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Following recent office burglaries, suspect attempts to set fire to SMDP office building

Matthew Hall

SUSPECT: The suspect was seen setting a fire in the building's doorway and walked into Palisades Park.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A homeless man tried to set fire to the SMDP building on Monday and the suspect remained on the loose at press time.

The incident occured just days after the building was burglarized and follows a recent squatting incident at the adjacent property.

Monday's incident began at about 9 a.m. when SMDP employees saw a man approach the building from the south end of the 1600 block of 5th Street. The suspect appeared to be trying to enter the property and when employees went to contact building security, they saw the suspect crouching at the corner of the front door trying to ignite debris. SMDP employees saw the suspect holding a piece of flaming trash and exited the building to confront the suspect who threw the

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SaMoTech continues supernova ascent to top of robotics field

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

In just 18 months, a troupe of tech-savvy students in the Santa Monica community have turned a small backyard playground into a regional leader in autonomous robotics.

This past month, the SaMoTech Robotics team in partnership with local middle school squad CyberDragons, once again went far in the SoCal Regional Championship of the FIRST Tech Challenge. In a competition where each team is challenged to design, build, program and operate robots in head-to-head challenges, the two teams lost in a double tie-breaker in the Regional Semifinals.

"When we started the team … our goal was just to qualify for Regionals, but now, after coming so close to winning the whole competition - our goal next season is to represent California at the World Championship," said SaMoTech Assistant Coach Robert Kirbyson of the competition.

Even with the loss, the SaMoTech and CyberDragons have continued to take major strides in building a mechanical powerhouse. The CyberDragons began as the official team of John Adams Middle School in 2015, originally funded primarily by the California Department of Education Science Magnet program. Coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic, CyberDragons alumni moved onto Santa Monica High School, wanting to have their own robotics team.

An initial attempt to create a team under the official Samohi banner was unsuccessful, leading to the

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Next generation brainstorms sustainability, climate change with local groups

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

For high school students, a Sunday morning is typically a subdued one, whether that be sleeping off a night out with friends or attending church services with family. One group of student activists, however, shook off the passive weekend morning to share ideas of the future they want to see.

At the New Roads School, Sunday was a brainstorm and resource-gathering session for the environmental crusaders of the future, as the school hosted a NextGen Climate Summit spearheaded by the local nonprofit Sustainable Works. A host of local environmental organizations joined the department in offering information to students, screening student films on climate topics and recording testimonials about student views on climate change.

"This is something that (we) wanted to put together because (we're) trying to get student voices in with the City of Santa Monica to make decisions, so (we) said let's do a summit (where) we can get students there, we can find out students that would be interested in participating in (the city) becoming more sustainable from a younger generation's point of view," said Sustainable Works Co-Executive Director Gina Garcia of the event.

Along with Sustainable Works, participating organizations included Climate Action Santa Monica, Heal the Bay and The Climate Reality Project. Climate Action Santa

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Samohi stars set for baseball, softball playoffs

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SAMOHI: Bobby Munoz (#8) and the Samohi Vikings baseball squad are ready for their first playoff contest since 2019 on Friday.

THOMAS LEFFLER
SMDP Staff Writer

The best of the diamond at Samohi will be tested this week, as the Vikings baseball and softball squads enter the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Southern Section playoffs.

First up will be the Lady Vikings softball unit, which made the CIF-SS Division 4 playoff field after missing out on the postseason in 2023. The 15-11-1 Lady Vikings finished fourth in the Bay League standings and will head on the road to face the Santa Paula Cardinals (12-5) Thursday at 3:15 p.m.

Six members of the 2024 Lady Vikings were part of the 2022 run to the CIF-SS quarterfinals, including junior Drew Vudmaska, who has served as the squad's pitcher all season long while also delivering at the plate. Vudmaska led the Bay League in pitching wins (12) while also pacing the league in runs batted in (22), showcasing her dual-threat abilities.

Also a part of the 2022 squad making another crack at the playoffs are Cienna Burgos, Talia Yermian, Jasmine Arana, Debbie Amezquita and Avey Thompson. Yermian tied for the team-high in hits (21) this season with Sakura Krohn, and also led the Lady Vikings in on-base percentage (.467). The balanced Samohi lineup also had four players record 20 or more hits (Krohn, Yermian, Vudmaska and Bella Myers), while Amezquita led all regular lineup players in batting average (.333).

Vudmaska has a tough task ahead of her Thursday, as the Lady Vikings' opponent boasts a lineup that has brought in over eight runs per contest. The Santa Paula lineup has five batters hitting .450 or better, including the duo of Angie Aguilera (.569) and Ali Espinosa (.521). Aguilera's slugging percentage of 1.490 is 16th in the state of California, according to MaxPreps.

The Vikings baseball unit will follow the Lady Vikings on Friday, also heading on the road to face Nogales at 3:15 p.m. This year has been the best regular season finish for the Vikings (17-7) since a 20-9 record in 2015, with 2024 being the first Vikings squad with a winning record since that season.

Making the playoffs for the first time since 2019, the Vikings have been paced offensively by three regular lineup performers hitting over .300, the junior trio of Brady Satinover, Blue Hunter and Isaac Liberman. Satinover led the Vikings with 24 hits, 18 runs and 13 stolen bases, while another junior, Jackson Myrow, paced the team in runs batted in (9).

Complementing the Vikings at the plate has been a spectacular year on the mound for senior Jackson Klein. Klein's statistical performance puts him with the top pitchers in all of California, with his win total (8), earned run average (0.44) and strikeout total (90) all ranking in the state's top 40, according to MaxPreps. Klein was also just one of 33 pitchers in the entire nation to record two no-hitters, accomplished Feb. 24 against Hamilton and March 1 against Grace.

Nogales enters the matchup against the Vikings with a 10-11 record on the season, entering the playoff field by going 6-2 in the Montview League. The Nobles have five regular contributors hitting .321 or better, including senior Ivan Flores who hit for a sparkling .535 average in 2024.

SPORTS SCORES:
SANTA MONICA BASEBALL:
Tuesday, April 23:
Vikings vs Culver City
Culver City win 2-0
Batting:
Jacob Myrow (Senior): 0-3. Sage Douglass (Senior): 0-3, 2 K. Bobby Munoz (Senior): 1-2, K. Spencer Levin (Senior): 0-2, K. Blue Hunter (Junior): 0-3, 3 K. Isaac Liberman (Junior): 0-3, K. Jackson Myrow (Junior): 1-3, 2B. Brady Satinover (Junior): 0-3, 2 K. Manny Lares (Junior): 0-2, K
Pitching:
Eddie Jennings: 6.0 IP, L, 5 H, 2 R, 1 BB, 4 K, 0.00 ERA. Aaron Heirigs (Sophomore): 1.0

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Study says California's 2023 snowy rescue from megadrought was a freak event. Don't get used to it

BRITTANY PETERSON AND SETH BORENSTEIN
Associated Press

Last year's snow deluge in California, which quickly erased a two decade long megadrought, was essentially a once-in-a-lifetime rescue from above, a new study found.

Don't get used to it because with climate change the 2023 California snow bonanza —a record for snow on the ground on April 1 — will be less likely in the future, said the study in Monday's journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The study authors coined the term "snow deluge" for one-in-20-year heavy snowfalls, when it's cold and wet enough to maintain a deep snowpack through April 1. But even among these rare snow deluges, last year's stood out as the snowiest, edging out 1922 in snow water equivalent, said study lead author Adrienne Marshall, a hydrologist at the Colorado School of Mines.

It's timing couldn't be better. Last year's snow came after a megadrought that started around the turn of the century and was one of the worst in more than 1,000 years. That drought is gone now.

"We shouldn't count on these big snow years coming every couple of years to bail us out," Marshall said.

Looking at different scenarios of emissions of heat-trapping gases in the future, she said it would be "increasingly rare" for most people alive now to see snow like this in California in the future. Her team's calculations show that these 1-in-20 year deluges will be 58% smaller by the end of this century compared to recent decades, with even just moderate climate change.

UCLA climate scientist Daniel Swain, who wasn't part of the study but specializes in weather in the U.S. West, said, "I would not be surprised if 2023 was the coldest, snowiest winter for the rest of my own lifetime in California."

And given climate change it's even more of a sure thing that winter was likely the coldest that most Californians will experience in the rest of their lives, Swain said.

The snow deluges came from repeated atmospheric rives, said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center, who was not part of the research.

"California is no stranger to atmospheric rivers, but having so many was pretty bizarre," Serreze said. "Maybe we are moving back to a wetter regime, but even if we are, there is simply not enough water go around anymore. And as the climate warms, the snowpack will keep shrinking, making it harder and harder to manage the water resources."

California snowpack meets on average just 30% of the state's water needs - the rest is mostly imported or pumped from the ground. This year's April 1 snowpack was the second consecutive year of above average accumulation.

> "We shouldn't count on these big snow years coming every couple of years to bail us out"
> - Adrienne Marshall

Residents and especially officials negotiating water rights, a contentious issue in the West, have to keep snow droughts in their memory even if California is flush from last year's "gift" of a snow deluge, Marshall said.

Her team focused on snow rather than all types of precipitation. That's because a rainy winter doesn't help bank as much water for California's hot dry summers.

"Dams and reservoirs have kind of long been environmentally contentious in California and elsewhere, and we have this massive natural reservoir in the mountains, and that's snowpack," Marshall said. "So when water falls as snow, it sits around in the mountains for often quite a long time and then melts in the late spring and the summer when we need it the most."

The study also found that as the climate warms, there still will be years with snow deluges but they will be far lighter than now if greenhouse gas emissions aren't rapidly reduced.

Although the study looked at just California, Marshall said her team saw similar projected patterns for across the West.

"Despite the inconveniences and even dangers of excessive snowfall in the Sierras, all should remain grateful that water 'rescues' have taken place as recently as 2023," said Rutgers University Global Snow Lab Director David Robinson, who wasn't part of the study.

But Robinson said these exceptionally wet, cold years will occur even less in the future so it's a reminder "how precious and finite our freshwater resources are now and will remain so in our ongoing warming world."

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Surf report

WATER TEMP: **61.3**

TUESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh
Possible little uptick in NW swell as old SW/SSW swell fades. Watching winds, look lightest early AM.

WEDNESDAY
POOR TO FAIR
SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh
Expecting steep-angled NW swell mix to taper down through the day. Small SSW swell. Probably still rideable but trending slower.

Weather

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 67. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the morning.
Tuesday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 54. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east after midnight.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. East wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southwest in the afternoon.
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55.

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2024/04/30	Tue	8:38 PM	3.12	L
2024/05/01	Wed	02:59 AM	4.49	H
2024/05/01	Wed	11:03 AM	-0.21	L
2024/05/01	Wed	6:19 PM	3.67	H
2024/05/01	Wed	11:03 PM	2.70	L
2024/05/02	Thu	04:37 AM	4.42	H
2024/05/02	Thu	11:54 AM	-0.27	L
2024/05/02	Thu	6:45 PM	4.18	H
2024/05/03	Fri	12:16 AM	1.93	L
2024/05/03	Fri	05:55 AM	4.47	H
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Where is the security?

It seems nothing is sacred in our city especially when St. Monica's, the businesses on the Promenade and now the building that is home to the Daily Press is burglarized.

So where were Legion Security at during the last two places I mentioned? They receive $440,000 a year in their contract to patrol areas of Santa Monica, but their observe and report incidents or for that matter arrest and conviction records of vagrants and perps is never published by them. Why so much money for a job they never do?

Why do we hire an outside firm that's based in Fresno?

Draw your own conclusion.

Whitney Bain

Ask Before You Sign – And You Probably Won't Want To

I expected the usual card tables outside local markets, but developers and their allies appear to have hired mercenaries going door to door against Measure GS.

That costs a lot of money! What does it tell us about the motives behind the signature gathering? Anti-GS campaign filings show the effort is led by the head of Cypress Realty, which has a number of market-rate developments pending. They'd dearly love to escape paying their fair share in GS taxes to support our schools, seniors, and affordable housing.

The signature gatherers are professionals, just out to make a buck. Skeptical? You have the legal right to ask them whether they are paid, and how much THEY get for YOUR signature.

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Fossil fuel shares no longer make financial sense. Why are California pensions still invested?

RUTH HOLTON-HODSON

ExxonMobil made headlines again this year for its climate suppression, doubling down on lawsuits against two investors for introducing climate shareholder proposals for pollution cuts.

While the resolutions have been withdrawn ahead of the corporation's annual shareholder meeting in May, Exxon is still pursuing litigation, confirming its insidious intention is more delay and deception.

ExxonMobil is proving that fossil fuel shareholder engagement is not only an exercise in futility – it's also likely a liability. Big Oil now doesn't care what its shareholders think, and are looking to grasp onto business as usual at our peril.

Communities around the world, including here in California, are experiencing year-round fires, floods, heat and smoke. Record rains in Los Angeles caused flooding and mudslides, including parts of the iconic coastal highway near Big Sur sliding into the sea. This is exactly why California is suing the likes of Exxon and Chevron for climate damages and deception.

My pension fund, the California Public Employees Retirement System, holds a $1 billion stake in ExxonMobil. As a CalPERS beneficiary, I am dismayed that my pension is not only fueling the climate crisis, but isn't maximizing returns.

CalPERS has argued that the fund can be more influential through shareholder engagement, but what do they have to show for it? Nothing. Exxon's suit is just a slap in the face.

At a March board meeting, more than 100 community and labor members denounced Exxon and urged CalPERS to cut its $9.4 billion holdings in the top 200 fossil fuel companies.

After years of digging in its heels, CalPERS now acknowledges that engagement with Big Oil isn't working – and is considering an exit from Exxon. CalPERS President Theresa Taylor said they need a plan, "and that plan needs to include whether or not we keep those people in our portfolios," referring to Exxon.

But while CalPERS takes baby steps in the right direction, this incrementalism can't outrun the fires and floods.

A broad, diverse, intergenerational movement of workers, teachers, students, elders and unions has come together to support Senate Bill 252 – legislation to protect California's pensions by establishing a timeline to divest from fossil fuels. The bill has more momentum than ever, having already passed the Senate last year. It's now pending in the Assembly.

Exiting Exxon and adopting SB 252 are integral and interconnected actions to protect frontline communities, California pensions and ultimately our planet. Some fund managers have noted that shareholder pressure is unlikely to produce results when it intends to change a company's core business, a failure repeated over the last decade with Exxon.

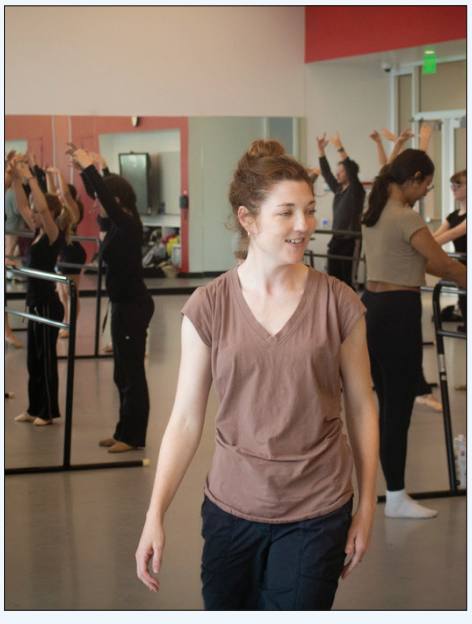
A 2023 study from the University of Waterloo revealed CalPERS and CalSTRS lost nearly $10 billion between 2012 and 2022 by not divesting, continuing the trend of a 2019 Corporate Knights report revealing that CalPERS and CalSTRS would have generated an additional $11.9 billion and $5.5 billion, respectively, by 2019 had they divested a decade earlier. This is the equivalent of $6,072 per CalPERS member and $5,752 per CalSTRS member in 10 years.

As the largest pension fund in the nation and the sixth largest in the world, CalPERS could lead the transition and send a message that exiting fossil fuels is not only fiduciarily responsible, but will help protect the planet for current and future members.

That would make me a very proud CalPERS beneficiary.

Ruth Holton-Hodson is a 35-year consumer and health advocate. Before retirement, she worked in the state Treasurer and Controller offices and held leadership roles with the California Wellness Foundation and California Common Cause. She currently serves on the boards of Solar Cookers International and the California Budget and Policy Center.

Dance Day



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DANCE: For the second year in a row, the Santa Monica College (SMC) Department of Dance hosted area high school dance students for an immersive "dance day" on April 24-25, 2024. Approximately 100 students from Culver City High School, New West Charter High School, and Beverly Hills High School took part in the event. The experience provided high school students a taste of college-level dance classes and introduced them to dance education opportunities at SMC. Visiting students experienced SMC's diverse dance curriculum through classes in Tahitian, Indonesian, African, Hip Hop, Ballet, and Contemporary dance forms. For more information on SMC's degree & certificate options in dance, visit smc.edu/dance.

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California is joining with a New Jersey company to buy a generic opioid overdose reversal drug

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California is partnering with a New Jersey-based pharmaceutical company to purchase a generic version of Narcan, the drug that can save someone's life during an opioid overdose, under a deal announced Monday by Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Amneal Pharmaceuticals will sell naloxone to California for $24 per pack, or about 40% cheaper than the market rate. California will give away the packs for free to first responders, universities and community organizations through the state's Naloxone Distribution Project.

The deal is significant because it means California will be able to buy a lot more naloxone — 3.2 million packs in one year instead of 2 million — for the same total cost.

The deal means naloxone eventually will be available under the CalRx label. Newsom first proposed CalRx back in 2019 as an attempt to force drug companies to lower their prices by offering much cheaper, competing versions of life-saving medication. He signed a law in 2020 giving the authority to the state.

California governments and businesses will be able to purchase naloxone outside of the Naloxone Distribution Project, the Newsom administration said, adding the state is working on a plan to make it available for sale to individuals.

> California is disrupting the drug industry with CalRx — securing life-saving drugs at lower and transparent prices
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> - Gavin Newsom, Democratic Gov.

"California is disrupting the drug industry with CalRx — securing life-saving drugs at lower and transparent prices," Newsom said in an statement provided by his office.

Naloxone has been available in the U.S. without a prescription since March of 2023, when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Narcan, a nasal spray brand produced by the Maryland-based pharmaceutical company Emergent BioSolutions.

Amneal Pharmaceuticals makes a generic equivalent to Narcan that won FDA approval last week.

The naloxone packs purchased by California initially will be available under the Amneal label. The naloxone will move to the CalRx label once its approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, a process the Newsom administration said could take several months.

Opioid overdose deaths, which are caused by heroin, fentanyl and oxycodone, have increased dramatically in California and across the country. Annual opioid overdose deaths in California more than doubled since 2019, reaching 7,385 deaths at the end of 2022.

California began giving away naloxone kits for free in 2018. State officials say the Naloxone Distribution Project has given out 4.1 million kits, which have reversed a reported 260,000 opioid overdoses. The money has come from taxpayers and portions of a nationwide settlement agreement with some other pharmaceutical companies.

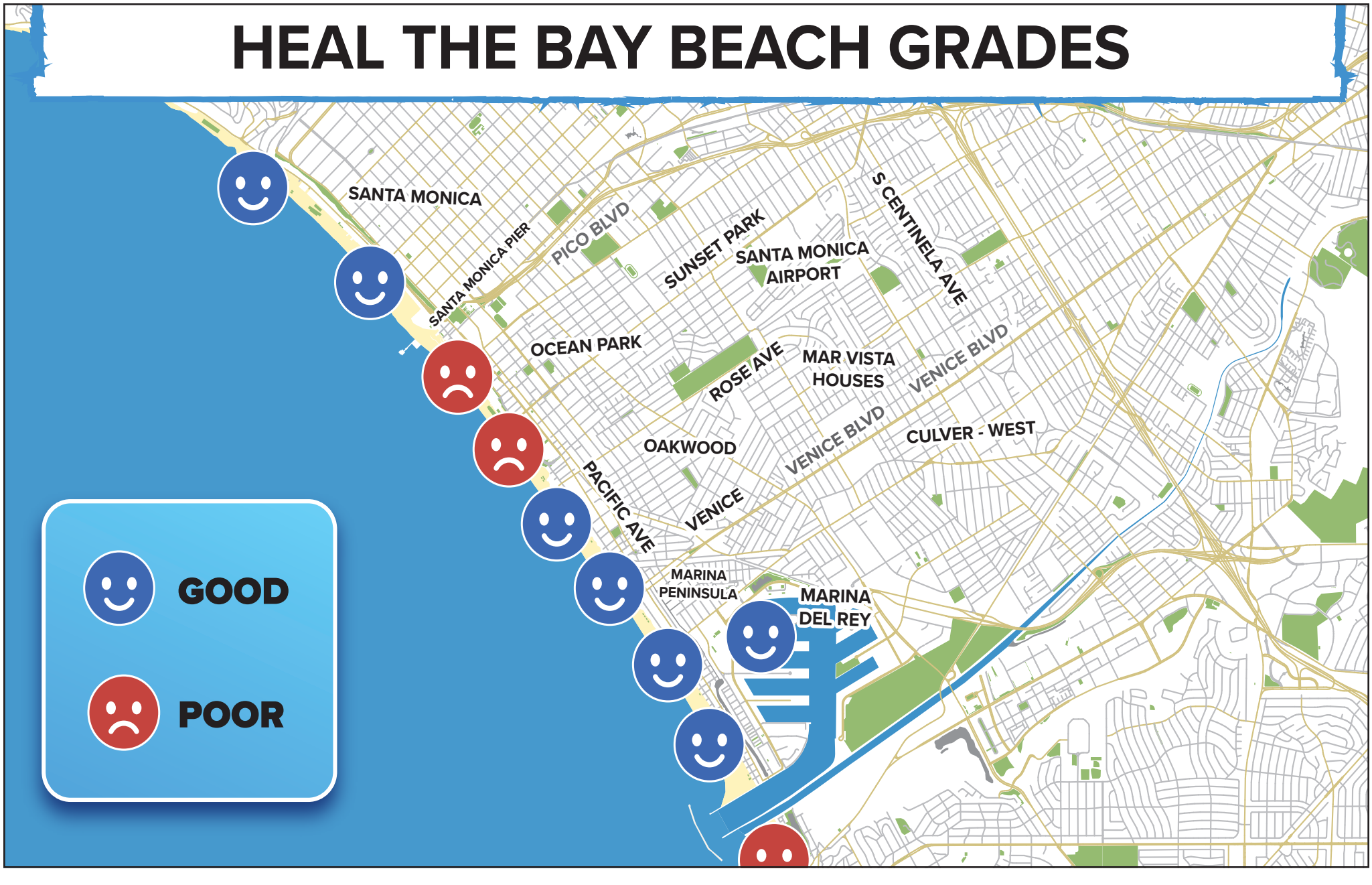
Last year, California lawmakers agreed to spend $30 million to partner with a drug company to make its own version of naloxone. But they ended up not needing to spend that money on this deal, since Amneal Pharmaceutical was already so far along in the FDA approval process it did not require up-front funding from the state.

Instead, California will use a portion of the revenue it receives from a national opioid settlement to purchase the drugs.

Naloxone is just one drug the Newsom administration is targeting.

Last year, California signed a 10-year agreement with the nonprofit Civica to produce CalRx branded insulin, which is used to treat diabetes. California has set aside $100 million for that project, with $50 million to develop the drugs and the rest set aside to invest in a manufacturing facility. Newsom said a 10 milliliter vial of state-branded insulin would sell for $30.

Civica has been meeting with the FDA and "has a clear path forward," the Newsom administration said.



ROBOTICS

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creation of the independent SaMoTech team under the guidance of parent Chris Rowe, who graduated from Stanford University with a Mechanical Engineering degree. Working out of Rowe's backyard, SaMoTech soared despite the cramped working conditions, going 28-0 in head-to-head competitions over the past two years.

In head-to-head robotics competitions, each team is told about specific tasks their mechanical creations must achieve, such as using autonomous robots to place objects in specific locations. Within just two years, the SaMoTech autonomous program is currently ranked 27th out of over 6,500 teams worldwide in the FIRST Tech Challenge.

"When we started, it was six core kids, but then we found out that these other kids in the neighborhood wanted to be on teams … we ended up having nine kids representing four different schools in the first year and as a community team, we can do that," Kirbyson said. "And we went really far, we were surprised (that in) our first year (we) never lost a single regular season match."

The success captured the attention of several sponsors, including business heavyweights like ZipRecruiter and Boeing as well as local institutions like the Rotary Club of Santa Monica. Sponsorships have aided in the financial burden that parents took on to help get the club running, though Kirbyson says the burden was more like a "bang for the buck" due to his son, Brandon, finding a potential career path in the technology sector.

"I can see my son (and) I think he's actually found his calling … he loves this," Kirbyson said. "Within two years, became a master coder."

The support extends to the entirety of the SaMoTech team, which has built friendships alongside the mechanical creations.

"What I love about our kids is we have some kids who are more on the artistic side … some were more coders, some are more builders … and they really are amazing, and the team is good because they're so diverse … they have a great balance between them (with) different skills," Kirbyson added.

The public was able to gain an understanding of what a robotics team does during Saturday's Arts and Literacy Festival at Virginia Avenue Park, when members of SaMoTech and CyberDragons convened to show off their creations. Now with increased public support, SaMoTech will be making a renewed push to be an official club under the Samohi banner, a "long term mission" to see robotics teams adapted into public schools similar to athletics teams and music programs.

"Engineering is the job that everybody (needs) … this is a fun, but incredibly valuable learning resource for these kids," Kirbyson said. "They're learning, but it seems like they don't even know that they're learning because they're just having so much fun."

Alongside the push to be recognized as a part of the local school ecosystem, SaMoTech and CyberDragons are also seeking a greater work space than just a parent's backyard or garage, asking around to different companies and educational institutions if they can help. To donate to SaMoTech Robotics and to find out more information, visit samotechrobotics.com.

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ROBOTICS: The SaMoTech Robotics team recently had another strong showing in the SoCal Regional Championship of the FIRST Tech Challenge.

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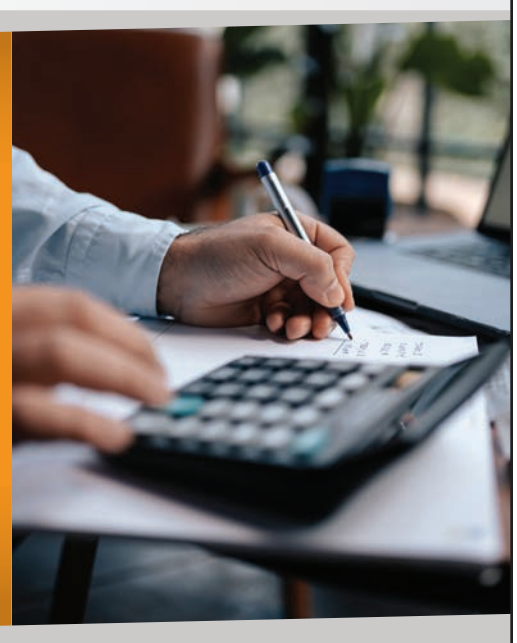

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SPORTS

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IP, 1 H, 1 K, 0.00 ERA

Thursday, April 25:

Vikings at Culver City

Culver City win 2-0

Batting/Baserunning:

Jacob Myrow (Senior): 1-3, SB. Sage Douglass (Senior): 0-2, SH/B. Bobby Munoz (Senior): 0-3. Spencer Levin (Senior): 0-2, BB, K. Blue Hunter (Junior): 1-3, 2 K. Isaac Liberman (Junior): 0-3, K. Jackson Myrow (Junior): 1-2, BB. Theo Smith (Senior): 1-1. Brady Satinover (Junior): 0-3, SB. Manny Lares (Junior): 0-2

Pitching:

Jackson Klein (Senior): 6.0 IP, L, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 3 K, 2.33 ERA

Vikings Final Regular Season Record: 17-7 (6-4 Bay League)

Next Game: Friday at Nogales, CIF Southern Section Playoffs, 3:15 p.m.

Santa Monica Softball:

Monday, April 22:

Lady Vikings at Mira Costa

Lady Vikings win 8-1

Batting:

Cienna Burgos: 0-2. Avey Thompson: 1-3, R, 2 RBI, SH/B. Maya Paysinger: 2-3, SH/B. Jasmine Arana: 1-3, R, RBI, BB, K, FC. Drew Vudmaska: 1-3, 2B, 2 RBI, BB, K. Haley Riehl: 1-2, 2B, R, RBI, BB, K. Debbie Amezquita: 3-5, 2 R, K. Sakura Krohn: 1-4, 2B, 2 R. Talia Yermian: 1-5, RBI, K. Bella Myers: 0-2, R, RBI, 2 BB, K

Pitching:

Drew Vudmaska: 7.0 IP, W, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 8 K, 1.00 ERA

Wednesday, April 24:

Lady Vikings vs Culver City

Lady Vikings win 4-1

Batting/Baserunning:

Cienna Burgos: 0-0, R, SB. Maya Paysinger: 1-3, 2B, 2 RBI, FC. Jasmine Arana: 0-2, R, BB. Drew Vudmaska: 0-1, 2 BB. Haley Riehl: 2-3, 2 2B. Debbie Amezquita: 0-3. Sakura Krohn: 0-3. Talia Yermian: 0-3, BB. Andrea Castro: 1-3, R, RBI, FC. Bella Myers: 2-3, R, RBI

Pitching:

Drew Vudmaska: 7.0 IP, W, 7 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 5 BB, 3 K, 1.00 ERA

Thursday, April 25:

Lady Vikings at Palos Verdes

Palos Verdes win 4-2

Batting:

Avey Thompson: 0-2, BB, K. Maya Paysinger: 0-3, RBI, K, FC. Jasmine Arana: 0-3, K. Drew Vudmaska: 1-3, K. Haley Riehl: 0-3, SH/B, FC. Debbie Amezquita: 1-3, HBP. Sakura Krohn: 0-2, R, BB. Talia Yermian: 3-4, 2B, HR, R, RBI. Bella Myers: 0-2. Brooke Meshekow: 0-1, K

Pitching:

Drew Vudmaska: 6.0 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 1 K, 2.33 ERA

Lady Vikings Final Regular Season Record: 15-11-1 (6-5 Bay League)

Next Game: Thursday at Santa Paula, CIF Southern Section Playoffs, 3:15 p.m.

SANTA MONICA BOYS LACROSSE:

Wednesday, April 24:

Vikings vs Culver City

Vikings win 13-1

Friday, April 26:

Vikings at Saugus

Vikings win 14-6

Vikings Final Regular Season Record: 11-6 (6-0 Ocean League)

Next Game: Wednesday, CIF Southern Section Playoffs, Opponent TBD

SANTA MONICA BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD:

Thursday, April 25:

Bay League Championships at Mira Costa:

Men's 100 Meter Varsity Finals:

3- Giovanni Crabtree-Ireland (Junior), 11.01 seconds. 7- Charles Rusler (Senior), 11.28 seconds

Men's 100 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

9- Roman Nicodemus (Junior), 11.90 seconds

Men's 200 Meter Varsity Finals:

4- Spencer Hotch (Senior), 22.19 seconds. 6- Charles Rusler (Senior), 22.98 seconds

Men's 400 Meter Varsity Finals:

2- Spencer Hotch (Senior), 48.51 seconds

Men's 800 Meter Varsity Finals:

8- Landon Kozmor (Junior), 2:00.32. 11- Nico Lombard (Senior), 2:01.81

Men's 800 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

4- James Faries (Sophomore), 2:04.43. 7- Leo Lucente (Sophomore), 2:06.20. 8- Kingsley Lin (Freshman), 2:06.33

Men's 1,600 Meter Varsity Finals:

10- David Ervin (Senior), 4:38.85

Men's 1,600 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

5- Kingsley Lin (Freshman), 4:34.88. 6- Leo Lucente (Sophomore), 4:34.94. 16- Emerson Hill (Sophomore), 4:51.14

Men's 3,200 Meter Varsity Finals:

14- David Ervin (Senior), 10:21.80. 22- Alex Gonzalez (Senior), 10:57.00. 27- Luca Lombardo (Senior), 11:13.34

Men's 3,200 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

2- Kingsley Lin (Freshman), 10:06.98. 11- Emerson Hill (Sophomore), 10:48.18. 12- Lev Goldstein (Freshman), 10:56.19

Men's 4x100 Relay Varsity Finals:

2- Giovanni Crabtree-Ireland (Junior), Charles Rusler (Senior), Logan Harvey (Sophomore), Spencer Hotch (Senior); 42.84 seconds

Men's 4x100 Relay Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

2- Brooklyn Todd (Sophomore), Arman Chibber (Sophomore), Roman Nicodemus (Sophomore), Jayden Butts (Sophomore); 46.05 seconds

Men's 4x400 Relay Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

4- Mario Ducille (Freshman), James Faries (Sophomore), Kingsley Lin (Freshman), Roman Nicodemus (Sophomore); 3:42.95

Men's Shot Put Varsity Finals:

2- Alberto Villasenor (Senior), 44-2.25. 7- Ryan Wells (Junior), 37-5. 16- Brody Strauss (Senior), 28-6.5

Men's Shot Put Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

5- Isaiah Fernandez (Sophomore), 37-3. 7- Tyson Capehart (Freshman), 35-7

Men's Discus Varsity Finals:

3- Alberto Villasenor (Senior), 122-01. 15- Ryan Wells (Junior), 78-8

Men's High Jump Varsity Finals:

6- Oliver Higgenson (Senior), 5-6

Men's Long Jump Varsity Finals:

13- Angel Cooley-Knotts (Senior), 17-10

Men's Triple Jump Varsity Finals:

10- Angel Cooley-Knotts (Senior), 37-8

Women's 100 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

2- Tessa Levine (Sophomore), 13.03 seconds

Women's 200 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

1- Tessa Levine (Sophomore), 26.73 seconds

Women's 400 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

1- Shenandoah Markos (Sophomore), 1:01.32

Women's 800 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Cleo Topp (Junior), 2:18.38. 3- Phoebe Benun (Junior), 2:19.95. 6- Maeko Gross (Junior), 2:26.76

Women's 800 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

2- Charlie Llorente (Freshman), 2:28.90. 5- Crystal Gaitan (Sophomore), 2:33.12. 9- Selin Kocataskin (Freshman), 2:42.13

Women's 1,600 Meter Varsity Finals:

2- Phoebe Benun (Junior), 5:13.12. 9- Hawene Alomayehu (Senior), 5:29.50

Women's 1,600 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

5- Selin Kocataskin (Freshman), 5:35.95. 9- Sofia Santoyo (Freshman), 5:47.38. 10- Addy Fiore (Freshman), 5:49.39

Women's 3,200 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Phoebe Benun (Junior), 11:13.50. 7- Hawene Alomayehu (Senior), 12:07.88. 11- Harper Snyder (Junior), 12:55.56

Women's 3,200 Meter Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

2- Selin Kocataskin (Freshman), 12:11.17. 4- Charlie Llorente (Freshman), 12:44.01. 6- Sofia Santoyo (Freshman), 13:06.47

Women's 100 Meter Hurdles Varsity Finals:

6- Zinnia Weybright (Senior), 16.64 seconds

Women's 300 Meter Hurdles Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

3- Makena Weybright (Sophomore), 52.27 seconds

Women's 4x400 Relay Varsity Finals:

5- Cleo Topp (Junior), Matilde Martinez (Senior), Maeko Gross (Junior), Phoebe Benun (Junior); 4:17.92

Women's 4x400 Relay Freshman/Sophomore Finals:

2- Shenandoah Markos (Sophomore), Charlie Llorente (Freshman), Crystal Gaitan (Sophomore), Tessa Levine (Sophomore); 4:16.84

Women's Shot Put Varsity Finals:

1- Reign Snowden (Senior), 37-7.75. 9- Aurora Ahloo (Junior), 23-5.25. 13- Olivia Kim (Junior), 21-7.5

Women's Discus Varsity Finals:

3- Reign Snowden (Senior), 97-10. 5- Aurora Ahloo (Junior), 69-2. 9- Olivia Kim (Junior), 45-4

Women's High Jump Varsity Finals:

2- Zinnia Weybright (Senior), 5-1

Women's Long Jump Varsity Finals:

4- Zinnia Weybright (Senior), 16-9.25

Women's Triple Jump Varsity Finals:

1- Zinnia Weybright (Senior), 35-8.5

Next Meet: Saturday, CIF Prelims at Moorpark, 9 a.m.

SAINT MONICA BASEBALL:

Monday, April 22:

Mariners at Salesian

Mariners win 7-4

Wednesday, April 24:

Mariners vs Salesian

Mariners win 8-7

Thursday, April 25:

Mariners at Beverly Hills

Mariners win 4-0

Mariners Final Regular Season Record: 13-10 (5-7 Camino Real League)

Saint Monica Boys Golf:

Monday, April 22:

Mariners at Paraclete

Mariners win 205-243

Wednesday, April 24:

Mariners at St. Anthony

St. Anthony win 220-226

Mariners Record: 11-4

Next Match: Thursday, Tournament at Wilson Golf Club

SAINT MONICA BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD:

Wednesday, April 24:

Camino Real League Finals:

Men's 100 Meter Varsity Finals:

1- Joshua Barnes (Senior), 11.06 seconds. 4- Mason Collier (Junior), 11.42 seconds. 5- Anthony Mason (Freshman), 11.48 seconds

Men's 200 Meter Varsity Finals:

4- Anthony Mason (Freshman), 23.33 seconds. 8- Elijah Wilson (Freshman), 24.22 seconds. 9- Evan Benet (Freshman), 24.28 seconds

Men's 400 Meter Varsity Finals:

4- Jack Milligan (Sophomore), 54.62 seconds. 5- Bradley Cassier (Freshman), 57.08 seconds. 11- Issac Nuno (Senior), 1:00.12

Men's 800 Meter Varsity Finals:

16- Jack Milligan (Sophomore), 2:24.69

Men's 3,200 Meter Varsity Finals:

18- Nicco Osti (Junior), 12:43.31

Men's 110 Meter Hurdles Varsity Finals:

5- Jesse Liebman (Junior), 21.13 seconds. 6- Anav Oommen (Senior), 21.19 seconds

Men's 300 Meter Hurdles Varsity Finals:

8- Jesse Liebman (Junior), 55.17 seconds

Men's 4x100 Relay Varsity Finals:

2- Anthony Mason (Freshman), Joshua Barnes (Senior), Elijah Wilson (Freshman), Jack Milligan (Sophomore); 44.11 seconds

Men's 4x400 Relay Varsity Finals:

2- Jack Milligan (Sophomore), Joshua Barnes (Senior), Elijah Wilson (Freshman), Anthony Mason (Freshman); 3:34.88. 6- Bradley Cassier (Freshman), Christopher Barnes (Freshman), Matthew Martinez (Freshman), Luke Griffin (Junior); 3:59.47

Men's Shot Put Varsity Finals:

14- Alex Brick (Freshman), 31-6.5. 22- Noah Soriano (Sophomore), 29-3.5. 23- Douglas Guevara Jr. (Freshman), 29-3

Men's Discus Varsity Finals:

7- Douglas Guevara Jr. (Freshman), 99-2. 13- James Morva Jr. (Senior), 86-7. 17- Dino Hidalgo (Sophomore), 79-1

Men's Long Jump Varsity Finals:

18- Dylan Valenzo (Sophomore), 15-5

Women's 100 Meter Varsity Finals:

2- Sanaa Pitter (Junior), 12.78 seconds. 6- Nina Meraz (Junior), 13.81 seconds. 8- Serenity Furbert (Senior), 13.94 seconds

Women's 200 Meter Varsity Finals:

5- Nina Meraz (Junior), 28.64 seconds. 6- Serenity Furbert (Senior), 28.76 seconds. 11- Malia Bateman (Freshman), 30.51 seconds

Women's 400 Meter Varsity Finals:

4- Bridgit Madariaga (Junior), 1:11.14. 8- Andrea Pollicarpo (Junior), 1:22.99. 9- Andrea Ayala (Senior), 1:24.14

Women's 800 Meter Varsity Finals:

17- Ellie Perkins (Junior), 3:32.06. 19- Andrea Pollicarpo (Junior), 3:37.06. 20- Andrea Ayala (Senior), 3:58.54

Women's 1,600 Meter Varsity Finals:

13- Andrea Pollicarpo (Junior), 7:14.90

Women's 3,200 Meter Varsity Finals:

6- Ellie Perkins (Junior), 15:26.32

Women's 100 Meter Hurdles Varsity Finals:

3- Macayla Story (Junior), 22.25 seconds

Women's 300 Meter Hurdles Varsity Finals:

3- Bridgit Madariaga (Junior), 58.15 seconds. 4- Macayla Story (Junior), 1:00.56. 5- Gabrielle Deelo (Sophomore), 1:02.20

Women's Shot Put Varsity Finals:

10- Lily Rubio (Senior), 21-0

Women's Discus Varsity Finals:

7- Lily Rubio (Senior), 61-7

Women's Long Jump Varsity Finals:

2- Sanaa Pitter (Junior), 14-0. 13- Serenity Furbert (Senior), 11-1

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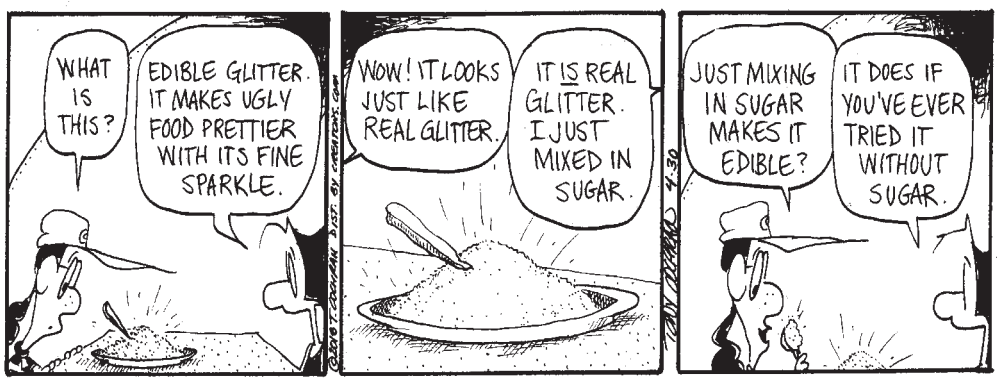

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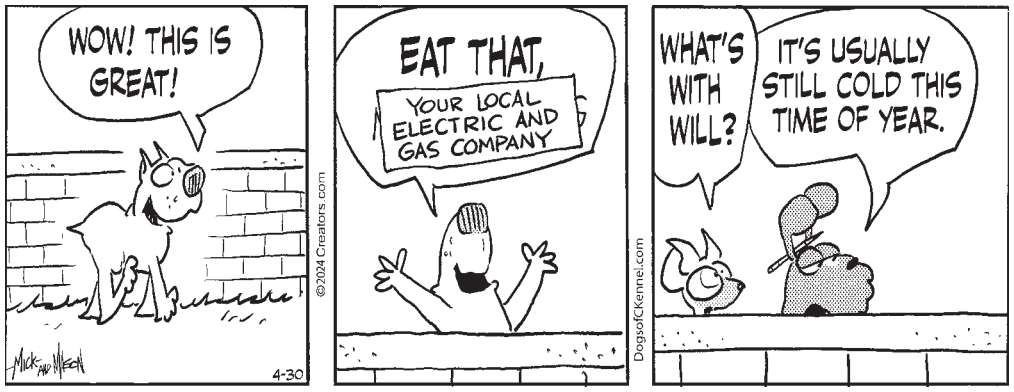

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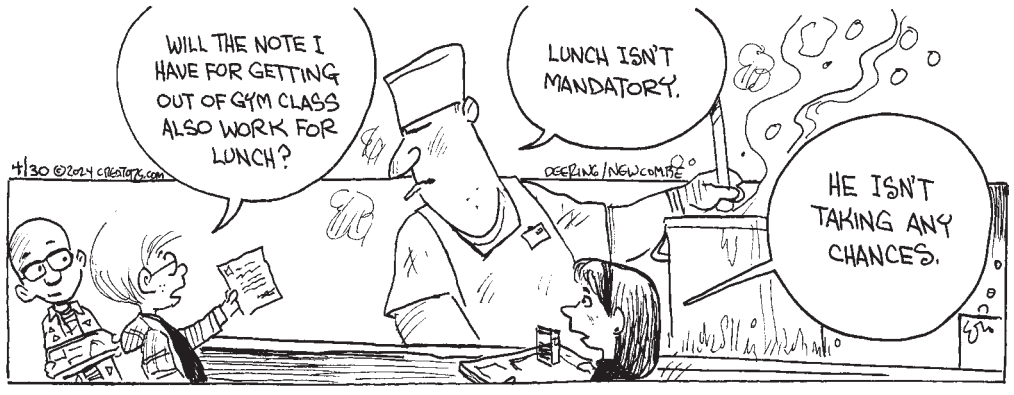

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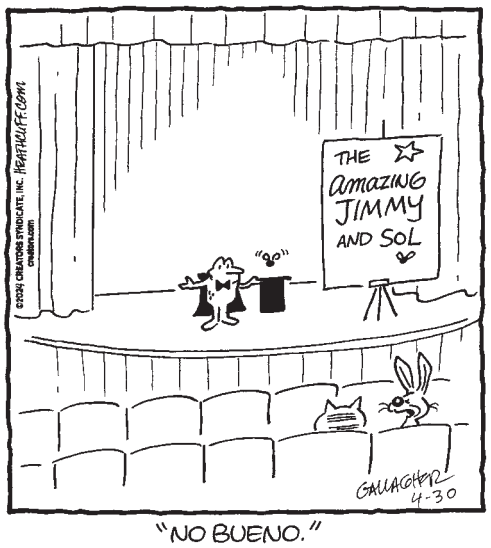

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Strange Brew

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 20 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6196

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Cercus
Cicada
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Lice
Luna moth
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 30)

It's a year gilded in promise. You'll marvel at the splendor of new scenery. Your interpersonal skill grows, and higher levels of awareness will have you strengthening your closest ties. More highlights: Your talents will find fresh avenues. You will love fiercely, hold nothing back and make every moment count in the symphony of your shared existence. Aquarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 1, 10, 41 and 32.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your gifts will not come to you directly, but you will receive them, and it will almost be as though your ordered them yourself, so close are they to being exactly what you want. No pushing, buying or persuasion will be involved, only attraction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your quick wit and active life will be a magnet for new friends. The lighthearted fun that comes of your schedule will be conducive to relationships of all kinds, including professional.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). While some things you believed at age 5 still hold true today, many do not at all. You'll be reminded of this as you share stories with those who have known many sides and ages of you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Looking back, you can see where the progress stopped and what stopped it. This information will help you going forward. Progress gets thwarted, and that's not always a bad thing. Everything has its own timing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Close listening takes energy. Maybe that's why it's much rarer than most people think. Listen carefully and act on what you hear, and you'll have an advantage that few can claim.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's pretty challenging to settle a very active mind on the needs and wants of others. However, a still mind can easily be led to whatever task you need it to take on. This is one of the benefits of meditation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you doubt yourself, it's because you're smart. Only a fool wouldn't look both ways before crossing. Today, you'll be self-possessed, perhaps to the extent that you don't swivel the head. Even so, your timing is trustworthy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Satisfaction is the cornerstone of a virtuous path. You sense that you've done something good. Let yourself have it. Completing a task secure in the knowledge of your time well spent brings contentment, if not outright pride.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Amidst the weightier aspects of companionship, relish in small victories — smiling, for instance? Someone's grin will make you happy, and you'll spread happiness with the slightest upturned lip. There's potency in levity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's something sparkling in your imagination, and it will soon sparkle in your real life, too. While in pursuit of hidden treasures, you will unearth riches. Your secret is that you know to look.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Love is a voyage of the heart. Like Odysseus on his epic journey, the challenges, doubts, storms, trials, monsters, tempests and more do not so much spice up the plot — they are the plot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Luck smiles upon you in the form of instinct. You intuitively know how to prioritize things, and you can trust your inner guidance to effortlessly steer you toward the right choices.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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Newsday Crossword

TO'S DAY by Sally R. Stein
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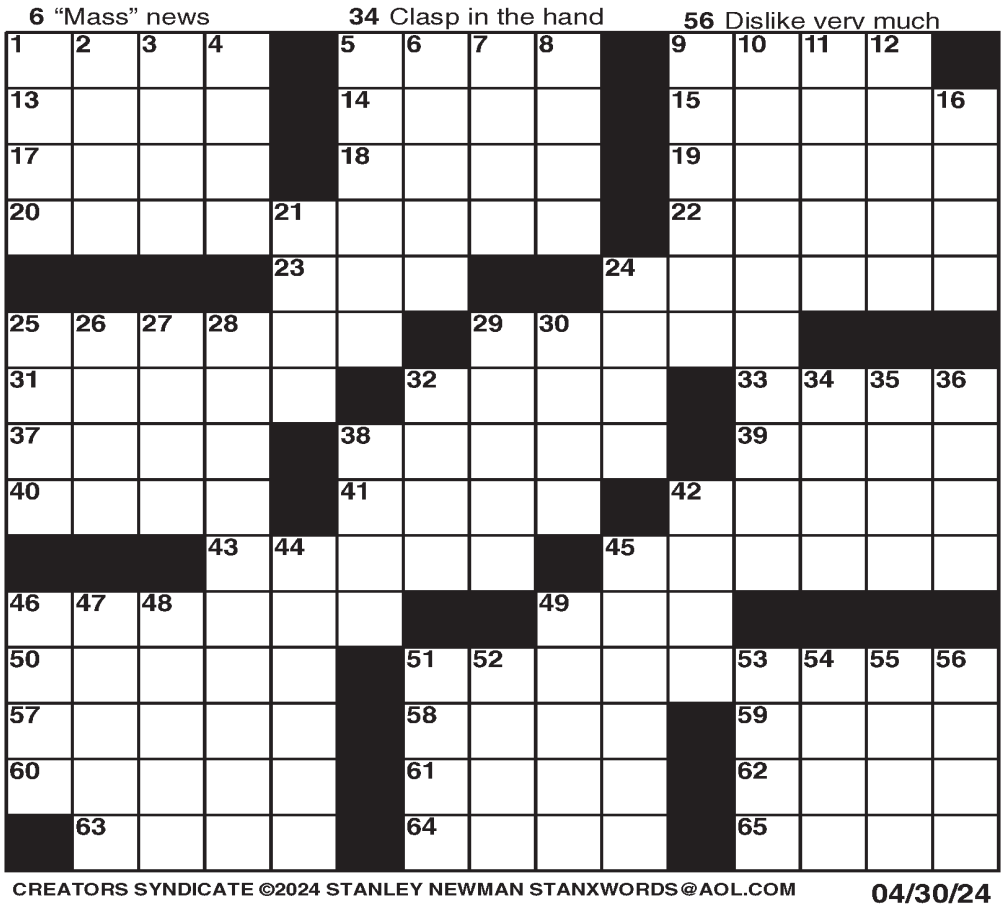
ACROSS

1 Complete collections
5 Overly confident
9 White gemstone
13 Small fruit pie
14 Mexican money
15 Manly guys
17 India's continent
18 Adam and Eve's residence
19 Operate, as an auto
20 To __ (strictly speaking)
22 Later on
23 Letters preceding an alias
24 __ on (victimized)
25 Seniors to "respect"
29 Former Parisian coin
31 __ truly (letter sign-off)
32 Speak boastfully
33 Bank's drive-__ window
37 At any time
38 Believe to be responsible
39 "Promise to pay" notes
40 Sandwich shop
41 Extremely long time
42 Turnpike charges
43 Loud slap
45 Car's wheel guard
46 Pulverized, as potatoes
49 "Roses __ red..."
50 Not shortened
51 To __ (initially)
57 Small garden statue
58 Land measure
59 Notion
60 Sub's tracking device
61 At that time
62 Narrow wooden strip
63 Cravings
64 Broke soil for planting
65 "__ we go again!"

DOWN

1 Wild guess
2 Make simpler
3 Vacation excursion
4 Have the lead role
5 Tiny bits of dust
6 "Mass" news sources
7 Finds a purpose for
8 Left the premises
9 "Doggone it!"
10 To __ (flawlessly)
11 Cordial feeling
12 River's flood barrier
16 Obsessive expert
21 All __ (fully attentive)
24 Sheet of paper
25 Examined closely
26 Deep affection
27 Fencing contest
28 "To __" (adage on mistakes)
29 Candid
30 Lambs' fathers
32 Political alliance
34 Clasp in the hand
35 Regulation
36 Cold War adversary: Abbr.
38 Ball on a necklace
42 Adolescent
44 Taxis' fare calculators
45 Good buddy
46 Beer steins
47 Pester
48 Breakfast biscuit
49 Share an opinion
51 Session in a tub
52 Rebound of a sound
53 Fond hope
54 Not doing anything
55 Shed a __ (cry)
56 Dislike very much



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ARSON

FROM PAGE 1

ember into the storm drain underneath the sidewalk before walking away.

The debris and trash in the storm drain quickly caught fire sending smoke into the street prompting multiple calls to 9-1-1.

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded within minutes to extinguish the flames.

Photos and a description of the suspect were given to officers and the suspect was last seen walking into Palisades Park.

The fire comes a few days after multiple burglaries in the building.

Last week, an unidentified individual broke into the building on the 1600 block of 5th St., causing damage to several offices within the property. The suspect is thought to have gained entry by breaking a window in a vacant office and then used a fire extinguisher to force open doors without deadbolts. Although most of the building is unoccupied, several businesses remain open and the suspect ransacked the occupied offices that they were able to access.

Both incidents follow the recent removal of about a dozen homeless squatters from the city owned property adjacent to the office.

Police officers first removed ten people living in what used to be an office building. The property has been vacant for more than a decade and is considered surplus land by the City. After removing the first group, city contractors returned to the property to begin cleanup and another two homeless individuals were found in the property.

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CLIMATE

FROM PAGE 1

Monica, a grassroots organization dedicated to climate solutions in the community, offered up information to students about joining the 2024 Climate Corps, a collaboration with the City to have real-world experiences in local sustainability policies and programs. Since 2016, the Climate Corps summer program has provided training and experience in support of the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan.

The summit's main activity was a brainstorming of what a sustainable future could look like in the city, then working to think of steps that can be taken on individual, community and legislative levels to achieve those goals. Leading the discussion was Walker Wells, a principal with sustainable consulting service Raimi + Associates and the former Executive Director of Global Green USA.

"(Students are) here because they want to affect change that they see (where) there's a problem, whether its insufficient focus on sustainability, or impending climate change impacts … and that they want to do something about it," Wells said.

He added that the activity was important for the students "to know where to target their energy" since they "only have so much time and so much energy" to affect change.

"Some things, (like) there's trash on the ground (and) you pick it up, you can decide to take a shorter shower, and you can decide to change your diet, but then there's other things that are controlled by entities beyond yourself … that takes a movement," Wells said.

Along with the brainstorming, the event served as a networking opportunity for the young climate activists who may not have known each other before this past weekend. Along with a lunchtime chat session, the students engaged in activities like a game of cornhole to get to know each other.

"I'm so excited to have this many students here on a Sunday afternoon when they have so much going on in their lives," Garcia added.

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Photo by Thomas Leffler

CLIMATE: Students from across Santa Monica converged at New Roads School on Sunday for the NextGen Climate Summit, receiving a t-shirt for their input on the city's sustainability efforts.

TUESDAY | APRIL 30

SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY PROVIDENCE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM

Help with family nutrition and health care access is resuming at Virginia Avenue Park thanks to Providence St. John's Community Health Program. Trained community health workers will be available to meet in person with community members at the Park Center Building in Virginia Avenue Park. The first Tuesday of the month 11:30 am to 7 pm and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 5 pm. Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CONVERSATION, MULTI LEVEL HIGH

Santa Monica Public Library hosts an ongoing series of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes taught by Adult Education Center instructors. Classes are free and students must be 18 years or older to attend. Community parents and SMMUSD parents have priority enrollment. Enrollment is through the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Adult Education Center, located at 2510 Lincoln Blvd., Room 203, Santa Monica, CA, 90405. Visit smmusd.asapconnected.com or contact Maria Barajas at (310) 664-6222, ext.76205 or mbarajas@smmusd.org to enroll. 10:30 a.m.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons, from crafting the perfect character to participating in an ongoing campaign. Materials provided. For ages 10-18.Montana Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave. 4:30 - 6 p.m.

SAMOHI GRAD NITE FUNDRAISER WITH THE DIAL UPS

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, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY | MAY 1

TODDLER & PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Enjoy stories, songs, and lots of fun with our children's librarian at our toddler and preschool storytime series! They will have two sessions at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., capped at 25 children in each session in accordance with our room capacity. To attend, please request a free ticket from the Circulation Desk for each child in attendance on Wednesday morning after we open at 10 a.m. Both storytime sessions will be identical in content, and children may only attend one storytime session per day. Suggested ages: 18 months to 4 years. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard, Los Angeles.

BABY AND TODDLER STORYTIME

Generally on the first* Wednesday of the month. Lap-sit (or not!) storytime for babies and toddlers and their grown-ups to share together. For ages under 36 months, accompanied by a grownup. 10:15 a.m. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades.

READ WITH STAR VOLUNTEER BONNIE

Children are invited to share the joy of reading with our STAR volunteer, Bonnie. Take home a free book after reading with a STAR Volunteer three times. Donald Bruce Kaufman - Brentwood Branch Library, 11820 San Vicente Boulevard. 3 - 5 p.m.

GARDEN PARTY

Local Teens, including members of Teens Leading Change (TLC) in conjunction with Palisades Branch Teen Council, Pali High art and photography students, will be presenting their work to the community in May. A kick-off celebration will take place on May 1 from 4-6 pm in the Teen Area of the Palisades Library. TLC group will present their work and show off the finished native pollinator garden. Art work and photography will be on display in the Teen area and the community room. There will also be an Open House on Saturday May 4 from 11 am-1 pm in the Teen Area. Friends of the Palisades Library will provide refreshments in the Community Room on both days. Palisades Branch Library, 861 Alma Real Drive, Pacific Palisades, 4 - 6 p.m.

28TH ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE QUALITY AWARDS

Join organizers for the 28th Annual Sustainable Quality Awards on Wednesday, May 1st at the beautiful Annenberg Community Beach House for an evening celebrating business sustainability and excellence. Come network with like-minded individuals, enjoy delicious food, and applaud the winners of this prestigious award. Don't miss out on this opportunity to be inspired and connect with leaders in sustainable practices. Doors open 4:30 PM. The ceremony starts at 5:00 PM. Registration is required: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/28th-annual-sustainable-quality-awards-event-tickets-872996414777. Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Established in 1946, the Planning Commission envisions Santa Monica as a city of wellbeing, sustainability, and equity, and seeks to balance the many needs and priorities within our community in accordance with the City's General Plan and Specific Plans 1685 Main Street, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY | MAY 2

RENT CONTROL SEMINAR FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND MANAGERS

Designed for owners and managers, this seminar will cover basics of the rent control law and your rights and responsibilities, how to use the CIVICS portal for online filing of registration forms, petitions and exemption applications and demonstrate filing a tenancy registration form. Begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Santa Monica Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. To sign up, visit: https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.

HOUSING COMMISSION

The Santa Monica Housing Commission is a city advisory body whose mission is to protect and improve the quality of life of all Santa Monicans by listening to input from city residents and staff, publicly deliberating, and providing recommendations to both the Santa Monica City Council and Santa Monica Housing Authority Board on issues related to housing in Santa Monica. Meeting starts at 6 p.m. at Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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