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# Police oversight Commissioners object to temporary restriction of their powers

**CLARA HARTER**
SMDP Staff Writer

Several members of the Public Safety Reform & Oversight Commission are upset by City Council's decision to temporarily restrict the Commission's abilities while the City negotiates a pending unfair labor practice claim with the Police Officers Association.

From the perspective of many, but not all, Commissioners, the temporary restrictions are unnecessary, severely handicap their ability to function and signify an underlying opposition of SMPD to civilian oversight.

"It's overall an attempt to basically gut the Commission and prevent it from operating," said Commission Chair George Brown in a Sept. 2 meeting. "It's clear that the Santa Monica police union opposes civilian oversight. They've been trying to kill it behind the scenes for the entire time."

The Santa Monica Police Officers Association and the City reject this notion and maintain that the freeze on certain activities of the Commission is a temporary measure solely intended to allow the two groups to settle their dispute amicably without engaging in protracted litigation.

The agreement was approved by Council during an Aug. 24 closed session on the recommendation of Interim City Attorney George Cardona. It is currently set to expire on Sept. 27, with the possibility of extension if negotiations are not complete by then and both parties agree to the extension.

The agreement temporarily bars the Commission from several actions including making recommendations to the Police Chief, City Manager or City Council regarding SMPD policies and practices; the availability of SMPD disciplinary records and personnel files; or SMPD's proposed budget.

"This is not intended to stop the important work of the Commission, which may continue its ongoing review of police policies and procedures and remains free to provide to the City Council its work plan for consolidating its consideration of policing issues in light of its review of the OIR Group Report and the police

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# County recommends full hearing after proposal to split SMMUSD only meets one of nine criteria

**MATTHEW HALL**
SMDP Editor

County regulators are recommending a proposal to split the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District advance to the next stage of analysis following a preliminary report that concluded eight of nine conditions for a split were unmet.

According to staff, many of the unmet conditions were the result of poor or lacking data and further study is needed to make final determinations.

The Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization heard initial arguments on the split earlier this year and a report from the Committee's staff issued last week said the proposal failed to meet eight of nine standards as it stands today.

## MINIMUM ENROLLMENT STANDARDS

A new district should have at least 1,501 students and the report cites a shrinking population as the primary reason Malibu fails to meet the rule. However, the report states more study may be necessary to evaluate the impact of temporary population loss due to wildfires and the impacts of remote learning on school enrollment.

"Because there is a strong indication that current enrollment in Malibu area schools would be fewer than 1,501 students, staff finds this condition, at this time, not substantially met," said the report.

## COMMUNITY IDENTITY

Districts should be organized on the basis of "substantial community identity" and regulators said that while Malibu is a distinct city, its educational history has always been entwined with Santa Monica making it impossible to justify a new district on identity grounds.

"Proposals to form unified school districts are requests for changes to permanent boundaries. They should only be undertaken based on evidence of a compelling reason to make such changes related to educational concerns and guided by the mandated nine conditions of review. No such compelling reason has been presented in this case to date that cannot be mitigated by the current collaborative practices of the Santa Monica-Malibu USD," said the report. "The implication that this proposal should be approved simply because the City of Malibu wants it, because they feel more a part of their city than their school district, should not be remedied by a process as serious and with such significant consequences as forming a new [Unified School District] and taking territory from a high-performing current USD, especially given the potential fiscal impacts. Therefore, it is recommended that the County

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# Santa Monica Brew Works teams up with organic coffee roasters Groundwork Coffee Co.




Courtesy photo

**BREAKFAST: Brew Works continues to parter with local businesses on special beers such as their latest venture with Groundwork Coffee.**

**DANIEL FARR**
SMDP Staff Writer

Santa Monica Brew Works (SMBW), the first and only locally owned independent craft brewery on Los Angeles' Westside, has announced their latest edition of limited-released beers celebrating local businesses.

The brewery teamed up with organic coffee roasters Groundwork Coffee Co. for their latest effort following partnerships with other local iconic places such as Bay Cities and Rip City Skates.

Together, the neighboring Westside businesses collaborated on what they call, "Breakfast Brew" – a Golden Mocha Porter made with cocoa nibs, vanilla bean, and organic cold brew coffee.

"Some things are just better together," said Scott Francis, SMBW Co-Founder, President & CEO. "It's no secret that coffee and craft beer can complement each other exceptionally well – but adding chocolate takes this brew to a whole other level of deliciousness."

Santa Monica Brew Works wanted to work with Groundwork Coffee Co. due to their coastal

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Ordinance Number 2681 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING SECTIONS TO THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT DUMPING OF COMMERCIAL TRASH IN CITY RECEPTACLES; PROHIBIT DUMPING OF LIQUID WASTE ON PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY, ON OR ONTO THE PIER OR BEACH, OR INTO STORM DRAINS; AND PROHIBIT THE USE OF COMBUSTIBLE FUELS ON AND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE SANTA MONICA PIER WITHOUT A PERMIT**

The following is a summary of Emergency Ordinance Number 2681 (CCS) (the "Emergency Ordinance") prepared by the Office of the City Attorney.

The Emergency Ordinance adds three prohibitions of general applicability to the Santa Monica Municipal Code ("SMMC"):

The Emergency Ordinance adds new SMMC Section 3.36.290, which prohibits any person from using any combustible fuel (including, but not limited to, propane, butane, any other liquid gas, kerosene, steno, charcoal or wood) on the Pier or within 25 feet of the Pier, for any purpose involving the fuel's combustion (including, but not limited to, heating, lighting, or cooking) without first obtaining a permit from the Fire Marshal. The Emergency Ordinance permits the Fire Marshal or designee to promulgate implementing regulations as necessary; provides that violations of the ordinance may be handled as infractions, misdemeanors, or through issuance of administrative citations; and establishes fine amounts for violations, with the administrative fines being subject to future modification by the City Council by way of resolution. The Emergency Ordinance also permits the impounding of combustible fuel used in violation of the section as well as the fuel's container and authorizes the Fire Marshal or designee to promulgate regulations implementing impound and storage procedures.

The Emergency Ordinance also adds new SMMC Section 7.48.035, which makes it unlawful for any "owner, manager, operator, or employee of a business to deposit litter from that business in a public receptacle without first obtaining a permit from the Department of Public Works." The Emergency Ordinance permits the Director of Public Works or designee to promulgate implementing regulations as necessary; provides that violations of the ordinance may be handled as infractions, misdemeanors, or through issuance of administrative citations; and establishes fine amounts for violations, with the administrative fines being subject to future modification by the City Council by way of resolution.

The Emergency Ordinance also adds new SMMC Section 7.48.130, which defines "liquid waste" to include fuels, solvents, cooking oil or fat, grease, paint, detergents, fertilizers, pesticides, lubricants, surfactants, waste oils, coolants, grease or non-prescription medicines and makes it unlawful for any person to "dispose of" any "liquid waste in any storm drain" or "to dispose of any liquid waste in or on any street, sidewalk, bike path, public parking lot, public park, the beach, the Santa Monica Pier, or any public receptacle." The Emergency Ordinance also makes it unlawful for any person to dispose of any solid waste in any storm drain. The Emergency Ordinance permits the Director of Public Works or designee to promulgate implementing regulations as necessary; provides that violations of the ordinance may be handled as infractions, misdemeanors, or through issuance of administrative citations; and establishes fine amounts for violations, with the administrative fines being subject to future modification by the City Council by way of resolution.
Emergency Ordinance Number 2681 was effective as of the date of its adoption, August 24, 2021.

The full text of Emergency Ordinance Number 2681 is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.



# California recall fueled by a dinner, a ruling on same day

**KATHLEEN RONAYNE**
Associated Press

On a single day last November, two events helped set the course for just the second recall election against a governor in California history: Gov. Gavin Newsom dined with 11 friends and lobbyists at one of the country's most expensive restaurants as he pleaded with Californians to stay home, while those looking to kick him out of office won four more months to qualify for the ballot.

Photos of the maskless dinner showed the Democratic governor going against what he had been urging for months to combat the coronavirus: don't gather in groups, keep your distance, wear a mask. That it was happening at the French Laundry — where the cheapest meal is $350 — fueled the idea Newsom was out of touch. The dinner turned up the heat on the fledgling recall, and the extra time allowed it to reach full boil.

By March, organizers had more than the 1.5 million signatures they needed to force a vote on whether to remove the first-term Democratic governor in the nation's biggest blue state.

"We had a perfect storm with the judge's ruling, with the French Laundry incident, with the greater environment of COVID and the economic disaster," said Mindy Romero, director of the Center for Inclusive Democracy at the University of Southern California.

Voters will have the final say next Tuesday. A majority of voters would need to mark "yes" to oust Newsom more than a year before his term ends.

If they do, they would chose from a list of 46 replacement candidates — many of them unknown, but others with some recognition, including conservative talk show host Larry Elder and former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer. Reality TV star Caitlyn Jenner also is running but has failed to gain traction.

Because so many people are running, the winner would likely become the next governor of the nation's most populous state with 25% or less of the votes. That's a far cry from the landslide that swept Newsom into office in 2018.

In California, a state where ballot initiatives thrive, many governors have faced recall drives under a century-old reform that created a mechanism for voters to remove them mid-term. But only one other effort tapped into enough frustration to make the ballot: Voters recalled Democratic Gov. Gray Davis in 2003 over an energy crisis and replaced him with Arnold Schwarzenegger, the last California Republican to win statewide.

A loss for Newsom, 53, would be a shocking twist in his relatively charmed political career and would almost certainly install a Republican governor in the nation's chief laboratory for progressive policies. A slight majority approve of his job handling, according to a recent poll from the Public Policy Institute of California that also shows the recall failing.

The results will be picked apart for clues on how voters are feeling heading into the 2022 midterm elections, when control of Congress and more than half of governorships are up for grabs.

"The outcome of this election is going to be fuel for 2022, period," Romero said.

Amateur political organizer Orrin Heatlie launched the recall in February 2020, before coronavirus became a full-fledged public health crisis in the United States. He was upset about Newsom's support for immigrants in the country illegally and other liberal policies.

By the time he began collecting signatures, the coronavirus dominated.

Newsom was the first governor to issue a statewide stay-at-home order, and when he dined at the French Laundry eight months later, the state had gone through whipsaw reopenings and closings that left small-business owners, parents of schoolchildren and others overwhelmed and confused.

California was facing an uptick in infections and hospitalizations, and Newsom's administration was urging people not to gather with more than three households. While Napa County, where the French Laundry is located, allowed outdoor dining and limited indoor seating, the dinner party brought together a dozen people from more than three households.

News of the Nov. 6 dinner broke a week later, on a Friday when Newsom had no public appearances. In a statement, he said he and his wife "followed the restaurant's health protocols and took safety precautions" but "should have modeled better behavior and not joined the dinner." When he appeared in public that Monday, Newsom said it was an "outdoor restaurant" but acknowledged he made a "bad mistake."

The next day, a Los Angeles TV station obtained cellphone photos calling into question that the dinner was outdoors. The photos showed the table set back in a space with three walls and one side open with a sliding glass door. Newsom and the other guests were sitting close together and not wearing masks.

Anne Dunsmore, campaign manager for the pro-recall group Rescue California, said it reinforced the narrative that Newsom says one thing and does another. It also aligned with the image that Newsom's detractors have pushed — that he's an out-of-touch politician.

"The French Laundry was an incredible boost to the effort," Dunsmore said.

The recall campaign similarly tagged Newsom as elitist when his children returned to class in person at a private school while most public school students were stuck with virtual learning.

Ace Smith, Newsom's longtime political consultant, disputes the dinner's importance in the recall's march to the ballot. He views the presidential election, also that November, as an important marker, saying Donald Trump's loss created fresh anger for the recall campaign to seize on. Six million people in California voted for Trump.

"They realized that they had bottled up

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## DAILY POLICE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 283 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 6

Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Neilson Way / Strand St 12:37 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 600blk Georgina Ave 1:43 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 2:29 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 2500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:34 a.m.
Trespassing 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 4:24 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 4:57 a.m.
Trespassing 4th St / Ocean Park Blvd 5:03 a.m.
Trespassing 2400blk Ocean Park Blvd 5:04 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 300blk Olympic Dr 5:34 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1900blk Bay St 5:36 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 6:36 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 7:09 a.m.
Missing Person Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 7:52 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Report 1000blk Grant St 8:01 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 10th St / Arizona Ave 8:29 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 00blk Bay St 8:38 a.m.
Petty Theft Report 1500blk The Beach 9:05 a.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 9:15 a.m.
Grand Theft Report Dorchester Ave / Virginia Ave 9:45 a.m.
Trespassing 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 10:11 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2700blk Pico Blvd 10:25 a.m.
Malicious Mischief Report 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 10:26 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 21st St / Pier Ave 10:37 a.m.
Trespassing 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:37 a.m.
Burglary Report 900blk 2nd St 10:41 a.m.
Burglary Report 200blk 7th St 10:46 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Report 1400blk 5th St 10:58 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 700blk Raymond Ave 11:28 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1300blk Michigan Ave 11:37 a.m.
Fraud Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 11:49 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 2400blk 4th St 11:51 a.m.
Burglary Report 200blk 7th St 11:55 a.m.
Missing Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 12:48 p.m.
Trespassing 2100blk Wilshire Blvd 12:48 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Just Occurred Ocean Ave / Bicknell Ave 1:14 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2800blk Pico Blvd 1:15 p.m.
Battery Report 2300blk Airport Ave 1:17 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 00blk Pico Blvd 1:44 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 1:49 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1200blk Pacific Coast Hwy 2:18 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 500blk San Vicente Blvd 3:20 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1300blk 2nd St 3:20 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2600blk Main St 3:23 p.m.
Missing Person 1300blk 4th St 3:25 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 2100blk Virginia Ave 3:36 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pier 3:40 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900blk 20th St 3:46 p.m.
Battery Report 1000blk Wilshire Blvd 3:50 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1800blk 14th St 4:07 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 4:08 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 100blk Broadway 4:21 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 1200blk 3rd Street Prom 4:24 p.m.
Armed Robbery In Progress 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 4:29 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now Ocean Ave / Hollister Ave 4:29 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2000blk Ocean Ave 4:39 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1200blk Ocean Front Walk 5:03 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:29 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 1400blk Ocean Ave 5:46 p.m.
Domestic Violence Report 300blk Olympic Dr 5:59 p.m.
Trespassing 1700blk Main St 6:08 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 300blk Santa Monica Pier 6:11 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1500blk 2nd St 6:32 p.m.
Trespassing 400blk California Ave 6:36 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 6:40 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 00blk Marine Ter 7:21 p.m.
Arson 1500blk 4th St 7:21 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 2500blk Main St 7:33 p.m.
Malicious Mischief Now 1800blk Delaware Ave 7:49 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:26 p.m.
Trespassing 400blk California Ave 8:26 p.m.
Trespassing 2900blk 4th St 8:49 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 1600blk Ocean Ave 8:59 p.m.
Disturbance At A Business 700blk Broadway 9:34 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1300blk Franklin St 9:54 p.m.
Trespassing 1000blk Hill St 10:57 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1500blk Ocean Ave 11:14 p.m.
Person Down 1300blk 2nd St 11:42 p.m.

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## DAILY FIRE LOG

### SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 40 CALLS ON SEPTEMBER 6

EMS 400blk Colorado Ave 1:03 a.m.
EMS 2700blk Main St 1:34 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 500blk Colorado Ave 2:32 a.m.
EMS 3200blk 17th St 4:07 a.m.
EMS 2500blk 5th St 4:12 a.m.
EMS 500blk Colorado Ave 5:00 a.m.
EMS 900blk 24th St 5:59 a.m.
EMS 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:07 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 7:10 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Alta Ave 7:11 a.m.
EMS 1200blk 15th St 7:29 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1900blk 6th St 7:55 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 15th St 8:11 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 8:12 a.m.
EMS 1300blk 20th St 9:47 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Urban Ave 10:04 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 600blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:44 a.m.
Public Assist 1400blk 2nd St 11:11 a.m.
EMS 600blk Colorado Ave 12:10 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 400blk 22nd St 1:15 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 7th St 1:19 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Kansas Ave 1:26 p.m.
EMS 900blk 3rd St 1:59 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 15th St 2:54 p.m.
EMS 3200blk Broadway 3:11 p.m.
EMS 200blk Ocean Ave 3:24 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Hill St 4:11 p.m.
EMS 100blk Broadway 4:23 p.m.
EMS 1600blk 7th St 4:40 p.m.
EMS 2800blk Pico Blvd 5:23 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 1300blk 7th St 5:27 p.m.
EMS 2100blk 7th St 6:25 p.m.
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 500blk Hill St 6:39 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1500blk 4th St 7:20 p.m.
EMS 2200blk 4th St 8:48 p.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 9:08 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 9:19 p.m.
EMS 2700blk Pico Blvd 10:12 p.m.
Automatic Alarm 200blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:46 p.m.
EMS 1300blk 2nd St 11:42 p.m.

## 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.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 26 10:59 P.M.

SMPD Officers responded with lights and sirens to a Battery call on the 2700 block of Santa Monica Blvd. Dispatch relayed a male was beat up by two men and was bleeding from his head. Upon arrival, the victim told officers that he had gotten off the bus and was walking down Santa Monica Blvd. when two suspects began to follow him. Suddenly the victim was hit on the head and the suspects proceeded to punch and kick him. Further, the suspects took the victim's cell phone away when he attempted to call 911. Officers located the two suspects and Jonathan Daniel Burton and David Scott Perkins were arrested for 243(D) -PC Battery with Serious Injury. Burton was further charged with 211 PC- Robbery.

City of Santa Monica

**City of Santa Monica**
**Ordinance Number 2679 (CCS)**
**(City Council Series)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE 4 OF THE SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO NOISE AND TARGETED RESIDENTIAL PROTESTS TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE**

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2679 (CCS) (the "Ordinance") prepared by the Office of the City Attorney.

The Ordinance amends certain provisions of the City's Noise Ordinance (SMMC Chapter 4.12) to update the definitions of Noise Zones in SMMC Section 4.12.050 to match the current Zoning Ordinance and implement limitations on the use of sound amplifying equipment in public parks, beaches, or recreational facilities, and in certain public places in residential districts during specified evening hours. The Ordinance also repeals and deletes out-of-date and superseded provisions in SMMC Chapter 4.08 regulating sound trucks and sound amplifying equipment (SMMC Sections 4.08.620 to 4.08.690).

In addition, the Ordinance amends SMMC Section 4.08.790 to impose distance (not within 50 feet of the property line of the targeted dwelling) and time (not between 8:00 pm and 7:00 am on weekdays or 8:00 am on weekends) restrictions on targeted residential protests (current SMMC Section 4.08.790 imposes only a distance restriction).

The Ordinance was adopted on August 24, 2021 and will become effective thirty days after adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

## POLICE

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department's response to that report," said a City Spokesperson.

The pending negotiations between the City and the SMPOA concern an unfair labor practice charge SMPOA filed with the California Public Relations Board regarding the manner in which the Oversight Commission was formed and the powers it was given.

The SMPOA is specifically upset with the exclusion of officers from serving on the Commission and alleges that they repeatedly raised this concern to former Interim City Manager Lane Dilg, who dismissed the issue prior to the Commission's formation.

"Our goal has and is to give the Commission the perspective of a public safety professional," said an SMPOA representative in a statement issued on Sept. 3. "They could give fellow Commissioners instant access to information, and provide immediate pertinent advice on the feasibility of policy recommendations from a public safety perspective as well as provide valuable institutional knowledge."

Commission Chair George Brown believes the SMPOA does not support reform and civilian oversight, referencing his experience serving alongside SMPD officers in the Commission's temporary predecessor, the Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee, as evidence.

"POA members participated in the work of an advisory committee last year, and, in my opinion, worked from the outset to undermine any attempts at reform or oversight," said Brown in an Aug. 30 letter to City Council. "I continue to marvel at how the POA and SMPD leadership claim to be proud of their purported progressive best-in-class policing, yet work so hard to prevent anyone from actually looking inside to see what is really happening."

In this letter Brown raised several complaints against the City and SMPD, including a delay in establishing the Commission, lack of Commission resources, slow hiring of a promised Inspector General and difficulties procuring information from SMPD.

In response to Brown's letter SMPOA issued a statement that said, "Brown's comments on this matter are disheartening, false and illustrate a clear misunderstanding of public sector employee collective bargaining rights."

Several Commissioners spoke in support of Brown's position during a Sept. 2 meeting, including Commissioners Samantha Mota, Derek Devermont and Angela Scott.

"How are we supposed to even move forward within such restriction, and how are we expected to press the system when the system is so resistant?" said Scott.

Commissioner George Centeno disagrees with Brown's claims and sent a letter to Council on Sept. 3 expressing his support for Council's decision to accept the agreement temporarily freezing many of the Commissions' activities. Centeno is a former SMPD officer and the retired Chief of Police at Los Angeles World Airports.

"From my perspective, the Police Department has been very transparent in sharing what the current policies and practices have been, where improvement needs to be made, and collaboratively working with the Commission to make those changes," said Centeno. "I believe the City Attorney's Office and the City's position will prevail and the Commission can again continue the important work ahead."

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# Young Sikhs still struggle with post-Sept. 11 discrimination

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Associated Press

Sikh entrepreneur Balbir Singh Sodhi was killed at his Arizona gas station four days after the Sept. 11 attacks by a man who declared he was "going to go out and shoot some towel-heads" and mistook him for an Arab Muslim.

Young Sikh Americans still struggle a generation later with the discrimination that 9/11 unleashed against their elders and them, ranging from school bullying to racial profiling to hate crimes — especially against males, who typically wear beards and turbans to demonstrate their faith.

As the 20th anniversary of Sept. 11 nears, those younger Sikhs say much more is needed to improve how hate crimes against their community are tracked. The FBI didn't even begin tracking hate crimes specifically against Sikhs until 2015, and many local law enforcement agencies fail to record bias attacks comprehensively.

"The onus is on a community organization like ours to identify the problem and then build support" to ensure better reporting, said Satjeet Kaur, executive director of the Sikh Coalition. Formed in the wake of Sept. 11, the largest Sikh advocacy group in the U.S. documented more than 300 cases of violence and discrimination against Sikh Americans in just the first few months.

Such attacks can be particularly hard on young Sikhs, who face bullying by classmates who try to yank off their turbans or mock them as "Osama's nephew" or "Saddam Hussein." They often struggle with the Sikh philosophy of "chardi kala," which calls for steadfast optimism in the face of oppression.

"The eternal optimism can help us get through it, but sometimes you also have to highlight the harsh realities," said Tejpaul Bainiwal, 25, a doctoral candidate at the University of California, Riverside, who is studying the history of Sikhs who first began arriving in the U.S. in the late 1800s.

Bainiwal acknowledges he got into plenty of fistfights in high school with other students who tugged at his head covering and taunted him. He said terrified Sikh families debated whether to continue displaying outward signs of faith after the Aug. 5, 2012, massacre at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, which ultimately killed seven worshipers.

Now, as Americans watch from afar the events unfolding in Afghanistan, Bainiwal reflected on how Sikhs have been mislabeled and mischaracterized through history.

"One hundred years ago we were labeled Hindus, then Saudi Arabians, and when Iran was in the American eye we were called 'the ayotollah.' "

Media images of turbaned and bearded Taliban leaders who recently regained control of Afghanistan with the withdrawal of U.S. troops have made Sikh Americans nervous again as they warn one another about those who incorrectly see their turbans and beards as symbols of extremism. In the Sikh faith, long uncut hair is one of five articles of the faith. Most males and some women traditionally wear head coverings over their long locks.

The FBI listed 67 anti-Sikh crimes for 2020, the highest annual number since the category was created in 2015, said criminologist and civil rights attorney Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino.

He said the center recently created a conflict advisory saying the risk of targeted aggression against Sikhs and others in the U.S. has been elevated to a near "severe" level. Political and international events could sporadically push those dangers even higher over the next 18 months, the advisory said.

Levin told the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Aug. 5 that domestic extremism often follows "catalytic events" that provoke fear, such as the coronavirus outbreak, which sparked anti-Asian violence; the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol; and the upcoming anniversary of Sept. 11.

After the 2001 attacks, Balbir Singh Sodhi was among the first of Sikhs, Arab Muslims and others targeted in hate crimes.

Airplane mechanic Frank Roque was convicted of first-degree murder in the Sept. 15, 2001, killing and was sentenced to death before that was commuted to life imprisonment. Roque also was accused of drive-by shootings the same day at an Afghan family's home and a Lebanese man's convenience store, although no one was injured in those attacks.

Rose Kaur Sodhi, Balbir Singh Sodhi's niece, was a second grader getting ready for a relative's birthday party when her family learned of her uncle's murder.

"We knew something was terribly wrong because my dad came home crying. I had never seen that before," she said of her father and Balbir's brother, Rana Singh Sodhi, who became a well-known figure in the Sikh American community and taught her to share her family's story and advocate for peace.

"We couldn't believe it," said the younger Sodhi, now 27 and a medical resident in Los Angeles. "He was so nice, always giving candy from his store to all the kids."

In the months that followed, children at her elementary school near Phoenix began harassing her then-6-year-old brother, prompting her to complain to the principal when they called him names and tugged on his topknot.

"That gas station where he was murdered is our ground zero," said activist filmmaker Valarie Kaur, who refers to Balbir Singh Sodhi, a family friend, as "uncle." Local and national dignitaries have been invited to remember Sodhi at a memorial there Sept. 15.

Kaur was a college student on Sept. 11 when she watched the Twin Towers of New York City's World Trade Center collapse on the television set in her parents' bedroom in Clovis, California.

When images of a bearded man in a turban repeatedly flashed on the screen, "I realized

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## SCHOOL

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Committee deem this condition to not be substantially met at this time."

### EQUITABLE DIVISION OF PROPERTY

The proposal must result in an equitable division of property and facilities for the two newly split districts and officials said too few details were available to meet these criteria at this point. Regulators cited an independent report that concluded the two sides would not agree on a split and an arbitrator or board of arbitrators would be needed to determine an equitable split.

### RACIAL EQUITY

The condition requires education of students in an integrated environment and will not promote racial or ethnic discrimination or segregation. The Committee said that regardless of enrollment numbers, it was clear a Malibu district would be vastly more White than a Santa Monica district and that splitting the district would likely violate the requirement.

"Indicators are that, given the ethnic/racial shift in student population should a Malibu USD be created, there may be discriminatory impacts on students. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem this condition to not be substantially met at this time," said the report.

### COSTS TO THE STATE

Splitting the district should not create a situation that requires additional funding from the State for either party. In this case, the analysis questions if both districts would remain "basic aid" meaning they derive their funding from local taxes, rather than State sources.

Regulators referenced the previous uncertainty over terms of a financial split as the reason this condition was not met at this time.

"Absent another negotiated settlement, it is not clear if both resulting districts could maintain basic aid status or if a resulting Santa Monica USD would need additional support from the State. Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem this condition to be not substantially met at this time," said the report.

### CONTINUED QUALITY OF EDUCATION

The terms of the condition require the proposed reorganization will continue to promote sound education performance and will not significantly disrupt the educational programs in the districts affected by the proposed reorganization.

The report said it lacked enough data to say the proposal met the condition.

"At this time, it cannot be determined whether the creation of a Malibu USD would negatively impact the ability of the resulting Santa Monica USD to promote sound education (in terms of its ability to finance current programs and educational offerings). Until it is clear how this reorganization would be worked out on a fiscal basis, the impact on educational programs is not known," it said. "Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem this condition to be not substantially met at this time."

### INSIGNIFICANT SCHOOL FACILITIES COSTS

Facility costs cover infrastructure like buildings and equipment necessary to run a district. The report again references poor data on future enrollment as a block to determining if the proposal can meet these criteria.

"Given yet another layer of uncertainty about what a Malibu USD would need, how many students it is likely to have, and what the workout cost would be for the facilities it seeks to acquire from the Santa Monica-Malibu USD, it is not possible to know if additional school facilities costs would be indicated by this reorganization. Further, it is not possible to know at this time if the resulting Santa Monica USD would have school facilities costs based on its loss of enrollment or other fiscal losses," it said.

### PROPOSAL IS NOT DESIGNED TO INCREASE PROPERTY VALUES

While a proposal to create a new district can increase property values, property values cannot be the primary motivating factor. Regulators said as Malibu already has higher property values than Santa Monica, it met the condition.

"It can be reasonably projected that most residents of the City of Malibu already have higher property values than most residents in Santa Monica, but there is no evidence that a significant increase in property values represents the primary motive for the proposal. Therefore, it is preliminarily recommended that the County Committee deem this condition to be substantially met at this time."

### CONTINUED SOUND FISCAL MANAGEMENT

According to the report, the County Committee should consider financial trends of the affected districts and revenue gains and/or losses that may result from the proposed reorganization. This information will be used to evaluate the proposal's effect on the viability of the reorganized districts to operate educational programs and to assess any negative impact to the fiscal management or status of the reorganized district(s).

"It is preliminarily concluded that this reorganization would negatively affect the fiscal management or status of the resulting Santa Monica USD, should it be approved," said the report. "Therefore, it is recommended that the County Committee deem this condition to be not substantially met at this time."

While staff concludes the proposal does not meet eight of the nine criteria, the report still recommends the proposal advance to the next stage of analysis as many of the unmet criteria require additional information and study before making a final decision. The report also states the staff analysis is not the final determination.

"The County Committee may find all, a majority or some of the conditions met and still vote to deny the proposal. Similarly, the County Committee may find that none, few or some of the conditions are met, yet still has authority to vote to approve the proposal," said the report. "The County Committee's authority lies in its assessment of what is best for this specific situation and proposal, both in regard to individual Conditions and in the totality of the proposal, and its overall assessment that the Nine Conditions are substantially met."

Staff said a negotiated settlement is still the preferred resolution.

"It is clear that additional information is needed for the County Committee to complete a full analysis of this proposal to form a Malibu USD, should it approve moving this proposal into the regular review process. It is also clear that, though they have hit roadblocks numerous times, the City of Malibu and the Santa Monica-Malibu USD still have the opportunity to negotiate and to come to the County Committee with a joint solution," said the report. "A negotiated solution that honors the needs and concerns of both parties remains the best recommendation."

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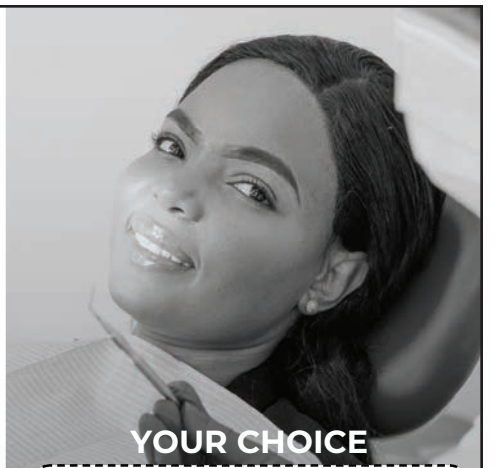
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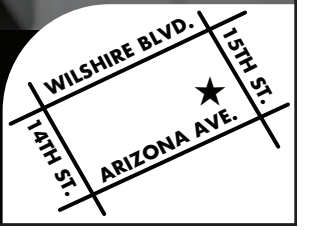
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**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA AMENDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.08.780 TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WELFARE BY PROHIBITING CERTAIN ITEMS AT PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The following is a summary of Emergency Ordinance Number 2680 (CCS) (the "Emergency Ordinance") prepared by the Office of the City Attorney.

The Emergency Ordinance amends Section 4.08.780 to expand the list of items that are prohibited at public assemblies and community events to include times such as poles, plastic pipes, or wooden sticks unattached to a sign, metal pipes, projectiles like rocks and pieces of concrete, glass bottles, aerosol sprays, shields, baseball or softball bats, laser pointers, metal containers, gas masks or similar breathing devices, helmets, umbrellas bigger than a specified length, riot gear, protective equipment, flak jackets, stab/bullet resistant vests, and load bearing or similar "tactical vests." The Emergency Ordinance provides that a violation of Section 4.08.780 is a misdemeanor and requires, when feasible (and excluding exigent circumstances), that a warning be given before enforcement commences. The Emergency Ordinance also provides that, for community events, modifications to the restricted items may be made upon a finding by the Community Events Committee that the modifications will not impair or threaten public safety.

Emergency Ordinance Number 2680 was effective as of the date of its adoption, August 24, 2021, and contains a provision specifying that it will sunset and shall have no force and effect after February 28, 2022.

The full text of Emergency Ordinance Number 2680 is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.









## Curious City


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# Monica And Pedro

### OUR SANTA MONICA ROOTS GO DEEP

I may own more "Santa Monica" t-shirts, but my wife Dian, a third generation San Pedran, is more Santa Monica than I am.

Three generations before we moved to Ocean Park from Beverly Hills — a smart step up, in my book — on New Years Day 1986, she had a family history here going back to her grandmother, and great grandfather John Barragar. He moved his family from Colorado Springs to Los Angeles in 1903, but wasn't so enamored with LA, when a friend recommended that he keep going west, to the sea. In 1905 he took that advice, and viola, another early convert to Bay City.

Barragar rolled down the Rockies to the coast with his wife Mary Elizabeth (unrelated but interesting: she had been a seamstress for Thomas Edison, back in Colorado) and their four children. He was an interior decorator of some note, and a painter, a building painter. Family history believes he worked on the massive Mineral Palace in Pueblo, CO, but he definitely helped finish the spectacular Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City, the Church of Latter-day Saints equivalent of the Vatican.




Courtesy photo

**ROOTS: In Woodlawn Cemetery.**

### BURIED AT WOODLAWN

Back then they mixed paint by hand with wooden stirrers, unaware of the lead content and its poisonous effects. Barragar, born in 1851, died in Santa Monica at 65 in 1916, of what was described in the newspaper obit as "severe indigestion" (??). He is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery here (between Lee Marvin — no, not that one — and Rudy Gay Love), in the section reserved for members of the Elks, local BPOE 906, still active at 1040 Pico. but Barragar likely attended meetings in the older building on Main Street. We gave the current Elks Lodge leaders his ancient membership card and they seemed delighted. The receipt for his Woodlawn burial plot shows a charge of $30.25 for "perpetual care on grave 179, Elks Rest," plus "labor" $12.50 and "box" $7. I wish I could get a parking ticket that cheap in Santa Monica.

His second son Ed served in the Santa Monica Fire Department in his 20s. He died in his mid-30s in 1932, of tuberculosis. We had a family photograph of him with his fellow SMFD firefighters, all in spiffy uniforms of the time, circa 1920s, which we donated to the Santa Monica History Museum, located in our Main Library building, on 7th Street. Ed graduated from Samohi and we also donated his diploma, in a pigskin jacket and signed by Principal William F. Barnum (yeah, that one), to the museum, after letting longtime Samohi dean Catherine Baxter take a photo of it for their archives. So at least some little piece remains of our historic high school. In the museum. Where it won't be devalued and demolished.

### MILDRED PLAYED POST OFFICE

Not really. She was a good Catholic girl. But Dian's grandmother Mildred Michell worked there, as a young woman. She lived one block from our iconic longtime former main post office building on 5th Street and walked to work. There is a "family-famous" photo from the '20s of Mildred posing in a swimsuit on the beach with the palisades as the dramatic backdrop, looking just the same as now. The palisades, not Mildred. (Though above and below have changed dramatically.)

Her younger sister Pauline probably walked to work too. She was a WAC in World War

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## CURIOUS CITY

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II, where she met her husband, and after the war they settled in her hometown, living three blocks from our airport, on Marine. They both worked in the aviation industry, at Clover Field, probably at North American Aviation.

Her older brother John became an electrician who worked on the remarkable lighting fixtures at the famous Bullocks Wilshire. We believe he also attended Samohi, but the two girls were sent to a private academy.

Decades later, Dian lived on Pier for three years, before I met her, and half a dozen years before we wound up where we are, just a few blocks from there.

One last connection, more recent, that didn't happen until after we moved here. Dian's parish priest when she was a kid at Holy Trinity in San Pedro was… then Father, now Monsignor, Lloyd Torgerson. (He gave her and another student the Religion Award in 8th grade, she wanted me to tell you.) We beat him to Santa Monica by a good five years but that's OK, we decided to let him in. A fellow Pedran, you know. He has been the pastor for 25 years at St. Monica's here in Santa Monica, and Dian has a sister named Monica.

For a third generation San Pedran, Dian has quite a family history in Santa Monica. (Note: if you say it Pay-dro instead of Pee-dro, you're obviously not from there.) Don't forget, there was a huge political, money battle more than a century ago as to where the port would be built, and Pedro won out over Santa Monica. (The Port of Los Angeles is in San Pedro; Long Beach is a separate port.) I'm glad they won. I like our bay the way it is, without half the planet's shipping clogging it up. And Pedro has always been a port town, that's their tradition.

The two small cities remind me a lot of each other. Except, San Pedro honors and mostly preserves its rich history.

### MAIN STREET CLOSURE #2

This is not a full report but I do have a couple of things I observed.

Local architect and Ocean Park activist Bob Taylor (one of the founders of the neighborhood group Ocean Park Association, involved in the redesigns of Lincoln and Ocean Park Boulevards and our Carnegie Library, and in 1980 part of a study group to revitalize Main Street) has taken an interest, like me, in this "pilot project" to close off part of Main Street for a weekend to all vehicular traffic. How does that affect the businesses on Main Street, and the surrounding neighborhood of residences?

Between the two of us — not working together, but comparing notes — we found that nearly every business we spoke to, around 12-16 in the two-block closure area weekend before last and 8-10 the first weekend, said the closure, intended to help struggling Main Street businesses, had either no effect or a slightly negative one. Only Toy Crazy said it was a big help. There were definitely more families with kids there the second weekend. Some very good music, too.

Two more are planned.

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## RECALL

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this intense anger among the Trump base, and the trick is they only needed a fraction of the Trump base to get this thing qualified" for the ballot, Smith said.

Neither explanation would have mattered had recall organizers not won four more months to pitch voters. A judge granted the extra time because the coronavirus stalled traditional in-person signature gathering outside stores or at farmers markets.

Newsom's team never appealed the judge's decision, a move widely seen as a tactical mistake. Then-Secretary of State Alex Padilla had said recall organizers were not showing signs of a serious campaign.

The judge sided with recall organizers in a tentative ruling, and neither side showed up to argue it in court on Nov. 6, making it final.

The two main recall committees raised roughly $2 million in November and December, five times what the effort had raised before, and ultimately collected 1.7 million valid signatures.

Newsom launched his "Stop the Republican Recall" campaign in March, weeks before the signature gathering ended, painting the effort as one driven by Trump-supporting extremists. He's made the state's response to the pandemic and the economic fallout a central theme of his campaign.

The highly contagious delta variant blunted his early message of California "roaring back," and in the final weeks before the election, he's warning that the choice before voters is "a matter of life and death."

Elder is the target of much of Democrats' attention. They warn the conservative talk radio host would roll back mask and vaccine mandates and reverse progress on a host of liberal issues.

It's part of a calculation by Newsom's team to turn the recall from a referendum on the governor and his actions into a choice between Democratic and Republican values.

"If you sit around and let it become a referendum on the person in office, it doesn't matter how good or how positive they are, you're always at a disadvantage because you're playing defense," Smith said. "We need to be in a place, very simply, where we're playing offense."

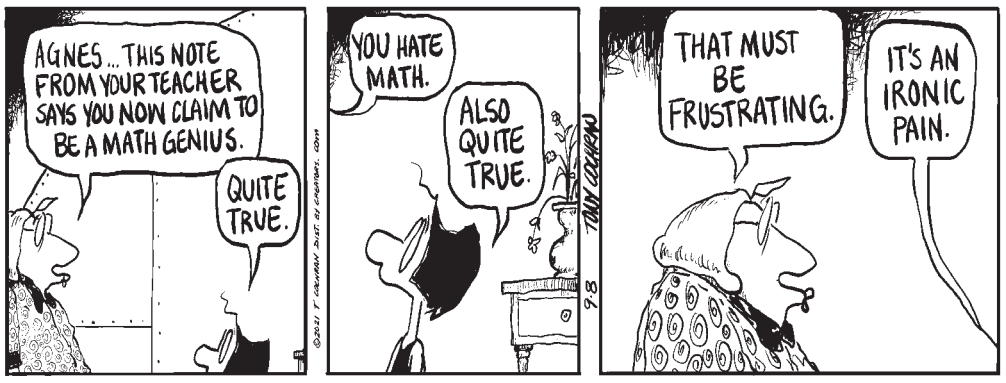
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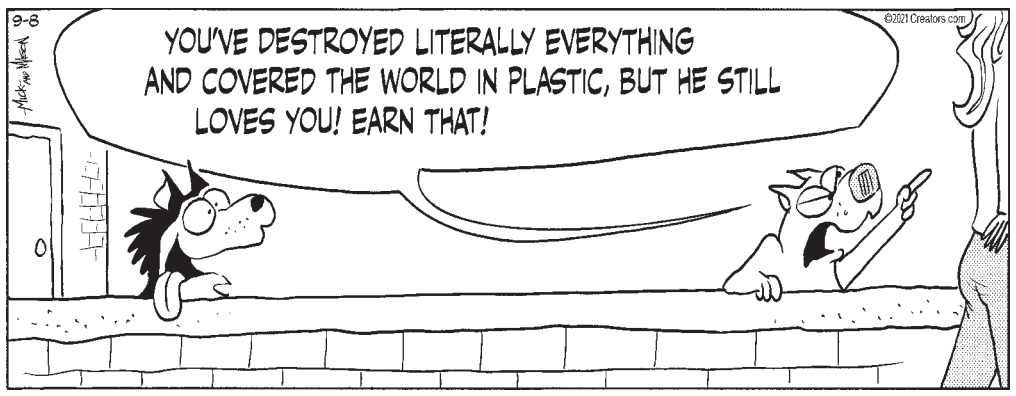
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## SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 67.1°

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Rideable little SSW swell levels off in size, down a notch from Tuesday. Clean in the morning and should be just light onshore again in the PM. Small wave gear the call for most breaks.

THURSDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small but rideable SSW/S swell mix. Clean in the morning - may be a bit more onshore wind in the PM compared to previous days. Small wave gear the call.

## WEATHER

**Wednesday:** Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 72.
**Wednesday Night:** Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 63.
**Thursday:** Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 76.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have been known to do things to make other people happy, but try something different just for today. Selfishly delight in the satisfaction of giving satisfaction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be drawn in by attractive people. Stay alert to red flags to avoid wasting your precious time. Qualities like flakiness and insincerity have a high potential to prevent smooth proceedings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Communication is your gift and your passion. It's a skill that always needs updating as language and culture evolve. The right words said the right way will get you in to and out of situations.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The task at hand is one you've had to grapple with many times before. Don't let your experience blind you to new approaches. You already know one way to solve it. Think of 10 more and things get really interesting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You appreciate this time when everyone is getting along and working toward the same aim. Even so, you remain observant, and you know whose side you would choose if it came to it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Logic doesn't always rule. Relax your reason. What about poetry? Your abstract ideas will be touched with brilliance. They may not be the solution, but they lead you to the next good idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll wonder how much something is worth. Perhaps the more pertinent question is, what's it worth to you? Possessions, relationships and skills have the value you give them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It doesn't even take much courage for you to embrace change now because it's become such a way of life for you lately. However, it will benefit you to seek council about the general direction things are headed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Mounting tension builds up energy that will eventually find release. It could fly out in a burst of aggression, celebration or creativity. Decide ahead of time how to best use this fuel. Plan for its expression.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have the drive to revitalize a tired scene, rekindle a lost feeling or renovate an environment. There are helpers in your midst who will gladly join in once you get the job underway.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though you're among the friendliest in the zodiac, starting a conversation isn't always easy. There are times you just don't feel like trying. But you'll be better for making a connection, so just reach out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Usually, strong feelings will find their own outlet, but you needn't leave that to chance. Putting an array of tools and options on your table gives the best chance at creating something really beautiful when the mood strikes.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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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.

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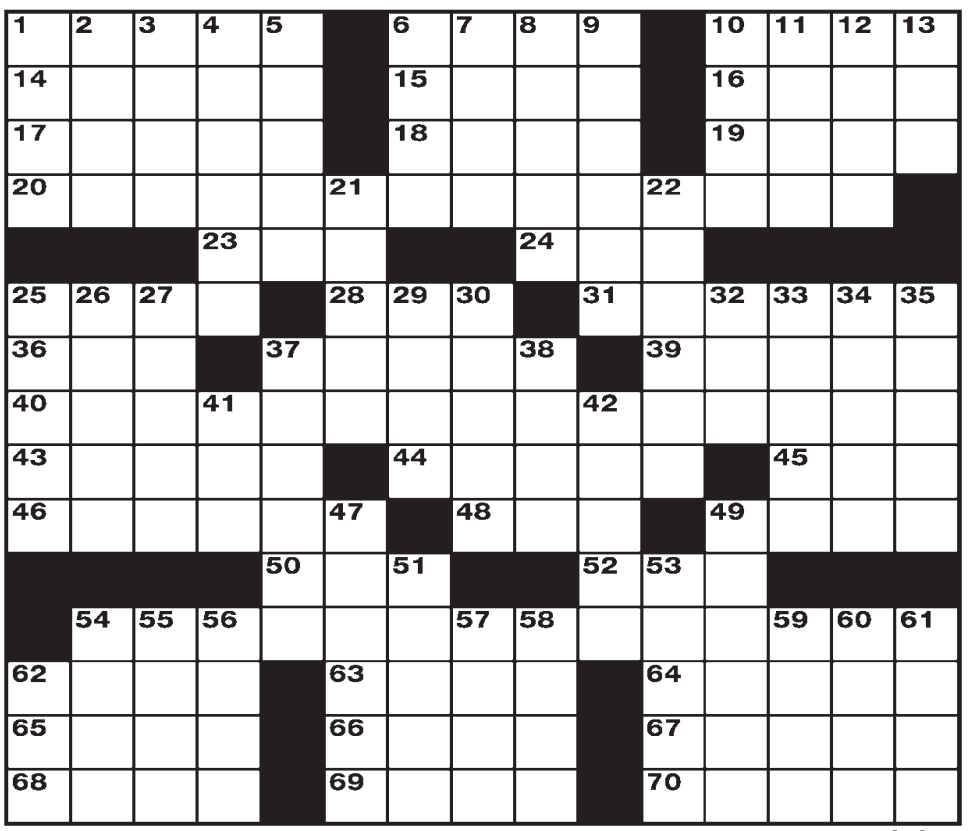
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## Newsday Crossword

**LOUD SPEAKERS** by Fred Piscop
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**ACROSS**
1 Sounds of shock
6 Shipboard lockup
10 Dunks chips into salsa
14 Protruding navel
15 Nevada casino city
16 Small, sweet sandwich
17 Pilfered
18 Schedule's meeting entry: Abbr.
19 Heats in a microwave
20 Tremendous triumph
23 Indefinite amount
24 Even if, for short
25 Practice boxing
28 Wall St. takeover
31 Video game self-image
36 Charity's URL ender
37 On all __ (crawling)
39 Bring a thrill to
40 Decade of the Charleston
43 Perrier rival
44 Thick carpets
45 DC ballplayer, in headlines
46 Storage unit transaction
48 Texter's "Wow!"
49 All-hrs. cash sources
50 __ *Misérables*
52 Granola morsel
54 Abrupt stop
62 Capital of Peru
63 Thoroughfare
64 Bert's *Sesame Street* pal
65 From __ (completely)
66 Initial poker stake
67 Short written messages
68 German early automaker Karl
69 Golf ball supports
70 Story line surprise

**DOWN**
1 "Gee whiz!"
2 Sedan or SUV
3 Load, as cargo
4 Building's support column
5 Greet at the door
6 Speak boastfully
7 Sales force, for short
8 Data to be entered
9 "I fooled you!"
10 Take a nap
11 Keogh plan relatives
12 Vitalizes, with "up"
13 Maritime distress call
21 Synthetic rope material
22 Gatherings of witches
25 More angry
26 Show conclusively
27 "One more time!"
29 Software glitches
30 Prefix meaning "straight"
32 Hgt. above ground
33 Make impure
34 Group of top players
35 Relaxes for a bit
37 Last song in a show
38 Did laps in a pool
41 Mouse cousin
42 Incite to act
47 Ogle
49 Each, so to speak
51 Tearoom cake
53 Insurance seller
54 Place to build on
55 "Follow me!"
56 Heckle
57 Can't stand
58 "Beware the __ of March"
59 Starter like "contra-"
60 Is situated
61 See 62 Down
62 With 61 Down, chemical analysis



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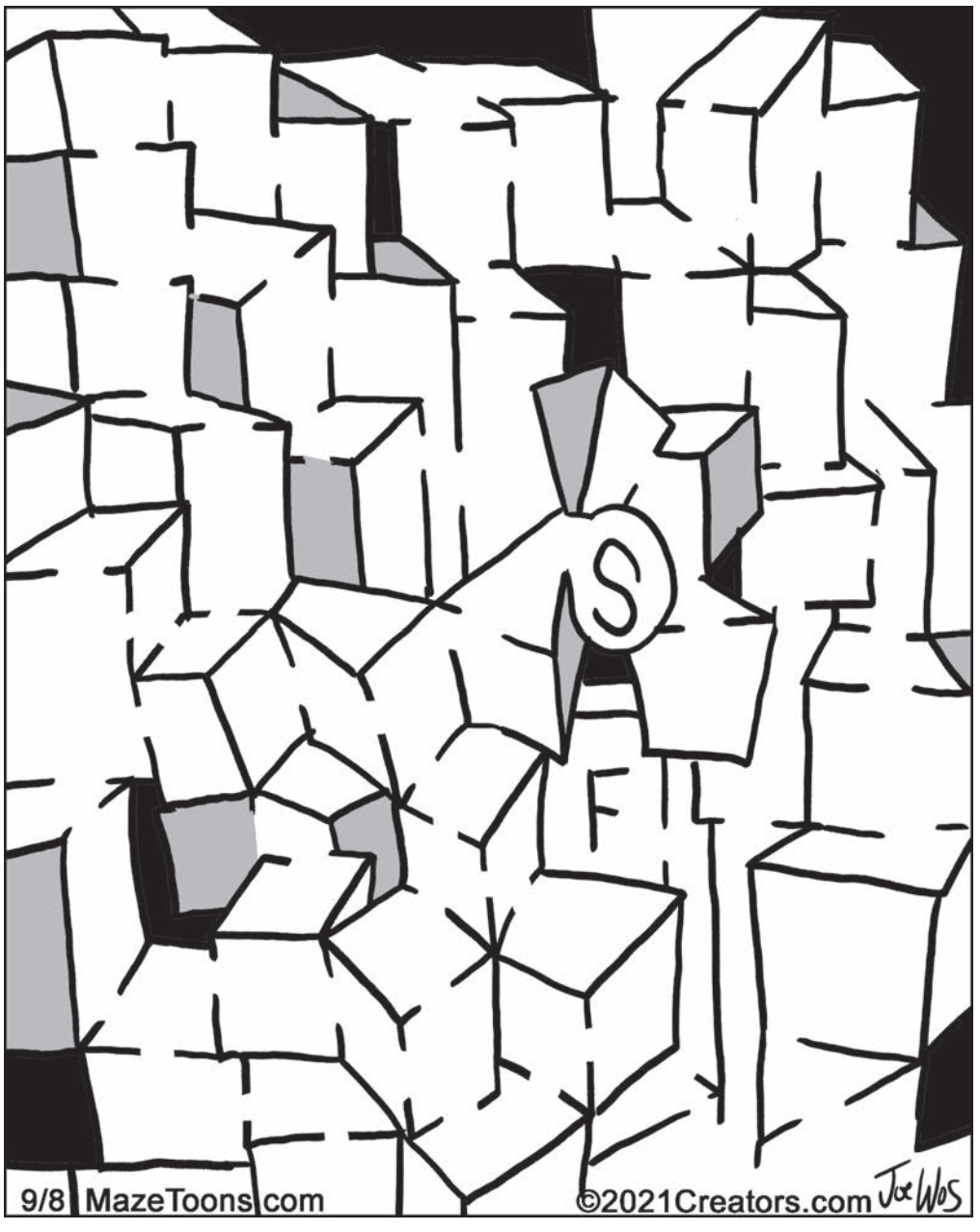
## Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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N B E O L F L E C D B R O R R
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| Aloha | Dude | Noosa | Swell |
| Backdoor | Dump | Heads | Swim |
| Bikini | Foam | Offshore | Tides |
| Birds | Gnarly | Point | Tube |
| Bondi | Grit | Rail | Turn |
| Break | Grommet | Reef | Under |
| Camp | Hang ten | Rips | Wall |
| Chop | Instructor | Sand | Waves |
| Close out | Kirra | Sets | Waxing |
| Collision | Leash | Shark | Wind |
| Deck | Line-up | Skeg | |

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## BREW

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roots and production similarities, the two companies share a common ethos.

"It's about more than just producing a quality beverage," Francis said. "Our aim is to connect with our community through products that people are passionate about."

Groundwork first opened its doors in 1990 with a small-batch organic roastery and tiny café on Rose Avenue in Venice Beach.

"Though we've grown, our business is inextricable from our community and deep Los Angeles roots," said Groundwork Marketing Director, Jessica Smith. "We wouldn't be where we are without the people and neighborhoods who have supported us from the beginning."

Mixing coffee and beer may sound delicious, but there's a unique process to make the combination come to life. Bundles of cocoa nibs were brewed with Vienna malt and finished with vanilla bean and a touch of chamomile for a silky-smooth finish. Groundwork's Certified Organic Classic Cold Brew adds an invigorating aroma and hint of nutty hazelnut character.

"This isn't a traditional coffee porter. We had some fun playing with unexpected ingredient combinations," said SMBW's Colomb. "The original milk chocolate flavors combine with the Arabica Coffee to create rich dark chocolate truffle notes. And the addition of milk sugar provides the backbone through which the chocolate and coffee can shine."

However, beware coffee lovers, the final product contains only a small measure of caffeine, less than one-tenth the amount in full-strength cold brew coffee. The beer does clock in at 5.0% ABV.

"Their roasting expertise helped us identify the ideal blend of cold brew that perfectly complements our golden chocolate porter," Santa Monica Brew Works Head Brewer Avery Colomb said.

"Breakfast Brew" will be available for a limited time on draft and in 4-packs of 16 oz cans to-go from Santa Monica Brew Works Tasting Room at 1920 Colorado Ave.

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## SEPT. 11

FROM PAGE 4

that our nation's new enemy looked like my family," said Kaur, who now lives with her husband and young son in Los Angeles.

After Sodhi's death, Kaur traveled around the U.S. exploring the subsequent explosion in hate crimes against Sikh and Muslim Americans, along with other people perceived as foreign or different.

The resulting documentary, "Divided We Fall: Americans in the Aftermath," has been used in classrooms and communities across the country to inspire discussions about hate crimes. Kaur followed up last year with a memoir, "See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love."

Now, she worries about what her young son will have to deal with.

"My son was born during the election season of 2016 ... when hate crimes were skyrocketing," Kaur said. "Once again, I had to reckon with the fact that he's growing up in a nation more dangerous for him than it was for me."

Kaur said that danger became exceedingly clear in 2012 when a white supremacist Army veteran shot and killed six worshipers at the gurdwara, or Sikh temple, in Wisconsin before taking his own life.

A seventh person, Baba Punjab Singh, a Sikh priest visiting from India, was shot in the head and left partially paralyzed. He died from his wounds on March 2, 2020.

Over seven years, the priest's son, Raghuvinder Singh, split his time between caring for his father in Oak Creek and working in Glen Rock, New Jersey, as assistant priest at a gurdwara there.

When his father was still alive, he could communicate by blinking: once for "no," and twice for "yes."

Singh, now 49, said the greatest lesson his father taught him was how to embody chardi kala.

"I would say, 'Papa Ji, are you in chardi kala?' And he would double blink every time," Singh said. "In that condition, if he can live in chardi kala, why cannot we?"

Nasir reported from Oak Creek, Wisconsin and Lodi, New Jersey.

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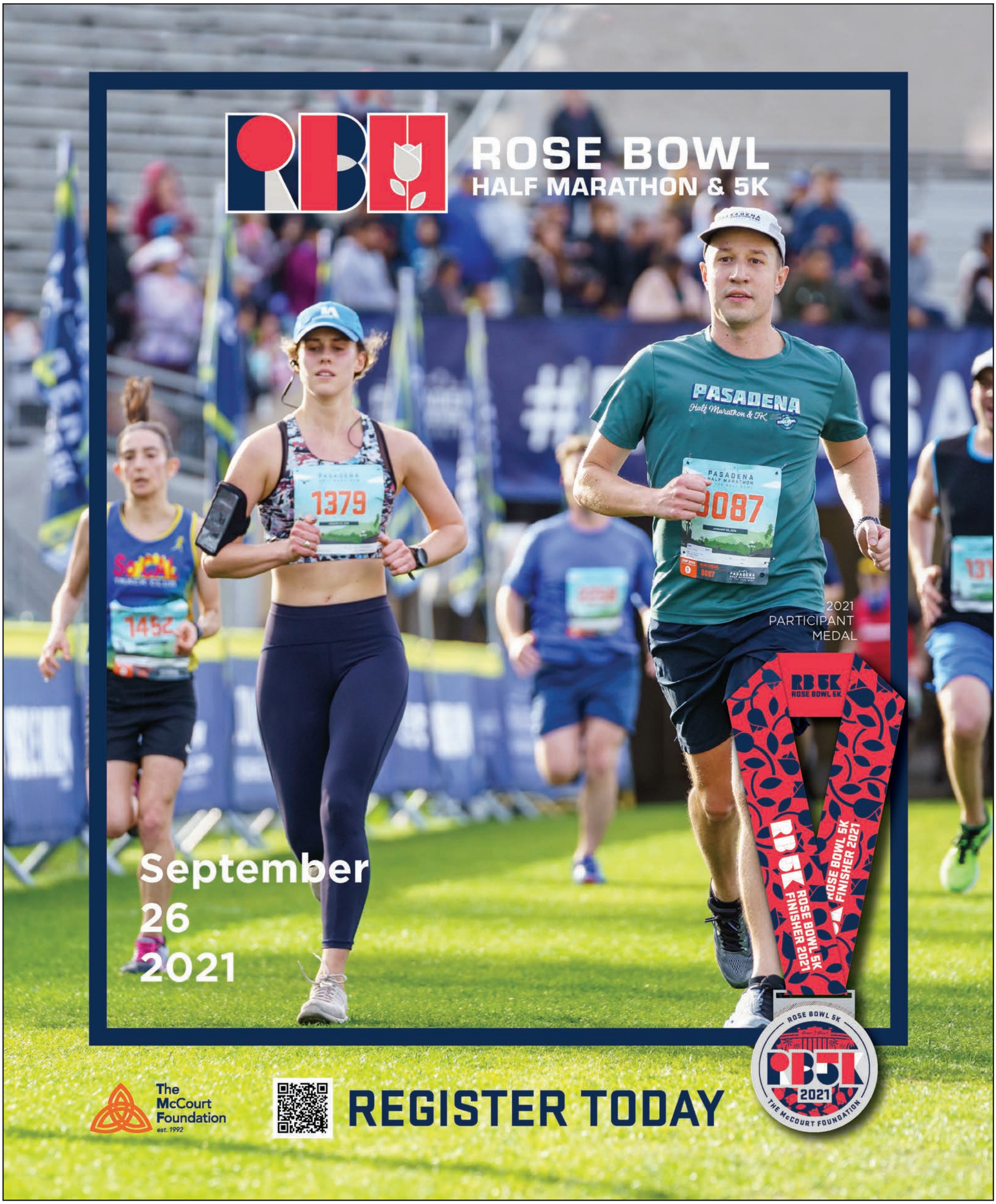
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