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Is academic probation working?

ROCKY WALKER
Special to the Daily Press

When Isabella Warren, a student at California State University Northridge, was placed on academic probation in 2020, she felt isolated. She had fallen behind during the transition to online classes at the start of the pandemic, dealing with the strain of lockdown as well as the death of a family member.

She said she received little support from her campus to help her get off academic probation, the notice given to students when their semester or cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. “I feel like there should have been a bit more counseling and I shouldn’t have had to reach out myself for it,” she said. “I feel like I should have been checked on.”

Warren wanted to know how universities are supporting students on academic probation, she wrote in response to a call from the CalMatters College Journalism Network for questions about college in California. Were other students getting the help she didn’t?

Students on academic probation at California’s public colleges and universities are typically allowed to stay there for two semesters, then get academically disqualified, meaning they need to reapply if they want to return after raising their grades elsewhere.

The idea is that academic probation is a wake-up call for students.

But if campuses fail to get those students back on track, the ripple effect on the state includes “having a less-educated workforce, revenue loss to the institution, and a fruitless investment to the taxpayer for not seeing the payoff of a college graduate,” Horacio Corona Lira, the director of Hispanic Serving Institution Grants at Alameda College, wrote in a master’s thesis on academic probation. Corona Lira studied 1,500 students attending Sacramento State from 2014-2018 whose academic records placed them either just below or just above the threshold for academic probation. He found that the students on academic probation were twice as likely to leave the university the following semester compared to their peers who were not on probation, despite having similar academic records.

Many of those on academic probation might already be doubting their decision to go to college, said Corona Lira, whose current work focuses on enrollment and retention of Latino students. “If instead of getting affirmation through this academic probation process, it actually reaffirms their doubts and tells them, ‘I really don’t belong here, right? This is what this letter is telling me,’ that might push some students to leave that campus,” he said.

That was the case for Loren Collins, interim director of academic and career advising at Cal Poly Humboldt.

He attended 20 years ago, back when it was Humboldt State, and ended up on academic probation. He didn’t have to meet with anyone but was just given a notice. This brought him to a low point, he said. “I did not feel like I belonged on campus,” he said. “I was waiting for everyone to find me out.”

Collins left for College of the Redwoods and later came back to Humboldt to finish his degree. He now hopes to make sure every Cal Poly Humboldt student on academic probation feels cared for on the journey back to good academic standing.

Part of that support comes with changing the title to Academic Notice. “We are trying to break away from that more punitive sound, and definitely the connotations that come with the word ‘probation,’” Collins said.

As of next school year, any Cal Poly Humboldt student placed on academic notice will be required to meet with either their existing faculty advisor or a counselor from the university’s Academic and Career Advising Center to come up with a plan to improve their grades. (Previously the requirement only applied to certain students, including underclassmen, recent transfer students and athletes.)

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A university committee is considering other ways to provide support, such as setting up peer groups or classes led by advisors that address the problems causing students to fall behind, from busy work schedules to mental stress.

Cal State Fullerton already has such a course, called RESET. Students work at their own pace through the five-week online course, which includes tips for how to improve academic standing, online mental health chats with the instructor and inspiring testimonials from previous students who have been through the program.

“I wanted to try to inspire students and try to convert some of those initial feelings of disappointment and being scared and...
In Celebration of National Pet Month, Love At First Sit® Announces their First Fundraising Event through their Dog Training Classes

Second to overcrowding, the leading cause of euthanasia in dogs in animal shelters in the United States is due to undesirable behaviors. The high cost of dog training is too expensive for many, making it more accessible to the privileged population. On top of this, regardless of a dog's behavior, many dogs belong to people in need that do not have the resources to provide for them, making it too challenging to keep them.

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100% of the proceeds from the classes are donated to various charities for people and animals, animal shelters, and animal rescue. Each class explores a wide variety of basic obedience dog training topics. Topics include sweeping floors, washing dishes in the kitchen, and more, as well as any specialty beers made by the Propagator and the Taproom.

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members, especially those who are the most marginalized and underserved," Mayor Gleam Davis said.

The City released a Request for Proposals for the 2023-27 HSGP funding cycle in September of last year through a robust outreach campaign to engage the community and receive input and feedback. By the January 2023 deadline, staff had received 31 program proposals from 24 agencies with grant requests totaling $11.6 million, far exceeding the previous $7.9 million in general funds budgeted for the program. Staff have identified alternate funding sources to increase the total available to $10.1M this year.

HSGP funding levels are approved by Council annually as part of the adoption of the City’s budget. Highlights of the RFP include:

- A framework centered around impact areas of lifelong learning, stability and health and wellness, providing uniformity across agencies and programs to clearly measure and report performance.
- The establishment of a review panel in partnership with the We Are Santa Monica Fund Advisory Board to recruit subject matter experts and those with lived experience to review proposals.
- Funding allocations that are considered holistically across applications to ensure the HSGP maintains a balanced portfolio that serves a range of vulnerable and underserved populations with services that include both prevention and direct client aid.
- Revised agency eligibility to allow for a broader pool of applicants while maintaining quality programs and fiscal best practices.

Councilmember Jesse Zwick felt compelled to recuse himself since his son attends the Growing Place preschool at Marine Park, and that was one of the allocations. "As much as I believe I could be impartial in this decision, based on the appearance of bias, I will be recusing myself," he said.

Consequently, to allow Zwick to return to the council chamber, a vote was taken purely for the allocation for the $212,500 to Growing Place. A motion was made by Councilmember Phil Brock, seconded by Davis and passed unanimously five to zero, with Councilmember Caroline Torosis being absent.

"We’ve got to be careful here because if we don’t honor the recusal, nothing we do here tonight will have meaning, because it will be totally invalid," Davis said.

Proposals also included a commitment to provide $19.9 million in matching funds, totaling to $31.5 million in proposed funding to serve Santa Monica program participants. Of the 24 applying agencies, seven are new applicants to the City’s HSGP funding process. The combination of proposals for new and existing programs serves the full range of Santa Monica’s HSGP priority populations, including people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, seniors, youth and families and other underserved populations.

Councilmember Oscar de la Torre forwarded the motion that all proposals be agreed to and was seconded by Brock. The motion passed six to zero as Councilmember Caroline Torosis was absent.

"I just want to make one comment, as someone who routinely reads the agendas from other cities, and actually attends other city council meetings ... I dare you to go to another city and see this kind of discussion and see this kind of grant allocation to social service agencies within the community, it doesn’t exist," said Davis.

I admit that it is hard to stay hopeful about the future of Santa Monica. There appears to be no real will, or way, to prevent the epidemic of homelessness, criminality, and addiction that has so dramatically changed our town. Dwight still goes to the promenade once in a very long while, but for me it feels too unsafe. I haven’t been there in years.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide
Food Bank Matching the First Six Months of Recurring Gifts

All donations and recurring gifts for the first six months made to Westside Food Bank through its 27th Annual Phantom Dinner will be matched dollar-for-dollar. Thanks to a generous donation from the Johnny Carson Foundation, all donations to the nonprofit will be matched, up to $100,000, through June 30, 2023.

Normally, $1 is equivalent to 4 meals, but because of the match, $1 will provide 8 nutritious meals for food-insecure children, adults, and seniors living in West Los Angeles County. Recurring donations are especially helpful for Westside Food Bank because the monthly gift ensures our Westside neighborhoods will have enough food to eat when they need it.

“Hunger is an urgent need,” Westside President and CEO Genevieve Rutort said. “By making a monthly donation, you are helping Westside Food Bank have the flexibility to pivot and make quick decisions when necessary for our neighbors in need – ultimately, enabling us to consistently put food on the table for the people who depend on us.”

27 years ago, Westside Food Bank created the Phantom Dinner as a way to avoid the high cost and staff time required to hold a fancy gala event but rather spend that money to prioritize our mission – providing food that is nourishing and healthy for those facing food insecurity in our Westside communities.

Westside Food Bank is facing more demand now than ever before due to historically high inflation, the high cost of food, rent, utilities, gas, and the expiration of supplemental pandemic food benefits.

To donate to Westside Food Bank’s Phantom Dinner, visit wsfb.org/phantomdinner.

SUBMITTED BY KAITLYN LITTLE, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATE

11th Street
Santa Monica College Guitar Showcase Presents Free Concert May 25

The Santa Monica College Music Department will present the SMC Guitar Showcase on Thursday, May 25, at 11:15 a.m. in The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center, 1310 11th Street (at Santa Monica Boulevard), Santa Monica.

Under the direction of Jimmy Cheesman, the epic concert will feature SMC guitar students performing Classical, Rock, Pop, Blues, and Reggae.

The concert is free, but tickets are required due to limited seating. Advance free tickets are available at the SMC Music Office in Performing Arts Center (PAC) Room 211. Free parking on premises. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis.

More information is available by calling 310-434-4323.

SUBMITTED BY GRACE SMITH

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MANN
FROM PAGE 1

Angeles Police Department and while local officials are waiting on a report from the Coroner’s office to hopefully illuminate the mystery, a private investigator hired by the Mann family has his own thoughts on the case.

James Terry was hired by the Mann family after Beau’s disappearance and said he believes some of the facts in his possession make for a compelling narrative, even if it lacks a final act.

Terry doesn’t call it a “theory” as there are holes in his knowledge but he does say he can connect several dots in the case. He says Mann was on drugs, probably suffered a drug overdose and died in the home of a friend who was also a known drug addict.

According to Terry, Mann’s lifestyle was at best an open secret and more realistically, just something people knew even if they didn’t talk about it.

He said Mann had continued to use drugs despite claims that he had kicked the habit. Terry said there is evidence that a known drug-dealer visited Mann’s home in the days before he went missing and that Mann’s behavior on the day he disappeared is indicative of his habits while using drugs.

“He had some paranoia when he did drugs. He would buy a massive amounts of cleaning supplies,” said Terry. “You and I go to 7-11, what are we gonna get? Gas! Cigarettes? We might get some snacks. He was buying cleaning supplies and wipes that was indicative of his history of being paranoid when he was on drugs.”

Mann had arrived at the store via Uber and had been using rideshare services to get around Los Angeles that day. Following his purchases, he reentered an Uber which then came to Santa Monica where there were two possible destinations for him, his gym and the home of a friend, both of which were on the same block.

“So I talked to the people at the gym, I talked to the people in the area and it just made sense that he was being dropped off there was either to go to the gym or to go to Jo Goode’s house. Either way, nobody else had seen him,” he said.

Joanne Goode was a local actor and artist who initially said she didn’t know Mann. However, Terry said Goode did have a connection to Mann and that her home was in fact, his destination.

While in the car, Mann sent a text to 911 just saying he was in a gray car. Terry thinks the 911 text made from the Uber was the first indication that Mann was getting sick from whatever drugs he had taken and that he didn’t live long beyond that moment.

“I don’t think after that Uber ride, Beau Mann was alive for more than another hour. And now, how he died? I don’t know. But I’m gonna bet they’re gonna figure that out, you know, now that they have the body. I think he went into that house. I think he met with Jo Goode and I think he expired in that house with an overdose.”

Terry doesn’t know how long Mann was in the house but he said Goode was known to enter rehab for extended periods of time and he speculated that if Mann did die in her home, it might have caused Goode to panic and just leave the property for an extended period. He said there’s anecdotal evidence that something was amiss in the house as he has documentation that a water heater was replaced about six months later and he said a bad heater can be the source of a foul smell.

“The water heater is interesting to me because I talk to a lot of other detectives and private investigators and they said listen, if there’s a smell in the house, and I’ve never had this, I didn’t know this and I even called a plumbing company out there and they said a lot of times that when there’s a smell in the house, people think it’s a broken water heater.”

He said the local authorities would be able to determine how long the body had been in the elements and would know if it had been moved. Terry said he doesn’t have direct knowledge of how or when the body might have been moved but he believes there’s another piece of evidence, or rather a lack of evidence, that supports his suspicion about moving the body.

“The backpack is what tells me that he was somewhere else before he made it to that alleyway, or that somebody found that body before,” he said.

Terry said Beau’s backpack and the expensive computer would have been the few items of value on his body and he finds it suspicious that they were not with the body and if they were not, then someone took them meaning the body was disturbed before it was reported to authorities.

“I believe that backpack and that computer hold the key to what happened to him right after he died,” he said. “If that backpack and computer were in Jo Goode’s house or if she had sold them or pawned it, there might be somebody that knew Jo Goode that didn’t realize any of this even happened.”

He said if someone did buy that computer from her or if it could be traced back to her, it would prove his theory regarding Mann’s place of death.

Goode died in January of this year and Terry said the landlords cleaned out the apartment shortly after her death, preventing a search of the location. He said there’s always the possibility that the official investigation turns up previously unknown evidence that sheds a radically new light on the circumstances, but short of a deus ex machina he thinks the computer is the key to explaining those final moments of Mann’s life.

“Nobody has found that computer, that backpack and I think that’s the key,” he said. “Somebody in Santa Monica might have that computer right now and not even realize that it belongs to this urban legend. And I think that breaks this case wide open.”

A representative for the Mann family said they don’t necessarily agree with all of Terry’s conclusions about Beau’s death while and Terry is a figure of some controversy due to they don’t necessarily agree with all of Terry’s conclusions about Beau’s death and while Terry is a figure of some controversy due to his work on other cases, they appreciated his efforts. They said they were hopeful the new investigation process under SMPD would provide some long-awaited answers.

Terry says he still wants to find that computer and said anyone with information can call him at 813-993-2242. SMPD is asking anyone with information to contact Detective Ismael Tavera at 310-458-2256, Ismael.tavera@santamonicagov, or the Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.
nervous, and I wanted it to be more positive of an experience for them,” said Cathy Rivas, the university’s assistant director of College Readiness Programs, who developed the course in fall 2022 and updates it based on student feedback.

About 2,000 Cal State Fullerton students are placed on academic notice at the end of each term, Rivas said, and 92% of those who participated in RESET said in surveys that the course addressed both their personal and academic needs. The retention rates for students on academic notice increased by 4% in the program’s first year.

San Jose State University is also revamping its “Bounce Back” program for students on academic notice under a newly formed unit, Undergraduate Advising & Success. Previously, colleges in the university took varied approaches, from an online course only to weekly advisement meetings or peer mentors. The university now aims to take the best parts of these programs and implement them systemwide.

“My hope is that we will have supervised grad students who are in social work and psychology to help students unpack whatever may be going on that's impeding them being their highest selves,” said Shonda Goward, the associate vice provost in charge of the new program.

These changes in schools’ academic probation approach comes after years of many universities giving inconsistent support to those who need it most.

Many schools in the Cal State system recommend, but don’t require, advisement or other support for students on academic probation. The university system respects “autonomy at the campus level to implement strategies” regarding academic notice, said Cal State spokesperson Amy Bentley-Smith.

At the same time, Cal State is pushing to increase its graduation rates, with Black students in particular often falling through the cracks.

The University of California also leaves standards for academic probation up to the individual campuses. Some take away the declared majors of students who consistently underperform, forcing them to choose new ones. Others, like UC Davis, place holds on registration until students meet with their advisors to come up with a plan to get back into good academic standing.

Community colleges in California, on the other hand, are all required by state law to “make a reasonable effort to provide counseling and other support services to those on academic probation.”

The level and type of support vary by campus, but they are not allowed to simply notice students on academic probation without giving support, said Melissa Villarin, a spokesperson for the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.

More colleges and universities need to be proactive and mindful about their strategies to support students on academic probation, Corona Lira said. The rate of those going from probation to disqualification “is way too high for what the whole purpose of academic probation is supposed to be.”

Walker is a fellow with the CalMatters College Journalism Network, a collaboration between CalMatters and student journalists from across California. This story and other higher education coverage are supported by the College Futures Foundation.

Bear tracks in Malibu

Jan Milligan

BB-12: Following news that wildlife officials captured and tagged a juvenile black bear in the Santa Monica Mountains, Malibu residents found bear tracks along the beach recently. Jan Milligan photographed the tracks on May 7 during her morning run. The bear, known as BB-12 is the only bear in the area that officials know of. The nearest population of black bears is in the Santa Susana Mountains, north of the 118 Freeway near Santa Clarita. Bear sightings further south are rare but have occurred over the years. However, officials said there’s no evidence of a breeding population this far south.

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Solutions To yesterday’s Crossword

ACROSS
1 Tiger’s toenail (9)
5 Search ___ and low (5)
9 Back talk (7)
12 Mystical glow (9)
14 Farmhand measure (6)
15 Hawaiian “hello” (6)
17 Lambs’ fathers (5)
18 Rip (apart) (6)
19 Opposite of “plus,” in math (5)
20 President George W. __ (9)
21 Sudsy tub additive (7)
23 Karate blow (5)
25 Animal dens (6)
26 Luxury watch brand (9)
28 Eventful time periods (9)
30 Forbidden actions (15)
31 Fruit that becomes a prune (9)
32 Spilled child (9)
36 Assist in a crime (9)
37 Spa’s steam room (9)
38 Office assistant (9)
39 Window screen material (9)
40 Children (9)
41 Gradually wear away (9)
42 Old dish (French fries or rice) (9)
43 Novels’ story lines (9)
44 Story from AESOP (6)
47 Self-control (will power) (9)
48 Yellow bird-shaped tub toy (9)
51 Of sound mind (9)
55 Mirror’s reflection (9)
56 Rebounding sound (9)
57 Do as you’re told (9)
58 Arise in the morning (9)

DOWN
1 Nutrient in pasta, for short (5)
2 Hawaiian feast (5)
3 They fill shirt sleeves (5)
4 Small fabric used for scrubbing (4)
5 Container for a fedora or bonnet (9)
6 Freeze over (9)
7 Snatch quickly (5)
8 Parsley or basil (5)
9 Equivalent to (9)
10 Suspicious story (9)
11 Submarine tracking device (9)
59 Make a fast escape (9)
60 ___ vera gel (9)
61 Declare to be untrue (9)
62 Tiny bits (9)
63 Ballpoints and felt tips (9)

64 Closes, as a window (9)
65 Camel’s South American cousin (9)
66 “For good fellow...” (8)
67 After-bath garment (5)
68 Dollar bills (5)
69 Competes in a marathon (5)
70 ’60s war zone, for short (5)
71 Settled a debt (5)
72 Cake that produces laughter (5)
73 Very funny person (5)
74 Tallies up (5)
75 Collarless casual shirt (5)
76 Person who glides down snow (5)

60 Letter after kay (8)
61 Feeling ready to take a nap (8)
62 “Orange” tea varieties (8)
63 Was quietly angry (8)
64 Lessen in intensity (8)
65 Youngster’s pellet shooter (5)
66 Bus station timetable: Abbr. (5)
67 Oil-drilling structure (5)
68 Dexterous (5)
69 School near Hollywood: Abbr. (5)
70 Ready, willing and (5)
71 Gas in glowing store signs (5)
72 What contact lenses are placed on (5)

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TODAY’S BIRTHDAY (May 15)

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you meet with resistance, don’t fight. Instead roll with what’s coming your way. Be alert to how you might divert the energy. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A project lumbers on. Change your strategy so you can break the finish line faster. Also, being exclusively in control of the thing gets tiresome. Accept input from as many other people as possible.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a way of bringing people down to earth in a good way. Dreams and ambitions are fun to talk about, but nothing comes to fruition without old-fashioned hard work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Maybe you don’t yet believe in your ability to accomplish a task, but this will not impede your success. Your willingness to try even though you may be bad at something will attract support and luck.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you get the feeling someone needs help, you offer it. You don’t need to be asked because you’re paying attention. This is the difference between you and everyone you’re around today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Will you look back at this and laugh? Not if you’re not laughing now. If you’re displeased, instead of enduring it in the hope that the future will bring another perspective, be assertive. Make the change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Something is conveyed in a believable way, but that does not, in and of itself, make it true. What it indicates is that the source believes it wants you to agree. You’re not so easily convinced.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don’t expect anyone to fully understand where you’re coming from because you’re dealing with a different set of problems and resources than they are. It will take too long to explain things. Demonstrate instead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your eyes may be bigger than your wallet. As the 19th-century humorist Artemus Ward said, “Let us all be happy and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with.”

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you think of your relationships, part of you is happy and grateful — part discontented and longing for something more. Malcontent will drive you to get out and meet new people.
Agnes

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 14 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

Dry country


Agnew Community Illabo Pub
Arid Cook Lake Eyre Robe
Ashfield Copper Lead Sand
Bearded Creek Louth Scone
Bearded dragon Emus Menindee Scrub
Bell Eulo Motel Shepparton
Bena Farms Mt Isa Stack
Birdlife Gold Mulga Swim
Bush Grass Ochre Tara
Camooweal Grim Opals Vast
Caves Haig Ord River Walgett

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S WORDS PUZZLE.
Foundations of our society
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FRIAY | MAY 19
JAZZ VOCAL ENSEMBLE RECITAL
Andrea Preponis, Director. SMC’s award-winning jazz vocal ensemble blends its voices in a program of jazz repertoire specifically arranged for four-part harmony. Free with any Student ID. The Stage Broad Performing Arts Center

SATURDAY | MAY 20
HOT BUTTERED RUM
Hot Buttered Rum, a souped-up, left-coast string band, is the brainchild of uniquely gifted musicians who weave their love of bluegrass, folk, jazz and soul into a rousing strain of Americana. Sting bass and five-alarm fiddle merge with guitar, banjo, mandolin, drums and keyboards to frame the voices of its two contrasting writers, fueling a dance party with roots in Appalachia and its branches in California. It’s a sound that’s as tough to describe as it is easy to love. The Venice West. 1717 Lincoln Blvd Venice, CA 90291 https://www.ticketweb.com/event/hot-buttered-rum-the-venice-west-tickets/12887125

WALK AND PLAY LA
Children’s Hospital Los Angeles is thrilled to host its seventh annual Walk and Play LA. This year’s event will be held in person at the Santa Monica Pier, hosted by two CHLA Trustees: boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard and the host of the Ellen K Morning Show on KOST 103.5 FM. Ellen K! Join us for a day of fun and entertainment creating hope and building healthier futures for our young patients. Pacific Park at the Santa Monica Pier 380 Santa Monica Pier Santa Monica, California 90401 https://secure1.chla.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=walk_play_landing

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For help submitting an event, contact us at 310-458-7737 or submit to events@smdp.com

MONDAY | MAY 15
LIGHTING OF HISTORIC CITY HALL
City Hall will be illuminated in red, gold, blue, and green lights representing colors common in themes across Asian and Pacific Islander cultures to celebrate APII Heritage Month. 12:00 am Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street Santa Monica, CA, California 90401

TUESDAY | MAY 16
HOLLYWOOD TO FINE ART: SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION WITH 5 ARTISTS
Santa Monica Art Museum (SMAM) hosts a one-night-only screening and panel discussion on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, with five exhibiting artists about their backgrounds working in film, television, music, advertising, and their current photographic work on view at the museum. Santa Monica Art Museum 3SAM, 1219 3rd Street Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401 https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hollywood-to-fine-art-screening-panel-discussion-with-5-artists-tickets-627443980837

WEDNESDAY | MAY 17
FUTURE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
We all have ideas, so the city is holding three Ideas Exchange events in May. They’re part of an initiative called Future of Behavioral Health to address the causes and consequences of mental health and substance use disorder-related issues. Denver-based Initium Health is organizing the sessions and helping the city envision future steps to serve those in crisis and impacted community members. Hear best practices from national leaders and share the solutions you’d like to see. Annenberg Community Beach House

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MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

WEATHER
Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.
Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 75.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.

DAILY LOTTERY

SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: 60.1

MONDAY | FAIR TO GOOD | 4-ft+ Chest to overhead
TUESDAY | FAIR | 4-ft Chest to overhead

WINNER TAKES ALL DRAW | 5/10 | 21 24 33 55 69 | Powerball: 3 | Jackpot: 125 M

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MVG | 9:00 - 5:00

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