

**The San Diego Community College District has received millions in federal funding.**

**Find out how this could benefit you as a student.**

**And daylight saving time is approaching.**

**We'll tell you when to turn your clocks, coming up.**

**And a popular Latino Film Festival returns to San Diego.**

**We'll have the details later in the show.**

**News scene starts now.**

**Hello! I'm Jillian Fortner, and welcome to this week's edition of News scene, a broadcast produced by the students of San Diego City College.**

**Every Wednesday, we bring you the top stories of the week.**

**We start tonight with millions of dollars of federal funding going to under-served students in the San Diego Community College District.**

**A \$3.4 million check was presented at a press conference on the Mesa College campus this week.**

**The money will be used to fund three different projects.**

**One of the projects includes expanding the four pride centers for LGBTQ students.**

**Representative Sara Jacobs said these centers**

**are vital resources on campus.**

**“We are talking about kids! they should feel free, safe, and celebrated for being who they are. and that is why these LGBTQ+ pride centers are so important.”**

**The funds will also be used to grow Dreamer Resource Centers.**

**These centers assist undocumented students by providing personal, academic, and career counseling.**

**And funding will also go to internships and job training for students who have recently aged out of foster care.**

**To learn more about this story, visit [sdcitytimes.com](http://sdcitytimes.com).**

**And just when our energy bills were starting to edge downward, San Diegans could be paying even higher bills in 2024.**

**The California Public Utilities Commission received a request from SDG&E to raise rates next year.**

**But the increases aren't automatic.**

**Before they are approved, remote and in-person public hearings are scheduled throughout the month.**

**Household electricity bills are expected to increase by about \$9 a month.**

**And natural gas bills are expected to be slightly higher than that.**

**And a new club committed to serving our community is starting right here at City College.**

**It's called Knights for Change.**

**And the club is looking for dedicated volunteers interested in meeting new people and engaging with the community through charity work.**

**The club is one of many at City College focused on building community outside of the classroom.**

**For more information you can go to [sdcity.edu](http://sdcity.edu) and search "clubs."**

**And City College is kicking off women's history month with a celebration of sports.**

**City College will be celebrating 50 years of title 9 with a pair of games today.**

**The Knights tennis and softball teams will compete this afternoon.**

**It comes after a free barbecue and a jersey give-away to the first 100 in attendance.**

**For more information, visit [sdcityknights.com](http://sdcityknights.com).**

**And the San Diego Police Department is looking to re-activate its controversial surveillance tech.**

**There are 500 inactive cameras and microphones still in place on street lights across the city.**

**The Police Department says they would like to use them as a tool to combat crime.**

**But opponents are concerned about privacy violations.**

**The department is holding hearings throughout the week.**

**And City College's urban campus will be a little brighter at night thanks to new permanent lighting.**

**Campus officials have added new lighting near the crosswalk over by parking lot 3.**

**You can also see new permanent lighting near the northeast corner of the science building.**

**Additional temporary lights are now near parking lot 5.**

**For more information, follow @sdcityoutreach on Instagram.**

**And a favorite San Diego film festival is back this year.**

**We'll have the details coming up after the break.**

**Welcome back to Newscene.**

**San Diegans have been hit hard by colds and flu this winter season.**

**According to county data, the percentage of emergency room visits for flu-like symptoms have been noticeably higher.**

**Although there has been a focus on covid for the past three years, other viruses have been circulating.**

**These viruses have a range of symptoms such as stomach or respiratory issues.**

**And these symptoms tend to linger longer than usual.**

**Some ways you can stay well include getting enough exercise and sleep, and reducing stress.**

**And make sure you don't forget to set your clocks forward this sunday.**

**Daylight saving time will begin at 2 a.m. this Sunday, March 12.**

**It will now get darker later in the morning and lighter longer in the afternoon.**

**The time change will affect the entire country except for Arizona and Hawaii.**

**And it will last until early November, when once again, we fall back an hour.**

**And a new way to ride to Pacific Beach will be available this summer.**

**After being lobbied by local officials, a new shuttle service will be offered for locals and tourists.**

**The shuttles would connect PB to the Balboa Avenue Trolley Station.**

**To fund the new program, parking meters will be placed in the community's business district.**

**The goal is to provide better transportation and alleviate congestion in the area.**

**And the Fleet Science Center is celebrating 50 years of elevating STEM in San Diego.**

**To mark this special anniversary, the Fleet will kick off a year of events all over the county.**

**Ticket prices will return to their original 1973 year price of \$2.50 starting this weekend.**

**Guests can also check out the new flashback exhibit that showcases each decade the center has been open, from 1970 to 2010.**

**For more information, visit [fleetscience.org](http://fleetscience.org) and search "anniversary."**

**And San Diego is celebrating Saint Patrick's Day a few days early.**

**The city will celebrate its 41st Annual St.**

**Patrick's Day parade and festival this Saturday in Balboa Park.**

**The festival will honor Celtic culture and the community in the San Diego region.**

**The parade will feature marching bands, Irish community groups, and over 100 floats.**

**For more information, visit [stpatricksdaysparade.org](http://stpatricksdaysparade.org).**

**And lovers of Latino cinema, art and culture are in for a treat starting this week.**

**The San Diego Latino Film Festival returns for its 30th anniversary.**

**More than 160 films will be shown across two locations, including the AMC Mission Valley cinema and the downtown Digital Gym CINEMA.**

**Filmmakers will make appearances and there will be live music and gala celebrations.**

**For more information visit [sdlatinofilm.com](http://sdlatinofilm.com).**

**And finally tonight, America's Finest City is now ranked among the nation's happiest to live in.**

**According to Wallet Hub, San Diego is ranked 15th out of 180 cities.**

**The rankings are based on 30 different metrics.**

**They range from emotional and physical well**

**being to income and employment.**

**Community and environment were also considered.**

**To read the full rankings, visit [wallethub.com](http://wallethub.com) and search for happiest cities.**

**And that's all we have for this week's Newscene.**

**You can tune in for a new show every Wednesday evening, or watch anytime you want on YouTube.**

**You can also keep up with the latest news from the entire City Times Media team on [sdcitytimes.com/newscene](http://sdcitytimes.com/newscene).**

**This is Jillian Fortner, and for the entire Newscene team, good night.**