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First look inside The Beacon hotel, formally known as the Shangri-La

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You might have noticed a few little changes along Ocean Ave of late and in particular to some of the spectacular hotels that sunny Santa Monica has to offer. We've already reported on the changes taking place at Loews as it prepares to rebrand as the Regent Santa Monica Beach and in addition, this summer will see significant changes also made to the hotel formerly known as the Shangri-La, which is now the Beacon plus a radical overhaul of what was once the The Wyndham and is now The Pierside, but more on that another

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HOTEL: The Beacon hotel on Ocean Ave, formally the Shangri-La hotel

Two hospitalized after weekend assaults

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

SMPD responded to a pair assaults over the St. Patrick's Day weekend.

In the first incident, officers responded to a fight at The Victorian restaurant on Main Street involving several customers and security personnel at about 9 p.m. on March 18.

According to SMPD, a security guard claimed he had been stabbed in the upper arm during the altercation, but hospital staff confirmed that he had not sustained any stab wounds or other significant injuries.

Officers said there were several conflicting reports of what happened and while some participants of the fight were detained and identified no arrests were made.

The suspect who fought with the victim ran away in an unknown direction and the investigation is ongoing into the battery (not aggravated assault) on the victim.

Several hours later, at about 3 a.m. on March 19, an unrelated fight broke out on the 200 block of Ocean Ave.

In that incident a group of between 6 - 10 men attacked a second group of mixed gender and while the fight was reported to the police, all individuals involved had fled prior to officers arriving.

However, SMPD received a report from a local hospital that two of the victims had checked into the emergency room with non-life-threatening stab wounds.

Officers responded and the victims said they did not know the suspects. All the victims were from Los Angeles and officers said they had no indication that the suspects were from Santa Monica nor that anyone involved appeared homeless.

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Homelessness, rehabilitation and health care: What to know about Newsom's legacy tour



Photo by Martin do Nascimento, CalMatters

NEWSOM: Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks at San Quentin State Prison announcing that the facility will be transformed to focus on training and rehabilitation on March 17, 2023.

SAMEEA KAMAL AND ALEXEI KOSEFF
Special to the Daily Press

Gov. Gavin Newsom likes to talk about "the California way." And as he barnstormed the state with sweeping plans to transform its approach to homelessness, criminal justice and health care, he laid out his ideas for what that "way" means — and his legacy.

Throughout his State of the State tour, the governor was often joking and jovial. But on Sunday, the fourth and final day, he took on a more somber tone, standing behind the lectern of a makeshift event space that was once a nine-bed emergency room to talk about improving mental health care.

He emphasized the far-reaching consequences of inadequate care and shared his own experiences, losing someone he'd attended his high school prom with, as well as his high school prom with, as well as his grandfather, a veteran, to suicide.

"We own this. We own this moment," he said. "But we have now the tools and the capacity to turn this ship around."

As he dives into his second term, Newsom chose the tour in place of the traditional speech to a joint session of the Legislature. In many ways, the events echoed the priorities that he was focused on at this same point in his first term four years ago — before unexpected crises, a recall effort and a seemingly inescapable pandemic scrambled his agenda.

In his first act as governor, shortly after he took the oath of office in January 2019, Newsom signed an executive order aimed at lowering prescription drug costs by directing state agencies to negotiate collectively with pharmaceutical companies for better prices.

On Saturday, he finally announced that California will partner with Utah-based generic drug company Civica to manufacture its own

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World on ‘thin ice’ as UN climate report gives stark warning

SETH BORENSTEIN AND FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

Humanity still has a chance, close to the last, to prevent the worst of climate change ‘s future harms, a top United Nations panel of scientists said Monday.

But doing so requires quickly slashing nearly two-thirds of carbon pollution by 2035, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said. The United Nations chief said it more bluntly, calling for an end to new fossil fuel exploration and for rich countries to quit coal, oil and gas by 2040.

“Humanity is on thin ice — and that ice is melting fast,” United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said. “Our world needs climate action on all fronts — everything, everywhere, all at once.”

Stepping up his pleas for action on fossil fuels, Guterres called for rich countries to accelerate their target for achieving net zero emissions to as early as 2040, and developing nations to aim for 2050 — about a decade earlier than most current targets. He also called for them to stop using coal by 2030 and 2040, respectively, and ensure carbon-free electricity generation in the developed world by 2035, meaning no gas-fired power plants either.

That date is key because nations soon have to come up with goals for pollution reduction by 2035, according to the Paris climate agreement. After contentious debate, the U.N. science report approved Sunday concluded that to stay under the warming limit set in Paris the world needs to cut 60% of its greenhouse gas emissions by 2035, compared with 2019, adding a new target not previously mentioned in six previous reports issued since 2018.

“The choices and actions implemented in this decade will have impacts for thousands of years,” the report, said calling climate change “a threat to human well-being and planetary health.”

“We are not on the right track but it’s not too late,’’ said report co-author and water scientist Aditi Mukherji. “Our intention is really a message of hope, and not that of doomsday.’’

With the world only a few tenths of a degree away from the globally accepted goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) since pre-industrial times, scientists stressed a sense of urgency. The goal was adopted as part of the 2015 Paris climate agreement and the world has already warmed 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit).

This is likely the last warning the Nobel Peace Prize-winning collection of scientists will be able to make about the 1.5 mark because their next set of reports may well come after Earth has either breached the mark or is locked into exceeding it soon, several scientists, including report authors, told The Associated Press.

After 1.5 degrees “the risks are starting to pile on,” said report co-author Francis X. Johnson, a climate, land and policy scientist at the Stockholm Environment Institute. The report mentions “tipping points” around that temperature of species extinction, including coral reefs, irreversible melting of ice sheets and sea level rise on the order of several meters (several yards).

“1.5 is a critical critical limit, particularly for small islands and mountain (communities) which depend on glaciers,” said Mukherji, who’s also the climate change impact platform director at the research institute CGIAR.

“The window is closing if emissions are not reduced as quickly as possible,” Johnson said in an interview. “Scientists are rather alarmed.”

Many scientists, including at least three co-authors, said hitting 1.5 degrees is inevitable.

“We are pretty much locked into 1.5,” said report co-author Malte Meinshausen, a climate scientist at the University of Melbourne in Australia. “There’s very little way we will be able to avoid crossing 1.5 C sometime in the 2030s “ but the big issue is whether the temperature keeps rising from there or stabilizes.

Guterres insisted “the 1.5-degree limit is achievable.” Science panel chief Hoesung Lee said so far the world is far off course.

If current consumption and production patterns continue, Lee said, “the global average 1.5 degrees temperature increase will be seen sometime in this decade.”

Scientists emphasize that the world or humanity won’t end suddenly if Earth passes the 1.5 degree mark. Mukherji said “it’s not as if it’s a cliff that we all fall off.” But an earlier IPCC report detailed how the harms — including even nastier extreme weather — are much worse beyond 1.5 degrees of warming.

“It is certainly prudent to be planning for a future that’s warmer than 1.5 degrees,” said IPCC report review editor Steven Rose, an economist at the Electric Power Research Institute in the United States.

If the world continues to use all the fossil fuel-powered infrastructure either existing now or proposed Earth will warm at least 2 degrees Celsius since pre-industrial times, the report said.

Because the report is based on data from a few years ago, the calculations about fossil fuel projects already in the pipeline do not include the increase in coal and natural gas use after Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. It comes a week after the Biden Administration in the United States approved the huge Willow oil-drilling project in Alaska, which could produce up to 180,000 barrels of oil a day.

The report highlights the disparity between rich nations, which caused much of the problem because carbon dioxide emissions from industrialization stay in the air for more than a century, and poorer countries that get hit harder by extreme weather. Residents of poorer climate vulnerable nations are “up to 15 times more likely to die in floods, droughts and storms,” Lee said.

If the world is to achieve its climate goals, poorer countries need a three-to-six times increase in financial help to adapt to a warmer world and switch to non-polluting energy, Lee said. Countries have made financial pledges and promises of a damage compensation fund.

Developed nations “are expected to speed

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COMMUNITY NEWS

New York

New York Community Bank to Buy Failed Signature Bank

New York Community Bank has agreed to buy a significant chunk of the failed Signature Bank in a $2.7 billion deal, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said late Sunday.

The 40 branches of Signature Bank will become Flagstar Bank, starting Monday. Flagstar is one of New York Community Bank's subsidiaries. The deal will include the purchase of $38.4 billion in Signature Bank's assets, a little more than a third of Signature's total when the bank failed a week ago.

The FDIC said $60 billion in Signature Bank's loans will remain in receivership and are expected to be sold off in time.

Signature Bank was the second bank to fail in this banking crisis, roughly 48 hours after the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank. Signature, based in New York, was a large commercial lender in the tristate area, but had in recent years gotten into cryptocurrencies as a potential growth business.

After Silicon Valley Bank failed, depositors became nervous about Signature Bank's health due to its high amount of uninsured deposits as well as its exposure to crypto and other tech-focused lending. By the time it was closed by regulators, Signature was the third largest bank failure in U.S. history.

The FDIC says it expects Signature Bank's failure to cost the deposit insurance fund $2.5 billion, but that figure may change as the regulator sells off assets. The deposit insurance fund is paid for by assessments on banks and taxpayers do not bear the direct cost when a bank fails.

KEN SWEET, AP BUSINESS WRITER

Los Angeles

Ethiopia's Jemal Yimer Wins Los Angeles Marathon

Jemal Yimer of Ethiopia won the men's division of the Los Angeles Marathon on Sunday, while Stacy Ndiwa of Kenya took the women's division.

Yimer completed the 26.2-mile (42.2-kilometer) course through city streets in 2 hours, 13 minutes, 13.58 seconds.

Yemane Tsegay of Ethiopia was second in 2:14:06.95. Barnaba Kipkoech of Kenya was third in 2:14:27.36 on a cloudy day with temperatures near 60 degrees (15 Celsius).

The top American men's finisher was Hosava Kretzmann of Prescott, Arizona, who was sixth. He ran his first marathon in 2:19:55.77.

Ndiwa crossed the finish line in 2:31:00.24. The 30-year-old pulled away from countrywoman Martha Akeno at mile 18. Akeno finished second in 2:34:25.68.

Grace Kahura of Kenya was third in 2:38:15.67.

Ashley Paulson of St. George, Utah, was the top American women's finisher in fourth at 2:48:47.00.

Yimer and Ndiwa each earned $6,000. Ndiwa received an additional $10,000 for finishing first. The men's race began 15 minutes after the women started.

The race began at Dodger Stadium and ended near Avenue of the Stars in Century City on Los Angeles' westside.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Publish the names, a plan for accountability

The letter from Peter DiChellis recognizes the obvious problem with the County's judicial system.

The proposed solution, however, is ineffective and almost as flawed as the system itself. Asking the Santa Monica City Council to "push back hard" is an ambiguous exercise in futility. They are all entangled in the political quagmire that is California. What we need is "accountability". If the judges and the probation department are not going to hold the criminals accountable, then the individuals making these decisions should be identified. Sovereign Immunity shields these public employees from legal liability, however, these cases are all a matter of public record.

Any time a violent offender is arrested, released, re-arrested, released, etc. a picture of the judge and the supervising probation officer should be published in the SMDP (and elsewhere) with their name and title so that when the time comes to evaluate these people, the voters will have some idea of who they are. It will also allow residents to use the appropriate channels to file complaints about these judges and probation officers. Without accountability the situation will only get increasingly worse.

Santa Monica is already a nonstop crime scene and an outdoor mental institution, and the rate of departures by both residents and businesses is alarming to say the least. Been to the Promenade lately? Time for those making the decisions to be known to the public. Judges will start to think long and hard about releasing repeat violent felons when they see their name and picture in the newspaper associated with the felons, the violent crimes, and the victims. It is the judiciary that is ultimately making these decisions, and it is time to identify who they are.

Pat Vastano, Santa Monica

SANTA MONICA COLLEGE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
CALLING FOR PROPOSALS
DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
RFP: 030923SH
TITLE: SMCCD Cloud Security Camera Upgrade Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District, acting by and through its Board of Trustees, hereinafter "the District" will receive up to, but not later than the below-stated date and time, sealed Bid Proposals for the Contract for the Work of the Project generally described as: SMCCD Cloud Security Camera Upgrade Project.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK: MARCH 22, 2023 AT 1 PM SHARP; NO LATE ARRIVALS

BIDDER'S ATTENDANCE AT THE JOB WALK IS MANDATORY. COVID 19 PROTOCOLS IN EFFECT; SOCIAL DISTANCING, FACE COVERING OVER NOSE AND MOUTH REQUIRED. SIGN-IN IS REQUIRED. LATE ARRIVALS NOT PERMITTED. BIDDERS ARE TO MEET OUTSIDE OF THE MEDIA CENTER BUILDING, ON PEARL STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405. THE BID PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY A BIDDER WHOSE REPRESENTATIVE(S) DID NOT ATTEND THE ENTIRETY OF THE MANDATORY JOB WALK WILL BE REJECTED BY THE DISTRICT AS BEING NON-RESPONSIVE.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $1,205,000.00

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF THE BID PROPOSALS: APRIL 5, 2023 @ 2PM electronically via PlanetBids. All Bid Proposals shall be submitted on forms furnished by the District. Bid Proposals must conform with, and be responsive to, the Bid and Contract Documents, copies of which may be obtained from the District as set forth above. Only Bid Proposals submitted to the District at or prior to the date and time set forth shall be considered.

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the District bidding website at: https://www.planetbids.com/portal/portal.cfm?CompanyID=13721#.
The Contractor is required to have a C-7 license, CADIR at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the District's Request for Bids.

Substitute Security- In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code §22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the District to ensure performance under this contract.

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SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties

FROM: Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (Lead Agency)

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed McKinley Elementary School Campus Master Plan Project.

Project Title: McKinley Elementary School Campus Master Plan Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Monica - Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD), as lead agency, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed McKinley Elementary School (McKinley ES) Master Plan Project (Proposed Project). Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21165 and the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines). The purpose of this notice is 1) to serve as a Notice of Availability (NOA) of a DEIR for a 45-day public comment period pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, and 2) to announce a community meeting to be held by SMMUSD during the 45-day comment period.

PROJECT LOCATION: The McKinley ES campus (Project Site) is located at 2401 Santa Monica Boulevard (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 4276-023-900) in the Mid-City neighborhood of the city of Santa Monica, Los Angeles County, California. The campus consists of a 6.48-acre rectangular parcel that includes the existing McKinley ES campus and is entirely District-owned. The campus is approximately 0.60 miles north of Interstate 10 (I-10), 2.0 miles east of the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) and Santa Monica State Beach, and is bounded by Santa Monica Boulevard to the southeast, Chelsea Avenue to the northeast, Arizona Avenue to the northwest, and 23rd Court (alley) to the southwest.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Proposed Project would renovate and modernize the existing campus to develop new and renovated facilities that would support a project-based learning approach at McKinley ES that would expand instructional strategies currently in place within the District and would address future learning that is flexible, adaptable, and project-centered in its delivery. The Proposed Project would be constructed in three phases and would occur over approximately 5.70 acres of the 6.48-acre campus. Redevelopment and modernization of McKinley ES includes the demolition and removal of some existing structures, renovation of structures to remain, and construction of two new buildings and outdoor facilities. As listed in Table 1, Summary of Building Removal and Demolition, 11 existing portable classrooms (B1 through B11), playground restrooms, one modular building (Building D), and one elevator (serving Buildings B and C) would be selectively demolished, and removed as part of the Proposed Project, for a total of 82,505 square feet of demolition over 3 phases. Each phase of the Proposed Project is dependent on funding availability. Phase 1 is funded, and the design is complete.

Table 1 Summary of Building Removal and Demolition

Name	Square Footage
Phase 1	
Eleven Portable Classrooms (B1-B11)	10,560
Playground Restrooms	468
Existing Parking Lot	35,284
Phase 2	
Removal of Elevator that serves Buildings B and C	397
Phase 3	
One Modular Building (Building D)	3,796
Interim Parking Lot	32,000
Total Demolition Square Footage	**82,505**

Source: SMMUSD 2023.

The Proposed Project would provide 14 new classrooms, new and reconfigured playfields/playgrounds and parking lots, for a total of 121,443 square feet of building space on the McKinley ES campus (see Table 2, Summary of Proposed Project's Total Development). At completion, the Proposed Project would result in a total of 33 classrooms, from preschool through fifth grade, including special education, and dedicated outdoor play areas for preschool through kindergarten for a total of 166,697 square feet of building space.
The new buildings constructed along Chelsea Avenue would have a maximum height of approximately 38 feet–8 inches above natural grade, and would not contain any mechanical equipment on the roof.

Table 2 Summary of Proposed Project's Total Development

Building	Status	Classrooms	Square Footage	Maximum Height
New Construction				
Phase 1				
One New Classroom Building (New Elementary Classrooms and New Front Office and School Support Spaces)	New	8	24,410	38 ft– 8 in.
New Parking Lot (Arizona Avenue/Chelsea Avenue)	New	-	32,000	-
Renovated Library	Existing	-	1,354	No Change
Interim Playgrounds[1] and New Open Space	New	-	15,587	-
Phase 2				
Renovation of Building C	Existing	-	2,330	-
Lunch Shelter along Building A	New	-	3,500	-
New Elevator and Stair core for Building B and C.	New	-	870	-
Phase 3				
New Two-Story Building for T-K/Kindergarten and Elementary Classrooms	New	6	26,500	38 ft– 8 in.
New Parking Lots (Arizona Avenue/23rd Court)	New	-	23,000	-
Reconfigured Playfields and New Open Space	New	-	- 8,108	
Subtotal – New Development		**14**	**121,443**	**-**
Existing Buildings				
Building A	Existing	-	4,439	23 ft-8 in
Building B	Existing	8	13,425	41 ft-4 in
Building C	Existing	11	27,390	38 ft-6 in
Subtotal - Existing Development		**19**	**45,254**	-
Total		**33**	**166,697**	-

Source: SMMUSD 2023.
1: Interim playground located in place of portable buildings

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: March 21, 2023 – May 5, 2023

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:
Responsible public agencies, trustee agencies, the Office of Planning and Research, the Los Angeles County Clerk, organizations, and members of the public are invited to review and comment on the DEIR. Your complete and detailed response should be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023. Please include the name, phone number, and email address of a contact person in all responses submitted. There will be no consideration of, or responses to, untimely comments.

Please send your response in writing with the subject heading McKinley Elementary School Campus Master Plan Project to: Carey Upton Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District 1717 – 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 or via e-mail to cupton@smmusd.org.

COMMUNITY MEETING: SMMUSD will host an in-person community meeting to present the Proposed Project and the DEIR. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the findings of the DEIR and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on environmental issues.

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Date: April 18, 2023
Location: McKinley Elementary School, Auditorium
2401 Santa Monica Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90404

The presentation will be recorded and available to view after April 18, 2023, at https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5594

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Proposed Project would result in no impacts on Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Mineral Resources, and Population and Housing. Impacts related to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Public Services, Recreation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities, and Service Systems, and Wildfire were determined to be less than significant with no mitigation required. Impacts related to Aesthetics, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, and Transportation were determined to be less than significant after the implementation of mitigation measures. Per CEQA Guidelines section 15087(c)(6), the Project Site is not on state and federal hazardous materials sites enumerated under Government Code section 65962.5.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The DEIR and Notice of Availability for the Proposed Project are available for public review at the following locations (physical locations during normal business hours):
- Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, 1717 – 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401
- SMMUSD website: https://www.smmusd.org/Page/5594

If you require additional information, please contact Carey Upton at 310-450-8338 x79383

GUEST COMMENTARY

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

AI poses difficult policy questions. California lawmakers should answer them

BY JARRETT CATLIN

Artificial intelligence news is everywhere. From the recent cover of Time proclaiming, "The AI Arms Race is Changing Everything," to an AI-generated art on the cover of Vogue, the AI fever is palpable.

While today's focus is on the mind-boggling features of new AI tools, future headlines will center on the inevitable battle to regulate and control the technology. When that time comes, you can bet California's politicians will want to lead.

The hype is warranted. New generative AI tools represent a serious leap in capabilities by generating shockingly coherent text and images. The most well-known is ChatGPT, a chat interface that has become a cultural phenomenon and the fastest app in history to reach 100 million users.

However, ChatGPT is just the tip of the iceberg. Hundreds of other generative AI tools are being created to create digital art, and being trained to offer more specialized, industry-specific services.

Silicon Valley has gone into a frenzied overdrive as all the major tech giants work to surpass each other's AI capabilities and new startups work to capitalize on the buzz. Wall Street executives have already declared generative AI the technology of the decade, and Microsoft's CEO promised that "AI will fundamentally change every software category."

While AI has the potential to be the most exciting technology of the decade, it would almost certainly also be the most politically controversial.

Politicians will care about AI because it promises to pour gasoline onto existing tech battles while also introducing a whole new set of problems. For example, the misinformation campaigns around the 2016 election will look like child's play once bad actors implement AI tools and can generate an endless supply of hateful, human-like content.

AI technology will also make current debates around privacy and data rights look quaint. Generative AI allows users to create compelling variations of past art, speech and writing, blurring the lines of plagiarism and intellectual property. AI makes it easy to mimic someone's tone or appearance to create imitation text, speech and even deepfake porn using people's public information.

Regulators will certainly want to see new rules about which data AI models are allowed to be trained on and what they're able to create. But who will draw the line on what is defined as acceptable use and how a person's data can be used? More concerningly, how will any rules possibly be enforced when models are cheap, widely deployed and beyond the reach of our current enforcement tools?

In addition to making existing problems worse, policymakers will also be concerned about the impact on jobs. A recent survey of 1,000 business leaders found that roughly half of those who used ChatGPT have already replaced workers. Generative AI tools are already capable of performing entry-level tasks. While this doesn't mean we'll see mass white-collar unemployment, these tools could result in an economic restructuring where there's less demand for lower-end audio engineers, copywriters, software engineers, business analysts and any other job done at a keyboard.

How will states like California react if a portion of knowledge worker jobs disappear? Those people will likely find new work in the long-term as AI creates new opportunities, but could lead to unprecedented labor market shocks that destabilizes communities and our tax base.

Whenever these battles arrive, state policymakers need be among the first to act. Just as with other divisive national issues, California will want to assert its ability to shape the national policy agenda just like it has on carbon emissions, electric vehicles and data privacy protection laws.

California has never shied away from being a leader, and there's no reason to believe this time will be different as Washington D.C. remains gridlocked. While we can't predict how society will react to AI, the early battles will likely be fought in Sacramento.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Los Angeles

Los Angeles TV Meteorologist Says She's OK After Fainting

A TV meteorologist in Los Angeles was recovering Sunday after fainting on the air during a weekend newscast.

Alissa Carlson was starting her forecast Saturday on CBS Los Angeles when she suddenly slumped onto the desk and then collapsed to the floor.

News co-anchor Rachel Kim exclaimed "Oh!" and the broadcast cut to a commercial break.

"Our team jumped in to help and comfort her while waiting for medical help to arrive," CBS LA said in a statement. "Alissa is now recovering and posting on social media."

In a post on Facebook, Carlson thanked viewers for "all the texts, calls, and well wishes."

"I am going to be ok!" she wrote.

The news station and Carlson did not disclose any details about why she fainted.

The meteorologist will be back on the air "as soon as she's well enough to return," CBS LA said.

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ENVIRONMENT

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up the fight against climate change and do their decarbonization much faster than developing countries like Brazil. However, this does not take away our responsibility to do our part," Brazil's climate change chief, Ana Toni, said. "It will be our populations in developing countries, which are more vulnerable."

The report offers hope if action is taken, using the word "opportunity" nine times in a 27-page summary. Though opportunity is overshadowed by 94 uses of the word "risk."

"The pace and scale of what has been done so far and current plans are insufficient to tackle climate change," IPCC chief Lee said. "We are walking when we should be sprinting."

Lee said the panel doesn't tell countries what to do to limit worse warming, adding "it's up to each government to find the best solution."

"The findings of these reports can make us feel disheartened," said youth climate activist Vanessa Nakate, a goodwill ambassador for UNICEF, but she added that it's important to "take action, not lose hope."

Report co-author Peter Thorne of the National University of Ireland in Maynooth said the responsibility for action rests with everyone.

"The reality is we at all levels — governments, communities, individuals — have made climate change somebody else's problem," he said. "We have to stop that."

Fabiano Maisonnave in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, contributed to this report. Borenstein reported from Kensington, Maryland.



The maddest March ever? Underdogs head to the Sweet 16

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AP Basketball Writer

We know you're upset. Underdogs have blown up every bracket in the country.

An upside of the upsets: perhaps the maddest March ever.

Defending national champion Kansas and fellow No. 1 seed Purdue are gone — the Boilermakers with a slice of unwanted history. The Sweet 16 won't have blue bloods Kentucky, Duke or North Carolina for only the second time since 1979.

In are upstarts like Princeton, Florida Atlantic and a team picked to finish last in the Big 12 Conference.

And, this being March, of course there's Tom Izzo.

The bracket has been nearly devoid of the buzzer-beaters that college hoops fans have been accustomed to, but the games have been close. There have been four games decided by one point, the most since there were six in 2017 and three short of the record last matched in 1998.

SOUTH REGION

Alabama has looked every bit the No. 1 overall seed, blowing out Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Maryland despite turmoil swirling around the program.

Waiting for Alabama in Louisville, Kentucky, will be San Diego State. The fifth-seeded Aztecs are old and love to knock around opponents — just ask College of Charleston and Furman.

The second game marks Princeton's first Sweet 16 in 56 years. The No. 15 seed Tigers had the first major March upset by knocking off No. 2 Arizona and proved it was no fluke by taking down Missouri.

They face Creighton, one of three Big East teams to get this far. Inconsistent early, the bombing Bluejays and big man Ryan Kalkbrenner are in the Sweet 16 for the second time in three seasons after bouncing No. 3 seed Baylor.

EAST REGION

Florida Atlantic won the battle of bracket darlings by knocking off Fairleigh Dickinson, the second No. 16 seed ever to beat a No. 1, taking down Purdue.

The Owls better be ready for some bruises against Tennessee at Madison Square Garden in their first Sweet 16. The third-seeded Vols bullied their way through the first two rounds, pushing around Duke after grinding out a win over Louisiana.

Sharing the Garden marquee will be Michigan State and Kansas State.

The Spartans are at their best in March under coach Izzo, who won his record 16th NCAA Tournament game as a lower seed by bouncing No. 2 seed Marquette.

Jerome Tang is taking underdog Kansas State from one Manhattan to another in his first season in the Little Apple.

Picked last in the Big 12, the Wildcats and undersized but undeterred guard Markquis Nowell shoved aside Montana State and wore down Kentucky for their first Sweet 16 since 2018.

MIDWEST REGION

Tang said the Wildcats won because they've "got dudes." Houston has a few of its own.

The Midwest's No. 1 seed, the Cougars have played the lockdown defense that made them a Final Four favorite at the start of the season, holding Northern Kentucky to 52 points and Auburn to 64.

The Cougars' bid to play the Final Four at home now heads to Kansas City, Missouri, where they will face Miami.

The speedy, fifth-seeded Hurricanes hit Indiana with a gale force of offensive rebounds, scoring 29 second-chance points to reach the Sweet 16 for the second straight season under Jim Larrañaga.

Another Texas team is still in the mix to reach the Final Four in its home state — the one from Austin.

No. 2 seed Texas overcame the midseason firing of coach Chris Beard to play some outstanding basketball under interim coach Rodney Terry. The Longhorns shut down sweet-shooting Colgate in the first round and earned their first Sweet 16 appearance in 15 years with a 71-66 win over Penn State.

Up next is another coach making the most of an opportunity.

Fired by Arizona two years ago, Sean Miller landed back where he started at Xavier. The Musketeers earned their first Sweet 16 appearance since 2017 with a 84-73 win over Pittsburgh.

WEST REGION

Losing guard Jaylen Clark has done little to slow down No. 2 UCLA. Now the Bruins hope their lineup isn't depleted further after key guard David Singleton injured his ankle late in a 69-63 victory over Northwestern.

UCLA still has Jaime Jaquez and Tyger Campbell, which will give them at least a shot at beating Gonzaga in Las Vegas.

There were midseason whispers the Zags were in a down year. An eighth straight trip to the Sweet 16 under Mark Few put those to rest.

Two coaches with familiar last names face off in the other Sin City game.

Eric Musselman, son of longtime NBA and college coach Bill Musselman, has shown off his coaching chops by leading Arkansas to the Sweet 16 for the third straight season. The Razorbacks got there with a takedown of top-seeded Kansas that had Musselman taking off his shirt — again.

Danny Hurley's father is a Hall of Fame high school coach, his brother the NCAA's all-time assist leader. Bob's son and Bobby's brother has revitalized UConn, taking the Huskies to the Sweet 16 for the first time in nine years.

AP Basketball Writer Tim Reynolds contributed to this report.

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HOTEL

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day.

The new owner of the Shangri-La is a San Francisco-based hospitality company called Sonder Holdings Inc, which despite owning several significant properties across Europe and North America, has only recently begun to trade on the stock exchange.

According to Tom Badey, Senior Operations Manager at The Beacon, a number of other hotel groups were considering a purchase of the property, but it was, among a few other things, Sonder's proposal to retain the gorgeous Art Deco aesthetic that helped them seal the deal.

The building's aesthetic is actually a combination of both Art Deco and Streamline Moderne and the architect was a gentleman named William E Foster. Evoking the form of a grand ocean liner, construction was completed in 1939 and the structure was designated a listed building in November 2009.

Before being bought by Sonder, the hotel was solely owned by a Pakistani-American businesswoman Tehmina Adaya, who took over in 2004. Her late father, business and real estate tycoon Ahmad Adaya, purchased it 40 years ago in 1983. The Shangri-La underwent a $30 million renovation in 2008 and has become known in the city of Santa Monica for offering spectacular views over the beach and pier, made even more incredible by the beautiful sunsets we regularly get to enjoy.

And it's this unique rooftop space that Badey says is really going to make the experience memorable. The potential is obvious even now, before work has been finalized. "I know they've brought together a few pretty big and very cool names, but I can't tell you who just said," Badey teased. "But this is a very big and very important part of the project for us. There's been a couple of high profile, celebrity chef names thrown out there that I know that they're in talks with."

Without a doubt, cocktail bars have gone through a massive resurgence in the last 20 years, with greater focus being placed on bars within hotels and quite rightly too. With more emphasis placed on drinks menus, different flavor pairings and an ever-changing mix of both old and new. Of course being able to make a decent gin and tonic goes a long way as well.

"We have three incredible opportunities to play with here between the pool, the restaurant and the roof. So I believe they're going to have three entirely separate concepts to draw three separate crowds there."

Santa Monica residents will almost certainly be excited once the rain stops and we can enjoy our summer evenings again without freezing, so we're all eagerly awaiting to see how this space is developed. The interior decor of the rooms themselves has been simplified and offers a return to the building's original style, incorporating emphasis on curvilinear walls, casement windows, restrained detailing and horizontal accents.

The hotel is more or less fully operational, but will have an official opening when absolutely everything is completed sometime in mid-summer.

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Sonder/The Beacon

DESIGN: A new interior aesthetic that opts for a darker shade of wood finish adds a boutique feel to the Beacon



NEWSOM

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insulin, available for $30 a vial. The $50 million deal is the first major development in a plan Newsom has pursued for the past three years to create a generic label that can challenge an industry he has criticized for charging far too much for life-saving medications.

Two months into his first term, in March 2019, Newsom enacted a moratorium on executions and dismantled the lethal injection chamber at San Quentin State Prison. His decision stunned the political world by quickly reversing a campaign pledge to respect the will of California voters who have repeatedly upheld capital punishment.

On Friday, nearly four years to the day after that order, the governor was back at San Quentin touting his vision to transform California's oldest correctional facility from the home of condemned inmates to a center for rehabilitation and training before offenders are released back into society.

In public poll after public poll, these issues are not what Californians identify as the most pressing problems in the state. Yet by regularly resurfacing them, steadily chipping away at breakthroughs on his own terms, Newsom suggests that's what they represent to him — the issues most fundamental to his platform, those with which he seeks to build his legacy.

Governors don't always get to define their own legacies, however.

Growing public anger over California's ever more visible homelessness crisis has made this seemingly intractable problem the inescapable force of Newsom's tenure. He recognized it back in 2020, devoting his entire State of the State speech to the topic, and COVID aside, no other issue has consumed more of his time and political capital since, a stark departure from his predecessor. For opponents — from those who unsuccessfully sought to recall him from office in 2021 to those already seeking to knee-cap any presidential ambitions he may possess — it is perhaps his greatest liability.

That was reflected in the central role that homelessness played in Newsom's statewide tour, underlying his major announcements on two separate days.

The kick-off event, in Sacramento on Thursday, touted the governor's successful push to get local officials to adopt more aggressive targets for reducing the number of people living on the streets in their communities.

The final stop, in San Diego on Sunday, launched a campaign to ask California voters to approve a $3 billion bond measure in 2024 for mental health housing and treatment beds. It builds on Newsom's signature policy achievement from last year: A new court system aimed at compelling people with several mental illnesses, who often languish on the streets, into housing and treatment.

Wrapping up the tour, Newsom noted that the issues he discussed were connected, but especially housing and homelessness.

"I think those two issues truly do represent the twin challenges of this state — our fate and future," he said Sunday in answer to a CalMatters question. "They're connected to more of our challenges than any other two issues, and that's really the thrust of this multi-day effort."

To achieve all his goals on homelessness and other issues, Newsom needs the buy-in of state lawmakers, local officials and front-line workers.

Still, by orchestrating four days of events across the state instead of delivering a single speech in Sacramento, the governor did succeed on one score: He drew a torrent of media coverage, though reporters were often held a distance away from him at each stop. Newsom's messaging was amplified by friendly Democratic allies at every event.

Trying to compete, Republicans in the Legislature posted social media videos warning that California is in crisis — on cost of living, crime, homelessness, schools, water and wildfires — and asserting that they have solutions in what they call the California Promise. "Californians want solutions to their everyday problems," tweeted Assembly GOP leader James Gallagher of Chico. "The Governor's shiny object routine is tired."

On each day, and at each event, Newsom was being Newsom — prone to sweeping pronouncements, but less clear on some of the details. At times, he was repackaging or rebranding programs already underway. At others, he urged Californians to imagine a vision for something that doesn't exist.

Here are some key takeaways and impressions from four days on the road with the governor:

DAY 1: HOMELESSNESS IN SACRAMENTO

One area where California does lead the way is homelessness — but on the sheer numbers as much as on innovative policies. About 30% of people who are homeless in the U.S. were in California in 2022, according to the Public Policy Institute of California.

So it makes sense that Newsom's first stop was Cal Expo, home of the California State Fair, and one site where the state plans to establish a community of "tiny homes" for homeless individuals.

Following his remarks, Newsom ducked into each of the "tiny home" models set up, on green turf with picnic tables off to the side, as the event's backdrop.

The governor was flanked by industry officials and, as was the case throughout the tour, by state lawmakers and local elected leaders, including San Jose Mayor Matt Mahan, who spoke about a so-far successful pilot program in his Bay Area city.

But how much Newsom reduces homelessness will be a hallmark of his tenure — regardless of how much, or how little, it's under his control. He acknowledged some limitations: substance abuse crises, mental health and wealth inequality. Success of the tiny homes, he said, depends on local governments ensuring the quality of the services in the long-term.

"The entire homeless strategy in California is not the state of California," he said. "Homeless strategy is realized not just locally but also begins locally and percolates up."

The state's willingness to fund local efforts came after "some tough conversations," the governor noted. Just a few months ago, he threatened to withhold funding based on plans cities and counties submitted. With cities and counties pledging to get more people off the streets, he announced that his administration plans to free up $1 billion in state money to help them.

Newsom also highlighted programs that he launched during the pandemic: Project Roomkey, which places individuals in motel and hotel rooms as a short-term solution, and Project Homekey, where the state buys properties that can be converted into homes.

The "tiny home" program is not "'it.' This is a component of a larger strategy," he said, pointing to the $3.4 billion he put in his proposed budget to address homelessness, despite what he projected as a $22.5 billion deficit.

For some, Newsom's ambitious plan wasn't enough. Senate Republican Leader Brian Jones of El Cajon called it another "Band-Aid on a crisis."

But for others, Newsom's proposals didn't go far enough. Just before the governor's event, the California State Association of Counties urged state lawmakers to set up a new system for routing state homelessness funding through regional plans with clear responsibilities assigned to local governments.

The 1,200 "tiny homes" will go to Los Angeles, San Diego County, San Jose and Sacramento — places Newsom said showed "enthusiasm." But at least for now, the program excludes San Francisco and other cities mired in crisis.

DAY 2: CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT SAN QUENTIN

San Quentin State Prison is already considered a model for prisoner rehabilitation in California — attested to by inmates made available to the press. Programs such as a news service and a 20-week coding course have been transformational, and at a minimum, offer a place outside their cells to breathe. Inmates at other state prisons request transfers to San Quentin for the opportunities.

So at Friday's event, when the governor spoke in sweeping terms about a plan to "transform" the prison into a "national model" for rehabilitation, questions prevailed: How long will it take? How much of the Scandinavian model will it emulate?

But the big question came from Steve Brooks, editor of the San Quentin News: How will this model help inmates with overcrowding and poor living conditions? And would the Scandinavian model mean violent offenders wouldn't get to take part in the rehabilitation programs?

"No, quite the contrary," Newsom replied, speaking inside a warehouse that is to be converted into a training center. "And I don't refer to it as the Scandinavian model. This is the California model, the California way.… I'm for people that are committed, not passively interested, in changing themselves, and in turn helping us keep our communities safe and changing our communities as a consequence."

The new facility will be designed by an advisory committee that includes crime victims, formerly incarcerated people and academics, the governor's office said. Newsom is also asking the Legislature for $20 million for the plan.

Asked whether he plans to ask voters to make permanent his moratorium on the death penalty, Newsom didn't commit to a ballot measure. As of March 8, there were 668 people sentenced to death in California.

San Quentin currently houses 3,906 people, with security levels ranging from medium to maximum security. One is Angelo Mecchi. Newsom said that on a visit several weeks ago, Mecchi saw him and flagged that they'd played in the same Little League in Marin County.

"That spoke to me on a different level," Newsom said. "We are many journeys, many parts — but one body. When one part suffers, we all suffer."

DAY 3: HEALTH CARE COSTS IN DOWNEY

Three days into the tour, Newsom seemed particularly upbeat about Saturday's announcement: Securing a contractor to produce insulin, bringing the costs down for patients with diabetes to $30.

"What this does is a game-changer," he said. "This fundamentally lowers the cost, period, full stop."

"I'm just really proud of this," he added later, standing in front of a row of refrigerators that contained insulin medications at a Kaiser Permanente warehouse.

Advocacy groups were just as excited. "California's investment to directly manufacture prescription drugs is a game-changer with national impact," Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California said in a statement. "Even a modest decrease in the cost of key drugs could save hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars."

If manufacturing begins as planned later this year, the state would then seek approval from the Food and Drug Administration and start distributing early next year.

The governor said the long-term plan is to have Civica make the insulin in California. "The future happens here first. We are America's coming attraction," he said during what turned out to be the shortest of the four stops.

And he doesn't plan to stop with insulin. Newsom disclosed that the state's CalRx is exploring making its own naloxone (better known by its brand name Narcan) to treat opioid overdoses.

He also said this push to lower health care costs builds on California's record of universal health care regardless of pre-existing conditions or immigration status.

"If we are arguably the fourth largest economy on planet earth, we've got to start acting like it," he said, adding one of his common boasts: "Only in California. Eat your heart out, the rest of the United States."

DAY 4: MENTAL HEALTH IN SAN DIEGO

In between the official tour events, Newsom made other stops, including at the City of Refuge social service nonprofit in Sacramento, at the Los Angeles River with Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, and at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego.

So, on the final day of the tour, Newsom seemed a little less energized before his turn to speak at Alvarado Hospital Medical Center about his mental health initiative.

Mark Ghaly, secretary of the California Health & Human Services Agency, who accompanied Newsom on both Saturday and Sunday, took on some of the more detailed policy questions, such as how many beds are needed.

Besides the $3 billion bond issue to build new treatment centers to treat 10,000 more people a year, Newsom wants to redirect another $1 billion from an income tax on millionaires — approved by voters in 2004 — to operate them. That concerns county officials, who say any loss of state behavioral health money could also cost them federal matching funds.

The governor's packed schedule meant zipping off quickly to the next event, and his team declined an interview request for Newsom to discuss the tour as a whole.

And while details of the tour stops were closely guarded, protestors managed to get word of his Sunday appearance. About 10 people stood outside the hospital with signs asking Newsom to speak out against the construction of a controversial barrier at Friendship Park, which straddles the border of California and Mexico.

"The governor of California should understand this is not a sideline issue," said John Fanestil, a member of the Friends of Friendship Park community group, who was at the protest. "It should be his central issue on a visit to San Diego."

Newsom hasn't made an official statement, but told reporters at the border Sunday that he was trying to understand the Biden administration's support for the barrier.

But back on message, he also announced $30 million to beef up the California National Guard's efforts to stop drug trafficking, especially fentanyl — and to shore up his legacy, this time on the opioid crisis.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 21)

Welcome to your year of discovery. Many of the treasures you'll find inside you. You'll learn of talents and develop skills. You'll find styles of working and zero in on preferences that make life enjoyable. More highlights: a group trip, becoming adept at a kind of language and synching wonderfully with an exciting someone. Scorpio and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 2, 21 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A wholistic frame of mind comes so naturally, you don't realize that others think differently. You don't really feel your condition has improved until you look around and see that others have also improved. You'll share all you've gained and learned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Life can be harsh. In some ways, you feel you've been spared and even spoiled, though in other ways you've had to take the hard knocks. Your range of experience helps you relate to others and appreciate today's situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll be cool, calm and collected on the outside no matter how you feel on the inside. It's strategically the right thing to do. Showing emotion is a risk you only take when you feel safe. Consider what might be causing you to feel guarded.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not one to jump ship just because it's sprung a little leak. Your two best friends will be a cup for bailing and the faith to keep at it until you reach the shore to give your vessel the love and mending it needs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll deal with oblivious types who could use a wake-up call, though you're not obligated to be the one to deliver it. You may instead find a workaround. Even though it's inconvenient, you'll gain something valuable in the process.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's often not necessary to take offense. The shade that moody people throw will pass like clouds floating across the sun. When you don't give negativity much attention, things can lighten up in a moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One minute you're certain, and then you're out of your element. Good — you don't need a lot of confidence when you're gathering information. Better to be a humble sponge, asking questions and absorbing new information.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Deep wells of empathy are a blessing once you learn how to regulate them. You don't want to feel things more than is useful. Ideally, a feeling is merely a signal to move you to action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In a lifetime where much seems to have been been decided for us, or has happened by chance, it's fun to have a day like today in which it's very clear you are becoming the person you decided to be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your happiness will come directly from your own actions, though not the expected ones. Doing a thing to become happy seldom works, but action taken to solve a problem or elevate someone else will open the door for joy to come in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's easier to do an extraordinary job when the task itself is quite ordinary. To do an extraordinary job at something that is already quite challenging is much more difficult. Practice on the former before you move to the latter.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll busy yourself with caring for loved ones and meeting physical, intellectual and emotional needs. The greatest adventure will be the one that sneaks up on you while you're executing your very practical plans.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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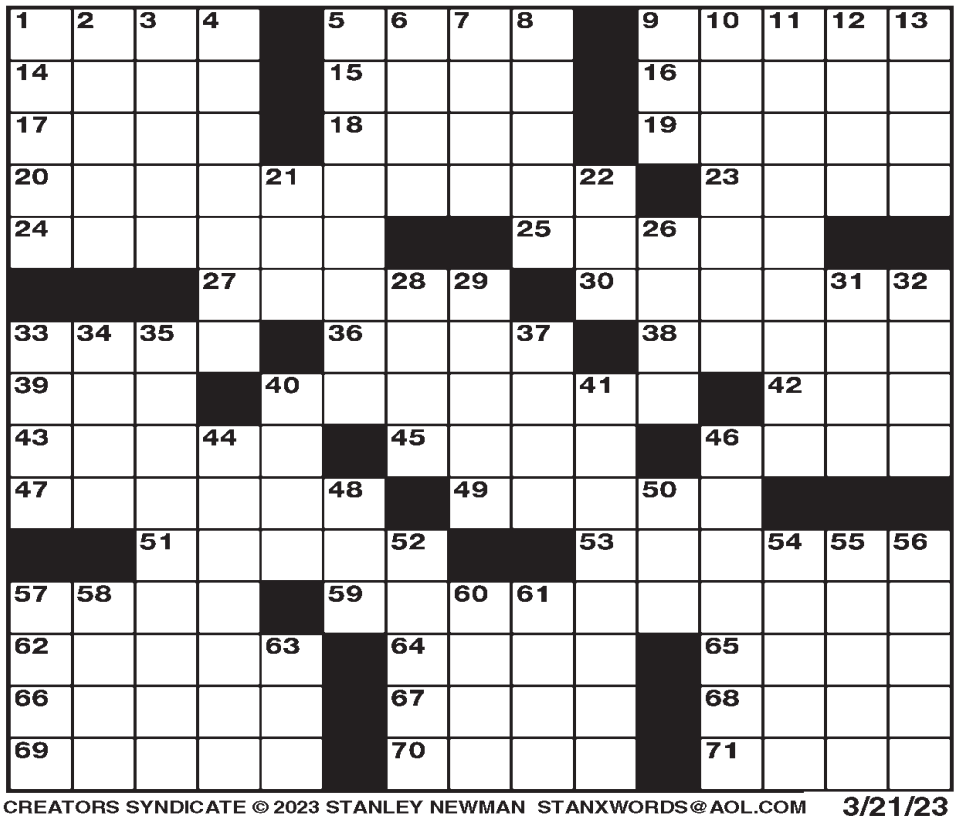
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14 Vegetable in gumbo
15 Camel's back feature
16 Get out of bed
17 Military invasion
18 Author Quindlen or actress Paquin
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20 Sport that includes handSPRINGs
23 Geeky type
24 Response to "Look over there!"
25 Brand-name of toaster waffles
27 Twist, as a wet towel
30 Man's hairpiece
33 Rolling stone's supposed lack
36 Black road surfaces
38 Group of top players
39 "Caught you!"
40 Commonplace
42 Grand Canyon State campus: Abbr.
43 Remove suds from
45 Wild guess
46 Hawaiian instruments
47 More inquisitive
49 Rear of a ship
51 "Otherwise . . ."
53 Strikes lightly, as a window
57 After-dinner candy
59 Wearable timepiece once made with a mainSPRING
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64 On the subject of
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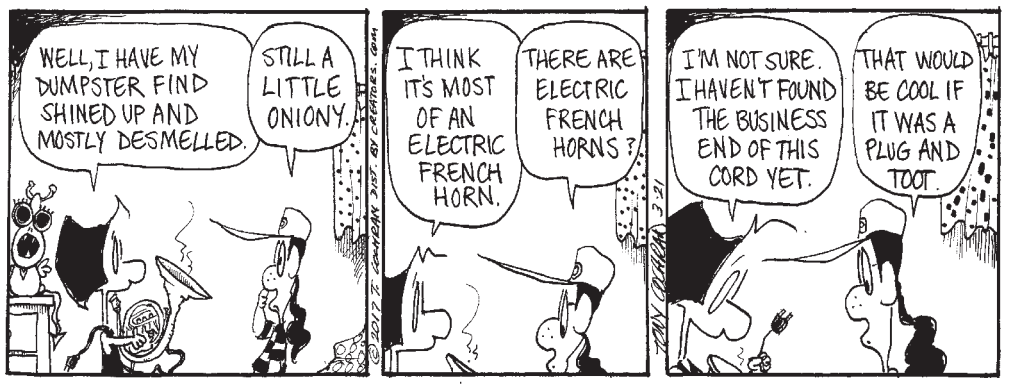
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10 Resolve, as differences
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12 Tech support caller
13 Remain unresolved
21 Scuba tank filler
22 Police rank: Abbr.
26 Project's objective
28 Midday snoozes
29 "Hominy" side dish
31 Make less difficult
32 Ostrich-like birds
33 Pre-noon period, in poems
34 Cleveland's state
35 Male spouses of your offSPRING
37 "Shoo!"
40 Adolescent
41 Helpers in crime
44 Refining, as flour
46 Needing to be topped with asphalt
48 Line of theater seats
50 Uncooked, as sushi
52 Garbage in a can
54 Apple cofounder Jobs
55 Farmland measures
56 Show gratitude to
57 Of primary importance
58 Fig. on a driver's license
60 Castaway's locale
61 Astonish
63 "Liquor not provided" letters



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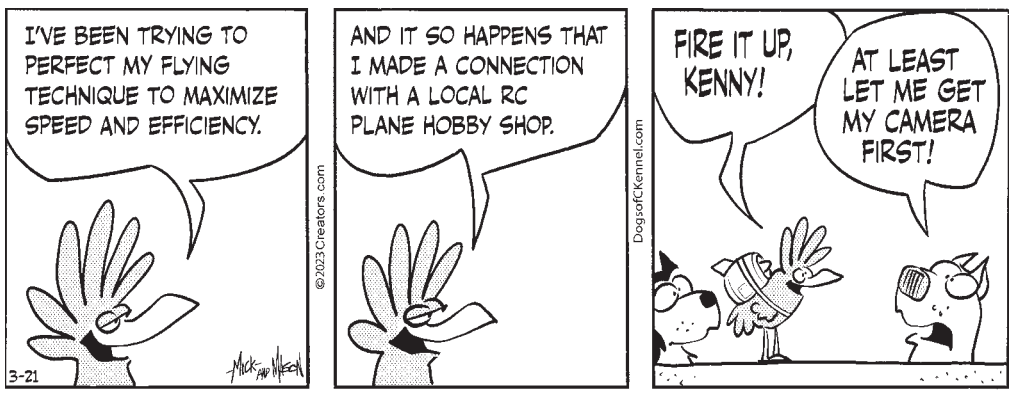
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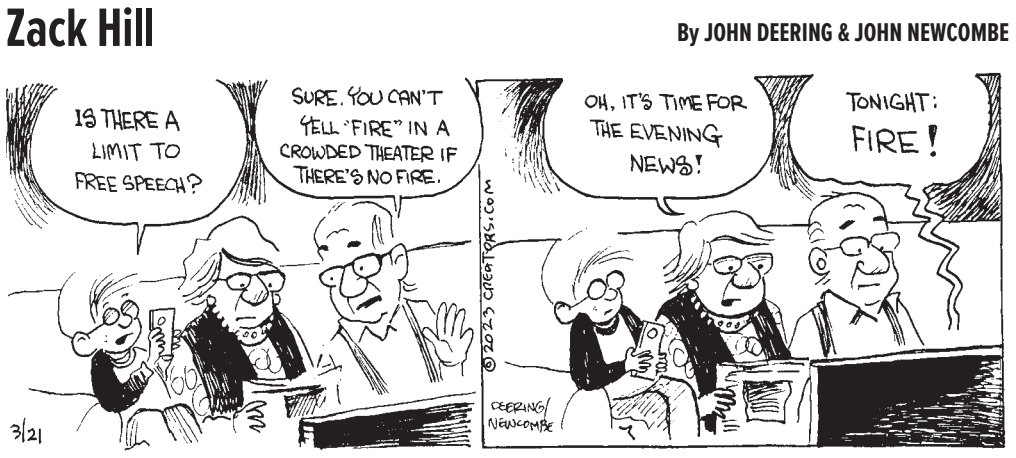
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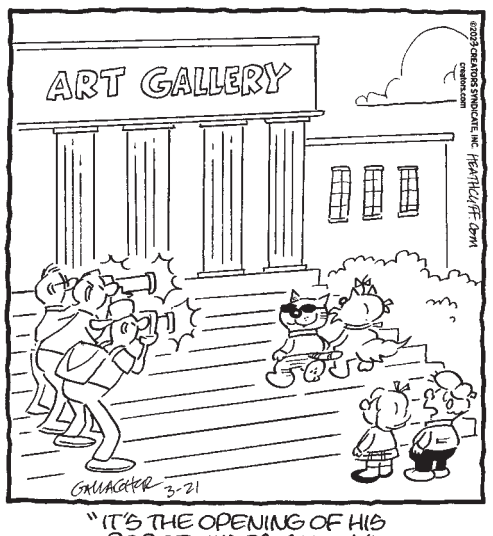
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"IT'S THE OPENING OF HIS ROBOT NUDES SHOW."

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 17 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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A drink at the local

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

Alcohol	Empty	Loud	Smoking
Ales	Entertainment	Mates	laws
Band	Finish	Open	Soda
Beer	Garlic	Pies	Split
Boag	bread	Pool	Steak
Bottle	Hahn	Red ned	Table
Celebration	Hock	Relax	Till
Cheap	Home	Roast of	Tooheys
Club	Inns	the day	Vino
Cold	Kegs	Rose	Wedges
Draught	Lamb	Round	Wine
Driver	Lemon	Saloon	
Drunk	Lime	Shout	

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HOW TO TRANSFER TO UCLA AND OTHER UC'S
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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

SATURDAY | MARCH 25

BHAKTI NIGHT WITH GRAMMY AWARD ARTIST MICHAEL GUNGOR
Bhakti Night with Grammy award artist Michael Gungor. 7:30pm-9:00pm. 1235 4th St. Santa Monica, CA

SUNDAY | MARCH 26

LOS ANGELES YOUTH ORCHESTRA SPRING 2023 CONCERT AT BARNUM HALL
The Los Angeles Youth Orchestra presents the Spring 2023 Concerts, 'To Stir the World', on Sunday, March 26 at 7:30pm at Barnum Hall in Santa Monica and Monday, March 27 at 7:30pm at Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena. The Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Russell Steinberg, will perform Dvorak's Symphony No. 7. The Ruth Borun Concert Orchestra, conducted by Jorge Padron, will perform Saint-Saens' Intro and Royal March of the Lions; Rachmaninoff's Vocalise; Grieg's Holberg Suite; and De Falla's Ritual Fire Dance. www.eventbrite.com/o/los-angeles-youth-orchestra-19228767714

MONDAY | MARCH 27

PARENT & ME UKULELE
The Enrichment Program at Virginia Avenue Park is a component of the Virginia Avenue Park After School program. The Enrichment program is comprised of Artists in Residence who are hired to teach enrichment classes to the youth in our program. These programs are high quality and teach the youth with a hands-on approach. This class is taught by Santa Monica Youth Orchestra (SMYO) and requires registration with SMYO and Virginia Ave. Park. This class is every Monday from 5:30PM-6:30PM Registration in-person only, begins on Monday March 6, 2023. For more information, call our office at (310) 458-8688

TUESDAY | MARCH 28

GUNNAR
Produced by OBrien at the legendary Henson Recording Studios, Best Mistake encompasses a guitar-heavy sound echoing the eclectic mix of influences that form GUNNARs musical DNA (90s alt-rock, mid-aughts garage rock, singer-songwriters and classic country). Already well on his way to rock stardom GUNNAR has amassed 22M global streams of his music to date, 5.7M Youtube plays and 48M TikTok plays with a following of over 250,000 fans on the platform. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, CA https://www.ticketweb.com/event/gunnar-best-mistake-album-the-venice-west-tickets/12936285?irgwc=1&clickid=xChTasQXVxyNWuLUdnXccTazUkARIHQ27SJw1U0&camefrom=CFC_BUYAT_219208&impradid=219208&REFERRAL_ID=tmfeedbuyat219208&wt.mc_id=aff_BUYAT_219208&utm_source=219208-Bandsintown&impradname=Bandsintown&utm_medium=affiliate&ircid=4272

WEDNESDAY | MARCH 29

KIDS OCEAN DAY FUNDRAISER
Join us for a beach party fundraiser at the beautiful Annenberg Community Beach House catered by Back on the Beach Cafe. Kids Ocean Day empowers kids to save the Earth by connecting them to the beaches and ocean. Your support provides kids with a hands-on opportunity to make a difference and to fall in love with the beaches and ocean. Annenberg Community Beach House 415 Pacific Coast Hwy Santa Monica, CA

TUESDAY | MARCH 30

THE OTHER ART FAIR
Presented by Saatchi Art, The Other Art Fair is an art fair unlike any other. Where elitism is the norm, The Other Art Fair dares to deviate by creating a space where art is for everyone. The fair continues its mission to reframe art, and how it is enjoyed; offering a fair that is inclusive, evocative, and inspiring, with a vibrant program of exciting features, guest exhibitions, immersive installations, live poetry readings and DJs.

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **57.0**

TUESDAY *POOR TO FAIR*	**SURF:** 1-2ft Knee to thigh	Tiny on the AM high tide. Rise in shorter period WSW/W swell over the second half of the day. Ripping SE trending S winds through the morning will swing SW for the afternoon — none of which is good for business.
WEDNESDAY *POOR*	**SURF:** 4-6ft Chest to 1ft overhead	Even if the wind isn't great, a day to surf at sheltered spots. Chunky W swell tops out through the day — still working out specific timing. Exposures are overhead and tucked away points have fun size. Afternoon low tide.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Rain. High near 59. Breezy, with an east southeast wind 15 to 20 mph.
Tuesday Night: Rain. Low around 49. Windy, with a southwest wind 25 to 30 mph.
Wednesday: Rain likely, mainly before 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 57.
Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/03/21	Tue	03:38 AM	0.18	L
2023/03/21	Tue	09:43 AM	5.75	H
2023/03/21	Tue	4:06 PM	-0.74	L
2023/03/21	Tue	10:17 PM	5.40	H
2023/03/22	Wed	04:23 AM	-0.15	L
2023/03/22	Wed	10:28 AM	5.26	H
2023/03/22	Wed	4:36 PM	-0.21	L
2023/03/22	Wed	10:48 PM	5.56	H
2023/03/23	Thu	05:10 AM	-0.30	L
2023/03/23	Thu	11:15 AM	4.62	H
2023/03/23	Thu	5:06 PM	0.41	L
2023/03/23	Thu	11:20 PM	5.56	H
2023/03/24	Fri	05:58 AM	-0.26	L
2023/03/24	Fri	12:06 PM	3.91	H
2023/03/24	Fri	5:33 PM	1.07	L
2023/03/24	Fri	11:53 PM	5.39	H
2023/03/25	Sat	06:50 AM	-0.05	L
2023/03/25	Sat	1:05 PM	3.23	H

DAILY LOTTERY

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Powerball
Draw Date: 3/18
14 20 30 54 69
Power#: 11
Jackpot: 86 M

Mega Millions
Draw Date: 3/17
26 28 29 39 49
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 272 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 3/18
8 10 16 19 36
Mega#: 12
Jackpot: 43 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/19
15 26 34 37 38

Daily 3
Draw Date: 3/19
EVENING: 4 3 8

Draw Date: 3/19
MIDDAY: 5 1 1

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 3/19
1st: 08 - Gorgeous George
2nd: 06 - Whirl Win
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:49.51

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