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State of the City highlights feats, challenges

'We should never take success for granted,' city manager says

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Rick Cole rattled off many flourishing components of Santa Monica: its important role in the tech sector, its real estate values, its robust tourism industry and its award-winning environmental projects.

But the proverbial horn he tooted was muffled by the sound of his rhetorical alarm.

"We cannot maintain success by sitting on our assets," the city manager said.

It was the line that drew the most laughs, but also the main point that Cole was trying to make during his State of the City speech Thursday night at the Soka Gakkai International Auditorium.

In order for Santa Monica to continue thriving, he said, its civic officials, business leaders and community members can't be complacent or accepting of the status quo.

"We should never take success for granted," he said. "The key to

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Personalized presents, anonymous children

Santa Monica-based charity distributes gifts to children living in domestic violence shelters



Morgan Pansing

FOUNDERS: Melanie Neumann and Erica Fisher founded a charity to help children of domestic violence victims.

BY JENNIFER MAAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

A present on your birthday, a gift on Valentine's Day and a backpack on your first day of school. These are annual tokens that most children take for granted. But for those kids living with their mothers in domestic violence shelters, they are not things you can count on.

But Erica Fisher and Melanie Neumann are looking to change that through their Santa Monica-based charity, Present Now.

Founded in 2012 by Fisher and Neumann, Present Now is a nonprofit organization that gives care packages of necessities and specialty items to babies, children and teens who are entering and living

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City vetting new car-sharing service

WaiveCar vehicles use advertising to support free rides



Courtesy Photo

FREE: WaiveCar provides limited free use of a vehicle funded through ads on the outside of the car.

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

A new car-sharing service in Santa Monica allows people to drive for free in electric vehicles that are sponsored by advertisers. Simple enough, right?

Maybe.

The City of Santa Monica is currently assessing the legality of WaiveCar, which launched locally this month.

Officials must make sure the business doesn't run afoul of a maze of local and state regulations regarding transportation and mobile advertising, according to Sal Valles, assistant director of the city Planning and Community Development department.

"There are so many subtleties in the law," he said. "We want to be fair and take a close look at what this is. It's not our intent to interfere with the business, but we do need to take a look at how they'll be operating and whether or not how they propose to be operating would violate the law. When it comes to signs on vehicles ... it's important to understand exactly what they're doing."

WaiveCar submitted paperwork for a business license Wednesday, Valles said, and the City is seeking additional information from the company about its operation. Evaluation will continue over the next couple weeks.

Zoli Honig, chief technology officer of WaiveCar, said he's hopeful that the company and City will be able to work through any potential legal obstacles.

"With any startup that's new and different, you always run into that concern," Honig said, "whether you're Uber or Lyft or what we're doing. There always is that problem, but startups are there to innovate. We feel we're provid-

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Jan. 30

Coding for Kids!

Code is used to make computers do whatever you want. Learn what you can create! You'll be writing JavaScript, a real coding language, before you know it. Limited space; call to pre-register. Presented by Sylvia Aguiñaga. Grades 3 - 5. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 10 - 11 a.m.

VITA Tax Assistance

VITA at UCLA is a non-profit organization and will be providing free tax services to the community. Qualified volunteers will help you file your 2016 Federal and California tax returns and provide tax consultation. For more information, please visit their site at www.usac.ucla.edu/vita. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

New SAT Practice Test

The SAT is changing in March 2016! This practice test will help you be prepared. Proctored by C2 Education. Limited space; call to pre-register. Grades 9 - 11. Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave., 1 - 5 p.m.

NOMA Annual Meeting

Featured on the program will be Rick Cole, who will reflect on his first months on the job as Santa Monica's new City Manager and answer audience questions, and a panel discussion on the plans for downtown Santa Monica currently being considered in the Downtown Specific Plan. Members of the panel will include Planning Commission Chair Richard McKinnon; Ron Goldman FAIA, architect from SMa.r.t. and NOMA resident; and Kathleen Rawson, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica. Aero Theatre, 1328 Montana Ave., 2 - 5 p.m.

An Armchair Visit to Gardens of Britain

Take a virtual journey with professional tour guide, Sheila Stone, as she shares images of Royal Botanical gardens, cozy cottage gardens, surprising rooftop gardens, and intimate hidden gardens across Britain. This event is free and all ages are welcome. Space is limited and on a first-arrival basis. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 - 4:45 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 31

Aqua Aerobics at Beach House

This shallow and deep Aqua Aerobics program includes the use of jogging belts and water barbells to increase strength and cardiovascular fitness. Each class is an hour in length and includes stretching, cardio, and strength training. These classes are geared toward each participant's fitness level and beginners are encouraged to attend. $10 per class, includes parking. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 9 - 10 a.m.

Printmaking Lab with Zeina Baltagi

Laboratory for experimenting and printing with our 30"x48" Dickerson Combination motorized printing press. Printmakers with some experience are invited to sign up for printing time; bring your blocks or everything you need to work on them here; monotype, linocut, and other similar techniques will be accommodated. Printmaking experience required. Call (310) 458-2239 or visit https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation for more information. 1450 Ocean, 12 - 4 p.m. $20

Mind, Body, Bowl Health & Wellness Fair

Healthy Spot is sponsoring this fun event for pets and pet parents. For more information call (747) 444-8087 or visit www.healthyspot.com. 1351 3rd St. Promenade. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Santa Monica Certified Farmers Market (Main St.)

The Sunday Main Street Farmers

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For help submitting an event, contact us at **310-458-7737** or submit to editor@smdp.com

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Santa Monica Public Library presents How to Keep Passion Alive after 45

The Santa Monica Public Library presents How to Keep Passion Alive after 45 with Judith Claire and Frank Wiegers on Thursday, February 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library's Multipurpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Are you single and worry about attracting a mate? Are you in a relationship and the fire is going out? Is your libido lagging? Are the symptoms of menopause inhibiting your love life? Are the symptoms of male menopause creating conflict in your love life? Is your sex life good but you want to make it great? Join Judith Claire and Frank Wiegers, to learn how to revitalize passion no matter how old you are, create more harmony, build deeper levels of intimacy, and master techniques for creating transcendent sex.

Judith Claire and Frank Wiegers are happily married sex and relationship experts and authors of So That's Why They Do That! Men, Women and Their Hormones. Judith founded her thriving career and relationship counseling and coaching practice in 1978. Frank, a former fighter pilot, launched an encore career as a sex and relationship teacher and coach. Together they help singles and couples spice up their sex lives and form lasting relationships.

This event is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first-arrival basis. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair accessible. For special disabled services, call Library Administration at (310) 458-8606 at least one week prior to event. For more information, visit smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

- SUBMITTED BY NANCY BENDER, PUBLIC SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Citywide

SMMUSD Bond Oversight Committee Accepting Applications

There is currently one vacancy in the category "citizen active in a senior citizen organization" on the SMMUSD Prop 39 Bond Oversight Committee.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) is seeking qualified candidates who meet that criterion, in accordance with Section 5.1 of the Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Bylaws. Application forms are available through the Superintendent's Office or via the website: http://www.smmusd.org/measureBB/CitizensOversight/application.pdf

Applications can be mailed to the district office (1651 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404), faxed (310) 581-1138, or scanned and emailed to boc@smmusd.org.

- SUBMITTED BY SMMUSD COMMUNITY & PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER GAIL PINSKER

Citywide

Local jobs website Workpop announces small business awards

Santa Monica based Workpop presents its first-ever Southern California Small

Business Awards, recognizing the businesses, managers, and employees that make the region a great place to work.

The Small Business Awards will accept nominations from the public in three Award categories: Best Business, Best Manager, and Best Employee. Nominations may be submitted on the Awards Page, at awards.workpop.com. The nominations period closes on Sunday, February 14. The Workpop Team will review the nominations and determine the Winners in each of the categories. The Winners will be notified in March.

"Since day one, Workpop has been devoted to helping empower Southern California businesses and workers," said Workpop CEO Reed Shaffner. "The Small Business Awards are a chance for Workpop and Southern California employers and employees to celebrate the great work being done here at home."

PRIZES

Best Business - $1,000 in StubHub credit to organize a team event, and a 1-year subscription to Dash, Workpop's digital HR solution (up to a $12,000 value).

Best Manager - $500 Visa gift card.

Best Employee - $500 Visa gift card.

In addition, nominators of Winners receive a $75 Visa gift card. People may submit multiple nominations.

Workpop is an online jobs marketplace designed for small and medium businesses and the workers they hire.

Learn more about Workpop at www.workpop.com.

- SUBMITTED BY TRAVIS MORRISON

LISTINGS

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Market is a well balanced blend of Certified California Farmers, tasty prepared and packaged foods, entertainment and children's activities as well as local retail. The Main Street market hosts a variety activities including bands, a bi-weekly cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, a face painter, a balloon animal designer as well as seasonal California grown fruits, vegetables, nuts, meats and cheeses. 2640 Main St, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 1

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m. www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board.

Disabilities Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St. 6:30 - 9 p.m. www.smgov.net/Portals/AccessibleSM/content.aspx?id=16032

Writer-In-Residence Office Hours

Jennifer Caloyeras is the 2016 Beach House Writer-in-Residence, and will be working on a novel in her office at the Marion Davies Guest House. She will share her work with three public events, a weekly blog, and open office hours throughout her tenure. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

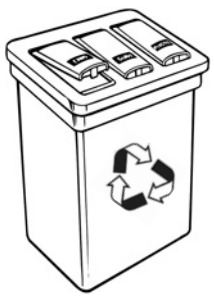


CLARE OPEN HOUSE

Jenny Maas

Human Resource Assistant Elissa Greene and PR and Marketing Associate Grace Lee welcomed visitors to the newly refurbished facility at the CLARE Foundation last week. Upgrades were made to the living area due in part to a crowdfunding campaign. Visit http://www.clarefoundation.org for more information.

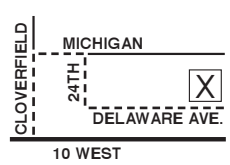
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Trains, Planes, Automobiles, Bikes, and More

OUR CITY IS BLESSED WITH AN ARRAY OF transportation options, perhaps the envy of any small city in this state and in the country. Our system has worked well for us to a great extent until recent years. The Santa Monica grid road system is simple and easy for drivers, bikers and pedestrians to understand. We have our own systems for bus and air transport and will shortly have a rail system with the extension of the Expo line. In addition to local taxi services, we now have bike sharing, Uber, Lyft and Zipcar.

However, we face new challenges, which are the direct result of poorly planned growth. This growth has taxed the capacity of our surface infrastructure. With rail line service to downtown, the system will be stressed in dangerous new ways as the interfaces and intersections between various modes of transit multiply astronomically. For instance, Lincoln Boulevard is currently carrying between 43,000 and 59,000 vehicles per day on certain sections of the street. The Expo Line when fully operational will be running trains every 12 minutes during rush hour and every 20 minutes during the day and evening hours. The convergence of unrelated events in this picture is disaster waiting to happen, due to a failure to analyze and predict.

To better understand this problem, I would like to suggest a physics analogy. In the late 1920's Werner Heisenberg, Nobel laureate, developed what became his "Uncertainty Principal". It states simply and profoundly that there is a randomness, some say fuzziness, in nature, in the universe. In our little universe that contains our City, we are like those quantum particles in his theory. We cannot hope to calculate where those particles are located and the probability of how they (we) may behave. Unlike the clockwork universe of Isaac Newton's theory, where everything follows clear-cut laws, our universe strains the ability of city planners to predict movements that we may make.

With such unpredictability comes great danger and, unfortunately, we have complicated the issue in concentrating so much growth into such a small area. Further, it might have been better, as previously emphasized, if certain modes of transportation, namely the Expo Line, had been more completely segregated from pedestrians, bikes and vehicular traffic. At the risk of overloading some of our overstrained thoroughfares we need to reduce the number of intersections where conflict exists between different types of transportation such as cars and trains. This should be a priority of the circulation element of our Downtown Specific Plan.

The future holds driverless cars, hover boards, and other new modes of transport that can only compound this complex issue. Pedestrians, drivers and visitors who are unskilled in dealing with the rail line, the large number of bikes, cars, buses and trucks, pose potential serious problems. There is a real possibility that our City government will face additional challenges in the form of enormous lawsuits.

We have already seen a train derailed by a wayward truck whose driver was confused. Fortunately, no passengers were aboard. The City Council has recently taken action to install a fence down the center of the rail corridor to prevent pedestrians and skateboarders from crossing the tracks. This picture is far from the pleasant renderings which show railcars, cars, buses, bikes and pedestrian commingling.

The solutions to our dilemma are varied and there are no quick fixes. Dependence on the private vehicle may wane and the county might develop a truly area-wide transit system that reduces traffic loads on the streets and freeways. We might learn how to teleport from one location to another as if in a Star Trek episode. That probably won't happen - not in my lifetime at any rate.

1. One solution is literally just simply to train our citizens, their children and our visitors to co-exist with the system that we now have in place. Use of bikes, buses or jitney-size vehicles will help to some extent. These are resident-friendly and may reduce the dependence on the automobile. I have seen it work in Zurich, Switzerland where I have spent much time in the last 18 years. There is a co-existence between all forms of transit. Within the city the speed of the trains or trams is much reduced, stops are more frequent and the volume of other vehicular traffic is lower. Furthermore, each pedestrian's awareness is nurtured from childhood.

2. Provide substantial parking at the periphery of downtown and at Freeway off-ramps to allow visitors and our itinerant workforce to commute, and encourage telecommuting where possible.

3. Provide real low income, affordable housing in appropriate locations, for workers who should not be required to pay more than 30-35 % of their yearly income for housing.

4. In conjunction with additional parking, experiment with creating partial one way streets. For instance sections of 4th and 5th streets could be one-way in order to relieve the traffic from the I-10 off-ramps.

5. On Ocean Avenue, where the traffic is bumper to bumper by late afternoons and weekends, provide pedestrian bridges to allow access to the Pier, the park and the beach areas. These bridges would become part of a system that incorporates the renovated Pier Bridge.

6. Install true railroad crossing gates where the most heavily trafficked thoroughfares cross the rail right-of-ways.

7. Restrict delivery traffic to late night and early mornings.

8. Provide a master plan of dedicated mid-block pedestrian walkways where feasible in the downtown area.

9. Provide whatever mechanisms exist, electronic and/or mechanical, which ensure that the Expo train speed within our borders allows a capacity to come to a full stop quickly at intersections where its visibility may be compromised by existing buildings. Perhaps this might be no greater than ten miles per hour.

10. Conceptually explore the possibility of running an Expo spur line from down-

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EDUCATOR SPOTLIGHT:

Amy Cordes, Grant Elementary School



Courtesy Photo

AMY CORDES: **The Educator Spotlight for January is Amy Cordes.**

BY BARBARA RANSOM

The Educator Spotlight recognizes those who contribute to the education of local students.

Educators were chosen by consulting with site PTSA (Parent Teacher and Student Association) and ASB (Associated Student Body) as well as staff recommendations. They were chosen for their reputations with students, staff, parents and the community.

For Educator Amy Cordes, teaching is a family affair. Cordes' mom taught at Grant Elementary School where Cordes currently teaches next door to one of her mom's former students. Cordes' three children also attended school in Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), so she's been a teacher and parent in the community. She says, "I've put the P and T in PTA! And felt a huge connection to the community."

Amy Cordes taught for six years before joining SMMUSD to follow in her mother's footsteps. She is currently a 4th grade teacher at Grant Elementary School and feels 4th grade is one of the best grade levels. They get to read novels, like Island of the Blue Dolphins, and learn about California history: missions, ranches, and the gold rush. She finds nothing "more exciting" than that. Sometimes she thinks math might be her "favorite subject," but then she also loves "creating electric circuits so science is the best." But then they simulate mining for gold and social studies is "number one" again!

Having taught in SMMUSD for 17 years, between Grant and Roosevelt, Cordes considers teaching an ever-changing "new adventure."

CORDES SPEAKS:

I just hope my enthusiasm for learning is contagious to my students and they continue to find joy and happiness in learning and making new connections to the world around us.

I have been keeping busy recently at school taking on the responsibilities of Math Coach and Professional Development Leader. I like to work with other teachers as well as students so I get to do that when I am coaching math instruction and working with my colleagues.

I also think that supporting my profession is truly important, so I am an active member of Santa Monica Malibu Classroom Teacher's Association (SMMCTA).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Keep the Civic

Editor:

I take exception with Bill Bauer's suggestion that the Civic Auditorium be demolished and rebuilt.

Too often iconic buildings are torn down to make way for development.

The Civic Auditorium has been the sight of some of the most classic concerts in history; the Academy Awards; and, last but not least, the annual Cat Show! Its facade is one of a kind and should be preserved.

I can't wait for great shows and events to return to this venue.

Richard Hirsch
Santa Monica

SMART

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town Santa Monica to Los Angeles International Airport along the Lincoln / Route 1 right of way, to serve our City, its hotels and the growing populations of the areas of Venice, Marina Del Rey, and Playa Vista.

These suggested measures would reduce the traffic in the City. They would provide better access to regional transportation, and they just might reduce future accidents that would be the direct result of a failure to prepare for monumental changes in our transportation structure that are coming. They would alleviate the "growing pains" of our City as it transforms from a small city with small city problems to a small city with large city problems.

Sam Tolkin Architect, for SMa.r.t.

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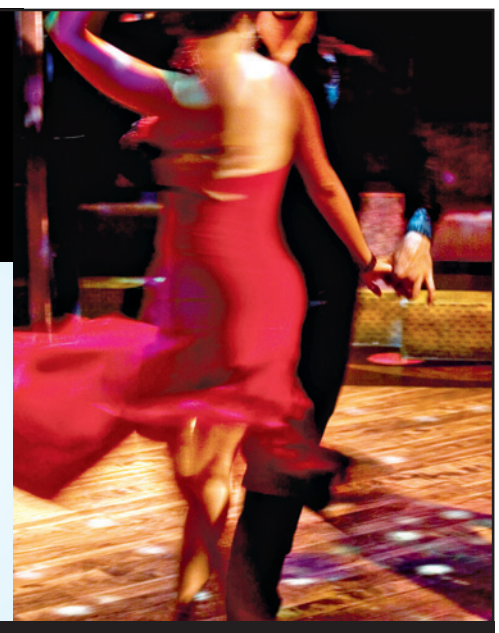
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CAR

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ing a great transportation alternative that's clean and efficient and affordable. ... We're optimistic that the City will be a partner to help us grow so we can be a great service for the residents of the city."

Honig and co-founder Isaac Deutsch, both from New York, see WaiveCar as a sustainable solution to commuting in and around Santa Monica. They chose California as a general target because of the availability of electric cars, and they zeroed in on Santa Monica in part because of its charging stations and environmentally conscious reputation.

Honig noted that electric vehicle drivers are allowed to park for free at on-street meters in Santa Monica. (They must obey time limits and other restrictions.)

"Los Angeles doesn't have the greatest public transit," he said. "If you don't have a car, it's impossible to get around. You're basically taking Uber everywhere. We just saw a really good opportunity."

WaiveCar currently has 20 cars available and eventually plans to expand its fleet to 200 across Los Angeles.

Driving a WaiveCar vehicle is free for the first two hours and $5.99 per hour after that. Currently, users are being asked to return the cars to the company's lot near 7th Street and Colorado Avenue unless they're left with at least a 25-percent charge or at a charging station.

"Because our cars are ad-supported, we needed an area with a lot of traffic and Santa Monica made sense," Honig said. "There are a lot of tourists, students and professionals. it's a great place to live and a very friendly environment for our business."

Valles, the City planning official, said the advertising element adds a new component to the car-sharing concept. But this isn't the first time he's looked into the soundness of a local transportation-related company. He distinctly remembers Santa Monica's 2014 ban on MonkeyParking, a business that encouraged drivers to sell high-demand public parking spaces through an app.

"It's not our intent to stifle innovation. We welcome it," Valles said. "We think companies can provide valuable benefits. ... When a new model starts to impact our streets, that's when it becomes more of a concern for us. Traffic and congestion are of top concern for residents and for the community, so those are things we do take a closer look at to understand."

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GIFT

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in transitional and crisis domestic violence shelters. The gifts include Valentine's Day presents, gifts such as electronic devices for learning and fun; birthday presents, including new clothing, toys and restaurant gift cards; and backpacks full of school supplies for the fall. Present Now currently serves 13 shelters across Los Angeles County, Orange County, Ventura County and Palm Springs.

Fisher and Neumann first met through their children's preschool and became fast friends. The two had different backgrounds, Fisher in social work and Neumann in fundraising, but a similar desire to start a project of their own.

"We started just doing research," Fisher said. "Researching different populations in Los Angeles for moms and children of domestic abuse. Children that are victims of domestic violence. What we specifically wanted to do was, we wanted it to be a charity that gave, not a large amount of gifts, but smaller, more personalized gifts."

Fisher said that last year their Valentine's Day presents were LeapFrogs and iPod nanos and that this year they hope to give smart watches to the different age groups.

"Our gifts that we give are very personalized," Neumann said. "Each gift we give is in a white box with a purple ribbon with the name of the child on it. They're gifts that these kids can take with them when they leave [the shelters]."

According to Neumann, Present Now has given out over 800 gifts since its inception and their goal for this year is to be able to give out 500.

"There are so many amazing charities giving out so many amazing things out there," she said. "But I think what differentiates us is the personalization for what we give to each child. 500 gifts may not seem like a lot, but the attention to detail is what we bring."

Fisher said the reason they chose to focus on the children of domestic violence for their charity is "sort of a double whammy," as the children are both in need of these items, and are also not given the same attention in these situations as their mothers.

"These children are taken with the moms [to the shelters], and most of the services are geared toward the mother," Fisher said. "We sort of relate to the children as the silent survivors. They are escaping danger, completely anonymous. You never see their face. And we don't connect with them. We don't see them when we give the gifts. And that is to protect them, to keep them safe. We were really touched and taken by that, and felt it was a population that was completely overlooked. So that is absolutely one of the reasons why, when we were doing the initial research, why this spoke to us."

Last week, Present Now exceeded its record for fundraising at its annual Present Now in Palm Springs event, bringing in $130,000 from 135 participants to support its program.

The event, a women's getaway at the Palm Springs Riviera held Jan. 23-24, featured a poolside trunk show of designer goods, cocktails and dinner, DJ, a performance by comedian Stephanie Blum, and yoga and pilates with instructor Brianna Masson. Throughout the event, Present Now offered ways that attendees could contribute.

"During our dinner we pitched the room asking who would like to become a Presence of Love Ambassador and donate $250 to sponsor a child on Valentine's Day. We had 32 women participate," Neumann said. "The attendees truly care about the children we serve, and their generosity was amazing."

Silent auction items were donated by local Santa Monica and Westside businesses, including SoulCycle, Savannah Boutique on Montana Avenue and Stephanie Grace Designs.

Fisher said Present Now's hope for the future is to continue to expand the program and partner with more shelters as they branch out farther and farther from Los Angeles, hoping to one day cover all of California.

"We want to be able to affect the lives of more children," Fisher said. "It is a lofty goal of ours, but it's there, off in the distance for us."

For a detailed description of the Presents Program and the shelters Present Now supports, or to make a donation, visit www.presentnow.org.

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TIE GAME

Morgan Genser

The Santa Monica High School girls varsity soccer team hosted El-Segundo in an Ocean League soccer match and tied 2-2 in overtime. With the tie SAMO's record moves to 4-0-1 in league play and 8-5-3 overall. Pictured are Chloe Kleinman, Ryeka Namiri and Gabrielle Clouse.

CITY

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maintaining and improving our exceptional quality of life ... [is] visionary leadership that is not afraid of innovation. In today's changing world, the greatest risk is not to take any risk at all."

During the annual event hosted by the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, local leaders highlighted the city's accomplishments over the last year while outlining the challenges they plan to tackle in the coming year and beyond.

Cole and recently anointed Mayor Tony Vazquez targeted mobility as their top priority, discussing numerous changes in the city's transportation landscape. The extension of the Expo light-rail line to Santa Monica is scheduled to open in May and construction work on the California Incline is expected to be done by this summer, two major pieces of a circulation puzzle that also includes the recently launched Breeze bike-share program, tweaks to Big Blue Bus routes and the Colorado Esplanade.

The projects will help Santa Monica decrease its dependence on cars while reducing traffic congestion and auto emissions, Vazquez said.

Cole and Vazquez also weighed in on the debate over the future of the Santa Monica Airport, which the Federal Aviation Administration recently ruled must stay in operation until 2023. While some believe the airport is important to the city's economy and emergency preparedness, officials and homeowners have lobbied to close it in favor of an expanded park.

"It was innovative to build an airfield for biplanes, but that was 100 years ago," Cole said. "It makes no sense for corporate jets to be taking off 300 feet from the rooftops of residents' homes."

Officials also said they'll work on keeping Santa Monica accessible for people of all income levels. The city recently passed an ordinance that will raise the minimum wage to $15 per hour by 2020, but Vazquez said the need for more affordable housing persists.

"Something must be done to keep our community affordable for future generations," said Vazquez, a 30-year resident of Santa Monica.

This year's State of the City event was held just a day after Santa Monica's homeless count, an annual attempt to track the number of people living in shelters and on the streets. And while the local total has declined or held steady in recent years, homelessness has spiked across the county during that span.

The issue beyond Santa Monica's borders "will swamp our best efforts" unless local leaders collaborate with Los Angeles city and county officials, Cole said.

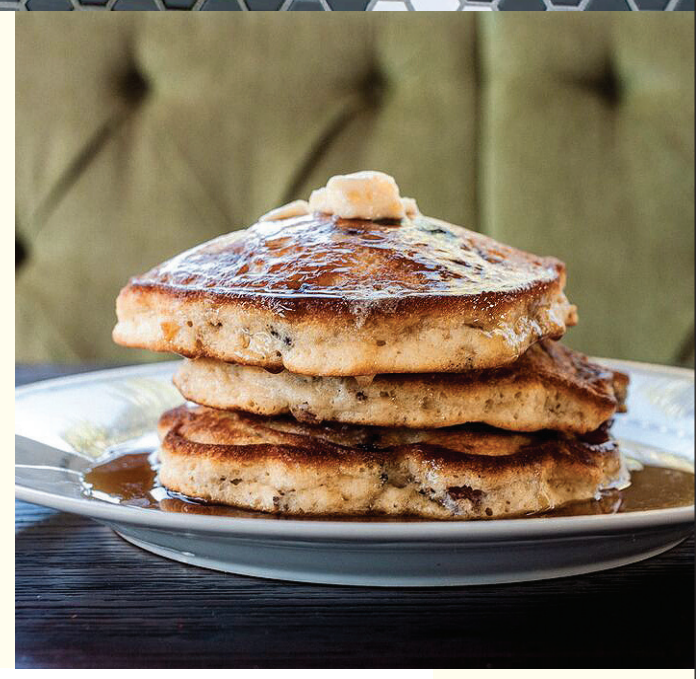
Cole said Santa Monica's success would ultimately be gauged by the wellbeing of the people who live and work in the city. Although the city is in good shape overall, he said, its government needs to improve on addressing the needs of residents and businesses.

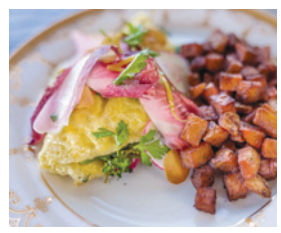
"When you enter the lobby at City Hall, you still see people sitting on benches, waiting their turn to process building permits," he said. "And here we are, the epicenter of Silicon Beach, and our website sucks. ...

"If we don't address these issues and the growing loss of public trust in public institutions ... we will find ourselves in the same boat as the post office," he said. "Our community cannot take yesterday's success for granted."

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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: **59.4°**

SATURDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Longer period NW swell continues. Larger sets for focal points out west.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
NW swell trends down. Onshore wind looks to build as low impacts coast.

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
NW swell continues to trend down. Possible short to mid-period NW pulse - low confidence on the specifics for this swell. Winds could remain an issue for exposures as low clears out.

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CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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 JAN. 20 AT APPROXIMATELY 12:40 P.M.

Santa Monica police officers responded to a domestic violence call at a residence at the 1400 block of 5th St. When the officers arrived, they found the victim crying uncontrollably outside the location. The victim told the officers she used to date the suspect and also lived with him for a short time in 2013, but ended the relationship after several incidences of domestic violence. The victim also told them the suspect is an alcoholic and suffers from mental illness. On Jan. 19 however, the victim called the suspect and asked him to take her to see a doctor. The suspect agreed, but when they returned to the victim's residence he started drinking vodka and became verbally abusive. The suspect also became irrational and believed someone was using tracking signals to follow him. The victim asked the suspect to leave, but he refused and eventually fell asleep. The following morning, the suspect continued drinking and became even more irrational. He also assaulted the victim by punching her multiple times on the body and face, and then threatened he would kill her. When the suspect walked into another room, the victim immediately ran outside and asked a passerby to use their cell phone to call the police. After speaking to the victim, the officers went inside the victim's residence and found the suspect there. The suspect was then taken into custody and booked at the Santa Monica jail. Trevor Schmidt, 58, of San Diego, had bail set at $50,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 302 calls for service on Jan 28.

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

Sexual Assault 1400 Block of 2ND 1:21 a.m.
Stalking Suspect There 4TH/Broadway 4:07 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1500 Block of Harvard 6:23 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 800 Block of 26TH 7:07 a.m.
Hit and Run 1100 Block of Yale 7:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary 2000 Block of Delaware 7:40 a.m.
Living in a vehicle 2400 Block of 30TH 7:58 a.m.
Auto Burglary 900 Block of 4TH 8:13 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2600 Block of Santa Monica 8:14 a.m.
Grand Theft 2500 Block of Ocean Park 8:40 a.m.
Death 2400 Block of 5TH 8:53 a.m.
Drunk Driving 500 Block of Wilshire 8:57 a.m.
Battery 2200 Block of Wilshire 9:11 a.m.
Lewd Activity 3RD/Washington 9:28 a.m.
Fraud 1600 Block of Santa Monica 9:58 a.m.
Hit and Run 1100 Block of 9TH 10:14 a.m.
LOJACK Hit 18TH/Pico 10:15 a.m.
Indecent Exposure 300 Block of Pico 10:58 a.m.
Fraud 300 Block of Olympic 11:23 a.m.
Death 1300 Block of 2ND 11:29 a.m.
Vandalism 1600 Block of Berkeley 11:30 a.m.
Overdose 1900 Block of Cloverfield 11:51 a.m.
Grand Theft 1500 Block of 6TH 12:13 p.m.
Traffic Collision 6TH/Santa Monica 12:26 p.m.
Battery 400 Block of Wilshire 12:29 p.m.
Domestic Violence 1000 Block of 12TH 12:48 p.m.
Fraud 1300 Block of 3RD Street Prom 1:03 p.m.
Person Down 1400 Block of Olympic 2:11 p.m.
Auto Burglary 900 Block of 4TH 2:23 p.m.
Burglary investigation 2400 Block of 21ST 3:29 p.m.
Traffic Collision 2000 Block of Pearl 3:31 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered Euclid/Arizona 3:35 p.m.
Vandalism 1700 Block of 14TH 3:50 p.m.
Person Down 2000 Block of Main 4:02 p.m.
Elder Abuse 2200 Block of 10TH 4:02 p.m.
Public Intoxication 500 Block of Colorado 4:05 p.m.
Domestic Violence Ocean/Arizona 4:06 p.m.
Hit and Run 900 Block of 2ND 4:48 p.m.
Auto Burglary 21ST/Delaware 4:50 p.m.
Auto Burglary 1500 Block of 4TH 4:51 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 41 calls for service on Jan. 28.

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

EMS 900 block of 14th 12:09 a.m.
EMS 400 block of Montana 12:15 a.m.
EMS 900 block of 9th 12:20 a.m.
EMS 2600 block of Santa Monica 1:12 a.m.
EMS 2100 block of Main 1:49 a.m.
EMS 2500 block of Main 2:20 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1400 block of 2nd 3:09 a.m.
EMS 1100 block of 6th 4:34 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 17th 4:59 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of 5th 8:45 a.m.
EMS 500 block of Idaho 9:16 a.m.
EMS 600 block of Santa Monica 9:32 a.m.
Flooded condition 500 block of Montana 9:54 a.m.
Structure fire 1300 block of 4th 10:40 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1300 block of Sunset 11:16 a.m.
EMS 2400 block of Santa Monica 11:21 a.m.
Smoke investigation 1300 block of Harvard 11:27 a.m.
EMS 22nd/Delaware 11:41 a.m.
EMS 1900 block of Cloverfield 11:53 a.m.
EMS 6th/Santa Monica 12:27 p.m.
Elevator rescue 2500 block of Pico 1:31 p.m.
Flooded condition 1000 block of 4th 1:36 p.m.
Automatic alarm 500 block of Euclid 1:43 p.m.
EMS 1500 block of 4th 1:57 p.m.
EMS 20th/Olympic 2:06 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 2:07 p.m.
EMS 1400 block of Olympic 2:12 p.m.
EMS Main/Bay 4:03 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln 4:39 p.m.
EMS 3200 block of Wilshire 4:49 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Montana 4:54 p.m.
EMS Ocean/Adelaide 5:28 p.m.
EMS 100 block of Broadway 6:01 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Wilshire 6:24 p.m.
Automatic alarm 300 block of Santa Monica Pl 8:46 p.m.
Structure fire 2100 block of Montana 9:25 p.m.
EMS 800 block of 2nd 9:35 p.m.
EMS 3100 block of Main 9:38 p.m.
EMS 17th/Wilshire 9:47 p.m.

CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

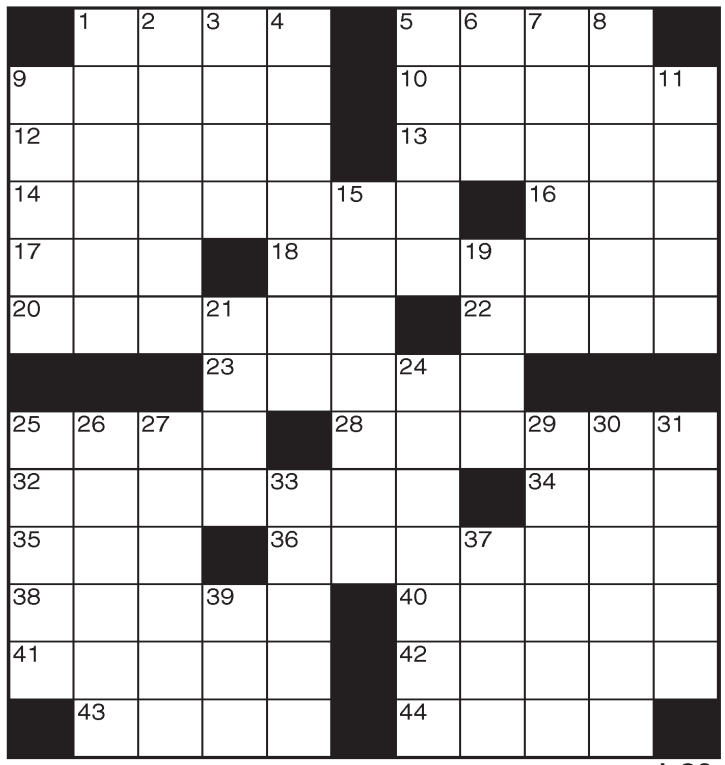
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10 Cellar stock
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13 Failed car
14 In front of the audience
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17 King topper
18 Seedy building
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22 Chops down
23 Digression
25 Number
28 Riot robber
32 Usher's place
34 Pitcher's stat
35 Look over
36 Nicholas II's dynasty
38 Cheese chunk
40 Dwelling
41 Company division
42 Low cards in pinochle
43 Dress lines
44 Hardy heroine

DOWN
1 "The Rescuers" mouse
2 Entertains
3 — Blanc
4 Star in Scorpio
5 Online message
6 Stashed
7 Guarantee
8 Playground sight
9 Young pig
11 Strikes
15 Pisa genius
19 Vincent's brother
21 Sweeping story
24 Inactive
25 Worries
26 "You think so?"
27 Pester
29 Mortises' partners
30 Undermines
31 Dance parties
33 Lock
37 Rose's love
39 Ring feature

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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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SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 1/27
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Mega#: 10
Jackpot: 12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/28
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Draw Date: 1/28
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Draw Date: 1/28
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3rd: 05 California Classic
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WORD UP!

zenith
1. a highest point or state; culmination. 2. the point on the celestial sphere vertically above a given position or observer.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1960 – The African National Party is founded in Chad, through the merger of traditionalist parties.
1964 – Ranger program: Ranger 6 is launched.
1964 – In a bloodless coup, General Nguyen Khánh overthrows General Durong Van Minh's military junta in South Vietnam.
1965 – Some one million people attend former Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill's funeral, the biggest in the United Kingdom up to that point.
1968 – Vietnam War: Tet Offensive launch by forces of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army against South Vietnam, the United States, and their allies.
1969 – The Beatles' last public performance, on the roof of Apple Records in London. The impromptu concert is broken up by the police.
1971 – Carole King's Tapestry album is released to become the longest charting album by a female solo artist and sell 24 million copies worldwide.
1972 – The Troubles: Bloody Sunday: British Paratroopers open fire on and kill fourteen unarmed civil rights/anti-internment marchers in Derry, Northern Ireland.
1972 – Pakistan withdraws from the Commonwealth of Nations.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Marie Holmes, that 2014 Powerball winner in North Carolina whom News of the Weird had reported in September rapidly running through her winnings by bailing her boyfriend out of jail (alleged drug dealer Lamarr "Hot Sauce" McDow), had already tied up $9 million on two arrests. In January, Hot Sauce was arrested again (only for "street racing," but that violated his bail conditions), and Holmes was forced to fork over another $12 million (as bond basically doubles with each violation, but Holmes would get about 90 percent back — if Hot Sauce shows up for court). (Holmes earlier addressed her critics on Facebook: "What y'all need to be worried about is y'all money ....")

■ Refreshing the Witness: A convenience store clerk, Ms. Falguni Patel, was giving testimony in the witness box in the September (2011) trial of a man charged with robbing her in Hudson, Florida, two years earlier when she began shaking and then passed out. A relative of Patel's approached, removed her sneaker and held it to Patel's face, without success. The relative explained that Patel was subject to such blackouts and that sniffing the sneaker often revived her. (After paramedics attended to her, Patel took the rest of the day off and went back to court the next morning.)

Out late tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have a way about you that draws many people toward you. A friend might really want and need time alone with you. Be flattered. If you value your relationship with this person, arrange for some personal time together. Tonight: Add some spice to dinner and to the evening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are such a calm person that others want to be around you. A discussion allows you to understand a friendship better. Perhaps you didn't believe that this person cared about you, as he or she has been somewhat remote. You'll quickly find out otherwise. Tonight: Have fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Make an extra effort toward a new friend. Your playfulness is renowned, and you see life in a more carefree way from how others do. Allow the child within you to emerge. Your imagination knows no limits. Trust in your ability to make an impression. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be in a position in which you don't know how to proceed. You have been cocooning at home lately. Why not continue for another day or so? When you know which way to go, you will emerge. Many people value your opinion. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make calls, return emails and find out what everybody else is doing before making plans. It's easier to handle your day in this manner rather than having to cancel and rearrange your schedule. A partner has a very creative idea; go with it. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be in a position where you need to handle a financial matter first. You might not like what is being asked of you, but you will step up to the plate. There are many ways to handle a financial question, but you need to find the right one. Tonight: Let someone else treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Act as if you know what you want, and others will respond accordingly. If you are unsure about a family member's proposition, say so. Time is your ally. You could sense a deceptive situation developing around your day-to-day life. Tonight: Keep your eyes wide open.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Make it OK to take a day off just for you. You could have special plans that you don't want to share with others. You have been secretive as of late, so refusing to say what you're up to won't be unusual. Later in the day, you will feel liberated. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to rethink your plans. What you hear and what you think is happening could be very different from what is actually going on. A friend might be intentionally vague. Focus on your friends and on your long-term desires. Tonight: Make it an early night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take charge of a situation, and make sure that you're heading in the direction you desire. Your ability to read between the lines makes all the difference in what occurs. An older relative delights in your attention. Make plans with this person. Tonight: A good time is had by all!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your mind wanders to other lands and distant friends. You might not want to hang out in the here-and-now. Take off, if you desire, or make plans to visit the faraway friends whom you miss and want to see. Know that the feelings are mutual. Tonight: Start thinking about a trip.

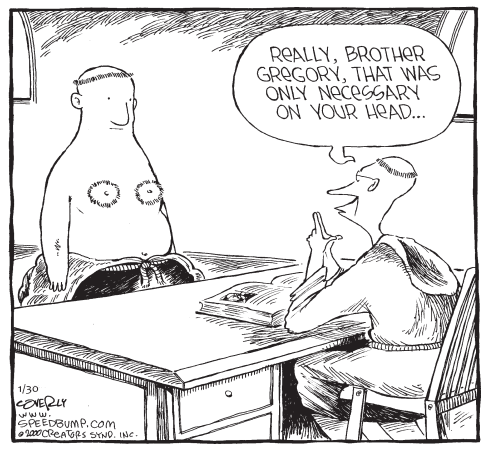
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could make a big difference to a loved one or a special friend. This person is likely to ask you for what he or she wants. Make it a point to deliver; he or she will appreciate your efforts and could repay you in many different ways. Tonight: Make it a cozy night at home.

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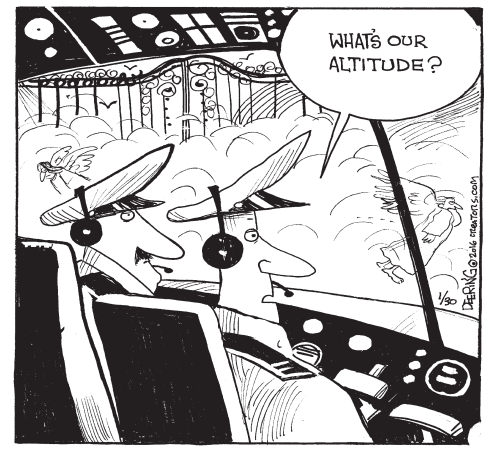
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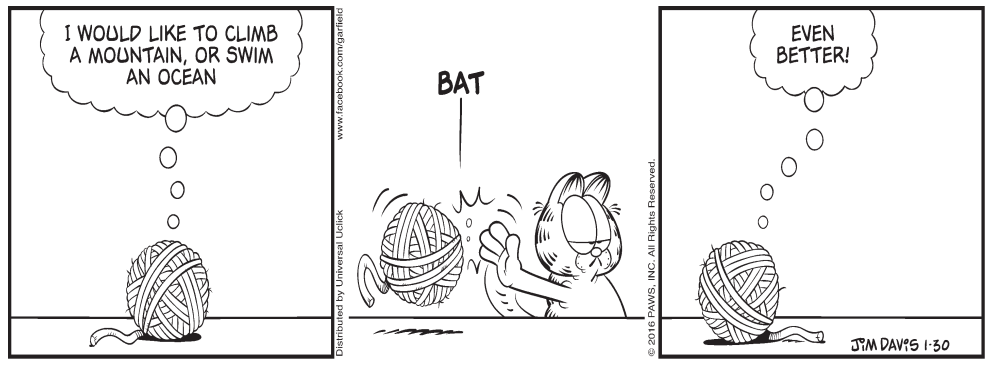
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