, or firefighters were reported.

- SUBMITTED BY DALE HALLOCK PIO / ADMINISTRATIVE CAPTAIN

Citywide

Big Blue Bus Service Summer Route Changes

Big Blue Bus (BBB) is rolling out the third phase of major route and schedule changes as part of the Evolution of Blue campaign, which is BBB's service integration with the newly opened Expo Light-Rail Line. The first phase of the Evolution of Blue plan to provide first-last mile links and easy connections to Expo launched in August 2015. The third phase included changes on several routes and new routes as of June 12.

Route 4 and 12 will be discontinued. The Route 4 will be partially replaced by service on the new Route 17 at the VA West LA Medical Center and portions of Sawtelle Blvd. Other portions of the Route 4 along San Vicente Blvd. will be picked up by Routes 9, 18 and the new Route 43. The new Route 43 provides weekday only connections from San Vicente Blvd. and 14th St. to the 26th St./Bergamot Station via 26th Street. Route 12 will be replaced by improved Rapid 12 service on Westwood Blvd., Overland Ave., and the UCLA campus offering better frequencies and service seven days a week. Other portions of the former Route 12, previously serving the Culver City Expo Line Station, National Blvd., Palms Expo Line Station, and Palms Blvd., will be picked up by the new Route 17. Additionally, the Route 44 will no longer travel on 20th St. or Pico Blvd.; instead routing will change to provide critical connections to the newly opened 17th St./SMC Station. Additional modifications include regular bus stop and/or schedule changes to Rapid 3 and Routes 5, 8, 14, 15, 16, and 18. See full details at bigbluebus.com/servicechange.

The award winning "Little Blue Book" transit guide, which includes schedules for each BBB route and a large foldout System Map, is now available on board, at the Transit Store and at public counters such as local libraries and senior centers. The NextBus real-time mobile application and GTFS-realtime data will reflect new changes on June 12 so that customers have access to the most up-to-date data informing them of bus locations, arrival and departure times.

- SUBMITTED BY JENNIE CAMPOS, BBB MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIST

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fall? Get some practice! Done in collaboration with Virginia Avenue Park and presented by C2 Education. Registration is required and will start June 1st. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 3 - 7 p.m.

STEM Craft: LED bookmarks

Learn STEM skills while making a light-up bookmark! Limited space; free tickets available 30 minutes before program. Grades K- 5. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 4 - 5 p.m.

Montana Branch Book Group: Suffragette

With insight and great wit, Emmeline's autobiography chronicles the beginnings of her interest in feminism through to her militant and controversial fight for women's right to vote. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Soundwaves Concert: Vinny Golia

Vinny Golia leads his band through a set of innovative original music, performing on a variety of saxophones, clarinets, flutes, and other woodwinds. Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 16

Recreation & Parks Commission Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Santa Monica Recreation and Parks Commission Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Housing Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Housing Commission. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4:30 p.m.

Pico Branch Book Discussion Group

Join us for monthly discussions of classic and contemporary books. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Sports & Gaming

To celebrate the Summer Reading theme, organizers will playing inside sports, including sports video games for teens. Fairview Branch Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 4 - 5:30 p.m.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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A tale of two tragedies

THIS WEEKEND, ONE TRAGEDY OCCURRED and one was avoided. Is there a lesson to be learned? Always.

Last month I attended a continuing education seminar hosted by the Santa Monica Bar Association at Wokcano where Commissioner Matthew St. George presented on a new type of restraining order that is available in California. Over a lunch of broccoli beef and honey walnut shrimp, the commissioner explained to about 25 family law attorneys what can be done to prevent gun violence under California Penal Code § 18100.

The new law is designed to prevent mass shootings when either police or family members believe someone is a danger to themselves or others. It is specifically for situations like the Isla Vista killings when, in May 2014, Elliot Rodger killed six fellow students at UC Santa Barbara and injured 14 others before taking his own life. Rodger's family had tried to have the police intervene and prevent the mass shooting. Legally there was nothing that could be done because even though he had been prescribed antipsychotic drugs and refused to take them, that did not prevent him from legally owning a gun.

As an example of what could be prevented, the Isla Vista case is often held up as a prime case of why we need this new restraining order, but that ignores certain realities, such as the fact that the first three killings that were committed were done by knife, not a gun, and this new violence prevention tool would not have been effective.

However, it may have helped prevent the shootings if Rodger's parents had been able to go to court and get a restraining order that prevented their son from being in possession of a firearm. The Gun Violence Restraining Order is designed for family members, recent roommates and police officers to go in on an ex-parte basis and temporarily suspend the gun owner's right to be in possession of a firearm, meaning they can act without giving notice to the gun owner. In general the courts don't like to act without giving someone the opportunity to be heard — it's that pesky due process thing — but if there is an immediate need or threat, the court can act, and then set a hearing date no more than 21 days in the future for a full hearing on the issue.

This type of proactive prevention is one more tool that we have to prevent violence. Will it stop all violence? No. Until we have a better mental health system that helps identify and aid those in need of services, we have to resort to these types of court orders.

Would this type of restraining order have helped prevent the tragedy in Orlando? Maybe. Had Omar Mateen's ex-wife or father been able to seek the court's assistance, maybe the local sheriff would have done a search of his home and taken possession of the weapons. But first Florida has to have the law, then the family has to know about it and be willing to use it. This is a new law in California, and most states have nothing like it for their citizens.

Awareness is what makes the difference. People speaking up makes the difference. This weekend a likely tragedy was averted because someone in Santa Monica spoke up, and that triggered an investigation that hopefully saved lives. James Howell is a man with a history of pointing guns at people, was reported to be in possession of three assault rifles with high capacity ammunition and was arrested after someone alerted Santa Monica police to a possible intruder based on Howell's odd behavior.

What's the lesson of Orlando? In the end, having more gun control is only one piece of a solution. Does a civilian need an assault rifle? Clearly, no. Do they lead to multiple deaths? Clearly, yes. But is banning them going to fix everything? No. Being more aware of unstable people, having the tools to stop them doing something harmful and being willing to step up are what make this world a safer place and help avert tragedies like Orlando.

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The Secret Service, Trump, Sanders and Santa Monica

EVER SINCE ROBERT KENNEDY WAS assassinated in Los Angeles on the evening of June 1968 California presidential primary, major presidential candidates and their spouses began receiving Secret Service protection. Previously they did not.

According to the Secret Service website, "protection of a candidate/nominee is designed to maintain the integrity of the democratic process and continuity of government." With the recent California primary drawing presidential candidates (and their spouses) to Santa Monica, the Secret Service was here too.

DONALD TRUMP FUNDRAISER OFF SAN VICENTE

On May 25, Republican presumptive presidential nominee Donald Trump held a fundraiser in Santa Monica. According to an invitation obtained by the Los Angeles Times, the minimum ticket price was $25,000, with top donation tickets up to $100,000.

Trump's previously announced public appearances in California had drawn strong protests. But in this case, the fundraiser was held at a private residence near San Vicente Blvd. and only publicized at the last minute. As a result, it only drew a small number of local protestors. So what ended up being disrupted was not the event, but the surrounding neighborhood. How?

According to the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD), San Vicente was blocked off between 14th and 19th street, along with the smaller streets that lead into San Vicente between them. This also included the posting of temporary no parking signs between 14th and 19th Streets on San Vicente, and restricted parking on 16th Street, south of San Vicente for public safety vehicles. Many local residents were irate finding their usual routes home were unexpectedly blocked. I asked SMPD Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks about this:

"The Police Department has a tradition of assisting the US Secret Service when presidents and/or presidential candidates visit Santa Monica. These visits, while preplanned, come on short notice. Consistent with our practices, we leave it to the Secret Service to publicize the location. On the other hand, it is the Police Department's responsibility to provide security which entails safe ingress and egress for the candidate, a location for media staging, and a zone for First Amendment activity. These processes involve street closures and restricted parking in the area of the venue. These are temporary restrictions which, despite previous public notice via the City's SM Alerts system (www.smalerts.net), some may find inconvenient."

For some local residents like Leila Conners this wasn't enough.

"We shouldn't use the SMPD to protect this racist and we shouldn't block off our neighborhoods to accommodate him - especially if it requires militarizing our neighborhood with machine guns and assault weapons. The SMPD members I spoke to told us it's for our safety. Then if Trump causes such safety concerns and also costs the city so much money, he should be told he is not welcome and should be banned - banned on both moral grounds due to his hate-mongering, and for practical reasons as it's just not possible to have him here."

No slouch to politics herself, Conners is a co-founder and president of the Santa Monica-based Tree Media Group. With a background in international politics, Leila founded Tree Media to support and sustain civil society, and has created films like The 11th Hour and We the People 2.0 to highlight environmental and political issues.

"The SMPD members I spoke to were very professional doing their job. But between the lines, as human beings first, it seemed to me that they were not happy to be there. I surmised that the people calling the shots were the Secret Service, and that in so many words, they "hired" the SMPD to do this, so I think it's a larger issue around federal and municipal control."

One of the challenges of the Trump campaign for many is how do you protest it and still respect the free speech rights of the candidate and those that support him?

There many in this country who legitimately are concerned that the racist and fascist tendencies of the Trump campaign could preview a U.S. version of 1930s Nazi Germany; and unless they do something now, they will profoundly regret it later. Such concerns cast an interesting light on what it means to "maintain the integrity of the democratic process and continuity of government."

BERNIE SANDERS AT THE BARKER HANGAR

Less than a week before the California presidential primary, the Bernie Sanders for President campaign contacted Judi Barker - the longtime owner/operator of the iconic Barker Hangar at Santa Monica Airport - about holding their election night campaign event there.

"I consulted with my crew," Barker recounted to me, "and we decided that even though we had another event scheduled the next day and we would have to break down the entire set on election night, we would do it. I immediately contacted the Airport staff and the Santa Monica Fire Department to let them know. We still had to be approved by the Secret Service to make sure that we are an upstanding, no problems venue. The next morning we were approved and we were off to the races."

This wasn't the first presidential campaign event held at the Barker Hangar. In 1992 current California Governor Jerry Brown - then campaigning as a left-of-center populist - held a rally there for 5,000 people, that also featured the musical group Crosby, Stills and Nash.

"Back then we probably had three police and a single Secret Service agent. This time the increased screening and people power of the Federal and Municipal agencies was mind blowing. We had approximately 25 SMPD, four bomb dogs, about 20 Secret Service agents (that I could tell, they laid low so sometimes you had no idea who they were). Satellite trucks were parked in front so it would block any crazy person from running a car with explosives into the building. The bomb sweep went on for hours."

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ARREST

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senger seat, Santa Monica police Lt. Saul Rodriguez said.

They searched the car and found two more assault rifles, high-capacity magazines and ammunition, and a five-gallon bucket with chemicals that could be used to make an explosive device, police said.

Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks initially tweeted that Howell told officers he wanted to "harm" the gay pride event, but she later corrected her statement to say that the suspect only said he was going to the parade.

Howell was accused twice last year of threatening people with a gun, according to court records. Police in Charlestown, Indiana, said the first incident involved Howell's ex-boyfriend in October and the second involved a neighbor four days later.

In the first incident, the ex-boyfriend said Howell pointed a rifle at him when he arrived at Howell's home to pick up his belongings.

"James told me that if I stepped foot in his yard, he would shoot me," the ex-boyfriend told a responding officer, according to a police report.

In the other incident a neighbor called police and said Howell had pointed a handgun at her. When officers arrived, he denied pointing a gun at anyone, saying he only cocked it and held it at his side. Police found a loaded revolver in his waistband.

Howell was charged with misdemeanor intimidation in that case and reached a plea deal in April that placed him on probation and prohibited him from having weapons and from leaving the state. A felony charge of pointing a firearm was dropped.

James Hayden, chief probation officer in Clark County, Indiana, said Monday that he would seek to revoke Howell's probation. Howell met with a probation officer on May 22 who rated him a low-level offender, Hayden said.

Officers hadn't yet conducted a surprise home visit to check that Howell was following a judge's order that he not have weapons during his one-year probation, he said.

Howell's parents didn't know he was heading to California and were trying to figure out what happened, said Louisville, Kentucky, attorney Bobby Boyd, who represented Howell in a local case.

"They're certainly shocked by learning of the arrest out there in California," Boyd said. "They're dealing with it as best they can and trying to process it. ... There's nothing to indicate any sort of acts that the news has been reporting."

Boyd said Howell's family is cooperating with federal agents and they were working to find an attorney in California.

Howell was scheduled to appear in Los Angeles court Tuesday on weapons charges.

A Facebook page that apparently belongs to Howell includes photos of the white Acura he was driving. The postings on the page are unremarkable: There's no enmity toward gays or notable political activism. One post says he's signing a petition to legalize marijuana.

The page's most recent public post, from June 3, shows a photo comparing an Adolf Hitler quote to one from Hillary Clinton. An anti-Clinton, pro-Bernie Sanders photo was posted in February.

The page says Howell worked as an auditor for a company that makes air filters.

A former roommate, Grace Logsdon, told The Associated Press that Howell possessed at least five guns and liked to frequent a shooting range. Logsdon said Howell had a bad temper and had relationships with men and women.

She called the California incident "sad, very sad" and said she hopes Howell gets some help.

In California, the LA Pride event went on as usual Sunday, albeit with increased security. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the arrest at the start of the parade and struck a defiant tone.

AP writers Tom Davies in Indianapolis; Claire Galofaro in Jeffersonville, Indiana; Dylan Lovan in Charlestown, Indiana; and Andrew Dalton and Amanda Lee Myers in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

POLITICS

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Happily the Sanders event ultimately went off without a hitch, providing a perfect geographical bookend to the de facto end of Democratic primary campaign, with Hillary Clinton speaking first (in the East Coast Time Zone) at the Brooklyn Navy Yard's Duggal Greenhouse, followed by Sanders at 11 p.m. West Coast time at the Barker Hangar.

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NO SYMPATHY FOR THE DEVIL

Before the Sanders campaign contacted Barker, she had already an inquiry from the Trump campaign. "I said no for obvious reasons," Barker told me. "I honestly try to always make a choice that is the right fit for the community with the least amount of disruption and that is positive.

In the all-time classic Sympathy for the Devil, Rolling Stones legend Mick Jagger sings "I shouted out, Who killed the Kennedys? When after all, It was you and me." Since the narrator in the song is the devil, the death of the Kennedys was evil and devil's work. But when the Stones say "It was you and me" they are also talking about the evil and suffering we inflict upon each other.

Positive social change comes from the inside and outside. Inside, by reflecting upon our own attitudes and actions towards each other. Outside, by collectively deconstructing structural classism, racism and sexism in our society. Electing candidates that embody both sides of this duality will bring us the real revolution.

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Shooter games hyped at trade show just after Florida attack

DERRIK J. LANG
AP Entertainment Writer

The flags outside the Electronic Entertainment Expo are flying at half-staff in honor of the victims of the attack on a Florida gay nightclub that left 49 dead. But it will seemingly be business as usual inside the video game industry's annual trade show this week.

E3 kicked off Sunday and Monday with flashy presentations featuring footage of upcoming games - many of which depict unrelenting gun violence - from Electronic Arts, Bethesda Softworks, Microsoft and Ubisoft.

EA, which has a studio in Orlando, did not directly address the shooting Sunday afternoon while hyping games such as the World War I-set military shooter "Battlefield 1" and the robot-filled sci-fi shoot-'em-up "Titanfall 2."

Chris Plante and T.C. Sottek of the technology site The Verge wrote after EA's presentation that "witnessing a sales pitch for the fun in gun violence felt strange, to say the least."

The developers on stage at Bethesda's presentation Sunday evening sported rainbow ribbons in support of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community as they showed off games like the arena-based shooter "Quake Champions" and the stylish assassin tale "Dishonored 2."

Microsoft began their Monday morning presentation with a moment of silence led by Xbox chief Phil Spencer before actress Laura Baily demonstrated a bullet-riddled level from sci-fi shooter "Gears of War 4."

Later, the PC Gaming Show asked attendees to donate blood.

After an opening dance number to promote "Just Dance 2017" set to Queen's "Don't Stop Me Now," Ubisoft briefly addressed the tragedy at the start of its Monday afternoon briefing in a moment that show host Aisha Tyler recognized was "incongruous."

"I'm going to make a very hard right turn and get into the fun stuff," said Tyler, who was surrounded by dancers dressed as animals, thunderbolts and candy canes when she acknowledged the victims of the shooting attack.

Tyler and Ubisoft game developers on stage also wore rainbow ribbons as they showcased games such as open-world tactical shooters "Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon Wildlands" and "Tom Clancy's The Division."

Several publishers and developers tweeted their condolences as news of the attack spread Sunday morning. EA called it "senseless and tragic."

Reggie Fils-Aime, president of Nintendo of America, said in an interview that the attack was "tremendously shocking and devastating."

"I don't know that it will directly affect the mood (at E3), but anyone who is a parent or feels they have a voice is certainly going to be thinking about how we, as a country and culture, move forward and address it," he said.

The trade show has long featured presentations and demonstrations of mature-rated, over-the-top games featuring photo-realistic grisliness, bone-crushing violence and other high-definition gross-outs.

While many games to be exhibited at E3 don't feature violence, the shooter genre is among the most popular in the industry. Such games at E3 include Activision's futuristic military shooter "Call of Duty: Infinite Warfare" and 2K Games' gangster period piece "Mafia III."

"The Orlando tragedy was a horrific act of terrorism and a crime of hate," the Electronic Software Association, which organizes E3, said in a statement. "Our thoughts are with the families of all those affected."

The organization said security and personnel already were in place to ensure attendees' safety.

"We're very ever vigilant about security and always have been," said Rich Taylor, senior vice president at ESA. "We take the protection of those who attend this show very seriously."

Associated Press writer **JAMES BROOKS** contributed to this report.



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JUNIOR OLYMPIANS

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Three youth water polo teams from Westside Aquatics have qualified to compete in the Junior Olympics next month at Stanford University. The under-10 coed group and under-12 boys and girls squads include students from Lincoln and John Adams middle schools as well as from Will Rogers Elementary School and Saint Anne School in Santa Monica, among others.



DORY

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Stanton in keeping all of the various studio departments on task. With 1,200 animation shots to finalize and hundreds of crew members to organize, she met regularly with key staffers and served as a liaison between different departments to make sure they were kept abreast of changes. If a tweak in animation was going to impact lighting considerations, for example, then it was up to Neiman-Cobb to connect the dots.

"That's the kind of stuff that's supercool," she said. "I get to help be that nexus of information for the director."

Born and raised in Santa Monica, Neiman-Cobb went to Franklin Elementary and Lincoln Middle schools before attending Samohi. It's where she took on one of her first leadership roles as editor-in-chief of the school yearbook, a position she credits with preparing her for the job she has today. And she hasn't forgotten the life lessons she learned from then-yearbook advisor Carol Lugo and longtime physics teacher Tony Murphy.

"I'm really grateful for my time in Santa Monica and that I got the opportunities that I did," she said. "I feel like it had a big influence on who I became."

When Neiman-Cobb graduated from high school in 1993 and started college at UC San Diego, she satisfied her interests in people and art by studying sociology and taking classes in music and photography.

"I wanted to be a teacher or in entertainment," she said. "Pixar is this perfect combination of that. ... I'm in this career that still touches' kids lives."

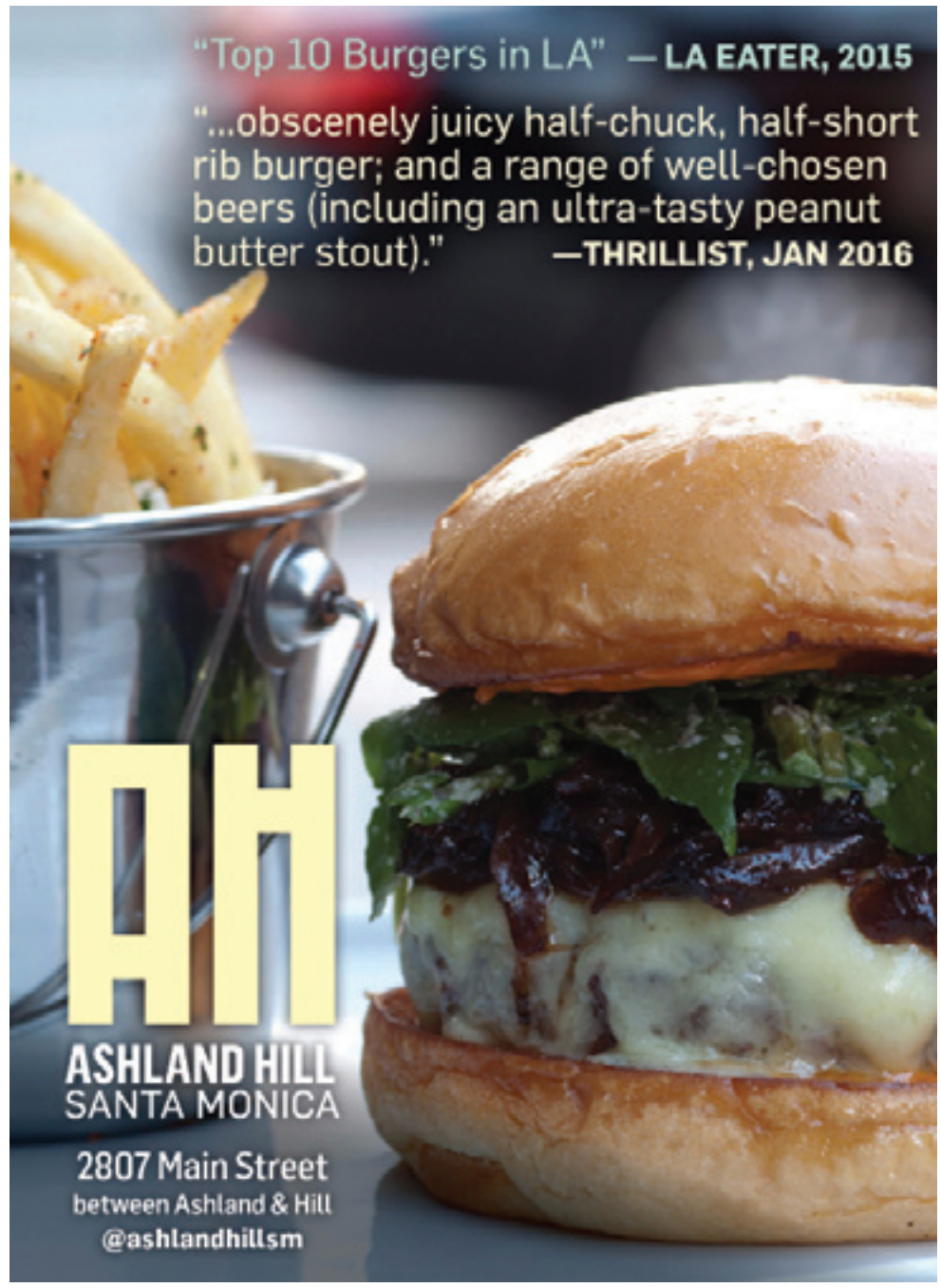
Neiman-Cobb returned to the Westside to work in the music industry for a few years before moving up to the Bay Area, where she's been employed by Pixar since 2004. She was previously a creative director at Ultimatum Music, a Los Angeles-based independent record label.

Neiman-Cobb started as a production assistant on several Pixar shorts before becoming a production coordinator and department manager for several feature films, including "Wall-E," "Up," "Cars 2" and last year's "Inside Out."

Working on a sequel like "Finding Dory" presented a unique set of obstacles, Neiman-Cobb said. Dory, a popular sidekick from the "Nemo" saga who is voiced by Ellen DeGeneres, has short-term memory loss.

"It's challenging to have her lead this story when her major disability is not remembering anything," she said. "It can be hard to keep it interesting. But the ultimate goal is to have the audience learn something or gain confidence, and it took a long time to figure out how to do that."

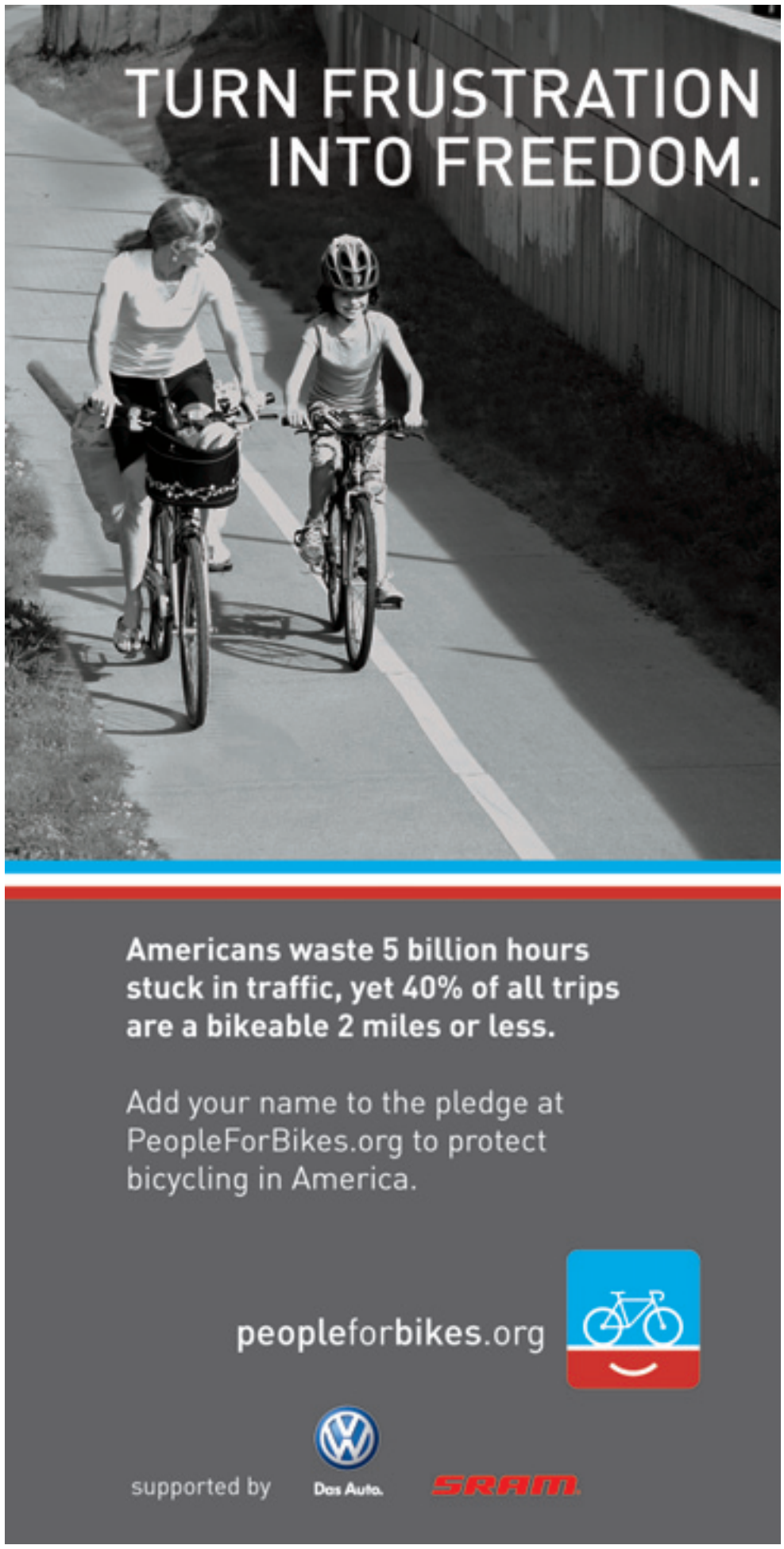
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Metro unveils new transit plan

On the heels of an aggressive public outreach effort, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) CEO Phillip A. Washington has unveiled a revised expenditure plan calling for a sustained funding approach for a possible November ballot measure that would accelerate and pay for a wide variety of transit and highway projects, roadway improvements and pedestrian and bike paths.

"We need to build and sustain a world-class transportation system here in Los Angeles County to accommodate our ever-changing and continually growing needs," said Washington. "Working with our community stakeholders, this updated plan brings us a step closer in defining what projects are needed and where a sustained level of funding could come from to accelerate and complete those projects."

The revision also has a new name: the Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan. It would also devote billions of dollars to commuter rail, transit operations and projects to keep buses, trains and facilities in good repair. The plan would return revenues to local cities on a per capita basis - money those cities could spend on their own local transportation improvements.

In March, Metro staff presented a 40-year draft plan that would ask voters to increase the countywide sales tax by a half-cent and to continue the existing Measure R tax for 18 years, meaning both would run through 2057. In May, the Metro Board of Directors asked agency staff to model a sustained "no sunset" scenario to determine additional benefits that could be delivered if the tax continued beyond 40 years.

Under the new sustained funding scenario, nine projects could be accelerated for a combined 42 years earlier than previously scheduled for a savings of $9.4 billion. The revised plan also allows the Eastside Gold Line Extension to be built to both South El Monte and Whittier and would also fund the L.A. County section of a new freeway, energy and high-speed rail corridor between the Antelope Valley and San Bernardino County.

In addition, three projects would be upgraded later in the plan: a bus rapid transit project between North Hollywood and Pasadena could be light rail, a high-capacity transit project on Vermont Avenue between Hollywood and the Green Line in South L.A. could be a subway and a proposed bus rapid transit project on Lincoln Boulevard could be light rail.

The Lincoln bus route would cover about 8.8 miles from the Airport Metro Connector (96th St Station) north along Lincoln Blvd. to 4th/Colorado. Without expedited funding, the project would break ground in 2050. With expedited funding, construction would begin in 2043 and be complete in 2047. The line could convert to light rail in 2067 depending on ridership.

The sustained funding recommendation also will increase funding for local return to the 88 cities in L.A. County from 16 percent to 17 percent starting in 2018 and increasing to 20 percent starting in 2040. It also will increase Metrolink funding by one percent starting in 2040 after meeting service improvements.

The foundation of the plan includes a host of transportation improvement projects submitted by stakeholders across the county. Metro staff evaluated those projects against key performance metrics to determine how they would ease congestion and enhance mobility, provide better access to key destinations, improve safety, grow the local economy and enhance quality of life.

"This plan includes hundreds of local and regional capital improvement projects," said Washington. "But this plan goes far beyond building and delivering projects. It includes operating and maintaining the system we build, developing new services that meet the shifting needs of our region and it creates a smarter system that takes full advantage of the technology that is out there today and technology of the future that has yet to be developed."

Among the challenges of a 40-year sales tax ballot measure were fewer major projects that could be built, limits on the ability to accelerate projects and opportunities for leveraging additional state and federal funds. A 40-year plan would not provide ongoing funding to maintain and keep transportation systems in good repair.

Projects that would be accelerated under the new sustained plan include Orange Line improvements (five-year acceleration), West Santa Ana Branch Project - Segment 1 (one-year acceleration) and segment two (six-year acceleration), I-5 widening between the I-605 and I-710 project (five-year acceleration), Crenshaw/LAX Line Northern Extension (eight-year acceleration) and the Green Line Extension to the Norwalk Metrolink station (five-year acceleration).

The new staff recommendation also provides funds for paratransit for the disabled; affordable fares for seniors, students and the disabled; active transportation programs to better connect transit to surrounding neighborhoods, and safety programs.

Following three months of public review and input - including public meetings and Telephone Town Halls that reached tens of thousands of L.A. County residents - new polling results show that 72 percent of those surveyed would vote for a ballot measure with a sustained funding approach. Benefits noted by respondents included keeping fares affordable, creating jobs, repairing potholes, retrofitting bridges, and improving freeway traffic flow. In addition, providing transportation options for an aging population were reasons respondents said they were more inclined to vote for the measure.

The new revised Los Angeles County Traffic Improvement Plan is available at www.metro.net/theplan. The agency's Board of Directors will decide at their June 23 meeting whether to place the plan before the voters of Los Angeles County in November.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

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ON JUNE 2 AT APPROXIMATELY 12:50 P.M.

Officers responded to Sears at 302 Colorado Ave., regarding a shoplifting suspect who had left the premises carrying a set of stolen speakers. Loss prevention agents for the store provided a suspect description and direction of travel. Shortly thereafter, officers located and detained the suspect a few blocks away from the location. A search of the suspect's backpack yielded the stolen items. The suspect was transported and booked for an outstanding no-bail, parole warrant and shoplifiting. Christopher Langston, 42, of Inglewood, was denied bail.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 353 calls for service on June 12.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Battery 2nd/Wilshire 12:20 a.m.
Public intoxication 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:34 a.m.
Fight 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:51 a.m.
Drunk driving Centinela/Santa Monica 12:57 a.m.
Public intoxication 14th/Pico 1:02 a.m.
Traffic collision 16th/Montana 1:10 a.m.
Loud music 1400 block of Princeton 1:11 a.m.
Grand theft 200 block of Broadway 1:22 a.m.
Person down Ocean/Broadway 2:42 a.m.
Loud music 400 block of San Vicente 2:56 a.m.
Assault 20th/Colorado 3:21 a.m.
Person with a gun 600 block of Wilshire 3:25 a.m.
Vandalism 1700 block of Delaware 3:25 a.m.
Party complaint 1800 block of Ocean Park 3:36 a.m.
Hit and run 2500 block of Kansas 3:55 a.m.
Domestic violence 1200 block of Princeton 6:10 a.m.
Construction noise 2200 block of Colorado 8:28 a.m.
Identity theft 1400 block of Ocean 8:59 a.m.
Petty theft 700 block of Broadway 9:11 a.m.
Construction noise 2200 block of Oak 9:19 a.m.
Traffic collision Main/Pacific 10:12 a.m.
Prowler 900 block of Palisades Beach 10:32 a.m.
Battery 500 block of Olympic 10:34 a.m.
Hit and run 3100 block of 3rd 11:04 a.m.
Traffic collision Ocean/Seaside Ter 11:07 a.m.
Petty theft 2300 block of Santa Monica 12:08 p.m.
Auto burglary 9th/Wilshire 12:18 p.m.
Hit and run 1300 block of Wilshire 12:40 p.m.
Petty theft 700 block of Broadway 1:16 p.m.
Public intoxication 1600 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:22 p.m.
Petty theft 2900 block of Nebraska 1:29 p.m.
Fight 1900 block of Cloverfield 2:08 p.m.
Construction noise 1300 block of 14th 2:39 p.m.
Attempt burglary 1000 block of 4th 3 p.m.
Theft suspect in custody 1400 block of 3rd Street Prom 3:29 p.m.
Petty theft 500 block of San Vicente 3:45 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 43 calls for service on June 12.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

EMS 3100 block of Lincoln 12:20 a.m.
Injuries from assault 300 block of Wilshire 12:26 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Santa Monica Pier 12:44 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:23 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of 6th 2:08 a.m.
Public assist 1100 block of 16th 2:29 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 3rd 2:31 a.m.
EMS of Ocean/Broadway 2:43 a.m.
EMS 1800 block of Euclid 3:16 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Alta 3:17 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of 33rd 3:24 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block of Euclid 3:44 a.m.
EMS 1500 block of Lincoln 3:54 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Bay 4:34 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of 33rd 5:04 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Princeton 6:35 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 3rd 6:52 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of 11th 8:30 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Ocean Park 8:53 a.m.
EMS 1700 block of 16th 10:30 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Arizona 11:01 a.m.
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EMS 500 block of Olympic 12:35 p.m.
EMS of Lincoln/Interstate 10 12:49 p.m.
EMS 1000 block of Franklin 1:01 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Ashland 1:02 p.m.
Rescue response 3000 block of Colorado 1:10 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Ocean Front Walk 1:22 p.m.
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EMS 0 block of Pico 5:03 p.m.
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EMS 1300 block of 15th 6:55 p.m.
Flooded condition 2200 block of Colorado 7:47 p.m.
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EMS 2100 block of Ocean 8:42 p.m.

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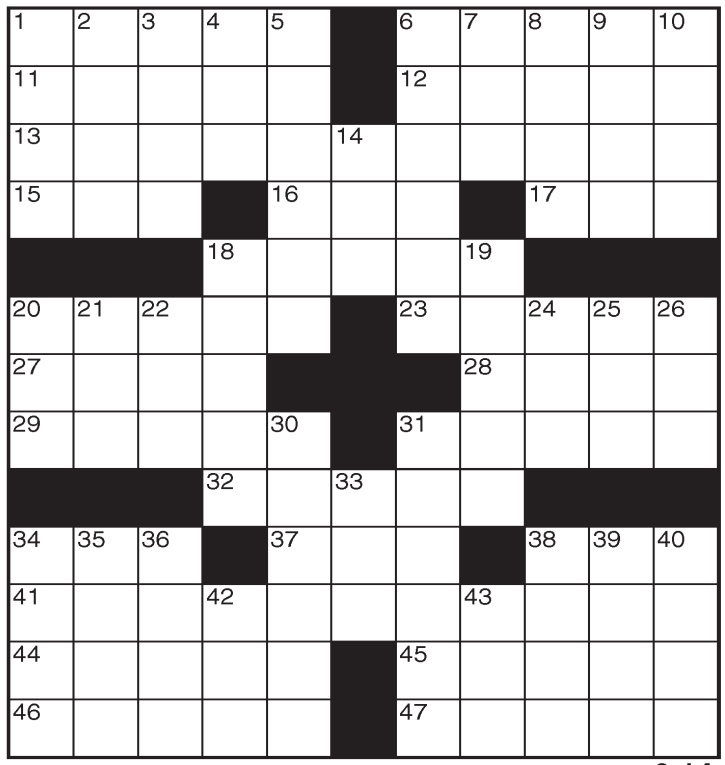
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Sudoku

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. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★

GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

8	9	2	7	3	5	4	6	1
1	3	7	8	6	4	9	5	2
5	4	6	1	2	9	8	7	3
3	7	9	6	1	2	5	8	4
6	8	4	5	7	3	1	2	9
2	5	1	9	4	8	6	3	7
4	6	3	2	8	1	7	9	5
7	2	5	4	9	6	3	1	8
9	1	8	3	5	7	2	4	6

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1959 – A group of Dominican exiles depart from Cuba and land in the Dominican Republic with the intent of overthrowing the totalitarian government of Rafael Trujillo. All but four are killed or executed.

1962 – The European Space Research Organization is established in Paris – later becoming the European Space Agency.

1966 – The Vatican announces the abolition of the Index Librorum Prohibitorum ("index of prohibited books"), which was originally instituted in 1557.

1967 – Mariner program: Mariner 5 is launched towards Venus.

1967 – The People's Republic of China tests its first hydrogen bomb.

1985 – TWA Flight 847 is hijacked by Lebanese Islamist organization Hezbollah shortly after take-off from Athens, Greece.

1994 – The 1994 Vancouver Stanley Cup riot occurs after the New York Rangers win the Stanley Cup from Vancouver, causing an estimated CA$1.1 million, leading to 200 arrests and injuries.

2002 – Near-Earth asteroid 2002 MN misses the Earth by 75,000 miles (121,000 km), about one-third of the distance between the Earth and the Moon.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Efrain Delgado-Rosales was sentenced to five years in prison in March for smuggling noncitizens into the country. (The Border Patrol had caught him 23 times previously, but had declined to file charges.) (2) Sean Pelfrey, 38, told his judge in May that the two assault charges against him in Framingham, Massachusetts, do not make him a "threat to society," even though the current arrest was his 38th. (3) Matthew Freeland, 29, was convicted of several home-invasion offenses in Kingston, Ontario, in May, and the judge, considering a proper sentence, found only two previous probation orders -- but then, looking further, found 59 convictions and sentenced Freeland to more than two years in prison.

■ Among the critters for which life is most difficult are male nursery web spiders that (according to May research in Biology Letters journal) instinctively "court" females with food wrapped in silk -- offerings that (a) increase the males' chances of scoring and (b) decrease, by 84 percent, their chances that the female will spontaneously eat the male. The study also found that males sometimes try to mate using nonfood items wrapped in silk (with mixed results) and also that sometimes unscrupulous females accept food gifts but nevertheless immediately devour the male.

Stay close to home, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Trusting others could be instrumental during this time. So much is happening around you -- with both people and events -- that you barely will have a second to breathe. Slow down, and don't let this hectic day upset you. Tonight: Work on being passive, even if just for a few hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Remain mellow and caring, despite a jolt. You will see that everything that happens right now could be reversed at the last minute. Don't take any conversation as being written in stone. A change of perspective might be called for. Tonight: Open up to positive changes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to revisit a personal issue within a relationship. Timing is much better for a heartfelt chat now. Extreme feelings tend to come out when dealing with instability. Allow your sense of mischief and fun to emerge. Tonight: Dance the night away!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ As you wake, you could be concerned that you have no other path to follow than the one you have chosen. By the end of the day, you'll understand how many options you really do have. How that awareness comes to you could be surprising. Never say "never"! Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Offer more of yourself in a tough situation. You could feel as if you see no solutions, but there actually might be one right under your nose. Meanwhile, assume responsibility and avoid being difficult. Use that Leo charm to achieve your goals. Tonight: Go with the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might be happiest sitting in the stands and watching the day unfold. It appears as if a close associate likes creating uproar even more than you do. This person might not understand what a force he or she is in creating this instability. Tonight: Roll with the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your sense of direction will be crucial when dealing with your close friends, and perhaps even a loved one. Others seem to be unusually reactive and unsure of themselves. Someone even might try a power play. The only way to win is not to play. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Lie low, with the knowledge that you don't have the full story yet. Take leave of a chaotic situation for just a few hours, and go off to do your thing. You could be amazed by the results if you don't get as involved and passionate as you usually do. Tonight: De-stress in a hot tub.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A new love interest could surprise you with his or her attitude or choice of words. You might wonder what is going on with this person. Recognize that we see only what we want to see! A friend could challenge you on your actions or lack of action. Tonight: Where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You could be so tired that you can't seem to get going. Don't worry. Someone close to you or a situation around your domestic life is about to act like a powder keg and get you moving. Maintain a sense of humor in tense moments. Tonight: Stay close to home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Communication has a fragile quality to it right now, and you might not be as clear as you'd like. Be willing to say what you need, and confirm that the other party gets the gist of what you have said. You might be stunned by the distortion that is possible. Tonight: Say "yes."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Maintain your self-discipline. An off-the-wall scheme will backfire, as will any emotional spending. Detach and ride through an uncomfortable moment. At the end of it all, you'll still be in the driver's seat, thanks to some willpower. Tonight: Allow a loved one to call the shots.

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

This year your stamina, kindness and empathy will be vital, and will help you obtain your desires. Focus on the best path to achieve your desires. At times, you will find yourself in power plays. Walk away from people who play this type of game. If you are single, you have quite an entourage, as your desirability soars to unprecedented levels. After summer, you are likely to meet someone who is perfect for you. If you are attached, the two of you have more fun together than you have had in a long time. Be prepared for surprises, especially when dealing with your mutual friends. LIBRA loves your versatility.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

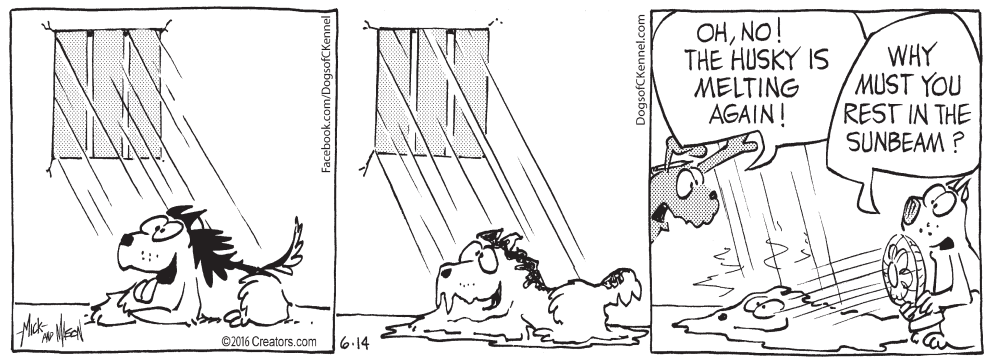
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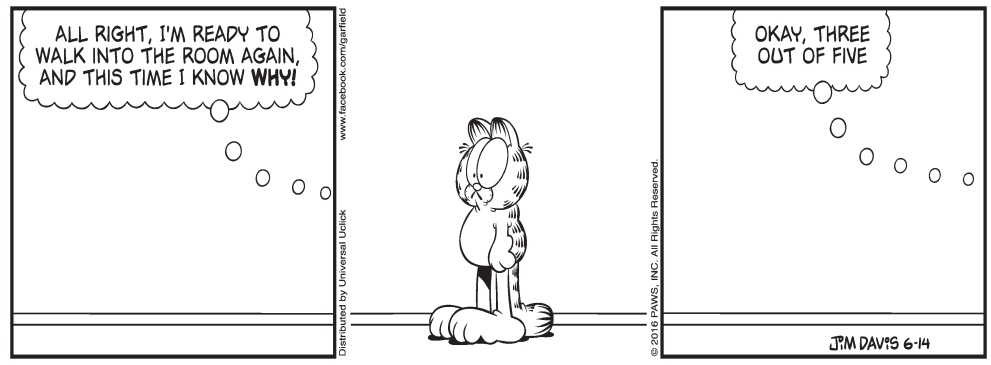
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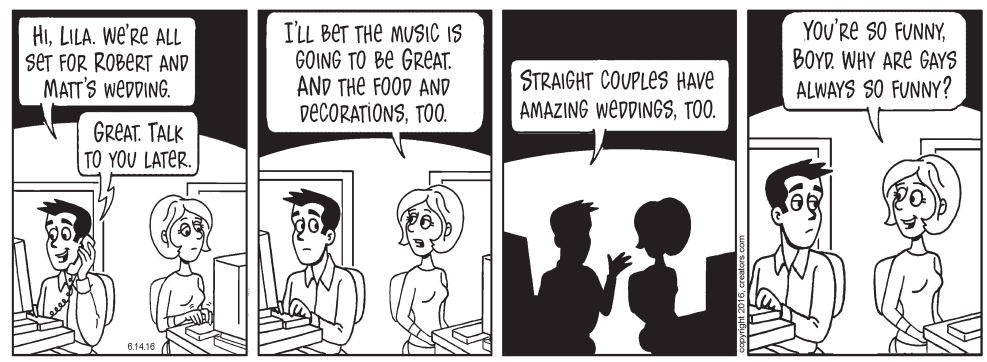
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