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Council seeking rules for vacant buildings

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

City Hall wants property owners to keep their vacant buildings clean, safe and fully built.

At the May 10 Council meeting, Councilmember Sue Himmelrich and Mayor Tony Vazquez asked staff to return with proposals for regulating vacant buildings including registering vacant buildings, regulating the maintenance of vacant buildings, and requiring that the owner of a building with a valid permit for rehabilitation, repair, or construction, complete the rehabilitation, repair, or construction within eighteen months or a specified time certain from the

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Granting Medal of Valor, Obama says US must listen to police



The New York Times photo/Doug Mills

MEDAL: President Obama confers a 2013-14 Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor — the highest national award for valor presented to a public safety officer— to Captain Raymond Bottenfield of the Santa Monica College Police Department, Robert Sparks of the Santa Monica Police Department and Jason Salas also from the Santa Monica Police Department for their actions during the 2013 shooting at Santa Monica College.

JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

President Barack Obama called on the nation Monday to support and listen to its law enforcement officers as he bestowed the Medal of Valor on 13 officers who risked their lives to save others.

In a ceremony in the East Room, Obama draped the purple-and-gold ribbons around the necks of officers who intervened in shooting rampages, hostage situa-

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90 year old 'Queen Mimi' heads from the Laundromat to the big screen

Documentary showcases Santa Monica homeless woman who took refuge in a Laundromat for 18 years



Courtesy Photo

ARTIST AND SUBJECT: Yaniv Rokah has made a documentary about Marie "Mimi" Haist.

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow isn't here. Live now."

That is the motto of Marie "Mimi" Haist; words that carry more weight once you find out Haist's story.

Haist, 90, lived in a Laundromat on Montana Avenue for 18 years and is now the subject of the documentary, "Queen Mimi," which chronicles five years of her time spent on a plastic chair between the 2nd and 3rd row of the washers and dryers there.

One fateful evening 25 years ago the now pink-haired Haist, who had already been homeless for 10 years after leaving her adulterous husband, came across her future home.

"I was walking on Montana and thought 'Oh my gosh a Laundromat, I can wash my clothes!'" Haist said. "I didn't have any place to stay and it was a rainy night so the owner said I could stay."

Haist was soon given the keys to the store, becoming very protective of the property, picking up lint off the floor for hours and offering her laundry services to young actors and professionals living in and around Santa Monica.

A few years ago Israeli native Yaniv Rokah, who was working as a barista across the street from the Laundromat at the time, struck up a friendship with Haist.

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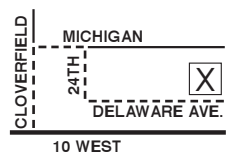


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, May 17

Movie Time: 'Piccadilly'

Chinese-American film legend Anna May Wong stars as a dishwasher-turned-dancer who sets the London social scene on fire in this seductive, silent film classic. The film is 92 minutes long and will be played at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., from 3-4:45 p.m.

Sustainable Poster Contest Celebration

The Poster Contest Celebration at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, from 3:45-5:15 p.m. The theme for this year was Buy Local -You can make a difference! With every purchase you make in Santa Monica a small portion of money goes to support our schools, parks, libraries and other city services as well as the people in our community. For more information visit: Buylocalsantamonica.com.

Youth Beach Volleyball

A class for ages 7-15; all levels; in a semi-private setting. $18/class or $72 (4 classes) at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, from 4-5:30 p.m.

Spring Card Making Workshop

Get crafty and creative, and learn techniques for making your own greeting cards. Supplies provided, you bring the creativity. Workshop led by handmade card artist Amy Muscoplat and hosted at the Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., from 6:30-8 p.m.

Providence Saint John's Free Lecture

Providence Saint John's Health Center will host a free community lecture about joint replacement and the innovative robotic-assisted treatment MAKOplasty. Seating is limited. Please call 1-888-HEALING (432-5464) for reservations. Providence Saint John's Health Center, 2121 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Improv Diary Show

Three brave people read their teen diaries. Cost: $5. Tickets at http://westsidecomedy.com/event.cfm?id=446138&cart. M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater, 1323-A Third Street Promenade, 8:45 - 10 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18

Morning Yoga

Yoga class for all levels at the Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway, from 9-10 a.m. Drop in for $15/class or sign up for series (5 week/$62, w/parking)

Make it Your Way

Make whatever you want from our wide variety of crafting supplies. Ages 3 and up at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Tongva Park: Night of Latin-American Musical Performances

Tongva Park continues its third season of cultural programming with performances from two of Southern California's most distinctive and forward-thinking Spanish-language musical trios. This event is free and open to the public. 1615 Ocean Ave., 7:30 - 9 p.m.

'Responding to Abrupt Climate Change'

This talk will be given by Guy McPherson, a professor emeritus of natural resources and ecology at the University of Arizona. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Book signing 'Hippie Inc.'

Author Michael Klassen will be reading and signing his new book "Hippie Inc.: The misunderstood subculture that changed the way we live and generated billions of dollars in the process," on Saturday, May 21 and Sunday, May 22, at the Venice Beach Spring Fling (all day) and Santa Monica's Barnes and Noble (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.), respectively.

An eight-year investigation of the original Haight-Ashbury hippies (numbering fewer than 900 people), "Hippie Inc." concludes that they were "shapers of the most commercially lucrative social movement in American history." Within the nascent group, and during a time period that lasted less than a hundred weeks, thirty-five hippie leaders originated forty innovative ideas and products that today are worth nearly a trillion dollars and employ millions of Americans. Dozens of interviews with the original hippies - most now in their seventies and eighties - uncover a side of the hippie story never told. Fifty-five photographs by celebrated American photographer, Herb Greene, richly illustrate the days leading up to the hippie movement and beyond.

Hippie Inc. has been suggested for a National Book Award in non-fiction and a film is currently in production.

The book, priced at $28, may be purchased through the publisher, SixOneSeven Books (21 Wormwood Street, Ste. 328; Boston, MA 02210), at Chaucer's, and 80 Barnes and Nobles nationwide. The book is refundable.

Klassen is a university professor, business consultant, and the author of five books and over 40 refereed articles. He received his Ph.D. in 1987 and since that time has spoken to audiences at national and international conferences.

- SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL KLASSEN

New Roads

From France To Vienna

Orchestra Santa Monica will perform its final concert of the 2015-2016 season on Sunday, May 22.The concert, to be performed at the Ann and Jerry Moss Theater at Santa Monica's New Roads School, at 2:30 p.m., will feature pianist Steven Vanhauwaert as soloist. Music Director Allen Robert Gross will conduct.

Vanhauwaert will perform the French part of the program, Camille Saint-Saëns' Second Piano Concerto. This sparkling composition presents the glitter of nineteenth-century Paris with stunning piano virtuosity.

The Belgian born Vanhauwaert has resided in the Santa Monica area for several years. In addition to his active international career, he is a sought-after soloist and chamber music performer locally, appearing with the Santa Monica-based ensemble Jacaranda, the Pacific Symphony, the USC Symphony, and other ensembles.

Opening and closing the program are works by Beethoven, who though born in Germany resided in Vienna for most of his life. The overture to his only ballet, The Creatures of Prometheus, opens the concert, which concludes with his Second Symphony. The Prometheus Overture is a change in the program, which was originally to have opened with Fauré's Masques et Bergamasques suite.

Ticket prices are $30 General Admission, $25 for seniors, $15 for college students, and $10 for K-12 students, and can be purchased on-line or at the door. For further ticketing and pricing information, visit OSM's website at www.orchestrasantamonica.org.

- SUBMITTED BY JULIA TRANNER

Downtown

Night of Latin-American Musical Performances

Tongva Park continues its third season of cultural programming on Wednesday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. with category-defying L.A. bands Trio Ellas and El Haru Karoi, two of Southern California's most distinctive and forward-thinking Spanish-language musical trios.

The Latin Grammy-nominated Trio Ellas describe themselves as "three chicas exploring the music we can make with a violin, guitar, and a guitarron." Traditional Mariachi and modern musical genres are brought together in a surprising and indescribably unique style that brought Trio Ellas to the attention of recording artists Ben Gibbard and Lady Gaga, with whom they have collaborated in the studio.

The supple, subtle musical elegance of El Haru Karoi represents a different side of the same genre-innovating work, combining elements of American Jazz, Mariachi, Bossa Nova and African polyrhythms, filtered through the lens of the diverse L.A. landscape of Los Angeles. El Haru Karoi are acknowledged masters of a multilingual, propulsive music that is all their own.

Bring a picnic, friends and family and join us in Tongva Park for an evening of music and dancing under the stars with some of the best new Latin music the Los Angeles scene has to offer.

Free and open to the public, Tongva Park, 1615 Ocean Ave., May 18 from 7:30 - 9 p.m.

- SUBMITTED BY ALLISON OSTROVSKY, CULTURAL AFFAIRS SUPERVISOR

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Thursday, May 19

Computer Class: Email Basics 2

Learn how to send and receive emails, add attachments, and how to navigate within your email account. (Requirement: must have active email account) Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1-2 p.m.

House Meeting Commission

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

Pico Branch Book Discussion

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

Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting

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

Free Seminar Women's Self-Defense

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Beware the bikes on the sidewalks!

A BIG BLUE BUS TODAY ALMOST HIT A van, which in turn almost hit a biker - who is at fault?

It sounds like a law school exam from my days attending the University of West Los Angeles. These sort of crazy fact patterns would be thrown at us to unravel, and it is how young minds learn to say that most important phrase, "Well I can see it from that perspective, but then there's this…."

The hallmark of a smart person is they look at things from more than one perspective before they make a decision or form an opinion, the converse is also true; a stupid person forms an opinion and looks at things from generally only one vantage point.

Back to the bicyclist - I was out with the dog for our mid-morning stroll and I happened to look up and see a young man riding toward us on the sidewalk. He was going eastbound on the north side of Pico, which would be against traffic if he were on the road. We moved out of the way and allowed him to pass. I watched him ride on, and as he was approaching the alleyway he didn't even slow down, which is dangerous as this alleyway is an extremely high traffic roadway; oftentimes there are people barreling down it to get to Pico Boulevard.

As the bike rider was in the middle of the alley/sidewalk intersection there was a van making a left turn from Pico eastbound, into the alley, and there was a Big Blue Bus coming westbound on Pico. The van's driver hit his brakes to avoid hitting the biker, which I imagine he didn't see until he was almost upon him, since the biker was riding in the wrong direction to be easily noticed, and in turn the van was almost hit by the Big Blue Bus because the driver didn't quickly clear the westbound Pico lanes.

Thankfully no one was hurt, but there are two issues that arose for me, 1) the dangers of riding on the sidewalk, and 2) the potential major accident that was created by no fault of the van or bus driver.

We've all done it - been that guy on the bike on the sidewalk. It's fun, plus it's safer we tell ourselves, to be on the sidewalk than in the road. Cars are dangerous, drivers open car doors and push us into the stream of traffic where we can get hit - on the sidewalk we just have to navigate pedestrians, and in a crash, we're going to be fine, versus smashed by a car. But the problem, aside from being illegal, is that not all pedestrians can be as flexible as I am with the dog. Some of those pedestrians are elderly or disabled, and they need additional consideration when they are out and about.

The other problem with riding on the sidewalk is it makes the rider too confident that they are safe when they approach blind alleys and they don't take precautions. This rider could have been hit by a car exiting the alley, or the van that was turning into it. This is why riding a bike requires a greater awareness of one's surroundings.

When the van that was turning stopped to allow the rider to cross the alleyway entrance, he was creating a traffic hazard on Pico for the oncoming Big Blue Bus. When he first started to turn, I'm sure it looked like he had more than enough time to make the turn, and luckily he did, but he could just as easily have been delayed another two or three seconds and the bus would have hit him. So if there was an accident who's at fault here, the van driver? Sure he's partly liable in that he turned in front of the bus, but he'd have been clear if the biker hadn't been there. How about the bus driver? Was he going too fast to stop in time? Maybe he'd be liable, probably not.

Is the biker liable? Well he was riding on the sidewalk where he's not supposed to be, because in Santa Monica, bicycle riding on a sidewalk is illegal. Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 3.12.540 states: "(a) It shall be unlawful to ride a bicycle or to coast in any vehicle upon any public sidewalk, except as provided for in Section 3.12.550." So yes, he's liable, but there's also a concept of comparative negligence that could make the van driver partially liable.

In the end, what's the solution? Well, the biker needs to obey the law, but also greater awareness by everyone who is using the roads. The van driver needed to look both ways for oncoming sidewalk traffic, the biker should have been more attentive, and the bus driver - well I'm going to let them off the hook, because I think they were doing their job correctly.

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President Obama's remarks for the Medal of Valor ceremony

President Barack Obama presented Medals of Valor to three local officers yesterday. The Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, authorized by the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001, is the highest national award for valor presented to a public safety officer. The medal is awarded to those who have exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in the attempt to save or protect human life.

The award was presented to 13 individuals including Officer Jason Salas, Officer Robert Sparks, and Captain Raymond Bottenfield, for courage and composure in ending a deadly rampage. Officer Salas, Officer Sparks, and Captain Bottenfield placed themselves in mortal danger to save the lives of students and staff during a school shooting on the busy campus of Santa Monica College.

The following is the official transcript of the President's remarks.

Thank you. And good morning. Welcome to the White House. Thank you, Attorney General Lynch, for your words and your leadership. We've got a couple members of Congress here - Frederica Wilson and Chris Collins we want to acknowledge. And I also want to recognize Director Comey, members of the Fraternal Order of Police, and all the outstanding law enforcement officials who are here from around the country. I'm proud to stand with you as we celebrate Police Week. And most of all, I'm proud to be with the heroes on the front row, and with the families who have supported them - and the family of one who made the ultimate sacrifice.

It's been said that perfect valor is doing without witnesses what you would do if the whole world were watching. The public safety officers we recognize today with the Medal of Valor found courage not in search of recognition, they did it instinctively. This is an award that none of them sought. And if they could go back in time, I suspect they'd prefer none of this had happened.

As one of today's honorees said about his actions, "I could have very well gone my whole career and not dealt with this situation and been very happy with that." If they had their way, none of them would have to be here, and so we're grateful that they are and our entire nation expresses its profound gratitude. More important, we're so grateful that they were there - some on duty, others off duty, all rising above and beyond the call of duty. All saving the lives of people they didn't know.

That distinction - that these 13 officers of valor saved the lives of strangers - is the first of several qualities that they share. But their bravery, if it had not been for their bravery, we likely would have lost a lot of people -- mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, friends and loved ones. Thankfully, they are still with their families today because these officers were where they needed to be most, at a critical time: At a gas station during a routine patrol. In the middle of a busy hospital. In a grocery store. On the campus of a community college. Near an elementary school where a sheriff's deputy's own children were students and his wife taught. In all of these places, in each of these moments, these officers were true to their oaths.

To a person, each of these honorees acted without regard for their own safety. They stood up to dangerous individuals brandishing assault rifles, handguns, and knives. One officer sustained multiple stab wounds while fighting off an assailant. Another endured first-degree burns to his arms and face while pulling an unconscious driver from a burning car on a freeway.

Each of them will tell you, very humbly, the same thing - they were just doing their jobs. They were doing what they had to do, what they were trained to do, like on any other day. The officer who suffered those terrible burns - he left urgent care and went straight to work. He had to finish his shift. That sense of duty and purpose is what these Americans embody.

The truth is, it's because of your courage, sometimes seen, but sometimes unseen, that the rest of us can go about living our lives like it's any other day. Going to work, going to school, spending time with our families, getting home safely. We so appreciate our public safety officers around the country, from our rookie cadets to our role model of an Attorney General. Not everyone will wear the medal that we give today, but every day, so many of our public safety officers wear a badge of honor.

The men and women who run toward danger remind us with your courage and humility what the highest form of citizenship looks like. When you see students and commuters and shoppers at risk, you don't see these civilians as strangers. You see them as part of your own family, your own community. The Scripture teaches us, you love your neighbor as yourself. And you put others' safety before your own. In your proud example of public service, you remind us that loving our country means loving one another.

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POLICE

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tions and an armed robbery. He pledged to keep working toward a bipartisan overhaul to make the criminal justice system fairer, smarter and more effective so that officers are well-equipped to enforce the country's laws.

"We can show our respect by listening to you, learning from you, giving you the resources that you need to do your jobs," Obama said. "Our country needs that right now."

Three Santa Monica, California, officers - Jason Salas, Robert Sparks and Capt. Raymond Bottenfield - were honored for their response to a 2013 rampage on a community college campus that left five people dead. Confronting 23-year-old gunman John Zawahri in the campus library, the officers shot and killed him when he pointed his assault weapon at them.

"All of us who witnessed it felt such a deep sense of pride to see President Barack Obama recognize our SMC hero Capt. Raymond Bottenfield for his selfless act of valor," said Dr. Kathryn E. Jeffery, SMC Superintendent/President. "Our Santa Monica College community holds a debt of gratitude to Capt. Bottenfield, as well as Officers Salas and Sparks. They saved the lives of our students and staff by putting their own lives in mortal danger without any hesitation on that day in June 2013. These men-and all who responded that day-are true heroes in our eyes."

SMPD Chief Jacqueline A. Seabrooks said, "Officers Sparks and Salas displayed great bravery and courage during a violent encounter. Their actions were instrumental in bringing an end to a fierce confrontation. I am proud of their actions and of all involved in the incident."

Obama also honored Gregory Stevens of suburban Dallas, who exchanged gunfire with two armed men outside an exhibit hall holding a provocative contest for caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad. Both gunmen were killed, heading off what investigators suspected was a planned mass shooting.

The Medal of Valor ceremony comes amid a simmering public debate about police tactics and racial disparities in the justice system. Obama has walked a careful line on the issue - expressing support for most law enforcement officials, while also endorsing protesters' complaints about racial profiling and mistreatment by police.

In his remarks on Monday, Obama steered that conversation toward his push for a sentencing overhaul and other changes to the justice system, an effort that has found backing in both camps.

Obama said he holds out hope that legislation can be passed this year despite the heavily politicized climate ahead of the November election. The need for change has been a rare point of common ground between Democrats and Republicans, and though momentum appeared to have sputtered earlier this year, a new Senate proposal has raised hopes that the issue could be successfully revived.

One of those honored, Police Maj. David Huff of Midwest City, Oklahoma, saved a 2-year-old girl being held at knifepoint after negotiations with her captor deteriorated.

"Obviously, the last few moments were tense. There was a countdown going on," Huff told reporters after the ceremony. "There was just no way I was going to let that little child get hurt."

Attorney General Loretta Lynch, the nation's top law enforcement official, said there were no words or medals that could begin to pay the debt the country owes the officers.

"It has often been said that the price of freedom is constant vigilance," Lynch said. "Know this: they pay that price on our behalf."

One Philadelphia officer died from a gunshot wound and was honored posthumously. Sgt. Robert Wilson III drew fire from assailants during a robbery while saving store employees and customers. Wilson's family accepted the award on his behalf.

"We honor those who didn't come home," the president said.

The other officers honored with the medal Monday are:

Miami-Dade police Officer Mario Gutierrez, who was stabbed multiple times while subduing a knife-wielding man who tried to set off a massive gas explosion that could have caused massive casualties.

Johnson City, New York, Patrolman Louis Cioci, who chased and captured at a crowded hospital a gunman who had just killed a fellow officer. Investigators believe Cioci saved the lives of hospital staff, patients and visitors.

Los Angeles police Officer Donald Thompson for, while off duty, crossing two freeway dividers and braving first- and second-degree burns while pulling an unconscious man from a burning car to safety.

Omaha, Nebraska, police Officer Coral Walker, who shot and killed a man who had killed and injured multiple people during a shooting rampage.

North Miami, Florida, police Officer Niel Johnson, who endured gunfire from an assault weapon in pursuing and capturing a man who had shot a Miami police officer and two bystanders.

FBI Special Agent Tyler Call, who while off duty with his family helped rescue a woman whose ex-husband was holding her at gunpoint.

Niagara County, New York, sheriff's Deputy Joey Tortorella, who confronted and subdued a gunman who had shot and wounded his parents inside their home, preventing the gunman from threatening the safety of students at a nearby elementary school.

Associated Press writer Kathleen Hennessey and Daily Press Editor Matthew Hall contributed to this report.





REMARKS

FROM PAGE 5

Today, we also want to acknowledge the profound sacrifices made by your families. And I had the chance to meet some of them and they were all clearly so proud of you, but we're very proud of them. We know that you wait up late, and you're worried and you're counting down the minutes until your loved one walks through the door, safe, after a long shift. We know it never gets easier, and we thank you for that. And of course, we honor those who didn't come home, including one hero we honor posthumously today - Sergeant Robert Wilson III.

He gave his life when two men opened fire at a video game store where Sergeant Wilson was buying a son a birthday present. To his family who's here - his grandmother, Constance, his brother and sister - please know how deeply sorry we are for your loss, how grateful we are for Sergeant Wilson's service.

We also honor the more than 35 who've given their lives in the line of duty so far this year. One of them, an officer in Virginia named Ashley Marie Guindon, was taken from us on her very first shift.

I've seen this sacrifice when I've joined some of you at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial not far from here. We read the names carved on these walls, and we grieve with the families who carry the fallen in their hearts forever. We've been moved, deeply, by their anguish - but also by their pride in the lives their loved ones lived. And in those moments, we're reminded of our enduring obligation as citizens - that they sacrificed so much for - that we do right by them and their families.

And medals and ceremonies like today are important, but these aren't enough to convey the true depth of our gratitude. Our words will be hollow if they're not matched by deeds. So our nation has a responsibility to support those who serve and protect us and keep our streets safe. We can show our respect by listening to you, learning from you, giving you the resources that you need to do the jobs. That's the mission of our police task force, which brought together local law enforcement, civil rights and faith leaders, and community members to open dialogue and build trust and find concrete solutions that make your jobs safer. Our country needs that right now.

We're going to keep pushing Congress to move forward [in] a bipartisan way to make our criminal justice system fairer and smarter and more cost-effective, and enhance public safety and ensure the men and women in this room have the ability to enforce the law and keep their communities safe.

A few minutes ago, I signed into law a package of bills to protect and honor our law enforcement officers, including one that will help state and local departments buy more bulletproof vests.

Emerson once said, "there is always safety in valor." The public safety officers we honor today give those words new meaning, for it's your courage and quick thinking that gave us our safety.

So we want to thank you for your service. We want to thank your families for your sacrifice. I had a chance before I came out here to meet with the recipients, and I told them that, although this particular moment for which you are being honored is remarkable, we also know that every day you go out there you've got a tough job. And we could not be prouder of not only moments like the ones we recognize here today, but just the day-to-day grind - you're doing your jobs professionally; you're doing your jobs with character. We want you to know we could not be prouder of you, and we couldn't be prouder of your families for all the contributions that you make.

So may God bless you and your families. May God bless our fallen heroes. God bless the United States of America.

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RFP: #79 COMPLETE STREET NETWORK PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION
• Submission Deadline is June 3, 2016 at 5:00 PM Pacific Time.

Proposals must include forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica. Request for Proposals may be obtained on the CITY'S ONLINE VENDOR PORTAL. The website for this Request for Proposals and related documents is: Planet Bids or http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/bid-search4.cfm. There is no charge for the RFP package.



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MIMI

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"I saw this cute lady," Rokah said. "And not being from this country I found it strange that homelessness is just part of the view in Los Angeles, sadly. I see this woman in her 80s and she's engaging, not on drugs, funny and mysterious. My first curiosity is how can this happen? Where are the officials, the family? I'm across the street at the coffee shop and struggling to be an actor in Los Angeles and thinking, 'This can happen to anybody.'"

Rokah began to spend time with Haist and soon took out his phone to start recording her. "I thought, 'How can she maintain her attitude and how can I be like that?' So I pulled out my phone, the way you do to take photos of little kids. Because Mimi is like a little kid in a lot of ways. She tells you how she feels at any given moment. And then I thought I should be recording her story. Because everyone knew Mimi. But no one really knew her story."

And when Rokah says that everyone knew Mimi, he meant everyone, including A- list actors like Zach Galifianakis and Renée Zellweger.

"I knew Zach for many years. I helped him do his laundry. And he gave me a phone to talk to my fluff and fold clients." Haist said.

Galifianakis even took Haist to events like the premiere of his movie "The Hangover."

"He had a limo pick her up from the Laundromat, take her to the red carpet and then she went back to the Laundromat that night and slept on her plastic chair like always," Rokah said.

Then one day Galifianakis surprised Haist with another present.

"He said, 'I have an apartment for you across the street.' So now I live there."

And Rokah has been there to document it all for the last five years, getting help along the way, as he will admit he was not a filmmaker and wanted to truly do Haist's story justice.

"I'm the messenger of the Mimi gospel," Rokah said.

Haist will never say she's depressed, stating, "I never want to let myself get that way." And for someone who spent almost 20 years living in a Laundromat, she doesn't appear to have let it get her down.

She happily sang Celine Dion songs for patrons in her signature pink outfits (for which she was featured in the Daily Press in 2005). She was protective of the washers and dryers, sometimes yelling at clients who did not treat them with care. And though she has moved across the street, she still "works" at the Laundromat every day.

As for the nickname "Queen Mimi," Rokah said where it came from is simple: "She really, truly believes she's royalty. And I believe she is too."

"Queen Mimi" is playing at the Laemmle's Monica Film Center, 1332 2nd St., through Thursday, May 19. For tickets go to, http://www.laemmle.com/films/40753.

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VACANT

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date the permit was issued.

Their request was modeled on rules that exist in other cities and in some places, failure to adhere to the rules can result in the property being declared a public nuisance which could lead to fines for the owner.

Himmelrich said the request follows feedback from Mid-City residents regarding several vacant properties in their neighborhood that have become eyesores and in some cases are attracting squatters. She said the ready supply of example ordinances suggest the problem might have a simple solution.

"That's why Tony and I put this on, we thought it was worth doing and it looked like it was easy to do," she said.

City Manager Rick Cole said the problem was important to residents who border the questionable properties but wasn't something that staff sees as a citywide issue.

"This is not a major problem in Santa Monica but if you live next door to one, it is a major problem in your neighborhood," he said.

After previously warning the council against establishing new priorities, Cole said addressing the local properties is already on his radar and the request wouldn't divert resources from other projects.

"We have a handful of these buildings," he said. "They are nightmares for the neighborhood affected and figuring out how to abate them is something we're looking at."

Stacy Dalgleish, vice president of the Santa Monica Mid-City Neighbors organization, said residents are strongly supportive of new regulations.

"We are very pleased and excited about this turn of events," she said. "We've been trying to get something going on this issue for a long, long time especially at Broadway and Stanford which has been an eyesore and very upsetting to the neighborhood and especially those that have to live close to it."

Her association has suggested that any construction site left idle for more than 180 days be subject to penalties.

The project at Broadway and Stanford has become infamous among residents. The original four bungalows were damaged in the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the owner filed permits to replace them with a four unit, two-story apartment building. When the project was approved in 1997, it was given concessions such as smaller setbacks, as part of a package to encourage post-earthquake reconstruction. However, disputes with the contractor caused the project to sit idle and the permits expired in 2000.

Property owner Naren Desai tried to restart construction in 2014 but local regulators denied him the 1997 era concessions and denied a new request to reduce parking requirements.

Desai appealed and has been working with staff to resolve the conflict. The project could return to council later this year.

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NIGHTMARE NEIGHBOR: **The property at the corner of Broadway and Stanford has long blighted the neighborhood and upset neighbors.**



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DRAFT 2015 URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PLAN FOR REVIEW

The City of Santa Monica hereby releases its Final Draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP) for public review. The plan will be available through **May 24, 2016** at all City of Santa Monica public libraries, City Hall, the City of Santa Monica Water Resources Division Administration Office (1212 5th Street, 3rd Floor, Santa Monica) and on the Water Resources Division's website:

http://www.smgov.net/departments/publicworks/water.aspx

The 2015 UWMP presents the City's long-term strategy for managing its water resources, its water supply reliability, and maintaining water quality for water distributed throughout the City of Santa Monica. The 2015 UWMP meets the requirement for the City to submit a UWMP every five years in compliance with the State of California Urban Water Management Planning Act.

A Public Hearing will be held to consider comments to the Draft 2015 UWMP; to consider and adopt the City's method for determining the City's water use targets under SBx7-7 (California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.55, Sections 10608-10608.64); and implementation of the 2015 UWMP including economic impacts, if any. The Public Hearing will be held as part of a meeting of the Santa Monica City Council which will take place at:

Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Council Chambers - Room 213
Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

The City of Santa Monica encourages the active involvement of its citizens. If you have any questions or comments on the 2015 UWMP or SBx7-7 compliance, please contact Gil Borboa, Water Resources Manager by May 24, 2016 at 310-458-8230, via e-mail to gil.borboa@smgov.net, or via mail to: City of Santa Monica Water Resources Division, 1212 5th Street, 3rd Floor, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

City Hall Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible. If you have any special disability-related needs/accommodations, including alternative formats of the Draft 2015 Urban Water Management Plan, please contact the Water Resources Division.

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Santa Monica wins airport appeal

The federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled for the City of Santa Monica and against the Federal Aviation Administration in the City's lawsuit to establish its right to control use of the 227 acres of land now occupied by the Santa Monica Airport.

The decision comes two-and-a-half years into the case. The City filed suit in September 2013, seeking a judicial decision quieting title and establishing the City's right to control the land's future use. In February 2014, the District Court granted the federal government's motion to dismiss the case based on its conclusion that the case was untimely and barred by the statute of limitations. The City appealed. On appeal, the City argued that the merits of the City's lawsuit were "inextricably intertwined" with the statute of limitations issue. The 9th Circuit panel agreed. Its unanimous decision reverses the District Court ruling and remands the case back to the District Court for trial.

"This good news brings us one step closer to regaining control of City land now occupied by the Santa Monica Airport, and to keeping our community healthy and safe," said Mayor Tony Vazquez. "Now that the FAA's statute of limitations argument has been thrown out, the case will finally go to trial on the merits of our claims. This is what we've pushed for all along, and we remain totally committed to establishing control of this land and using it in service to the whole community."

Councilman Kevin McKeown said it was a very good day for Santa Monica.

"The 9th Circuit has pulled the rug out from under the FAA's stalling tactics. Residents can celebrate, because this moves our case forward, and on the facts, in front of an impartial court, we are confident we will win the right to do with our land as we wish," he said.

Gaining local control of the Santa Monica Airport is one of the Santa Monica City Council's top five strategic goals.

Neil Carrey, President of the Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation said the decision was a major step forward in closing the airport.

"The Santa Monica Airport2Park Foundation, representing residents inside and outside of Santa Monica who want to see the 200 acres of the Santa Monica Airport turned into a public park to serve everyone, welcomes the unanimous decision of a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit to allow Santa Monica's lawsuit to proceed," he said in a statement. "The foundation is confident that the facts will show that the airport land, most of which was purchased with a park bond in the 1920s, has always been owned by the City of Santa Monica for the benefit of its residents, and that there is nothing in the legal record that will prevent Santa Monica from closing the airport. Under the terms of Measure LC, overwhelmingly passed by Santa Monica voters in 2014, the land is destined to become a park. The foundation looks forward to participating in that process."For more information on City of Santa Monica vs. FAA, including the 9th Circuit Court ruling, visit smgov.net.

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SURF FORECASTS
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CRIME WATCH
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Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON MAY 3, AT ABOUT 4:36 A.M.
Officers responded to a radio call for service of a theft at Walgreens -1932 Wilshire Blvd. While responding to the call officers contacted a subject matching the description in the 1500 block of Wilshire Blvd. Officers determined a store employee observed the suspect select merchandise and placed the items in a duffle bag. The suspect exited the store without paying for the items. The victim was desirous of prosecution. The merchandise was recovered from the suspect.
Mossa Lee Young, 49, Bellflower, was arrested for petty theft and possession of narcotics paraphernalia. Bail was set at $500.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 329 calls for service on May 15.

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

Strongarm robbery, 1400 block of the beach, 12:04 a.m.
Domestic violence, 2000 block of 14th, 12:18 a.m.
Battery, 100 block of Wilshire, 12:58 a.m.
Traffic collision, 1500 block of PCH, 1:31 a.m.
Burglary, 1200 block of Montana, 3:55 a.m.
DUI, 300 block of Olympic, 4:48 a.m.
Disturbance at a business, 1500 block of Ocean, 7:14 a.m.
Fire, 300 block of Civic Center, 8:07 a.m.
Missing person, 1900 block of 20th, 8:54 a.m.
Identity theft, 800 block of 2nd, 10:22 a.m.
Family disturbance, 1900 block of 19th, 10:23 a.m.
Vandalism, 1700 block of Ocean Front, 10:25 a.m.
Indecent exposure, 1800 block of Lincoln, 10:32 a.m.
Disturbance of the peace, 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom, 11:17 a.m.
Vandalism, 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom, 11:28 a.m.
Animal related incident, 400 block of 4th, 11:35 a.m.
Missing person, 1300 block of 20th, 11:54 a.m.
Drinking in public, 2000 block of Main, 12:06 p.m.
Person with a gun, 4th/Pico, 12:07 p.m.
Burglary, 1700 block of Ocean Front, 12:34 p.m.
Traffic collision, Ocean/Colorado, 1:12 p.m.
DUI, 2600 block of Lincoln, 1:34 p.m.
Traffic collision, 1100 block of 12th, 1:35 p.m.
Vandalism, 1100 block of 15th, 1:45 p.m.
Battery, 1900 block of Main, 2:02 p.m.
Sexual assault, 1200 block of 16th, 2:20 p.m.
Traffic collision, Ocean/California, 2:47 p.m.
Vandalism, 1700 block of Ocean Front, 3:56 p.m.
Hit and run, 100 block of PCH, 4:18 p.m.
Sexual assault, 1600 block of the beach, 5:02 p.m.
Family disturbance, 2400 block of Virginia, 5:22 p.m.
Battery, 2800 block of Wilshire, 5:48 p.m.
Fight, 6th/Washington, 5:51 p.m.
Missing person, 300 block of Olympic, 6:17 p.m.
Traffic collision, Centinela/Montana, 6:35 p.m.
DUI, 1100 block of 2nd, 6:45 p.m.
Hit and run, 1500 block of PCH, 6:59 p.m.
Hit and run, 1600 block of Ocean, 7:07 p.m.
Grand theft, 900 block of Maple, 7:14 p.m.
DUI, 4th/I-10, 8:07 p.m.
DUI, Lincoln/Pico, 9:54 p.m.
Domestic violence, 1900 block of Cloverfield, 10:51 p.m.
Party complaint, 2000 block of Olympic, 11:17 p.m.
Critical missing person, 1700 block of Ocean, 11:20 p.m.
Family disturbance, 800 block of Maple, 11:31 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 31 calls for service on May 15.

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

EMS, 1100 block of 2nd, 12:32 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 500 block of Wilshire, 4:58 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block of Wilshire, 6:58 a.m.
Automatic alarm, 1600 block of Ocean Front, 7:25 a.m.
Flooded condition, 300 block of Civic Center Dr., 8:04 a.m.
EMS, 800 block of Santa Monica, 8:54 a.m.
EMS, 3100 block of Neilson, 9:36 a.m.
EMS, 2700 block of Neilson, 9:41 a.m.
EMS, 25th/Georgina, 10:13 a.m.
EMS, 900 block of 4th, 10:22 a.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Arizona, 11:50 a.m.
EMS, 1600 block of Ocean, 12:36 p.m.
EMS, 1100 block of 12th, 1:36 p.m.
EMS, 2600 block of Main, 1:41 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1500 block of 5th, 2:16 p.m.
EMS, 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom, 2:17 p.m.
Elevator rescue, 1300 block of Wilshire, 2:41 p.m.
EMS, 600 block of Broadway, 3:18 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 4:12 p.m.
Trash/dumpster fire, 1500 block of PCH, 5:20 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block of 15th, 5:23 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 2000 block of La Mesa Dr., 5:24 p.m.
Injuries from assault, Ocean/Arizona, 5:38 p.m.
EMS, Centinela/Montana, 6:31 p.m.
EMS, 1400 block of Berkeley, 7:24 p.m.
EMS, 1500 block of 14th, 8:28 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Santa Monica Pier, 8:49 p.m.
Assist LAFD, 500 block of Burlingame, 8:51 p.m.
EMS, 100 block of Colorado, 9:31 p.m.
EMS, 800 block of 2nd, 11:08 p.m.
EMS, 300 block of Adelaide, 11:56 p.m.

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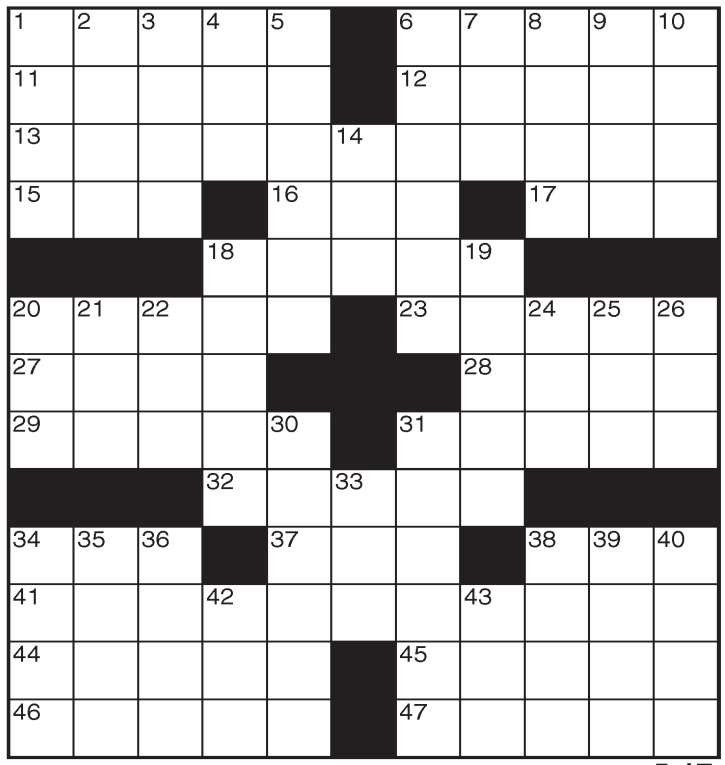
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from (easiest) to (hardest).

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

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

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Jackpot: 7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/15
8 9 10 24 25

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Draw Date: 5/15
MIDDAY: 1 1 4
Draw Date: 5/15
EVENING: 1 7 1

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WORD UP!

botryoidal 1. Mineralogy. having the form of a bunch of grapes: botryoidal hematite.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1875 – Aristides wins the first Kentucky Derby.

1900 – Second Boer War: British troops relieve Mafeking.

1902 – Greek archaeologist Valerios Stais discovers the Antikythera mechanism, an ancient mechanical analog computer.

1914 – The Protocol of Corfu is signed, recognizing full autonomy to Northern Epirus under nominal Albanian sovereignty.

1915 – The last British Liberal Party government (led by Herbert Henry Asquith) falls.

1933 – Vidkun Quisling and Johan Bernhard Hjort form Nasjonal Samling – the national-socialist party of Norway.

1939 – The Columbia Lions and the Princeton Tigers play in the United States' first televised sporting event, a collegiate baseball game in New York City.

1940 – World War II: Germany occupies Brussels, Belgium.

1940 – World War II: the old city centre of the Dutch town of Middelburg is bombed by the German Luftwaffe, to force the surrender of the Dutch armies in Zeeland.

1943 – World War II: the Dambuster Raids by No. 617 Squadron RAF on German dams.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Modern Problems: (1) Sophia Sanchez, 27, was charged with intentionally crashing her car into her boyfriend's vehicle in April in Riverside, Illinois. According to police, the couple had been arguing the night before, and Sanchez said she felt she had to disable his car so that he would talk to her. (2) William Timothy Thomas, 25, was arrested for vandalizing a home in Largo, Florida, in April. He told police he needed to go "destroy" stuff because he "listened to too much music and masturbated too much." (Bonus: Three first names! Special police surveillance warranted!)

■ (1) As China's real-estate construction boom fades, tempers have flared, and according to a local government officer in Hebei province, two companies' officials angling for a contract wildly dueled each other in their bulldozers in an incident captured on video. The losing driver was seen running from his toppled machine. (2) Italy's top appeals court ruled in April that a homeless man stealing cheese and sausage from a grocery story in Genoa, and who received a six-month jail term for it, was actually not guilty of criminal behavior at all. The court set him free using a traditional Italian legal principle that no one is required to do the impossible -- which, the court surmised, would be to allow himself to starve.

Exercise tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Assume more of an easygoing attitude, and you will find resolutions much more quickly. A partner will offer an excellent idea to stabilize a situation that has been in limbo. Someone you look up to seems to have changed his or her tune. Get ready for a fast change. Tonight: Up late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You always look for the best and most expedient way to handle a problem. As a result, others trust you and often go along with your ideas. The quality of your interactions is a high priority for you. Know what you want from others. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your more playful side emerges, which makes it easier to get along with a child or loved one. This person misses spending time with you. Try to make a point of scheduling special periods together more often to show that you value him or her. Tonight: Lighten the mood.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might long for a day of peace and quiet, and will want to make that happen today. However, despite how much you love your home, you could be out of sorts if you spend too much time alone. Ask a roommate or partner to join you. Tonight: At least invite someone over!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keeping a conversation easy and relaxed might not be possible. Both you and the other party seem to be set on a certain outcome, and could stumble into a power play without thinking. Be as open as possible. Know that your way is not the only way. Tonight: Change your mood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Understand the consequences of not being self-disciplined. You'll become very aware of this issue as you watch a contemporary go to extremes and cause damage to his or her well-being. Say little, yet observe a lot. Pressure builds on the domestic front. Tonight: Play it loose and easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You are all smiles and full of energy, and others might wonder what is up. You might have a serious exchange with a close associate or relative. Don't be concerned. All's well that ends well. You could feel like a domestic matter is causing you some tension. Tonight: Make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ There is much more happening behind the scenes than you might realize. Lying low and not finalizing any decisions right now will be important. Keep smiling, and you will work through a problem with ease. Sometimes talking does not help. Tonight: Get as much rest as possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your energy could blow many people away, but at the present moment, you seem to have tamed some of your personality to focus on a serious matter. Others pick up on your intentions and respond accordingly. Be careful when handling finances. Tonight: Be where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be in a situation where you feel as though you must take the lead if anything is to get done. Perhaps you realize that if you are going to see anything done the way you want it to be, you'd better handle it yourself. Tonight: Be careful not to be too hurtful in an argument.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Know your limits. You have the ability to work through hassles that others cannot. By offering your friendship, you can't go wrong. Remain direct, but work on detaching in order to gain understanding. Your compassion will be appreciated. Tonight: Try a new pastime.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You understand a partner even better than he or she does. You will see a personal matter open up, and it will allow you to have more influence. Remember how important it is to remain fair and even-keeled. Don't push so hard to have your way every time! Tonight: Stay open.

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

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

This year you experience an unusual amount of goodwill. It appears as if you can do no wrong. Still, do not take this fortunate period for granted. You could gain a lot of ground professionally and personally, and will make constructive changes if you can avoid becoming complacent. If you are single, the distinct possibility of meeting The One lies ahead in the next several months. It is possible that you might already have met this person. If you are attached, you and your sweetie could experience some unexpected excitement. Plan on taking a special trip together. You can always count on LIBRA.

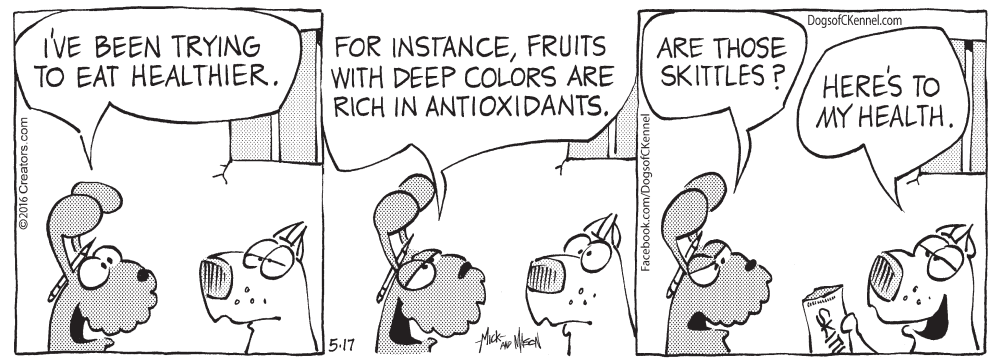
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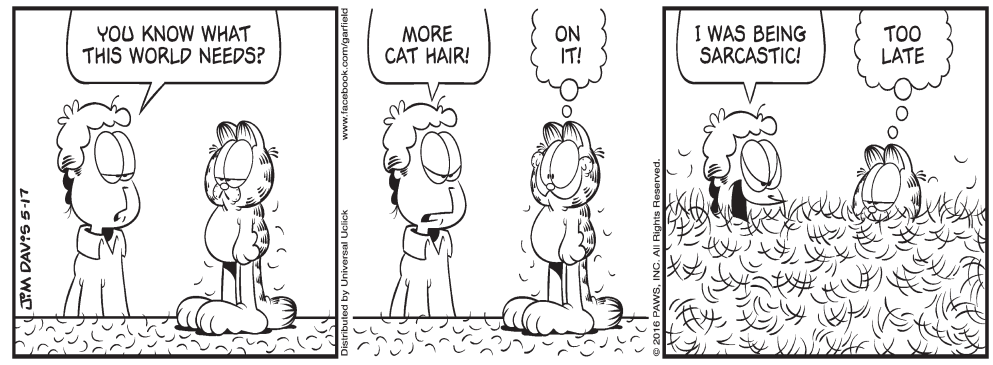
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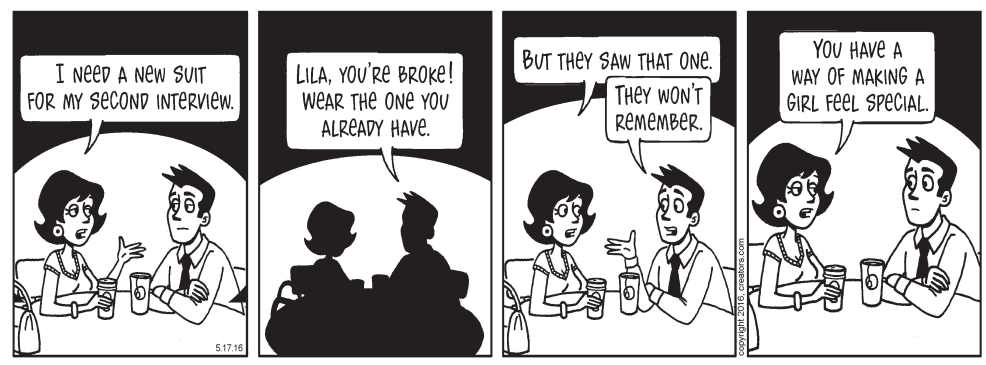
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