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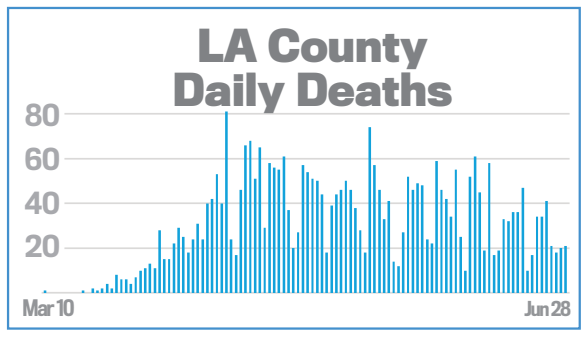
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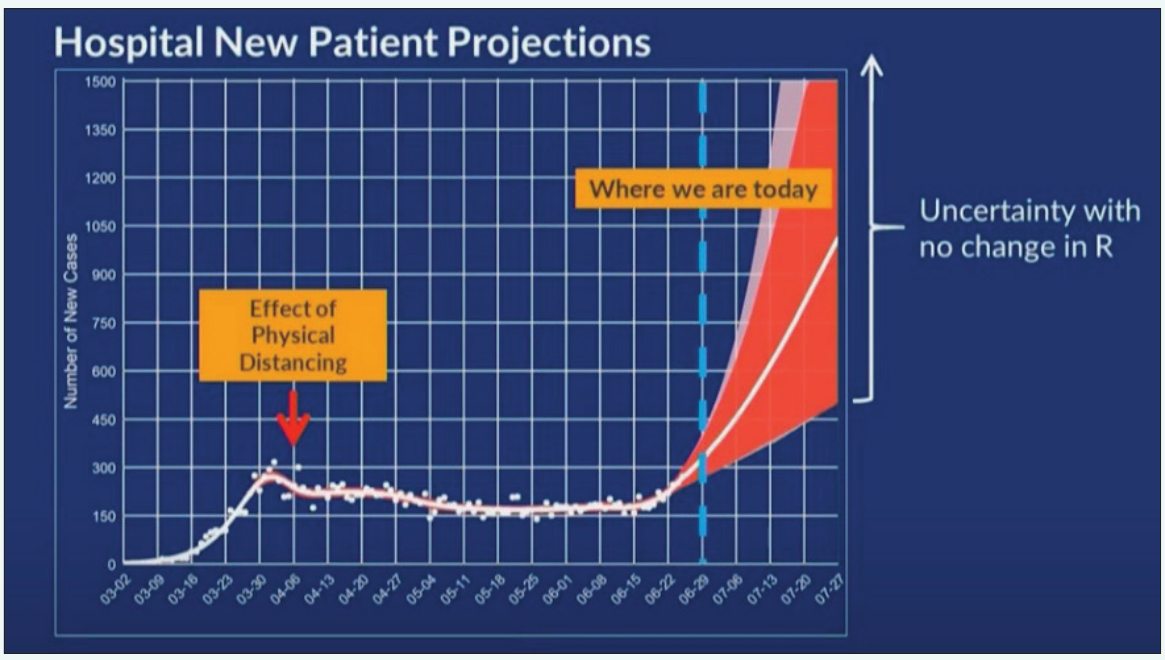
CORONAVIRUS CASES (1WkChg)

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Case spike could fill Los Angeles hospital beds



Courtesy image

RISING: **Hospitalizations are trending up about two weeks after some businesses were reopened.**

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Coronavirus infections are growing in Los Angeles County and local officials are warning residents of more danger in the future unless immediate steps are taken to bring the infection under control.

With recent action by the state to shutter bars, officials said they were loathe to roll back any additional openings but cautioned residents against gathering in large numbers or

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Hostel looking to expand



Courtesy photo

SALOON: **An expansion of the hostel on Second Street would include minor renovations to the Rapp Saloon.**

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Planning Commission will hear a proposal this week to expand the hostel in Downtown Santa Monica.

The applicant is asking for permission to build a new, five story, 60-foot expansion that would

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John Wayne's name on California airport faces new scrutiny

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

In the latest move to change U.S. place names tied to racist groups and ideas, leaders of Orange County's Democratic Party are pushing to drop film legend John Wayne's name from the county's airport because of his racist and bigoted comments.

The party's executive committee

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SUBJECT: **Proposed Modification to Amend Interim Zoning Ordinances Establishing Interim Regulations for the Demolition Permit Review Process**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to introduce and adopt an Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance to Amend Interim Zoning Ordinances 2592, 2599, and 2626 (CCS) establishing interim regulations for the demolition permit review process relating to the preservation of historic resources to reflect the restructured historic preservation program.

Council previously extended the Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance which is set to expire on November 13, 2021. It is not proposed to change the termination date of the Emergency Interim Zoning Ordinance.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.**

LOCATION: In an effort to reduce the risk of spreading Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the City Council and City Staff will participate via teleconference. The meeting will be broadcast on CityTV Channel 16 and streamed on the City's website as normal but participants may also join the teleconference via https://primetime.bluejeans.com/a2m/live-event/ peqafcsx or by dialing in at 1-415-466-7000 (PIN: 9742862 #)

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. Those wishing to give public comment must make that request via email to councilmtgitems@smgov.net. Written public comment submitted before 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be available for online viewing. Additionally, public comment can be made by phone at (310) 458-8423. Remarks from the public are limited to a total of 6 minutes per City Council meeting, with a maximum of 2 minutes per agenda item; under some circumstances, Council may change the maximum to 1 minute per agenda item.

Address your comments to: City Clerk
Re: Demolition IZO Amendments

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jing Yeo at by e-mail at jing.yeo@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. 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.

ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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Gilead's $2,340 price for coronavirus drug draws criticism

MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

The maker of a drug shown to shorten recovery time for severely ill COVID-19 patients says it will charge $2,340 for a typical treatment course for people covered by government health programs in the United States and other developed countries.

Gilead Sciences announced the price Monday for remdesivir, and said the price would be $3,120 for patients with private insurance. The amount that patients pay out of pocket depends on insurance, income and other factors.

"We're in uncharted territory with pricing a new medicine, a novel medicine, in a pandemic," Gilead's chief executive, Dan O'Day, told The Associated Press.

"We believe that we had to really deviate from the normal circumstances" and price the drug to ensure wide access rather than based solely on value to patients, he said.

However, the price was swiftly criticized; a consumer group called it "an outrage" because of the amount taxpayers invested toward the drug's development.

The treatment courses that the company has donated to the U.S. and other countries will run out in about a week, and the prices will apply to the drug after that, O'Day said.

In the U.S., federal health officials have allocated the limited supply to states, but that agreement with Gilead will end after September. They said Monday that the government has secured more than 500,000 additional courses that Gilead will produce starting in July to supply to hospitals through September, and stressed that does not mean the government actually was acquiring that much, just ensuring the availability.

"We should have sufficient supply ... but we have to make sure it's in the right place at the right time," O'Day said

In 127 poor or middle-income countries, Gilead is allowing generic makers to supply the drug; two countries are doing that for around $600 per treatment course.

Remdesivir's price has been highly anticipated since it became the first medicine to show benefit in the pandemic, which has killed more than half a million people globally in six months.

The drug, given through an IV, interferes with the coronavirus's ability to copy its genetic material. In a U.S. government-led study, remdesivir shortened recovery time by 31% — 11 days on average versus 15 days for those given just usual care. It had not improved survival according to preliminary results after two weeks of followup; results after four weeks are expected soon.

The Institute for Clinical and Economic Review, a nonprofit group that analyzes drug prices, said remdesivir would be cost-effective in a range of $4,580 to $5,080 if it saved lives. But recent news that a cheap steroid called dexamethasone improves survival means remdesivir should be priced between $2,520 and $2,800, the group said.

"This is a high price for a drug that has not been shown to reduce mortality," Dr. Steven Nissen of the Cleveland Clinic said in an email. "Given the serious nature of the pandemic, I would prefer that the government take over production and distribute the drug for free. It was developed using significant taxpayer funding."

Peter Maybarduk, a lawyer at the consumer group Public Citizen, called the price "an outrage."

"Remdesivir should be in the public domain" because the drug received at least $70 million in public funding toward its development, he said.

"The price puts to rest any notion that drug companies will 'do the right thing' because it is a pandemic," Dr. Peter Bach, a health policy expert at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York said in an email. "The price might have been fine if the company had demonstrated that the treatment saved lives. It didn't."

While it may be a sticker shock for many, "from the health system perspective, if remdesivir can shorten duration of hospitalization by four days, then the medicine provides a reasonable value," Dr. David Boulware, an infectious disease specialist at the University of Minnesota, said in an email.

O'Day said that shortening hospitalization saves about $12,000 per patient. Gilead says it will have spent $1 billion on developing and making the drug by the end of this year. Gilead shares rose 64 cents to $75.22 in late-morning trading.

The drug has emergency use authorization in the U.S. and Gilead has applied for full approval.

Jefferies pharmaceuticals analyst Michael Yee wrote to investors that Gilead's price was a bit above what stock brokers were expecting. He said that at that price, analysts expect Gilead to make $525 million on remdesivir sales this year and $2.1 billion next year.

AP Business Writer Linda A. Johnson contributed to this report.

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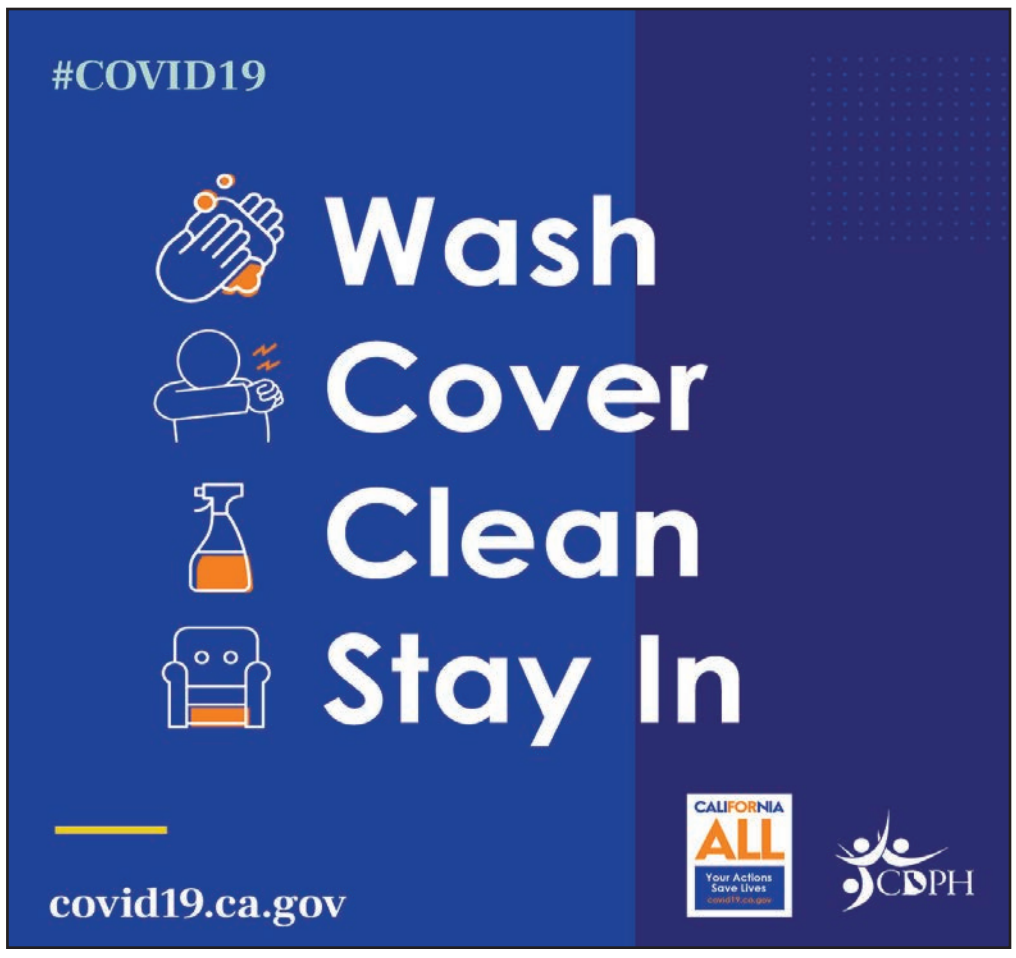
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Public Intoxication 2700blk Main St 1:00 a.m.
Party Complaint 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:05 a.m.
Party Complaint 1300blk 14th St 1:38 a.m.
Party Complaint 1500blk 6th St 4:34 a.m.
Encampment 2000blk Ocean Ave 5:43 a.m.
Grand Theft Report 2500blk Cloverfield Blvd 8:16 a.m.
Sexual Assault 2100blk Santa Monica Blvd 8:36 a.m.
Auto Burglary Report 1000blk 20th St 8:45 a.m.
Smoking Violation 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 9:09 a.m.
Construction Noise 2400blk 23rd St 9:22 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 2600blk 6th St 9:43 a.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1300blk Centinela Ave 9:47 a.m.
Burglary Report 1500blk 7th St 10:25 a.m.
Encampment 1400blk Olympic Blvd 10:38 a.m.
Bike Theft Report Barnard Way / Ocean Park Blvd 10:41 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Pacific Coast Hwy / California Incline 10:42 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 300blk Olympic Dr 10:54 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 11:17 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:22 a.m.
Burglary Report 900blk California Ave 11:22 a.m.
Silent Robbery Alarm 2000blk Montana Ave 11:43 a.m.
Burglary Report 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 11:48 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 20th St / Pico Blvd 12:13 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 700blk 12th St 12:18 p.m.
Auto Burglary Report 600blk San Vicente Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1500blk Pacific Coast Hwy 12:33 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1600blk 9th St 12:52 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries 9th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:15 p.m.
Defrauding Innkeeper Report 1300blk 2nd St 1:24 p.m.
Attempt Burglary Report 1400blk 23rd St 1:29 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2600blk 6th St 1:37 p.m.
Forgery In Progress 400blk Wilshire Blvd 1:40 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 1:52 p.m.
Drinking In Public 800blk Grant St 2:08 p.m.
Fraud Report 1800blk 9th St 2:15 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1600blk Appian Way 3:02 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1500blk 2nd St 3:18 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 300blk Arizona Ave 3:22 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1600blk Ocean Ave 3:32 p.m.
Critical Missing Person 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 3:52 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 800blk Pico Blvd 3:58 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 800blk 12th St 4:02 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1700blk Appian Way 4:04 p.m.
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What's the Point?

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Is The President Up To The Job?

You'd have to be living in a cave, eating canned food for the past month not to see that we are headed right back into a lockdown situation. We tried to open up the bars in Los Angeles County and the barbershops and nail salons and most other businesses throughout the state. Almost immediately people began to congregate and ignore the pleadings of the healthcare leaders who have been begging for more social distancing, wearing of masks and for people to stay home.

Nationally, we'd be better off if we had an absent President, perhaps one who was incapacitated and hiding in his White House bunker, but we're not that lucky. What we have is an active and engaged individual who claims that the numbers are going down, that we don't have a coronavirus problem and his stalking horse in a Vice President just parrots whatever the President wants put out there. I realize that this is all just a show for them to pander to their base and attempt to be re-elected. Most of the thinking world recognize that, yes, the United States of America has a major outbreak of a potentially deadly disease and we are doing jack-all on the federal level to end it.

I think that history will treat Mr. Trump and Mr. Pence quite poorly when those survivors look back and see the grave disservice they have done to the country and the world by their conscious ignoring of indisputable facts.

But, that seems to be Mr. Trump's operating plan. He's doing the same with allegations that the Russians paid Afghanis to target and kill American soldiers. He states that he was not briefed on this, and that neither was Mr. Pence. Which is pretty much the presidential equivalent of 'the dog ate my homework, and the cat will confirm it.' For the President of the United States to come out and say that the American Intelligence Community failed to inform the top two leaders of the country of something this significant is not only a stinging accusation of our intelligence community (one that I'm sure they won't forget) but also a huge glaring leadership deficit in his own administration.

If in fact the Intelligence Community didn't brief him, that would be a treasonous act in itself. And frankly, when it comes to a question of who has more of a sense of duty, the IC or the President, my money is on the IC. Granted these are people who are specialists at mind games and deception, but I'm pretty sure they'd bring something like this to the attention of the administration. I think the more likely truth is that they put it in a Presidential Daily Briefing that he failed to read.

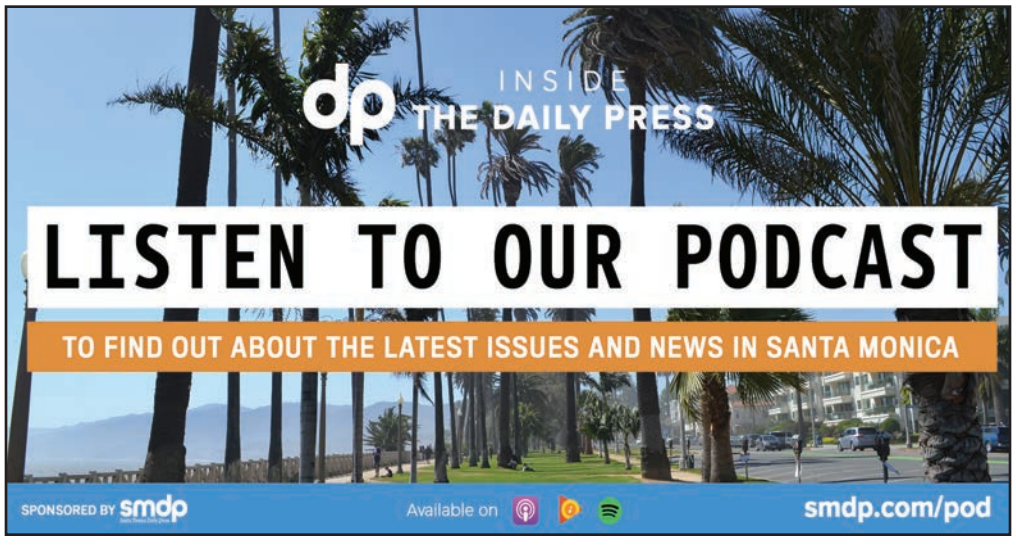
Lastly, the country is in the midst of yet another pivot point on race relations and Mr. Trump's position is to ignore it, and to post inflammatory videos on his Twitter feed as he did this weekend with the "white power" video from The Villages in Florida. Again he claims he "didn't hear it" when asked about the "white power" cry. Yet another claim of ignorance by the President as a cover for his actions. Either Mr. Trump is racist and doing these 'dog-whistles' to his fellow racist base, or he is criminally incompetent and lazy as the President.

If we were to give him the benefit of the doubt, he would be the victim of a treasonous 'deep-state' that is actively working against him, and he just posts things on the internet without paying attention. Both of those are very scary options.

More likely is that he is lazy, ignorant, not doing his job in reading his PDBs and is quite aware of the dog-whistles to his base.

He needs to be replaced. By vote or by the 25th Amendment.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Reddit, Twitch clamp down Trumpist forums for hate speech

Reddit, an online comment forum that is one of the internet's most popular websites, on Monday banned a forum that supported President-Donald Trump as part of a crackdown on hate speech.

The Trump forum, called The_Donald, was banned because it encouraged violence, regularly broke other Reddit rules, and defiantly "antagonized" both Reddit and other forums, the company said in a statement. Reddit had previously tried to discipline the forum.

Reddit's action against The_Donald was part of a larger purge at the San Francisco-based site. The company said it took down a total of 2,000 forums, known as the site as "subreddits," most of which it said were inactive or had few users.

Social-media companies have long struggled to deal with hate speech on their platforms. A growing number of large advertisers have said they are pausing social-media spending after a campaign by a group of civil-rights and other groups called for an ad boycott of Facebook, saying it has failed to curb racist and violent content and misinformation.

On Monday, Ford Motor Co. put the brakes on all national social media advertising for the next 30 days. The company says hate speech, as well as violent and racial injustice content need to be eradicated from the sites.

Also on Monday, live-streaming site Twitch, which is owned by Amazon, temporarily banned Trump's account for violating its hateful conduct rules. Twitch pointed to comments made in two rallies that were posted on the site. One was at a recent rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where Trump mentioned "a very tough hombre" breaking into someone's home. The other was from a 2015 campaign rally that was recently reposted on Twitch, in which Trump said Mexico sends people to the U.S. that are rapists and bring drugs to the country. Twitch declined to say how long the suspension will last.

Reddit has tweaked its rules and banned forums for white nationalists over the years in an attempt to rid its platform of vitriol, sometimes dealing with an outcry from users because of it.

CEO Steve Huffman said earlier this month that Reddit was working with moderators to explicitly address hate speech.

TALI ARBEL, AP TECHNOLOGY WRITER

LOS ANGELES

LA authorities probe crimes during anti-police protests

Los Angeles authorities are investigating more than 150 assaults on officers and civilians, as well as other crimes, that were allegedly committed during protests against police brutality.

The Los Angeles Police Department, the FBI and other agencies on Monday asked for the public's help to identify potential perpetrators and provide tips, photos and videos to aid in prosecutions. Officials said they do not have an estimate of the monetary damage that occurred during the protests.

The agencies have formed the "Safe LA Task Force" to investigate the crimes, which also include looting and arson. Seven police vehicles were destroyed during the protests, and authorities said dozens of police officers and protesters were attacked with weapons such as chunks of concrete, pieces of steel and full bottles of bleach.

A 28-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder in connection with shooting at four police officers in two incidents, authorities said. The LAPD would not say if the officers had been struck but noted that they have returned to work.

Protests nationwide in the wake of George Floyd's death in Minneapolis were largely peaceful, though pockets of violence sprung up. Floyd died on May 25 after Officer Derek Chauvin, who is white, used his knee to pin down the handcuffed Black man's neck even after Floyd stopped moving and pleading for air.

Chauvin is charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter.

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WASHINGTON

Supreme Court declines to hear border wall challenge

The Supreme Court is leaving in place a decision that rejected environmental groups' challenge to sections of wall the Trump administration is building along the U.S. border with Mexico.

The high court on Monday declined to hear an appeal involving construction of 145 miles (233 kilometers) of steel-bollard walls along the border in Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas.

The Center for Biological Diversity, the Animal Legal Defense Fund, Defenders of Wildlife, and the Southwest Environmental Center had challenged a federal law that allows the secretary of Homeland Security to waive any laws necessary to allow the quick construction of border fencing. The groups had argued that violates the Constitution's separation of powers. But a lower court dismissed the case.

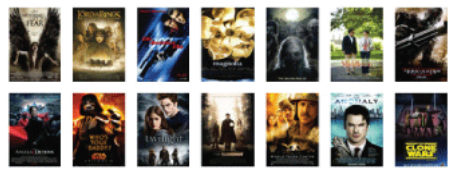
This is not the first time the Supreme Court has weighed in on border wall construction during the Trump administration. Last year, the high court gave the administration the go-ahead to tap billions of dollars in Pentagon funds to replace barriers along the border with Mexico in Arizona, California and New Mexico with more robust fencing.

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HOSTEL

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include 40 additional rooms, a renovated dining hall and central courtyard in about 15,622 square feet.

The property currently houses a four story building with capacity for 273 guests, the Rapp Saloon and a single story dining hall with six parking spaces. Hostelling International operates the facility and claims on their website that it is the largest purpose-built hostel in the country. The Rapp Saloon, built in 1875 is Santa Monica's first landmarked building. While it won't be directly impacted by the new construction, the proposal does include minor renovations to the property to improve access and functionality for ongoing community uses.

"The proposed scope of rehabilitation of the Rapp Saloon includes lowering the raised interior floor, removing the concrete steps, and extending the door down to sidewalk level in order to facilitate improved access and functionality of the community space," said the report. "While minor in scope, the proposed enhancements are intended to improve connectivity and usage of the community space/landmarked structure."

According to the staff report, the new building would replace the single story building and parking spaces at the rear of the property. No parking spaces are required of the existing hostel or the proposed addition but the facility does provide bicycle storage on site.

The hostel has been closed during the current emergency but is scheduled to open again in August. Rooms can accommodate multiple guests with beds going for less than $50 per night depending on availability. Staff are recommending the Commission approve the project to increase the number of low cost rooms in the city.

"The proposed addition would increase the stock of much needed low-cost lodging and also increase the ability to share the City's first designated landmark with visitors from abroad in a harmonious and compatible setting," said the staff report.

Staff also said the project has operated for 30 years without causing problems and is located near the visitor friendly Downtown.

"The project is situated in a highly walkable, transit rich location, near bike lanes and paths and surrounded by visitor serving uses and destinations. The Downtown area encourages a variety of uses, including the hostel, and promotes the highest concentration of activity in the City," said the report.

If approved by the Planning Commission, the project would also require a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Landmarks Commission.

The Planning Commission will meet on Wednesday, July 1. Visit https://www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Planning-Commission/ for more information.

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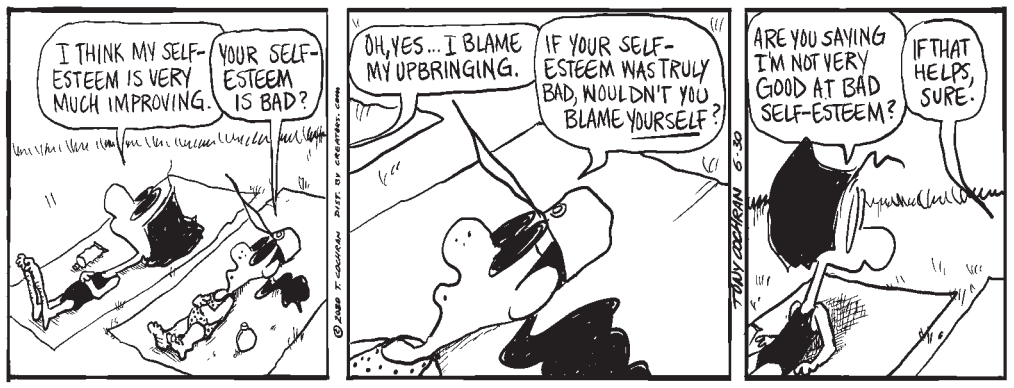
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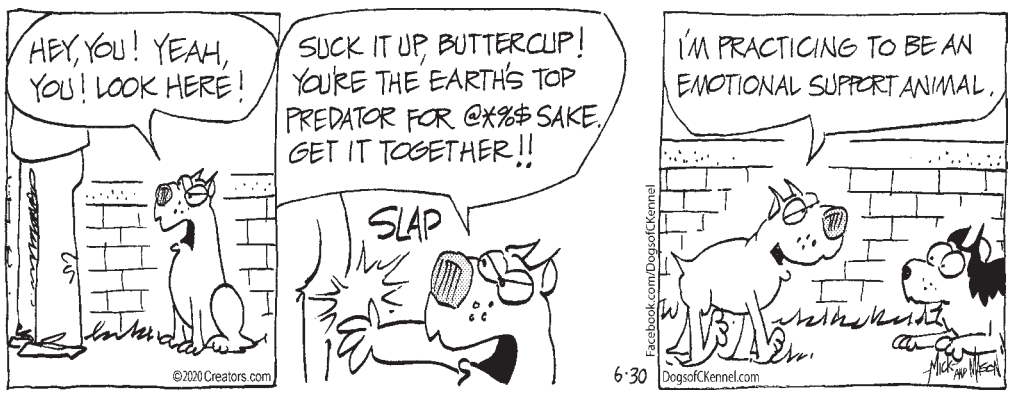
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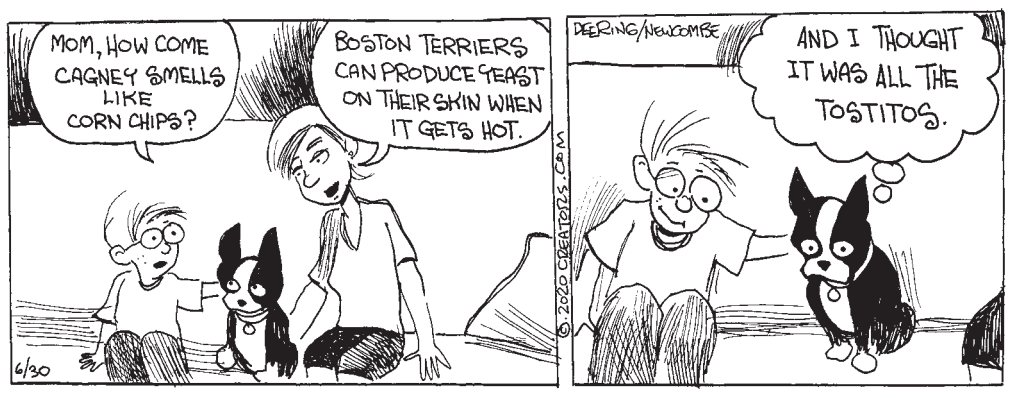
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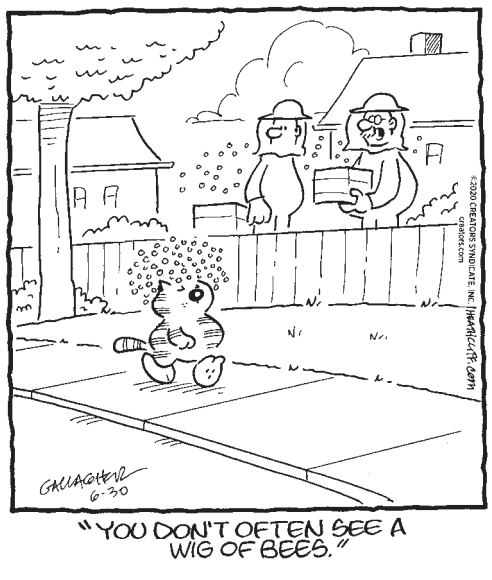
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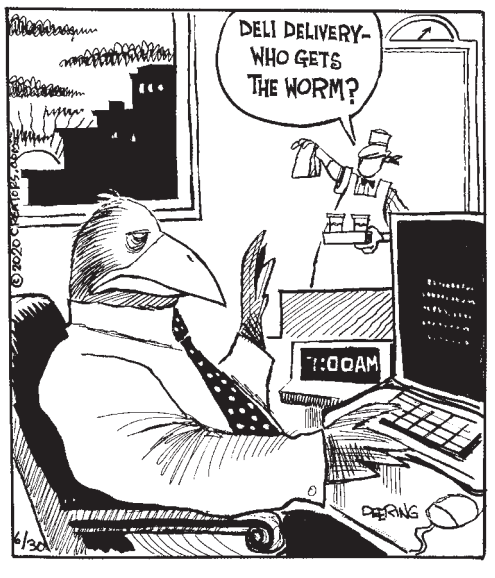
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.7°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high
Long period SSW swell builds – the most size further west in the region. Minor NW windswell. Watching winds for the AM – looking favorable at this point.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft+ Waist to shoulder high occ. 5 ft
Long period SSW swell peaks – the most size further west in the region. Watching winds for the AM – looks favorable at this point.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 69.
Tuesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.
Wednesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 70.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Thursday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Thursday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Friday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/06/30	Tue	12:38 AM	0.85	L
2020/06/30	Tue	06:23 AM	3.52	H
2020/06/30	Tue	11:44 AM	1.40	L
2020/06/30	Tue	6:28 PM	5.96	H
2020/07/01	Wed	01:36 AM	0.07	L
2020/07/01	Wed	07:41 AM	3.58	H
2020/07/01	Wed	12:35 PM	1.69	L
2020/07/01	Wed	7:12 PM	6.36	H
2020/07/02	Thu	02:26 AM	-0.57	L
2020/07/02	Thu	08:44 AM	3.71	H
2020/07/02	Thu	1:24 PM	1.91	L
2020/07/02	Thu	7:55 PM	6.64	H
2020/07/03	Fri	03:12 AM	-1.01	L
2020/07/03	Fri	09:36 AM	3.84	H
2020/07/03	Fri	2:12 PM	2.07	L
2020/07/03	Fri	8:37 PM	6.78	H
2020/07/04	Sat	03:56 AM	-1.23	L
2020/07/04	Sat	10:23 AM	3.92	H

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27 32 35 46 47
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Jackpot: 19 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 06/28
9 28 32 35 37

Daily 3
Draw Date: 06/25
Evening: 8 9 5
Draw Date: 06/25
Midday: 9 6 2

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 06/25
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2nd: 10-SOLID GOLD
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). A scenario that's got your attention happens to match up with a subconscious script, a memory imprinted on your childhood brain. In other words, you've seen this one before. Now is your chance to fix it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're worrying unnecessarily about the practicality of your own wishes. It's not up to you to decide what's within the realm of reality. Let yourself dream wild and free.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Attention is like a key; it has a particular shape and every lock is different. Ill-fitting attention won't open doors or lead anywhere. Cater your focus. Give what the other person actually needs.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). "Progressive desensitization" is the clinical name for today's success key. Dive in and start facing fear. The only way to get to the place you want to be is to do a thing until you are no longer afraid of it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're not sure, don't do it. Action will suffer from the doubt you feel. What's worse is that the others on your team, or the opposing team, will sense that you're not all in. It's an all-or-nothing kind of day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Better to be wise than clever. You could be both, but today you'll choose one, forgetting about the applause and fame and going for the quiet strength of simply doing the right thing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're still allowed to have fun, and, in fact, it's the most important work of the day. When you impart your own enjoyment of life to your circle, you enrich the lives of everyone in the circle.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's an art to seizing the day. It's all in the grip. Keep it vigorous but not so hard that it constricts the flow of spontaneity that makes the hours so engaging.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Follow through on your instinct to tell people upfront what they can expect from you — your desires, talents and follies - because, together, you can figure out straight away if there's a fit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Communication will be as effective as it is specific. It will give you clarity to know exactly to whom you're aiming your work, words and even your manner of dress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Kudos to you for continually making the effort to learn something new. Your many excellences lead you to more relationships, as each talent brings with it a circle of people who need or share that talent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Time marches forward in slow and steady steps, but emotions often take leaps and bounds. These two styles of movement will play against one another to create some interesting perception and tension now.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD



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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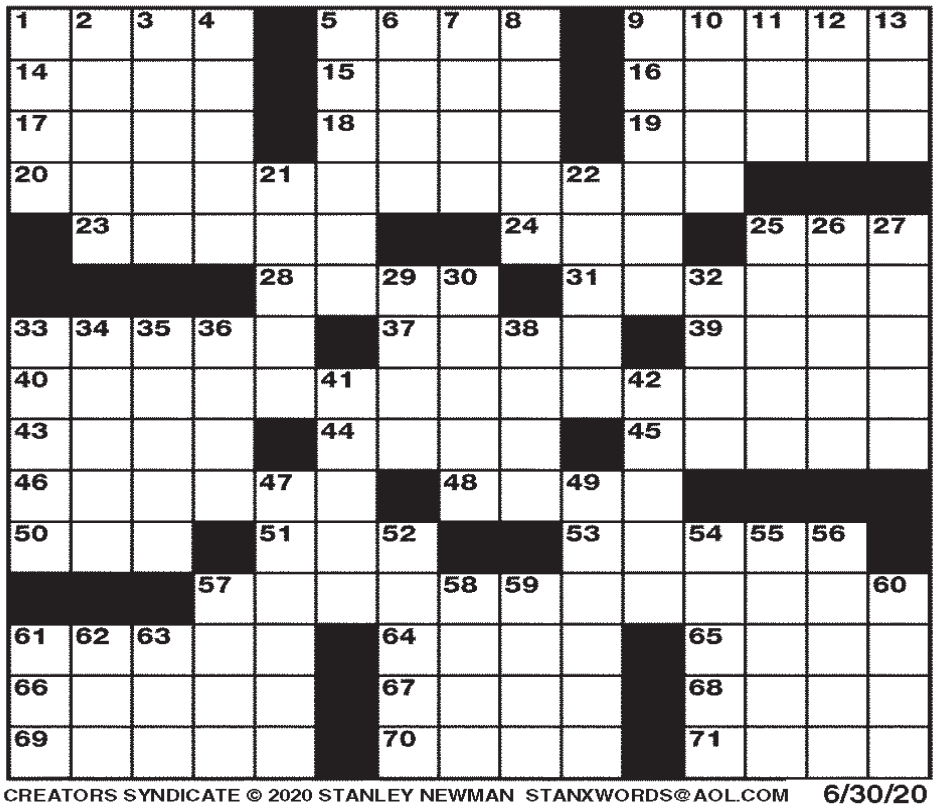
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 "How clumsy of me!"
5 Chess or Scrabble
9 Full of lather
14 Operatic solo
15 Numbered musical work
16 Loosen, as shoelaces
17 Nashville's state: Abbr.
18 Chooses (to)
19 Red vegetables
20 Places to grab a frankfurter
23 Decline an offer
24 "I kid __ not"
25 Angry crowd
28 Extremely long time
31 Dedicate, as time
33 One more time
37 Right, on a map
39 Tiny bit
40 Starts doing something seriously
43 Barge __ (disturb)
44 "That's all there __ it!"
45 Paying careful attention
46 Soup legume
48 Datebook entry: Abbr.
50 Compass point opposite WNW
51 Orange pekoe, for instance
53 Lowest possible
57 Aggressive workers
61 Terrible
64 Our natural satellite
65 Gather up, as a harvest
66 __ con carne
67 Not doing anything
68 Actress Stone or Watson
69 Toy truck maker
70 Golfer's pegs
71 Basketball cable channel

DOWN
1 Sworn promise
2 Sandwich cookies
3 Ship of 1492
4 With a light brown surface, as a beach
5 Bit of baby talk
6 Downloadable programs
7 Mixed-breed dog
8 English assignment
9 Bring under control
10 Small bills
11 Consumed
12 Center of a peach
13 "Of course!"
21 For hours __ (nonstop)
22 Acknowledge silently
25 Reindeer cousin
26 River-frolicking mammal
27 *Beauty and the* __
29 Current events
30 "Ho, ho, ho!" guy
32 Perfume bottle
33 Nimble
34 Bits of heredity
35 Make amends
36 More proper "ain't"
38 Quit it
41 Ship carrying petroleum
42 Supply party food for
47 Rome's country, to natives
49 Wood-smoothing tools
52 Grant entrance to
54 See eye to eye
55 Appears to be
56 Chaplin's vagabond persona
57 Shell of a wrecked ship
58 Secret message
59 Donut center
60 Reach across, as a bridge
61 Play a part
62 "What person" question
63 Fish's appendage



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Binary Puzzle

Each cell should contain a zero or a one. No more than two similar numbers below or next to each other are allowed. Each row and each column is unique and contains as many zeros as ones.

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COVID-19

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making trips that were not essential over the coming July 4 holiday as current trends could push hospitals to capacity.

According to the County Department of Public Health, the 7-day average of daily reported new cases of COVID-19 is nearly 2,000, an increase from the 1,379 average two weeks ago. There are 1,710 people currently hospitalized, higher than the 1,350 to 1,450 daily hospitalizations seen in recent weeks.

Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director of Public Health, said hospitalizations have not surpassed the county's highest levels but they are quickly heading into dangerous territory.

She said officials knew there would be some kind of increase when businesses were allowed to reopen.

"What we didn't expect however, was to see this steep an increase this quickly," she said. "And we know that there have been many businesses, and many individuals that have done everything right from the very beginning, they adhere to every single health officer order and followed our directives, but as you're going to see from our data, we also know that there are a number of businesses and individuals who have not followed the directives, and they've gone back to living as if COVID-19 is not in our community. So I need to say to all of our businesses and individuals across the county that at this point, if you're not part of the solution to slowing the spread, you're ending up being part of the problem."

She said spikes in early case counts were likely due to challenges in establishing consistent testing but with the testing system now in place, a surge in cases over the past two weeks definitively indicates an increase in community transmission.

Dr. Christina Ghaly, the county's Health Services Director, said residents needed to understand the situation was getting worse.

"If there's one thing that you could take away from this briefing, let it be this: hospitalizations are on the rise and the county transmission has increased within our communities, and as a result we all need to be more careful about the steps we are taking to prevent transmission," she said. "People need to pay attention to this and wear their masks and physically distance, whenever possible. It is a simple and very straightforward message, but will absolutely make a difference."

Ghaly said it's increasingly likely that residents will come in contact with infected individuals.

She said that last week, they estimated that one in 400 individuals in Los Angeles County was infected and not isolated, either at home or in a hospital bed and thus was capable of transmitting COVID-19 virus to others.

"Today we estimate that number is one in 140," she said. "This is a three fold increase from what we presented last week. This means that it is highly likely that those in Los Angeles are going to interact with people who are infectious, especially as we move toward reopening."

Ferrer said some of the blame falls on businesses who are not following the rules. She said even after three weeks of consistent outreach and education by the county, 33 percent of restaurants and 49 percent of bars contacted this past weekend were not in compliance.

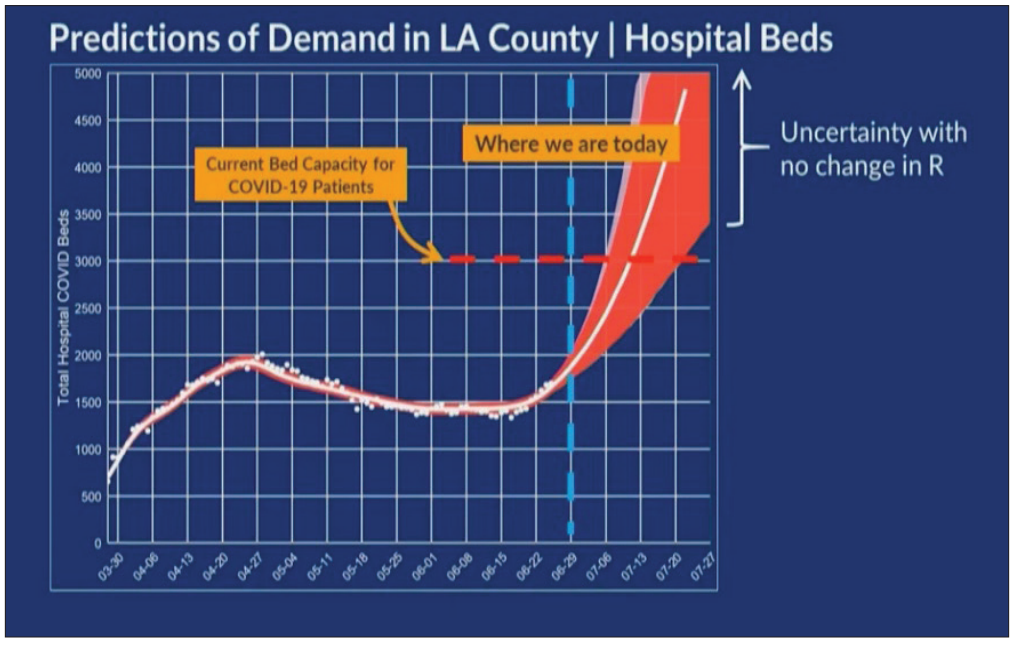
"We do have data demonstrating that there have been gaps in compliance with directives, amongst businesses and the most common complaints we've received are around businesses not posting and completing the infection control protocols, not requiring face coverings for either employees and/or when appropriate for patrons and not enforcing physical distancing for employees and customers," she said.

Ferrer said County officials will be working with local authorities, including beach cities, to determine if additional action is needed to prevent people from gathering in large groups and she said residents should understand they are being asked to make a temporary change in behavior for the greater good.

"You know this is not forever," she said. "This is not even for an entire other year. This is a temporary set of steps that we're asking everyone to take, because we have seen these dramatic increases. We need to get this back under control, so that we can remain on a recovery journey," she said.

There were 401 cases reported in Santa Monica as of Monday.

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BEDS: While hospital beds are still available, the current trend predicts the county will run out of room in a matter of week.

AIRPORT

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in Orange County adopted a resolution last week condemning Wayne's "racist and bigoted statements" in a 1971 interview and called on the county's board of supervisors to drop his "name and likeness" from the airport. The resolution asked the board to restore the name to Orange County Airport.

"An international airport that serves millions of people each year should not be named for someone who, in real life, opposed our nation's values of opportunity and justice for all," Ada Briceño, chair of the Democratic Party of Orange County, said in a statement. "Now is the time for change"

The push to oust Wayne, a longtime county resident who died in 1979, from the airport's name, has a lengthy history, and his bigoted statements against Black people, Native Americans and the LGBTQ community in a 1971 Playboy magazine interview are often cited as the reason it's ill-suited to welcome visitors to the diverse Southern California county widely known for its scenic beaches and as the home to Disneyland.

In the interview, Wayne is quoted saying, "I believe in white supremacy until the blacks are educated to a point of responsibility. I don't believe in giving authority and positions of leadership and judgment to irresponsible people." He also said he felt no remorse for the subjugation of Native Americans and called movies such as "Easy Rider" and "Midnight Cowboy" perverted.

The airport in the heart of Orange County dates back decades and county officials voted to change the name to remember Wayne when he died in 1979. Deanne Thompson, an airport spokeswoman, said the county has no plans to change the name or remove a statue of Wayne from the airport, which served more than 10 million passengers in 2018, though the issue comes up periodically, including last year.

But the current push comes as thousands of Americans have taken to the streets to protest police brutality against Black people and systemic racism in the wake of the Minneapolis police killing of George Floyd. In many places, communities have moved to take down statues of former slaveholders — or topple them — and remove the Confederate emblem from imagery including Mississippi's state flag.

It also comes as Orange County has gone over the past four decades from being a predominantly Republican, suburban enclave to a region of more than 3 million residents that is now home to more Democrats than Republicans. The county has also gone from being largely white to much more diverse, with large Latino and Asian communities.

The county's board of supervisors is still comprised mostly of Republicans, even as the GOP lost four key Congressional seats in the region to Democratic contenders two years ago.

Board Chair Michelle Steel, a Republican who is seeking to unseat one of those Democratic representatives, said Monday that Wayne's comments are "wrong and sad" but she supports keeping his name on the airport, arguing "a person should be judged on the totality of their actions and contributions to society." She said Wayne also supported U.S. military personnel and Vietnamese refugees who arrived fleeing communism.

Wayne starred in movies including "The Alamo," "The Green Berets" and "True Grit," for which he won an Academy Award, while portraying the gruff, rugged cowboys and brave soldiers who were his stock in trade.

Ethan Wayne, the movie star's son, said in a statement that his father was not racist and hired and worked with people from diverse backgrounds. He said it would be unfair to judge him based on a single interview.

"The current focus on social justice is absolutely valid and necessary," the younger Wayne said. "But attempts by some to use it for political advantage distract from real opportunities for reform."

Jay Burress, chief executive of Visit Anaheim, declined to weigh in on the controversy over Wayne's name. But having a single name for an airport can be helpful when tourists are planning a trip, he said, adding that Orange County's airport winds up being listed in various ways on terminal screens.

"Most visitors we have know the name Orange County," Burress said. "If they're looking and can't figure out which one, they may just fly into LAX."

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