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'No Kings' protest comes to Santa Monica on Saturday

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica will participate in a nationwide "No Kings" protest Saturday as local authorities prepare for an estimated 1,000 demonstrators to gather at Palisades Park in opposition to President Donald Trump's policies.

The Santa Monica rally is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the north end of Palisades Park near Ocean Avenue and Montana Avenue but there's an expectation the event will last into the afternoon as it is one of hundreds of demonstrations planned across the country as a "Nationwide Day of Defiance" against what organizers call authoritarian overreach. The event is timed to coincide with Trump's 79th birthday and Flag Day.

A 2020 protest that began in Palisades Park eventually devolved into riots and looting but officials say they are prepared to prevent any such violence at this weekend's event.

"We expect to receive outside assistance in order to ensure that we have clear enough coverage to take care of events and those attending," said Police Chief Ramon Batista during this week's council meeting. "We have to think about riding a vehicle into a large crowd. We have to think about bad actors who invent themselves and the legitimate protesters."

Batista emphasized that while the department will protect everyone's rights, criminal activity will not be tolerated. "I'm not going to allow for any of that yet risk anyone that comes within intent to conduct crime or abuse, disorder or chaos that will not be allowed," he said.

The Santa Monica protest will

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Congrats Class of 2025







Matthew Hall

GRADUATION: Santa Monica High School celebrated the class of 2025 last night with their official graduation ceremony. Full coverage of this year's Seniors will be Friday's Graduation Edition.

As local crime rises and falls, homelessness remains the driving factor

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Santa Monica Police Department reported a 2% decrease in serious Part I crimes in 2024 while Part II crimes increased 16%, according to the department's annual report presented to the City Council on Tuesday and Santa Monica Police Chief Ramon Batista said homelessness remains the most consistent factor in local law enforcement.

The department recorded 4,840 Part I crimes in 2024, down 77 incidents from 4,917 in 2023. Part I crimes include the most serious offenses such as murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, grand theft auto and arson.

Part II crimes, which include weapons violations, narcotics offenses and disorderly conduct, totaled 4,080 incidents in 2024, an increase of 574 cases from the previous year.

Batista said the decrease in serious crimes was significant given regional challenges related to homelessness and staffing constraints.

"This reduction reflects the effectiveness of our personnel deployment and targeted crime prevention efforts," Batista said during the presentation.

Chief Batista emphasized homelessness as a central factor in local crime trends, noting that homeless suspects now accounted for 70% of all arrests. The department responded to nearly 24,000 homeless-related calls for service, representing 19% of total calls.

Batista highlighted the prevalence

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GRACE JONES TO ROCK BOWL

I'M BACK!

From Norway, sorry I had to skip a column. A year older, rested and rarin' to go and now it's not t-Rump attacking just the arts, but now going after LA, CA, Newsom and Bass, Marines in the bushes and tanks rolling in DC for a tin foil hat, wanna-be dictator's military parade birthday present (at our expense), who seems to be imploding from his own ignorance and lack of understanding how our government works.

Still acts like he was elected king. So it is fitting that this Saturday, his birthday, is also No Kings Day, with some 2,000 protest gatherings organized for all over the USA, including at north Palisades Park, at Montana and Ocean, from 11 to 12:30. Go through the Promenade first and see if Jerry Rubin is at his sticker table, where he has tirelessly protested t-Rump almost every Saturday for years. If not, he'll be at the rally.

Tuesday SMDP will carry a new CURIOUS CITY column, my first since last November, about all this, including my solution. You don't want to miss that.

R.I.P. TWO GREAT ONES, BRIAN WILSON. SLY STONE

I'm going to blame jet lag, COVID (#5) and of course Donald Trump. I will find morer space for them next week. Both deserve it..

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED:

Tonight! - LA OPERA's "RIGOLETTO" – Oh great, one more "don't miss" on the same night. I need a clone. Fortunately, this Verdi classic will be performed five more times in June. With baritone star Quinn Kelsey in his signature role. "Seduction, murder, revenge - decadence and corruption" – sounds like today's headlines, but with more class, I'm sure, and a better soundtrack. You'll hear some of the most famous music passages ever. Thurs, Wed 8 p.m., Sun 2 p.m., Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, LA, $84-450.



Courtesy photo

MUSIC: SO MUCH GRACE.

BLUE NOTE JAZZ FEST Day 2, GRACE JONES, STANLEY CLARKE N.4EVER, others – Yes, many others, and there is a Day 1 but if you can only make it through one day I would pick this one. I would pick it because a full set by long tall Jamaican ethereally funky singing dancing fashionista model Grace Jones is a rare spectacle, but if you picked Day 2 for master bassist Stanley Clarke, or Joe Lovano's Paramount Quartet, NOLA's Soul Rebels with many guests, or Willow, good on ya, or maybe just to see that host Arsenio Hall still has a gig... nah. Sun 3:30 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $27-299.

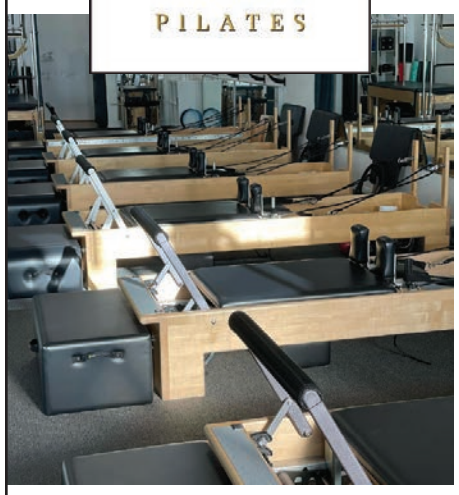
HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES – You can go to the Cinema Bar any Monday night, 9-11:30, for almost 14 years now, and hear these hot players run through Django Reinhart-style '30s jazz. This amazing ensemble is a treasure. Mon 9 p.m., Cinema Bar, Culver City, free.

RHIANNON GIDDENS, STEVE MARTIN, ED HELMS, others – I kept missing Giddens live, then saw her twice in settings that disappointed. This is the show I've been waiting for, where she uses her knowledge of folk, bluegrass

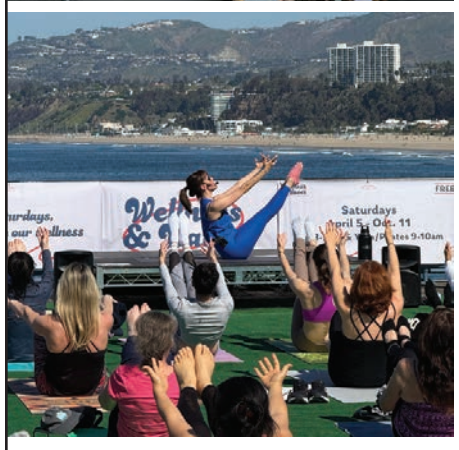
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Father's Day Activities & Festivals!

SMDP's Weekly Guide to Food & Entertainment Goings-On In & Around Town includes Rosé on Rose Fest, Juneteenth Celebration, Annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta, and much more!

Welcoming the Summer: The Lyric Chorus of Santa Monica Emeritus College: Sing along with the Lyric Chorus as they celebrate summer with a performance of favorite Broadway tunes. The Chorus was founded over 50 years ago and is led by conductor Tom Gerhold. Thursday, June 12, 11a.m., Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4fa66temxm8gy5jg53j3y2k040/202506121100

Jason Momoa to Perform and Bartend at The Bungalow's Night Market: Momoa, known for his roles in Aquaman and this year's Minecraft Movie, will perform live with his band ÖOF TATATÁ. In addition to taking the stage, the actor will also be pouring drinks featuring Meili Vodka, the spirit brand he co-founded. Thursday, June 12, 5 - 11p.m., 101 Wilshire Blvd. https://www.instagram.com/thebungalowsm/

Family Pride: Pickle, the first Drag Laureate of the city of West Hollywood, returns to the Annenberg Beach House to host an interactive Drag Storytime that delightfully challenges restrictive gender stereotypes and encourages self-expression. Enjoy face painting, surprises, and the opportunity to create lasting memories with family and friends. FREE. Friday, June 13, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m., 415 PCH https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4bfpe4xgxeq5t7ka2vcgxttkd0/202506131000

Rosé on Rose Fest: Celebrate National Rosé Day with the eclectic Venice vibe that Rose Ave. is known for with a progressive rosé crawl and street fest taking place from 1:00pm to 6:00pm inside, and on the patios of, Rose Ave. businesses with an official after-party from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Saturday, June 14, Rose Ave. in Venice https://roseonrosefest.com/

13th Annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta: Two-person teams make waves racing colorful themed cardboard and duct tape yachts across the historic pool. Spectators can attend for free to cheer on the participants. Regatta participants must pre-register, and the fee is $20 per team. Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 PCH https://www.santamonica.gov/events/427td7jj25j63vtpaw6d5rgvwq/202506140900

33rd Annual Juneteenth Celebration: This year's theme, "A Family Affair: Unifying, Healing, and Restoring," pays homage to the enduring legacy of Black resilience and culture through an immersive day of music, spoken word, collective dialogue and joyful liberatory practices. Saturday, June 14, 2 - 7p.m., Virginia Avenue Park, 2200 Virginia Ave. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4gyr3v33q1zxsrntd0qfyhbh5s/202506141400

SaMo Library Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival: Enjoy summer treats, play carnival games, and watch Michael Rayner's Found Object Juggling Show. June 14, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd. https://www.santamonica.gov/events/4twzhscqkm7n6xyqaktk3kbpcm/202506141030

Juniper Market: Enjoy a day of unique shopping finds and local vibes at Juniper Market! This pop-up event highlights and supports small businesses, offering a wide range of local products. Saturday, June 14, 10a.m. - 6p.m., Third Street Promenade, 1200 Block https://www.instagram.com/thejunipermarket/

Halls of Valor: Calling all heroes - Welcome toValhaala. From the frigid North to the Far East and well beyond, we invite you to witness amazing acts all night and to rejoice in your inner warrior. Saturday, Jun 14,, 9p.m., Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club, 1210 4th St. https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/amberlee-productions/halls-of-valor

ONGOING: "Two Bit Circus" Pop-Up; LiteBrite Experience; Penmar Sunset Sessions (through 7/18); Night Market at The Bungalow (through 8/28); Wellness & Waves (through 10/11)

WHAT TO EAT & DRINK?

Rustic Canyon's Farmers Market Dinner: Celebrate a 4-course meal from Chef Elijah Deleon highlighting produce from one of their closest partners, Flora Bella Farms. This will be a 20-person, family-style dinner served in their back garden patio. Saturday, June 14, 6:30p.m., 1119 Wilshire Blvd. https://resy.com/cities/los-angeles-ca/venues/rustic-canyon/events/flora-bella-garden-dinner-2025-06-14

Big Gay Bake Sale: The Regina Vannicola Real Estate Group is hosting their 3rd Annual Big Gay Bake Sale this Pride Month. Last year's event raised over $4,000 for the Los Angeles LGBT Center. This year, the goal is $5,000. Come out for a sweet day of pride, treats, and community support. Saturday, June 14, 1333 Montana Ave. https://www.reginavannicola.com/big-gay-bake-sale

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Weather

Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 71.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 71. Light and variable wind becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon.
Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted	(ft)High/Low
2025/06/12	Thu	05:17 AM	-0.76	L
2025/06/12	Thu	12:01 PM	3.34	H
2025/06/12	Thu	3:48 PM	2.60	L
2025/06/12	Thu	10:14 PM	5.94	H
2025/06/13	Fri	05:55 AM	-0.73	L
2025/06/13	Fri	12:45 PM	3.36	H
2025/06/13	Fri	4:27 PM	2.67	L
2025/06/13	Fri	10:51 PM	5.82	H
2025/06/14	Sat	06:35 AM	-0.64	L
2025/06/14	Sat	1:30 PM	3.42	H
2025/06/14	Sat	5:15 PM	2.76	L
2025/06/14	Sat	11:32 PM	5.57	H
2025/06/15	Sun	07:14 AM	-0.47	L
2025/06/15	Sun	2:16 PM	3.56	H
2025/06/15	Sun	6:15 PM	2.83	L
2025/06/16	Mon	12:19 AM	5.18	H
2025/06/16	Mon	07:55 AM	-0.20	L
2025/06/16	Mon	3:02 PM	3.81	H
2025/06/16	Mon	7:30 PM	2.82	L
2025/06/17	Tue	01:16 AM	4.65	H
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2025/06/20	Fri	12:05 AM	1.17	L
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Draw Date: 6/7
16 24 38 40 45
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Jackpot: 15 M

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3rd: 04 - Big Ben
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: 25ENT-0064 (Conditional Use Permit)

1348 Pico Boulevard
APPLICANT: Jacques Massachi, Massco Investments, Inc.
PROPERTY OWNER: Jacques Massachi, Golden Coast, LLC

A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission to consider the following request:

Conditional use Permit to allow for the ancillary sale of beer and wine for off-site consumption (Type 20 ABC license) in conjunction with the operation of an existing Convenience Market (Chevron Extra Mile) within the Neighborhood Commercial Zoning District. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.31.040(B), a Conditional Use Permit is required for the dispensation of alcoholic beverages for on- or off-site consumption.

DATE/TIME: **WEDNESDAY, July 2, 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

LOCATION: City Council Chamber, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Members of the public unable to attend a meeting but wishing to comment on an item(s) listed on the agenda may submit written comments prior to the public hearing via email to planningcomment@santamonica.gov or via mail to the address listed below. Comments received prior to 12 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be distributed to the Planning Commission prior to the meeting and posted online. All written comments shall be made part of the public record. Please note the agenda item in your comments.

You may also comment in-person at the Planning Commission hearing. Please check the agenda for more detailed instructions on how to comment.

Address your comments to: Jesse Brown, Associate Planner
Re: 25ENT-0064

VIA E-MAIL: planningcomment@santamonica.gov
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MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jesse Brown by e-mail at jesse.brown@santamonica.gov. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.santamonica.gov. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (866) 311-7266 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Every attempt will be made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate languages provided the request is received 72 hours prior to the meeting. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines serve City Hall and the Civic Center area. The Expo Line terminus is located at Colorado Avenue and Fourth Street, and is a short walk to City Hall. Public parking is available in front of City Hall, on Olympic Drive, and in the Civic Center Parking Structure (validation free).

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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NOTEWORTHY

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and country music, culture and and history, and skills on banjo, fiddle and vocals, as well as composition, to become the ultimate folk music tour guide, tying together history across centuries, playing it for you as she goes. She has won two Grammys, a MacArthur "Genius" grant, and a Pulitzer Prize. She's the Artistic Director of the Grammy-winning Silkroad Ensemble, composer of opera and ballet, has hosted TV shows and podcasts and recorded with everyone from Beyoncé to Yo-Yo Ma to Ben Harper. With her group Carolina Chocolate Drops, she helped to make the Black roots of American folk music better known to generations of music fans. A couple of her pickers, Martin and Helms, have also been knowm to crack a good joke. Wed 8 p.m., Hollywood Bowl, $12-178.

RECOMMENDED:

TOLEDO DIAMOND – His decades-long Sunday night residency at Santa Monica's Harvelle's, the oldest blues bar in LA (almost a century!), is a treasure that you shouldn't assume will always be there. Toledo choreographs (literally) a truly unique show, a blend of '50s hipster jazz and his dancing dames and a most modern smokin' hot band that gets better all the time. Every Sunday 9:30 p.m., Harvelle's, Santa Monica, $12.

COMING ATTRACTIONS (also recommended): LA OPERA's "RIGOLETTO," Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 6/12, 15, 18, 21; PACIFIC OPERA PROJECT's "H.M.S. PINAFORE," Heritage Square Museum Lawn, 6/13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22; BLUE NOTE JAZZ FEST Day 2, GRACE JONES, STANLEY CLARKE N.4EVER, others, Hwd Bowl, 6/15; TOLEDO DIAMOND, Harvelle's, 6/15, 22, 29; HOT CLUB OF LOS ANGELES, Cinema Bar, 6/17, 24; RHIANNON GIDDENS, STEVE MARTIN, others, Hwd Bowl, 6/18; LYLE LOVETT & HIS LARGE BAND, Orpheum, 6/20; MAKE MUSIC DAY, global, 6/21; GETTY VILLA MUSEUM reopens, Pacific Palisades, 6/27; DAN NAVARRO, McCabe's, 6/28.

DOWN THE ROAD (also recommended): JOHN FOGERTY, Hwd Bowl, 7/6; PAUL SIMON, Terrace Theater, 7/7, Disney, 7/9, 11, 12, 14, 16; ALISON KRAUS, UNION STATION, Greek, 7/13; LIBRARY GIRL, Ruskin, 7/13, 8/10, 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14; BRAHMS, GRIEG, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/17; GERSHWIN, DVOŘÁK, LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/22; "THE PLANETS,", LA PHIL, Hwd Bowl, 7/24; DAVE ALVIN, JIMMY DALE GILMORE, McCabe's, 7/25, 26, 27..

Charles Andrews has listened to a lot of music of all kinds, including more than 3,000 live shows. He has lived in Santa Monica for 39 years and wouldn't live anywhere else in the world. Really. Not even Kauai. Send love and/or hate mail to: therealmrmusic@gmail.com



THURSDAY | JUNE 12

LUNCHTIME LINE DANCE
12:30 p.m. Venice - Abbot Kinney Memorial Branch Library 501 S. Venice Boulevard Venice. Get fit and meet new friends learning line dances on your lunch break. We will learn new and old dances to various styles, including country, disco, Latin, soul, and more. All levels are welcome. For ADA accommodations, call (213) 228-7430 at least 72 hours prior to the event. Para ajustes razonables según la ley de ADA, llama al (213) 228-7430 al menos 72 horas antes del evento. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/lunchtime-line-dance/12342961/2025-06-05T12

FRIDAY | JUNE 13

BRUNCH FRIDAYS WITH LIVE MUSIC IN OUR GARDEN PATIO!
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tiato Kitchen & Venue 2700 Colorado Ave Santa Monica. Our newly launched Brunch Fridays just got vibey-er! Every week enjoy great eats, summer libations, and a featured music artist on our beautiful garden patio! So come toast to summer with our uniquely crafted brunch menu including our Turmeric Spiced Cloud Egg dish, Smoked Gouda Scramble with Smashed Ube, Vietnamese French Toast, along with Mama An classics such as Famous Garlic Noodles, Shaken Beef, and Seafood Egg Fried Rice! And of course, it wouldn't be brunch without bottomless mimosas & summer punch bowls, so grab your brunch crew and enjoy the fair along the beautiful backdrop of Al fresco dining. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/brunch-fridays-with-live-music-in-our-garden-patio-/14639006/2025-06-06T11

SATURDAY | JUNE 14

DOWNTOWN FARMERS MARKET - SATURDAY MARKET
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Santa Monica Farmers Market - Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Arizona Ave and 3rd Street Santa Monica. Santa Monica Farmers Markets create thriving, vibrant communities that are inclusive, connected, and diverse by promoting the prosperity of California farmers and small food businesses, preservation of the agricultural arts and sustainable food systems. The Saturday Downtown Farmers Market is open from 8:00am to 1:00pm, year-round and operates rain or shine. May be closed for selected holidays. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/downtown-farmers-market-saturday-market/13357377/2025-06-07T08

ARTISTS & FLEAS: VENICE MARKETPLACE
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Westminster Elementary School 1010 Abbot Kinney Los Angeles. Artists & Fleas in Venice is located in the vibrant, artistic heart of Venice at the corner of Abbot Kinney and Westminster Avenue in the outdoor lot of Westminister Avenue Elementary School. Join 50+ merchants every Saturday (rain or shine!) for a fabulous lineup of art, design, food trucks and vintage. Date: Every Saturday Time: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Location: Westminster Elementary School - 1010 Abbot Kinney Check our website here for a list of vendors. Visit: https://smdp.com/events/#/details/artists-fleas-venice-marketplace/14548485/2025-06-07T11

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Father's Day at Sirena at the Georgian: The family style menu includes Deviled Eggs, Croissant French Toast Soufflé, Georgian Chopped Salad, Steak & Eggs, an Italian Benedict with Rosemary Ham, and a Hazelnut Paris Brest. $85. Sunday, June 15, 1415 Ocean Ave. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/sirena-restaurant/events/fathers-day-brunch-2025-06-15

Wally's Father's Day: Saturday features $35 "Burger + Bourbon" with a glass of bourbon paired with their signature smashburger and an optional upgrade to add truffle fries for the ultimate pairing. Sunday features the "Steak and Caesar Box" with a variety of options. Saturday, June 14, 3- 5p.m., Wilshire Blvd. https://www.wallywine.com/events

Orla by Michael Mina Father's Day: The newly opened Egyptian-Mediterranean restaurant at the Regent Santa Monica Beach is offering a two-course waterfront brunch that features tableside Old Fashioneds, curated whiskey pairings, live music, and a TaylorMade golf simulation experience. The menu includes entrées such as Baklava French Toast, Tomato-Ginger Glazed Salmon, and Dungeness Crab Benedict. $59 per person. Sunday, June 15, 11a.m. – 3p.m. https://www.instagram.com/orla_santamonica/

Papille Gustative Father's Day Brunch: They are offering "Meat the Parents", a special Meat offering featuring a New Zealand lamb chops & New York steak combo available Saturday and Sunday, June 14-15, 2823 Main St. https://papillegustativela.com/

LouLou's Father's Day Brunch: They are spinning out DJs and live performances for Father's Day, starting at 11:30a.m. with a special buffet along with prime rib roast at $85 per adult and $45 for children. Sunday, June 15, 395 Santa Monica Place https://www.loulousantamonica.com/events

Dads Get a FREE Scoop at Rori's Creamery for Father's Day: They're scoopin' up some love for dads on Father's Day! Dads can enjoy a FREE scoop of Rori's at any location on Sunday, June 15, 910 Montana Ave. https://www.instagram.com/p/DKP7QrUyXg6/

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Smoked Room Collaboration Dinner at Citrin and Mélisse: Chef Dani García of Madrid's 3 Michelin-starred Smoked Room will be joining Chef Josiah Citrin for two nights. Known for his bold, contemporary approach to Andalusian cuisine, Chef García will join forces with Citrin's refined California style. Together the two will create vibrant multi-course tasting menus that celebrate the soul of Spain with a modern twist. June 16 & 17 https://www.citrinandmelisse.com

The Dinner Table x Sushi Roku for International Sushi Day: Guests will enjoy a curated 3-course dinner, with seat swaps between each course to meet someone new. It's a fun way to meet new people in LA while enjoying great sushi and drinks together, event details below. The Dinner Table is a social dining community that hosts events throughout various cities (including LA), to bring strangers together to connect and meet over a shared meal. $90. Wednesday, June 18, 7 - 10p.m., 1401 Ocean Ave. https://lu.ma/DinnerTableSushiRoku

A Night of Tequila with Luna Nueva & Chelsea: Enjoy an evening under the stars as Chelsea partners with award-winning Luna Nueva Tequila for an exclusive multi-course dinner celebrating bold flavors and exceptional spirits. Thursday, June 19th at 7p.m., 2460 Wilshire Blvd. https://resy.com/cities/santa-monica-ca/venues/chelsea/events/a-night-of-tequila-with-luna-nueva-2025-06-19

Further Afield: The Getty's free sunset concert series is back for the summer: Each performance starts at 7:30p.m. and will be preceded by a DJ set at 6p.m. Listening to free live music while watching the sun set over the L.A. skyline in one of the city's most beautiful venues. https://www.getty.edu/whats-on/off-the-405/

Looking Ahead: Main St. Summer Soulstice Festival (6/21); The Venice Fest (6/21); SaMo Pride (6/21); Make Music Day (6/21); SaMo Chamber of Commerce "Toast to 100 Years" (6/26); Eeeeeatscon (6/28-29); 'Pier 360' Beach Festival (6/28-29); Main St. 4th of July Parade (7/4)

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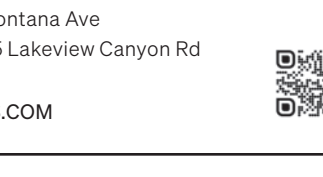
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Santa Monica College Fashion Program Presents LA Mode 2025 Student Show

Santa Monica College's Fashion Program will present its annual student fashion show, LA Mode 2025, at 7 p.m. Friday, June 20, in the Core Performance Center Courtyard on the college's main campus at 1900 Pico Blvd.

The show, themed "Style, Substance & Sustainability," will feature 25 student collections showcasing casual, cocktail, club and avant-garde styles. Each collection reflects the designer's future career aspirations.

Admission costs $25, or $20 for college students with identification. A "Mocha Carpet" event begins at 4 p.m., offering sponsor giveaways and networking opportunities for alumni, current students and fashion industry guests.

The collections were developed by students from the Los Angeles area, across the United States and internationally as part of their two-year fashion studies at SMC. Fashion Show Production students organize the event under the leadership of fashion professors La Tanya Louis, who serves as show producer and collections director, Lorrie Ivas, who directs industry judges, and technology consultant Wynn Armstrong.

The event represents a collaborative effort across multiple SMC departments. Photography students will document the show and create designer lookbook photos under professors Josh Withers and Ed Mangus. Media and communication students produced designer interview videos and will cover behind-the-scenes content under department chair Redelia Shaw, professor Gail Fetzer and broadcast tech manager Thoren Jorgensen. Cosmetology students will handle hair and makeup under Brandon Ceballos.

Industry professionals including designers, stylists, costume designers and retailers will judge the collections. The panel includes Advisory Board members and SMC alumni, many of whom now offer internships. Judges will evaluate collections before the show and select winners in categories including marketability, creativity, sustainability, technical achievement and outstanding collection. Winners will be announced during the event.

The show is sponsored by Jeff Abrams, founder of contemporary clothing line Rails. Abrams also provided 20 fashion scholarships, along with donations from Tukatech, local businesses and fashion industry supporters.

The evening will feature presentation of the eighth annual Style and Substance Award to fashion designer Kevan Hall, an SMC Fashion Advisory Board member and co-founder of the Black Design Collective, a nonprofit creating scholarships and mentorships for young designers.

The SMC Fashion Program, part of the Photography and Fashion Department chaired by professor Josh Sanseri, offers associate degrees and certificate programs in Fashion Design and Fashion Merchandising.

More information is available at smc.edu/LaMode.

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Los Angeles

Supervisors recognize refugees and immigrants

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion this week proclaiming June 2025 as Refugee and Immigrant Heritage Awareness Month, honoring the contributions of refugees and immigrants in the nation's most diverse county.

Chair Pro Tem Hilda L. Solis led the motion, co-authored by Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, recognizing the cultural, economic and social impact of more than 3 million immigrants among the county's 10 million residents.

"Los Angeles County is a mosaic of cultures, languages and lived experiences," Solis said. "By proclaiming June as Refugee and Immigrant Heritage Awareness Month, we are not only honoring the strength and resilience of those who have rebuilt their lives here, but also recommitting ourselves to being a place of refuge, dignity and opportunity for all."

Nearly 4,000 refugees have resettled in Los Angeles County over the past five years, according to the California Department of Social Services. Since the federal Uniting for Ukraine program launched in 2022, more than 16,000 county residents have signed on as financial supporters for Ukrainian newcomers.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services operates the Refugee Employment Program, serving an average of 3,300 participants monthly with job training, acculturation support and employment services.

"For generations, immigrants and refugees from around the world have made Los Angeles County their home, sharing their heritage and shaping our communities," Horvath said. "We stand with our immigrant and refugee neighbors and recognize that their resilience, culture, and contributions have enriched every part of our County."

The county designated immigration as a board-directed priority in 2017 and adopted a Countywide Language Access Policy in April 2024 to ensure services are accessible regardless of language spoken.

The recognition aligns with California's annual Refugee Awareness Month and the United Nations' World Refugee Day on June 20. The Office of Immigrant Affairs will host a World Refugee Day celebration June 20, 2025, in collaboration with the Department of Public Social Services, the Refugee Forum of Los Angeles and community partners.

Local organizations including Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Church World Service, Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Service, International Rescue Committee and Uplift Charity continue supporting individuals and families rebuilding their lives in the county.

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CRIME

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of weapon possession among homeless individuals, describing it as both a perceived self-protection measure and a serious risk to the community.

He said the danger has become lethal in several cases, including the death of suspect who was shot outside police headquarters after trying to kill an officer with a knife recently stolen from a nearby store.

According to Batista, about 150 people enter the city via public transit each night and the influx continues, despite efforts by Metro to control access at the downtown train station.

"My most recent assessment has shown that it's not working, that we need to go back to the drawing board, have more conversations with them about what we can do to address these issues," he said while noting that Metro's process pushes individuals out into the community with no support, many of whom are later discovered to have criminal records or warrants.

While overall violent crime decreased last year, murder cases increased from one incident in 2023 to six in 2024, while rape cases remained relatively stable at 45 incidents compared to 48 the previous year. Robberies dropped significantly by 25% to 182 cases, and aggravated assaults decreased 2.2% to 394 incidents.

Auto thefts declined for the first time in years, falling 16% to 479 cases. However, burglaries increased 14% to 744 cases, driven mainly by a 17% increase in residential burglaries. Larceny remained the most reported crime category at 2,927 incidents, staying stable year-over-year.

Arson incidents decreased 21% from 80 cases in 2023 to 63 in 2024.

The department noted a continuing concern with edged weapon assaults, which totaled 74 incidents involving knives in 2024.

According to the report, the department's specialized units showed significant activity throughout 2024. The Directed Action Response Team (DART) handled 3,045 calls for service, averaging 254 per month, and addressed 430 encampments while making 349 arrests.

The Crime Impact Team, relaunched in August 2024, conducted 817 self-initiated activities and made 209 arrests — 117 felonies and 92 misdemeanors — in just eight months of operation.

The Homeless Liaison Program expanded from four to seven days per week, responding to 4,541 calls for service and addressing 335 encampments. The team conducted 237 mental health evaluations and placed 161 individuals on psychiatric holds.

Downtown Services Unit officers conducted more than 150 specialized operations targeting retail theft, working with store partners to implement security improvements.

Batista said the department made substantial technology investments in 2024, transitioning to a new records management system in May, replacing a 35-year-old system. The upgrade allows for better data integration and faster reporting while supporting the new National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) for more comprehensive crime data collection.

The department's Drone as a First Responder program conducted 1,551 flights and handled 1,898 calls, with 81.3% of incidents resolved without dispatching patrol units. The program cleared 167 cases through aerial surveillance alone.

Santa Monica received a $6.1 million state grant to develop a state-of-the-art SMART Center, which will integrate video, vehicle data, drone footage and emergency call information. The center is expected to launch in late summer or early fall 2025.

Staffing has been a perennial concern but the department hired 12 new officers in 2024 and has already hired 13 officers in the first five months of 2025. Monthly applications increased 66% from 120 to 200 after implementing Interview Now technology and joining the National Testing Network.

Since 2021, 25% of the department's 73 new sworn officers have been women, bringing total female representation to 15% of sworn personnel, above the national average of 11-12%.

Calls for service increased 25% to 128,820 in 2024, with 51,616 officer-initiated calls reflecting increased proactive patrol activity.

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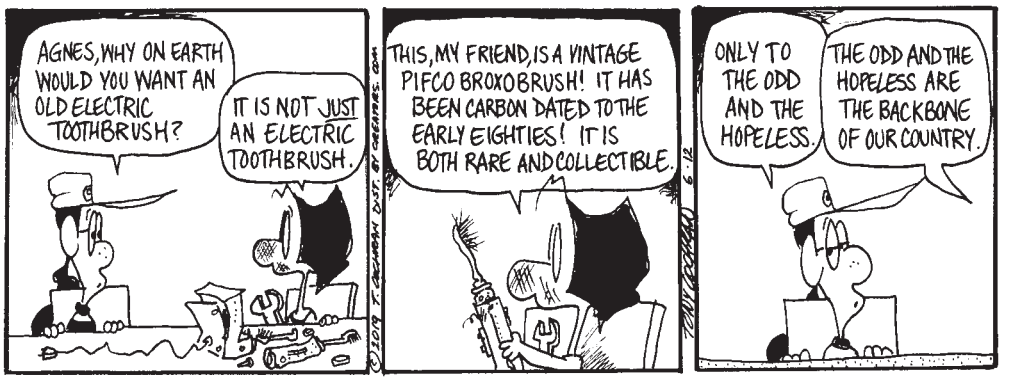
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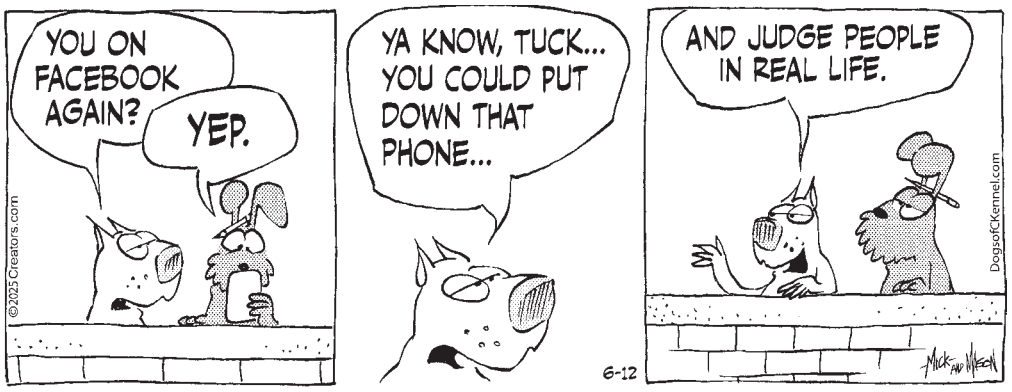
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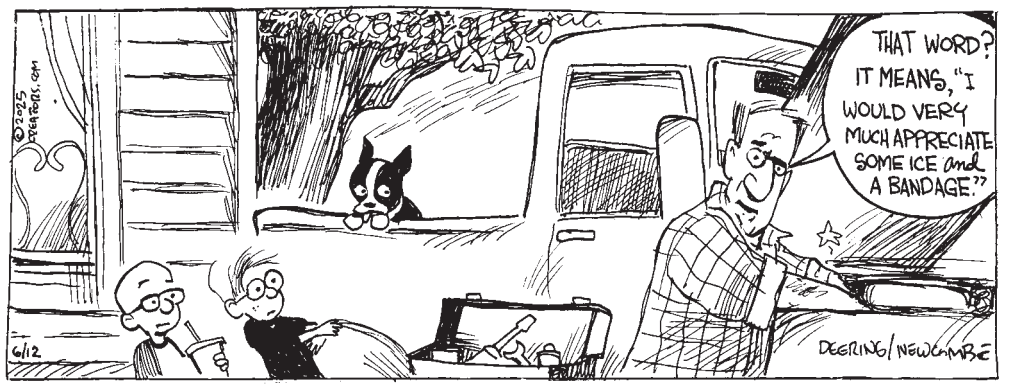
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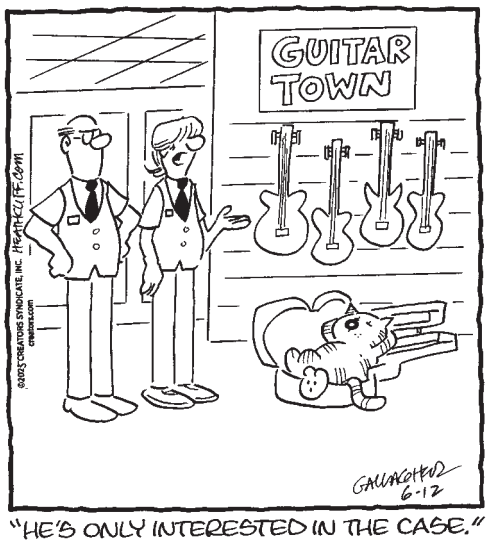
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This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 23 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle. © australianwordgames.com.au 6604

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). For some, every inconvenience hits as an existential crisis. For others, even major setbacks are approached with stoicism or dark humor. You'll use your excellent sense about people to give proper credence to their statements.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your heightened perception emerges under pressure. When you're focused or stressed, your senses sharpen and you tune in like an animal sensing danger - or opportunity. For a task that demands finesse and emotional intelligence, this is a superpower.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ever the self-starter, you build skills without waiting for a reason, for payment or for permission. Keep going. This interest you're nurturing will improve your life - not just internally, but externally, too. Passion will fuel your success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sure, you want the trophy. But once you get it, you'll have one more thing to dust. And so what if the chase is more exciting than the prize? That's still excitement to be had! Excitement you deserve! So go for it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Steer clear of friction and harshness. You need nurturing right now. To seek tenderness isn't weak; it's wise. Healing and strength both begin in soft places. Let gentleness be your foundation for power.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your people have your back, but today's job is yours to handle. You'll rise to it, not because you have to but because you can. And when it's over, the story you tell will be all yours - earned, colorful and a little legendary.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). True understanding shows in how simply you're able to explain a thing. You'll distill complexity into something direct and clear. It's not easy; it only sounds easy because you've done the work. Your clarity is a gift to others and to the subject matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You might be the only one around who lights up at a particular hobby, taste, moment or mood - and that's OK. Choose your own delight without waiting for validation or company. Own your joy, even when it's not shared.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Compassion and restraint are the orders of the day. You know that just because you can challenge someone's view doesn't mean you should. You respect different realities and live in the grace of letting some things be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Worry is your brain's way of testing possibilities. It tries to game out every angle so you'll feel prepared. Most of those scenarios never play out, but running through them makes you feel a bit more in control and more appreciative of the happy outcomes.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To experience the power of honest feedback is a rare gift, though it hardly ever feels like it in the moment. Being seen is awkward, but you'll take the awkwardness because it's a shortcut to what you're after - growth.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A gentle reminder about your nature: You're generous, attuned and maybe a bit too forgiving. That can be beautiful - and also something to watch, so you don't burn out or go unappreciated.

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.

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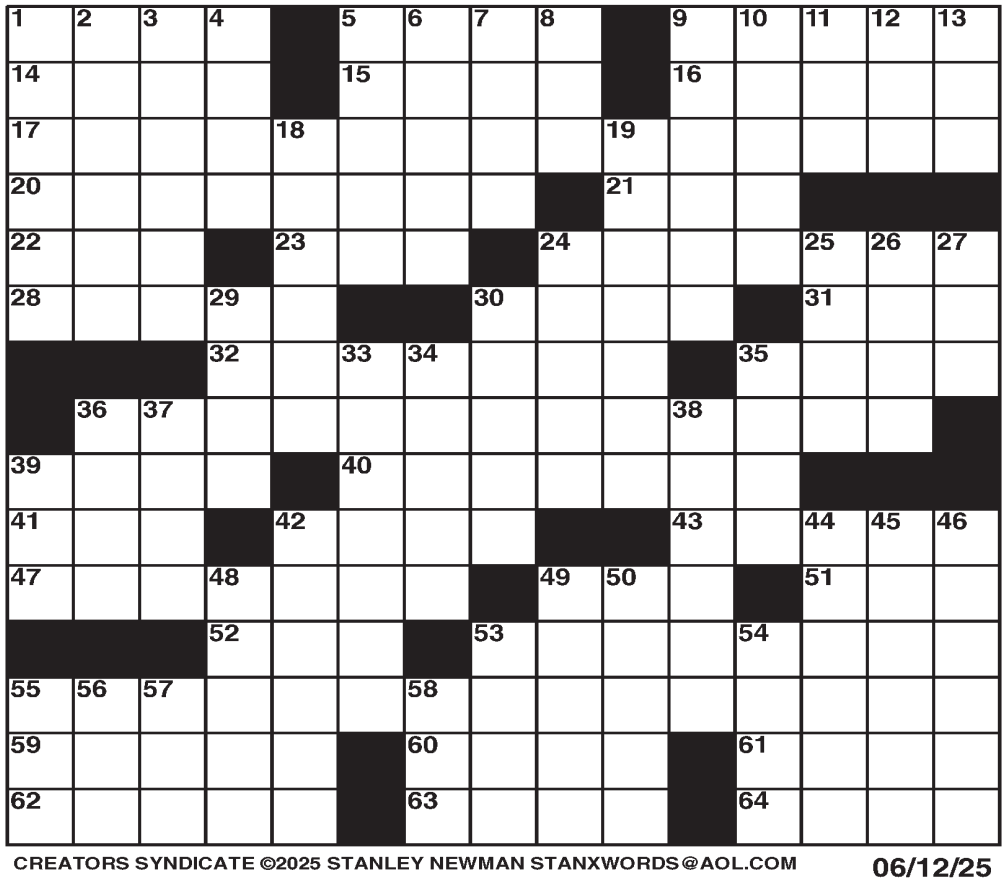
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16 Drive away
17 Shirt surrounder with buttons
20 Take care of
21 Strike sharply
22 Fewest-letter zodiac sign
23 Sushi staple
24 Convent contingent
28 NCAA game broadcaster
30 Fruitcake tidbit
31 Sorority letter
32 Embrace, as a cause
35 Land of the banshees
36 Chinese takeout order
39 Situates
40 Much larger than large
41 NASDAQ news
42 Unspecified people
43 Astronomical observances
47 Some guitars or motorcycles
49 Impersonate
51 Encouraging word
52 Dot follower
53 Strikingly effective
55 Employment history with ups and downs
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61 Rice the novelist
62 Spread awkwardly
63 Heads of ranches
64 Disoriented

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5 Elaborate celebration
6 Wind down
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10 Bounded (over)
11 On point
12 Elf-sized
13 35mm device
18 Sudden surge
19 Ballot marker's option
24 2010s First Daughter
25 French 101 infinitive
26 Barbecue spoiler
27 Faraway power source
29 Suffix for still
30 Heat carriers
33 Honey, for instance
34 Tot's scrapes
35 Kitchen gadget brand
36 20-year home for Hemingway
37 Nuclear physics study
38 Picture house
39 Practice, as a profession
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44 Be a naysayer
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46 Something not to spill
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49 Emotional fire
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PROTEST

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feature speakers including State Sen. Ben Allen, City Council members Jesse Zwick, Ellis Raskin and Natalya Zernitskaya. Demonstrators plan to meet at Montana Avenue at Ocean Avenue and spread out along the park creating a visible line of protest along the bluff.

Organizers have coordinated with law enforcement and emphasize their commitment to nonviolent action. Event guidelines instruct participants to stay on public park property, avoid entering streets or bike paths, and hold signs down while walking from parked cars until reaching the park space.

The Santa Monica rally is part of a coordinated web of "No Kings" protests within the Los Angeles region. In downtown Los Angeles, a large march and rally dubbed the "50501 SoCal Flag Day March" will begin at 10 a.m. outside City Hall and run until about 2 p.m., potentially making it one of Southern California's largest Flag Day gatherings.

Other Westside communities are hosting affiliated rallies, including West Hollywood Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Culver City Hall starting at 11 a.m. Each protest shares the anti-authoritarianism theme while maintaining its own local character. The West Hollywood event is expected to draw LGBTQ+ activists and progressive city officials, while Culver City's rally will likely feature neighborhood leaders and possibly city council members.

Organizers encourage participants to bring creative signs and stay safe. The protests welcome participants of all ages and are intended to be energetic but orderly.

"No Kings Day" was conceived as a direct response to Trump's plan to stage a grand military parade in Washington, D.C. on his birthday, which critics said was fit for a monarch rather than an American president. The movement takes its name from the founding American rejection of monarchy, with the motto "No Thrones. No Crowns. No Kings."

The coalition was announced in early May by grassroots network Indivisible and includes organizations such as the American Federation of Teachers, Black Voters Matter, National Action Network and Public Citizen. Organizers say over 1,800 protests nationwide have been planned for June 14. It gained momentum in Los Angeles following the recent immigration raids and accompanying protests.

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