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Kids, adults agree on wellness during Mental Health Awareness Month



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WELLNESS: Students and staff from McKinley Elementary School discussed the importance of mental well-being during the May 2 Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education meeting.

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Locals of all ages and backgrounds have come together this month in the name of mental wellness.

May marks Mental Health Awareness Month across the nation, which has been observed since 1949 and offers an opportunity for local groups and stakeholders to raise awareness about the causes of mental instability and tools for a better well-being. School sites within Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) have not taken this month for granted, delivering powerful messages about the need for building a united community during the May 2 meeting of the SMMUSD Board of Education.

At the meeting, McKinley Elementary School Principal Daniela Wiener introduced a host of enrichment activities at the school site aimed at nurturing "all aspects" of a child, including intellectual, social-emotional, physical, creative and cultural

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Rising senior, foster youth flourishes in animation internship thanks to local group

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One college student went from being "terrified" of a daunting internship to mastering the world of animation in one of the world's largest studios, thanks to her hard work and loving support system.

Chrissie Morris, a rising senior at Cal State University Long Beach, has had a longtime dream of conquering the animation industry, and made a major step in that direction with an internship at DreamWorks Animation. The studio known for hits like "Shrek" and "Kung Fu Panda" tabbed Morris to work on the latter, a spinoff series named "Kung Fu Panda: The Dragon Knight," with

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RTS: Cal State University Long Beach rising senior Chrissie Morris conquered her fears at DreamWorks Animation, making a first splash in the industry she loves.

Tuesday's City Council meeting is full on affair with a variety of topics up for discussion

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This Tuesday's City Council meeting features a potentially packed agenda, depending very much on whether any member of Council chooses to pull any Consent Calendar items, 'cause there's quite a few of them.

A cursory glance at the City of Santa Monica's website unusually shows two agendas for Tuesday meeting. The 4:30pm meeting is a special meeting called in order to allow the ceremonial items to be completed earlier and manage the length of the meeting. Then the regular meeting begins at 5:30pm as normal.

Among the Consent Calendar items are the proposed adoption of a resolution for the 2024 Annual Water Shortage Assessment Report, the awarding of a contract to Global Power Group, Inc. as the primary source and Bay City Electric Works as the secondary source to provide emergency generator maintenance and repair at water and wastewater facilities and a second reading and adoption of an ordinance to adopt the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code and adopt a 2022 local amendment relating to concrete requirements for newly constructed buildings.

The sole Ordinance item is a request to add a section to the municipal code prohibiting the harassment of bicyclists and providing a private right of action in civil court for violations. The ordinance would not be enforced by City officials and would not require the expenditure of City resources, other than potentially some educational efforts.

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COUNCIL CONTINUES TO DISSECT THE ALREADY CONVOLUTED ISSUE OF CANNABIS RETAIL:

City officials are attempting to embed social equity rules into as-yet unwritten laws that will allow recreational cannabis dispensaries into the city. Santa Monica has issued permits for two medical dispensaries but is expanding rules to allow recreational businesses to open. Those rules will incorporate some restrictions on proximity to sensitive sites but the focus of discussion last month was on ways to incentivize certain populations to enter the business. According to a staff presentation to City Council, "cannabis social equity" recognizes "the long-term impact of the criminalization of cannabis upon minority communities" and "promotes equitable ownership and employment opportunities in the cannabis industry" and finally decreases "disparities and improves outcome among identified groups that have been most affected by the war on drugs."



Photo Courtesy Community Corporation of Santa Monica

GROUNDBREAKING: Community leaders gathered at the new Berkeley Station site at 1342 Berkeley St for a groundbreaking ceremony April 26.

EMPLOYEE UNION TO RECEIVE WAGE INCREASES IN TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

After an elongated negotiation period between Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) officials and Union SEIU Local 99, district employees have received many of their asked-for provisions, including pay raises and extended working hours. Local 99, which represents many of the district's employees, has reached a tentative contract agreement with SMMUSD that secured union members an 18% wage increase through the 2025-26 school year. The agreement included a 5% wage increase plus retroactive pay to January, a 3% wage increase effective July 1, and two-step adjustment wage increases of 5% during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

CAPTAIN SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS FOLLOWING BOAT FIRE IN 2019 THAT KILLED 34:

The captain of the charter boat MV Conception that caught fire during the night and killed 34 people on board near Santa Cruz Island on Labor Day 2019 was sentenced to four years in prison for gross negligence on May 2. In the Los Angeles federal courthouse that was packed with relatives of the victims, US District Judge George H. Wu handed down the four year sentence to Jerry Boylan, 70, which will be followed by three years supervised probation with the condition that he participate in mental health treatment. A restitution hearing was scheduled for July 11, at which time, or shortly thereafter, Boylan will begin his sentence. Until then, he remains free on a $75,000 bail bond.

STUDENT ADVOCATES LOOM LARGE IN SMMUSD SHIFT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY:

On May 1, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) hosted a "Plugging In" ceremony to commemorate a switch back to 100% renewable energy sourcing, a movement spurred in large part by student activists at Santa Monica High School. On the rooftop of the Samohi Discovery Building, the students were the stars of the show, namely members of Samohi's Team Marine, who were instrumental in the SMMUSD Board of Education approving the transition. Team Marine student captain Maya Williams came to the SMMUSD board in early 2023 with a petition featuring over 800 signatures from students and community members calling on the district to transition back to renewable sources.

CITY SETS UP 'CELEBRATE28 INITIATIVE' IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2028 OLYMPIC GAMES:

The City of Santa Monica has taken the first steps to create what it's calling the "Celebrate28 initiative" by inviting relevant members of City staff, along with key community leaders and business representatives "to play a pivotal role in shaping the trajectory of our city in preparation for this global event." According to the City, there will be a total of nine separate committees and they "will serve as the driving force to define goals, set milestones and determine

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Technology crushing human creativity? Apple's new iPad ad has struck a nerve online

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Associated Press

A newly released ad promoting Apple's new iPad Pro has struck quite a nerve online.

The ad, which was released by the tech giant Tuesday, shows a hydraulic press crushing just about every creative instrument artists and consumers have used over the years — from a piano and record player, to piles of paint, books, cameras and relics of arcade games. Resulting from the destruction? A pristine new iPad Pro.

"The most powerful iPad ever is also the thinnest," a narrator says at the end of the commercial.

Apple's intention seems straightforward: Look at all the things this new product can do. But critics have called it tone-deaf — with several marketing experts noting the campaign's execution didn't land.

"I had a really disturbing reaction to the ad," said Americus Reed II, professor of marketing at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. "I understood conceptually what they were trying to do, but ... I think the way it came across is, here is technology crushing the life of that nostalgic sort of joy (from former times)."

The ad also arrives during a time many feel uncertain or fearful about seeing their work or everyday routines "replaced" by technological advances — particularly amid the rapid commercialization of generative artificial intelligence. And watching beloved items get smashed into oblivion doesn't help curb those fears, Reed and others note.

Several celebrities were also among the voices critical of Apple's "Crush!" commercial on social media this week.

"The destruction of the human experience. Courtesy of Silicon Valley," actor Hugh Grant wrote on the social media platform X, in a repost of Apple CEO Tim Cook's sharing of the ad.

Some found the ad to be a telling metaphor of the industry today — particularly concerns about big tech negatively impacting creatives. Filmmaker Justine Bateman wrote on X that the commercial "crushes the arts."

Experts added that the commercial marked a notable difference to marketing seen from Apple in the past — which has often taken more positive or uplifting approaches.

"My initial thought was that Apple has become exactly what it never wanted to be," Vann Graves, executive director of the Virginia Commonwealth University's Brandcenter, said.

Graves pointed to Apple's famous 1984 ad introducing the Macintosh computer, which he said focused more on uplifting creativity and thinking outside of the box as a unique individual. In contrast, Graves added, "this (new iPad) commercial says, 'No, we're going to take all the creativity in the world and use a hydraulic press to push it down into one device that everyone uses.'"

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In a statement shared with Ad Age on Thursday, Apple apologized for the ad. The outlet also reported that Apple no longer plans to run the spot on TV.

"Creativity is in our DNA at Apple, and it's incredibly important to us to design products that empower creatives all over the world," Tor Myhren, the company's vice president of marketing communications, told Ad Age. "Our goal is to always celebrate the myriad of ways users express themselves and bring their ideas to life through iPad. We missed the mark with this video, and we're sorry."

Cupertino, California-based Apple unveiled its latest generation of iPad Pros and Airs earlier this week in a showcase that lauded new features for both lines. The Pro sports a new thinner design, a new M4 processor for added processing power, slightly upgraded storage and incorporates dual OLED panels for a brighter, crisper display.

Apple is trying to juice demand for iPads after its sales of the tablets plunged 17% from last year during the January-March period. After its 2010 debut helped redefine the tablet market, the iPad has become a minor contributor to Apple's success. It currently accounts for just 6% of the company's sales.

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **61.2**

MONDAY — ***FAIR*** | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

SW swell continues from the weekend as old SSW swell drops further. Not much NW swell energy but there could be enough mix of swells for a few beachbreak corners. Light S/SW wind in the AM but looks manageable.

TUESDAY — ***FAIR*** | **SURF:** 2-3ft Thigh to waist

Partially shadowed SW swell continues as old SSW swell drops out. NW swell energy looks meager but there could be enough mix of swells for the occ. beachbreak corner. Morning winds look light.

Weather

Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 69.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 57.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 67.
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Closure of California federal prison was poorly planned, judge says in ordering further monitoring

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The plan to close a troubled prison in California where female inmates suffered sexual abuse by guards was "ill-conceived," a judge said while ordering close monitoring and care of the incarcerated women who were moved to other federal facilities across the country.

U.S. District Court Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers said in Wednesday's order that last month's decision by the Bureau of Prisons, or BOP, to shut down FCI Dublin "created serious concerns" for the well being of more than 600 women who were transferred out.

The prisons bureau announced April 15 that it would shutter FCI Dublin despite attempts to reform the beleaguered facility after an Associated Press investigation exposed rampant staff-on-inmate abuse. Just 10 days before the closure announcement, the judge took the unprecedented step of appointing a special master to oversee the prison near Oakland.

"Although it had as much time as needed to prepare, BOP's operational plan for closure of FCI Dublin was ill-conceived and, like Swiss cheese, full of holes," the judge wrote Wednesday.

Gonzalez Rogers ordered the bureau to provide a weekly status update for each transfer to the judge, the special master and attorneys for the incarcerated women who are suing the bureau.

In addition, federal officials must submit a monthly staffing report for each prison where the incarcerated women ended up, along with details of the mental health and medical health care the inmates are receiving.

Late last month, members of the Senate Judiciary Committee sent a letter to the BOP expressing concern over claims of a chaotic transfer process during which FCI Dublin inmates on buses and planes didn't receive proper medical care and were reportedly subjected to "mistreatment, harassment, neglect, and abuse while in transit."

Gonzalez Rogers emphasized those concerns and said that "BOP ignored other operational issues" including the proper movement of inmates' property.

The BOP said Thursday that it doesn't comment on matters pending before the court. However the bureau reiterated that its closure plan was carefully considered over months.

"The process involved careful planning and coordination to ensure the safe transfer of women to other facilities, with special attention given to their unique programming, medical, and mental health requirements," the BOP statement said. "We continue to expect that the women's needs are addressed with compassion and respect, providing ongoing support as needed."

Gonzalez Rogers on Wednesday also denied a recent motion filed by the BOP questioning the authority of the special master. The judge scheduled a May 16 hearing on that issue.

A 2021 Associated Press investigation exposed a "rape club" culture at the prison where a pattern of abuse and mismanagement went back years, even decades. The bureau repeatedly promised to improve the culture and environment — but the decision to shutter the facility represented an extraordinary acknowledgment that reform efforts have failed.

COUNCIL

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Other highlights include the annual interdepartmental update on addressing homelessness — and a proclamation declaring a local emergency on homelessness. City Council voted in February of last year to declare the same emergency, but that's set to expire at the end of May and sadly the situation remains, so this is a request to renew it for another year.

Under Discussion Item 16C, Mayor Phil Brock has requested that the City Attorney, City Clerk, and City Manager return with an amendment to the City Council rules to limit the time period for general public input (for example, 20 minutes) and to continue any remaining general public input to the end of the meeting.

Over the last 12 months or so, Public Input, especially on non-agenda items, while impassioned and important to hear, has often resulted in City Council meetings sailing into the early hours of the next morning.

For instance, a staggering total of 33 speakers came forward to speak in the April City Council meeting about the continuing war in Gaza. Most asked that the City Council pass a resolution calling on members of Congress to demand that the City of Santa Monica condemn the conflict taking place some 7,575 miles away and, among other things, call for an immediate and permanent ceasefire.

The City of Santa Monica has no legal authority over international relations, the resolution is a statement of opinion reflecting the Council's priorities. Since other cities in California have in fact done this, those protesting hope that a critical mass of sorts might be achieved and ultimately influence other politicians at higher levels of government.

However, Discussion Item 16 on this week's agenda is a request from Councilmembers Jesse Zwick, Caroline Torosis and Gleam Davis that the City Council adopt a resolution supporting the resumption of a negotiated bilateral ceasefire in Gaza and reiterating the City's condemnation of all antisemitism, anti-Arab racism, Islamophobia and all forms of hate and incitement to violence.

Finally, following the vote during Council's March 19 meeting and the subsequent protest organized at Reed Park in April, Vice Mayor Lana Negrete, Councilmember Christine Parra, and Councilmember Oscar de la Torre are requesting that the City Manager include language in contracts between the City of Santa Monica and the Venice Family Clinic that states, "Agency will not use Human Services Grant Program funds provided under this contract or renewals of this contract for the purpose of syringe distribution/exchange at or around parks and public open spaces."

However, if public input once again dominates the evening, these local issues may have to be rescheduled for another date.

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14,000 gallon sewage spill closes beaches, Santa Monica unaffected so far

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Another day, another sewage spill. This time, approximately 14,400 gallons of untreated sewage poured forth into Ballona Creek and out into Santa Monica Bay. The discharge began sometime Wednesday and ended around noon Thursday, officials have said. However, there is currently no information about exactly how the deluge of doodoo made its way into the ocean.

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials have warned people to stay out of the water and the wet sand from Ballona Creek to one mile north of Venice Beach and one mile south of Dockweiler.

According to their website, "The Department of Public Health will conduct water sampling beginning on May 10th, and the closures will remain in effect until Public Health receives two sampling results indicating that bacterial levels meet health standards."

That said, the Beach Water Quality Advisories are still green as of this morning for the beaches of Santa Monica, with the small exception of the water around Santa Monica Pier, but that has its own unique set of problems.

In April of last year, an estimated 250,000 gallons of sewage spilled into the streets in Downey. The flood of sewage matter flowed into storm drains leading to the Los Angeles River and out into the waters of Long Beach Harbor and San Pedro Bay, prompting beach closures in those communities.

On Tuesday, Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park announced an initiative to clean up the beaches of Venice and during her press conference issued a very pertinent reminder, "Our coastal areas are the repository for the entire region's watershed, which means that trash and debris from across the entire city and up right here at the beach."

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MENTAL HEALTH

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needs. Wiener said that forging strong bonds between students, staff and parents is "baked into the ethos" of McKinley.

"Belonging is crucial for our well-being, (it) impacts our physical, emotional and mental health," Wiener said. "A strong sense of belonging is linked to better well-being, while its absence can contribute to depression and anxiety. Therefore, nurturing belonging is vital for supporting our students (mental health)."

Enrichment activities at McKinley tap into student talents and interests, ranging from theater and visual arts to physical education and student clubs. Clubs, specifically those for 4th and 5th grade students, are taken up by staff volunteers who sponsor meetings tailored to support a "time of self-discovery."

McKinley clubs include a student council, a "green team" where students initiate eco-friendly projects like lunchtime waste sorting and composting, a dance team, the McKinley Times newspaper, the inclusive space "rainbow club," a Dungeons & Dragons club and a mindfulness club. Mindfulness meetings began at McKinley this year, with recess meetings consisting of learning self-regulation strategies that support improved self-esteem and stress management.

"These clubs are just a small part of the tremendous work that McKinley staff, parents and students do to bring a sense of belonging to our community," Wiener added. "They also contribute to the sense of curiosity and empowerment we want our students to feel."

Cultivating connection is one of the most important things one can do for their mental well-being, according to Jewish Family Service LA (JFSLA) Director of Mental Health Services Linda Gingras. JFSLA is one of the most prominent organizations in the area for providing life-improving services in mental health, special needs life skills and battling food insecurity.

"The first piece is to know or to build that feeling that you deserve to connect, and that it's okay to reach out and to give yourself permission to connect (with) what is meaningful to you," Gingras said. "For some people, they connect through volunteer work in organizations, through membership in clubs and (through) other civic activities. For somebody who's really dealing with depression and is already being held down with those feelings, that might be a really big step."

JFSLA's core tenant is to build an "emotional wellness toolbox," focusing on wellness topics like crisis management skills, building community connection and highlighting the idea of enjoyment and play in an adult world where those things may be neglected. Darcy Meehan, a JFSLA client, herself works in the mental health field but needed expansion of her toolbox after the sudden loss of a parent, entering a therapy program with the organization that has made her learn how to "grieve consciously."

Meehan added that conversing with a licensed therapist has helped improve her well-being, feeling like JFSLA was "really present" with her and didn't make her feel like "just being a number."

"Talking about what matters to us, having conversations about core values and empowering people to get really clear on what their core values are is a way to create a really strong foundation for mental health ... the more clear I am about what matters to me, or the kind of ways that I want to live my life, the more life makes sense or I have a sense of empowered control," Meehan said.

To learn more about JFSLA services and mental health awareness, visit jfsla.org.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OFKRISTIE M. MCCLURECASE NO. 24STPB04775To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise beinterested in the will or estate, or both, of KRISTIE M. MCCLUREA PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by MORGAN A. MCCLURE in the Superior Court ofCalifornia, County of LOS ANGELES. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that MORGAN A. MCCLURE be appointed aspersonal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administrationof Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions withoutobtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personalrepresentative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waivednotice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will begranted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause whythe court should not grant the authority.A HEARING on the petition will be held on MAY 31, 2024 at 8:30 A.M. in Dept.: "5" located at:111 N. Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA Central DistrictIF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state yourobjections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be inperson or by your attorney.IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claimwith the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within thelater of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personalrepresentative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days fromthe date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the CaliforniaProbate Code. OTHER CALIFORNIA statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You maywant to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, youmay file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of aninventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in ProbateCode section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.ALISHA J. WALKER, SB# 283350Attorney for PetitionerTHE LAW OFFICE OF ALISHA J. WALKER4326 Atlantic AvenueLong Beach, CA 90807PNSB# 107413Published in: Santa Monica Daily PressPub Dates: May, 7, 8, 14, 2024

Name Change

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. 24SMCP00194 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of Duane Yoichi Kumagae for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: Duane Yoichi Kumagae a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: Duane Yoichi Kumagae to Duane Kumagai The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date 06/07/2024 Time: 8:30 a.m, Dept: K Room: - The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA - COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES Santa Monica Courthouse 1725 Main St Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press.

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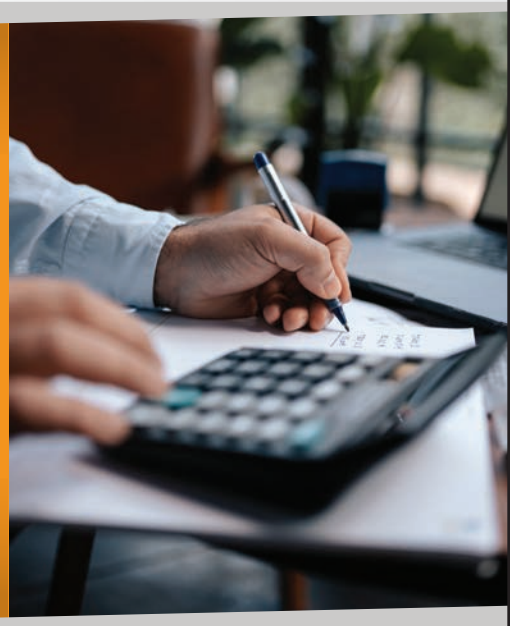


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California's budget deficit is likely growing, complicating Gov. Gavin Newsom's plans

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Associated Press

California Gov. Gavin Newsom will update his budget proposal on Friday, and the news likely won't be good.

Newsom, in his last term as governor and widely seen as a future presidential candidate, announced a nearly $38 billion deficit in January, driven by declining revenues. Days later, the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office said the deficit was actually $58 billion when including some reductions in public education spending.

> We still have a shortfall. We will manage it and we'll manage it, yes, without general tax increases
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> - Gavin Newsom, California Gov.

State officials needed a big rebound in tax collections to improve things, but it hasn't happened. Through the end of April, state tax collections from its three biggest sources — personal income, corporations and sales — dropped more than $6 billion below the previous estimate.

That means the deficit has likely gotten larger, and Newsom will have to propose more ways to fix it. This is the second year in a row California has had a deficit, and so far the state has avoided the most painful cuts to major ongoing programs and services. Instead, Newsom and lawmakers have slashed one-time spending, delayed other spending and borrowed from other accounts.

A bigger deficit could force tougher choices. In January, Newsom floated the possibility of delaying a minimum wage increase for health care workers that Newsom signed into law to much fanfare just last year.

"We still have a shortfall. We will manage it and we'll manage it, yes, without general tax increases," Newsom said on Wednesday during an event held by the California Chamber of Commerce. "We're not just going to try to solve for this year. I want to solve for next year. I think it's too important. We have got to be more disciplined."

State budgeting is a guessing game, particularly in California, where a progressive tax system means the state gets the bulk of its tax collections from rich people.

About half of the state's income tax collections came from just 1% of the population in 2021. This makes the state more vulnerable to swings in the stock market.

If lawmakers and Newsom get revenue projections wrong and the state takes in less than they thought, there's a shortfall. And unlike the federal government, the California Constitution requires the state to have a balanced budget.

Last year, their predictions were way off after a series of destructive storms in January 2023 prompted lengthy delays in tax filing deadlines.

Instead of filing their taxes in April, most Californians could wait until November. Lawmakers still had to pass a budget by June, despite not knowing how much money they had.

This January, Newsom said the state's revenues for 2022-23 to 2024-25 have been coming in $42.9 billion lower than they estimated.

Newsom and lawmakers have already agreed to about $17 billion in reductions and deferrals to reduce the deficit. Plus, Newsom has said he wants to take $13 billion from the state's various savings accounts to help balance the budget.

But these won't close the gap, and California appears headed toward more deficits in the future.

Corporate tax collections are down 15% from last year, the fourth largest drop in the past 40 years, according to the LAO. And while income taxes are growing thanks to a 20% increase in the stock market since October that's driving an increase of 8% in total income tax collections this year, the LAO said growth is unlikely to continue. That's because the broader state economy has not improved — the unemployment rate has risen and investments in California businesses have declined.

After Newsom reveals his proposal on Friday, state lawmakers will have until June 15 to pass a balanced budget. The new fiscal year begins July 1.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

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1660 7th St, Santa Monica, CA 90401
Metered parking on 6th Street

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Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's bidding website at: https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/santa-monica-ca. The Contractor is required to have an **Class A/B or C-15** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

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resource needs essential for Santa Monica's successful participation in the LA28 Olympics."

WESTSIDE CELEBRATES MEXICAN HERITAGE DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND:

All of the Westside came together to celebrate Mexican culture, heritage and freedom during various Cinco de Mayo events during the holidays weekend. In Santa Monica, local points of interest like the Third Street Promenade and Pier were packed out, with a special Mariachi performance at the Promenade bringing a large crowd. In Venice, the streets and beach were taken over by the vibrant Mexican car culture, with a Saturday street festival adjacent to Oakwood Recreation Center featuring low-riders along with musical entertainment and food trucks. On Cinco de Mayo itself, the Venice Beach boardwalk was taken over by a special Car Show, featuring the likes of 310 Riders Car Club and United Riderz Los Angeles.

BARNES & NOBLE SET FOR SUMMER 2024 OPENING, BUT DIN TAI FUNG COULD BE 2025:

Both the eagerly-awaited Din Tai Fung restaurant and the Barnes & Noble bookstore are still on course to open outlets in Downtown Santa Monica. According to local officials, Din Tai Fung received its building permit in mid-April and pre-construction work is underway for an opening date by January 2025. Barnes & Noble is still on track to open in 2024, hopefully by the end of June or beginning pf July, according to Barnes & Noble, Inc. Senior Director of Planning and Design Janine Flanigan, Sr. While not as big as the Barnes & Noble store in The Grove, there are plans to hold book signings and other special events, but ones that are more suitable to the slightly smaller store footprint.

HOMELESS MAN ARRESTED AFTER THREATS AGAINST TOURIST AND LEGION PATROLMAN:

A section of the northbound lane of Ocean Avenue, opposite the Santa Monica Pier entrance, was shut down for approximately 45 minutes on May 7 as officers from the Santa Monica Police Department reacted swiftly to a homeless man acting in a severely irrational and threatening manner. According to a witness, at about 11 a.m., while on the monthly Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. (DTSM) safety walk, the team consisting of DTSM Operations personnel, Legion Security, DTSM Outreach and members of the police department encountered an individual exhibiting anti-social behavior. According to the witness, when the team engaged the individual, he became agitated and threatening, picking up a knife and saying he was willing to kill members of the team. After a standoff, police took the individual down and into custody. The subject was being charged under California Penal Code 422 for threats against the security officer and outreach personnel.

TOURISM SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AMID POST-PANDEMIC RECOVERY:

On May 2, local leaders gathered at Hotel Casa Del Mar for the 15th annual Santa Monica Travel & Tourism Summit, featuring an unveiling of the 2023 Tourism Economic and Fiscal Impact summary report for the city. In 2023, Santa Monica had 4,637,700 visitors, which was a 12.8% decrease from the 2022 total of 5,320,500. While this also meant total visitor days were down from 2022, a 9% decrease, the average length of visitor stay was up from 1.4 days in 2022 to 1.46 days in 2023. International visitors, called a "silver lining" due to longer stays and spending more money in town, did just that as the 1.12 million visitors spent $366.6 million, up over 11% from 2022.



Photo by Thomas Leffler

PLUGGING IN: The students of Samohi's Team Marine celebrated Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's transition to 100% renewable energy sources during a "Plugging In" ceremony at the Samohi Discovery Building.

SQA CEREMONY HONORS ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP AMONGST BUSINESS COMMUNITY:

Local business achievements in environmental stewardship, social responsibility and economic development were celebrated during the 2024 Sustainable Quality Awards (SQA) ceremony held at the Annenberg Community Beach House. SQA winners were announced in April, honoring six businesses in all, with Sustainable Works Co-Executive Director Susy Borlido stating that past and present winners have done everything from facility retrofits and purchasing changes to switches to energy-efficient equipment and taking advantage of available city green rebate programs. The Grand Prize Winner for 2024 was clothing store Patagonia Santa Monica.

SMC, CHAMBER CONTINUE BOLD TALENT PROGRAM WITH BIOTECH, CLOUD COMPUTING FOCUSES:

On April 26, Santa Monica College (SMC) and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce furthered its Chamber Talent Connect program, which builds partnerships for SMC students and Santa Monica businesses, but hosting an event focused on the biotechnology industry. The following week, the program focused on the sector of cloud computing, data science and artificial intelligence. At the biotechnology event, hosted at the Kite Gilead campus adjacent to Bergamot Station Arts Center, Kite and SMC faculty discussed opportunities for SMC students in the ambitious industry, including a chance to engage with Kite's revolutionary cell therapy aimed to treat and potentially cure cancer. The cloud computing, data science and artificial intelligence event on May 3 was held on SMC's main campus and featured speakers along with workshops for interested students.

LA CITY COUNCILWOMAN TRACI PARK ANNOUNCES NEW HOMELESS SERVICES AND BEACH CLEAN UP IN VENICE:

Los Angeles City Councilwoman Traci Park was joined by officials from the Bureau of Sanitation, Recreation and Parks, Los Angeles Police Department and community leaders the morning of May 7 to announce a new initiative to help the homeless and clean up the beaches. Park previously secured funding for a Care Plus team dedicated to the Los Angeles coastal area, and announced the first Care Plus operation in Venice, a team consisting of six individuals, a truck operator and environmental compliance inspectors. The team will be removing large solid waste and debris two days a week, with a goal to eventually expand up to five days a week.

YOUNG ADULT NOVEL POPULARITY CONTINUES TO SOAR AT FESTIVAL:

The popularity of young adult and teenage-focused novels has continued to persist, as local youth filled the campus of Santa Monica High School this month to meet their favorite authors. Over 50 authors in a plethora of genres signed books for excited fans and took part in panels discussing their works for the tenth anniversary of the Yallwest book festival. The festival was an extension of the Yallfest event that began in Charleston, South Carolina in 2011, and Yallwest was co-founded by authors Margaret Stohl and Melissa de la Cruz.

OPERA ICON'S RETURN TO BROADSTAGE A FAMILY AFFAIR:

A world-traveled legend of operatic singing, mezzo-soprano Elīna Garanča's return to Santa Monica was a special one for herself and her family. On May 10, Garanča came back to the BroadStage as part of the Celebrity Opera Recital Series, a family affair as she was accompanied by an orchestra led by her husband, esteemed British conductor Karel Mark Chichon. An audience favorite at BroadStage, Garanča and Chichon's trip was the first time bringing their two daughters to the Los Angeles area. Garanča has received global recognition from audiences, appearing regularly at iconic stages like the Metropolitan Opera House and Carnegie Hall in New York City, Wigmore Hall in London and Deutsche Oper Berlin in Germany.

AMBITIOUS MODULAR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AIMS TO SUPPORT TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH:

On April 26, Community Corporation of Santa Monica broke ground on the city's latest 100% affordable housing development, titled Berkeley Station, located at 1342 Berkeley St. Consisting of 13 one-bedroom apartments and using a modular form of construction, the partnership between Community Corporation and city officials aims to support transition-age youth. Community Corporation had the property purchased years ago, primarily for parking lot use for the adjacent Big Berkeley affordable housing project.

SANTA MONICA ANIMAL SHELTER TO HOLD THIRD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DAY OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

The Santa Monica Animal Shelter will hold its third annual open house fundraiser on Saturday, June 1, to raise money to help cover the cost of veterinary care, medical attention and food for hungry animals. During the event, residents will be able to tour the facility and meet animals waiting to be adopted. For a small donation, you could win prizes in a raffle, including gift certificates and gift baskets from many local businesses. Silent auction prizes include a ride on a Santa Monica Harbor Patrol rescue boat or an educational experience with the Santa Monica Police Forensics Department.

SMC BREAKS GROUND ON FIRST MICROFOREST AT U.S. COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

Last month, Santa Monica College in collaboration with the City of Santa Monica and the Malibu Foundation unveiled a microforest on its main campus, becoming the first community college in the nation to have such a space. The 400 square foot space acts as an indigenous forest using native plantlife, acting as a self-sustaining ecosystem with a plethora of environmental benefits. The benefits also extend to SMC students, as the college's biology pathway will have students from two different classes continually visiting the microforest to measure things like plant growth and soil development.

RENT CONTROL BOARD CHAIR ERICKA LESLEY ANNOUNCES RUN FOR CITY COUNCIL:

Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. board member and Chair of Santa Monica's Rent Control Board, Ericka Lesley has officially declared her candidacy for a seat on City Council. Four seats will be up for election in November, all currently occupied by incumbents, namely Gleam Davis, Phil Brock, Oscar de la Torre and Christine Parra. Lesley is the second person to publicly announce an intent to run, but the formal paperwork to become a candidate won't be available for several months.

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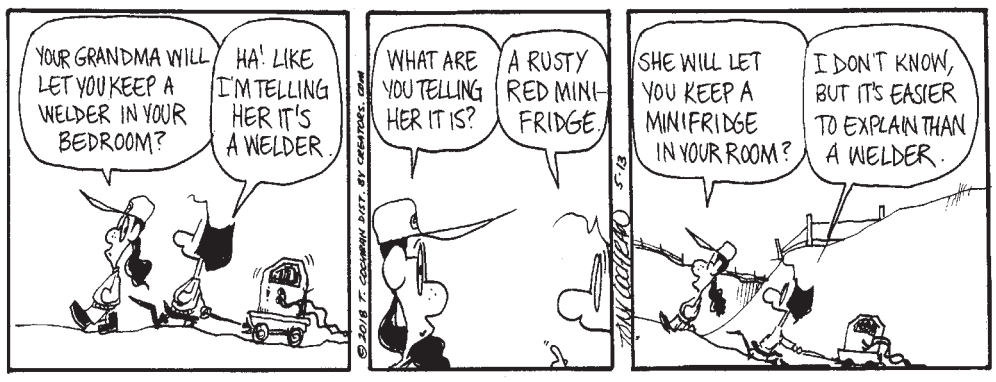
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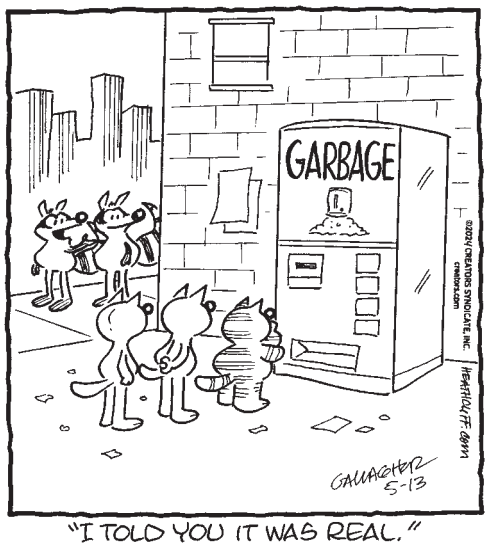
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By JOHN DEERING



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

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Late for work again

N	L	A	V	I	R	R	A	S	E	R	A	F	M	E
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S	C	O	O	T	E	R	P	O	L	I	C	E	Y	S
S	L	E	E	P	Y	T	S	B	O	S	S	L	O	W

Alarm	Gesticulate	Race	Soap
Arrival	Grumpy	Radio	Stop
Bike	Haste	Rise	Suit
Boss	Hold-up	Roadwork	Taxis
Chair	Ills	Runs	Tears
Crowded	In bed	Rush	Television
Dark	Ironing	Scooter	Trucks
Desk	Money	Shave	Turn
Dinner	Motor	Shoes	Type
Drink	News	Sleepy	Urgent
Eggs	Overcoat	Slow	Wake
Fares	Police	Snooze	Walk

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 13)

Though you continue to show up with persistent positivity and unwavering support for what and whom you love, it's wild moments of following through on wild instinct that define the successes of your year. More highlights: a big career break, new personal interests, and the luck of someone close is the start of a huge winning streak for you. Pisces and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 1, 19, 11 and 24.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you let external circumstances interfere with your plans, there's no end to what could deter you. Few things are significant enough to get in the way of your original intent, so you'll carry on regardless of mood, means or weather.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Deliberate thoughts boost your attitude. For instance: "I am new in this moment," and "I am free to make fresh choices." Others will notice the personal work you do as much as they would if you changed your hairstyle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you need to do is not difficult, but getting in the habit of doing it takes work. Start small. Trick yourself by adding new habits onto existing ones. An inspiring someone can help you make the shift.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To avoid underestimating your abilities, widen your perspective to include all that humans can achieve. With focused effort, you'll see improvement that will surprise you. Play to your strengths and watch your situation transform.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sentimentality often gets a bad rap, but you'll indulge in the tone without reservation or apology, and it will be a pleasure to revisit your past with warmth and nostalgia.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your mood is so agreeable you could very well realize exactly what it is you've agreed to do right at the moment it's too late to back out. When in doubt, don't commit yourself. Say yes only when every part of you wants to do it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Once upon a time, the answers were blowing in the wind, and now they could also be in other places, like populating in a search engine or trending on Threads or overheard at the gym. Just to be safe, wherever you are, listen up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your refined manner will make your love seem like a rare and wonderful treasure, which of course it is, though they don't always read it as such when it comes in more commonplace containers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll sharpen your skills even when you think there's no apparent need of it. When the time comes, you'll be ready. By fixing one thing tonight, you just might fix everything.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't need constant challenges or hard trials to let you know you can count on yourself, but you enjoy knowing that you can handle whatever comes. You're tough, resilient and getting better all the time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A mystery will pull you forward through the action of the day. One clue leads to another. You may not solve this one - only because it may not be solvable - but you'll learn something valuable as you try.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Humans lie. It's part of how they get on in life. Sometimes it's called pretending. Sometimes it's called fashion or filters. Sometimes it's called spin. You'll stick close to your moral center and still change things around to fit the situation.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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

Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

3	6	7	8	9	2	4	5	1
5	9	2	4	7	1	3	6	8
8	1	4	5	6	3	9	7	2
2	7	6	1	8	4	5	3	9
4	5	3	6	2	9	8	1	7
9	8	1	3	5	7	6	2	4
1	3	9	2	4	6	7	8	5
7	2	5	9	3	8	1	4	6
6	4	8	7	1	5	2	9	3

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Newsday Crossword

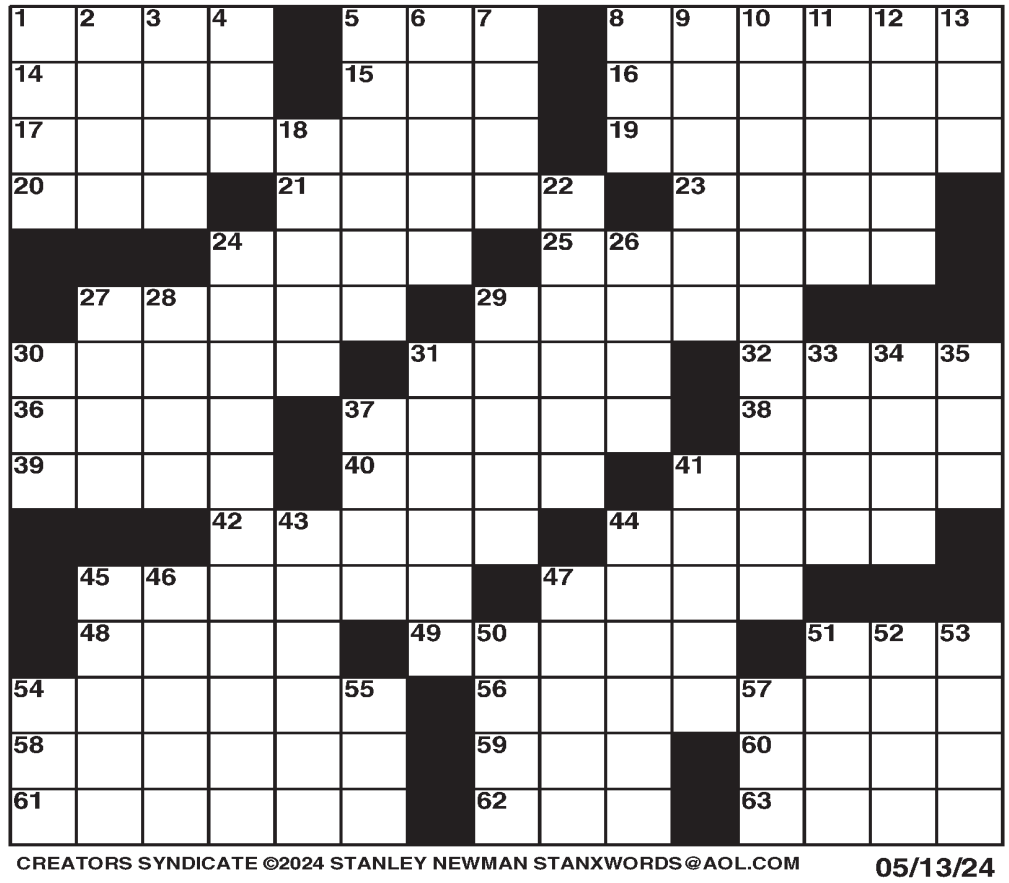
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ACROSS

1 Start to shed tears
5 Temporary craze
8 Declare with confidence
14 Apex
15 Sense of self
16 Appliances with burners
17 Rooftop tiles
19 Capital of Montana
20 Stew-cooking vessel
21 Read between the __
23 __ and rave (show anger)
24 Desire to have
25 Warning signals
27 The things here
29 Spherical ice cream utensil
30 Operatic solos
31 Organs for listening
32 Any assistant
36 Corrode, as iron
37 Shouts out
38 Person, place, or thing
39 Mosquito net material
40 Had in your hand
41 Did some stitching
42 Long heroic stories
44 Book of maps
45 Book with a movie's lines
47 Metallic rocks
48 Bat's underground home
49 Burn slightly
51 Space aliens: Abbr.
54 Yellow songbird
56 Rooftop window
58 Strut like a steed
59 Slippery as an __
60 Water, in Spanish
61 Snoozing
62 What a contact lens covers
63 Fond of snooping

DOWN

1 Insect that stings
2 Bounce back, as a sound
3 Give off, as heat
4 Writing utensil
5 Tiger or jaguar
6 Actor's negotiator
7 Amount of medicine to take
8 Fireplace residue
9 Two-speaker sound system
10 Rooftop energy sources
11 Any noteworthy occasion
12 Payments to landlords
13 Airport screening group: Abbr.
18 Windshield material
22 Holy
24 Rooftop wind-direction device
26 At a __ for words (speechless)
27 Factually correct
28 Snake's sound
29 Starts a sea voyage
30 Shirtsleeve insert
31 Builds, as a building
33 Des Moines' state
34 Club membership fees
35 Conclusion
37 Poker table token
41 "Stainless" metal
43 Make a hole in
44 Diamond-shaped sock pattern
45 Lasting marks
46 Artificial waterway
47 Musically accurate
50 "It makes sense now"
51 Frozen waffle brand
52 Therefore
53 Hang around
54 Tax law expert: Abbr.
55 Informal okay
57 Fleming who created James Bond



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RTS

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Morris landing the role with help from Santa Monica-based Ready to Succeed LA.

Ready to Succeed (RTS), the organization dedicated to assisting foster youth and first-generation college students unlock their potential, matched former foster youth Morris with a dedicated career advisor and interview coach to prepare her for the colorful world of DreamWorks.

"I talked with them and just expressed my desire to really be in the entertainment industry, and then that's where we worked together and they taught me how to talk about my previous work experience (and) highlight my skills," Morris said. "I did a ton of mock interviews to prepare for the DreamWorks internship.

Ready to Succeed co-founders Romi Lassally and Patrick McCabe both came from the entertainment world, and have worked diligently to secure internship programs at heavy-hitters like Disney, NBC Universal, Sony Pictures, HBO, Warner Brothers and DreamWorks. The company also recently forged a partnership with AEG Worldwide, a global leader in sports, music and events.

"Given that the entertainment industry is one of the biggest employers in LA, (it) made sense that we would focus there both for our creative scholars and also for the non-creatives, since again, they're one of the biggest (sources of) employment and internship opportunities in the area," Ready to Succeed Director of Opportunities and Volunteers Lucy Cherkasets said.

DreamWorks roles for RTS scholars range from animation-related spots to positions in human relations. Morris expressed her desire for the creative space, but needed some help calming her nerves after receiving the internship.

"I thought it was gonna be like the movies where everything's really dark and scary and you're running around (getting) coffee," Morris said. "And then it turns out, it's not like the movies, so I had a really fun and great experience."

Starting her internship in the spring of 2023, Morris became the only intern that season to work on two productions, the aforementioned "Dragon Knight" as well as another animated project, "Gabby's Dollhouse." Her roles included managing daily episodic shot shipments from external partner studios, taking notes during creative meetings, updating internal files and finding information for other team members.

Morris took on a larger project as well, tasked with having to get asset designs cleared with DreamWorks' legal department.

"I was expecting to maybe not get to do as much (hands-on) work, but DreamWorks has a really great learning structure where they allow you to be really immersed in what you do," Morris added.

After a successful spring session, DreamWorks called Morris back for a second 10-week internship, this time focused on the adventure-horror-comedy mashup show "Curses!" Cherkasets noted that extensions after a first internship is "very rare" and "the biggest compliment and acknowledgment for the scholar."

"I don't think anyone has ever said to her yes, you can, and she was already so highly skilled and talented, and it just took making the connection," Cherkasets said. "She did the rest of the work."

Through her two sessions, Morris said she learned a bevy of skills needed for her continued exploits in the industry, including time management handling "multiple, high-priority tasks" at the same time, which is a key attribute working in productions with "a lot of moving parts." She also picked up tricks of the trade from studio employees during coffee chats, saying that they "loved talking to the interns."

"The main thing that I learned was (that) people just want to have real conversations," Morris said. (It's) just really nice to just talk to people who are nice, and just nice to be around, and so that made it really fun to naturally talk to people and hear about their story, because that helps me learn."

The Ready to Succeed team kept up the chats as well, continuing to provide advice on how to handle each crucial situation. A DreamWorks representative told the Daily Press that while the "partnership with RTS is relatively young, our hope is to deepen (our) partnership to convert interns coming from RTS into employees."

"RTS plays a huge role in preparing scholars for internships because you can't just show up, you have to show up with support … how do you show up? How do you network? How do you meet people? … I think both scholars and employers find (those answers) really valuable," Cherkasets said.

Morris was thankful for the advice, and has some of her own for other RTS scholars following her path, saying she now sees "the ladder of how to get" to a prominent spot in the industry.

"I would tell (scholars) to always prepare, always remain prepared for potential opportunities awaiting you, because you can't control when an opportunity will come by, but you can control whether or not you're prepared to take it once it does show up … if you want to help yourself and you really strive, other people will see that and want to support you," Morris said.

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READY TO SUCCEED: The scholars of Ready to Succeed LA recently took a field trip to DreamWorks to learn more about internship opportunities.



MONDAY | MAY 13

LANDMARKS COMMISSION

Established in 1975, the mission of the Landmarks Commission is "To protect improvements and areas which represent the City's cultural, social, economic, political and architectural history; safeguard the City's historic, aesthetic and cultural heritage; and promote the use of landmarks and historic districts for the education, pleasure and welfare of the people." Meeting begins at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

TUESDAY | MAY 14

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Virginia Avenue Park, in partnership with Providence St. John's Community Health Program, resumes Social Service Assistance from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Help with facility nutrition and health care access from trained community health workers. The trained Providence St. John's staff can assist with enrollment in CalFresh, the state of California's food subsidy program created to improve the nutrition of families through access to healthy foods. Staff can also help navigate enrollment or questions for MediCal or Medicare. If you have questions about whether you qualify for benefits or if you need help completing enrollment forms, you can make an appointment by calling 310-458-8688. Drop-ins are also welcome.

EMPOWERING PARENTHOOD

Part of a free Family Constellation Workshop series presented by SMMUSD teacher Aileen Salmaggi, parents will explore hidden family dynamics and understand how they shape their parenting. Through guided exercises, participants can gain insights into generational patterns and challenges, ultimately empowering them to create a more positive and nurturing family environment. The third workshop on the topic of "Belonging" will take place at The Annex at Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave., beginning at 5:30 p.m.

FREE PLASTIC INTERVENTION WORKOUT

Cleancult, a next-generation eco-warrior home and personal care brand cutting 90% of single-use plastic from cleaning rituals, invites you to its inaguaral Plastic Intervention Ambassador event, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at RA MA Institute, 1729 21st St. Join or a holistic workout with Karly Treacy, the founder of the KT method, and come together to commit to eliminating plastic waste from cleaning rituals for good. No ceremonial robes or secret handshakes required, just your yoga mat. Spots are limited, RSVP at jointhe.cleancult.com.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The Santa Monica City Council is made up of seven members elected at-large for staggered four-year terms. Every two years, after each election, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor and another to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore. The City Council also sits as the following bodies for the City of Santa Monica: Housing Authority, Parking Authority, Public Financing, Redevelopment Successor Agency and Audit Subcommittee. Meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers of Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

WEDNESDAY | MAY 15

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET

The largest grower-only Certified Farmers Market in Southern California and a favorite for local chefs. Enjoy Santa Monica's downtown farmers market from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. between 4th St. and Ocean Ave. Widely considered to be among the best on the west coast and featuring field-fresh produce, hundreds of kinds of vegetables, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheese, delicious foods, live music and more.

SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT

Elevate your business at Money Mindset with the 2024 Small Business Summit Series, an immersive experience that unites small business owners with experts, advice and connections to turn your dreams into reality. Whether you're aiming to expand, secure funding, boost your brand or conquer the digital landscape, this series equips you with the strategies for your business journey. Experience a half-day dedicated to empowering your business vision and profitable strategies, all while gaining clarity and fostering a money mindset. Begins at 12 p.m. at Snapchat Santa Monica, 3250 Ocean Park Blvd. Tickets $49. For more, visit: https://helloalice.com/events/may-santa-monica/.

FREE WALK-IN LEGAL CLINIC

Santa Monica residents can meet one-on-one with a lawyer from Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles to help with housing issues. Runs from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park's Park Center, 2200 Virginia Ave. Immediate assistance is available by calling LAFLA directly at 800-399-4529 or visit lafla.org/gethelp.

THURSDAY | MAY 16

LOCALS NIGHT

Join the Santa Monica Pier from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. as the Pier will be rolling out the red carpet for Santa Monicans for a curated series for locals, by locals. Gather your friends and family and head down to the Pier for entertainment including youth activities, a car show, local DJs and live music from local bands. This month's music performances include Plow Posture, Cycotic Youth and Strawberry Fuzz. Other activities include the Rick Crocker 5K Challenge, the John Adams Middle School/Santa Monica Alternative School House musical performance of "Mean Girls Jr.," and a professional volleyball showcase.

BRING BACK THE BEACH GALA

A fundraising benefit for Heal the Bay, the exclusive Bring Back the Beach Gala event welcomes hundreds of leaders from the business, political, entertainment and environmental communities. Event includes cocktails, dinner, a silent auction, a live auction, award presentations and entertainment. This year, the gala will feature music by international musician and ocean conservationist Samuel J for a very special live concert and DJ set. Begins at 5:30 p.m. at Jonathan Beach Club, 850 Palisades Beach Rd. Attire is beach/cocktail/chic, part of the event will be on the sand so consider shoe choice. To get tickets, visit: https://healthebay.org/event/join-us-at-the-bring-back-the-beach-gala-2024/.

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