

Annual Homeless Count needs volunteers

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Volunteers are needed to help conduct the annual Homeless Count in Santa Monica on Jan. 27.

The Point-in-Time Homeless Count and Survey is a national undertaking mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for all communities that receive federal funds for homelessness programs. The results have a direct impact on the amount of federal funds allocated to homeless programs nationally and how those funds are distributed.

The Los Angeles County count is the largest in the nation and Santa Monica will join other Westside agencies in conducting its count on the evening of

Wednesday, Jan 27.

Organizers said they need at least 250 people to help conduct the survey. Volunteers walk the streets to provide data on who is homeless and where they are located. Volunteers under the age of 18 must volunteer with an adult and everyone must complete the registration forms online at <http://www.santa-monica-homelesscount.com>.

There are a variety of tasks required during the count, but the most basic is to walk several miles of the city counting the number of homeless individuals. Volunteers receive a brief training the night of the count and officials said the process has proven very rewarding for everyone involved.

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New year brings gender shift to service club leadership

Women take presidencies of local Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary groups

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Since she was 3 years old, Jessica Handy has been convinced that she could one day become president. And her mission has materialized, although not in the exact manner she was hoping for as a toddler.

Handy was recently inducted as the new head executive of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica, which she doesn't feel is a particularly noteworthy development on its own. It's not the White House, after all.

But the 2016 presidents of the local Kiwanis, Lions and Rotary

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Interest growing in new SMC bachelor's degree

Applications for interaction design program due Jan. 15

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
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With the inaugural application phase open for less than two more weeks, officials at Santa Monica College are busy putting the finishing touches on the school's first-ever bachelor's degree.

The local community college is accepting applications until Jan. 15 for the interaction design program that will launch in the fall, a pathway aiming to prepare students for tech-centric jobs that have become increasingly popular in recent years.

College officials who have spent months developing the so-called IxD degree are now anxiously watching as portfolios and other

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Local shoppers keep money centered in Santa Monica



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SHOP LOCAL: Bob's Market was one of the participants in this year's Buy Local, Give Local promotion. Buy Local organized the event as part of their 2015 activities that also included the Wellbeing Festival.

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Buy Local Santa Monica is celebrating 2015 as another successful year for the economic development program with \$45 million generated for the local community.

The Santa Monica Buy Local program is a partnership between local businesses and the City that encourages shoppers to spend money within city limits, particularly at mom and pop stores.

Any business located in Santa Monica is eligible to join the program but organizers say their priority is to support locally owned, independent businesses. Members receive marketing and promotional support, discounted advertising rates, exhibitor opportunities and event discounts.

Jennifer Taylor, Buy Local Santa Monica Committee Chair and an Economic Development Administrator with the City of Santa Monica said the program benefits the

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Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market Downtown

The organic market boasts the largest percentage of certified organic growers of the City's four markets. 2nd St. @ Arizona Ave., 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Gallery

Exhibit: Art Bank: Selections from the City's collection. Open through Jan. 12 in Event House Gallery. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Guest House

Free tours begin at 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. No reservations needed. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 3

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The Sunday Main Street Farmers Market is a well balanced blend of Certified California Farmers, tasty prepared and packaged foods, enter-

tainment and children's activities as well as local retail. 2640 Main St. @ Ocean Park, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Guest House

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Disabilities Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Pajama Story Time

Grab your favorite stuffed animal and wear your pajamas for this evening story time for the whole family. Ocean Park Branch Library, 2601 Main St., 6:30 - 7 p.m.

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LOVED: Buy Local recognized Santa Monica's Most Loved businesses with a reception at City Hall.

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community through partnerships with local non-profits.

"Purchases made at Santa Monica businesses this year raised \$7.5 million for the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, helping to fund teachers, the Samohi college counselor, textbooks and summer school. This funding was generated by Measure Y proceeds," she said.

By encouraging shoppers to buy local, Taylor said the program helps keep money circulating within the local economy. According to Buy Local, as much as \$7 of every \$10 spent at a local store stays within the area through taxes, payroll and other expenditures.

According to Taylor, 154 businesses joined Buy Local this year to bring their total to over 800 participating businesses. Santa Monica residents own about 50 percent and the businesses employ about 40,000 people.

In 2015 the program organized several events. Their annual Most Loved program allows residents to vote on their favorite

businesses (The Daily Press publishes the Most Loved results annually), the organization partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to host the Wellbeing Festival and Buy Local Marketplace in September and Buy Local, Give Local Week raised \$6,782.03 (and 60 jars of peanut butter donations) in support of local charity partners. Their holiday events included several sidewalk sales and holiday events to encourage local gift purchases and they helped advertise local New Year's Eve parties to help locals stay close to home while celebrating.

Taylor said local purchases raised \$45 million for the Santa Monica community and that money helped fund a variety of services.

"Buying local really does make a difference," said Taylor. "Thank you to everyone for supporting our Santa Monica businesses and our community. Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2016."

For more info on the Buy Local Santa Monica campaign, participating businesses and community partners, visit www.BuyLocalSM.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Missing dog

Editor:

My service dog was taken from my Venice apartment, several factors point to foul play and I am asking the community for help getting the word out to bring Kramer home safely.

My 6-year-old golden doodle went missing on Thursday, Dec. 17. I was with my family for the holidays and had arranged for a friend to watch Kramer. The friend later returned Kramer to my home, which is where he was last reportedly seen.

Two separate witnesses reported seeing Kramer with a Caucasian woman in her early 20s with long, dark hair on December 22 near the French Market Cafe on Abbot Kinney Boulevard in Venice. One witness said the dog appeared uncomfortable as if it did not belong to the woman he was with, and that the woman gave different answers when asked what the dog's name was multiple times. The woman was also reported to have been standing in place for several hours, and the time coincides with the ad the witness saw selling a dog matching Kramer's description on Craig's List (the ad has since been taken down, and Craig's List has not responded to my pleas for information on the poster).

Another eyewitness reported spotting a dog that matched Kramer's description in Santa Monica on Monday, December 29.

I am offering a large reward for the dog's return, no questions asked.

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clubs are all female, marking a significant shift in the leadership ranks of the city's three main service organizations.

Handy replaces Robert Kronovet at the helm of Kiwanis, Susan Lee DeRemer holds the top post with the Santa Monica Lions Club and Connie Maguire is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Santa Monica.

"Having a female president of a local service club shouldn't be something that is remarkable," Handy said. "But that all of the big service clubs in Santa Monica have female presidents right now is a pleasant coincidence."

Club officials said they didn't realize the coincidence until they began talking about collaborating more in the coming year. A recent gathering initiated by Handy aimed to chart a path for future cooperation on membership drives and philanthropic initiatives.

"We sat down and had a meeting and said, 'Oh my god, everyone's female,'" said DeRemer, the Lions president. "We were making plans to do an event together to make people more aware of the service clubs and the organizations in Santa Monica that we support. That's when we became aware that we were all female."

It's a dynamic worth acknowledging for DeRemer, who has been in charge of the local Lions club since July. Although the three Lions presidents before her were also women, DeRemer noted that the club was strictly male until the early 1980s. She's been involved for about 7 years in the area Lions

group, which was established in 1923 and which currently has about 20 active members.

"For a lot of the country, it's still an issue to get women to join," she said. "We actually have the direct opposite situation. The majority of our club is female. ... We're looking for more male members. The male members we have are older members."

Maguire, who will take over for Tom Loo as Rotary's leader starting July 1, adds to the history of a club whose local chapter was founded in 1922 and whose foundation has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to area charities and nonprofit groups.

Maguire, a Westside native who attended Palisades High School, Santa Monica College and Cal State Long Beach, is currently a fundraising executive with Netzel Grigsby Associates. She previously worked in executive and program management with YMCA.

Handy, the new Kiwanis president, said her club is "still a little male-heavy" but that there is a good mix of men and women of different ages.

She said she's lucky that she was raised in a world where opportunities for women are more plentiful than they used to be.

"I had known my entire life I could do anything, and I give the older generation 100-percent credit for that," she said.

Handy said she's looking forward to working with the Lions and Rotary presidents on joint projects in the community.

"Together we can make a giant impact if we pool our resources," she said.

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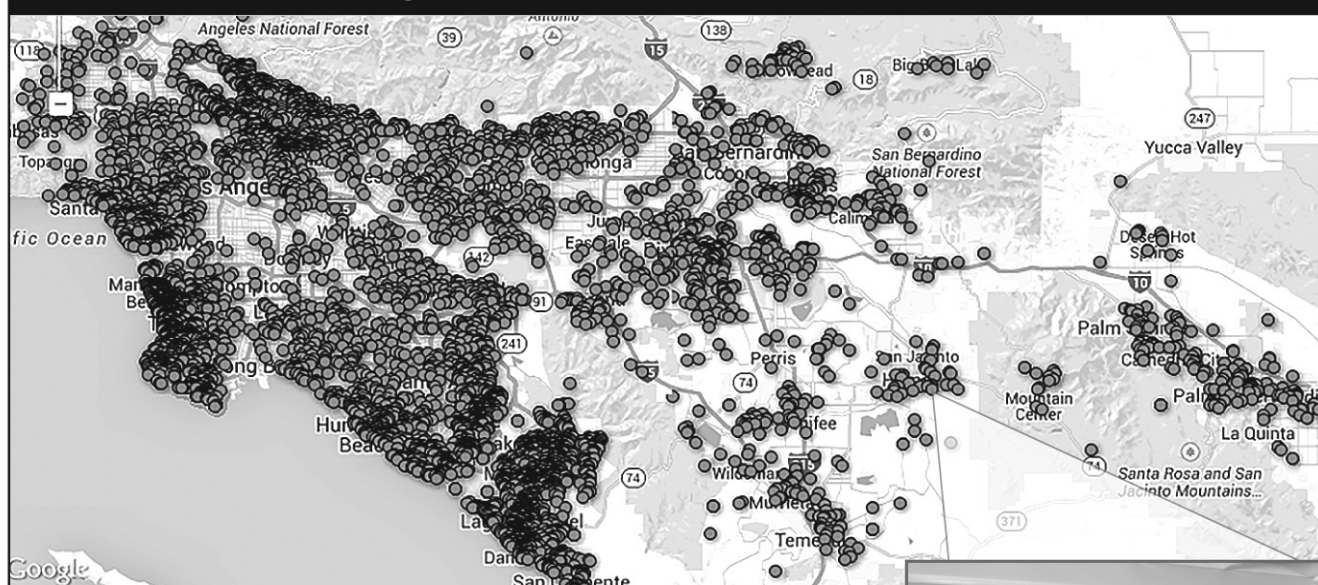
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COUNT

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"Volunteers that have done it in the past almost always return and do it year after year," said Brian Hardgrave, an administrative analyst with Santa Monica's Human Services Division. "They find it to be a really valuable use of their time."

He said Santa Monica's civically engaged population has repeatedly cited homelessness as a significant problem within the city. Hardgrave said the count is a meaningful way for residents to get involved because it enables volunteers to personally connect with the issue while being part of the solution.

"We have to understand the breadth of the problem ... the more robust and accurate our data, the better grasp we have on the size and scope of the problem in our community," he said. "Both federally and local, that helps us track trends over time, as well as come up with better rationale for funding."

Hardgrave said there are some challenges associated with the count. It happens rain or shine, overnight and during the winter months. However, he said the actual work is something anyone can do and it's a relatively small time commitment for what amounts to a huge gain for those involved.

"It does lead to changes and it impacts the lives, not only of the people experiencing homelessness, but the volunteers as well," he said.

Last year, volunteers found 738 homeless individuals in Santa Monica, a decrease from 742 (0.5 percent) in 2014. The street count

Count results over time

2009 total 915

2010 total 742

(18.9% reduction from 2009)

2011 total 740

(sustained the reduction of previous years)

2012 total 769

(includes 19 individuals from five families participating in the new temporary Upward Bound House Winter Shelter Program)

2013 total 780

(remained stable from 2012)

2014 total 742

(5% reduction from 2013)

2015 total 738

(0.5% reduction from 2014)

increased due to renovations at several local shelters that reduced the number of beds available and volunteers also found an increase in the number of individuals sleeping in vehicles. Overall, the count has shown a decline in homelessness over time.

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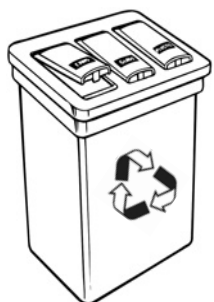
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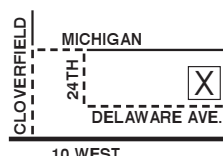
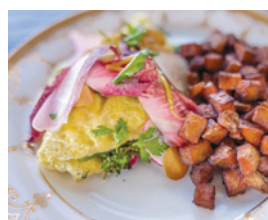
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student materials arrive for review. SMC is hoping to have two upper-division sections with a total of approximately 50 to 60 students.

"It's been steadily ramping up," said Jennifer Merlic, the college's dean of instruction. "It's difficult to know what to expect. ... We'll wait and see what the numbers are like. We have to be very flexible because it's brand-new. If we find that we have a smaller pool, we might open a spring admission. But the numbers have been steadily climbing."

To coincide with the launch of the program, school officials are planning to meet with graphic design faculty from community colleges throughout the region. Educators at other schools have expressed interest in aligning their lower-division courses with the interaction design bachelor's track at SMC, Merlic said.

Those conversations will intensify once the curriculum is formally approved, a process that involves several governing bodies and regulatory agencies. A taskforce made up of officials from several SMC departments has been constructing classes for the program, and Merlic said all but one of the courses have been officially reviewed by the college's academic senate and board of trustees.

SMC began accepting applications in mid-November. In early December, the Accrediting Commission for Community

and Junior Colleges approved the college's proposal for the new pathway. The state is expected to follow suit by this coming spring.

Meanwhile, the college has hosted information sessions in recent months to give prospective IxD candidates a better idea of what the degree entails. Three workshops were tailored for students nearing upper-division status, and one reached out specifically to freshmen. The meetings were well-attended, Merlic said.

The creation of an interaction design bachelor's degree at SMC follows approval from the California Community Colleges Board of Governors as part of a pilot program authorized by Gov. Jerry Brown. The local college was chosen for its ability to offer a career-oriented pathway that will meet workforce needs and avoid overlap with options in the University of California and California State University systems.

Representatives from tech firms in and around Silicon Beach are part of an advisory board that will meet about twice per year to help guide the new program and make sure it's relevant to the needs of the region's tech industry.

The new upper-division classes will complement the existing coursework that comprises the school's associate's degree in graphic design.

For more information about the interaction design curriculum and the application process, visit www.smcixd.org.

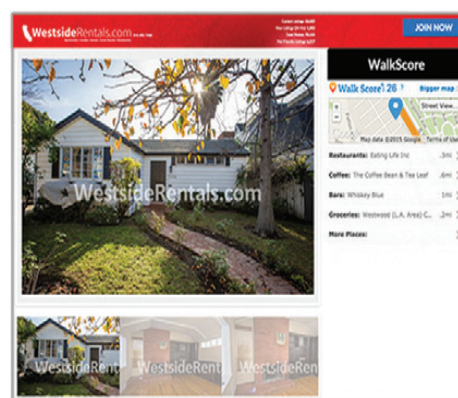
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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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

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1871 - Amadeus I becomes King of Spain.
1900 - American statesman and diplomat John Hay announces the Open Door Policy to promote trade with China.
1920 - The second Palmer Raid takes place with another 6,000 suspected communists and anarchists arrested and held without trial. These raids take place in several U.S. cities.
1935 - Bruno Hauptmann goes on trial for the murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr., infant son of aviator Charles

Lindbergh.
1941 - World War II: German bombing severely damages the Llandaff Cathedral in Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom.
1942 - The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) convicts 33 members of a German spy ring headed by Fritz Joubert Duquesne in the largest espionage case in United States history—the Duquesne Spy Ring.
1942 - World War II: Manila, Philippines is captured by Japanese forces.
1945 - World War II: Nuremberg, Germany (in German, Nürnberg) is severely bombed by Allied forces.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ According to police, Ryan Liskow, 36, badly violating the crime-novel “rule” about not returning to the scene of the crime, is now awaiting trial for robbing the Sterling State Bank in Rochester, Minnesota, on Dec. 14 --and 15. An on-scene reporter for KIMT-TV was on the air on the 15th describing the first robbery, unaware that Liskow was inside robbing it again, and as Liskow emerged on foot with a bank employee in pursuit, reporter Adam Sallet helped point out Liskow, who was soon arrested.
■ Arrested for burglary, in Porthcawl, Wales, November: Christopher Badman. Charged in two shootings in Medina County, Texas, November: Shane Outlaw. Arrested for allegedly having sex with a child, in Springfield, Massachusetts, December: Mr. Long Dinh Duong. Arrested for trespassing at a Budweiser brewery in St. Louis, Missouri, December: Mr. Bud Weisser, 19. Credited with rescuing two women from a man who was terrifying strangers on the street in Toronto on Nov. 22: the local professional clown Doo Doo (Shane Faberman). (Bonus: Doo Doo was in costume when he made the rescue.) (Also in the news was a “Vietnamese man” supposedly named Phuc Dat Bich, who had trouble getting Facebook to register his name. Despite having several mainstream-media outlets gullibly cover his complaint in mid-November, he admitted a week later that the name is bogus.) Badman:

GET SOME EXTRA R AND R, SCORPIO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You still might be in the holiday spirit, and you'll try to make sure that everyone feels that life is copacetic. You could decide that you have had enough of the status quo and choose to head in a new direction. Avoid a difficult individual. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover and every intention to complete what you feel is necessary. Don't forget a thank-you note that you still might have to write. A conversation with an older friend or relative could be very enjoyable. Tonight: Take care of yourself first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Containing your inner child will be close to impossible, so don't even try. A message from someone at a distance could be more important than you realize. Don't let this effort from the other party be ignored or unappreciated. Tonight: Relax. Choose a favorite pastime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You continue to find that you enjoy yourself most at home. You might enjoy clearing away the holiday knickknacks and having a more orderly environment. A loved one will spend time chatting with you. It has been a while since you kicked back. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Someone could be quite controlling in his or her present mood. You could feel as if this person is upsetting the applecart, perhaps because of a last-minute change of plans. Try to back away from this situation, and avoid any uproar. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Understand the limitations caused by the recent holidays, and honor them. Otherwise, you might not like the results. Your imagination is so wild that a child delights in playing with you. Together you can create quite an adventure. Tonight: Flex with someone's unpredictability.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You are full of energy. A friend might not feel the same way you do. It simply might be an issue of low energy levels, or plans that he or she would prefer not to be involved with. Don't allow his or her actions and/or words to upset you. Tonight: Ask for what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Be more aware of your limitations in a money matter. Understand what needs to happen in order to make a situation work. A conversation with a neighbor or close relative could be rather disconcerting. Try not to take a comment personally. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might need to be a little more serious in order to slow down a loved one who has a lot of influence over you. A conversation is long overdue. A child or new friend lets you know how independent he or she is. Maintain a sense of humor. Tonight: Surround yourself with friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Take charge. Some of you might choose to work for part of the day. You'll want to start clearing out some paperwork and emails before Monday. The unexpected occurs before you know it. Clearly, you have very little control here. Tonight: Others notice you wherever you are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might find that a friend is difficult to listen to, and you could feel drained as a result. You'll be overwhelmed by everything you hear, and even though you can distance yourself from a conversation, you still will have it in the back of your mind. Tonight: Surprises run amok!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You will want to make a substantial change. You need to rethink a question revolving around a particular relationship. Your personal finances could swing in either direction. You might be dealing with some wildness and risk-taking. Tonight: Share with a favorite person.

Weekend Edition, January 2-3, 2016

This year you often say one thing, but then do something different. Others could be confused or frustrated by your mixed messages. If you get feedback about this behavior, stop and listen. Ask yourself what is going on. If you are single, others find you to be very attractive and alluring. You could get involved with someone quite exotic and different. If you are attached, the two of you play into each other's moods. A sudden move or an unanticipated change in your environment might trigger a new beginning that could be very exciting. Don't hold in your feelings so much. LIBRA understands much more than you realize.

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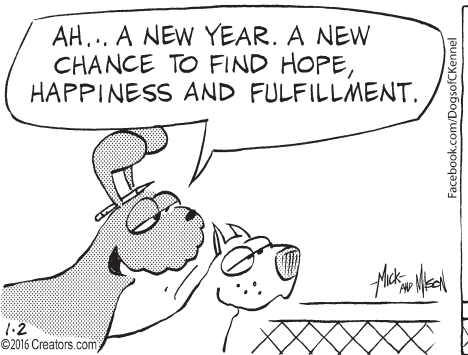


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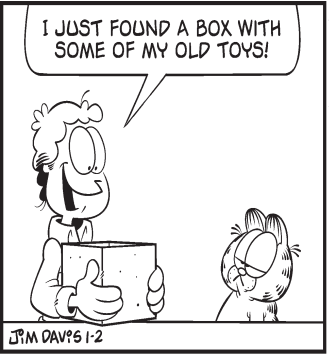
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