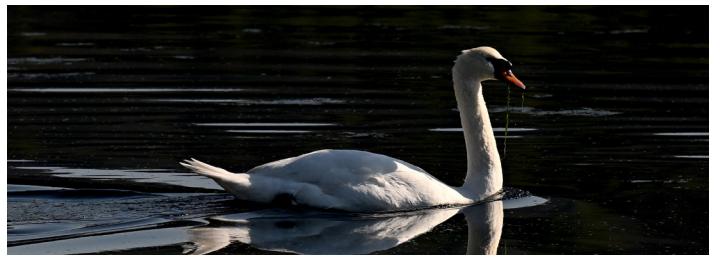
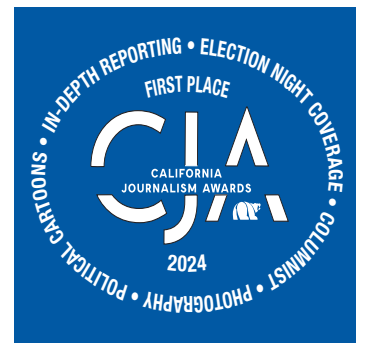


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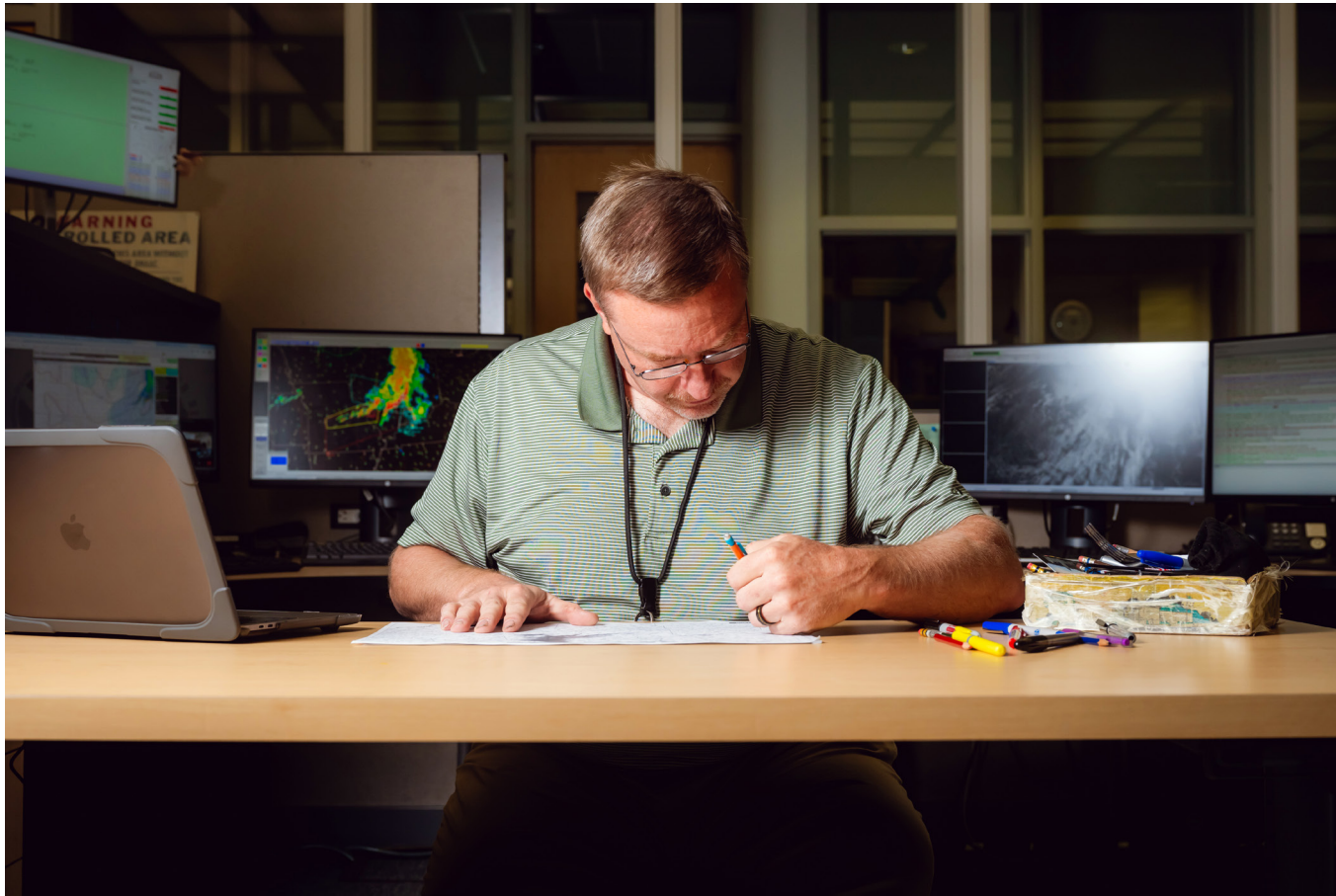
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## STORM PREDICTION CENTER

# WEATHER SLEUTHS

Forecasters, surrounded by high-tech tools, find merit in low-tech paper maps and pencils



John Hart works on a surface weather map at the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla., on April 27. PHOTOS BY DESIREE RIOS — THE NEW YORK TIMES

By Judson Jones  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

It began on a whim, and a little bit of pressure from their boss — two meteorologists in 1948 trying to do what no one had done before: accurately forecast a tornado. Five days earlier, a tornado had destroyed an Oklahoma military base, and the Air Force was desperate to avoid a repeat. Using paper maps and pencils, they painstakingly plotted the conditions of the atmosphere, taking care to note where they might align to create the dangerous mix from which another tornado could spout. Three-quarters of a



A weather map drawn by Robert Miller in 1973 hangs on a wall in the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center.

century later and about 25 miles away from where that base stood, scientists at the Storm Prediction Center,

an arm of the National Weather Service, are on the job. Working with artificial intelligence, radar and satellites, they have the benefit of modern technology their predecessors could only have dreamed of to watch storms in real time. But one thing has never changed: They still swear by those paper maps and pencils. "A Norwegian meteorologist decades ago said analyzing a weather map by hand allows you to feel the weather in your veins," said Bill Bunting, the deputy director at the center. He leaned over

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## \$1.8M FOR STUDY

# Lifeline bridge for Canal gets key funds

Project will help link isolated area to city

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San Rafael officials have taken another step to advance a long-planned bridge linking the Canal neighborhood to transit and destinations to the north. The City Council has authorized a \$1.8 million contract with Mark Thomas and Co. Inc. for a preliminary design, a feasibility study and environmental analysis. The agreement includes a \$181,500 contingency for unexpected costs. A grant will cover about \$1.57 million of the cost, and gas tax revenue the rest. "This feasibility and environmental phase is an important next step in determining what it would take to make the Canal crossing project reality," Mayor Kate Colin said. "The vision of a more connected community has been part of our planning efforts for years and this work will help us better understand the opportunities, challenges and long-term path forward." The bridge for pedestrians and cyclists was first proposed in a community transportation plan that was approved by the city in 2006. The project was proposed as a way to provide a better connection for residents of

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## LEGISLATURE

# Tax law used to prevent prisons used for immigration

By Andrew Graham  
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

A trio of bills steaming through the California Assembly would use the tax code to disincentivize private prison companies and other companies from taking federal contracts for immigration enforcement in the state. The bills are being driven by the California Legislature's fierce interest in checking President Donald Trump's immigration enforcement crackdown. Lawmakers have advanced the bills despite concerns from business associations that they're too broadly worded, and over warnings from legislative attorneys that one measure might fall into similar constitutional limitations that lawmakers hit in 2019, when they tried to ban private immigration prisons in the state outright. Lawmakers this year are trying only slightly more subtle tactics to curb private prison companies. Assemblymember Matt Haney, D-San Francisco, introduced a bill to tax private prison companies a whopping 50% of their profits. "Despite the fact that California has passed laws in the past saying that we don't want

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## SAN DIEGO ATTACK

# Alarm growing about rise in Islamophobia

By Shaila Dewan and Jill Cowan  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

The young men who killed three people outside a San Diego mosque complex this week had expressed hatred for all types of people, inspired by vitriol and conspiracy theories they found online, law enforcement officials said. But it was Muslims they chose to target. To some, the killings seemed like an inevitable result of a swell of Islamophobia in the United States and around the world. Anti-Muslim rhetoric on the right has become louder, with Republican politicians raising

concerns about new Muslim schools and growing Muslim communities and, at the most extreme, suggesting Muslims don't belong here. Muslema Purmul, 43, whose children attended school on the mosque campus, said her 12-year-old son was feeling gloomy, angry and sad. "Then he said something that really hurt us," Purmul said, her voice breaking. "He said, 'I feel unwanted.'" Purmul, a longtime member of the community who knew all three of the shooting victims, said that her son had gone on

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Candles with victims' names are placed outside the Islamic Center of San Diego in the aftermath of a fatal shooting. TY ONEIL — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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On this Memorial Day, we honor and remember those who have served. Thank you for your courage and sacrifice.

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