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Santa Monica automotive entrepreneur honored in 2023 ASU Sun Devil 100 awards

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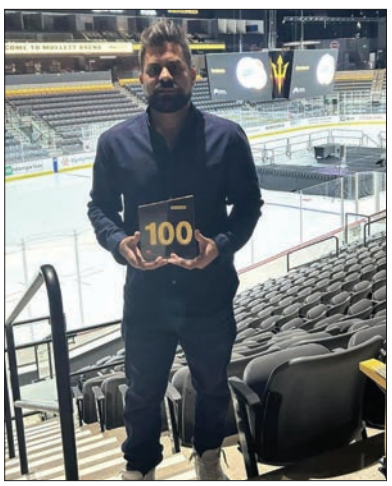
Santa Monica has developed a thriving automotive industry with repair shops and dealerships throughout the city and the industry has matured to the point where it's starting to procreate.

Santa Monica resident Kevin Emamian, owner of The Haus automotive repair center, is a second generation gear-head who learned his trade at another popular car business before branching out to his own successful business.

The Haus is a certified independent Mini Cooper and BMW repair shop located at 2621 Pico Blvd — with a second location at 14850 Calvert St in Sherman Oaks — and if you're the proud owner of one of those diminutive icons of design, emblematic of British yesteryear, then you'll no doubt already be familiar with The Haus. In fact, the name means "house" in German, entirely appropriate since BMW bought and rebooted the Mini brand in 2000.

Emamian started his hop after being mentored by another successful automotive entrepreneur from the area, LAcarGUY's CEO Mike Sullivan. Celebrating its seventh location in Santa Monica, the LAcarGUY dealership has announced that the latest outlet will be the country's first standalone showroom focused specifically on Hyundai's all electric brand, called the Ioniq.

"He had the same kind of deal out of college, he came from the Palisades, was a professional beach volleyball player and never wanted to sell cars," Emamian laughs. "I didn't know how to sell cars, I don't know anything about cars. And he just told me 'I'll take you under my wing. I'll let you learn every aspect of the dealership. You know if you're good, you're good if you're not we'll figure something else out for you.'"



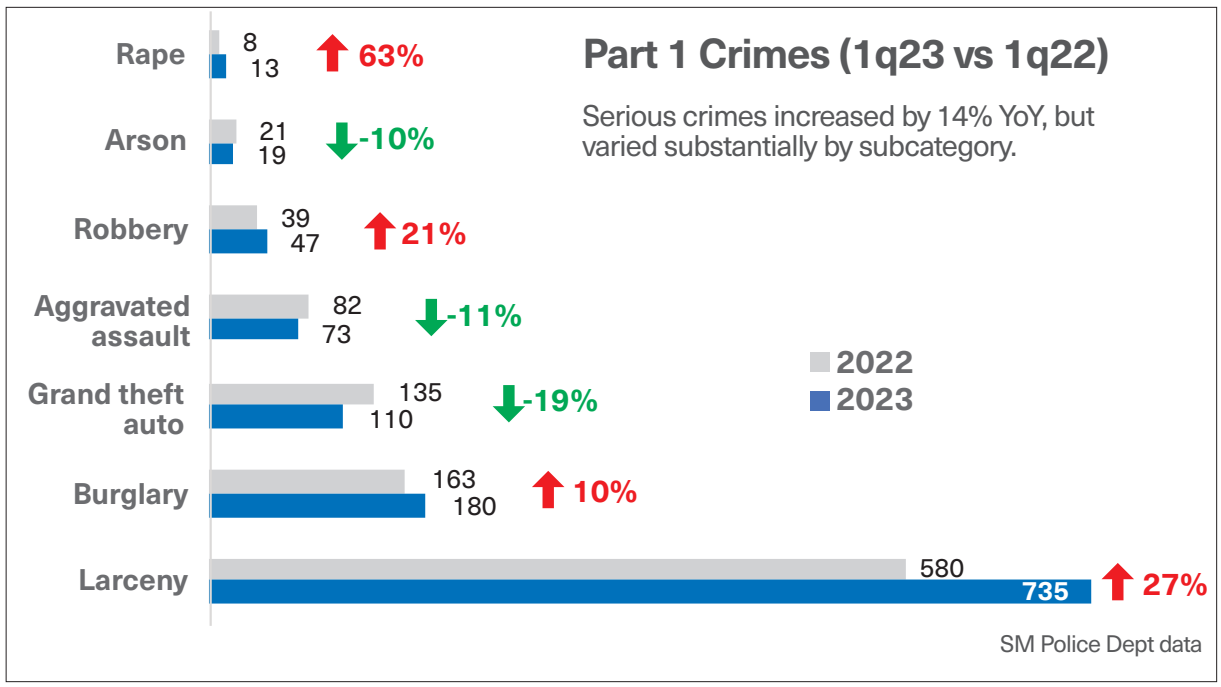
Kevin Emamian
AWARD: Kevin Emamian after receiving his nomination at the multipurpose Mullet Arena in Arizona

Emamian, was recently recognized by his alma mater, Arizona State University, in the Sun Devil 100 awards for launching and managing a successful and fast-growing business.

Some 157 outstanding alumni were announced as members of the class of 2023 in the annual awards program that recognizes the fastest-growing alumni-owned or -led organizations. They range from individual business owners to

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Crimes spike year on year driven by theft, vandalism and assault



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CRIME: Part 1 crime is up 14% in the first quarter of this year compared to the same time last year.

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Crime, both serious and petty, has spiked by double digits this year according to the most recent reports from the Santa Monica Police Department that compare the first quarter of 2023 to the same time last year.

The most serious crimes, known as Part 1 (homicide, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, grand theft auto and arson), increased by 149 crimes (14%). Part II offenses (simple assault, DUIs, fraud, vandalism, narcotics, etc.) increased by 119 crimes (19%).

While the overall number of calls into SMPD dispatch decreased by

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Thieves now face a $500 fine for catalytic converter theft

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Council has approved a new $500 fine for the possession of stolen catalytic converters in an attempt to discourage what has become a modern scourge for local residents.

Theft of the auto part has skyrocketed in recent years jumping from 27 calls in 2019 to 229 in 2020, 302 in 2021, 312 in 2022 and 151 calls this year which puts the city on track for more than 500 by year's end.

The theft is driven by the value of the precious metals contained inside the converters. When installed on a car, the part removes pollution from the exhaust system and is usually easily accessible from underneath the vehicle. Converters use a variety of precious metals often including palladium, rhodium and platinum, that are part of the chemical reaction

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From the Civil War to today's mattress sales, Memorial Day is full of contradiction

BEN FINLEY
Associated Press

Memorial Day is supposed to be about mourning the nation's fallen service members, but it's come to anchor the unofficial start of summer and a long weekend of discounts on anything from mattresses to lawn mowers.

> Memorial Day is very personal
> - Manuel Castañeda Jr.

Auto club AAA said in a travel forecast that this holiday weekend could be "one for the record books, especially at airports," with more than 42 million Americans projected to travel 50 miles (80 kilometers) or more. Federal officials said Friday that the number of air travelers had already hit a pandemic-era high.

But for Manuel Castañeda Jr., 58, the day will be a quiet one in Durand, Illinois, outside Rockford. He lost his father, a U.S. Marine who served in Vietnam, in an accident in California while training other Marines in 1966.

"Memorial Day is very personal," said Castañeda, who also served in the Marines and Army National Guard, from which he knew men who died in combat. "It isn't just the specials. It isn't just a barbecue."

But he tries not to judge others who spend the holiday differently: "How can I expect them to understand the depth of what I feel when they haven't experienced anything like that?"

WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL PURPOSE OF MEMORIAL DAY?

It's a day of reflection and remembrance of those who died while serving in the U.S. military, according to the Congressional Research Service. The holiday is observed in part by the National Moment of Remembrance, which encourages all Americans to pause at 3 p.m. for a moment of silence.

WHAT ARE THE HOLIDAY'S ORIGINS?

The holiday stems from the American Civil War, which killed more than 600,000 service members — both Union and Confederate — between 1861 and 1865.

There's little controversy over the first national observance of what was then called Decoration Day. It occurred May 30, 1868, after an organization of Union veterans called for decorating war graves with flowers, which were in bloom.

The practice was already widespread on a local level. Waterloo, New York, began a formal observance on May 5, 1866, and was later proclaimed to be the holiday's birthplace.

Yet Boalsburg, Pennsylvania, traced its first observance to October 1864, according to the Library of Congress. And women in some Confederate states were decorating graves before the war's end.

But David Blight, a Yale history professor, points to May 1, 1865, when as many as 10,000 people, many of them Black, held a parade, heard speeches and dedicated the graves of Union dead in Charleston, South Carolina.

A total of 267 Union troops had died at a Confederate prison and were buried in a mass grave. After the war, members of Black churches buried them in individual graves.

"What happened in Charleston does have the right to claim to be first, if that matters," Blight told The Associated Press in 2011.

In 2021, a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel cited the story in a Memorial Day speech in Hudson, Ohio. The ceremony's organizers turned off his microphone because they said it wasn't relevant to honoring the city's veterans. The event's organizers later resigned.

HAS MEMORIAL DAY ALWAYS BEEN A SOURCE OF CONTENTION?

Someone has always lamented the holiday's drift from its original meaning.

As early as 1869, The New York Times wrote that the holiday could become "sacrilegious" and no longer "sacred" if it focuses more on pomp, dinners and oratory.

In 1871, abolitionist Frederick Douglass feared Americans were forgetting the Civil War's impetus — slavery — when he gave a Decoration Day speech at Arlington National Cemetery.

"We must never forget that the loyal soldiers who rest beneath this sod flung themselves between the nation and the nation's destroyers," Douglass said.

His concerns were well-founded, said Ben Railton, a professor of English and American studies at Fitchburg State University in Massachusetts. Even though roughly 180,000 Black men served in the Union Army, the holiday in many communities would essentially become "white Memorial Day," especially after the rise of the Jim Crow South, Railton said.

Meanwhile, how the day was spent — at least by the nation's elected officials — could draw scrutiny for years after the Civil War. In the 1880s, then-President Grover Cleveland was said to have gone fishing — and "people were appalled," said Matthew Dennis, an

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California's epic melting snowpack means cold, deadly torrents ahead of Memorial Day weekend

HAVEN DALEY AND JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

California rivers fed by this winter's massive Sierra Nevada snowpack have been turned into deadly torrents, drawing warnings from public safety officials ahead of the Memorial Day weekend's traditional start of outdoor summer recreation.

At least seven people, including two children, have died or gone missing this spring in the grasp of powerful rivers plunging down from California's towering mountain range, and there have been numerous rescues.

"This year we're seeing higher water, faster water and colder water," said Capt. Justin Sylvia, a fire spokesperson in Sacramento, which is crossed by the American River.

Sacramento has already had 20 water rescues this year, nearly as many as all of 2022, Sylvia said Tuesday as crews practiced swift-water rescues on the lower American River near its confluence with the Sacramento River.

Memorial Day weekend is typically one of the busiest, if not the busiest, times of the year, and "floating down the American River is like a quintessential Sacramento activity," said Ken Casparis, spokesperson for Sacramento County regional parks.

"Probably thousands of people use the river for floating or swimming or rafting, what have you, and this weekend conditions are shaping up to be pretty dangerous, so we have been urging people to stay off the river," he said.

Even just wading along the shore is being discouraged, said Casparis, who was hoping for chilly weather to discourage river use. Forecasters predicted mild weather in the interior of Northern California except for chances of thunderstorms in the mountains.

With Californians expected to flock to the outdoors, the Governor's Office of Emergency Services on Thursday issued a broad caution about conditions they might encounter, including fast-moving water, following months of severe weather.

An extraordinary series of storms this past winter buried the Sierra range in deep snow that is now melting, swelling Central Valley rivers that just months ago were running low because of years of extreme drought.

Reservoirs that store water and provide flood control must release high flows into rivers to maintain room for incoming runoff. That, in turn, changes rivers. Sandbars and ledges may become steep drop-offs and lead to an unexpected plunge into cold water.

"It can really give a shock to the body," said Daniel Bowers, Sacramento city's director of emergency management. Experts say muscle control can be lost in minutes.

The recent tragedies include an 8-year-old girl and her 4-year-old brother, who were swept away by the Kings River on Sunday. The girl's body was found that afternoon and the boy's body was found nearly 2 miles (3.2 kilometers) downstream on Monday, the Fresno County Sheriff's Office said.

The fatal accident occurred even though both the Kings and San Joaquin Rivers have been ordered closed to recreational users since March 14.

In the Sierra northeast of Sacramento, a man was swept away by the American River on April 29, two days after Placer County authorities first issued warnings. His body was found Friday in a lake miles away. Another man who vanished in the river on Mother's Day remains missing.

Placer County's messaging about the risk is blunt. "If the public doesn't listen to our warnings this year, people are going to die, more people than we've seen over the last few years," sheriff's Sgt. Kevin Griffiths says in a public service announcement video.

The American River has not been closed to recreation in Sacramento but Bowers, the emergency management official, urged all river users to wear life jackets, even if they're using another flotation device.

American River Raft Rentals of suburban Rancho Cordova has temporarily suspended its operations on the lower segment of the river because the rate of flow is too high, co-owner Kent Hansen said Thursday.

"We definitely understand that this is part of the business and that's why we would never put profits over safety," Hansen said. "We're hoping that all of our guests will choose a safe time to go soon when water flows get back to a normal, raftable flow."

Sylvia, the fire captain, emphasized that people should immediately call 911 if someone gets in trouble in the water.

"If you have a rope or if you have a life jacket that you can throw to them, do that, but do not go in the water after them because you will become a second victim," he said.

In Yosemite National Park, waterfalls have been thundering with runoff bound for the Merced River. The park has advised visitors to keep their distance from all waterways and stay off slick rocks.

"We shouldn't have to say it, but do not try to wade, swim, or float on any rivers or creeks," the park said via Facebook.

With summer approaching, the Kern County Sheriff's Office on Friday planned to carry out a ritual intended to warn people about the southern Sierra's notorious Kern River, which country legend Merle Haggard called "a mean piece of water" in his song "Kern River."

A sign at the mouth of the Kern River Canyon, which tallies the number of lives lost in the river since 1968, is updated each spring to add deaths that occurred over the previous 12 months. This year, the total was to be raised from 317 to 325.

Antczak reported from Los Angeles.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
Thursday, June 8, 2023

Public hearings on the following topics will be conducted during the Santa Monica Rent Control Board meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2023 at City Hall, Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.:

1) Consideration of imposing a $67 ceiling (or maximum increase) on the 2023 annual general adjustment of 2.8%; and

2) Consideration and adoption of the Santa Monica Rent Control Board's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget.

The agenda and staff report are available on the Board's website at: www.santamonica.gov /rentcontrol.

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MEMORIAL DAY

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emeritus history professor at the University of Oregon.

By 1911, the Indianapolis 500 held its inaugural race on May 30, drawing 85,000 spectators. A report from The Associated Press made no mention of the holiday — or any controversy.

HOW HAS MEMORIAL DAY CHANGED?

Dennis said Memorial Day's potency diminished somewhat with the addition of Armistice Day, which marked World War I's end on Nov. 11, 1918. Armistice Day became a national holiday by 1938 and was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

An act of Congress changed Memorial Day from every May 30th to the last Monday in May in 1971. Dennis said the creation of the three-day weekend recognized that Memorial Day had long been transformed into a more generic remembrance of the dead, as well as a day of leisure.

In 1972, Time Magazine said the holiday had become "a three-day nationwide hootenanny that seems to have lost much of its original purpose."

WHY IS MEMORIAL DAY TIED TO SALES AND TRAVEL?

Even in the 19th century, grave ceremonies were followed by leisure activities such as picnicking and foot races, Dennis said.

The holiday also evolved alongside baseball and the automobile, the five-day work week and summer vacation, according to the 2002 book, "A History of Memorial Day: Unity, Discord and the Pursuit of Happiness."

In the mid-20th century, a small number of businesses began to open defiantly on the holiday.

Once the holiday moved to Monday, "the traditional barriers against doing business began to crumble," authors Richard Harmond and Thomas Curran wrote.

These days, Memorial Day sales and traveling are deeply woven into the nation's muscle memory. This weekend, 2.7 million more people will travel for the unofficial start of summer compared to last year — despite inflation, according to AAA.

The Transportation Security Administration said it screened 2.66 million people at airport checkpoints on Thursday, about 2,500 more than last Friday, and the highest number since the Sunday after Thanksgiving in 2019. The Federal Aviation Administration had predicted that Thursday would be the busiest travel day of the holiday period, with more than 51,000 airline flights.

Meanwhile, Jason Redman, 48, a retired Navy SEAL who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan, said he'll be thinking of friends he's lost. Thirty names are tattooed on his arm "for every guy that I personally knew that died."

He wants Americans to remember the fallen — but also to enjoy themselves, knowing lives were sacrificed to forge the holiday.

Associated Press airlines writer David Koenig in Dallas contributed to this report.

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CRIME

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1,683 calls (7%), officers arrested an additional 259 individuals (for a total of 662), a 64% increase.

Crime trends have see-sawed in recent years.

There were 1,212 Part 1 crimes in 2019. That dropped by 25 percent in 2020 due to pandemic era closures of public spaces. Serious crimes rebounded to 1,126 incidents in 2021 and then dropped to 1,028 last year before increasing this year to 1,177.

Part 2 crimes trends have been more predictable.

Starting with a high of 1,065 incidents in the first quarter of 2019, Part 2 crimes declined to 937 in 2020 and 566 in 2021 before starting to clime last year to 637 and then 756 this year.

The trends for the first three months of this year are on par with overall trends. Part 1 crimes increased by 10 percent over the entirety of 2022 and Part 2 crimes increased by 21 percent that year.

For the past several years, Southern California cities across the board have seen year over year increases in Part I and Part II crimes as the economy, tourism and other factors are returning to pre-pandemic levels.

In February of this year in a presentation to City Council, Police Chief Ramon Batista said that some of the increases have been caused by more proactive enforcement by officers specifically targeting the busier downtown areas and making more arrests than prior years. He also said that persistent staffing shortfalls, an increase in the number of incidents related to homelessness, and aging technology all contributed to the overall trend.

While SMPD has been hiring officers at a steady rate, injuries and retirements have prevented the department from reaching its budgeted maximum, which is around 220 sworn officers. Those vacancies have overlapped with the city's homelessness crisis as the department would like to expand its homelessness outreach programs. According to Batista, the department is moving as quickly as possible to hire new staff with an expectation that its issues will be resolved well before the expected flood of visitors tied to the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

On the technology front, the department has had significant success with its drone program and is beginning to adopt new license plate readers, but Chief Batista said they still need to update the department's crime mapping technology and find new systems to help officers review crime trends more quickly.

Lt. Erika Aklufi said the department has made changes to its patrol deployment to target resources more efficiently and she said there is evidence that joint operations with patrol officers and special units like Downtown Services and DART are starting to bear fruit. "We were able to positively impact the crimes downtown with those targeted patrols and while the numbers are up, the rate of growth has slowed in the months after that report was generated. We believe we will continue to see success with these operations over the next quarter," she said.

2023 1ST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS PART 1 CRIMES

Aggravated Assault: decreased from 82 incidents to 73 (- 11%) and 38 of the reported incidents resulted in arrests (52%). Fourteen incidents (19%) involved domestic violence. For information on getting help, identifying abuse or making a plan for safety, please visit https://www.thehotline.org/get-help/.

Burglary: Residential and non-residential burglaries were up 17 incidents (163 vs 180). Notably, 40% of residential incidents involved garages/carports and 31% involved apartment lobbies and storage areas. Residents are encouraged to contact their Crime Prevention Coordinator to request a free home security assessment.

Larceny (theft of personal property): Increased from 580 to 735. This category accounts for the great increase in Part I Crime. There were 180 incidents of auto parts theft with catalytic converters accounting for 81% of reports. The Toyota Prius remaining the most targeted vehicle type. Shoplifting accounted for 153 larceny incidents. Sixty-two incidents (40%) results in an arrest. Nordstrom continues to report the largest number of shoplifting incidents followed by TJ Maxx. Burglary Theft from Motor Vehicles decreased by 23 incidents to 167. Pickpocketing Thefts increased to a total of 35 incidents versus 7 in 2022. The majority of incidents involved cell phones taken from victims at local bars. Three suspects were arrested in connection to several incidents were over 25 phones were stolen.

Grand Theft Auto: decreased from 135 during this quarter last year to 110 this year with 68 vehicles (62%) recovered.

Robbery: Increased by eight incidents (47 vs 39 incidents). The use of firearms in the commission of these crimes was down by 2 incidents. Twenty-six incidents (55%) resulted in an arrest. Eleven robberies involved an employee or loss prevention personnel following a shoplifter, and the suspect used force or threats of force to avoid apprehension and get away with stolen merchandise.

Rape: While eight incidents were reported during the first quarter of 2022, there were 13 during the same period in 2023, an increase of 5 incidents.

Arson: Declined from 21 to 19 incidents. Approximately 68% of reported incidents involved city-owned trash and recycling containers.

2023 1ST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS PART II CRIMES

In 2019, there were 1062 reported Part II crimes during the first quarter. This dropped to a five-year low in 2021 with 566 incidents. In 2023, there were 756 reported Part II Crimes.

Simple Assault: Incidents of simple assault returned to 2019 levels with 174 reported incidents during the 1st quarter of 2023.

Incidents of Vandalism dropped to 175 after peaking in 2022 with 182 incidents.

Narcotics Possession: Incidents of narcotics possession, considered a pro-active arrest category increased from 27 to 58.

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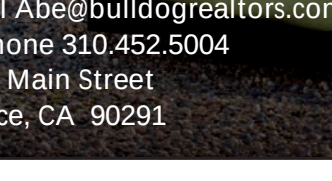
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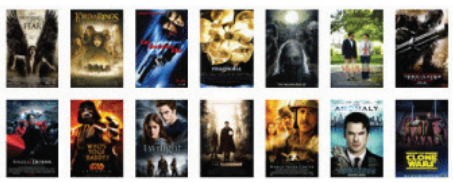
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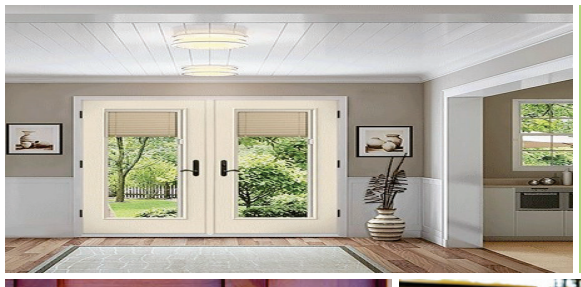
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide

SMC Continues Distinguished Scientists Lecture Series with Col. Raja Chari, USAF & NASA Astronaut, June 1

Santa Monica College continues its Distinguished Scientists Lecture Series this spring with "To the Moon and Beyond on the Artemis Odyssey: A Lecture by Raja Chari, NASA Astronaut." The special presentation includes an audience Q&A.

The presentation is free, and will be held online as a live virtual event at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 1. A Zoom link will be posted shortly before the event at the June 1 listing on the SMC Events calendar at smc.edu/calendar. To attend, the Zoom software must be installed on the viewer's computer. A free download is available at zoom.com.

Raja Chari — selected by NASA to join the 2017 Astronaut Candidate Class — served as the commander of the NASA SpaceX Crew-3 mission that launched on November 10, 2021, to the International Space Station (ISS). He served on the space station as part of Expedition 66 and 67 before returning to Earth on May 6, 2022, completing NASA's third long-duration commercial crew mission. The international crew of four spent 177 days in orbit.

Raised in Iowa, Col. Chari graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy and went on to earn a Master's degree in aeronautics and astronautics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He is also a graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and has received numerous military service medals, as well as the NASA Distinguished Service Medal and the NASA Space Exploration Medal.

The presentation is sponsored by the SMC Associates (smc.edu/associates), a private organization that funds speakers and special programs on campus.

More information is available by calling the SMC Office of Public Programs at 310-434-4100.



Courtesy photo

SPACE: Santa Monica College will present "To the Moon and Beyond on the Artemis Odyssey: A Lecture by Raja Chari, NASA Astronaut," a free, live talk online at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 1. A Zoom link will be posted shortly before the presentation at the June 1 event listing at smc.edu/calendar.

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CONVERTER

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necessary to clean the exhaust before it exits the vehicle.

A catalytic converter can be worth anywhere from $50 to $1,200 depending on the amount of precious metal inside. The cost to repair the theft to the car owner can be several thousand dollars depending on the individual model.

Nationwide, Carfax estimates as many as 153,000 converters were stolen last year. The company tracked how many were being replaced each year, not just how many were reported stolen, and said they accounted for legitimate repairs.

Prior to the meeting, Santa Monica had no law specifically targeting possession of stolen converters. If police officers found a suspect in possession of the parts, they were unable to charge them with theft unless they could positively identify a victim associated with the individual part.

SMPD Detective Martin Hardy and Sergeant Afonso Lozano said catalytic converters have become a prime target for thieves due to the difficulty in detecting the theft at the time it occurs and the lack of consequences for possession without proof of ownership.

"We're averaging about two catalytic converters a night. They're not sophisticated criminals," said Sgt. Lozano. "They're very easy to easy to do. Our workers, our residents, visitors are constantly being victimized by this crime and we believe that by passing of this ordinance, unlawful possession of catalytic converters, it will assist law enforcement in being able to hopefully hold these criminals and prevent this from occurring. And hopefully get some of these victims back their converters as well."

To address this issue, the Santa Monica Police Department, in collaboration with the Santa Monica City Attorney's Office, proposed an ordinance that would make it illegal to possess a catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle unless the possessor can provide valid documentation or other proof of lawful possession.

They said the proposed ordinance aims to provide a tool for law enforcement to take action against those found in possession of unlawfully obtained catalytic converters. It would enable the police to hold individuals responsible and discourage theft, while also excluding individuals with legitimate reasons to possess these devices, such as mechanics.

The ordinance just outlaws the possession of an undocumented converter but the officers said there would be discretion when applying the ordinance such as looking for the presence of associated tools, attempts to conceal the items or evidence of legitimate use such as employment at a garage or other associated business.

"It's going to be based on the officers' experience, intuition. Again, if it's three in the morning, officers are responding to the radio call, the individuals are under the influence, there's burglary tools, there's multiple catalytic converters, they're not going to have any documentation that they're going to the mechanics or coming from a mechanic," said Sgt. Lozano.

During the discussion, council members acknowledged the challenges in combating catalytic converter thefts and expressed support for the proposed ordinance. They recognized the need to provide law enforcement with the means to address this issue effectively.

Councilman Oscar de la Torre asked what could be done to stop the sale of the stolen parts and if the city could increase penalties.

"I started realizing like, okay, somebody's buying these catalytic converters, right. So the question for me is, how do we stop it at that end?"

The officers said SMPD can and does conduct long-term investigations into the buyers of stolen parts but those are complicated and the ability to charge criminals with a crime at the time of that first contact is necessary to start those investigations.

Staff said the city charter limits the fees for these kinds of crimes to $500 and the city can't increase penalties without a change to the charter.

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Supervisor Horvath celebrates beach trail improvements





Submitted by Constance Farrell, Communications Director

TRAIL: Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath and Los Angeles County Public Works celebrated $6.5 million in new improvements to the Marvin Braude Trail with a community bike ride on Wednesday, May 24. A dedicated two-way bike lane and pedestrian path now connects improvements in Santa Monica to Will Rogers State Beach, enhancing safety along the popular beach path.

"The Marvin Braude Trail is a Los Angeles County gem, beloved as a destination for pedestrians and recreation as well as a commuter corridor for cyclists," said Supervisor Horvath. "Los Angeles County has invested in making the path safer and more enjoyable for those on foot and bike."

The Marvin Braude Trail is a 22-mile path that stretches along the Los Angeles County coastline, from Will Rogers State Beach in Pacific Palisades to Torrance. This project made safety improvements to .6 miles of the path "closing the gap" by connecting the City of Santa Monica's dedicated bikeway and pedestrian path through the City of Los Angeles to Will Rogers State Beach. To learn more about the Bicycle Master Plan Update, please visit pw.lacounty.gov/tpp/bmp.

ENTREPRENEUR

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leaders of large corporations from dozens of industries, including architecture, construction, information technology, legal, marketing and public relations, nonprofit and real estate.

After watching his best friend be accepted and honored as part of the class of 2022, Emamian was determined to make the cut. "I was absolutely going to make it happen. When my friend walked onto the field at Sun Devil Football Stadium I was both proud and jealous in equal parts," he laughs.

Emamian had been offered a track and field sports scholarship for triple jump and long jump to Westmont University, but tragically he injured himself not long before the academic year was due to start and the offer was rescinded. Searching for a last minute alternative, he visited and subsequently fell in love with the campus at ASU.

"This is the ninth year Sun Devil 100 has celebrated entrepreneurs, changemakers and leaders who have graduated from ASU," Christine Wilkinson, president and CEO of the ASU Alumni Association said in a statement. "We are proud of each alum and the impact they've made in their fields. Not only are they success stories in their own right, each honoree operates the company they own or run in a manner consistent with the ASU Charter."

The class of 2023 honorees were unveiled at a reception on April 27 at the massive Mullet Arena in Tempe, Arizona, but all recipients of the award will also be celebrated on September 9, once again at the Sun Devil Football Stadium before the Sun Devils take on Oklahoma State. This is the event Emamian is most looking forward to.

"I'll get to hang out with old friends, once again meet the other award winners and hang out with them too, but most importantly, I get to walk out onto the pitch and reflect on all the hard work that's gone into getting this far," Emamian says.

The criteria to qualify for the awards program involves three tiers, which are broken down by revenues of $250,000–$1.999 million, $2 million–$9.999 million and $10 million-plus, the first one of which is the category Emamian's business falls into.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

CityWide

Santa Monica College Piano Ensemble to Perform Free Concert May 30

The Santa Monica College Piano Ensemble is going Romantic — with repertoire from the 19th century featuring works by prominent Romantic composers — at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30. The concert is free, but tickets are required. Complimentary tickets are available at the SMC Music Office (PAC 211).

Under the direction of SMC music instructor Dr. Yulia Kozlova, intermediate and advanced SMC piano students will demonstrate the uniqueness and diversity of four-hand piano and piano duo compositions. The concert is guaranteed to be more than twice as much fun as a solo piano performance.

The concert will be held in The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center (Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street, Santa Monica). Free parking on premises. Seating is strictly on a first-arrival basis.

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

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X: The Santa Monica College Piano Ensemble will present a concert featuring works by prominent Romantic composers at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, May 30, in The Edye at the SMC Performing Arts Center (Santa Monica Boulevard at 11th Street, Santa Monica). The concert is free, but tickets are required. Complimentary tickets are available at the SMC Music Office (PAC 211).

CityWide

SMC's Drescher Planetarium Continues Free, Live Virtual Shows in June

Santa Monica College's John Drescher Planetarium continues its Friday evening events in June 2023 with free, live virtual shows presented online at smc.edu/planetarium. This month's friendly presentations will cover dark matter, what nebulae are, deep sky exotica, women in astronomy, and rocketry history.

The Friday evening shows are at 8 p.m. and are preceded by a streamlined virtual digest of the popular Night Sky Show at 7 p.m., offering the latest news in astronomy and space exploration. The shows include the chance to chat with the planetarium lecturers and ask questions.

Planetarium lecturers are currently using the Zoom platform to present shows while the actual on-campus planetarium remains closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To attend the shows, the Zoom software must be installed on the viewer's computer. A free download is available at zoom.com.

The June 2023 shows are:

• Friday, June 2, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "A Look at the Dark Universe" — Lecturer Sarah Vincent. Tonight's show will work to demystify dark matter and dark energy, those mysterious components that are theorized to make up most of the mass of the universe. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, June 9, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "Shedding Light on a Nebulous Cosmos" — Lecturer Sarah Vincent. The universe is scattered with nebulae, but what are they? Tonight's show will take a look inside these mysterious clouds. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, June 16, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "Deep Sky Exotica" — Lecturer Sarah Vincent. The deep sky is filled with galaxies, star clusters, and nebulae, but the deep sky zoo also contains some truly exotic denizens like quasars, fast radio bursters, and magnetars. Tonight's show takes a guided tour among these mysterious objects. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, June 23, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "Women of Space Series: Women in Astronomy" — Lecturer Sarah Vincent. The Drescher Planetarium launches its new Women of Space Series this June on women who have made significant advances in the fields of astronomy and space exploration. From Caroline Herschel to Annie Jump Cannon to Andrea Ghez, there is a long list of distinguished (and often underappreciated) women who have made critical contributions to astronomical research. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

• Friday, June 30, at 8 p.m. (following The Night Sky Show at 7 p.m.): "A Short History of Rocketry" — Senior Lecturer Jim Mahon. Despite many alternative concepts, chemical rockets are still how humans get payloads (including themselves) into space. Tonight's show presents a capsule history of the diverse forms the rocket has taken. Free. Zoom at smc.edu/planetarium.

More information is available online at smc.edu/planetarium or by calling 310-434-3005. All shows are subject to change or cancellation without notice.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 27)

You're humble, though exceptional. Because you do all you can with what you have, the year sends you to dazzling and unplanned places. The best part is the chemistry and kinship of excellent company. More highlights: a big bonus with multiple aspects of benefit, a remarkable healing and an unprecedented deal. Pisces and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 3, 33, 39 and 16.

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll tap into that multifaceted part of you that feels comfortable and confident wherever you go. It's not because you know everything; rather, it's because you're respectful and inclined to observe the customs. You're curious and will ask excellent questions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A naive mind may assume that everything they're going through is unique to them. With maturity it becomes clear that this is unlikely to be the case. You're in a position to help someone understand they are not alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your first idea may not be refined, but that doesn't matter. The rugged notions are quite useful. You'll have plenty of time to polish your work later, but for now, trust yourself and push on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Be careful about where you get your information. Beware of those who might be trying to impress you. Their statements may be overzealous. Wrong information could cost you money and time. Published words will be a more reliable source.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've seen plenty of projects through to fruition, so you should trust yourself when you sense things are getting off track. Regardless of your official position in the group, you can lead from wherever you are and get everything going in the right direction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The way you handle challenge and/or conflict keeps you spiritually and physically fit. Arguments may actually be helpful if they are short. Know when to drop it and be the first to do so. It will keep your heart light.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). With acceptance you can live more peaceably within your own being. There's no need to fight things like worry or fear. If these natural emotions knock on your door, invite them to show you what gifts they have to offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Filled with courage, you'll gravitate toward the tough rooms where the tension is thick and the expectations are tall. The talent and opportunity are concentrated in such places and it's exactly where you belong.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's someone you love to be silly around. This safe relationship represents a level of trust built over years. For this and the many other treasures in your realm of relationships, now and to come, you count yourself as fortunate indeed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be your own best friend, not because others will let you down, but because they need your example to teach them what it takes to show up the way you prefer. First, you'll celebrate you, and then they will.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Knowing how many relationships can be situational, you're grateful for the surge of unconditional love that comes this weekend. And while it's wonderful to be adored, it's the love you give that most expands and strengthens your heart.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You tune into your environment more acutely than most. Integrating all you feel and observe requires extra energy. You'll recharge at home, where you feel safe to process and recuperate from all you've experienced.

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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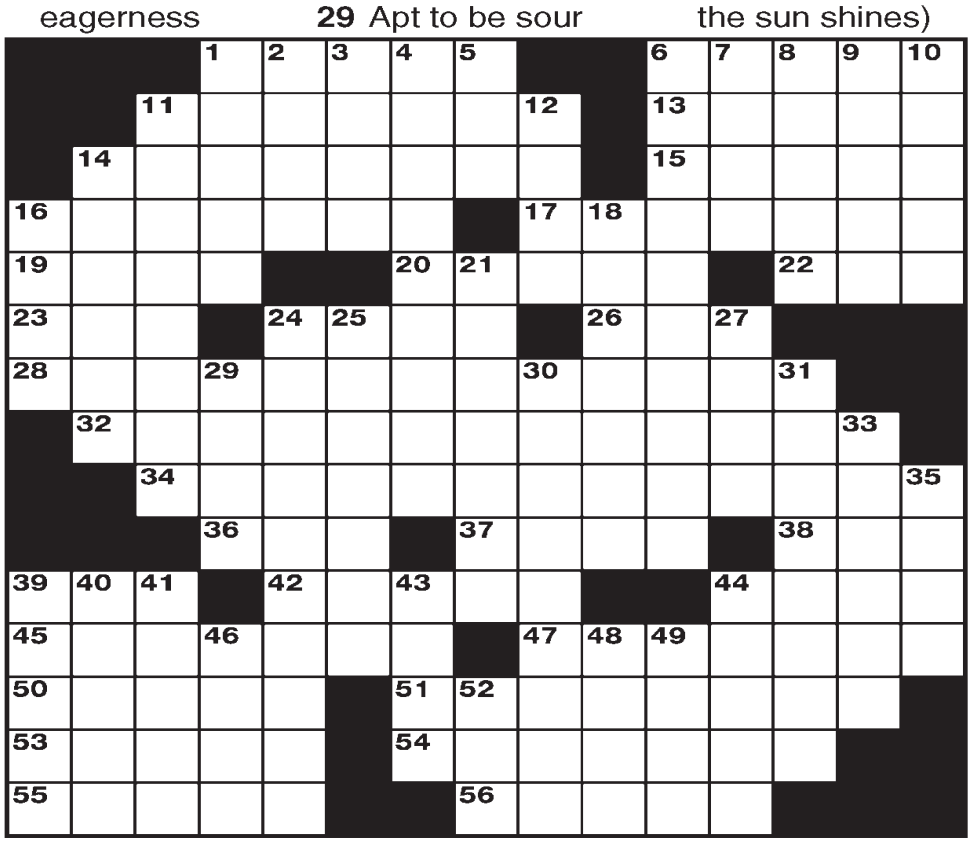
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ACROSS

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6 Dials down
11 They're tops for some musicians
13 Just the same
14 Leaves in a box
15 Reach together
16 Guinness meteorological maximum
17 Spanish guy "born of fire"
19 Uneasy feeling
20 Oral echo
22 Brewer's plant
23 Respectful title
24 Fantasy character
26 Intro to politics
28 High-tech plants
32 Sidewalk café patron, perhaps
34 Rigid reminder
36 The Chesapeake, to scientists
37 Botanical branches
38 Union returnee, Jun. 1868
39 Stamp __
42 Reach a summit
44 Out of sight
45 One playing through multiple rounds
47 Touch technology
50 Thousands of Greenlanders
51 Prone to spoilage?
53 Oral echo
54 Salt, essentially
55 Literary heavens
56 Resource

DOWN

1 What a host may be asked for
2 Shake off
3 One day a month
4 Small sums
5 __ stars
6 French fashion
7 Halfway between green and blue
8 Down with eagerness
9 Deck alternative
10 Racing vehicle
11 Mott's K-Cup offering
12 Word near Suez on an Egyptian map
14 Unloaded
16 Something many make with a cake
18 Encouraging words
21 Main battles
24 24th century teakettle
25 Forget about
27 Fourth most populous US island
29 Apt to be sour
30 Racing vehicles
31 Contrariness
33 Tighten up, perhaps
35 Remarks
39 Last long
40 Stop order
41 Contents of some kernels
43 Sphere sliced for snacking
44 Swinging time
46 Incisiveness
48 Helen of Troy's half-brother
49 Whittle away
52 *Al buen __ ábrele la puerta* (make hay while the sun shines)



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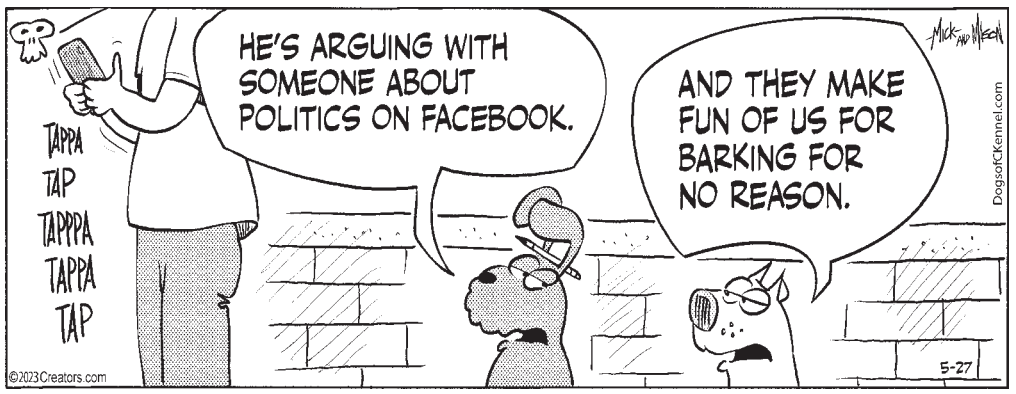
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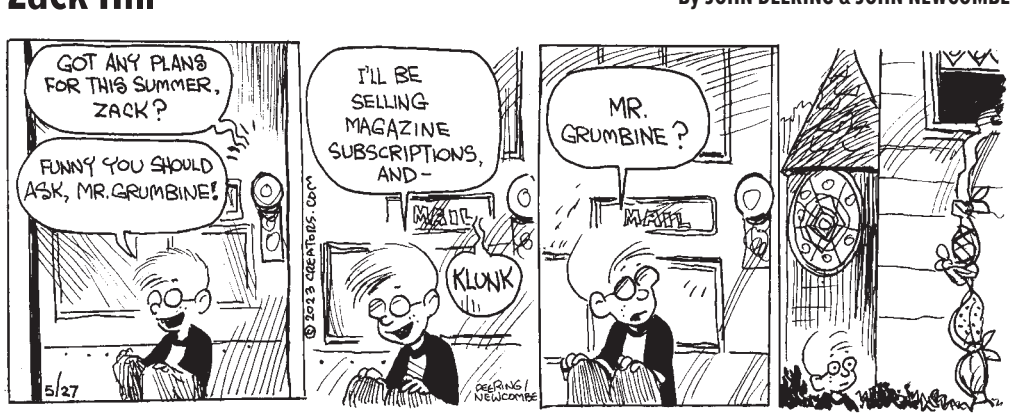
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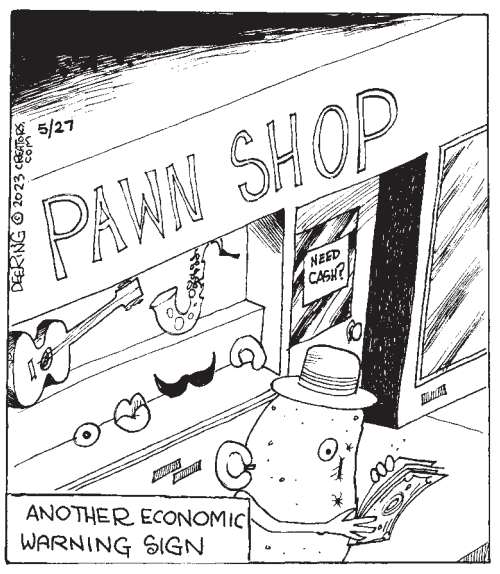
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By JOHN DEERING



FIND THE WORDS

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SUNDAY | MAY 28

BILLY T & NADAV PELED DUO!

Santa Monica's favorite and infamous Billy T returns to the west side with his partner in good for the hood, guitarist Nadav Peled. Don't miss the morning music they'll be making and remind you of good times gone by. The Venice West 1717 Lincoln Blvd, Venice, CA https://www.bandsintown.com/e/104124011

MONDAY | MAY 29

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 AAPI Heritage Month. Santa Monica City Hall 1685 Main Street Santa Monica, CA, California 90401

TUESDAY | MAY 30

ACTIVE AGING TRANSIT OUTING - BALLONA DISCOVERY PARK

Learn more about using transit and walking in Santa Monica by joining us for the Active Aging Transit Outing to the Ballona Discovery Park. Start Location: 4th Street / Santa Monica Station Event Location: Ballona Discovery Park (13110 Bluff Creek Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90094) https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-aging-transit-outing-ballona-discovery-park-tickets-622184419347

WEDNESDAY | MAY 31

FREE COMMUNITY RUN CLUB IN SANTA MONICA

Run Club Every Wednesday Night Starting at Road Runner Sports in Santa Monica. Check in at 5:30pm, run from 6pm-7pm. Walkers also welcome! Come log your mid week miles and make some new friends.

THURSDAY | JUNE 1

COMING OUT WEST: LGBTQ+ ELDERS SHARE STORIES

Santa Monica History Museum and The Outwords Archive present an exhibition of oral histories, ephemera and historical objects from LGBTQ+ elders with ties to Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Bay area. 2 pm-5 pm Santa Monica History Museum 1350 7th Street Santa Monica, CA 90401 https://santamonicahistory.org/

FRIDAY | JUNE 2

"BEETHOVEN & HUNCHBACK"

Jeremiah Selvey, Conductor. Gary Gray and Frank Basile, Pianists. The SMC Concert Chorale and SMC Chamber Choir join forces with the SMC Symphony Orchestra and guest soloists for a performance of the Finale ("Ode to Joy") from Beethoven's 9th Symphony and Jake Runestad's A Silence Haunts Me, a stunning modern setting of a letter in which Beethoven discloses his deafness to his brothers. The SMC Chamber Choir will also present a medley from The Hunchback of Notre Dame. The Broad Stage Performing Arts Center.

SATURDAY | JUNE 3

SAMO PRIDE

SaMo PRIDE kicks off on Saturday, June 3rd with a PRIDE Festival that will turn the entire downtown district, from Third Street Promenade through Santa Monica Place to the Santa Monica Pier, into a party zone. All ages are welcome to enjoy musical performances, PRIDE-related treats, free swag, games, and much more. A family zone located at Santa Monica Place will provide kid-friendly PRIDE programming and an engaging place for kids to play and learn about queer history. Downtown & Third Street Promenade, 3rd St Promenade Santa Monica, CA 90401

2023 SANTA MONICA ANIMAL SHELTER OPEN HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Enjoy a fun afternoon for the whole family to raise much needed funds for the Santa Monica Animal Shelter. At the event: Win fantastic items in our raffle and silent auction. Enjoy a live performance from School of Rock West LA House Band. Face painting by the wonderful The Magical Atelier. Awesome balloon animals, headbands and bracelets from Wild About Balloons LA...and much more! All funds raised help the Santa Monica Animal Shelter and made a difference in the care and well-being of the animals. Santa Monica Animal Shelter, 1640 9th St Santa Monica, CA 90404

SUNDAY | JUNE 4

PARTY ON! A SOBER COMEDY SHOW

Party On! is more than just a night of laughs, it's a celebration of recovery and a testament to the power of humor in overcoming addiction. Headlining comics from HBO, Netflix, and late night shows, will speak to the sober experience, but every comedy fan will love this show. The Crow 2525 Michigan Ave., F4 Santa Monica, CA

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SURF REPORT

WATER TEMP: **63.9**

SATURDAY *FAIR*	**SURF:** 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder	SSW swell holds early then eases through the second half of the day as new S swell creeps in. The overlapping swells should help beachbreaks see a few more corners but the points are best. Wind watch for the morning.
SUNDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*	**SURF:** 3-5ft Waist to head	Long period S swell builds over top of lingering SSW swell. There should be enough directional spread between the two southerly swells for some running left corners at beachbreaks early. Points generally the best option.
MONDAY *FAIR TO GOOD*	**SURF:** 4-6ft Chest to overhead	Long period S swell peaks through the day as SSW swell drops out. Small NW windswell mixing in. Points generally the best option.

WEATHER

Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 64.
Saturday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 59.
Sunday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 63. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Sunday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 58.
Monday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 63.
Monday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, cloudy, with a low around 57.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2023/05/27	Sat	03:04 AM	3.77	H
2023/05/27	Sat	10:43 AM	0.65	L
2023/05/27	Sat	6:03 PM	3.91	H
2023/05/27	Sat	11:40 PM	2.59	L
2023/05/28	Sun	04:33 AM	3.54	H
2023/05/28	Sun	11:24 AM	0.81	L
2023/05/28	Sun	6:25 PM	4.25	H
2023/05/29	Mon	12:33 AM	1.99	L
2023/05/29	Mon	05:47 AM	3.45	H
2023/05/29	Mon	11:59 AM	1.00	L
2023/05/29	Mon	6:47 PM	4.64	H
2023/05/30	Tue	01:16 AM	1.33	L
2023/05/30	Tue	06:51 AM	3.44	H
2023/05/30	Tue	12:31 PM	1.20	L
2023/05/30	Tue	7:09 PM	5.06	H
2023/05/31	Wed	01:55 AM	0.66	L
2023/05/31	Wed	07:48 AM	3.48	H

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POWERBALL
Draw Date: 5/24
12 21 44 50 58
Power#: 26
Jackpot: 211 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 5/23
3 10 22 65 66
Mega#: 19
Jackpot: 169 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 5/24
3 7 8 22 40
Mega#: 7
Jackpot: 62 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 5/25
8 11 25 27 29

Daily 3
Draw Date: 5/25
EVENING: 0 2 8
Draw Date: 5/25
MIDDAY: 1 9 6

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 5/25
1st: 03 - Hot Shot
2nd: 10 - Solid Gold
3rd: 09 - Winning Spirit
Race Time: 1:46.59

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