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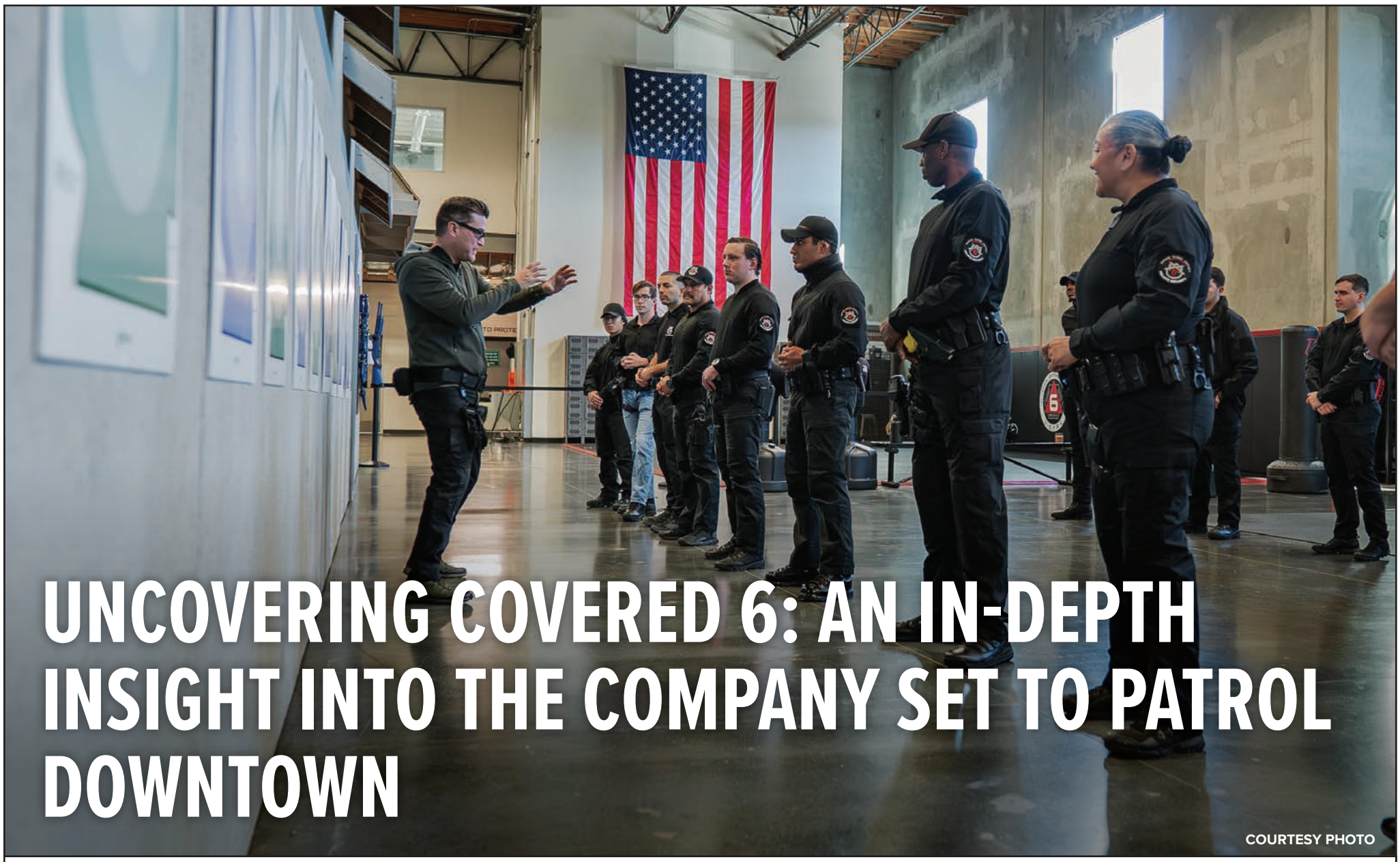
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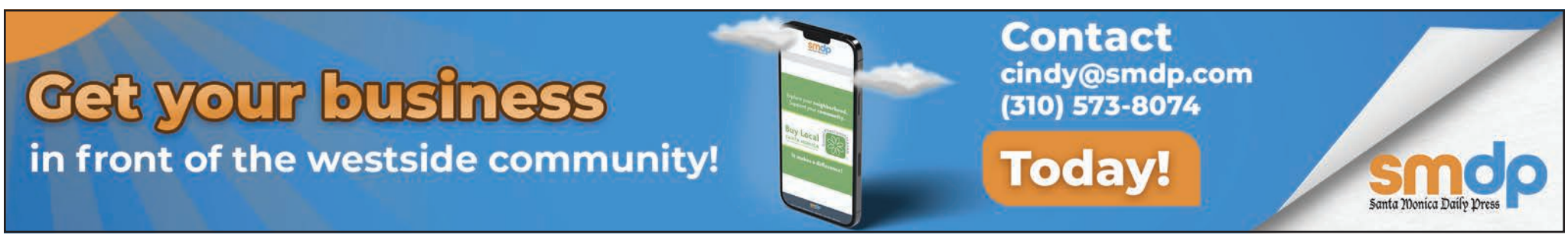
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Back in May, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. voted to approve a new security measure that would ultimately replace the Community Ambassador service operated by a company called Block by Block. Despite some concerns over having a paramilitary organization patrolling the Promenade, City Council voted unanimously to move ahead. The private security company awarded the contract is called Covered 6 and it will soon begin a pilot program currently planned for a period of 12 months at a cost of $1.7 million.

Upon arriving at the headquarters of Covered 6, it's safe to say that whatever my expectations were, the reality was rather different. It's true, when the Daily Press was granted rare and exclusive access to the training facility of the private security firm, I'd hoped to see people dressed like ninjas, being shot at, dodging flamethrowers and abseiling down walls, all inside of a giant, dormant volcano.

However, rather than set up shop inside a sensational, secret lair worthy of the most extravagant Bond villains, the company that's being hired to patrol the Downtown area of

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Can this plan fix California's insurance crisis? What you need to know

BEN CHRISTOPHER
Special to the Daily Press

A week after negotiations to rescue California's floundering home insurance market stalled out in the Legislature, the state's top insurance regulator put out his own rescue plan that effectively amounts to a trade for the state's major insurers.

Under proposed regulations Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara announced this afternoon, major insurers will be required to cover a certain share of homeowners in the state's most wildfire-prone areas. In exchange, the Department of Insurance will allow companies to charge more to cover the rising costs of doing business in a fire-ravaged state.

Lara called the package of new proposed regulations "the largest insurance reform" since 1988, the year California voters passed a proposition requiring insurance companies to get prior approval before raising premiums.

The plan is meant to reverse what has amounted to a slow-motion exodus of private home insurers from the state. In the last year and a half, seven of the top 12 property insurers operating in California have either placed new restrictions on where they do business or stopped selling new policies here entirely.

The biggest player of all, State Farm, announced a freeze on new policies in May, kicking off a fresh round of panic among homeowners scrambling to find affordable insurance policies and lawmakers eager to tackle the crisis.

For years, insurance companies have complained that current rates and the existing regulatory process don't allow them to recoup the cost of doing business in the state's most at-risk regions. By easing some of those restrictions, while requiring the companies to expand their coverage, "it's the department calling the bluff of insurers," said Rex Frazier, president of Personal Insurance Federation of California, a trade group.

In principle, that's a trade-off insurers are willing to make, he added, though it will ultimately depend on how the specific regulations are crafted in the coming months.

Amy Bach, executive director of the consumer group United Policyholders, struck a similar note.

Lara "did not sell out to the industry here, in my opinion, he struck a deal," she said. "Whether it's going to manifest positively overall…the proof will be in the premiums."

But Consumer Watchdog — an advocacy group that Lara all but called out by name during his presentation as "bombastic" and a group "materially benefiting" from the current regulatory system — came away with a difficult conclusion.



Photo by Mike Blake, Reuters

FIRE: Fire damage to a neighborhood after a wind-driven wildfire burned through a canyon in Laguna Niguel on May 11, 2022.

"He's basically capitulated to the industry," Jamie Court, the group's president, said of Lara. "There's not really much coming back for the consumer in here."

Picking up where legislators left off

Despite mounting public angst and calls for action from top lawmakers, the politics of addressing the problem in the Legislature proved too thorny this year.

In the final weeks of the legislative session that ended a week ago, lawmakers scrambled to bridge the demands of insurers — who called for higher premiums to cover more of their costs and for a more flexible rate-setting process — and those of consumer groups, who resisted calls to add to the financial burdens of homeowners. After negotiations floundered, Gov. Gavin Newsom hinted that his administration and Lara's Department of Insurance might be willing to act on their own.

In a statement, Sen. Bill Dodd, a Napa Democrat involved in the unsuccessful negotiations, cheered Lara's announcement. "Given that the Legislature is not in session right now, utilizing the commissioner's regulatory authority makes good sense," he said. "I know there is work that still needs to be done and I'll be supporting these efforts any way I can."

Insurance companies have pointed to three main reasons that doing business in California is increasingly a losing proposition: Escalating wildfire risk, ever-rising construction costs and the global price of reinsurance — insurance policies that insurance companies, themselves, take out.

While costs have increased, the amount the companies are allowed to charge homeowners is tightly capped and closely regulated in California, making home insurance policies relatively cheap by national standards. In order to raise rates, major insurers need a sign-off from the Department of Insurance.

Currently, insurance companies are not allowed to factor in the cost of reinsurance into those applications. They are also prohibited from using forward-looking models to predict future costs — something insurers say they desperately need as a warming climate and residential development encroaching into fire-prone areas results in fire seasons that are longer and more catastrophic than they have been in the past.

Lara proposed giving companies both of those tools, though companies will apparently only be allowed to itemize the cost of reinsurance as it pertains to California. It's unclear how this calculation will be made.

Bach with United Policyholders said allowing companies to use predictive models isn't inherently a bad idea — "Are these models nefarious tools of Satan? No," she said — but hopes there will be transparency about which models are used and how they work.

In exchange for these new tools, companies will be required to cover homeowners in wildfire-prone parts of the state at 85% of their statewide coverage. For example, if a company provides 10% of the homeowner policies across California, they would be required to provide 8.5% of the coverage in areas deemed "at-risk."

Court, with Consumer Watchdog, said 85% is 15% too little. "It's a really sh—y deal," he said.

California homeowners currently unable to get insurance on the private market can currently turn to the FAIR Plan, a last resort issuer of fire coverage funded through a levy on regulated insurers. Between 2018 and 2022, the number of homeowners covered by the FAIR Plan more than doubled to roughly 3% of all homeowners.

But the FAIR Plan policies are expensive and limited. And if the FAIR Plan runs out of money, it's legally required to refill its coffers by levying a surcharge on major insurers. The prospect of the FAIR Plan running out of cash and slapping the industry with the bill has also encouraged insurance companies to scale back their coverage.

Consumer Watchdog regularly challenges the applications for higher premiums that insurance companies submit to the state, an intervention allowed for under the 1988 ballot measure. Today, Lara also said he wants to make it easier for the public to see who intervenes and how much they are compensated for doing so.

"One entity is involved in nearly 75% of all interventions for rate approvals, materially benefiting from a process that is meant for a broader public participation," he said, referring to the nonprofit.

Lara also said that "throwing bombs is easy and putting out bombastic statements from entrenched interest groups doesn't benefit anyone."

Court said his organization would continue to fight back as the department drafts the detailed regulations. "We'll be battling over this stuff for many months to come," he said.

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Oktoberfest event off the books

A previously-scheduled Oktoberfest event benefiting the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica has been canceled. The event, to have been held at Santa Monica Brew Works on Sunday afternoon, has been removed from the calendar. For more information on the Boys and Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, visit www.smbgc.org.

Brew Works will be open regular hours this weekend and is featuring Oktoberfest Marzen, an international collaboration lager developed with Hammona Braeu. The German company is located in Hamm, one of Santa Monica's Sister Cities.

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Malibu Triathlon tries for Hail Mary appeal to save race

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Special to the Daily Press

Malibu Triathlon organizers will go before the Malibu city council Monday night to try to salvage this year's race.

That is a turnaround from earlier in the week, when a spokesman said the race was over for this year.

"We are appealing the decision and are confident we will be able to hold the safe, enjoyable and inspiring event we all want," wrote Allie Bradford, representing the company that owns the event, Super League Triathlon, in an email.

"As we are in a legal process we cannot comment further at this time."

City spokesman Matt Myerhoff said this week that the Planning Department confirmed an appeal was filed Tuesday morning, by the Malibu Triathlon, to ask the city council to overturn the permit denial.

"Staff verified that the appeal was complete (Tuesday morning) and the applicant paid the appeal fee," Myerhoff said in his Wednesday email.

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> - Allie Bradford, Malibu Triathlon

The cancellation and appeal are the result of water blocking part of the race course.

The bicycle segment of the run-swim-ride triathlon has used the paved underpass at Zuma Creek to pass under Pacific Coast Highway for decades but that roadway has been covered by water and rocks deposited as the lagoon forms nearby. Zuma Creek typically dries up during the summer, allowing use of the pass for the race, but this year, it continued to flow year round. The pass itself has been closed for about nine months and nearly two feet of water has pooled in the underpass. Federal officials say the lagoon fed by the creek holds tidewater gobies, a threatened species whose habitat cannot be disturbed.

The race course has a complicated overlay of governing agencies including the Department of Beaches & Harbors, Caltrans, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the City of Malibu.

According to the Department of Beaches & Harbors (DBH), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife can issue permits to clear the area, however, they have only given DBH permission to clear sediment and debris on the roadway side of the underpass. While DBH clears their jurisdiction regularly, they have been unable to open the road due to the persistent flooding.

DBH said Caltrans has jurisdiction over the creek streambed and the area has only been cleared once in the past few years. That has allowed sediment to build up and force water downhill into the roadway.

The persistent flow of the creek has also allowed it to remain connected to the ocean which in turn creates the habitat for the endangered fish.

In late August, organizers planned to chop the bike race short and loop it up and down the Zuma Beach parking lot, eliminating the need to cross PCH at the underpass or anywhere else. While two commissioners argued that was not, technically, a new route, two Planning Commissioners said it was enough of a change to require formal notification of residents. That notification has to be a 32-day process. In a deadlocked vote with one commissioner absent, they denied the triathlon a permit last week saying race organizers could not meet the legal requirement for notification.

The 5,000 competitors are scheduled to run, swim and ride Saturday Sept. 30 and Sunday Oct. 1 at Zuma Beach, if the race can get permits.



Courtesy image

BIKE: The Triathlon's troubles are a result of changes to the bicycle portion of the race. While organizers have identified an alternate route that avoids the now unavailable underpass, Malibu officials have said they did so too late to meet required notification rules. Race organizers have appealed the decision and will be before the Malibu City Council on Monday.

Late Tuesday afternoon, Malibu issued a statement that its staff "recognizes the benefits of the Malibu Triathlon's charitable fundraising efforts.

"However," the Malibu statement said, "the City must adhere to its own codes and policies, which are in place to ensure the safety of the community and the event's participants and spectators."

And the latest word from Super League Triathlon was that they "are confident we will be able to hold the safe, enjoyable and inspiring event we all want while helping some of the most vulnerable in our society by raising vital funds for pediatric cancer research at Children's Hospital Los Angeles."

The Triathlon will be added to the Malibu city council agenda for the 6:30 p.m. Monday meeting. Members of the general public, including non-Malibu residents, may comment during the public comment period, via the Zoom link at the city's agenda web page: https://malibucity.org/agendacenter.

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Santa Monica instead has a very unassuming facility, based in Moorpark, Ventura County. Covered 6 occupies the largest of three structures at the Patriot Commerce Center business park and there isn't a single attack helicopter or armored personnel carrier in sight, just a lot of very beige buildings.

Perhaps it's part of a clever, suburban camouflage strategy, but the buildings do all look the same and no fanciful signage adorns the Covered 6 HQ exterior. But, I would later learn that this probably has more to do with modesty than any attempt to remain undetected under a deliberately-dull cloak of concealment.

A large reception area lies to the left, through the main doors and to the right is an area referred to as the R&D Room. In here is an impressive array of tactical clothing and equipment on display, together with workbenches and a corner set aside for photography and video recording. According to CEO Chris Dunn, since Covered 6 is partnered with a tactical clothing manufacturer, they are able to actually design and produce their own specific pieces of equipment as and when they're needed.

"This room is where the innovation happens," says Dunn. "This is where we actually make the gear that is better, stronger, faster, lighter. We've even made uniforms for organizations that aren't as scary-looking, we need the protection, but we didn't want the military feel. So we designed something new for Beverly Hills, that is a lot less like a military outfit."

Despite not actually starting operations in Santa Monica until early October, Covered 6 has already been deployed in Beverly Hills for some time in an almost identical capacity and with considerable success.

The decor is Art Industrial, with lots of big, open spaces, polished metal and large, exposed air conditioning pipes. A giant wooden trellis framework supports the strip lights and fans, giving the interior a modern, practical aesthetic while retaining an air of appropriate tastefulness. There are quite a lot of pictures of people in action hanging on the walls and most of these show someone running about with an assault rifle, but Dunn says he's in the process of changing that.

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> — CEO Chris Dunn

"It no longer really reflects who we are as a company," he says. "I want to eventually get rid of all the guns in the branding, I mean, we're getting significantly involved in search and rescue, for instance and this doesn't accurately reflect everything we do anymore."

Dunn is extremely proud of his company's philosophy and methodology. He has realized that by applying some basic business principles to a situation that's far from any typical commercial quandary, he can gain much greater insight into what's required to solve the problem.

"What we're doing here is much more than just Santa-Monica-is-a-client. A lot of cities are suffering from using the traditional models, I'd call them 'the 90s models' of policing, public safety, personal safety, corporate safety, security and so on. All these things are from this giant pot that nobody really knows what to do with, because traditional education and innovation are not keeping up with the demand," Dunn says.

Surprisingly, both Dunn and Covered 6 COO, Mike Grant, said that they expect to come out of the Downtown Santa Monica contract with a loss, or possibly a best case scenario where they break even. "Oh, we're all in," laughs Grant. And this is a direct reflection of the confidence they have in the product they are offering. "We gave them [the City of Santa Monica] the lowest, most basic of models, since it's a proof of concept as much as anything else," Grant says.

"All we can do is try," says Dunn. "And if you're interviewing me in a year and we've failed, then it will be a different story. But I love to try, I want to try. I don't believe in a no-win scenario and the reason is because we haven't failed yet. Heck, maybe we've gone too far this time, but we won't know until we try."

The rest of the ground floor is taken up by a vast, aircraft hanger-sized indoor training area that includes a full-size replicated street, complete with a fully functioning pub, apartments and even a teeny-tiny nightclub, where fundamentals like restraint in a crowded environment are taught. There's a well-equipped gym and a large matted area where unarmed arts including judo, jiu-jitsu, karate and krav maga are practiced and perfected.

"Most police forces and federal agencies have something like this simulated environment. We bring in actors and extras and we can recreate any scenario that we think we might have to deal with," Dunn says, adding, "But no security company is doing this. So how do you expect to be able to deal with these challenges with no exposure to them?"

Dunn says other security companies are even asking if they can use the training facilities. In 2018, Covered 6 was awarded the first National Program Standard for both physical security specialist and cyber security technician training by the US Department of Labor and they have since developed an extensive teaching program for a number of different subjects that is attracting applicants from across the country.

If downstairs is where all the physical activity takes place, then upstairs is undoubtedly where the cognitive action happens. In a large, mostly open-plan layout are the desks of many Covered 6 employees, together with a few separate rooms used for teaching classes and an impressive standalone conference room, with glass, floor-to-ceiling walls, a glass and chrome boardroom table and a dozen, what look like Eames office chairs. These classics of design start at $2,870 each, however, a closer inspection revealed they were in fact imitations, albeit quality ones.

"What, you think I can afford real Eames chairs?" Dunn laughs. As we walk he explains how his company has been hired in the past by the likes of Virgin Galactic and SpaceX and he took inspiration from how those organizations had designed their client-facing spaces. "I wanted something that was modern, clean, stylish and memorable," Dunn says, adding, "But I have a much smaller budget to spend on things like that, I'd far rather reinvest that sort of money back into the company..." and he throws me a look that basically says "duh."

Christopher Lee Dunn, 56, is one of six children who grew up mostly in a camper that would slowly saunter around northern California. His mother was Japanese and was born in a relocation camp and his father is from Indiana. He's a self-confessed fly-fishing fanatic and after reading his list of achievements, anyone would be forgiven for thinking that his calling was very much being on the street side of law enforcement.

Unlike many of his employees, Dunn doesn't come from a traditional infantry background, instead he served as a Military Police investigator based at Fort Rucker, Alabama, before joining the LAPD as a detective. During his 14 years there, he worked patrol, undercover narcotics, Special Problems Unit and Special Weapons And Tactics, among others. In 1998 Dunn received the LAPD Medal of Valor for attempting to rescue an injured colleague and just one year later President Clinton awarded him the National Association of Police Organization's "Top Cop" award for exceptional valor.

Yet, he's clearly found his second calling: that of an innovative entrepreneur, successful businessman and extremely convincing marketing professional. His passion for what he does is obvious and his enthusiasm is infectious.

He quietly opens a door to show me a class in progress and whispers to me about how he'd been approached regarding a young man being held in juvenile detention. He had no prior convictions, but was facing charges simply because he'd retaliated against bullies who were persecuting him about his weight and the fact that he was a bit of a computer nerd. Dunn beamed with pride when he told me that young man was now a senior member of Covered 6's cybersecurity team.

All of this raises some very interesting existential questions about the future of law enforcement and society in general. Just about everything else has been privatized, is the law enforcement industry next? Does a dollar have to be waved in front of everything in order to get anything done? Oh, wait, yes. We've seen this scenario play out in any number of novels and movies set in the near future, where perhaps a struggling local police department partners with an all-powerful corporation. Suddenly, it doesn't seem so far-fetched and perhaps we're getting a glimpse right now of how society might change.

"Corporations need profit, and they need to be competitive. Do police departments need to be competitive? Less so. Do security companies need to be competitive? Well, yes, because they have to get bids. So competition means innovation," Dunn says.

Regardless of whether you think approaching this problem in a business-like fashion is a good idea or a bad idea, it can't hurt to try. And while almost every fictional prophecy has this scenario ending badly in one way or another, after spending time with Dunn and getting to see first hand how his company thinks and operates, for the time being at least, I feel confident that we're in safe hands.

At the time of going to press, what is hoped will be the final version of the Covered 6 contract was still with the City of Santa Monica awaiting final approval. As soon as that happens, an official start date will be determined.

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SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM (HOME) FUNDS FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2022

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2022 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the 2020-24 Consolidated Plan and the 2022-23 Action Plan.

The CAPER is now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending on September 28, 2023. The report is accessible at https://www.santamonica.gov/community-development-block-grant-and-home-investment-partnership-programs. Hard copies are available upon request through the Human Services Division at (310) 458-8701 or humanservices@santamonica.gov. Written comments may be submitted by email to humanservices@santamonica.gov or by mail to: Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, MS22, Santa Monica, CA 90401 or by fax at (310) 458-3380. All comments received by September 28, 2023 will be incorporated into the final CAPER submittal to HUD.

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Could a Marina del Rey freeway become a park?

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Daily Press Editor

The 90-freeway in Marina Del Rey is a vestigial roadway left over from a bygone era's freeway expansion boom and like an appendix or wisdom teeth, a new group thinks the community would be better if it were removed.

What is now the Marina Freeway began life as the Slauson Freeway in 1947 and was supposed to connect the coastal community to Anaheim however, construction was never finished leaving the two disconnected western and eastern portions with some 40ish miles between them. Now, a partnership between a design firm and alternative transit advocates has proposed demolishing the three mile western portion and using the reclaimed land as park space with about 4,000 affordable housing units on site. Proponents envision keeping minimal car lanes on the site and transforming the majority of the land into a new pedestrian/bike focused area.

"Marina Central Park is a massive opportunity for LA, currently one of the most park poor, and housing poor counties in California. It would reconnect a currently divided street grid with new access to Centinela Creek, a new linear path and green space, the existing Ballona Creek trail, and the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve," said the website announcing the project.

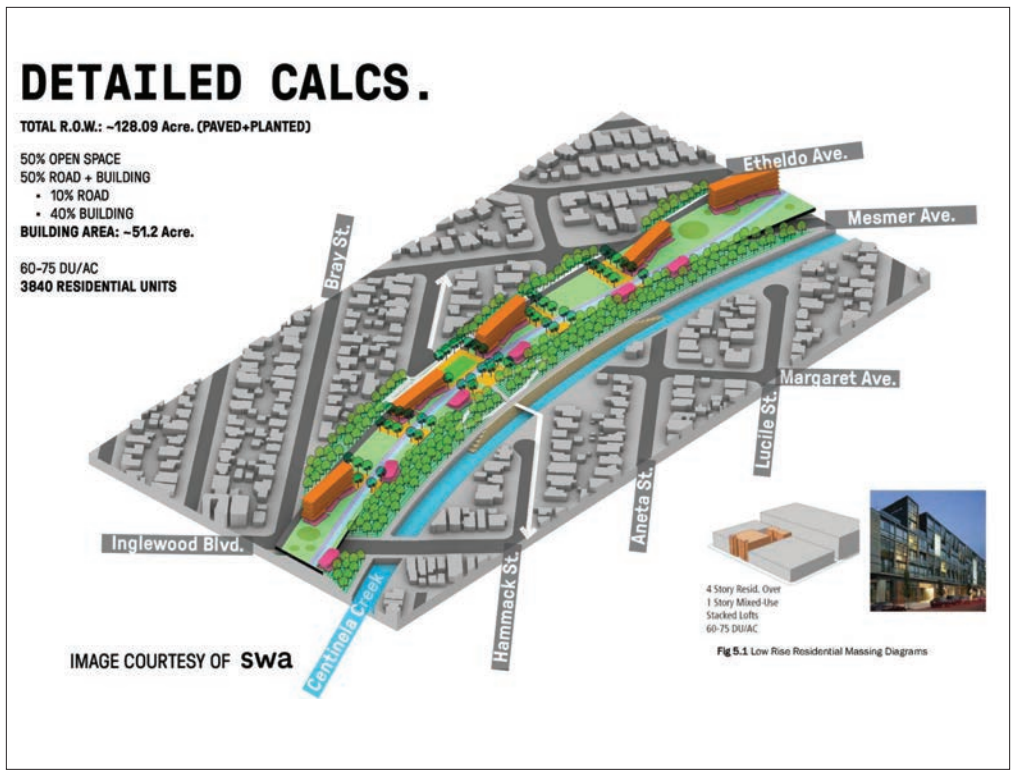
The idea comes from design company SWA and Streets For All, a nonprofit that advocates for a less car-centric culture in Los Angeles.

According to SWA, the busiest intersection along the freeway, where it crosses 405, sees about 79,000 cars per day. That puts the road in the second of five tiers when it comes to usage, with most intersections reporting more than 160,000 cars per day.

While the plan seems far-fetched, it has already garnered support from a handful of local officials including Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass, Assemblymember Isaac Bryan and State Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas.

Bass sent a letter to the Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg asking for federal money to study the idea.

"Tearing down the Marina Freeway, which sits on 100 acres of right-of-way with 50 acres of concrete and steel, represents an opportunity to address past harms, build housing, and create community space for all Angelenos," she said. "As currently envisioned, Marina Central Park would be one of the largest parks in the Los Angeles region. It is my understanding that this project would provide nearly 4,000 units of new housing – including potentially 100% affordable housing – and mixed-use development, which can reduce vehicle miles traveled. It would address community access to much-needed open space with connected paths, jogging trails, a dedicated bike path, a bus rapid transit corridor, and dedicated lanes for limited car use. Lastly, it would help restore access to and re-naturalize Centinela Creek to improve a community asset that can be enjoyed by the community."



Courtesy image

PARK?: There's an idea to turn the 90-freeway into a park with affordable housing.

Bass is supporting a request for $2 million to pay for a feasibility study.

Proponents said they would include public outreach should they find the cash for a study and that it would likely take two years to complete. Their ball-park estimate for the entire project would be about a decade start-to-finish.

For more information about the concept, visit https://www.marinacentralpark.com/.

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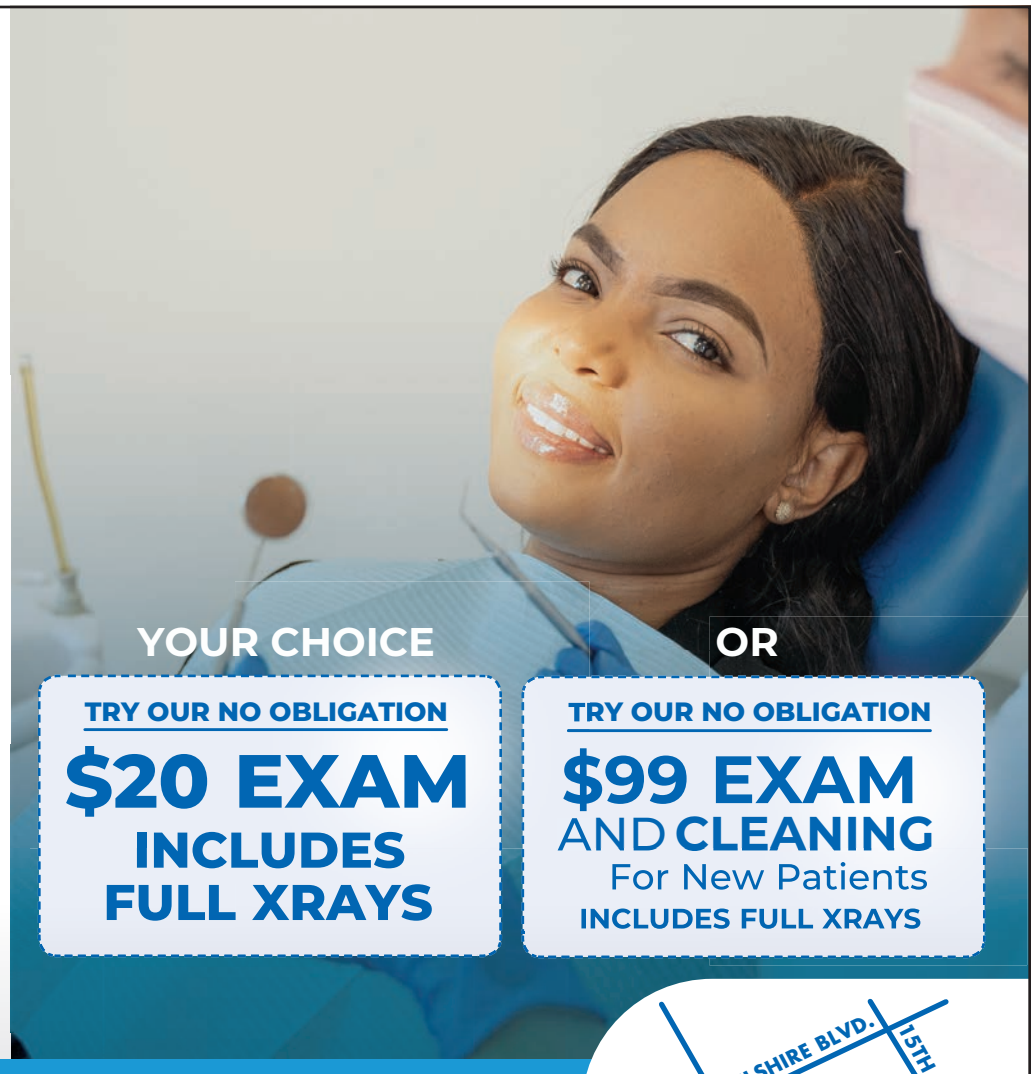
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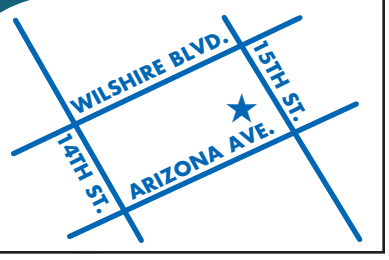


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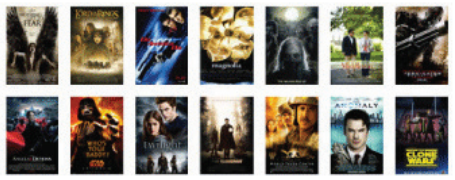


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Pier performances headline return of Locals' Night

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

An entertainment extravaganza returned to Santa Monica's premier landmark Thursday, with a collection of community events taking over the Santa Monica Pier. The evening marked the return of Locals' Night to the Pier, which takes place on the third Thursday of the month.

Activities geared towards children began in the afternoon hours, as the Merry Go-Round Building held a musical storytime complete with cookies as a sweet snack, and offered kids the chance to receive face paintings. As afternoon turned to evening, residents of all ages were able to enjoy performances from Santa Monica-based Latin music groups La Compañia and Mayaztek. La Compañia ushered in the evening with a rendition of Earth, Wind & Fire's "September," while Mayaztek captured the crowd with a modern twist on traditional Latin sounds.

The dancing didn't stop at the Locals' Night main stage, as the west end of the Pier played host to "Salsa Way," a salsa dancing display featuring music from Trombor and DJ Andy Lorenzo. Locals were able to strut along to a salsa lesson from dancing duo Cesar Romero and Courtney Parisi. For those without their dancing shoes, a classic car show was set up near the main stage, showing off the area's finest retro rides.

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Photo by Thomas Leffler

LOCALS' NIGHT: Musical performances, salsa dancing and a classic car show were all activities at the September edition of Locals' Night on the Santa Monica Pier.

Hollywood actor and writer strikes have broad support among Americans, AP-NORC poll shows

ANDREW DALTON AND LINLEY SANDERS
Associated Press

Public support for striking Hollywood actors and writers is broad, but not necessarily deep enough for most people to change their viewing habits, a new poll finds.

A majority (55%) of U.S. adults sympathize with the writers and actors in the months-long dispute than with the studios they're striking against (3%), the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research shows.

> "I'm a big supporter of labor"
> - James Denton of Louisville, Kentucky

Half of Americans (50%) approve of writers and actors striking, while 40% are neutral on the topic, and 9% disapprove.

The more people said they had heard about the strike, the more likely they were to favor it. About six in 10 Americans have heard "a lot" or "some" about the labor strikes of writers and actors against Hollywood studios. People who have heard "a lot" or "some" about the strike are more likely than those who have heard less to approve (63% vs. 29%).

"I'm a big supporter of labor," said one respondent, James Denton of Louisville, Kentucky, who said he strongly approves of the strikes and has followed them closely. "I'm a union member myself, my father was the president of a union, I believe in unions, they're well worth the money."

About a quarter (24%) of U.S. adults do not sympathize with either the writers and actors or the studios, and 18% are split between the sides.

Overall sympathy toward the writers and actors runs much more strongly among Democrats (70%), than Independents (47%) and Republicans (39%). Republicans (35%) are more likely than Democrats (15%) to say they sympathize with neither side.

When the questions move beyond approval toward potential actions favoring the strike, the support gets considerably softer.

One-third would consider boycotting TV shows, while even more (41%) would not. Slightly fewer (27%) said they would consider canceling streaming services, while 44% said they would not. Three in 10 Americans also said they would consider boycotting movie theaters, while 34% would not. The unions have yet to ask for any of these moves from consumers, though have said they might if the standoffs last long enough.

Denton, 77, said he would not consider such moves, but added that it wouldn't matter much.

"I don't watch anything anyway," he said. "I don't go to movies anymore."

The poll was conducted September 7-11,

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as the Hollywood protests over pay and work protections stretched into their fifth month for writers and third month for actors. The Writers Guild of America has restarted negotiations with the alliance of studios and streaming services they're striking against. The Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Radio and Television Artists are waiting in the wings.

While actors are usually the ones getting public adulation, many more think writers deserve a pay bump than they do actors.

A majority of Americans (56%) say it would be a good thing for screenwriters to be paid more, but only 38% say the same about actors' compensation. Americans under 45 are more likely than older adults to call higher wages for actors a good thing (44% vs. 32%), but they are similarly likely to see higher pay for screenwriters favorably.

Along with compensation and job security, an issue at the center of both strikes is the use of artificial intelligence, or AI, in the creation of entertainment, and who will control it.

The poll showed that young people may actually be even more wary of the emerging technology than older adults. Americans under 45 years old are more likely than those 45 and older to say it would be good for studios to be prevented from replacing human writers with artificial intelligence (55% vs. 42%).

Overall, about half of U.S. adults (48%) say it would be a good thing if studios were prevented from replacing writers with AI. Alternatively, only 10% say it would be good for studios to use AI to help write movies and TV shows. Half (52%) say it would be a bad thing for studios to use AI in this way.

The poll of 1,146 adults was conducted Sept. 7-11, 2023, using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.9 percentage points.



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Your power grows as you cultivate respectful communication to a level that raises all around you. With active listening, empathy and openness you'll resolve conflict and create emotional bonds that make for a heavenly interpersonal experience. More highlights: Your favorite kind of justice will be dealt — poetic justice! Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 21, 13, 4 and 1.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Don't wait for others to bring the fun because they're all looking to you. Things improve when you do one of the following: take control, set the scene, make preparations, get ahead of the mood, issue personal invitations, take risks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's plenty to do, but you don't need to do it all today. Rushing around robs you of being truly present anywhere. The point is not how much you can accomplish, it's how well you enjoy yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You need more room. Look around at things that take up room and that's all they do. Those can go to clear space for things that do something to earn the real estate they take up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Making connections is an important part of your job even if it's not an official part of it. Don't underestimate the usefulness of casual bonds. You're able to learn and do so much more with the collective energy of other people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes you're afraid of bouncing from project to project, not seeing everything through to its conclusion. But not everything should be pursued to its conclusion. Determine what's worth finishing, then give yourself a break on the rest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Good luck should come with a warning label as it brings with it a menu of dangers to choose from. Most can be avoided when you continue with prudence, temperance, modesty and gradual pacing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're keeping a secret from yourself — wanting something but being afraid to claim or attempt it. People around you feel the direction your energy is leaning, and their feedback will embolden you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Once you give your goal a time frame, you slip into a new and much more serious mode. To walk your talk, you'll first have to ween yourself off the distraction that takes so much of your attention and gives so little in return.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll experience natural beauty in a physical or metaphoric sense, probably both. As the Native American Chief Seattle (for whom the city is named for) said, "Take only memories, leave nothing but footprints."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Sunbathers on the beach and deep-sea divers both claim to love the ocean. One doesn't have to plunge to the depths to have great appreciation. But if you strive for a deeper knowledge of what you love today, you'll be richer for the reach.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Note that wanting something too much brings on distortions of perspective. Let go of needing things to go a certain way and accept the way a situation is unfolding naturally. All is working for your highest good.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're a dreamer, but also a doer. You'll have to take the first few steps on your own to show the Muses you mean business, but after that you will be intuitively guided to the next step and the next.

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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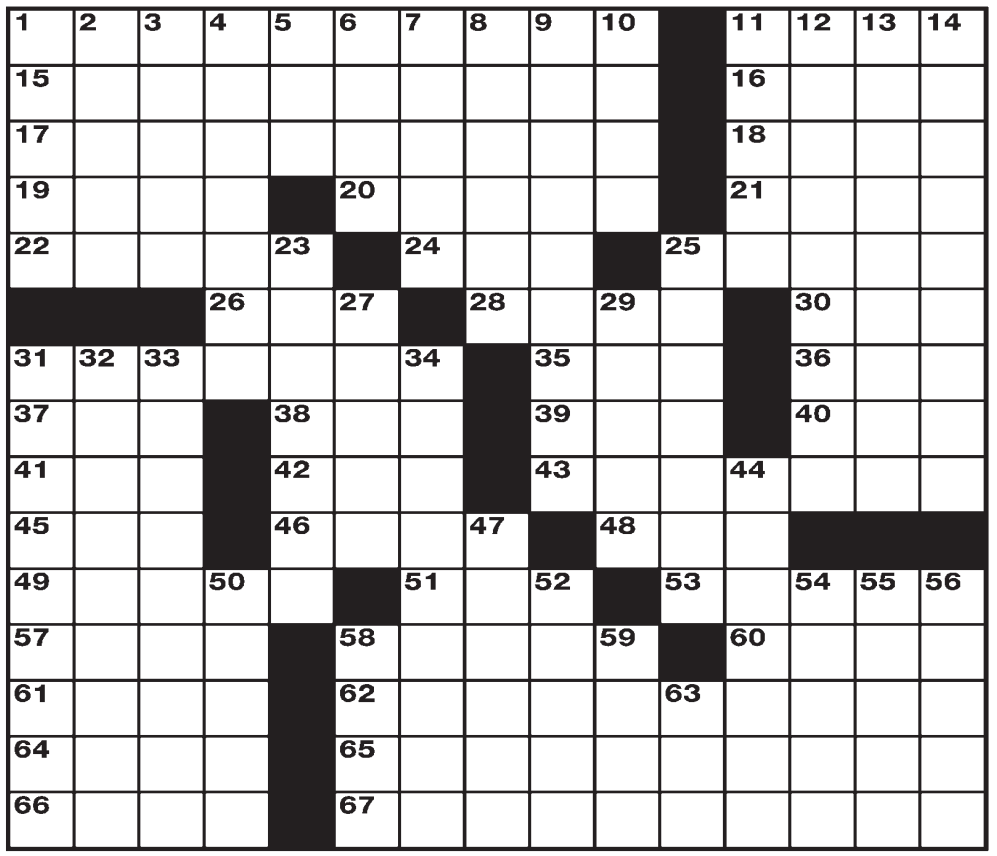
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Jets' address, in part
11 Funny business
15 Sony cofounder and longtime head
16 What *Southern Living* suggests for your succotash
17 They don't mix very well
18 Home of America's oldest tech university
19 Centers of attraction
20 Malcolm, Jr.'s nickname
21 Carries away
22 Kindly or candied
24 Argentina's daily soccer newspaper
25 It cut a key in half on QVC (2005)
26 *Moby-Dick* social call
28 *Cubed* author's first name
30 Personal
31 Where a 1948 Declaration of Independence was proclaimed
35 Work on the side
36 Flashin' Fruit Punch brand
37 Lime or lemon
38 "Goodnight, Harvard" singer/taunter
39 Go for a run
40 Inauspicious
41 Afghan onomatopoeia
42 Cause to roar, perhaps
43 Law enforcement lingo
45 Hesitant stepper
46 A way to vote no in New York
48 Half a prominent name in modeling
49 They assess scientific skills
51 Cord component
53 Marshall was its General Counsel for 23 years
57 Composer educated at Eton
58 *Seis* Felipes
60 Current coin with a crescent-star
61 First Asian Best Actress Oscar winner
62 Magnetite et al.
64 __ *à laine* (French sheep)
65 Incorrect
66 Sport using scoring circuits
67 Hyundai Santa Fe's close kin

DOWN
1 Bo-Peep's sheep, e.g.
2 "Tell me about it"
3 Mary Jane Austen, to Jane
4 Strongman who surrendered in 1990
5 The Nuremberg trials, e.g.: Abbr.
6 '90s gameplay fad
7 Inspirational half-sister of Helen
8 Claudia called her "the only remaining supermodel"
9 Subject of the '53 memoir *High Adventure*
10 Lowly
11 "He showed the world who's boss," per a 2018 movie poster
12 Home of the minor league RubberDucks
13 Emulates elderberries
14 Gives
23 Choices for toasters
25 Joined
27 Goddaughter of Dolly
29 Unvarnished
31 Protest prelude
32 Monetary term in the BBC's E-cyclopedia
33 Owned up to hitting a parked car
34 Puzzle app featuring Louis XVI
44 Word from the Latin for "mug"
47 Subaru part-owner
50 Much less than a roar
52 Chaps
54 Name related to Hayden
55 Apogee
56 Spanish stroll
58 Icy expanse
59 Neighborhood near Oxford Circus
63 Collector of 6 Down, once



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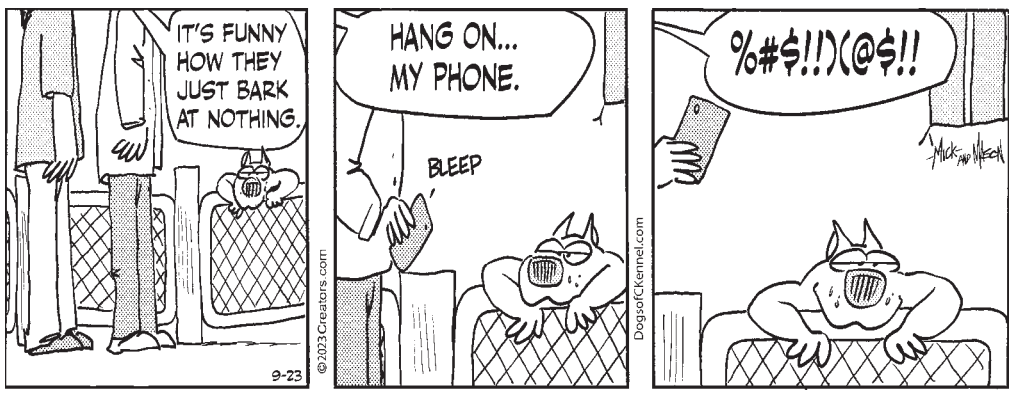
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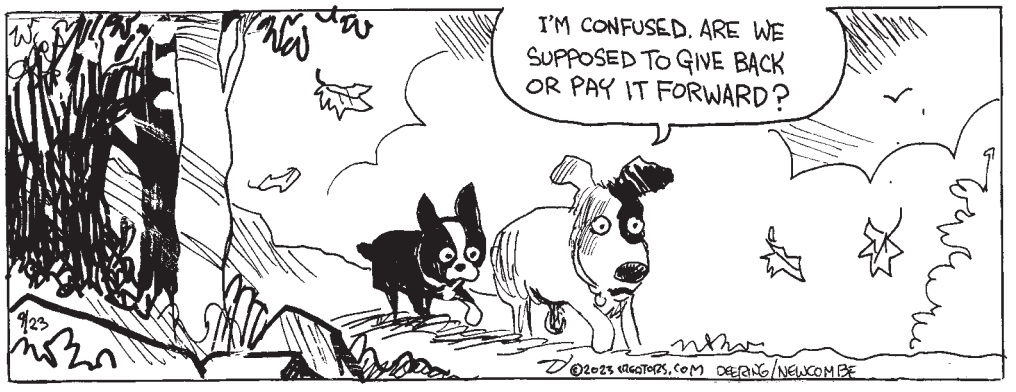
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"HE'S SOME KIND OF HEALER."

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 15 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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An ongoing series of citizenship classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. The classes help students complete and submit their U.S. citizenship applications, and prepare them for the official review. Enrollment is through the SMMUSD Adult Education Center (310) 664-6222, ext. 76203 or osaucedo@smmusd.org. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

BABY TIME!
Introduce your child to story with interactive books, bounces, and more! Free tickets available at 10:15 a.m. For ages 0-17 months. Main Library 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 26

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH MOVIE: HALF BROTHERS
Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a screening of this uplifting comedy about an uptight Mexican businessman forced to take a cross-country road trip with his goofy American half-sibling. Followed by a Q&A with the film's writer Eduardo Cisneros. Runtime: 96 min. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd. 5 p.m.

BOOK GROUP OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY WOMANS CLUB
The September meeting at this historic Santa Monica location (1210 Fourth St) will focus on "The Last Party" by Clare Mackintosh. Book Group is open to everyone, including non-members. For more information, contact sbarry1015@sbcglobal.net. 6 p.m. at Santa Monica Bay Womans Club, 1210 Fourth St.

ART OF TIME BY ARTIST DRASKO V
Through Sept. 30, visitors to the Third Street Promenade will see an unusual projection on one of Santa Monica's most iconic buildings, the Clock tower. In a week-long project titled Art of Time, artist Drasko V will use real-time environmental data from Santa Monica, including wind patterns and noise levels, his artistic vision and AI for variations and remixes to create visuals that will illuminate the east side of the every night from 7:30 p.m. to midnight.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
City Hall, 1685 Main Street. Closed Session begins at 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 27

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FOR SENIORS
Alison Berglas of the American Red Cross leads a llively and interactive discussion about disaster preparedness for seniors and people with access and functional needs. Informational handouts will be provided. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. 2 - 3 p.m.

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310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com



SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **66.0**

SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Clean through the morning tide push. Small S/SSW swell from the tropics blends in with modest S swell from the Southern Hemisphere. Not much NW swell in the mix so shape favors spots with some structure.
SUNDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist	Another clean morning window and the surf will likely be peakier. Little S swell lingers, some added NW windswell joins, and trace surf from the tropics blends in.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.
Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/09/23	Sat	4:24 PM	5.19	H
2023/09/24	Sun	12:26 AM	0.10	L
2023/09/24	Sun	07:38 AM	3.85	H
2023/09/24	Sun	11:41 AM	3.13	L
2023/09/24	Sun	5:45 PM	5.57	H
2023/09/25	Mon	01:13 AM	-0.32	L
2023/09/25	Mon	07:57 AM	4.25	H
2023/09/25	Mon	12:45 PM	2.51	L
2023/09/25	Mon	6:48 PM	5.99	H
2023/09/26	Tue	01:53 AM	-0.58	L
2023/09/26	Tue	08:21 AM	4.70	H
2023/09/26	Tue	1:37 PM	1.81	L
2023/09/26	Tue	7:42 PM	6.27	H
2023/09/27	Wed	02:29 AM	-0.64	L
2023/09/27	Wed	08:48 AM	5.17	H
2023/09/27	Wed	2:25 PM	1.13	L
2023/09/27	Wed	8:31 PM	6.33	H
2023/09/28	Thu	03:04 AM	-0.49	L

DAILY LOTTERY

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Powerball
Draw Date: 9/20
16 27 59 62 63
Power#: 23
Jackpot: 725 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 9/19
6 9 13 29 66
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 205 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 9/20
2 11 12 38 46
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: 11 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/21
16 19 20 21 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 9/21
EVENING: 8 5 0
Draw Date: 9/21
MIDDAY: 3 0 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 9/21
1st: 02 - Lucky Star
2nd: 12 - Lucky Charms
3rd: 04 - Big Ben
Race Time: 1:46.32

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- **and much more!**

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