Teen entrepreneurs hope to literally spread the wealth

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SMDP Intern

A group of Samohi students are spreading their love of all things financial to their peers through a new educational partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica.

The nonprofit organization Youth Entrepreneurship Association (YEA) has partnered with the club to create a summer program, Teenpreneurship, focused on teaching financial literacy to low income teens.

YEA was founded by SAMOHI students Mason Arditi, Justin Green, Olivia Pitrone, and Alex Green to educate youth by creating access to education about investment, business, and economics through entrepreneurship.

The group also created the Samohi Business Club in 2021 that helps educate students about stocks and other finances, as well as prompting students to create their own businesses. The Samohi Business Club has sparked creativity in students to initiate their own companies such as Admit One Clothing, Backyard Baby, Taiga Inc and more.

On Samohi’s campus, YEA and the Business Club hold career readiness classes, grant giveaways and more.

The rejected options would have included a new elevator to facilitate access but those options were deemed to negatively impact the historic structures on the Pier. In addition, the money required to complete the project coming from other agencies carries restrictions and the City is out of time to

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California artists, chefs find creative ways to confront destructive ‘superbloom’ of wild mustard

JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

While ripping out yellow blooms blanketing hillsides in Los Angeles, Max Kingery has been questioned about his fervor for killing flowers. But the clothing designer who used the plants to dye his spring and summer lines said he takes no offense at being accused of pillaging this part of California's "superbloom." Instead, he sees it as an opportunity to raise awareness about a destructive flower that proliferated in the state following an unusually wet winter: wild black mustard.

Mustard was among the most prominent of wild flowering plants that seemingly popped up everywhere in California this spring. As temperatures warm it is starting to die, making it tinder for wildfires in a state that has been ravaged by blazes. Its stalks can act as fire ladders, causing flames to climb.

Mustard also smothers native plants, transforming the landscape. Its leaves and roots inhibit the growth of other species, creating a mono-thicket that spreads rapidly. There are numerous kinds of wild mustards in California, but black mustard or Brassica nigra is considered among the most pervasive.

Kingery is part of a growing group of artists, designers and chefs, who are tackling the invasion by harvesting the plant to use in everything from dyes to pesto.

Foragers have led edible hikes to pick its peppery flower and munch on its leaves. There have been workshops and instruction guides on how to turn it into paper, fertilizer and a spicy version of the well-known condiment by the same name.

Kingery’s line, aptly named “Pervasive Bloom,” features sweatshirts, pants, tank tops and other items dyed naturally using mustard. On the website for his company, Olderbrother, a model embraces the uprooted weed while donning a mustard-dyed jacket. Other photos show the clearing of the land.

The Olderbrother store in Los Angeles is decorated with a huge panel of the plant’s stalks, leaves and flowers that were woven on a loom by designer Cecilia Bordarampe. The material came from the first harvest when Kingery said his team initially harvested about 450 pounds (204 kilograms) to make the dye. They have continued, removing more than a 100 pounds (45 kilograms) a week ever since, mostly from public land in Los Angeles.

Even that amount is only nipping at the problem, Kingery said.

The plant from Eurasia was first brought to California in the 1700s — it has been found in the adobe bricks of missions. But its presence exploded this year after a record amount of rainfall from December to April. Years of wildfires also created more spaces for the plant that thrives in disturbed lands.

State and local agencies remove mustard from managed lands, but it’s spread to places beyond.

At its peak bloom this spring, undulating swaths of yellow lined freeways. Hillsides jutting up from urban landscapes glowed.

"We don’t want to rip a bunch of plants out of the ground for no reason," Kingery said. "The idea of something being utilized that is growing out of the sidewalk is a pretty cool concept."

Artist Erin Berkowitz of Berbo Studio makes dyes from invasive species, including the dye for Kingery’s clothing line. She has offered classes along with a chef who crafts pesto from the mustard greens and mashes the flowers into dressing.

"This is an abundant art supply that is all around us," Berkowitz said. She said her work with Kingery showed the possibilities of what can happen if more people become aware of its uses.

"Visually we watched a whole hill of a park be denuded of mustard, which was a very hopeful thing," she said.

Underneath the towering stalks of mustard, which can grow more than 8-feet (2.4 meters) tall, blue lupine, poppies and other native plants were fighting to reach sunlight. "One public space, one whole neighborhood, returned to having healthy, functional native ecology," Berkowitz said after the harvest in...
It’s a huge deal and it will affect him for the rest of his life.

- Dr. Barbara Van Eeckhout

New Prescription: Weight Loss Surgery

The Associated Press

John Simon III was a hungry baby, a “chunky” toddler and a chubby little boy, his mother said. But by age 14, his weight had soared to 430 pounds and was a life-threatening medical condition.

In January, the American Academy of Pediatrics issued guidelines that call for considering obesity drugs for kids as young as 12 and surgery for those as young as 13. But recommendations were immediately controversial.

Mental Health America, an advocacy group, called them “dangerous” and “disheartening,” saying they would increase eating disorders and perpetuate harmful stigma regarding weight. Some on social media accused doctors and parents of taking the easy way out, blaming things like junk food or video games — or accusing parents of “child abuse.”

Dr. David Ludwig, an endocrinologist and researcher at Boston Children’s Hospital, warned that the “justified excitement” over new weight-loss medications shouldn’t eclipse non-drug options.

“Especially for children, diet and exercise must remain at the forefront of obesity prevention and treatment,” he wrote in JAMA.

But medical experts who treat kids with severe obesity say research is clear: Diet and exercise alone aren’t enough. More than 240 diseases are associated with excess weight — including liver problems, diabetes and inflammation — and the signs show up early, said Dr. Janey Pratt, a Stanford University surgeon who performed surgery on John Simon.

“It’s already affecting major organs by the time they get to me,” Pratt said. “You’re dealing with a train that’s headed over a cliff.”

In elementary school, John struggled with joint pain, shortness of breath and sleep apnea so severe that, at age 12, he needed coffee to stay awake. He developed anxiety triggered by daily bullying at school and was hospitalized as a sixth grader for two months with post-traumatic stress disorder.

“They call me names, hit me, push me, all of the above,” John said. “It was a lot of hardship I had to go through.”

He tried diets and exercise, losing up to 40 pounds. But intense food cravings meant the weight always came back — plus more. By the time John met Dr. Callum Rowe, a pediatrics surgeon who performed surgery on John, his weight had soared to 430 pounds and was a life-threatening medical condition.

“I just want to live a happy, healthy life,” he said. “Without the pain. And just without the weight.”

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collection of landfill trash, household hazardous waste, street sweeping, illegal dumping cleanup and public education in order to keep Santa Monica clean, safe and sustainable,” she said. “It takes $37 million each year for RRR to provide these services including responding to 180 illegal dumping and bulky item collection requests per day, which is the number one most requested 311 service in the city.”

The City Council’s decision to adjust the rates comes after their support for a rate adjustment at a previous study session on February 28, 2023. This adjustment follows a three-year freeze on rate increases, with the last multi-year solid waste rate increase approved in 2014.

“These services are primarily funded by the solid waste rates, which have been frozen for three years in 2020, 2021 and 2022 during the COVID-19 pandemic to protect customers during financially uncertain times. Meanwhile, rising costs and a stronger demand for a cleaner and greener city means a rate adjustment is absolutely needed now,” said Yeung.

The approved rates will support various enhanced services, including the provision of organics recycling services to all customers to comply with State requirements under Senate Bill 1383. The City will also increase alley cleaning frequencies, establish a Bulky Item Illegal Dumping Response Team to address dumping hotspots, provide volunteer-organized community cleanup activities, service protected bicycle lanes, and provide additional zero waste outreach and education. These initiatives aim to divert waste from landfills and work towards the City Council’s goal of achieving zero waste by 2030.

In addition to the rate adjustment, the Council also adopted recommendations for multi-family and commercial ratepayers. The restructuring eliminates livable unit charges and water meter charges while bundling street sweeping services into one consistent rate, aligning with industry standards and ensuring consistency among all customer types. Precise rates will vary based on the service level chosen by customers but under the new system Santa Monica’s rates for multi-family and commercial tenants are among the lowest in the county while single-family homeowners will pay slightly more than counterparts in other places.

Those local rates are a result of the City offering more services to other municipalities and operating an in-house waste system.

Santa Monica stands out as one of three cities in Los Angeles County that provides its own municipally run solid waste management operation to all residents and businesses.

“But it is important to keep in mind that the city also provides more services to its residents at no additional charge, such as on demand door to door household hazardous waste collection and year round recycling events,” said Yeung.

According to Yeung, the rate increases will help address common resident concerns. She said the department recognizes illegal dumping is a community priority but RRR has not had the staffing to provide proactive daily cleanups of the city’s 200 plus miles of streets and alleys after losing a significant number of workers during the COVID-19 budget cuts and restructuring in 2020.

“The new rates would allow us to hire more permanent full time workers to expand the bulky item illegal dumping team,” she said. “The team would proactively inspect hotspots that are frequent dumping grounds. The team would also monitor a different section of the city every day, removing items from the ground and separating our recyclable items such as clean and dry mattresses or cardboard and diverting them from the landfill. Proactively cleaning up our streets and alleys more frequently would also reduce the need for residents to report illegal dumping to 311 and lessen the burden on the 311 infrastructure.”

According to Proposition 218, the City Council must conduct a public hearing and tally protests received. If there is no majority protest, defined as 50% plus one vote based on one vote per property, the Council can approve and adopt the proposed solid waste rates. Less than 1% of ratepayers objected this year, and the new rates will be effective from August 1, 2023, onwards.

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
ORDINANCE NUMBER 2751 (CCS) (CITY COUNCIL SERIES)
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.08.830 AND ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF CATALYTIC CONVERTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA

The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2751 (CCS) prepared by the Office of the City Attorney:

Over the last several years, the theft of catalytic converters has increased significantly in the City of Santa Monica, the State of California, and nationwide. To combat the theft, transportation, and recycling of illegally obtained catalytic converters in the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Police Department, in conjunction with the Santa Monica City Attorney’s Office, introduced this Ordinance to the City Council of Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 4.08.830. This section makes it unlawful to possess a catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle unless the possessor has valid documentation or other proof of lawful possession.

The Ordinance will take effect thirty days after its adoption.

The full text of the above Ordinance is available upon request from the office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica. Phone: (310) 458-8211.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA ADDING SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 4.08.830

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**NEWS**

Unionized UPS workers could strike this summer, scrambling supply chains and home delivery

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AP Business Writers

Unionized UPS workers voted overwhelmingly on Friday to authorize a strike, setting the stage for a potential work stoppage if the package delivery company and Teamsters can’t come to an agreement before their contract expires next month.

The Teamsters said 97% of unionized workers voted for the authorization, which the union urged for in order to have more leverage during negotiations with the company. But a yes vote does not mean a strike is imminent.

“If this multibillion-dollar corporation fails to deliver on the contract that our hardworking members deserve, UPS will be striking itself,” Teamsters General President Sean O’Brien said in a prepared statement. “The strongest leverage our members have is their labor and they are prepared to withhold it to ensure UPS acts accordingly.”

The Teamsters represent about 340,000 UPS employees, more than half of the company’s workforce in the largest private-sector contract in North America. If a strike occurs, it would be the first since a 15-day walkout by 185,000 workers crippled the company a quarter century ago.

UPS has grown vastly since then and become even more engrained in the U.S. economy. The company says it delivers the equivalent of about 6% of nation’s gross domestic product. That means a strike would carry with it potentially far-reaching implications for the economy.

UPS said in a prepared statement the strike vote does not impact the company’s current business operations.

“Authorization votes and approvals are normal steps in labor union negotiations,” the company said. “We continue to make progress on key issues and remain confident that we will reach an agreement that provides wins for our employees, the Teamsters, our company and our customers.”

UPS workers are still seething about the current contract, which they feel was forced on them by prior union leadership in 2018 based on a technicality. The contract created two hierarchies of workers with different pay scales, hours and benefits. The union wants it eliminated.

In addition to addressing part-time pay and what workers say is excessive overtime, the union wants improvements to driver safety, particularly the lack of air conditioning in delivery trucks, which has been blamed for the death of a driver and hospitalizations of others.

On Tuesday, the union and the company announced they reached a tentative agreement to equip more trucks with air conditioning equipment. Under the agreement, UPS said it would add air conditioning to U.S. small delivery vehicles purchased after January 1, 2024.

But those changes aren’t extending to vehicles already in operation – at least not yet. Instead, the union says two fans would be installed in all vehicles when a new contract is ratified. It also said the company agreed to add heat shield to some vehicles, and put air vents in all cars within 18 months of a new contract. Under the agreement, UPS says roughly 95% of its existing U.S. package delivery fleet will be enhanced.

Teamsters spokesperson Kara Deniz said there have been two dozen tentative agreements reached with UPS since the negotiations began in April. The current contract expires on July 31.

UPS delivers around 25 million packages a day, representing about a quarter of all U.S. parcel volume, according to the global shipping and logistics firm Pitney Bowes. That’s about 10 million parcels more than it delivered each day in the years leading up to the pandemic.

UPS profits have soared since the pandemic began in 2020 as millions of Americans grew to rely on the delivery to their doorsteps.

Annual profits at UPS in the past two years are close to three times what they were pre-pandemic. The Atlanta company returned about $8.6 billion to shareholders in the form of dividends and stock buybacks in 2022, and forecasts another $8.4 billion for shareholders this year.

The Teamsters say that profit growth is largely due to the hard work of UPS drivers and warehouse workers who carry everything from 50-pound bags of dog food and cases of

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California’s regionally isolated power grid leaves state vulnerable to failure

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Special to the Daily Press

The Western power grid is going through a major transformation as states and utilities strive to boost reliability and fulfill their clean electricity goals. California legislation that would have been a first step toward enhancing grid collaboration in the West did not advance last month, but that should not stop us from more actively planning for a robust energy future at such a critical juncture.

It was encouraging that the governor in May committed to begin working towards greater regional cooperation in sharing energy and upgrading the transmission network. California leadership is essential to achieve a better-connected power grid that would benefit tens of millions of people across the West.

Without that leadership, California could be left behind.

In a policy brief, the Union of Concerned Scientists laid out the benefits and risks of grid regionalization. Establishing a western grid operator could expand access to renewable energy, reduce overall costs and help to avoid the kind of power outages we’ve seen in the past during periods of extreme heat.

That was the idea behind Assembly Bill 538, authored by Assemblymember Chris Holden, a Pasadena Democrat, which stalled in the Legislature last month. It would have allowed California’s grid operator,
Let’s raise a cup to Santa Monica!

Thank you.

The working-class neighborhood of El Sereno in east L.A.

Jen Toy of Test Plot, an organization that partnered with Kingery and Berkowitz and helps people restore biodiversity to their neighborhoods, said “it’s really about broadening what we mean by land care, and getting other folks who might not see themselves as environmentalists interested.”

To that end, ecological horticulturist Alyssa Kahn and artist Nadine Allan made a zine, a digital magazine, about the uses of black mustard, including to make paper, a face mask and even a kind of natural pesticide to till into garden soil.

Kahn said she was motivated to act in part because she has friends who lost nearly everything to wildfires.

“We wanted to incentivize people to do something about it,” she said, and educate them.

“They just look so pretty,” Kahn added.

Jutta Burger of the California Invasive Plant Council applauds the ingenuity and suggests people contact land management agencies to gather left-behind seeds when areas are cleared.

“You’ll never completely get rid of it, at least where it’s been established for a long time,” she said.

Still, Burger said similar efforts to creatively use something have made an impact. For example, she said, when chefs started crafting recipes involving the predatory lionfish and serving it in restaurants, its population decreased in areas, and it became widely known that the species was a threat to native marine life.

“One thing we would like to make sure people know is those yellow fields out there, they were once fields of not just yellow — they were fields of yellow, purple, pink, and blue,” Burger said.
continue the design phase as the project has to be completed by the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Costs have also skyrocketed for the plan.Santa Monica officials estimated the cost at $8 million 12 years ago in August 2010. By 2021, that estimate had exploded up to $27,225,000.

Both replacement options are essentially the same bridge with a wider pedestrian sidewalk. The preferred option moves the sidewalk to the south side of the bridge, raises it up six inches from the roadway and slightly realigns traffic to provide a straighter path for traffic entering the Pier from Colorado. The minor alteration will require pedestrians coming from Palisades Park to cross the bridge to reach the sidewalk but the configuration will hopefully reduce the frequency of cars hitting the historic Pier Bridge Sign and increase use of the area adjacent to the Loof Hippodrome at the bridge’s base.

Civil Engineer Omeed Pour said no option could cater to everyone.

“A lot of our stakeholders, such as the Pier Board, really want to better enhance access to the Hippodrome as well as those businesses down there,” he said. “There’s also a large volume of people that once they reach the bottom of the Pier, they go down the steps adjacent to the aquarium. So we want to better suit all these folks and their access, as well as aligning with the Esplanade. So definitely, it’s at the expense of anyone who’s, for example, on Palisades Park, who would then have to cross the scramble, but that’s just the tradeoff that we have to make and we had to pick the better option.”

While there were questions from Council about various elements of the proposal, including if it can actually be built on time, where the sign may be stored during construction and why some alternatives were withdrawn, the motion to approve an Environmental Quality Act report was passed unanimously.

The city will hopefully begin construction in 2025 with completion in 2027.

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wine to prescriptions.

The acrimony over the current contract was the impetus for workers rejecting a candidate to lead the Teamsters favored by longtime union head James Hoffa. Union members instead chose O’Brien, who has dug in on the Teamsters’ contract demands of UPS.

A win at UPS could also have implications for the organized labor outside the company.

There have been prominent labor organization campaigns at Apple, Starbucks, Trader Joe’s, even strippers at a dance club in Los Angeles. Teamsters are also attempting to organize workers at Amazon. On Friday, the new president of the United Auto Workers gave his strongest warning yet that the union is preparing for strikes against Detroit’s three automakers when contracts expire in September.

AP Auto Writer Tom Krisher contributed to this report from Detroit

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WALTER ROY RINGWALD
June 25, 1926 - May 15, 2023

Walter Roy Ringwald, a Master Mason and a World War II veteran, rode the roller coaster of life for 96 years. Walter was born June 25, 1926, in Wildomar, California. He died on May 15, 2023. The cause of death was being 96 years old. A heck of a run.

During the Great Depression, Walt and his five siblings raised goats, attended a one-room schoolhouse and had many adventures in the hills of Wildomar. One day, Walt didn’t return home. Panic ensued, neighbors formed a search party, and Walt was found in an abandoned well. They warmed him up by the wood stove and frogs jumped out of his pockets!

After their mother died, the siblings were split up. Walt and his older sister Margaret went to live with an aunt and uncle in Santa Monica, where he would meet the love of his life who was just down the block.

Walt dropped out of high school to enlist in World War II and needed special permission because he was only 17. He served in the U.S. Navy as an aviation machinist’s mate second class. He spent much of the war in Kodiak, Alaska, but was sent to Germany to fix planes involved with the Berlin Airlift. A pilot asked if he was confident enough in his mechanical ability to fly in one of the planes he fixed. Walt said yes and the pilot took him up. The plane flew perfectly.

After the Navy, he became a lineman putting up telephone wires for General Telephone. He was so dedicated that he’d drive down alleys while on errands so he could look at the telephone poles and check the work. He received his GED and a certificate in business management and rose to become a highly regarded engineer with a 40-year career at General Telephone.

In 1950, Walt was raised to Master Mason of the Santa Monica-Palisades Masonic Lodge No. 307. The Masons were a North Star for him and he dedicated his life to bringing people together and supporting the community.

In 1994, the Masonic Center was destroyed in an earthquake. Rebuilding it was one of Walt’s proudest accomplishments. He held the office of treasurer for 13 years and was Worshipful Master in 1982, 1986, and 1994.

In 1991, Walt received the Hiram Award, which is given to a Master Mason who has unsuitably given his time, talents and energy for the betterment of his Lodge and the Masonic Fraternity with devotion over and above the ordinary, and who displays his devotion to the Lodge and the Fraternity without asking for anything in return.

It is the single highest honor a California Mason may receive, other than being elected Master of the Lodge. It is awarded at the request of the individual’s Lodge, and bestowed by the Grand Lodge of California.

Walter married Nancy Lou Andreae on Aug. 7, 1949. Their wedding was full of unbridled joy. Nancy in a white dress and Walt in his blue Navy uniform – both with matching smiles.

Family was important to Walt. He and Nancy had four daughters: Monica, April, Teri and Debbie. They were raised to have a strong work ethic, to believe in equality and that they could be anything. All four became Honored Queens in Job’s Daughters and Walt made all their gavels and sounding blocks in his woodshop. The smell of wood and sawdust will forever remind them of their dad in his garage creating beautiful tools and even pictures from wood.

Walt helped build the family cabin in Big Bear, where kids and grandparents spent many summers playing board games, taking swims in the lake, and watching the stars on the sleeping porch.

He and Nancy were also blessed with 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. They were present for every one of their most important moments. Whether an Eagle Scout ceremony hundreds of miles away or a college graduation in a different state. Grandpa and Grandma were always there.

He was an A’s younger brother. For his 90th birthday, his family organized a gift exchange with the theme “W” for “Walter.” Whiskey, wine bottles, whack-a-mole. But the hottest, most stolen gift of the night? A “Welcome” mat. Walt’s older sister Margaret thought she’d snagged it. Who would steal from a little old lady? But it was stolen. Twice. Walt had the final pick of the night and he took the welcome mat just to give it to his sister. Walt knew what he liked. Brown sugar and cranberries in oatmeal. Buttered popcorn and black licorice jelly beans. Rocky Road ice cream. And morning walks to the bakery for a donut and strong black coffee.

When news of his passing reached the younger generations, the overwhelming response was how lucky everyone felt to have gotten to spend so much time with him.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the California Masonic Foundation: https://masonicfoundation.org/ways-to-give/give-now/or the Midnight Mission: https://www,midnightmission.org/donate/

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I want to teach that it is an attainable thing to anybody, no matter their background or family income, said Arditi. “I just want everybody to believe it’s possible.”

Teenpreneurship is available for teens aged 13-18 and will run from June 19th to August 1st. To find more information, visit the YEA website https://www.yeayOUTH.org/ or Instagram https://www.instagram.com/yea.org/.

“We lacked financial education resources at Samohi, but we wanted to invest our time this summer to helping low-income teenagers who had even less access to financial education,” said Arditi.

This year, they will have this program at the Club’s Santa Monica Main Branch and Mar Vista Gardens locations. Next year, they are scaling to 10 different locations with the Teenpreneurship program. Ultimately, they want to grab the attention of the state of California and implement financial literacy programs in education.

“We are trying to get students to find problems in their community and that is what they are going to base their business off of,” said Olivia Pirrone, director of Marketing for YEA.
POWER
FROM PAGE 5

CAISO, to transition from a politically appointed leadership into an independent governance structure – a move that would enable it to expand across multiple states as a western regional transmission organization, known as an RTO.

While the proposal has been floated in California before, the need for more regional collaboration has become more urgent as climate change continues to stress the grid and we need to build clean energy infrastructure at an unprecedented rate.

But even without passage of the legislation, this is not the time to slam on the brakes. It’s important to recognize that CAISO isn’t the only game in town anymore. The Southwest Power Pool, an RTO in Arkansas that operates in 17 central U.S. states, is moving quickly to expand its operations into the West. CAISO already collaborates with some western utilities, but these and other utilities are considering joining the Southwest Power Pool because they want to be members of an RTO.

They don’t view CAISO as a pathway to RTO membership unless it changes its governance structure.

If California loses its grid collaborators, energy costs will go up and grid reliability could be jeopardized. To prevent utilities from flocking to the Southwest Power Pool, California needs to make it clear to them that CAISO governance change could still happen, and continued collaboration could eventually lead to membership in an independently governed RTO.

One way to accomplish that is for the governor, legislators and regulators to work together to shape a western RTO that works for California and the rest of the West. If CAISO is ever going to fill that role, it needs a new, independent governance structure that does a better job than existing grid operators of soliciting meaningful participation from a broad range of stakeholders, including underrepresented communities, and enabling states to pursue their policy priorities. Fortunately, a diverse array of state electricity regulators have already provided a set of governance principles as a jumping-off point.

The added benefit of shaping that structure now is that California legislators would likely be much more comfortable passing a bill changing CAISO’s governance if they knew what the new structure would look like. At the same time, California policymakers should work to address concerns over grid regionalization raised by labor groups and the potential impacts on the state’s renewable energy goals.

California should send a clear signal to the rest of the West that it is actively engaged in shaping a western grid operator that will enable states to achieve their clean energy goals while providing more reliable and affordable electricity to consumers. The difficult work of building a western RTO may only just begin, and now is the time for California to continue charging forward.

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Your instincts are golden, and you automatically follow them, so you never have to worry if you're in the right place with the right people. You start making friends where you are, and beautiful things happen. More highlights: a spectacular vacation, a happy turn of health and the completion of a several-year project. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 2, 10, 4 and 18.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Hunger affects behavior. For better or worse, it clarifies goals, sharpens powers of observation and galvanizes inner forces. Unlike those whose needs are satisfied, the hungry are decisive and will not hesitate. Know who you’re dealing with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will be in a familiar circumstance, nothing out of the ordinary as far as anyone knows, and yet your mind has teleported to another realm to sort out a complicated knot of logistics and emotion, which you’ll do brilliantly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You’re deep and so are your connections. Even when you are physically attracted to someone, the beauty you see in them is their bright spirit and radiant heart. For this reason, your attractions bring you luck.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU

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 CROSSWORD

STAGS SPFED BIC KOREA HER ANO

AMELIAAEHARTS TEADNA ROUT ESS BATH SINISE MOTHERWASTE

CAMEONAIL IAL ONAN FIRST LORE

INC GORY ABNER FEMALEEVERTO SHIRES IBET PRO ELLE E RON

CLIMBPIKESPEAK HAS OGRE THYME ENS YAKS SISSY

Newspaper Crossword

ACROSS
1 Not a big cut
5 Finishes what’s started
10 Tap choices
14 Player from 18 Down
15 Not included
16 Consolation
17 “Please explain” 19 António do brial
20 It takes weeks to complete
21 Use up
22 Antecedent
23 Beat
25 Does as well as others
27 Where Buzz got his Sc.D.
28 Fouls territory
29 Hardly sugary
31 Unknown
33 Dollar store ancestors
36 Its lexicon includes “banner” and “standard”
37 What lateral thinking requires
38 Word from the Latin for “maiden”
39 NL team with the most WS wins
40 Darn it
43 Monarchic symbol
44 Toy Story character with knobs and a screen
47 Stand and Deliver setting
49 Cans of Worcestershire
51 Cut away, or out
53 Deep thinking
54 Tall, old-style

DOWN
1 40 Project
2 Mercury trainees
2 Shaded oneself
3 Wishful speaking
4 Tap choices
5 Toutes-jours connector

6 One on many covers
57 Final word of Twain’s Eve’s Diary
58 Shelter Outreach sponsor
59 “Look, Luisa!”
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### Agnes

By TONY COCHRAN

**LAST NIGHT, I DREAMED ABOUT A NICE DOG NAMED YAHVOLONO. HE SANG ME YIDDISH FOLK SONGS AND WAS OF A GOLDEN HUE.**

**HOW WOULD I KNOW HE WAS OF A GOLDEN HUE IF I DIDN’T DREAM IN COLOR?**

**I DON’T EVEN BELIEVE HE WAS A DOG.**

### Dogs of C-Kennel

By MICK & MASON MASTROIANNI & JOHNNY HART

**BALL!**

**GET A ROOM.**

### Zack Hill

By JOHN DEERING & JOHN NEWCOMBE

**ANOTHER GOOD THING ABOUT SUMMER IS YOU CAN’T BE BUKED IN THE HOLLIDAY BAY.**

**Yeah, but he still knows how to use the internet.**

### Heathcliff

By PETER GALLAGHER

**FOR THOSE OF YOU ON DECK TODAY, WE’LL BE HAVING DOUGBOON-SIZED HILL AROUND 11:00 PM, MAHAR.**

**“THIS WAS ONCE A GARBAGE DUMP.”**

### Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING

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

**Using a compass**

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

**Alone**  **East**  **Navigators**  **South**
**Arrow**  **Extent**  **Needle**  **Steel**
**Attain**  **Find**  **Nifty**  **Task**
**Beacon**  **Float**  **North**  **Tour**
**Binnacle**  **Help**  **Observe**  **Transponder**
**Buoys**  **Horizon**  **Orbital**  **Trek**
**Clock**  **Liquid**  **Pivot**  **True**
**Cold**  **Lost**  **Pole**  **Useful**
**Dashboard**  **Magic**  **Risks**  **Wait**
**Date**  **Map**  **Scope**  **West**
**Dial**  **Markers**  **Sensible**

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SURF REPORT

SATURDAY POOR TO FAIR SURF: 2-3 ft+ Thigh to stomach
SUNDAY FAIR

WATER TEMP: 61.5

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 70.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 60.
Sunday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 68.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 60.

DATE    DAY    TIME (LST/LDT)    Predicted (ft)  High/Low
2023/06/17  Sat     04:07 AM    -0.90  L
2023/06/17  Sat     10:43 AM    3.53  H
2023/06/17  Sat     2:53 PM    2.42  L
2023/06/17  Sat     9:14 PM    6.22  H
2023/06/18  Sun     04:45 AM    -0.90  L
2023/06/18  Sun     11:27 AM    3.51  H
2023/06/18  Sun     3:29 PM    2.55  L
2023/06/18  Sun     6:48 PM    6.09  H
2023/06/19  Mon     05:22 AM    -0.78  L
2023/06/19  Mon     12:11 PM    3.48  H
2023/06/19  Mon     4:05 PM    2.65  L
2023/06/19  Mon     10:22 PM    5.89  H
2023/06/20  Tue     05:59 AM    -0.60  L
2023/06/20  Tue     12:54 PM    3.46  H
2023/06/20  Tue     4:43 PM    2.74  L
2023/06/20  Tue     10:58 PM    5.63  H
2023/06/21  Wed     06:37 AM    -0.36  L
2023/06/21  Wed     1:38 PM    3.47  H

DAILY LOTTERY

Draw Date: 6/14
3  20  36  42  64
Powerball: 36
Jackpot: 366 M

Draw Date: 6/15
7  21  39  39

Draw Date: 6/13
8  10  19  44  47
Megaball: 4
Jackpot: 281 M

Draw Date: 6/14
2  14  24  44  47
Megaball: 7
Jackpot: 68 M

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