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New aircraft company opens showroom at SMO



Madeleine Pauker

ICON: The new aircraft company has opened a showroom at the Santa Monica Airport

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A new aircraft company has touched down at Santa Monica Airport, touting a futuristic airplane and an ambitious business plan.

ICON Aircraft, which is headquartered in Northern California, opened its first showroom at Corporate Hangar 7 last week. Visitors will be able to take demo flights in its futuristic ICON A5, an amphibious light plane with a streamlined cockpit the company markets as an accessible aircraft for weekend adventures like fly fishing or island hopping. The two-seater airplane retails for $389,000.

ICON is trying to make the experience of flying similar to jet skiing or quad biking, said president Thomas Wieners. The A5's cockpit is designed to resemble the dashboard of a car and its safety features include a spin-resistant body and parachute. With its wings folded, the plane can be pulled by a car or boat.

"It's all about bringing more people to flying," Wieners said. "We want to make flying accessible for everyone and make it as safe as possible. We want to make it intuitive."

Only 20 hours of flight experience are needed to get the sport pilot license required to fly

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Community volunteer dies suddenly

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer



Courtesy photo

BETH LEDER-PACK

A noted community leader and activist died Saturday after a short illness.

Beth Leder-Pack worked as an information analyst for the Rent Control Board for 25 years and was active in a multitude of community organizations, fighting for affordable housing and workers' rights. A native of Connecticut and Pennsylvania and an alumna of Cornell

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Santa Monica resident celebrates her centennial year

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer



Courtesy photo

ANNA HAFELI

Santa Monica is a city rife with big names and impressive resumes but not even the most gilded of residents have hit the milestone a longtime resident recently has.

Anna Hafeli turned 100 (!) Monday, April 1. Her special day was rung in with family, friends and neighbors in their apartment complex off 3rd and California this past weekend. About 60 people attended the celebration, which included refreshments and music.

"I felt 20 years younger," Hafeli said with a laugh. "It was such a surprise. "I didn't expect so many

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, April 2

Write Away
Gain feedback and encouragement in your writing efforts from fellow writers in this supportive writer's meet-up. Fairview Branch Library 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Walk-In Tutoring: Basic Reading, Writing and Online Skills
Friendly volunteer tutors provide help with basic reading, writing, and computer skills; using the Internet to search for information; opening and using an email account; filling out online forms or applications; learning how to write a resume or cover letter; and more. Main Library Literacy Center 5 - 7 p.m.

Ocean Park Film Series: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969)
Film historian Elaina Friedrichsen discusses and screens this classic film, starring Paul Newman & Robert Redford, about a group of outlaws who escape to Bolivia after a train robbery goes wrong. (Film runtime: 120 min.) Ocean Park Branch Library 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Gentle Yoga at Fairview
In a class that is safe for seniors and beginners, as well as relaxing and stress-releasing for pros, veteran instructor Raghavan guides you through a gentle session of yoga and meditation. Space is limited. Please bring a mat or towel to the program. Fairview Branch Library 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 3

Mindfulness Meditation
Organizers invite you to enjoy a pause in the day in which to refresh yourself by simply sitting and paying attention to your senses, feelings, and thoughts. You are welcome to stay for 5 minutes or for the entire 30 minutes. Natalie Bell, Mindful Wellness consultant, and/or guest facilitators from UCLA Mindful Awareness Center, will guide the session, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays each month. Montana Avenue Branch Library 5:30 - 6 p.m.

Website Workshop Series
This series of 90-minute workshops teaches you the basics of creating websites using HTML and CSS. To register, email ideashappen@smgov.net by April 1. Series is scheduled for April 3, 10, 17 & 24. Main Library Computer Classroom, 2nd Floor 6 - 8 p.m.

GED/HiSET Prep Class
Get prepared to take the Language Arts subject test of the GED or HiSET. Main Library Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor 6:45 - 8:45 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting
The Santa Monica Planning Commission normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month in the City Council Chamber. City Hall Council Chamber 7 p.m.

Westside Writers Mingle
A monthly meeting of SCBWI, an organization of children's writers and illustrators. Open to all. MG/YA Critique night Ocean Park Branch Library 7 -8:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

Library Board Meeting
Library Board Meeting in Administration Conference Room, 2nd Floor near computer commons. Main Library, 7 – 9 p.m.

Money Smart Week: Bank Your Bucks
Learn banking basics such as reasons to use a bank, types of banks, opening accounts, and tracking account activity. Co-presented by OneWest Bank. Main Library, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Current Events Discussion Group
Join organizers for a lively discussion of the latest news with your friends and neighbors. Fairview Branch Library, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Friday, April 5

DIY Ribbon Easter Eggs
Get together with your friends for a fun day of Easter crafts! Make beautiful satin ribbon eggs to give to someone or keep it for yourself. Pico Branch Library. 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Open Art Critiques
Art Critiques for all facilitated by international visual artist Claudia Borgna www.claudiaborgna.org In collaboration with special guest poet Verónica Reyes www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/veronica-reyes. Open to artists in all genres at any stage of their creative practice wanting feedback on their work. For more information or to register, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/open-art-critique-sessions-with-claudia-borgna-and-veronica-reyes-tickets-58402272770. 1 – 4 p.m. 1450 Ocean.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Pacific Palisades

Event aims to raise $250,000 for breast cancer research through 11th Annual Walk with Love

Join Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation for the eleventh annual Walk with Love 5K Walk/Run in Pacific Palisades. The event will be held on Sunday, April 28 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Pacific Palisades Recreation Center. The kid-friendly and dog-friendly event will feature a kids' corner and high-end product giveaways for the whole family.

Walk with Love is slated to raise a quarter of a million dollars in critical funding for programs like the Army of Women® which educates and engages the public to participate in research studies that are bringing us closer to a future without breast cancer. Proceeds will also benefit the Foundation's first of its kind research such as Mapping of the Breast Ducts, the microbiome of the breast study, and ImPatient Science™ – a recently launched digital education initiative using a series of instructional videos and online resources to educate and empower patients.

Walk with Love is expected to host over 800 walkers and runners. While the flagship event will take place in Southern California, supporters nationwide are invited to participate in their own communities. Run, walk, bike, swim, or choose their own form of activity and virtually join the movement on April 28th.

"We are excited to be at the forefront of some of the most life-changing breast cancer research. But it's time to push the needle forward. Walk with Love is unique in that it increases people's connection to our mission and raises the funds needed to continue driving critical research that will directly benefit women and men living with breast cancer and metastatic breast cancer NOW." says Dr. Susan Love, Chief Visionary Officer of the Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation.

This year, Walk with Love aims to raise $250,000 to continue to drive groundbreaking breast cancer research. "The time has come that we move beyond awareness and empower our community to take action by donating and raising funds to support breast cancer research" says, Christopher Clinton Conway, CEO of the Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation.

Register or donate today by visiting WalkwithLove.org

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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 MARCH 21, AT ABOUT 11:36 A.M.



File Photo

JOSEPH KEVIN BROOKS

Officers responded to the AM/PM at 332 Pico Blvd regarding a disturbance involving a subject blocking the doorway and challenging employees to fight. Prior to police arrival, the subject was pepper sprayed by a store employee. Officers detained the subject for an investigation. Officers learned the subject entered the store. An employee recognized the subject from earlier in the day when the subject poured himself a cup of coffee and walked out of the store without paying. The subject returned and poured himself a cup of tea. An employee confronted him and told him he needed to pay for the tea. The subject tried to walk out of the store but was confronted by the employee. The employee attempted to grab the tea out of his hand. The subject dropped the tea and began yelling at the employee. The subject charged at the employee causing the employee to pepper spray the subject. The subject was placed under arrest. Officers located several tea bags in his belongings. Joseph Kevin Brooks, 28, homeless, was arrested for assault and theft. Bail was set at $20,000.

DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 355 CALLS ON MARCH 31

Battery 1500blk Olympic Blvd 12:09 a.m.
Auto burglary 1200blk 2nd St 1:35 a.m.
Party complaint 100blk Pacific St 1:57 a.m.
Public intoxication 1400blk 4th St 2:09 a.m.
Loud music 1200blk 24th St 2:27 a.m.
Petty theft 1600blk Ocean Ave 2:31 a.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Bay St 2:47 a.m.
Strongarm robbery 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:46 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:21 a.m.
Drunk driving 300blk Pico Blvd 4:30 a.m.
Petty theft 400blk Bay St 6:06 a.m.
Speeding 26th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:40 a.m.
Auto burglary 2600blk 5th St 7:59 a.m.
Overdose 1900blk Frank St 8:45 a.m.
Auto burglary 2600blk 5th St 9:28 a.m.
Speeding 1000blk Pacific Coast Hwy 9:28 a.m.
Harassing phone calls 800blk 9th St 11:19 a.m.
Burglary 3000blk 3rd St 11:28 a.m.
Battery 2100blk Virginia Ave 12:15 p.m.
Auto burglary 300blk 23rd St 12:27 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1600blk Appian Way 12:55 p.m.
Speeding Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 12:56 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1300blk 5th St 1:02 p.m.
Hit and run misdemeanor 15th St / Wilshire Blvd 1:06 p.m.
Auto burglary 300blk 23rd St 1:20 p.m.
Counterfeit money 1000blk Hill St 1:20 p.m.
Petty theft 1400blk 5th St 1:28 p.m.
Indecent exposure 1400blk 6th St 1:46 p.m.
Drunk driving 700blk Broadway 1:55 p.m.
Prowler just left 100blk Alta Ave 1:55 p.m.
Vehicle blocking driveway 1100blk 22nd St 2:10 p.m.
Speeding Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 2:19 p.m.
Critical missing person 1500blk Ocean Front Walk 2:28 p.m.
Petty theft 100blk Santa Monica Pl 2:46 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries Princeton St / Wilshire Blvd 2:54 p.m.
Vehicle out of space 2600blk Barnard Way 3:02 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 3:06 p.m.
Person with a gun 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:07 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:07 p.m.
Bike theft 1700blk Appian Way 3:16 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 3:32 p.m.
Grand theft auto 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 3:46 p.m.
Threats 100blk Santa Monica Pl 4:07 p.m.
Battery 1400blk 2nd St 4:07 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Lincoln Blvd / Interstate 10 4:20 p.m.
Threats 200blk Wilshire Blvd 4:28 p.m.
Threats 1300blk Ocean Ave 4:32 p.m.
Speeding 200blk Pacific St 4:40 p.m.
Threats 1300blk 2nd St 4:47 p.m.
Abandoned vehicle 2800blk 23rd St 5:06 p.m.
Illegal weapon Main St / Bay St 5:06 p.m.
Petty theft 100blk Wilshire Blvd 5:21 p.m.
Fight 17th St / Ashland Ave 5:27 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 34 CALLS ON MARCH 31

Emergency Medical Service 1500blk Olympic Blvd 12:14 a.m.
EMS 600blk Ocean Ave 12:30 a.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:33 a.m.
EMS 1700blk Ocean Front Walk 12:34 a.m.
EMS 14th St / Olympic Blvd 12:45 a.m.
EMS 100blk Broadway 2:15 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Ocean Ave 2:35 a.m.
EMS 600blk Bay St 3:31 a.m.
EMS 2300blk 4th St 4:56 a.m.
EMS 1900blk Frank St 8:45 a.m.
EMS 34th St / Pico Blvd 10:43 a.m.
EMS 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 10:56 a.m.
EMS 1000blk 9th St 12:04 p.m.
Alert 2 - serious 3300blk Donald Douglas Loop N 12:08 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 12:40 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 1:22 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 1:36 p.m.
Automatic alarm 2400blk Virginia Ave 2:28 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 6th St 2:31 p.m.
EMS 2000blk 4th St 3:28 p.m.
EMS 3300blk Barnard Way 3:39 p.m.
EMS 900blk Palisades Beach Rd 3:40 p.m.
EMS 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 3:51 p.m.
EMS 2100blk Ocean Ave 4:52 p.m.
EMS 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:56 p.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 5:12 p.m.
EMS 100blk Wilshire Blvd 6:27 p.m.
EMS 300blk Montana Ave 7:13 p.m.

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Santa Monica case reveals flawed California Voting Rights Act

"How do we get fair representation in elections?" is at the heart of a California Voting Rights Act (CVRA) lawsuit against the City of Santa Monica. But whether the CVRA itself is sufficient law is as much on trial.

Arguably, the CVRA's analytic and remedial tools don't fit the reality on the ground in Santa Monica because Santa Monica doesn't have a majority-minority neighborhood — while the CVRA's favored remedy of imposing single-seat, winner-take-all districts may actually make minority voice and representation worse.

Can a law be working if it leads to counter-productive results for the groups it is supposed to empower, while undermining voter choice for the rest of the community?

THE RIGHT TO VOTE

Following the Civil War, the United States adopted the 15th Amendment, which states that "right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

The Federal Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965 and the CVRA of 2001 enshrined this principle. As a result, many single-seat partisan state and congressional districts drawn to disempower minority voters have been challenged, as well as some non-partisan, municipal multi-seat at-large elections like those used in Santa Monica.

RACIALLY-POLARIZED VOTING AND INFLUENCE DISTRICTS

Under both Voting Rights Acts, 'racially-polarized voting exists' when voters of different racial or ethnic groups exhibit very different candidate preferences. Combined with multi-seat, at-large elections, a minority vote can be 'diluted' such that a larger racial or ethnic group can outvote a smaller one for every seat, even if the smaller is proportionally equal to one or more of the seats.

When a minority group is sufficiently large and geographically compact, the classic remedy is to establish one (or more) majority-minority districts. But in Santa Monica, it is impossible possible to draw a district with a voting population more than 30 percent Latino. Why then is there a legal case in the first place? Because the CVRA goes beyond the VRA to not only invalidate elections that impair the ability of minority voters to elect the candidate of their choice, but also those that impair the ability of minority voters to influence elections.

At the same time however, the CVRA does not define 'influence'. That leaves open how many minority voters are required to provide influence and justify a move to a single-seat 'remedy district.' The problem with this is that under the CVRA, "the size and geographical compactness of the minority group and the impact of these factors on minority voters' ability to elect or to influence elections" is deferred to the remedial phase of the litigation. This can mean that under the CVRA, it doesn't matter whether there is a viable remedy once racially-polarized voting is demonstrated.

WHOSE VOTE IS DILUTED?

The plaintiff's primary argument vs. the City of Santa Monica is to point to eight City Council races between 1992 and 2016 where Latino voters supported candidates with Spanish surnames in much greater percentages than did non-Latino voters. While no group is politically homogenous simply based upon race and ethnicity, it's not surprising with a single Latino candidate in a multi-seat race, many Latinos vote for that person with one of their multiple votes, and at a higher rate than non-Latinos.

Based upon this, plaintiffs seek a Pico Neighborhood-based 'influence district' which would have the largest possible concentration of Latinos, even if not enough to elect a winner by itself. But the CVRA conceptually fails to account for what might happen in such a district where more than one member of the protected class competes for the same seat.

On January 22nd, long-time Pico Neighborhood resident Ana Maria Jara became Santa Monica's first Latina City Councilmember, appointed to fill a vacancy left by Tony Vasquez's resignation to join the State Board of Equalization. The next day CVRA co-plaintiff Maria Loya publicly opposed Jara's appointment - as is her right, but also reflecting a long time division within the local Latino community.

Now imagine a November 2020 district election in which Jara and Loya both run, joined by white incumbent environmentalist City Councilmember Terry O'Day, who also lives in the Pico Neighborhood — and who received the most votes there in 2016 — ahead of Latinos Vasquez (2nd) from the Sunset Park neighborhood and CVRA co-plaintiff Oscar de la Torre (3rd) from Pico. What happens to the 'influence' of the already divided 30% Latino vote then? It becomes minimal, and it's easy to see O'Day winning the seat with a plurality of the vote. And this scenario doesn't consider if Barry Snell also enters the race, a well-respected African-American member of the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees, further dividing the Pico Neighborhood 'people of color' minority vote.

BETTER REMEDIES

The reality is that in Santa Monica, based upon the numbers, Latino candidates must gain the support of large numbers of white voters to be elected, whether via multi-seat at-large or single-seat district elections. This already occurs with the city's existing at-large elections — from 1990 to 2018, Latinos were

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elected to 29 seats (and African-Americans 14) on Santa Monica's City Council, School Board, College Board and Rent Boards. The difference is that with at-large, multi-seat elections, all Santa Monica Latino registered voters get to participate in that process, but under the plaintiff's scheme, almost 2/3 would live outside of the influence district designed to give them a voice.

And none of this takes into account the lessened voter choice for all Santa Monica voters - Latinos included - under single-seat district elections, where residents would lose their vote on six of seven council seats, and council members would no longer need votes from outside of their district to be elected, decreasing accountability of elected officials citywide and Balkanizing local politics.

If the goal is to empower Santa Monica Latinos, what about increasing City Council members compensation, which might give more low and middle-income Latinos a better ability to serve? What about small donor public matching funds for candidates who accept spending limits? What about allowing non-citizen residents to vote in all local elections, as was approved in San Francisco for school boards in 2016? Why not a larger City Council of nine members? Why not any/all of these combined with ranked-choice voting, to provide for greater proportional representation overall?

Beyond the electoral self-interest of the plaintiffs, who seem intent only in carving out a district that gives them personally the best chance to win a City Council seat, the problem again lies with the CVRA, which so favors the imposition of single-seat districts, that it grants only them legal safe harbor against future challenge - the only remedy so protected - even to what legal scholars have called 'ambiguous and nebulous' influence districts.

FAIR REPRESENTATION

There are entirely good and just reasons to promote fair representation for the great diversity in our society. But our current voting rights laws were written before progressive electoral reforms like ranked-choice voting and proportional representation were discussed widely in this country. Now today, even the New York Times is recommending both for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Most California cities faced with CVRA lawsuits have folded rather than dedicate the resources to fight back, and some CVRA supporters fear that if Santa Monica prevails, it could undermine the CVRA by rendering any remedies other than majority-minority districts unconstitutional.

Far from it. The Santa Monica case raises numerous subtleties and gradations that the current CVRA fails to appreciate and account for, that could improve it if taken to heart. For this reason, a victory for Santa Monica in this CVRA case could actually be a victory for democracy and diverse representation in our state.

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the A5. That amount of training costs about $10,000 to $15,000. While the $389,000 price tag puts the A5 out of the price range of most would-be pilots, the company is exploring fractional ownership models, said David Crook, external vice president of revenue.

"Our mission is to democratize personal flight," Wieners said. "We want to make sure flying is not for transportation from Point A to Point B, but for fun."

85 planes are in the air and the company is in the process of fulfilling more than 1,000 pre-orders, Crook said. The planes are constructed at ICON's plant in Tijuana, which employs 500 people, and finished in Vacaville, north of San Francisco. The company employs 200 people in the United States.

Santa Monica Airport may be closing in 2028, but the company sees the location as an ideal venue for its expansion and will remain there as long as possible, Crook said. The City of Santa Monica reached an agreement in 2017 with the Federal Aviation Administration to close the airport and shorten the runway while it's still open. The 227-acre site will be turned into a park.

"It's a beautiful place and there are a lot of beautiful places nearby that make sense to fly to," Wieners said. "There's an active aviation community and a lot of folks that enjoy outdoor recreation to engage with. The region is a hotspot for innovation and tech and that's what we're trying to bring into the aviation industry with the A5."

Christian Fry, president of the Santa Monica Airport Association, said he thinks ICON will breathe new life into the airport and generate new pilots.

"The A5 is one of the most unique airplanes to come along in aviation's history," Fry said. "We're excited to see new pilots discover this aircraft and enjoy this amazing facility that ICON has brought to our airport."

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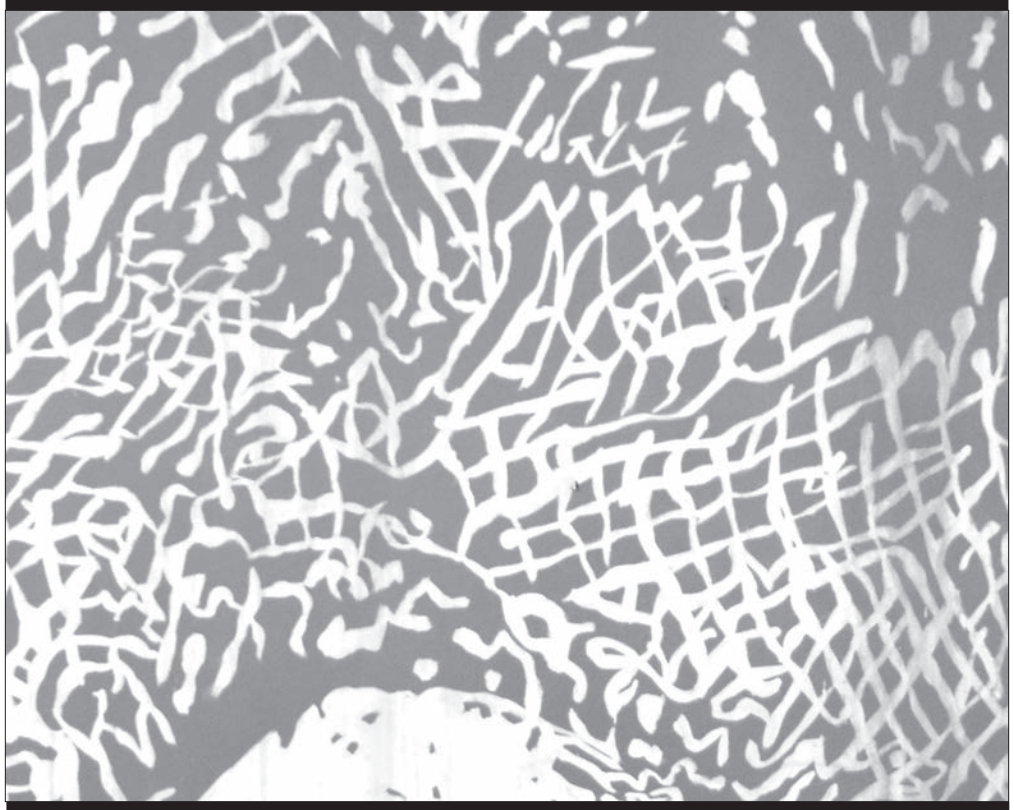
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What's the Point?

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Sirens And Shaming

Sunday night I went to dinner with a friend to my favorite casual Italian joint, Fritto Misto. It was packed with people. We had a 35 minute wait. I almost walked away, thinking to myself of the old Yogi Berra line, "nobody goes there anymore, it's too crowded."

Dinner was as usual wonderful. There were two of us largish men and we split a medium salad, an appetizer and an entree pasta - and it was more than enough, but thankfully somehow I was able to still split the chocolate flourless cake.

As we were driving back to my office, there was of course a paramedic trying to get some place. Lights flashing, sirens blaring. And idiot drivers ignoring the basic law of move to the right. I don't understand why this is hard for people to do. It's a pattern I see with many of today's drivers - they ignore the lights and sirens as it they are just there for the decoration.

Do these people not realize that when you see the paramedics or the fire trucks or an ambulance racing down the street, with everything going it's to warn you to move to the side of the road because someone's life may be in danger? This is not just a convenience factor for them to avoid having to stop at the intersections - it's crucial to have a free path of movement for them.

Given the near constant wail of sirens in our city you'd think that people would become trained to the basics of transportation logistics. The fire department does some few hundred calls per month, it's not like we have only the occasional fire truck and it's a novelty.

I'm sure someone somewhere wants to blame the millennials for this uptick in rudeness and inconsideration, but they're not driving, they're being passengers. It's the more established drivers who are causing problems and frankly i think they need to start paying attention more.

We have this new awareness campaign of yard signs to remind people look up and pay attention, but I think we need to expand it to a much more comprehensive driver's training program. Maybe the police department could take a week off of parking enforcement and do some enforcement of more important laws.

But we know that won't happen, too much money involved. The city is more concerned with their cashflow than creating a community that is considerate. This of course is reflected in the larger community that we are seeing across the country.

I don't know where it will all lead. It seems like we have become a country that rushes to tear down each other, rather than build each other up. In the latest burst of finger-pointing, Vice President Joe Biden is now under attack for his well known affectionate ways. I know the whole rap that sexual assault is defined by the victim. I know that we're supposed to "always believe the victim." I know that we are now pathologizing all human contact as "inappropriate sexual touching" and that you can't open a door for someone these days without offending someone.

Frankly I'm sick of it all. There are Victims who have been assaulted and raped and abused and they deserve our full throated vocal support. And then there are the "oooh Mom, he touched me!" type and they are not harmed, they are seeking attention and jumping on a bandwagon of overreaction that should be shut down. We cannot continue to pathologize that which is normal human behavior and expect that it will not have long term negative effects on our society.

I just posted on my MensFamilyLaw.com website an article about how important human touch is premature babies and a study about how much of a difference it makes in child development when there is regular contact. Literally there is an increase in cognitive ability when there is more human touch. It makes me wonder if these people who are making these strident claims about how "demeaning it was" to be touched by the Vice President don't have a much more sinister agenda. And yes, that probably is "victim blaming" and I'm fine with it.

I'm fine with it, because we need to have more honest discussion about how we as a society are going to interact, about what is truly important, and how to be more attendant to the needs of the wider society, and each other. If every time someone says something they are shut down as "victim blaming" "body shaming", "fat shaming" or "misogynistic or sexist" then we'll never get anywhere in a conversation. We have to have a thicker skin to deal with real issues, that impact real lives.

And speaking of real lives, move the heck over to the right when you see the red lights - someone's real life is in crisis and you're blocking their help.

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Draw Date: 3/31
Evening: 3 3 4

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Draw Date: 3/31
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WATER TEMP: 63.7°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft+ waist to stomach high
Modest new WNW swell. Lingering SSW swell gets reinforcements. Conditions may be ok with swirling E/SE winds in the AM.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft+ waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Modest WNW swell. Lingering SSW swell. Potential onshore WNW winds and problematic conditions.

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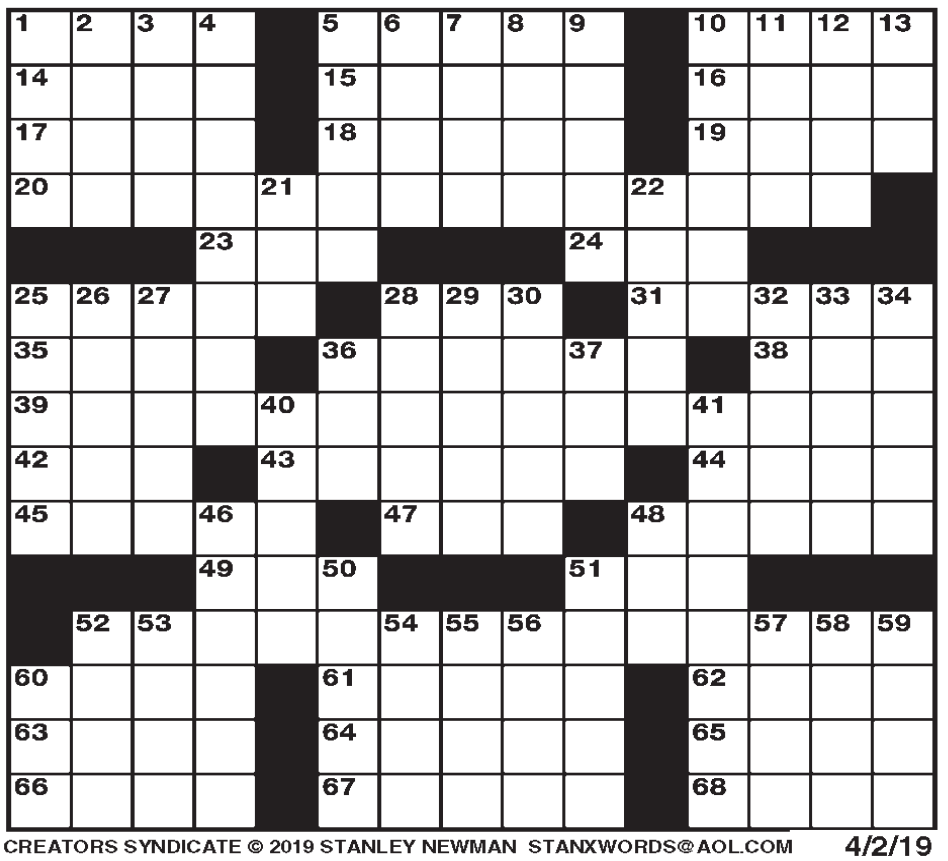
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Stardom
5 Knife's edge
10 Addition symbol
14 Money borrowed
15 Arrested, informally
16 Jewelry for a finger
17 Inst. of higher learning
18 Performed a role
19 Skip over
20 "Unlikely, but true"
23 Observe
24 Verbal cleverness
25 Pesto herb
28 FBI investigator
31 Be skeptical about
35 Canyon sound
36 Selection
38 Hunters' org.
39 Change one's mind
42 Cartoon sound of discomfort
43 Functional
44 Highest sudoku digit
45 Made mention of
47 Liquid coloring
48 In a few hours
49 Line of seats
51 Junior, to Dad
52 "You can count on me!"
60 Party hat shape
61 Sum
62 "All right already!"
63 Granola ingredients
64 Jack-in-the-box handle
65 Pond croaker
66 Ink smudge
67 Done in a rush
68 Ardent admirers

DOWN
1 Blunder
2 Top-rated
3 Postal delivery
4 Imagine, as a future event
5 Full of courage
6 Shoestring
7 Prefix for virus
8 Weight-loss plan
9 Establish, as a scholarship
10 "Right away!"
11 VIP's vehicle
12 __ of measure (ounce or mile)
13 Certain NCO
21 Long, thin fish
22 Person on horseback
25 Support with a wager
26 Sound of a sneeze
27 Change gears
28 In the lead
29 Barely managed
30 Book's name
32 Not up to the job
33 Salt water
34 Potato, informally
36 Network with an eye logo
37 So-so grade
40 Acclaim for a success
41 Intermittently
46 Writer Hemingway
48 Building site
50 *Wizard of Oz* villain
51 Soft and smooth
52 Mined fuel
53 Not fooled by
54 Explorer of kids' TV
55 Approx. landing times
56 __ and rave
57 Gumbo pod
58 Midday
59 Heart tests, briefly
60 Corn on the __



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 2)

A liberation takes place over the next five weeks. A counterintuitive approach will be your success key. For instance, the answer to getting what you've wanted for a long time is to stop trying. An upgrade in June allows you to make more money. September brings the boost your family has needed to strengthen ties. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 3, 33 and 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Over the course of the day, you'll definitely get less done than you wanted to. That's OK. As long as you keep plugging away, you'll also get way more accomplished over the next three months than you thought possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People who are more socially connected tend to be less materialistic. To live simply is a virtue and a skill that pays back spiritual dividends. In short, the less you need the happier you'll be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Right now, your hottest clue about the future can be found in the past. This involves three magic steps. Study the history; look for patterns; and believe them when you see them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your eloquence is undeniable. It's not about what you say; it's about what you don't say. You'll be guided by a sense of restraint that will hold you in good stead.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Take stock in all that you can do in the current situation. It's more than you could see in the beginning, and you'll continue to grow in power if you don't give your power away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be the first among your friends to recognize a need and fulfill it. To give a little is to give a lot, as it's a direction to lean into, and it starts a trend of generosity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's as if love really does make the world go around and not in a particularly reciprocal sort of way. It may be that you're chasing someone that is chasing someone else.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You never know what someone else is going through. What looks like a routine action may actually be requiring great courage and perseverance of a person. Your kindness and soft heart will be appreciated.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For today, if you can't see which option is right, then there is no right option. In such a case, the best move is no move. When it's time to act, you'll feel it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Distraction isn't always negative. In fact, distraction can be just what's needed to help you through a healing process or a transition. You'll come back later with a more enlightened perspective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Hope is crucial, and there's not enough of it. Be an agent of hope. When the facts do not point in a hopeful direction, hold on to hope anyway. The very act of hoping can sometimes be enough to turn things around.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is no time to return to where you've been and what you've done. That's over. Moving on won't be hard once you commit. The mantra now: "Tomorrow." Go ever forward.

Mercury Conjunct Neptune

The conjunction of Mercury and Neptune casts strange emotional shadows. Don't let fear be your lens. Everyone feels inadequate about something or other. And a comparison against a person who is successful in the area of one's inadequacy would be unwise. Don't waste time with that. Channel strong feelings into improving your own lot.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTION

"I want a house. My wife doesn't. She's 15 years older than I am and has a grown child. She says she's already taken care of her share of houses in her life and would rather live in a small apartment and not have the work involved in a big property. But I've never owned a house. I was brought up with the idea that after a man makes a certain amount of money, he should buy a house and settle in. What advice do you have for a Capricorn married to an apartment-dwelling Virgo?"

Don't stress. Two earth signs should be able to work this one out. You both benefit from the stability that comes from ownership. What your Virgo wife is afraid of is not the house but the housework. She thinks it would most likely fall under her realm of responsibility, and statistically speaking, she could be right. This is your chance to prove to her how handy and conscientious you can be. Are you neat and tidy? Do you take care of business? Prove it by detailing her car, building her a shelf or taking over the cooking and cleaning for a string of days. Your actions, combined with the right house situation, could very effectively cause her to change her mind.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

Lovely and legendary artist Emmylou Harris is in the Country Music Hall of Fame and has a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, among other accolades in a long and varied music career that is still going strong. The powerful Aries music warrior was born when Mercury, Venus and Mars were all in musical Pisces, suggesting incredible powers of empathy and a serious gift of soul.

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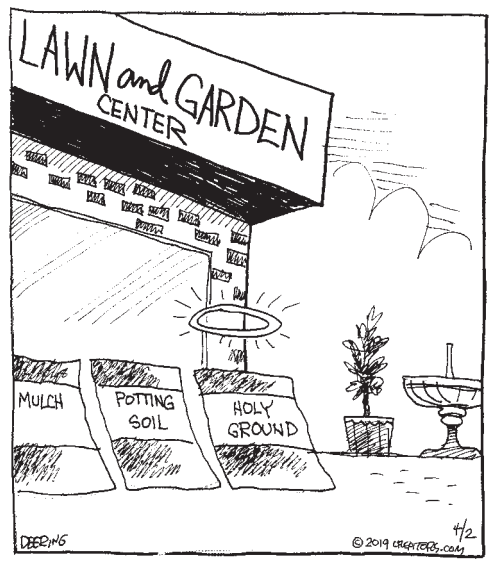
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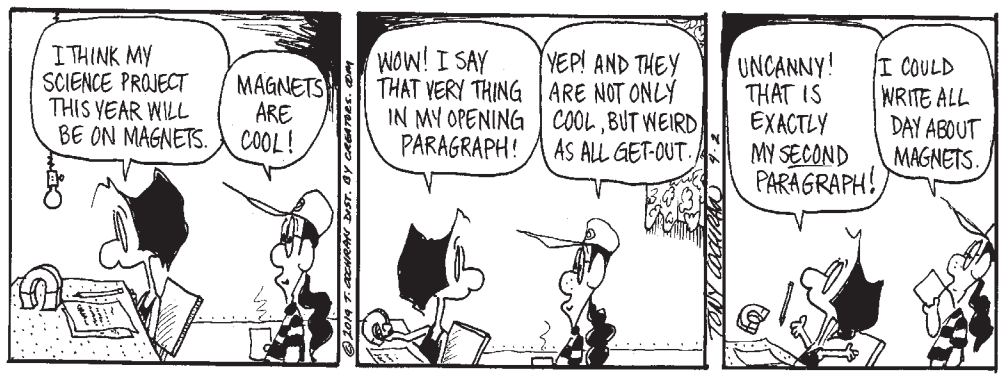
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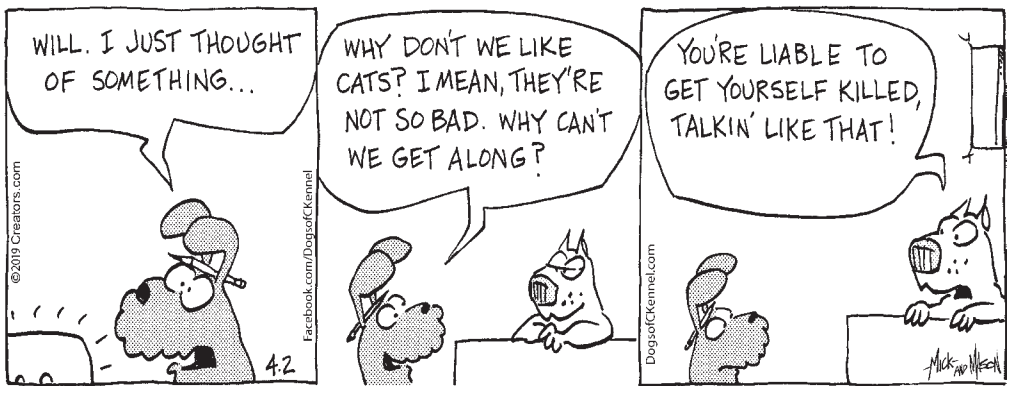
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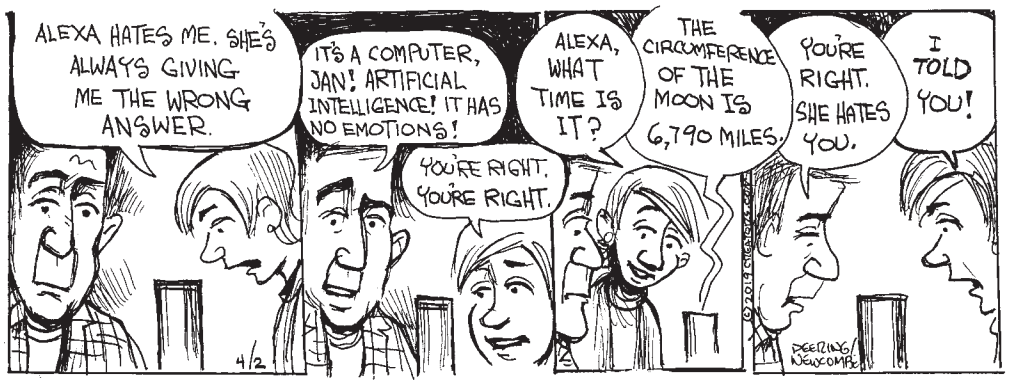
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BETH

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University and the University of Pennsylvania, she received the Communitas Award from the State of California in 2001 for her commitment to civic leadership in Santa Monica.

Leder-Pack was a member of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the Santa Monica Democratic Club. She served as vice chair of the board of directors of Community Corporation of Santa Monica, vice chair of the Ocean Park Community Organization and on the board of directors for the Church in Ocean Park. She was also a founding member of Santa Monicans Allied for Responsible Tourism and a union leader.

Friends and colleagues of Leder-Pack said she always went out of her way to help people in her role at the Rent Control Board.

"She kindly and enthusiastically talked people through some of the most complicated and impactful events in their lives," said board member Anastasia Foster. "She was always willing to stay on the phone a little longer and go a little deeper to help a citizen in need."

Dan Costello, the board's public information manager, said many tenants and landlords would only go to Leder-Pack for advice. If she thought someone needed special attention, Costello said, she would put together a list of contacts and referrals to help them.

"She gained a following that thought no one else here would be as caring as she was. We ended up calling them 'Beth's people'," he said. "She was always empowering people to get it together, to know their rights and take action. She did that with tenants and landlords alike."

Maryanne Laguardia, a landlord and longtime friend of Leder-Pack, first met her during a visit to the Rent Control office. After speaking with her, Laguardia wrote a letter to the City Manager about Leder-Pack's talent for explaining complicated issues.

"I'm a lawyer, a landlord and a Noma resident, so when I went to the Rent Control Board, I thought I was in enemy territory," Laguardia said. "She could not have been nicer or more helpful."

Laguardia said she had great respect for Leder-Pack's work as a community activist, though they sometimes disagreed.

"She was an unusually fair person in a town of very opinionated people," she said. "When we weren't on the same side, she explained her position clearly and with respect for mine. She sometimes got more information about a topic and changed her position, and I thought that was a noble thing."

Former mayor Judy Abdo, who had been a close friend of Leder-Pack since she moved to Santa Monica, said she was a devoted mother to her only child, Anna.

"I believe Anna was always first in her thoughts about what she was going to do with her life and Beth followed her heart to work on issues that were very important to her and set an example for Anna to do the same," Abdo said.

Leder-Pack is survived by her daughter, her brother, Michael Jay Leder, father Bob Leder, stepmother Rowena Harner-Leder, and cousins Debra and John Kalish. In lieu of gifts, her family has asked donations be made to A Purposeful Rescue, a non-profit that saves overlooked, medically challenged and senior dogs from high-kill Los Angeles shelters and The Lange Foundation, a non-profit that gives a future to abandoned cats and dogs.

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100 YEARS

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people. All my friends are gone, so this, a good dinner, everyone congratulating me, it was nice."

Tom Chambers, Hafeli's neighbor for 30 years, helped organize the sorta-surprise party for the birthday girl.

"The party was amazing, it turned out so well," Tom Chambers said. "She knew [a birthday party] was happening because we were setting up right outside her door but she didn't know who it was for 'til we set up. She didn't know how many people would be there for her on her night. She was the star."

Chambers became friends with Hafeli after being in the same complex for so long. While Hafeli never married and never had kids, that didn't stop her from being social. Chambers says just about every day he'd see Hafeli playing with dogs, talking with neighbor's kids and going out on long walks. Despite being a century old now, Hafeli relishes these interactions and staying active.

"She grabs her walker and takes off," Chambers said. "Walks to Vons, walks to Wilshire, to church, and she's fast. I have to tell her, 'Those speed bumps in the street are for you!' It's amazing how positive and energetic and swift she is. Always on the go."

Hafeli's life has been on the go since birth.

Hafeli was born in Klingnau, Switzerland in 1919. She weathered the Great Depression there and eventually moved to Geneva and onwards Holland, where she waited tables through World War II.

Ever the traveler, Hafeli traveled to Canada on a whim (within four weeks after a friend told her to check it out) to experience the world as she worked as a waitress ("Canadians aren't good tippers," she said). She moved to Florida before traveling to Los Angeles to be closer to her brother. She moved to Santa Monica where she worked at Bellevue (now Boa Steakhouse) and eventually settled here.

"I like the places I can walk," she said about her love of Santa Monica. "There are so many beautiful places here... North of Wilshire is pretty, there're beautiful trees and a lot of shade, too."

While living in a beach city certainly can extend someone's joy of life, Hafeli says she's not exactly certain what to say when it comes to the secret of her longevity.

"I haven't found a recipe or reason for it," she said. "I lived a good life, I worked very hard, I got along with everyone."

After some ruminating, the unmarried-for-life Hafeli crafted an answer.

"No men," she said with a laugh.

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