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Bar owners say St Patrick's Day celebrations are a solid indication of post-pandemic recovery



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PUB: O'Brien's at 23rd and Wilshire is one of the city's hubs for the annual celebration.

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SMDP Staff Writer

Arguably the biggest international celebration of any single country's individual culture is St Patrick's Day. On March 17, anyone with even the most tenuous of Irish connections and just about everyone else as well, finds an excuse to drink a pint of stout, wear whatever green clothing you might own and generally just sing, dance and make merry. In Chicago of course, the river is temporarily dyed green and a huge parade is held.

And a big factor in why the national day of this particular country has such an impact worldwide, despite being 5,115 miles away from sunny Santa Monica, is the phenomenon that is the Irish bar. Think of them — think of each of them — as a teeny-tiny oasis. A safe haven where you know exactly what to expect inside. And if you've ever traveled extensively, or found yourself in a foreign country with a less-than-fluent grasp of the local language, spying an Irish bar on the horizon means you can probably find a little taste of something familiar.

On the outside, they look like almost any ordinary dive bar, but there will always be an Irish name atop the front door. Once inside, the decor is usually somewhere between "sports bar" "snug" and "spit-n-sawdust," but they'll always offer decent beer and good food. And most importantly, you'll find friendly folk, wherever you are, whatever country you're in.

Santa Monica has two Irish pubs and an Irish-themed sports bar: O'Briens Irish Pub (2226 Wilshire Blvd), Sonny McLean's Irish Pub (2615 Wilshire Blvd) and Jameson's Pub (2702 Main St). Thankfully, they all survived the pandemic, because not every bar or restaurant did.

"Three years ago, we got shut

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Flooding, landslides as atmospheric river departs California

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

Southern California residents weary of a storm-soaked winter were hit Wednesday by parting shots from the season's 11th atmospheric river, which flooded roadways, caused landslides and toppled trees throughout the state.

Water pooled on roadways in the region, rocks and mud littered others, and there were reports of potholes that disabled numerous cars. Flooding closed several miles of Pacific Coast Highway through Huntington Beach, south of Los Angeles on the Orange County coast.

Statewide, more than 168,000 utility customers remained without power early Wednesday, according to poweroutage.us.

California's latest atmospheric river was one of two storm systems that bookended the U.S. this week. Parts of New England and New York were digging out of a nor'easter Wednesday that caused tens of thousands of power outages, numerous school cancellations and whiteout conditions on roads.

Remaining showers across

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Scott Snowden

INCLINE: The Incline was temporarily closed while crews cleaned mud from the road.

New city department will target homelessness and housing with voter approved funding sources

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Santa Monica will create a new department focused on homelessness funded largely by a pair of recent ballot measures.

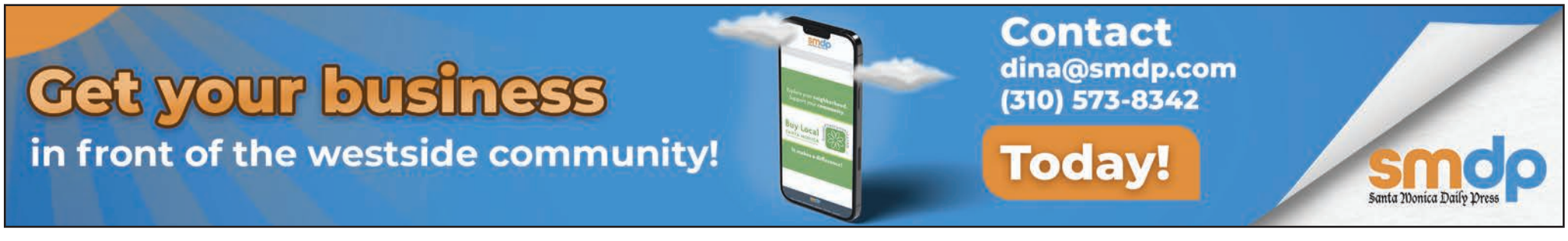
The Santa Monica City Council held a special session last week to set council priorities for the next two years to guide the development of the 2023-2025 biennial budget.

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Matthew Hall

COUNCIL: Council met at the library to discuss budget priorities.



Student housing: State's promise to build more dorms hits setbacks

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Special to the Daily Press



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HOUSING: Students on campus at the University of California, Davis in Davis on Feb. 2, 2022.

Campus housing: Students can't get enough of it and California public campuses can't build dorm rooms fast enough.

And yet, Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed delaying by a year nearly $1.2 billion in loans and grants that would build housing for thousands of students at affordable rates — money the state promised campuses in last year's state budget.

Newsom seeks the delay to help balance the state's projected $22.5 billion budget deficit in 2023-24. But lawmakers who hold huge sway over higher-education finances are adamant that no money is pulled from the state's recent, unprecedented multi-billion-dollar down payment on affordable student housing.

Adding to the intrigue, the Legislature's own top policy advisor, the Legislative Analyst's Office, proposed that the state completely drop its investment in student housing or at least change how the money is spent. One such idea? Renege on a promise to continue sending community colleges grants to build more student housing for next year.

Ultimately the state must have a balanced budget before June 30, but if the last three legislative budget hearings on higher education are any indication, how much — and when — to spend on student housing will be a key point of friction between the Democrat-controlled Legislature and Newsom.

The governor's plans to delay housing funding is "something that we don't support and we're going to be looking at other options," said Assemblymember Kevin McCarty, a Democrat from Sacramento and chairperson of the Assembly's budget subcommittee on education, at a Tuesday hearing.

"This is such a priority for the Senate and the Assembly the last couple years and just checks so many boxes: housing crisis, check; college affordability, check; enrollment growth for students, check," he added.

If Newsom gets his way, the $750 million campus housing grants slated for 2023-24 would drop to $500 million and the remaining $250 million would become available in 2024-25. And rather than spending a combined $1.8 billion on campus no-interest loans in 2034-24 and 2024-25, Newsom proposed zero dollars in 2023-24 and spreading the funds across the subsequent two years.

"Effectively the governor's budget maintains the overall funding commitment for these two student housing programs," said Michelle Nguyen of the Department of Finance, an office in the governor's administration. "But given the budget outlook, the governor's budget proposes funding delays for these programs."

That may be bad news for the hundreds of thousands of college students in desperate pursuit of housing — even if these state efforts can only build a fraction of the living quarters survey data say is needed.

Sparing campus-housing funding from cuts is a bipartisan sentiment in the Legislature. It's important that "we have the funding available and not delayed… in order to build housing necessary to accommodate those students in the universities, especially when the state is requiring a certain level of enrollment for each university," said Sen. Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, a Republican from Rancho Cucamonga, at a Senate subcommittee hearing last Thursday.

Thirty campuses remain unfazed and have submitted plans exceeding $2.1 billion to build as many as 12,700 additional dorm beds with low rents. The size of the projects varies, including 1,553 affordable beds at UC Riverside, 517 at San Jose State and 117 at Lassen Community College in northeastern California.

For the University of California, the state grants supplement plans to construct an extra 22,000 beds by 2028.

Included in the state grant mix is housing for UC graduate students — 236 dorm beds at UC Merced, a campus with just nine beds for graduate students at a time when affordable housing was a major rallying cry for students striking late last fall.

All told, the University of California's six grant proposals pencil out to about $108,000 per affordable bed; Cal State's three projects would cost $170,000 per bed; and the 21 plans submitted by community colleges — schools with little experience building student housing — would cost $205,000 per bed. (Overall, last year's approved state-funded dorms were slightly more expensive per bed.)

Even if the Legislature and Newsom agree to pull no dollars from the housing grant in 2023-2024, most of those plans will go unfunded by the program. That's because last year's spending roadmap called for pouring $750 million into the grant in 2023-24 — so about a third of the money colleges and universities are seeking.

It's a case of deja-vu: When the affordable housing grant program took applications from campuses for the first time in 2021, 42 campuses submitted construction bids totaling $2.8 billion — well above the $500 million the state planned to spend.

With the state eyeing a $100 billion budget surplus last year, lawmakers and Newsom nearly tripled last year's budget for the housing grant program, in part by advancing money from future budgets, ultimately greenlighting the construction of roughly 7,300 affordable residencies for low-income students.

But with a multi-billion-dollar deficit projected across several years, the state spending more to approve a larger number of projects isn't likely this year. The Legislature and governor's office will pick projects based on a rubric that takes into account details such as an area's unmet need and the number of affordable beds new construction will create.

Plus, budgeting is an inexact science. The Cal State system is reporting that its construction costs for the nine dorms it sought to build last year rose by 14% between fall 2021 — when the system submitted their plans — and this January. A CSU senior official told lawmakers Tuesday that its campuses found most of the necessary outside funds, but the system still needs another $12 million in grant funds to pay for the projects approved last year.

UC also saw costs grow but they're paying for those internally, a university official told lawmakers yesterday. A court ruling stalling UC Berkeley's housing plans is another headwind for the UC.

Costs rising quickly is another reason some lawmakers don't want to delay building student housing. It's likely "that delays will increase costs and lessen the number of beds projects can deliver," staff for the Assembly's budget subcommittee on education wrote.

Lawmakers also considered whether the state should fund the no-interest loan program rather than the housing grants for the upcoming year.

An official at the Legislative Analyst's Office, which floated the idea in a report, said there's some merit to that because campuses could build more affordable housing with the same amount of money under the loan program. Also, as campuses repay the state, the loan fund is replenished, allowing lawmakers to approve a new generation of campus housing.

But the analyst's office warned that some campuses that budgeted to have grant dollars may not be able to afford their projects with just a loan at no interest. Also, it's likely that dorms built with loan money — while still affordable — will have larger rents than grant-funded housing. Typically, campuses issue bonds to build dorms and repay those with interest.

McCarty also suggested that the state should pass on funding the dorm plans that community colleges submitted this year because they "aren't ready for prime time." He said the state could supply community colleges the money in 18 months to two years.

A senior official at the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office disputed that assertion. "All of these projects are not in an aspirational stage," said Lizette Navarette, interim deputy chancellor. The plans submitted have "demonstrated need, a viable financial plan, community support and extensive student need."

Meanwhile, some students don't want to wait on the state to produce more housing: A coalition of student groups sponsored a bill recently that would encourage more private developers to construct homes for students off-campus. Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, a Democrat from Coachella, is the author.

"The availability of off-campus housing is just as necessary," said Zachariah Wooden, a vice president for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges, at a press conference yesterday.

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How the last banking tumult fuels today's populist politics

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Associated Press

Mike Pence and Bernie Sanders are hardly political allies.

But in the aftermath of two large bank failures, the conservative former vice president and the democratic socialist senator are striking remarkably similar tones. Pence, a Republican, bemoaned that "we live in a world where certain politically favored businesses are propped up, backstopped and bailed out by government." Sanders, an independent who caucuses with Democrats, said "we cannot continue down the road of more socialism for the rich and rugged individualism for everyone else."

Their sentiment reflects the populism that has coursed through both political parties in the 15 years since shaky financial institutions last spurred anxiety about the broader economy. The 2008 financial crisis unleashed a political realignment that rejected perceived elites and establishment figures, often with unpredictable results for Democrats and Republicans alike.

"There is rising discontent with corporate greed, which is less about left versus right than top versus bottom," said Adam Green, co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, which was the first national group to endorse Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's populist-infused 2020 presidential campaign.

In the wake of the 2008 crisis, the Republican Party was overtaken by the tea party movement, which clamored for smaller government and limits to federal spending. Donald Trump was eventually elevated at the expense of more established leaders like Jeb Bush, John Boehner and Paul Ryan.

Among Democrats, Occupy Wall Street activists drew attention to the party's longstanding ties to big business and went on to help energize Sanders' aggressive challenge to Hillary Clinton during the 2016 campaign. Warren rose from a Harvard University bankruptcy expert to a national political figure who helped create the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. That was such a centerpiece of her White House bid that supporters sometimes chanted "CFPB" at her rallies.

Meanwhile, a new generation of younger lawmakers aligned with democratic socialists, including New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, joined Congress, often toppling longtime incumbents.

The result is a deeply fractured political environment in which members of each party are responding to a base of voters who are skeptical of institutions and uninterested in the political niceties that once ruled Washington.

At the White House on Monday, President Joe Biden sought to navigate those forces by insisting that taxpayers won't be on the hook for any assistance to failing banks.

"This is an important point: No losses will be borne by the taxpayers," said Biden, whose early days as vice president under Barack Obama were consumed by the response to the financial crisis.

The current turmoil is different from that era. While the 2008 crisis centered on souring mortgages held by many banks, this week's trouble seems more narrowly confined to institutions that weren't properly prepared for rising interest rates.

And while some of Wall Street's most prominent firms, including Washington Mutual and Bear Stearns, collapsed in 2008, there's little concern now about the strength of firms that are considered "too big to fail." That's because reforms adopted in the wake of the crisis intensified the scrutiny of such institutions, subjecting them to greater regulation, tougher capital requirements and regular stress tests that examine whether they can survive sudden traumas.

Some of the most dramatic moments of the 2008 crisis — including a rare White House meeting between then-President George W. Bush, Democratic nominee Obama and GOP nominee John McCain — happened just weeks before the election. This time, the instability is playing out with the presidential campaign in its infancy.

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> - Adam Green, co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee

But those eyeing the White House in 2024 are nonetheless stoking many now-familiar populist themes.

Pence, who has yet to formally declare a presidential campaign, said Biden was "disingenuous" in saying that taxpayers wouldn't ultimately be responsible for the government's response to bank failures.

Nikki Haley, Trump's former U.N. ambassador who declared her presidential campaign last month, was more direct: "The era of big government and corporate bailouts must end."

Trump, who is mounting his third presidential campaign, turned to stoking fear, predicting another a 1930s-style depression, in a way similar to how he did amid the 2008 crisis.

"WE WILL HAVE A GREAT DEPRESSION FAR BIGGER AND MORE POWERFUL THAN THAT OF 1929," he wrote on his social media platform. "AS PROOF, THE BANKS ARE ALREADY STARTING TO COLLAPSE!!!"

Asked about Warren and other top Democrats arguing that banking regulations imposed after the 2008 crisis, which Congress reduced during his administration, helping to prevent current problems, Trump told reporters Tuesday that "rollback was a good thing."

"Otherwise you'd have a lot more banks right now in trouble because they were being eaten alive by regulation," said Trump, who also complained that interest rates were too high.

Ahead of a widely anticipated presidential campaign, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis has pushed the GOP's populist bent into so-called culture wars around race and gender. Without presenting any evidence to support his claim, he said diversity, equity and inclusion requirements at the failed Silicon Valley Bank "diverted from them focusing on their core mission."

Green said that, just as Warren rode outrage over the 2008 crisis to national political prowess, "Donald Trump clearly has a strategy of out-flanking fellow Republicans and neutralizing Joe Biden on economic populist issues, like he did with Hillary Clinton."

If regulators are able to quickly tame the current banking tumult, the longer-term political implications may be limited. But the force of populist politics will endure, especially as Congress must decide later this year whether to raise the debt limit, a once routine ritual that now threatens to become a standoff if Republicans refuse to lift the nation's borrowing authority. Failure to do so would cause a potentially devastating default.

James Henry, a global justice fellow at Yale University and managing director at Sag Harbor Group, an information technology consulting firm, blamed Silicon Valley Bank's failure on decades of weakened regulations and a "tiny elite" of venture capitalists and bankers connected to top leaders of both parties.

But Henry also said the Biden administration had no choice but to step in, given potentially greater financial threats spreading throughout the tech sector — making the failure fallout difficult to diagnose along ideological lines.

> There are no libertarians in the financial crisis
> - James Henry

"There are no libertarians in the financial crisis," Henry said. "Both sides are trying to be bailed out."

CRIME WATCH

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 4

SMPD Officers responded to TJ Maxx located near the 1200 block of 4th Street for a "Theft Suspect in Custody". Loss Prevention staff at the location detained a female witnessed on the store surveillance cameras concealing merchandise in a black trash bag. Yolanda Jean Cyrus, 55 years old, was found in possession of 57 items stolen from the store and was arrested for grand theft.

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NOTICE

Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District of Los Angeles County (SMMUSD) will receive electronic bids from contractors holding a type "C-39" license, on the following: Bid #23.19.SMS – Roof Replacement and Retrofit Project at Various Sites within Santa Monica Malibu USD. This scope of work is estimated to be between $3.5M - $4M and includes the replacement and retrofit of specified roofs, replacement of exposed gutters and downspouts and other associated improvements per bidding documents. All bids must be submitted electronically as per the instructions included in the bidding documents on or before 4/20/23 no later than 2:00 PM. All General Contractors and Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (M/E/P) Subcontractors must be pre-qualified for this project per bidding documents. To view the projects bidding documents, please visit the projects SecureBids website at: https://colbisecurebids.com/o/smmusd/2319SMSRoofReplacement

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Mandatory Job Walk: 3/30/23 @ 10:00 AM

Job Walk Location: Franklin Elementary School located in Santa Monica, CA – All Attending Contractors MUST meet the District representatives at the campus entrance of Franklin Elementary School located at, 2400 Montana Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90403. Bidders will be escorted onto the campus from that location.

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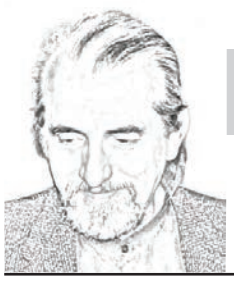
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Transcendent Jazz Up North



Courtesy photo

LLOYD: Celebrate the great Charles Lloyd at his birthday celebration this weekend.

WAYNE SHORTER – corrections from his R.I.P. last week. I neglected to include that he was a gifted composer ("Footprints," "Speak No Evil"). He was known mainly for his tenor sax and occasionally played soprano, but not alto.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

CHARLES LLOYD 85TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – This will be soooo good. Lloyd is simply a melodic and creative master on the sax, a giant among the big names of the golden age of horn blowers, who disappeared for more than a decade but came back stronger than ever. His two trios are beyond stellar. Lloyd AND pianist Gerald Clayton TOGETHER? It really doesn't get much better than this. Sat 8 p.m., The Soraya, Northridge, $36-86,

THE HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – Hot Club's brand of virtuoso, sometimes breakneck Django-style 1930s gypsy swing jazz is found nowhere else and even if it was, it couldn't possibly be this good. It's a show worth 50 bucks cover, and worth waiting a year for. These guys are masters, individually and collectively. You will find it hard to stop smiling all night. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, no cover.

EM – Come see what you've been missing, one of the most talented and versatile performers in this whole dang ridiculously talented city of angels. The best shows aren't always in the arenas and fancy clubs, and you don't always get what you pay for. Sometimes, you get a lot more. This lady delivers a helluva show. Tues 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, $10.

RECOMMENDED:

TODAY! - BOB MARLEY ONE LOVE EXPERIENCE – Here's why I recommend this exhibit that I have not yet seen. A lot of Americans still don't get this, but Bob Marley was one of the greatest performers and musicians (no, not his guitar, his compelling, hypnotic, otherworldly vocal instrument) ... ever. And his Wailers were musically phenomenal, and his songwriting ranks with the very best. He was also, not incidentally, a powerful spiritual and political leader worldwide.

Silverlake's Roger Steffens, the world's foremost authority on Marley, if not reggae itself, is leading tours every weekend at 1 and 3, and he would not do that if it wasn't up to snuff. He does caution that this covers only "the Island (record label) years," but that's what most people are familiar with. Thurs-Sun-Wed 11 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri-Sat 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Mon-Tues 11 a.m. -5:30 p.m., Ovation Hollywood, $20-70.

PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE" – I always knew there was magic coming off the Ruskin stage, and despite a launch with two hours notice, on a night that was pouring rain, it would appear they have done it again. Shows are selling out. Take into account, though, that their reputation for excellence precedes them, and that they have offered few shows in the last few COVID years, and we are starved for some good Ruskin Theatre. It also doesn't hurt that this is an absurdist comedy about Einstein hanging with Picasso in a Paris Cafe when they were both "relatively" unknown, and it was written by that lovable and very talented goof Steve Martin. Fri, Sat 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Ruskin Group Theatre, Santa Monica Airport, $20-35.

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No California salmon: Fishery to be shut down this year



Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters

SALMON: Fisherman Dick Ogg coils rope aboard his boat, the Karen Jeanne, in Bodega Bay on Mar. 3, 2023.

ALASTAIR BLAND
Special to the Daily Press

Most summer mornings at first light, Jared Davis is a few miles west of the Golden Gate Bridge, motoring his charter fishing boat Salty Lady over the Pacific Ocean. His eyes sweep the horizon, looking for diving birds, but mostly he watches the screen of his dashboard fish-finder for schools of anchovies — a sure sign that salmon are near. When the signs look good, he throttles down to trolling speed and tells his customers to let out their lines.

"Drop 'em down!" Davis calls out the window. "Thirty to 40 feet!"

When the bite is steady, the Salty Lady may have 20 customers on board, each spending $200 for the chance to catch salmon. On the best days, fishing rods bend double the moment the lines go down, and a frenzy of action ensues, often amid a hundred or more other boats. Hooked Chinook thrash at the surface, and the deck becomes strewn with flopping fish.

Last year, California's commercial and recreational fishing fleet, from the Central Coast to the Oregon border, landed about 300,000 salmon.

But this year, Davis and other salmon anglers won't be fishing for salmon at all.

In response to crashing Chinook populations, a council of West Coast fishery managers plans to cancel this year's salmon season in California, which will put hundreds of commercial fishermen and women out of work in Northern California and turn the summer into a bummer for thousands of recreational anglers.

Last year, the industry's economic value was an estimated $460 million for fish sales and related businesses, including restaurants, tackle shops, private fishing guides, campgrounds and other services. Salmon season usually runs from May through October.

The closure, Davis said, "is going to be devastating to my business." He said he will "try to scrape together a season" by targeting other species, like rockfish, lingcod, halibut and striped bass, but generating interest in catching these fish will be a challenge.

"Our customers want salmon," he said, adding that last year, his customers caught roughly 2,000 Chinook.

Davis, 53, who has fished all his life, said the thrill of salmon fishing never grows old. "There's nothing else like a wide-open salmon bite," he said.

Only in two previous years — 2008 and 2009 — has California's salmon season been shut down completely. That closure came as the numbers of spawning fish returning to the Sacramento River, the state's main salmon producer, crashed to record lows.

Now California's Chinook runs have collapsed again.

Just 62,000 adult fall-run Chinook returned last year to the Sacramento River to spawn, the third lowest return on record and only half of the fishery's minimum target.

Runs on the Klamath River, in far-northern California, also have plunged, hitting 22,000 spawning adult fall-run Chinook last year, the fourth lowest return in 40 years. Native American tribes rely on the Klamath River's salmon for traditional foods and ceremonies.

What's ailing the fish, scientists and state officials say, is a variety of factors, primarily in the rivers where salmon spawn. Large volumes of water are diverted for use by farms and cities. Combined with drought, this causes low flows and high water temperatures, which can kill salmon eggs and young fish. Vast tracts of floodplains and wetlands, where small fish can find food and refuge, have also been lost to development and flood control projects.

Chuck Bonham, director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, said the quantity and quality of river water appear to drive salmon numbers.

"No doubt, water management is an issue, both allocation and delivery," Bonham said.

Chinook in the Sacramento River have experienced almost complete spawning failures in the past several years. This has left a generational gap in the population that the fishing industry is now facing.

"We're looking at the runs from the juveniles that went to sea three years ago, and these are the fish missing in action," said Glen Spain, executive director of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, which represents commercial fishers in 17 West Coast ports.

The collapse of salmon runs has stoked tensions between the fishing and agricultural communities.

"The real issue is the ability to divvy up a set amount of water between two different entities, fishermen and the farmers," said Dick Ogg, a commercial fisherman in Bodega Bay.

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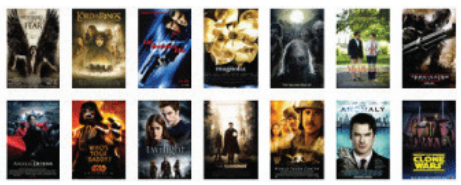
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RAIN

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Southern California were expected to decrease through Wednesday evening as the storm headed toward parts of the Great Basin. The weather service said California will see minor precipitation this weekend, followed by another substantial storm next week.

For downtown Los Angeles, the National Weather Service said just under two feet of rain were recorded so far this water year — making this the 14th wettest in more than 140 years of records.

An overnight mudslide onto a road in the Baldwin Hills area of Los Angeles County trapped two cars, KNBC-TV reported. Another hillside in the neighborhood also gave way, threatening the foundation of a hilltop home.

Statewide, about 27,000 people remained under evacuation orders and more than 61,000 were under warnings to be ready to evacuate due to weather impacts, according to the California Office of Emergency Services. Emergency shelters housed 676 people Tuesday night.

Weather in the northern and central sections of the state had dried out earlier, following Tuesday's heavy rain and fierce winds that blew out windows on a San Francisco high-rise and gusted to 74 mph at the city's airport.

Gov. Gavin Newsom issued emergency declarations for three more counties on Tuesday, raising the total to 43 of the state's 58 counties.

Despite California's rains winding down, flood warnings remain in effect on the central coast for the Salinas and Pajaro rivers in Monterey County and other rivers in the Central Valley as water runs off land that has been saturated by storms since late December.

Runoff from a powerful atmospheric river last week burst a levee on the Pajaro River, triggering evacuations as water flooded farmland and agricultural communities. Nearly half of the people under evacuation orders were in Monterey County.

The first phase of repairs on the 400-foot levee breach was completed Tuesday afternoon and crews were working to raise the section to full height, county officials said.

California was deep in drought before an unexpected series of atmospheric rivers barreled into the state from late December through mid-January, causing flooding while building a staggering snowpack in the Sierra Nevada.

Storms powered by arctic air followed in February, creating blizzard conditions that buried mountain communities under so much snow that structures began collapsing.

The water content of the Sierra snowpack is now more than 200% of the April 1 average, when it normally peaks, according to the state Department of Water Resources.

Hollywood stars splashed down a rain-soaked red carpet in Los Angeles at Tuesday's premiere of "Shazam! Fury of the Gods," where rainfall totals are double the normal average.

The film's stars — including Zachary Levi, Helen Mirren, Lucy Liu and Rachel Zegler — tiptoed over the saturated rug as they unsuccessfully tried to stay dry.

"My feet are wet," said Zegler. "I'm a little bit bummed, I'm not gonna lie."

AP Photojournalist Krysta Fauria contributed to this report.



Fran Lyness

WET: A little rain didn't stop shoppers at the Santa Monica Farmers Market.

NOTEWORTHY

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TOLEDO DIAMOND – Unique, riveting, first class act. There's nothing like it, it is high performance art and great fun. Degeneracy is rarely so well disciplined. Sun 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

LA PHIL, DVORAK — I've been hoping to catch something conducted by rising star Susanna Mälkki, and this program sounds delicious. Dvořák is an unusual and perhaps underrecognized composer who drew from his homeland's folk traditions, and his inspirited "Slavonic Dances" can take you away. The other piece sounds equally sensual. When asked to describe Felipe Lara's "Double Concerto" after its first rehearsal, Grammy-winning jazz vocalist and bassist esperanza spalding called it "magic, interdimensional space music," and partner Claire Chase comes armed with a traditional flute and her contrabass version nicknamed "Big Bertha." Next Thurs 8 p.m., Walt Disney Concert Hall, LA, $55-190.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: RUSKIN GROUP THEATRE, "PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE," 3/17, 24, 25, 26, 31, 4/1, 2; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 3/19, 26, 4/2, 9, 16, 23, 30; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 3/20, 27, 4/3, 10, 17, 24; EM, Harvelle's, 3/21, 28, 4/4, 11, 18, 25; ;LA PHIL, SIBELIUS, TCHAIKOVSKY, Disney Hall, 3/30, 31; DEAD CAN DANCE, Greek Theatre, 4/1; HERBIE HANCOCK, Disney Hall, 4/2; MUSE, Crypto.com Arena, 4/6; LA PHIL, SIBELIUS, BRAHMS, 4/7, 8; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin Theatre, 4/9; RICK SHEA, Cinema Bar, 4/13; BLONDIE, Greek Theatre, 4/19; IGGY POP, Regent, 4/20, Palladium 4/27; WILLIE NELSON 90, Hollywood Bowl, 4/29, 30.

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 37 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Send love and/or rebuke to him at therealmrmusic@gmail.com

SALMON

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'SOME OF US WILL SURVIVE, SOME WON'T'

The Pacific Fishery Management Council announced March 10 that it is choosing between three fishing season alternatives. Each would close the 2023 season, with the possibility of a reopening in 2024. The final decision will come during a session that begins April 1.

Many fishermen and women support the closure — despite the impact on their own finances — because there are too few salmon left to catch.

"We don't have the abundance to support any harvest," said Sarah Bates, of Oakland, who has fished commercially in coastal waters for 15 years.

Scientists estimate that 169,800 Sacramento River fall-run Chinook — the most abundant of the river's four Chinook runs and the mainstay of the fishery — are now swimming off the coast. It's the lowest estimated population since 2008.

Until the 1980s, California's salmon boats routinely brought to port nearly a million fish per season. The record catch — 1.4 million salmon — was in 1988. Recent years have seen catches of between 100,000 and 300,000.

As salmon populations have shrunk, California's fishing fleet has shrunk, too. Nearly 5,000 commercial boats pursued California's Chinook in the early 1980s. Now only 464 active boats are fishing commercially, according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Plus, the state's recreational anglers took about 98,000 trips last year and caught 89,000 salmon.

Still, a substantial salmon industry remains. A 2010 analysis estimated its worth at $344 million in direct fish sales and related economic activity. Cameron Speir, a U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service economist, said with inflation, that would bring the 2022 value to an estimated $460 million, although no formal estimates have been made.

Bates said a season closure will take away "the vast majority" of her annual income.

She said she can catch other fish to help make ends meet, though none of the other options — like rockfish, sablefish and halibut — provides the financial rewards that salmon fishing does.

"This will probably be pretty devastating for our local fleet," she said. "Some of us will survive, some won't."

Eric Stockwell, a naturalist and ocean kayak fishing guide based in Humboldt County, said he wants a season closure even though it will put him out of work. He called it long overdue, given the recurring poor returns in the Sacramento and Klamath rivers.

"It's a shame seasons have been allowed even though we haven't reached the minimum escapement spawning goals," Stockwell said.

Fishing, after all, has impacts on the salmon population, too.

Last summer, California's commercial salmon fishers had an unexpectedly good year, catching two to three times more fish than managers expected. If the overall population is as low as scientists think it is, that harvest took a big chunk from the population when it was already down.

'WITHOUT SALMON, WE ARE NOT YUROK PEOPLE'

For many Californians, wild Chinook salmon is a rare treat. For members of California's indigenous tribes, it is a core element of their culture and diet.

In the Klamath River basin, the Karuk, Hoopa and Yurok tribes fish for Chinook salmon for subsistence.

"The health of our people depends on having salmon," said Bill Tripp, the Karuk Tribe's director of natural resources and environmental policy. "Their survival in the basin is imperative. If they disappear, we could lose our ability to survive here."

Tribes set their own catch limits, but they tend to reflect the population estimates of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, according to Barry McCovey Jr., who directs the Yurok's fisheries program.

In 2017 — a bad year for Klamath salmon — the Yurok forfeited their subsistence catch, taking just a handful of salmon for traditional ceremonies. This year's allocation has not yet been set, but McCovey said it will probably be another meager season for the tribes.

EBB AND FLOW OF DROUGHTS

Droughts, which reduce spawning success, pose a recurring threat. Dry years are often followed by a dip in numbers of adult salmon in the ocean a lifespan later, about three years.

The converse, said Fish and Wildlife's Bonham, is also true: "When you have wetter years, you see the numbers jump up three years later."

For instance, a dramatic spike in 2002 that reached almost 900,000 fall-run Chinook in the Central Valley followed a period of exceptionally wet years in the late 1990s.

If water means fish, this year's wet winter, now shaping into a record-setter, could boost survival among salmon juveniles migrating to the ocean and lead to more adult fish in a few years.

"I hope to see them doing at least somewhat better in a few years," said Chris Shutes, executive director of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance.

LOOKING FORWARD

Restoring depleted salmon runs is a goal that, along much of the West Coast, has eluded resource managers while bristling tensions between competing users of water.

Hatchery production of baby fish could help avert the disappearance of salmon — why many anglers and commercial fishers want to see the Department of Fish and Wildlife ramp up its hatchery programs. Belov said he thinks the future of the state's salmon fishery may depend less on restoring rivers and natural spawning habitat than on hatcheries.

"If we're going to keep growing food in the desert, then we might as well forget about wild salmon in California rivers," Belov said. "The hatcheries need to work at 100% efficiency and put as many fish in the ocean for us to go catch."

But on the Klamath, salmon advocates hope to rebuild naturally spawning populations. Some are optimistic about the potential for farms and fish to coexist.

"When in-river water conditions are adequate to allow the fish to return to the river to spawn and then, most importantly, wash the little fish out again, it's still a really productive river system — definitely enough to support me and my family," Bates said.

Spain of the fishermen's association, though, fears things might get worse before they get better. So few fish spawned last year in the state's major salmon rivers that "it means we can't yet see a light at the end of this tunnel."

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ST PATRICKS DAY

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down the day before St Patrick's Day," said Grant Woods, owner of Sonny McLean's Irish Pub. While he can find a funny side now, clearly it took a while to get to this stage.

"I'd ordered 90 pounds of beef and so many vegetables, produce, everything. We were told at one o'clock that we had to shut and the delivery had arrived at 10 o'clock that same morning. We can't send it back, we can't do anything. It was so demoralizing.

"We thought it was just going to be a couple of weeks, right? And then the second lockdown was right before Thanksgiving. It was so upsetting, because this is our business, it was really hard to have to close down. But, we made it. We're through it, out on the other side."

St Patrick's Day this year falls on a Friday and Woods says that he expects crowds to gather, more or less, from opening time at 11 a.m. onwards. He has live music planned, dancing, plus a special menu, including corned beef, cabbage and potatoes, with many of the chairs and tables being temporarily moved to make more room inside.

For Willy O'Sullivan, owner of O'Briens Pub, this will be his 28th St Patrick's Day in Santa Monica. Much like Woods, O'Sullivan too was faced with an equally disruptive, nightmare-like ordeal when he was forced to close down three years ago.

"Business has been amazing this year and it almost fills me with fear when I think of the crowds that we'll get on Friday," O'Sullivan laughs. "It's not Valentine's Day or anything like that, when we're competing with every restaurant in the area, there are only a handful of Irish bars in the whole of Los Angeles, a city with nearly four million people in it."

Much like Sonny McLean's, O'Briens too will have live music, dancing, traditional Irish food and drinks together with gazebos for the outdoor dining and patio areas, should the heaven's decide to open at any time on Friday.

And every pure blood Irelander will be shaking off the hangover from the night before and up early on Saturday morning for a 10 a.m. kickoff for the final game of the Six Nations rugby tournament, which will see the currently-very-strong Ireland take on the currently-not-so-strong England in Dublin's fair city. Ireland have won all of their games in this year's Six Nations so far, so they're playing for pride and the Grand Slam.

Ireland has been a contender in the international rugby scene for nearly 150 years and as yet, has never clinched a grand slam at Aviva Stadium in Dublin. Should Ireland win, which frankly they're expected to, this weekend will be one worthy of some serious celebration. Yes, even if you're an England supporter. Both O'Briens Irish Pub and Sonny McLean's Irish Pub will be showing the rugby on Saturday morning.

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Council adopted the following as the most important areas of focus: addressing homelessness, investing in the community, creating safe public spaces, racial equality and finally, maintaining a sustainable community.

To handle their first priority, homelessness, the city will leverage two new funding streams, Measure CS and Measure GS, approved by voters in November 2022. It announced the "conceptual framework" for a new organizational structure that will realign the Community Services Department and allow for the creation of a new, Housing & Human Services Department that will be "committed to lead the interdepartmental work addressing homelessness and planning for implementation of GS work while continuing the critical work on housing and services for those in greatest need in our community."

Theoretically, this will enable the City to rapidly achieve Measures CS, GS and audit objectives and provide core focus and leadership on administering a comprehensive array of housing, educational, and social services programs in addition to investments to support vulnerable populations.

Council specifically identified expanding the Homeless Liaison Program with the Police Department, expanding the homeless multidisciplinary outreach team beyond the Downtown and Beach, expanding to 24/7 intakes at SAMOSHEL interim housing, continuing Clean & Safe programs and providing for short term rental enforcement as uses for the CS money.

Measure CS increases taxes paid by hotel guests while GS increases taxes paid on the sale of expensive property. While GS is subject to a court challenge, it was not suspended during the case and took effect this month.

An additional Recreation & Culture Dept. will create capacity and leadership around recreational partnership opportunities addressing conflicts between demand and capacity for recreational amenities and elevate arts and cultural affairs work in economic revitalization and social equity.

The priorities were established in the face of a recovering, but still fragile local economy.

"Today's process provided the opportunity to reflect on the work of recent years and to look ahead to what is most important for our community," said Mayor Gleam Davis. "We will continue to address homelessness, promote a clean and safe Santa Monica, and cultivate our economic recovery. Today, the Council chose to also include the expansion of community and cultural offerings as part of our economic recovery, and to further racial justice, equity, social diversity, and a sustainable and connected community."

While the local economy is recovering and "general fund" revenues are growing, levels are still below what they would have been had the economy not been disrupted by the pandemic. These funds are generated by taxes, fees, interest earnings and other sources that can be used for the general operation of city government. As of June 30, 2022, General Fund reserves amount to 70 percent of what they were as of June 30, 2019 and it's anticipated that revenues will not fully recover for another four years.

"Our retail areas that have relied on office workers are feeling the impact of fewer office workers as remote work persists. And our tourism sector is recovering with high room rates, but we have yet to see a strong return of business and international travel," Gigi Decavalles-Hughes, Director of Finance, City of Santa Monica said.

"And while we've already been impacted by some heavy legal settlements, we are facing additional liabilities from additional claims related to allegations of sexual abuse by a former employee litigation over a request to transition to district elections and an urgent seismic retrofit project for parking structure one that comes at a cost of up to $25 million."

During the public input session, the next generation of Santa Monica was well presented as a number of young residents made their feelings known about what should be a priority in public spending.

Emery Cunningham, a junior at Santa Monica High School said, "Climate change deserves to be a top priority on the city's budget. Climate change has always been a question of the future. Not that climate change only affects our future, it's taking place as we speak, damaging communities that we may not see. It is a question of whether we get to have a future or not."

Maya William, an 11th grader at Santa Monica High School, added, "Growing up in Santa Monica, I have seen everything that our beautiful city has to offer, but in recent years, I've also begun to see how the climate crisis looms over our city. From the ash collecting on our gym floors and the smoke in the air during wildfire season to the plastic pollution devastating our beaches after heavy rainstorms. I urge you to vote in favor of prioritizing sustainability today and to invest in the future of our people and our planet."

Willow Ross, a junior at Santa Monica High School, said, "I am here today to ask you to prioritize sustainability in your 2024-25 budget. We must continue to make strides towards making our city as environmentally friendly as possible. Spread our progress and influence throughout the Los Angeles area."

Another student at Santa Monica High School, Micah Quist, said, "Growing up, I've noticed the changes in weather, and the changes in the world around us caused directly by climate change. And I think that all of you should be focused on valuing the lives of young people and the future of our city."

The next steps in the budget process include the Sustainability Report Card and Sustainable City Plan Updates; FY 2022-23 Midyear Budget Review at the April 11, 2023, Council Meeting; a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Update at the April 25, 2023, Council Meeting; the Annual Report on Homelessness at the May 9, 2023, Council Meeting; followed by the publication of the Proposed FY 2023-25 Biennial Operating Budget and FY 2023-24 Proposed Capital Improvement Program Budget at the May 15, 2023, Council Meeting; followed by the FY 2023-25 Budget Study Session at the May 23, 2023 Council Meeting; and concluding with budget adoption at June 27, 2023 Council Meeting.

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LET US KNOW YOUR OPINION

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 16)

Once the opportunities start coming, they come fast and often. Welcome to your year of readiness! You'll do what it takes to stay ready so that you won't have to get ready. Physical self-care and an improved mindset come from time with positive influences and encouragement from key relationships. You'll keep moving until you're surrounded by those who help you be successful. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 44, 14, 5 and 7.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's OK to be vulnerable. To some extent it is what anyone planning on connecting with another human being must be. While we would like to be seen as self-sufficient, smooth and mighty, vulnerability is human connection glue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will train your brain to think different thoughts. It's not easy, but neither is lifting weights or any other training that makes a difference in you. You'll improve your mind the same way you've improved so many other things — through repetition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've a vague feeling that you want something, but until someone asks the question, you're not exactly clear on what it is. In case no one has asked, here it is from the universe: how can I help?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll see great potential in something or someone today. It's as though you're a sculptor sitting down to a particularly malleable lump of clay. Your vision is exciting, though only possible to realize if the lump of clay also sees it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You will tease out the good parts of a situation. This takes optimism and a bit of forgiveness too because you can't concentrate on making the most of things if you're focused on the recent mistakes. This can still work. Keep moving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You assume things about yourself that may be true, may have been true at one time or may never have been true and still aren't. Test your assumptions. Ask "How can I be certain?" Ask trusted others for their thoughts too.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even though this turn of events feels new to you, you're not the only one who has taken the ride. Sharing experiences will be either fun, informative, healing, fascinating or all of the above.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Manage the temptation to jump in and solve every problem. Many of these issues are symptoms of something deeper at the heart of things. If you had to guess what the real challenge is here, what would you home in on?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you start over with the hope of doing it better the next time, there's a risk it could actually get worse. It will help to get other opinions about this learning curve. Find out what you're in for before you decide whether it's worth your time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll invest in your optimism. In the words of an ancient Roman poet, "Chance is always powerful. Let your hook be always cast; in the pool where you least expect it, there will be a fish." — Ovid

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you understand the difference between wants and needs, you realize that some amounts of things like recreation and affection are not frivolous desires that will fade, but actual basic needs to address, or there will be consequences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If people aren't sure about a situation, they will often default to reading it as unsafe and back away. Knowing this, you do everything you can to convey signals of safety and welcoming without seeming like you're trying too hard to prove this point.

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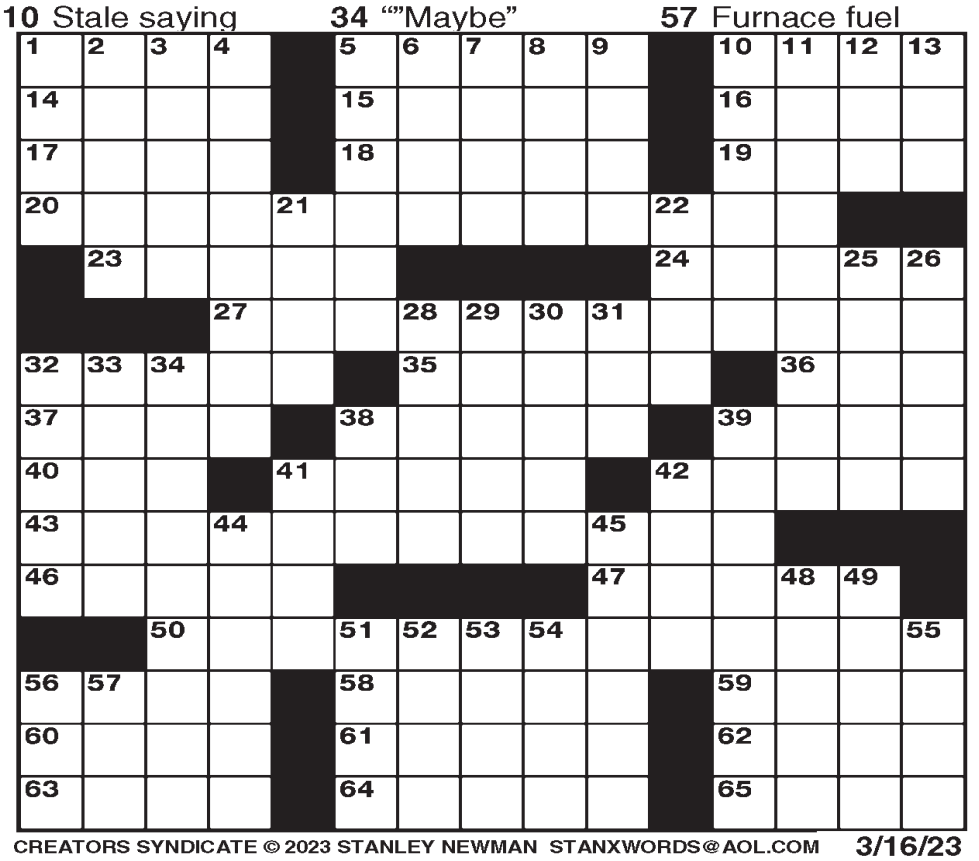
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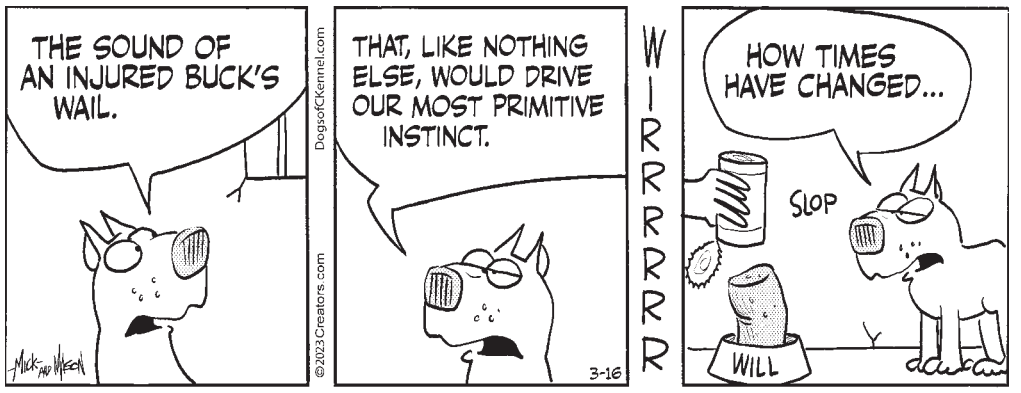
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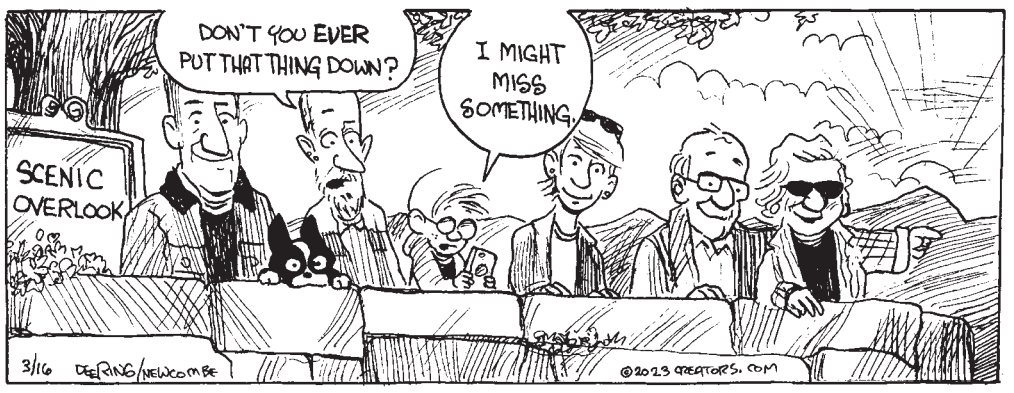
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FIND THE WORDS

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. © australianwordgames.com.au 5785

Afternoon drinks

S O D A K E B A B S I N T H E
E K A S H O U T T S G E K R E
L A A Y T P M E N G A I E T Y
K C O H A H N Z E L O O N M M
A L C O H O L O M A B N A N U
G N I M A G S O Y S W I G L S
X I N C L A M B O S N V E A I
S B O O L I M E J S E M O H C
R B T A I U T E N Y O Z U O C
E L D R T S B R E N D I O O S
W E N A R T Y O C S I D L S E
O S A L O O P R N B R A O E I
P N N L P A U G A R D E N T P
E A I E S S E W A I T E R A A
N C G C H T L A I D R O C M K

Absinthe	Empty	Kegs	Powers
Alcohol	Enjoyment	Lamb	Sake
Beer	Gaiety	Lemon	Salad
Boag	Gaming	Lime	Shout
Booze	Garden	Mains	Soda
Cans	Gin and tonic	Mates	Sport
Cask		Music	Swig
Cellar	Glass	Nibbles	Till
Club	Hahn	Noisy	Toast
Cola	Hock	Open	Toddy
Cordial	Home	Ouzo	Vino
Crush	Inns	Pies	Waiter
Disco	Kebab	Pool	

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Christopher Wheeldon is a major choreographer of our time. Los Angeles Ballet presents an evening of three iconic Wheeldon works exclusively at The Broad Stage in Santa Monica. The Eli and Edythe Broad Stage 1310 11th St Santa Monica, CA https://rb.gy/savlkd

WESTSIDE LAUGH PARTY STAND-UP COMEDY
Westside's Laugh Party is a monthly standup show produced by Dennis Gubbins featuring the best comics from around the country with surprise drop-ins by the likes of Tig Notaro, Zach Galifianakis, Ali Wong, Demetri Martin, Damons Wayans and many others! The proceeds for each show are donated to a local charity... so there is that too! Come on out and laugh! Who knows who will show up this month.... party! Purchase tickets at westsidecomedy.com

FRIDAY | MARCH 17

ST PATRICK'S DAY FRIDAY PUB CRAWL PARTY
Biggest Pub Crawl of them all: The World-Famous St. Patrick's Day Weekend PubCrawl Santa Monica Edition: $4 Drafts, 2-for-1 Mixers, $5 Shots Circle Bar 2926 Main St.

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SATURDAY | MARCH 18

NOTHIN' BUT SAND BEACH CLEANUP
Join Heal the Bay for our March Nothin' But Sand Beach Cleanup. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON!!! Save the Date for a beach cleanup with a big impact. Check back later to reserve your bucket and we'll SEA you on the sand February 18, 2023. Help us make Nothin' But Sand a zero-waste event by bringing your own buckets, garden gloves, and a reusable mask and water bottle Be prepared to be outside for 2-3 hours. Beach weather can be unpredictable, so we recommend dressing in layers. Water is available at all cleanups. If you have any questions or concerns please email our Beach Programs Manager, at sgebhardtrath@healthebay.org

SUNDAY | MARCH 19

DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA WALKING TOUR
Discover the architectural gems and rich history of Downtown Santa Monica with a docent! Visit a 12-story Art Deco office tower, the British pub where Jim Morrison played his first show, our city's best example of a Queen Anne Victorian home, a lavish hotel that housed a speakeasy during Prohibition and more! Tours are approximately 2 hours and cover 6 blocks. Reservations suggested. Open to all ages. Hostelling International Santa Monica 1436 2nd St Santa Monica, CA 90401. $10.

MONDAY | MARCH 20

THE WOMEN OF DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT
Visit the Main Library throughout March to see a photo exhibit of the women workers of Santa Monica's Douglas Aircraft plant during WWII. All photos are from the Library's Image Archives. From 3-5pm on March 8, librarians will be on hand to share sites related to Women's History Month and demonstrate how to use the Library's Image Archives database.

TUESDAY | MARCH 21

HOW TO TRANSFER TO UCLA AND OTHER UC'S
3:45pm-5:00pm Santa Monica College 1900 Pico Blvd Santa Monica, CA

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 22

GEEKS WHO DRINK TRIVIA NIGHT AT NOSTALGIA BAR AND LOUNGE
Modeled after pub quizzes in Ireland and the U.K., Geeks Who Drink is an authentic homegrown trivia quiz. It's a great way to drink with friends, without burning brain cells. And it's where useless knowledge means everything.
For more information visit: https://www.eventvesta.com/events/31675-geeks-who-drink-trivia-night-at-nostalgia-bar-and-lounge

THURSDAY | MARCH 23

DRAG BINGO AT THE BUNGALOW
Join The Bungalow every Thursday at 7pm for Drag Bingo hosted by Alejandro Queen.
info.sm@thebungalow.com (310) 393-8355

FRIDAY | MARCH 24

BEYONCE NIGHT : A NIGHT OF RENAISSANCE
This event is 21 and over. Any ticket holder unable to present valid identification indicating that they are at least 21 years of age will not be admitted to this event, and will not be eligible for a refund. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, CA https://rb.gy/jyaews

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **56.7**

THURSDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	3-4ft Waist to chest	Light/manageable wind expected as the W swell eases. Most size early, though best to let the tide drop a little.
FRIDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:**	1-2ft Knee to thigh	Small out there even with the new, steep NW swell. Conditions outlook could be better, so quality is down given that and the lack of size.

WEATHER

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 61. East wind 5 to 10 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. Southwest wind around 5 mph.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 60. East wind around 5 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/03/16	Thu	05:01 AM	4.94	H
2023/03/16	Thu	12:58 PM	-0.61	L
2023/03/16	Thu	8:05 PM	3.42	H
2023/03/17	Fri	12:10 AM	2.58	L
2023/03/17	Fri	06:17 AM	5.36	H
2023/03/17	Fri	1:44 PM	-1.04	L
2023/03/17	Fri	8:26 PM	3.83	H
2023/03/18	Sat	01:14 AM	1.96	L
2023/03/18	Sat	07:18 AM	5.76	H
2023/03/18	Sat	2:24 PM	-1.29	L
2023/03/18	Sat	8:51 PM	4.26	H
2023/03/19	Sun	02:05 AM	1.30	L
2023/03/19	Sun	08:10 AM	6.01	H
2023/03/19	Sun	3:00 PM	-1.32	L
2023/03/19	Sun	9:18 PM	4.70	H
2023/03/20	Mon	02:52 AM	0.68	L
2023/03/20	Mon	08:58 AM	6.01	H
2023/03/20	Mon	3:33 PM	-1.13	L

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POWERball
Draw Date: 3/13
3 10 24 46 63
Power#: 4
Jackpot: 63 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 3/14
1 7 23 38 55
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: 254 M

SuperLotto PLUS
Draw Date: 3/11
13 16 35 36 38
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 41 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/14
4 6 17 30 33

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/14
EVENING: 5 7 3
Draw Date: 3/14
MIDDAY: 9 0 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/14
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Race Time: 1:49.94

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