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It's raining again here in San Diego.

Find out when sunny skies could return in our weather report.

And a new grant is being distributed to students in the San Diego Community College District.

Find out how much money it is offering.

And an annual play festival is returning to City College.

We'll let you know how you can get tickets later in the show.

Newscene starts now.

Hello! I'm Jillian Fortner, and welcome to this week's edition of Newscene, 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 more rain in San Diego.

This latest atmospheric river along with high winds made a mess of our morning commute.

But the national weather service tells us the chance of showers drops through the evening.

Unfortunately, San Diegans won't be seeing sunny

springtime weather anytime soon.

Meteorologists expect this weather pattern will continue into next week.

And students in the San Diego Community College District may be able to get a little more financial help thanks to a new grant.

The Molina Family Foundation is funding emergency grants up to \$500 per student.

The grants will be distributed through the basic needs center at all four campuses.

This funding will help with unexpected major expenses as well as providing transportation support.

Checks will go out in the next several weeks.

And if you're looking for a new job, you might find your fit with the City of San Diego.

City officials are hosting a career and job fair.

The fair will take place at the Balboa Park Club on March 22 beginning at 10 a.m.

Job opportunities offered by the City of San Diego will include entry-level positions with the hope of filling over 2000 vacancies.

The career fair will be only a 15-minute walk from campus.

For more information, visit sandiego.gov.

And a new program is helping high-schoolers become certified nursing assistants before they graduate.

The San Diego Unified School District announced CNA training will be offered this summer.

The program is through a partnership with the San Diego College of Continuing Education.

This will prepare students for the future by letting them work under the direction of licensed nursing staff.

And San Diego County has a new tool for fighting the opioid crisis.

A new vending machine dispenses doses of the life-saving drug known as narcan, free of charge.

The machine located in a recovery center in Chula Vista is the first of its kind here.

County officials say more machines like it are on the way.

In 2020 alone, San Diego first responders administered Narcan over 4,200 times.

For more information, visit sandiegocounty.gov.

And the San Diego Blood Bank will be making another stop at City College.

The Bloodmobile will be parked in Gordon Quad on March 22.

Donors can enter the van to give blood from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Appointments are still available.

To sign up, visit sandiegobloodbank.org and search for the drive schedule.

And you can get that blood pumping at the Hot Chocolate Run this Sunday.

Sunday's Hot Chocolate Run includes 5K, 10K, and 15K events.

The run's charity partnership is with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help fight childhood cancer and other diseases.

The races will begin and end at Petco Park.

And to celebrate sweet victory, each finisher gets their own mug of hot chocolate.

Many downtown streets, including C Street between Park Blvd. and 25th Street will be closed during the event.

For more information, visit hotchocolate15k.com.

And the stage is set.

City College's most creative playwrights and

actors will take the stage this week.

The 8th Annual Festival of Plays starts Friday.

All eight plays are written and performed by students at City College.

Expect to see fighting art students, aging witches and two survivors at the end of the world.

The performances at the black box theater run through March 25.

And tickets for City College students are only \$10.

For more information, visit citycollegetheatre.com.

And it's an exciting time for video game lovers.

Roxy, tell us more about it.

Thanks Jillian!

Something is spawning in the San Diego Convention Center next month.

Running from April 7 to April 9 is gaming festival Dreamhack.

The convention prides itself on flashy gaming tournaments and cosplay championships.

In addition to live events, visitors will find arcade cabinets and showcases for artists.

To learn more, visit dreamhack.com/sandiego.

And that's not all there is for fans of video games

in April.

Set to release on the 4th is the Super Mario Brothers Movie.

The animated film is set in a new take on the Mario universe as an origin story.

Promotional material boasts about its celebrity cast including Chris Pratt as Mario, and Jack Black as Bowser.

For more info, visit thesupermariobros.movie.

Back to you, Jillian.

Thanks Roxy!

I'm looking forward to seeing this fun movie in the spring.

And finally tonight, San Diegans get ready to be wasting away in Margaritaville – thanks to a new addition to the Gaslamp Quarter!

Coming this July is Margaritaville, the Jimmy Buffet themed hotel.

It will be opening just blocks away from Petco Park and the convention center.

Along with a relaxing stay in the hotel, you can visit the rooftop pool and get a drink at the 5-o'clock

Somewhere Bar.

It's expected to open in July this year.

Sounds like the perfect staycation to me!

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.

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