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Senior housing heads to ARB for discussion

MADELEINE PAUKER
Daily Press Staff Writer

A development that will provide 56 affordable apartments for seniors downtown is moving forward Monday.

The Architectural Review Board will provide feedback on the design of a seven-story apartment building with ground-floor commercial space planned to rise on a vacant lot at 711 Colorado Ave. The project from WS Communities has been in the works for almost two years.

WISE & Healthy Aging has signed on to provide services to the building's residents. 711 Colorado is the second senior housing project proposed in the past year. Nonprofit developer EAH Housing, Inc., is constructing a building with 40 apartments for low-income seniors at 1445 and 1453 10th St.



Courtesy image

COLORADO: A new project for seniors is before the ARB on Monday night.

The Colorado building has a glass storefront on its lower level and the upper levels are clad in light and dark gray stucco and feature metal balconies. It will contain 21 studios, 29 one-bedrooms and six two-bedrooms, as well as 12 parking spaces and a community room.

The board asked KFA Architects last October to change the building's design so it doesn't look too similar to other existing and proposed developments in

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SMMUSD proposes naming new facilities after Obamas

ANGEL CARRERAS
Daily Press Staff Writer

A learning facility within the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District could soon be named after a former president and his First Lady.

The naming of the district's future Project Based Learning campus — located Olympic High School at 721 Ocean Park Boulevard — was discussed at a Thursday, May 16 board meeting.

The board proposed naming the site after former president Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle Obama, dubbing the space The Michelle and Barack Obama's Center for Inquiry and Exploration.

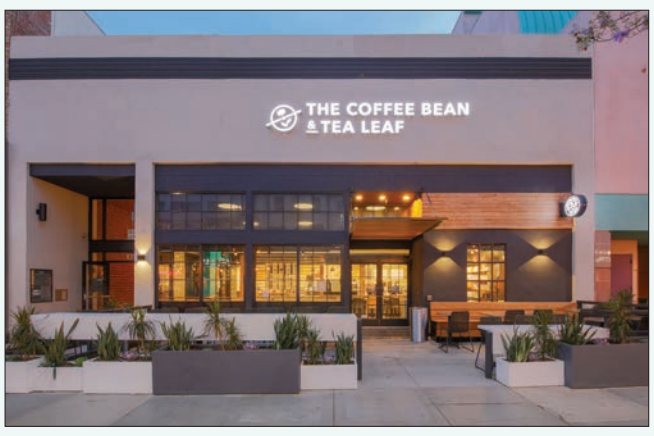
"This is about the politics of recognition and honoring the hope, inspiration and commitment to civic duty in the spirit of the Obamas as we launch a new PBL program," Dr. Richard Tahvildaran-Jesswein, President of the board, began.

"Seeing as we've named our schools for presidents, to name a site for the first black president, when we know the long story of this country and of the racial divisions, what it will say to our community and students and the state of California, I think, is significant and worthy of this discussion."

The board unanimously agreed with Tahvildaran-Jesswein.

Board members said naming the campus after the Obamas would promote discourse and collaboration while letting students of color know they are supported and accepted, with Craig Foster saying he couldn't think of a

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Courtesy photos

OPEN: The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf has reopened on the Promenade. The remodeled store is now decorated with a hand-painted mural designed by local artists The Couto Bros.

In gender-swap photo filters, some trans people see therapy

JEFF MCMILLAN
Associated Press

Hit a button, and you're "transformed" into a woman. The beard disappears. The face and jaw smooth out. The hair floats jauntily around the shoulders.

"Yo this is SPOT ON my mom." "Pretty." "Are you in a sorority?"

A swipe and another click. Suddenly you're a square-jawed man — heavy of brow, sporting five o' clock shadow.

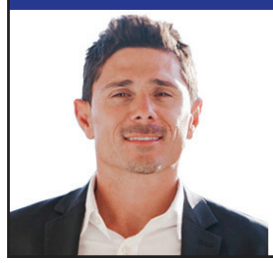
"I look like my brother Jay." "Hahahaha Suzie I'm dyingggg." "My sisters were like, 'um... strange. You're kinda hot' haha."

The gender-bending selfies accompanied by flip or sarcastic comments are flooding social feeds since Snapchat introduced a filter

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, May 18

Master Gardeners at the market

Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. The Master Gardeners of Los Angeles visit the Pico Farmers Market on the third Saturday of each month 9:30 am - Noon. Helping you grow more of your own food, even in an urban setting! Virginia Avenue Park 2200 Virginia Avenue

Folk Songs for Everyone with Studio Resident Alex Wand

Join us in singing and playing folk songs! We'll learn some Woody Guthrie songs and some tunes from "The American Songbag" (compiled by Carl Sandburg). Feel free to bring instruments and perhaps a folk song to teach the group! This repeating event is open to all levels, no experience required. Cost:Free! To RSVP, click online or call 310-458-2239. Palisades Park 1450 Ocean Avenue 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Shakespeare's The Tempest

Theatre for a Small Space presents William Shakespeare's The Tempest at the Miles Memorial Playhouse, 1130 Lincoln Blvd. May 18 - June 19, www.theatreforasmallspace.org. Tickets at brown paper tickets.com

Lawn Bowling Open House

The Santa Monica Bowls Club wants you to try lawn bowling and experience how much fun it is. Free sessions are at noon on Saturday May 18, and 25. Come as you are but wear flat, smooth soled shoes – we provide everything else. This is a very social sport that is easy to learn and you can play for a lifetime. We are located in Douglas Park at Wilshire Blvd and 25th Street in Santa Monica.

Augmented Reality Poster Making with Selwa Sweidan

Learn how to create your first Augmented Reality (AR) art work. Participants will be taken through steps to learn how to create their first AR-activated poster. Bring a laptop (Windows 7 or later; macOS 10.11 or later.) No experience required, one laptop is available for use during the class; email camera@smgov.net if you require it. Limited spots; register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/augmented-reality-making-lab-learn-how-to-create-your-first-augmented-reality-ar-art-work-tickets-59613004100. 1450 Ocean. 12:30 - 6 p.m.

Bottle into Rope

Learn how to make a simple and portable plastic bottle cutter and leave with yards of plastic to use as heavy duty cordage, for weaving and basketmaking, in jewelry applications, and, with a little heat, as a way to join items together. Bring clean smooth PET bottles (such as soda liter bottles); tools provided. Limited capacity workshop: please let us know if your plans change after making a reservation. 1450 Ocean. 12 - 2 p.m. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bottle-into-rope-with-studio-resident-dahn-gim-tickets-59086444145

Sunday, May 19

Gonzales on Architects of Southern California

Join the Society of Architectural Historians, Southern California Chapter (SAH/SCC) and author Antonio Gonzales for a look at the work of some of LA's forgotten architects. Antonio Gonzales lectures on his recent book Architects Who Built Southern California (The History Press, 2019). In the early 1900s, the population of Southern California exploded and the cities grew at such a rapid pace that builders could hardly keep up. Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium 2 - 4 pm.

Hatmaking with Leslie Robinson

Join Milliner Leslie Robinson for this introductory Hat Making class. You will learn the fundamentals of blocking, shaping and trimming a hat, beginning with an unformed base. Choose from a wool felt, natural straw or Japanese twisted toyo (woven shellacked rice paper) base. Make a cloche, fedora or wide-brimmed hat. Returning students welcome - we'll cover more advanced techniques. Cost: $60 + $30 cash material fee payable to instructor Palisades Park 1450 Ocean Avenue 2 - 5 p.m.

Monday, May 20

Target hearing postponed

The hearing for the proposed Target in Downtown Santa Monica has been postponed to June 3. The Santa Monica Architectural Review Board will meet as normal at 7 p.m. in City Hall.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

SaMo Pride Announces Robust Calendar Of Family-friendly Programming

Downtown Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica Place and the City of Santa Monica, are unveiling a calendar of fun, family-friendly events and experiences for the first-ever, SaMo PRIDE. More than 20 events throughout the month of June will celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, individuality, inclusivity and love in every color, anchored by a nightly display of lights spanning the Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Place, the historic Santa Monica Pier Bridge and City Hall.

"The inaugural SaMo PRIDE celebration will bring our community value of inclusion to life through a lineup of opportunities for all ages," said Mayor Gleam Davis. "We look forward to having the community and our neighbors come out to help inaugurate what we hope becomes a new annual tradition in Santa Monica."

With a focus on family-friendly and inclusive art, events and community connection, Santa Monica city partners are gearing up for a full month of activities to generate awareness and acceptance and celebrate our diversity.

"We launched SaMo PRIDE with a handful of planned signature events, in hopes that there would be an outpouring of support from the community," said Mackenzie Carter, director of marketing and communication, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. "We've seen a tremendously positive response and are thrilled to offer a full lineup of fun, family-friendly events in locations all across Santa Monica."

Signature SaMo PRIDE events and experiences during the month of June include:

MILES OF PRIDE

June 1 – June 30 from Sundown to Sunrise

Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Place and Santa Monica Pier

The world-famous Third Street Promenade, Santa Monica Place and the iconic Santa Monica Pier will be lit up with all the colors of the rainbow throughout the month of June with the "Miles of Pride" light installation spanning miles of city streets.

COLORS OF PROGRESS

June 1 – June 30

Third Street Promenade

"Colors of Progress" is an art installation by artist Phil America, created in partnership with Tre Borden/Co and Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., that will present a visual oral history of the LGBTQ+ movement and will be displayed at Pride festivals around the U.S. When fully installed, hundreds of colored, hand-painted flags with quotes from members of the LGBTQ+ community about their histories, futures, loves, hopes and dreams will hang above the Third Street Promenade. The art installation will culminate at the WorldPride | Stonewall 50 celebration in New York. The flags are inspired by the protest signs from the historic Stonewall Riots which were used to spread a powerful, important message that changed the course of history. Fifty years ago, the Stonewall Riots took place in the West Village in New York City. This act of retaliation and demand for respect sparked the LGBT movement, leading to increased equality around the world.

SMORGASBURG

Saturday, June 1 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Santa Monica Pier Deck

Smorgasburg is "The Woodstock of Eating" and one of the largest open-air food markets in the country. With more than 90 food and shopping vendors, a beer garden, live DJs and more, Smorgasburg welcomes thousands of guests per week year-round. Smorgasburg returns to the Pier, along with special programming, decor and treats, for the SaMo PRIDE kick-off.

KIDS CLUB WITH TWINKLE TIME

Wednesday, June 5 at 11 a.m.

Santa Monica Place, Third Level Dining Deck

June Kids Club will feature interactive activities and a performance by award-winning kindie music performer, Twinkle Time, who will sing her hit song, "It's Ok to be Me." This song is all about acceptance and inclusivity, encouraging kids to accept every person, color, and race.

FRANK DECARO AND PANDORA BOXX PRESENT DRAG!

Wednesday, June 5 at 7 p.m.

MLK Jr Auditorium, Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Author Frank DeCaro, in conversation with special guest Pandora Boxx, celebrates Pride with the release of his new book, "Drag! Combing Through the Big Wigs of Show Business," an irreverent look at the history of drag queens, and their impact on pop culture and politics. A book sale and signing will follow.

LIVE MUSIC UNDER "LANTERNS OF LOVE"

Thursdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 3 – 6 p.m.

Santa Monica Place, Center Plaza

Santa Monica Place presents free live music every Thursday evening in June under "Lanterns of Love;" an overhead colored lantern installation that spans across Center Plaza in celebration of SaMo Pride. Commemorative Pride bandannas will be given away to guests in Center Plaza. For the full list of musical performances visit https://www.santamonicaplace.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS TO PERFORM SUBCONTRACTOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Bernards is requesting subcontractor bids for the following Project:

John Adams Middle School Performing Arts Center and Music Building J Renovation

This is a 2-phased Lease-leaseback project for Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. Phase 1 consists of a new 2-story 35,000 SF performing arts center for John Adams Middle School which includes a 750-seat hall, stage, back of house spaces for storage, dressing rooms, restrooms, and choir classroom. Included in the Project is a separate rehearsal room with supporting spaces for ticket sales and an exterior hardscape terrace and landscaping. Phase 2 consists of modernization and seismic upgrade of the adjacent 5,600 SF Building J, Music Building.

Bids must be submitted on or before **2:00 PM on June 4th , 2019** to **Bernards** at 555 First Street, San Fernando, California 91340.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit is scheduled for 7:00 AM on Friday, May 10th at John Adams Middle School, 2425 16th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code 20111.6, contractors and subcontractors holding C-4, C-7, C-10, C-16, C-20, C-34, C-36, C-38, C-42, C-43 and C-46 licenses must be pre-qualified with SMMUSD. Bidders who are not already prequalified must submit a prequalification questionnaire at www.QualityBidders.com ten (10) business days prior to the bid opening.

This project is covered by an Owner Controlled Insurance Program (OCIP). Subcontractors of all tiers must have an EMR of 1.25 or less at the time of enrollment.

In accordance with Education Code section 17407.5, the Project is subject to the District's Project Labor Agreement ("PLA") which includes local hire provisions.

Subcontractors must comply with general prevailing rates (PCC.1720 et seq.) and shall be registered with the DIR.CA.gov prior to submitting a bid (Labor Code 1725.5)

Select subcontractors must use a trained and skilled workforce pursuant to the requirements of the State of California Education Code Section 17407.5.

Subcontracts will be awarded on the basis of the best value in accordance with the Public Contract Code Section 10193. The evaluation criteria to establish the best value to be received by the District shall be as defined in the Best Value Procurement document.

Each bidder shall be a licensed contractor in the classification as required for the work to be performed at the time of bid submission and must maintain the licenses throughout the duration of the project.

Questions regarding this bid/project are to be directed to Bernards:

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Tickets: $45, benefiting Heal the Bay

In celebration of Santa Monica's first ever Pride, the Santa Monica Pier is delighted to introduce Happy Hour Agency's House Aquatic, a colorful mash-up inspired by the childlike fantasy of "Pee-wee's Playhouse" and the grandiose decadence of Ball culture. Guests are invited to an immersive, sensory experience with specialty themed cocktails and performances.

WEST COAST RISING: GAY LIBERATION IN THE GOLDEN STATE

Saturday, June 15 at 3 p.m.
MLK Jr Auditorium, Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.

Celebrate Pride with a special screening of six short documentary films exploring the early days of the Gay Liberation movement in Southern California. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with filmmaker Gregorio Davila, as well as a preview of his upcoming feature length documentary "L.A. A Queer History."

PRIDE ON THE PROMENADE FESTIVAL

Saturday, June 15 from 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Third Street Promenade

Celebrate the LGBTQ+ community with live theatre and musical performances, a DJ dance party, youth art project, games, Instagrammable moments, LGBTQ+ resource center, food, drinks and a signature SaMo PRIDE moment.

CINEMA ON THE STREET: "LOVE, SIMON"

Friday, June 28 from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
North end of Third Street Promenade near Wilshire Blvd.

Enjoy a special outdoor screening of the award-winning film, "Love, Simon," based on the novel "Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda" by Becky Albertalli. The teen comedy drama follows 17-year-old Simon Spier as he navigates coming out to his friends and family while falling in love with an anonymous classmate he met online. Resolving both issues proves hilarious, terrifying and life-changing. Rated PG-13.

For more information, sign up for the SaMo PRIDE newsletter and view of full calendar of events at https://www.smpride.com/. For more information on City news, events, and ways to get involved, visit santamonica.gov.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Report highlights utility failures in biggest US gas leak

A 2015 blowout at a natural gas well that led to the largest-known release of methane in U.S. history was the result of a corroded pipe casing and safety failures by a California utility, according to an investigation report released Friday.

Southern California Gas Co. didn't investigate previous rupture causes at the Aliso Canyon storage field and didn't assess its wells for disaster potential before the Oct. 23, 2015 blowout, the report released by the California Public Utilities Commission said.

The blowout lasted nearly four months and was blamed for sickening thousands of Los Angeles residents, who moved out of their Porter Ranch homes to escape a sulfurous stench and a medley of maladies including headaches, nausea and nose bleeds.

Blade Energy Partners, which conducted the years-long investigation, said the company should have been able to plug the leak sooner.

SoCalGas has spent more than $1 billion related to the blowout with the majority of that going to temporarily relocate 8,000 families, according to filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The utility still faces more than 385 lawsuits on behalf of 48,000 people.

SoCalGas in a press release highlighted a report finding that said new state regulations and practices by the company address most, if not all, of the causes of the leak.

"Aliso Canyon is safe to operate and Blade's report indicates the industry leading safety enhancements and new regulations put in place after the leak should prevent this type of incident from occurring again," the company said.

The leak started when an old corroded pipe casing under high pressure ruptured and gas began leaking up through the ground, eventually blowing a hole around the well.

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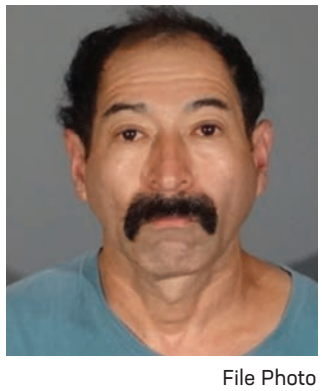
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ESTEBAN ACEVEDO-FLORES

Officers responded to Lot 1 North (1550 Pacific Coast Highway) for a vehicle burglary report. The reporting party had locked his rental car and went sightseeing. When he returned he noticed the car had been broken into and all of his property was taken. The car had a camera on its dashboard that was working and recorded the suspect inside the vehicle and the suspect's vehicle. The suspect was able to be identified and was arrested by detectives during their follow up to the investigation. A second suspect was found to be in possession of narcotics. Esteban Aguilar, 45, homeless was arrested for burglary and an outstanding warrant. Bail was set at $120,000. Esteban Acevedo-Flores, 51, homeless, was arrested for possession of drugs. Bail was set at $1,000.

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HOUSING

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the area and add landscaping. The architect has made only two changes to the design since then and must make additional alterations to received a building permit.

Although the buildings surrounding the project on Colorado are mostly low-rise and older, nearby developments planned or under construction will soon change the scale of the Expo-Line adjacent street.

At 601 Colorado, an eight-story building containing 140 apartments, also from WS Communities, will replace a one-story building that houses Fritto Misto, Ninjin Sushi and Kundalini Yoga. A seven-story building with 40 apartments will replace a low brick building occupied by Carbon Five at 525 Colorado, just across the street.

In the other direction, two large buildings are planned at the intersection of Colorado and Lincoln. WS Communities is constructing a five-story building with 100 apartments at 1560 Lincoln Blvd., which was previously a Denny's. Century West Partners is building a five-story complex with 90 apartments.

The Architectural Review Board will also give feedback Monday on a three-unit condominium in the Pico neighborhood at 1802 Delaware Ave. The beige, white and gray building with sloping roofs will replace five units built between 1919 and 1940.

The board will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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SMMUSD

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more appropriate 21st-century leader to name the district's 21st-century learning campus after.

Perhaps most enthusiastic for the potential naming was Oscar de la Torre. De la Torre, who routinely addresses racial issues within the community and at school board meetings, said the name will spark positive change.

"We talk about cultural relevance and importance of that," de la Torre began. "The naming of this space is important. There is a legacy of racial segregation and its appropriate for us to remedy that, for us to practice the concept of reparations, restoring harm that was done. This is a step in the right direction. I like that it's named not just after the president, but after Michelle, too. He didn't get there by himself and it's wonderful to recognize Michelle, as well."

De la Torre said there still needs to be more staff and curriculum that reflect students that would be inspired by the name change. Some public speakers echoed that sentiment, with their tone overall positive. Former Samohi students, parents and community members all came to celebrate the proposed name change.

The board said they will seek the communities input on the name change and will return the item to the board as an action item at a later date.

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Margrit Fässler Koff

April 24, 1958 – April 30, 2019

Margrit Fässler Koff was born on April 24th, 1958 in Lucerne, Switzerland.

After graduating from the Kaufmannische Schule fuer Textile (Business school for retail sales, business principles, fabrics,etc) in 1979 at the age of 20, Margrit fled to the US in search of the sun. Speaking Swiss-German, German and some French, but not a single word in English she spent 1980-1983 as top salesgirl at Theodore, an exclusive boutique on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. After marrying Nick Koff, she left Beverly Hills to take two semesters at SMCC studying clothing design and pattern making. She got her certificate with a perfect 4.0.

She received her green card in 1982, then became the first female employee at any of the vintage clothing store chain known as Aaaaaardvark, in Venice. In 1984 Margrit opened her first retail shop, known as "Boutique Margrit," on Market Street in Venice. That morphed into her current role as store manager and buyer, then owner, of Berry Lee Shoes in 1987-1988.

Somewhere in there Margrit went back to SMCC, earning another 4.0 grade average on her way to a cosmetology license, but she only worked at that for a short while since shoes and fashion were her true passion.

To her great pride, Margrit became a U.S. citizen in 1999, the year after giving birth to her son, Nicky Jr.

She has been a fixture on Main Street in Santa Monica with her Eurocomfort shoe store, Berry Lee Shoes, for almost thirty years. She has fitted hundreds and hundreds of local ladies and visitors with her amazing skill at putting the right shoes on their feet and it can truly be said there will never be another like her in terms of understanding ladies and their feet.

Despite the social nature of her interactions with clients, Margrit was a extremely private person, but always with a wicked sense of humor, true kindness and generosity and a wry style. Before she passed she clarified her wishes in terms of being remembered, and this is a quote: "Let people remember me by my shoes and my bags. Please, no flowers. If you want to spend money to show how much you cared, buy some shoes."

Anyone that knows her knows that's Margrit in a nutshell - pragmatic, ironic and practical. She was a real Swiss Miss.

Margrit fought a very game fight with her illness, Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM), but it got her in the end, fifteen months after she was diagnosed, on April 30, 2019. We want to thank all of her many, many friends and customers who supported her over the years, as well as the Oncology team at UCLA Medical Group and Healthnet, who couldn't have done more to support her in her battle with this horrible cancer.

She is survived by her husband of (almost) 37 years, and her son.

There will be an informal gathering on Sunday, May 19th, on the grass just south of Ocean Park Boulevard where the stone tables adjoin Lot 5 South at 1:30 PM. It will be a chance for as many of Margrit's friends as can make it to share stories, and pot-luck refreshments for a few hours at one of Margrit's favorite walk spots.

THERAPY

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this month allowing users to swap gender appearances with the tap of a finger. But for many people who have longed for a button that would change them in real life, the portrait parade isn't a game.

"My gender's not a costume," says Bailey Coffman, a 31-year-old transgender woman from New York. "This story that I feel is very real. I lost a lot to be who I am, and I fought really hard for the body that I'm in.

"And when certain people post it and write about how silly it is and how goofy they look with this filter," she says, "it makes light of the transgender experience."

She and others, though, do see possibility in the pastime.

Some argue that the filter, which Snapchat calls a "lens," could be a therapeutic tool that leads to self-discovery and even helps ease the transition of people struggling with gender identity once they see who they could become.

"There are people who haven't found themselves yet, and this is a great way to say 'This is really affirming for me' and to take that next step," says Savannah Daniels, 32, a military veteran living in Baltimore. She says she realized she identified as female after watching episodes of "RuPaul's Drag Race" while serving in Afghanistan as a chaplain's assistant in the U.S. Navy.

Snapchat is not the first face-altering app with such a feature; FaceApp, for instance, has had one for years. But users of the Snapchat filter unveiled the second week of May have noted its high quality. And, of course, the very popularity of Snapchat amplifies the feature further.

Snapchat's maker, Snap Inc., which has drawn criticism for a Bob Marley filter some likened to blackface and another that overlaid stereotypically Asian features on users' photos, commented about its filter in an emailed statement.

"We understand that identity is deeply personal," the company said. "As we have and continue to explore the possibilities of this technology, our Lens design team is working ... to ensure that on the whole these Lenses are diverse and inclusive by providing a wide range of transformative effects."

Jessie Daniels (no relation to Savannah Daniels), a City University of New York professor and an expert in digital sociology, says that for people unfamiliar with the concept of gender as fluid — not innate and not binary; that is, not strictly male or female — such filters can be both radical and transformative.

"They get a chance to play with gender in a way that many of us who are LGBTQ have played with gender our whole lifetimes and understand the social construct part of it," she says.

That could be meaningful for youths reckoning with gender identity or, she says, just for putting the notion of gender fluidity on youngsters' radar. A survey last year by Common Sense Media found that 44% of teenagers use Snapchat as their primary social app.

"I do hope this does help some people better recognize their gender," says Elliott "Ellie" Wheeler, a 16-year-old sophomore at Michigan's East Lansing High School who, combining the words female and butch, identifies as a "futch" lesbian.

Because most of her social media contact comes with trans people, she says, she hasn't seen much use of the Snapchat filter. But she also doesn't hold the company responsible for any controversy.

CUNY's Daniels, though, wonders whether the filter is an attempt by Snapchat, which has struggled against competition from Facebook and Instagram , to win back market share. Snap Inc. did not respond specifically to questions about its business strategy, saying in its email only that "we regularly experiment with new technologies and features as part of our mission to empower self-expression."

For people who are finding the fun in the game, Savannah Daniels urges them not to enjoy it and then simply dismiss "actual living beings that are trans." She reminded people of that Saturday with a tweet under her moniker, "Miss Clean Legs," that went viral.

"These new Snapchat filters got y'all out here having fun with gender roles, joking about sex with your homeboys, and sporting beards with lashes. All we ask is that you keep that same energy when you interact with actual transgender and non-binary ppl."



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Theft of recyclables 1400blk 17th St 1:20 a.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1400blk Ocean Ave 1:30 a.m.
Traffic collision with injuries 400blk Interstate 10 4:00 a.m.
Indecent exposure 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:50 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 2000blk Oak St 7:16 a.m.
Petty theft 1700blk 9th St 7:24 a.m.
Auto burglary 600blk Broadway 7:28 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1900blk 17th St 7:41 a.m.
Assault 2600blk Main St 7:50 a.m.
Shots fired 600blk Navy St 8:09 a.m.
Burglary 600blk Broadway 8:14 a.m.
Prowler just left 400blk 9th St 8:18 a.m.
Hit and run Cloverfield Blvd / Interstate 10 8:20 a.m.
Indecent exposure 2000blk Pico Blvd 8:33 a.m.
Petty theft 2400blk 16th St 8:43 a.m.
Domestic violence 1100blk Pico Blvd 9:06 a.m.
Exhibition of speed 9th St / Arizona Ave 9:09 a.m.
Battery 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 9:54 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 100blk Bay St 9:59 a.m.
Petty theft 100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:01 a.m.
Fraud 3100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:28 a.m.
Burglary 2300blk 22nd St 10:31 a.m.
Fraud 600blk Pico Blvd 10:39 a.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 1600blk 19th St 11:06 a.m.
Bike theft 1700blk California Ave 11:12 a.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 300blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:13 a.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 1500blk 9th St 11:17 a.m.
Petty theft 300blk the beach 11:18 a.m.
Prowler 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 11:38 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 800blk 26th St 11:52 a.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 400blk Hollister Ave 11:54 a.m.
Violation of restraining order in progress 1700blk Cloverfield Blvd 12:11 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1900blk Pico Blvd 12:29 p.m.
Traffic collision with injuries Centinela Ave / Colorado Blvd 12:30 p.m.
Violation of restraining order 800blk 5th St 12:38 p.m.
Identity theft 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:39 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2700blk Montana Ave 12:39 p.m.
Speeding Neilson Way / Kinney St 12:41 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 1400blk Ocean Ave 12:42 p.m.
Mark & tag abandoned vehicle 2700blk Montana Ave 12:48 p.m.
Bike theft 900blk Ocean Ave 12:49 p.m.
Speeding Main St / Hill St 12:53 p.m.
Juvenile annoying 2400blk 16th St 1:05 p.m.
Petty theft 1300blk 2nd St 1:06 p.m.
Traffic collision - unkn injuries 1500blk 4th St 1:26 p.m.
Identity theft 1200blk San Vicente Blvd 1:27 p.m.
Violation of temporary no parking signs 2700blk 3rd St 2:07 p.m.
Elder abuse 300blk Olympic Dr 2:07 p.m.
Vehicle with excessive parking violations 900blk Carlyle Ave 2:58 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 19th St / Broadway 3:27 p.m.
Elder abuse 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:30 p.m.
Stalking 2200blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:47 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 300blk Olympic Dr 5:13 p.m.
Hit and run 700blk Arizona Ave 5:25 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 3400blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:35 p.m.
Assault 1500blk 16th St 5:41 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 10th St / Santa Monica Blvd 5:45 p.m.
Critical missing person 1600blk the beach 5:47 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries 10th St / Santa Monica Blvd 6:05 p.m.
Traffic collision - no injuries city prop involved 500blk Raymond Ave 6:06 p.m.
Malicious mischief 600blk Wilshire Blvd 6:13 p.m.
Burglary 2500blk Kansas Ave 6:20 p.m.
Burglary 00blk Sea Colony Dr 6:20 p.m.
Exhibition of speed 4th St / Olympic Blvd W 6:50 p.m.
Malicious mischief 400blk Washington Ave 7:01 p.m.
Identity theft 800blk Yale St 7:16 p.m.
Fight 16th St / Colorado Ave 7:21 p.m.
Petty theft 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 7:58 p.m.
Auto burglary 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:00 p.m.
Auto burglary 1800blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:23 p.m.
Auto burglary 2900blk Main St 8:44 p.m.
Auto burglary 1800blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:45 p.m.
Vehicle parked in alley 1700blk 10th St 8:47 p.m.
Assault w/deadly weapon 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:58 p.m.
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Encampment 1600blk the beach 9:51 p.m.
72 hour psychiatric hold 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:08 p.m.

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EMS 400blk Expo Line 1:26 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 7th St 1:43 a.m.
EMS 300blk Santa Monica Pier 2:15 a.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 2:22 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 3:07 a.m.
Traffic collision with injury 400blk Interstate 10 4:01 a.m.
EMS 1100blk Ashland Ave 5:18 a.m.
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Transformer fire 3100blk 3rd St 8:06 a.m.
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EMS 1100blk 7th St 9:27 a.m.
EMS 200blk Bicknell Ave 9:36 a.m.
Automatic alarm 1500blk 15th St 10:27 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 16th St 11:00 a.m.
EMS 1900blk 11th St 11:17 a.m.
EMS 200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:22 p.m.
Traffic collision with injury Centinela Ave / Colorado Blvd 12:30 p.m.
EMS 900blk Wilshire Blvd 12:34 p.m.
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EMS 2700blk Ocean Park Blvd 2:03 p.m.
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Architectural Review Board	1	6/30/2023	-
Arts Commission	3	6/30/2023	Reside or work in Santa Monica
Audit Subcommittee	1	6/30/2023	Santa Monica Resident
Commission for the Senior Community	1	6/30/2023	Registered to Vote, Santa Monica Resident
Commission for the Senior Community	1	6/30/2023	Registered to Vote, Santa Monica Resident, Over the age of 60
Commission on the Status of Women	2	6/30/2023	Santa Monica Resident
Disabilities Commission	2	6/30/2023	Santa Monica Resident
Housing Commission	1	6/30/2021	Santa Monica Resident, Section 8 Tenant Member, and 62 years old or older.
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Personnel Board	1	6/30/2024	Santa Monica Resident
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't know how great you are at a thing until you see the level at which the average novice is working. This is why it will benefit you to test your skills in a public setting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you're stuck, just ask yourself more questions. Questions such as "why does this matter?" or "what is important about this?" will bring you past the symptoms and right to the root issue.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're certain that if you can just stick to a certain behavior, you'll get what you want. Training yourself will be similar to training other creatures; different rewards and deterrents, same principle.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Where does the joy come from? "Within" gets the most votes from people with semi-charmed lives. Of course, it's easier to find the joy-well "within" when the environment "without" readily supports emotional and physical needs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your hunches are eerily accurate, but those who have something to hide will try to make you doubt them. Think of this as a game and it becomes really fun for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Laughter is the way to unity, fun and a generally warm feeling. It's a little painful when the joke doesn't land, but keep trying because it's worth it. If it were easy, everyone would be funny.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's an element of randomness that's made its way into your consciousness and is starting to seem maybe not so random after all. Look for the pattern. You'll soon break the code.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The extraordinary moon could provide you with just the extra nudge required to break your own rules. So if it really matters, put extra enforcements in place. And if it doesn't, have fun!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be invited to compete. This is an honor, as it means that you're seen as a worthy opponent. Accepting this invitation is optional, and hopefully you'll enjoy the implied compliment either way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be so comfortable around those who respond warmly and predictably to you that you may wonder why you would hang out with people who are difficult to harmonize with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Rip up the script because today is a full-on improvisational challenge. Here's the beauty of it: You don't have to come up with crazy moves. It's all about listening intently and responding honestly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're awesome inside and out. So stop noting what you want to change about yourself and just take a moment to observe the glory of what's there. See it in the mirror; see it in your soul.

Scorpio Moon Spills Secrets

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YOUR MOON SIGN: (part three)

The moon is our closest luminary and she changes more frequently than any other, transiting through the zodiac in about 28 days. You can find out what your moon sign is by keying "find my moon sign" into a search engine. Cancer moon people are not as resistant to feelings as the rest of the zodiac can be. When the moon is in Cancer, she's in her home territory. Just as people tend to be more comfortable and expressive in their own homes, Cancer people are very at home with the changing emotional landscape that is human nature. Cancer moon individuals are wonderful in a crisis and also can be quite patient working with children and others with a wide emotional range. Leo moon people have a knack for attracting attention, though not always while doing the things that would classically fall under the category of performance. Leo moon endows her natives with a show-stopping glow and a solid sense of timing. Leo moon people may insist that they don't want to be in front of the crowd, and yet they secretly feel at home there.

CELEBRITY PROFILES

With her dry wit and sharp sense of humor, writer, producer and actress Tina Fey was the first female head of "Saturday Night Live's" prestigious writing team. A true Taurus with Mercury and Saturn also in the sign of the bull, Fey doesn't follow the rules, she makes her own. Look for Fey and friends in the comedy "Wine Country" timed perfectly to coincide with her solar return.

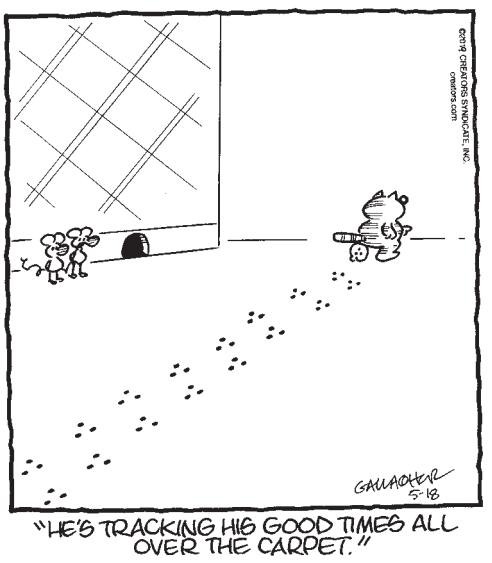
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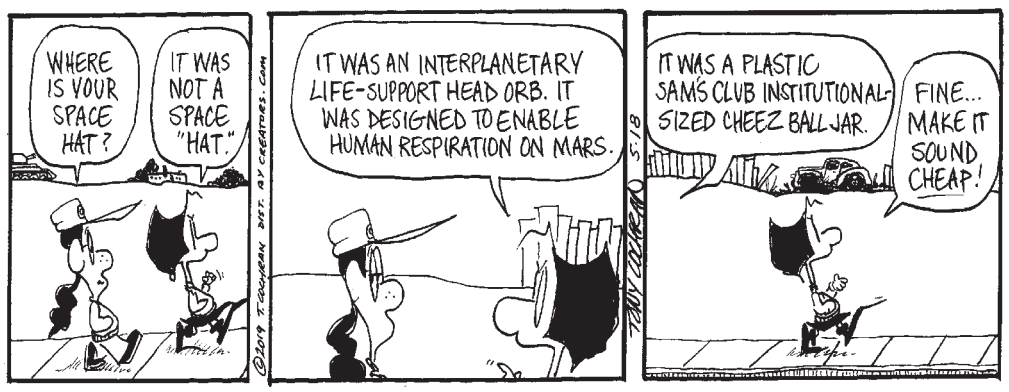
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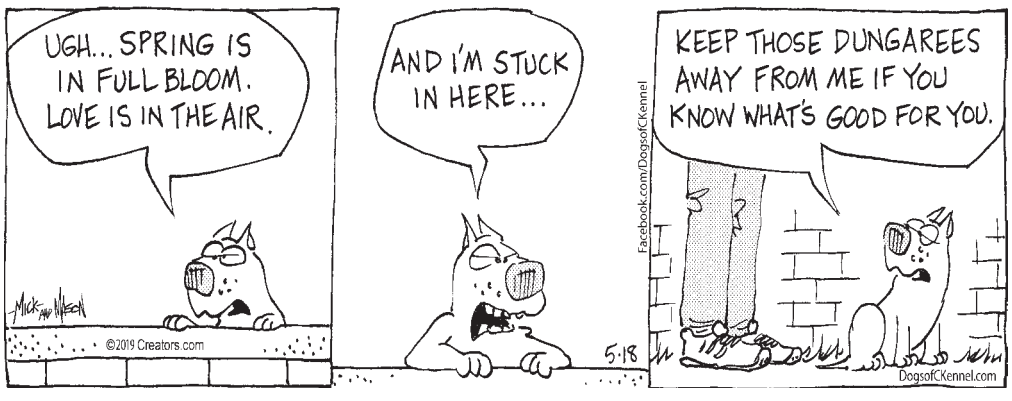
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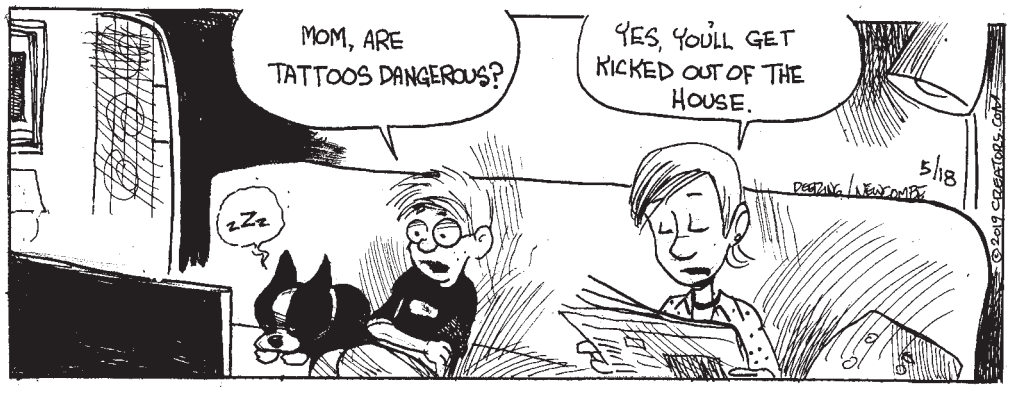
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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 05/15
7 17 33 61 68
Power#: 4
Jackpot: $270 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 05/14
11 59 66 67 68
Mega#: 18
Jackpot: $339 M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 05/15
5 22 23 27 38
Mega#: 16
Jackpot: $45 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 05/16
16 17 25 35 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 05/17
Midday: 3 2 3
Draw Date: 05/16
Evening: 7 7 4

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 05/16
1st: 7 - EUREKA
2nd: 3 - HOT SHOT
3rd: 4 - BIG BEN
RACE TIME: 1:44.09

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SURF REPORT

SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 62.8°

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 3-4 ft waist to chest high
Smaller leftovers from the SSW. Minor NW swell. Possible onshore wind all day.

SUNDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3 ft + waist to stomach high
Small SSW. Minor NW swell. Possible onshore wind all day.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

E	A	G	L	E	■	M	O	N	O	■	E	B	B	■
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J	A	C	Q	U	E	S	B	R	E	L	■	P	O	L
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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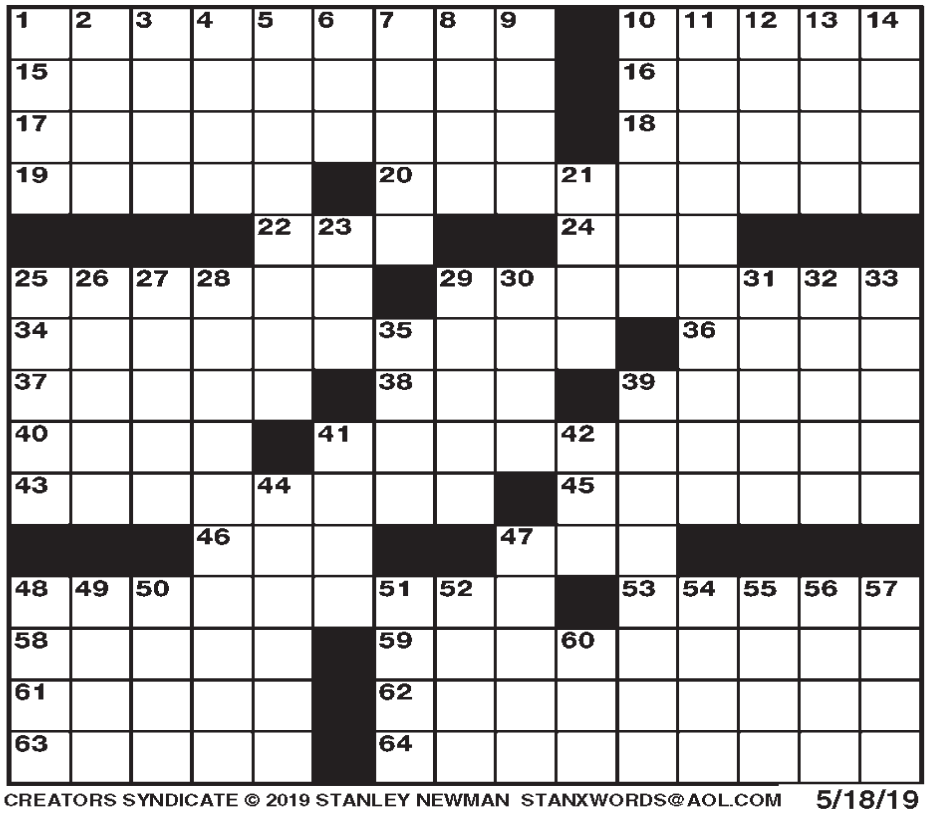
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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Greg Johnson
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Black and white
10 Alternative to wood screws
15 Counterbalance
16 Traditional campers
17 With 59 Across, dormancy
18 Hi-tech outfits
19 Pickpocket, for instance
20 Heading in the right direction?
22 Put forth
24 Cabinet selection
25 Mountain climbed by Muir
29 What strollers carry with them
34 Iceland, originally
36 Big name in the Harlem Renaissance
37 Conference of eight
38 Erstwhile UK record label
39 Producer of oils
40 She's seen in middle names
41 Cooler in the summer
43 Lab table, essentially
45 Faithful servers
46 Elvis, c. 1959
47 McCain's Senate successor
48 "I don't believe it!"
53 Nickname akin to Reba
58 Far more than admiring
59 See 17 Across
61 Hard-working introvert
62 Reagan, for seven youthful summers
63 Put forth
64 You want no part of them

DOWN
1 Persistent inconvenience
2 Sharpie shade
3 Organic digger
4 Ready (for)
5 Works
6 UK airport-search code
7 *Apfelwein*, to Americans
8 "Thirst amidst __ of waves": *Odyssey*
9 Pimento et al.
10 Ken Burns' follow-up to *Jazz*
11 Buoy advisory
12 Owner of a scooter-sharing service
13 Loathsome one
14 Three former UN members
21 __ party
23 Name in the subtitle of *Bond Bound*
25 Optimist's urging
26 Base home base
27 Fashion with a flare
28 Steelmaking need
29 Titles akin to gurus
30 Ignorance, to Socrates
31 Supergenerous, informally
32 Split second
33 Merchandise movers
35 Certain Balto-Slav
39 What the Pony Express transported
41 Historical poncho wearer
42 Cheer's conclusion
44 Echo, e.g.
47 Scout Shop purchase
48 The "where"
49 Kitchen counter material
50 It's shaved for an undercut
51 Formal
52 MIT, e.g.
54 Word in the etymology of "tweezers"
55 Salutation popularized by *A Farewell to Arms*
56 "Sweet" stuff
57 Extra conditions
60 *Grande surface d'eau*



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