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Airlines rising from turbulence

Industry no longer in free fall as Southern California airports see flights double for summer travel season

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Southern California airports — virtual ghost towns for more than three months due to stay-at-home orders sparked by the novel coronavirus pandemic —

are slowly coming back to life, as airlines double and, in some cases, triple the number of departures.

While the climb from the more-than-90% drop is slow, airlines are building on consumer confidence, adding flights and boosting revenue as the indus-

try goes after summer leisure travelers buoyed by the reopening of restaurants, hotels and national parks.

The numbers tell the story:
• LAX will see airline flights triple in July and August, spokesman Heath Montgomery said Thursday.
• John Wayne Airport in Orange County expects a steady increase in flights over the summer.

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Masked passengers leave a plane after arriving on a Southwest Airlines flight from Oakland at Ontario International Airport on Friday.

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FAITH



ABOVE: Parishioners are required to wear masks at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Newport Beach. The church reopened on Sunday. BELOW: Workers disinfect after every Mass at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Newport Beach

HOMECOMING OF SORTS

COVID-19: Catholic parishioners return to church for in-person Masses, but they find new rituals are in place

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A few things were different at the first Masses held at Our Lady Queen of Angels in Newport Beach since the coronavirus pandemic shut down large gatherings: Parishioners in cloth masks sat in staggered rows with empty pews between them; those taking Communion received the host in their hand instead of on their tongue; and after lifting up the sacred chalice, the officiating priest praised for a squirt of hand sanitizer.

But other things were the same as ever: the white candles flickering by the altar; the priest's voice bouncing and echoing around the hushed sanctuary; and the prayers for peace, unity and healing during a time of global sickness and unrest.

On Sunday, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange County resumed Mass at its dozens of churches throughout the county. In late May, Gov. Gavin Newsom gave the approval for

churches to start reopening with limitations on how many could fill a sanctuary and health guidelines to follow, and the county's faithful have been slowly returning to in-person services.

The Rev. Steve Sallot welcomed about 75 people back to Our Lady Queen of Angels for a morning service. The earlier Mass had filled to capacity with 100 worshippers, he said, but the parish hall across the street stood ready to hold any overflow crowds.

With much of the church's staff furloughed, Sallot has had to navigate a changing landscape of rules and guidelines from the state, county and diocese. But parishioners have been patient, and volunteer groups have stepped up to help, he said.

"People are happy to come back," Sallot said. "Watching Mass virtually is OK, but there's something about us as tactile human beings — we like to be together."

Michael Giogliotti, a member at Our Lady Queen of Angels for about 28 years, couldn't agree more.

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In the past, summer has served as playtime for kids, like this girl swinging on a rope at Adventure Playground camp in Yorba Linda in 2014.

CORONAVIRUS

Hoping to save summer for kids, camps, youth activities start up

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As distance learning from this year's strange school year amid the coronavirus pandemic is wrapping up, summer vacation is kicking off. With virus concerns still lingering, parents are wondering if this will be the start of a bumper summer.

Will kids be able to splash around at

the pool or take swim lessons? What about their favorite summer camp? Will their face masks leave a funky tan line as the sun starts to sizzle?

State and county officials are still navigating the list of what's allowed and what's not, with cities, businesses and summer camps trying to get creative to keep kids entertained and active, while also keeping them safe and distanced. One thing is clear: Most events that

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Police shooting response lauded

Experts hail swift moves, transparency after black man killed

By Russ Bynum
and Sean Murphy
The Associated Press

Atlanta police on Sunday quickly released body-camera and other footage that captured the shooting death of a black man by a white officer who was swiftly fired, moves that policing experts said could help defuse anti-racism protests that were reignited by the shooting.

Atlanta police announced that an officer, Garrett Rolfe, had been fired after he fatally shot Rayshard Brooks, 27, on Friday night, and another officer, Devin Brosnan, had been placed on administrative duty. On Saturday, Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms had called for the immediate firing of the officer who opened fire on Brooks and announced that she had accepted the resignation of Police Chief Erika Shields.

"I do not believe that this was

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BYRN ANDERSON — THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Protesters gather Saturday near the Wendy's restaurant in Atlanta where Rayshard Brooks was fatally shot by police on Friday.

HOLIDAY

Juneteenth takes on added meaning after Floyd protests

By The New York Times

Juneteenth, an annual holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, has been celebrated by African Americans since the late 1800s.

But in recent years, and particularly following nationwide protests over police brutality and the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and other African Americans this year, there is a renewed interest in the day that celebrates freedom.

This year's celebration may resonate in new ways, given the sweeping changes and widespread protests across the

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOUSING MARKET

100% rise in escrows, 7th straight sales gain

Southern California homebuying rose for the seventh straight week as house hunters put 10.3% more homes into escrow. Still, it's a buying pace 3.1% below a year ago.

Zillow's weekly report on activity from brokers' listing services in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties shows the housing market rebounding from economic turmoil created by stay-at-home orders designed to slow a pandemic's spread. With 3,555 existing homes put into escrow in the week that ended June 6, buying is up 3.1% in a week but down 11% in a year.



Jonathan Lannier
Columnist

Southern California owners listed 4,849 homes for sale that week — up 17.3% vs. the previous week but down 13.3% in a year. That put total inventory at 23,597 — down 2% vs. the previous week and down 31.3% in a year.

Fewer restrictions on business, including home sales, plus low mortgage rates are putting owners and house hunters in a selling mood. But even after a significant run-up of late, much of the activity trails year-ago levels.

Here's the data in Los Angeles and Orange counties ...

New escrows: 1,958 contracts

signed — up 9% in a week, up 54.6% in a month, down 10.1% over 12 months

New listings: 2,894 over seven days — up 12.9% vs. the previous week, up 17.8% in a month, down 16.2% in a year

Total inventory: 14,383 homes on the market — up 0.004% in a week, up 6.0% in a month, down 28.8% over 12 months

Median list price: \$899,582 — up 0.2% vs. the previous week, up 3.8% in a month, up 7.8% in a year

In the Inland Empire ...

New escrows: 1,597 — up 11.9% in a week, up 29.4% in a month up 7% over 12 months

New listings: 1,955 — up 24.3% vs. the previous week, up

35.8% in a month, down 8.4% in a year

Total inventory: 9,214 — down 5% in a week, down 12% in a month, down 34.9% over 12 months

Median list price: \$438,114 — up 1.5% vs. the previous week, up 3.1% in a month up 4.3% in a year

Statewide ...

New escrows: 7,764 — up 8% in a week, up 37% in a month, up 9.4% over 12 months

New listings: 11,611 — up 19.9% vs. the previous week, up 28.3% in a month, down 6% in a year

Total inventory: 52,110 — down 2.7% in a week, down 2.8% in a month, down 30.8%

over 12 months

Median list price: \$649,528 — up 1% vs. the previous week, up 8.4% in a month, up 8.3% in a year

Nationally ...

New escrows: 83,465 — up 13.6% in a week, up 28.5% in a month, up 11.3% over 12 months

New listings: 138,009 — up 16.9% vs. the previous week, up 26% in a month, down 19.8% in a year

Total inventory: 894,386 — down 2.6% in a week, down 7.8% in a month, down 27.4% over 12 months

Median list price: \$333,372 — up 1% vs. the previous week, up 3.2% in a month, up 4.2% in a year

STATUS UPDATE



Samantha Gowen has the latest on movers and shakers in Orange County

Send items about business expansion, milestones and promotions to sgowen@scng.com

USPS mail carriers asks residents to put their dogs indoors

The U.S. Postal Service is asking residents to help curb the number of dog bites letter carriers face every year.

The theme for this year's National Dog Bite Awareness Week (June 14-20), is "Be Alert: Prevent the Bite."

The good news: The number of USPS employees bitten by dogs nationwide fell to 5,803 in 2019 — more than 200 fewer than in 2018 and more than 400 fewer since 2017. In Los Angeles, 74 carriers were attacked in 2019, according to the city's postmaster, Joe Zapata.

Postal Service Safety Awareness Program Manager Chris Johnson said two tech services can help carriers avoid dangerous situations. Handheld scanners used by carriers to confirm customer delivery also include a feature to indicate the presence of a dog at an address. Informed Delivery is a notification system that alerts customers to mail and packages arriving at home, allowing residents to plan for the carrier's arrival by securing dogs safely.

USPS offers these safety tips for dog owners:

- Put the dog in a closed room before opening the door to a mail carrier.
- Remind children and other family members not to take mail directly from carriers in the presence of the family pet. The dog may view the gestures by the carrier as threatening.
- If a carrier feels threatened by a dog, or if a dog is loose or unleashed, the owner may be asked to pick up mail at a post office location or another facility.

2 cafes reopen their dining rooms

Two Corner Bakery Cafe restaurants in Orange County on Edinger Avenue in Huntington Beach and Jamboree Road in Irvine have reopened their dining rooms. The Huntington Beach cafe reopened Saturday and the Irvine cafe reopened today.

The company said its restaurants have implemented sanitation and safety processes recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and local officials. Some of the new measures include employees wearing a mask and gloves during their shifts. Tape will mark 6 feet between customers, as well as between customers and cashiers.

Dining room tables and seating availability will be spaced to ensure 6 feet of distancing. Contactless delivery also is available through [cornerbakery.com](https://www.cornerbakery.com), and curbside pickup will be offered.

DIY shopping online

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Shoppers, builders and designers can view items with a click of a mouse. All purchases made online will be available for local pickup only. Find the online store at habitatforhumanity-of-orange-county-restores.myshopify.com/.

If you've never been to a Habitat OC ReStore, the nonprofit created home improvement stores and donation centers that sell new and used home furniture, appliances and building materials at discounted prices.

Proceeds from the Habitat OC ReStores help fund the construction of afford-

able Habitat OC homes for families in need. Plus purchases reduce waste in landfills and dumpsters.

Officials with the nonprofit said the OC Restores have taken several measures, including constant cleaning and sanitizing, to keep the stores safe. Hours of operation have been changed to help maintain a clean environment.

Anaheim ReStore (1656 Katella Ave.): 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday
Santa Ana ReStore (2140 Ritchey St.): 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday

COVID-19 help

Irvine-based Miracles for Kids has received a \$25,000 grant from WeTogether to LeadOC to provide 500 meals to low-income families in need during the COVID crisis. The meals are provided by Sapphire Culinary Group and are delivered or made available each Thursday to a network of local families.

The Wooden Floor in Santa Ana, a creative youth development nonprofit organization, will be distributing over 200 free laptops to its enrolled students,

thanks to supporters and corporate partners including Kingston Technology, Sun Family Foundation and the Sharon Mae Charitable Fund. Students and families rely on The Wooden Floor's Family Services to help them navigate economic challenges and receive mental health support. The laptops will enable the organization to sustain ongoing social-emotional workshops virtually in the home.

Fundraising

Orange County United Way's OC Family to Family campaign goal of \$1 million has been met with donations from Orange County community members and a \$500,000 dollar-for-dollar match by The Lyons-Smith Family Foundation.

All of the money raised will go to help 2,000 Orange County families on the brink of homelessness because of COVID-19 job loss or reduced income. Each family will receive a \$500 emergency Bank of America debit card to help with rent, utilities, food and other basic needs during the pandemic.

An additional 400 Orange County families will get help, too, thanks to a \$100,000 dollar-for-dollar match from the Home-ful Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to solving homelessness.

To make a donation to the OC Family to Family campaign, go to United-WayOC.org/Family or text Family2Family to 51555.

On the move

Nate Brooks has appointed senior vice president and chief financial officer at JAMS, a private provider of alternative dispute resolution services.



Brooks

Brooks joins JAMS with more than two decades of experience in financial and operational roles, and will be based in the company's Irvine headquarters.

Ron Duong and his team of five investment professionals have rejoined Marcucci & Millichap in Newport Beach. Duong will renege as senior vice president in investments responsible for the disposition and acquisition of multitenant and net-lease properties.

Most recently, Duong worked with Cushman & Wakefield, Craig Elster also returns as part of the team along with Ben Carlisle, Johnny Le and Mic Takemana.

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