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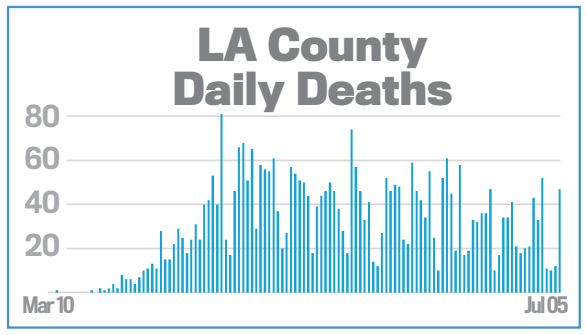
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CORONAVIRUS DEATHS (1WkChg)

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33 +14%	3,534 +6%	6369 +7%	129,941 +3%	536,459 +6%

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County's COVID-19 patients getting younger

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

COVID-19 patients are getting younger as the county's case count increases according to new numbers provided Monday.

Director of Public Health Barbara Ferrer said hospitalizations of people over 65 have declined in recent weeks while individuals between 17 and 65 are being hospitalized at an increased rate.

In a Monday announcement, officials said almost 50% of new cases occur among younger people with the most significant increase in the percentage of cases among residents between 18 and 40 years old. Hospitalizations for individuals between 18 and 40 years old have also increased from a little over 10% of hospitalized cases in April to about 25% in July.

The mortality rate for hospitalized individuals has declined slightly and Ferrer said younger patients were, as a group, more likely to survive but she said deaths also follow hospitalizations so it's possible deaths may increase in the coming weeks.



Sammy Neustadt

MASKS: Officials are reiterating the need for masks and distancing when conducting essential business.

The rate of positive test results has also grown. Ferrer said that with over a million tests reported to her department the cumulative total of positive cases is at 9%, but the seven day average of daily positivity is now at 10%.

She said the reason is simple: residents are going outside more often and failing to adhere to health warnings.

"It's clear that after months of quarantine, combined with the reopening of many sectors in the span of several weeks, we've had a lot of people disregard the very practices that allowed us to slow the spread," she said. "And unfortunately, this cannot continue. Our inability to follow the most basic infection control and distancing directives leads to serious illness, and even the death of the people we love, and the death of those who are loved by others, and the evidence is overwhelmingly clear about the impact."

According to Ferrer, 86% of residents were remaining in their homes except for essential needs in April. That number has dropped over time and is now at 58%. She said the number of people coming into close contact with individuals outside their household has

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Epstein accuser demands investigation by Santa Monica Police Department

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

It's been more than two decades since Alicia Arden first accused Jeffrey Epstein of sexually battering her at a Santa Monica hotel. On Monday, a year since Epstein was first arrested, Arden and attorney Gloria Allred demanded the Santa Monica Police Department investigate why no action was taken when a police report was filed in 1997.

Allred represents 16 clients who alleged they are victims of Epstein's sexual abuse; and Arden, who detailed her encounter with Epstein during a news conference Monday, is one of the few who has come forth publicly.

"After the police report was filed, Ms. Arden was never contacted by the police or by any prosecutor. Had Jeffrey Epstein been investigated and had he been prosecuted and convicted, perhaps countless victims would have been spared from the sexual assaults and rapes that they were forced to suffer," Allred said during the conference, where she mentioned the fact that Arden may be the first victim of Epstein who has written evidence proving they filed a police report alleging sexual abuse. "It took courage for Alicia to file, but then it appears that law enforcement failed to pursue it."

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Man dies in July 4 suicide

MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

A man died on July 4 in a suspected suicide on the Pacific Coast Highway.

According to Sergeant Roberto Villegas with the Santa Monica Police Department, the first call came into SMPD from a California Highway Patrol dispatcher at about 4:39 a.m. A passerby had called to report someone down in the first lane of the Pacific Coast Highway near the McClure Tunnel.

He said officers arrived and found the body in the street. They were then approached by a driver who said he had just struck an unknown object while driving. The driver had immediately pulled over and walked back up the road where he encountered the police officers.

Villegas said the driver was cooperative and took a breathalyzer test as part of the standard investigation protocol. The test returned a zero measurement for alcohol.

"We don't know if he died from

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California virus 'strike teams' issue few citations

ADAM BEAM AND DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

Newly formed "strike teams" of state inspectors contacted thousands of California businesses over the long Independence Day weekend but issued citations to a relative few as they enforced coronavirus restrictions amid a resurging pandemic.

The teams issued 52 citations because most business owners complied with the teams' directives, Gov. Gavin Newsom said Monday.

"There were only a handful of citations because the overwhelming majority of people were doing the right thing," he said. "Even if people were out of compliance, the engagement got people back into compliance very quickly."

Ten agencies that make up the strike teams Newsom formed last week together contacted 483,000 businesses. Officials previously said that they sent letters Thursday to every employer, or about 350,000 businesses, warning that they could face fines or potential criminal prosecution if they failed to implement a new statewide requirement to wear face coverings.

Additionally, inspectors with the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control made nearly 6,000 in-person visits to bars and restaurants, officials said, while the Board of Barbering & Cosmetology had inspectors contacted 344 beauty and barber shops and provided them with safety checklists.

"That's the spirit to which we are engaging in this level of enforcement. It's to modify, it's to fix problems, it's not to penalize businesses that are struggling already," Newsom said. "But those that simply could not modify or are unwilling, absolutely they need to be held to some account, and that's what those citations represented."

Newsom formed the teams after some local officials openly said they would not enforce new shutdown orders or the statewide mask rule as virus cases increase.

About 200 inspectors were in the field, about half from Alcohol Beverage Control and the rest from the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, known as CalOSHA, and other state licensing entities, said Brian Ferguson, a spokesman for California's Office of Emergency Services.

They are concentrating on counties with the most restrictions. Newsom last week ordered bars, indoor restaurant dining areas and museums and other indoor areas to close for at least three weeks in 23 of 58 counties, including the two most populous, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Morgan Hill Mayor Rich Constantine on Saturday criticized armed officers from Alcohol Beverage Control for shutting down at least a dozen restaurants Friday night in his Santa Clara County city.

The department said the restaurants did not have the state's permission to open, but Constantine objected that they were allowed to seat diners outdoors. Inspectors did not cite anyone, but they were "heavy-handed" and did not explain how the restaurants were breaking state rules, he said.

Newsom sent a letter Friday urging local police and sheriffs to enforce the state health orders. He again on Monday warned local elected officials that they risk losing out on $2.5 billion in state funding if they refuse to ensure compliance.

A watchdog group said CalOSHA's inspection efforts were hindered by a growing number of vacancies even before Newsom assigned them the new strike team duties.

Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility said last week that there was a 21% vacancy rate among inspectors at the workplace safety and health agency, slightly worse than in January. That meant about one inspector for about every 99,000 workers, by the group's calculations, well short of the ratios in Oregon and Washington where it said there was one inspector for about every 25,000 workers.

The problem was worsened because there were no field inspections during the statewide stay-at-home order from mid-March until mid-May, and the group said only about 50 of the 193 inspectors are back in the field. PEER said agency employees reported a backlog of more than 3,000 worker complaints of poor working conditions and an additional delay in investigating worker deaths or serious injuries.

Officials with CalOSHA and the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency, which oversees CalOSHA, did not respond to repeated requests for comment.

Other agencies in the task forces are the California Highway Patrol; Business Oversight; Consumer Affairs; Food and Agriculture; Labor Commissioner's Office; and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia and death.

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Party Complaint 1600blk Ocean Ave 1:03 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 1:24 a.m.
Living In A Vehicle 1900blk Idaho Ave 4:03 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk 6th St 4:14 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 5:07 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 800blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:44 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 6:54 a.m.
Battery Just Occurred 1100blk Lincoln Blvd 7:54 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 8:09 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2600blk 33rd St 9:11 a.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 9:14 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1300blk Wilshire Blvd 9:16 a.m.
Death Investigation 1500blk 5th St 9:21 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2700blk Airport Ave 9:22 a.m.
Loud Music 26th St / Broadway 9:55 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 10:27 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 3rd St / Pico Blvd 10:28 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1800blk Ocean Ave 10:28 a.m.
Traffic Collision - Unknown Injuries 1800blk Main St 10:28 a.m.
Construction Noise 2400blk Santa Monica Blvd 10:31 a.m.
Domestic Violence Just Occurred 1900blk 22nd St 10:53 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 10:54 a.m.
Auto Burglary 600blk 7th St 11:05 a.m.
Stalking 800blk 2nd St 11:20 a.m.
Burglary 1100blk Wilshire Blvd 11:24 a.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 11:30 a.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 00blk Sea Colony Dr 11:30 a.m.
Petty Theft 2000blk 21st St 12:11 p.m.
Petty Theft 900blk 3rd St 12:17 p.m.
Burglary 2400blk Centinela Ave 12:21 p.m.
Grand Theft 800blk Broadway 12:24 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 3300blk Barnard Way 12:33 p.m.
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Silent Robbery Alarm 1200blk Wilshire Blvd 12:39 p.m.
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Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / Palisades Ave 12:55 p.m.
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Child Abuse 2300blk 4th St 2:15 p.m.
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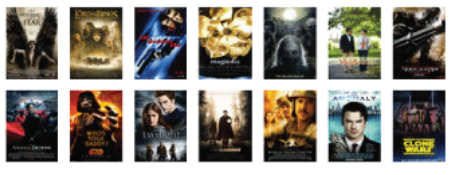
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EMS 800blk 2nd St 9:06 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Pico Blvd 10:00 a.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 3rd St / Pico Blvd 10:28 a.m.
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What's the Point?

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President Burr (nee Trump)

What a Fourth of July this was! We had the President holding a COVID party at Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota, and we had record increases in COVID cases. The winning is just not stopping with this man in the White House.

I almost felt bad for him and his marketing team as they were completely upstaged this year by Lin Manuel Miranda's Broadway Musical HAMILTON, which started streaming on Friday. The uber-hit play is an amazing rendition of American history as seen through the lens of Aaron Burr, the disgraced vice-president who shot Alexander Hamilton in a duel.

For the three people who haven't seen the musical, or heard the addictively catchy soundtrack this version of Hamilton's life lifts up his anti-slavery position while being the "right hand man" to George Washington. It's a marvelous piece of dramatic writing and musicality that interweaves the story of the nation's birth. It's a messy history we have. Fighting oppression on the one hand from the English King George and oppressing others by using Blacks as slave labor.

The cognitive dissonance of freedom for some, while others are enslaved, has not really left our shores, the manner of freedom and enslavement has just changed. We still have the haves and the have-nots. Frankly that's a side effect of capitalism that we have to either learn to live with, or agree to change our entire foundational way of being.

Since we're not going to change how we are, we need to make peace with the imbalance and should work to do our best to bring equality to as many as possible. Can we do more and better? Of course.

Can we do it with this President? Not a freaking chance.

In the play Aaron Burr's catch-phrase is, "Talk Less. Smile more. Don't let them know what your against or what you're for" with our modern day Burr, the catch-phrase seems to be "tell 'em whatever will distract them." This President is only concerned with his poll numbers and ginning up his base. He holds to no principle beyond "what's in it for me?" He is not demonstrating leadership on a global pandemic, or on a global recession, and has not been a calming effect on a country that is seething in pain and anger.

As the President makes patently false claims, his administration gets mired in fumbled responses trying to dodge and weave their way past their 'obvious to everyone' falsity. This is reminiscent of the way in which Burr is portrayed as a man who no one really knows, he'll say what he needs to say to avoid a position. Whereas the current President will take 3 positions in the same speech.

History was not kind to Aaron Burr, he is known primarily for killing a long time frenemy. The long list of accomplishments by Hamilton are contrasted with the mediocre, middle path walked by Burr that leaves no real lasting impression. This will likely the same fate that Mr. Trump faces. He has no great flag in the sand piece of legislation. He has not stood for much beyond closing borders (which in a bit of historic irony due to his failures on the COVID front, have led to the world's borders being closed to Americans). He will be remembered for his daily lies, his petulant anger, his abusive behavior towards those who he perceives as weaker and his adoration for dictators.

This weekend, as Mr. Trump was pictured against the backdrop of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt and Lincoln, I'm sure he thought it was an appropriate comparison. In his mind, he may have founded a county(movement), been the architect of a new republic, preserved the country and saved the country. Instead what I saw was a leering, jeering, posturing figment of a statesman, fanning the flames of hate, intolerance and ignorance.

As our nation is roiling from race relations, as the fever of COVID is striking across the country, as people's lives are being upended by a financial freefall, on this weekend we set aside to remember the fight and celebrate the victory of freedom over oppression, we did not see a President work to pull us together ala Franklin Roosevelt, or George Bush (43) post attacks on our country. We didn't have a Reaganesque speech after the Challenger explosion.

No, we have a President who wants to ignore his own administration's directions on a pandemic. He wants to find a way to blame those who advocate for a better life for all, and fracture the country as much as possible in the hopes of getting another shot at the Presidency.

History has its eyes on him, and he better remember that it's a harsh critic.

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Companies tied to top California officials get federal aid

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Associated Press

Businesses tied to California Gov. Gavin Newsom, Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis and two of the state's legislative leaders were among those that received federal loans aimed at keeping small businesses afloat during the coronavirus pandemic, records released Monday showed.

A Northern California-based winery and hospitality company, PlumpJack, founded and partly owned by Newsom, received a loan worth $150,000 to $350,000 from the Paycheck Protection Program, according to data released by the U.S. Treasury Department.

Before taking office as governor in 2019, Newsom announced he would step away from his businesses and put his assets in a blind trust managed by a family friend and attorney.

"You would have to ask the people that are running those businesses," Newsom said in response to a question about why his company applied for the loan.

The trustee of the blind trust and company did not return emails. Federal data shows the loan helped save 14 jobs.

A labor consulting company led by state Senate Minority Leader Shannon Grove, a Bakersfield Republican, received a loan within the same dollar range. Grove listed herself as president and CEO of Continental Labor Resources Inc. on most recent state public disclosure forms, reporting that she drew an income of over $100,000. The loan saved 365 jobs at the company, according to data.

A consulting firm founded and run by Jennifer LeSar, the spouse of state Senate President Pro Tem Toni Atkins, D-San Diego, received a loan in the range of $350,000 to $1 million, helping retain 15 jobs. LeSar Development Consultants counts California cities and housing groups among its clients, working on homelessness and affordable housing policy.

Kounalakis's husband, Markos Kounalakis, is director of a family-run real estate company in Sacramento that received a loan worth between $350,000 to $1 million. In state public disclosure forms, Kounalakis reported Markos, a longtime foreign affairs news columnist and analyst, as drawing a salary between $10,001 to $100,000 from AKT Investments, Inc., which dubs itself the largest land development company in Northern California.

Under the PPP initiative, the government is backing $659 billion in low-interest business loans that will be forgiven if employers use the money on payroll, rent and similar expenses. Companies typically must have fewer than 500 workers to qualify.

The public may never know the identity of more than 80% of the nearly 5 million beneficiaries to date because the Trump administration has refused to release details on loans under $150,000 received by the vast majority of borrowers.

That secrecy spurred an open-records lawsuit by a group of news organizations, including The Associated Press. Still, the release of the data is the most complete look at the program's recipients so far.

Records show over 87,000 businesses in California received loans worth $150,000 or more.

Newsom's company, PlumpJack Management Group, LLC, is part of a portfolio of brands that include a resort hotel near Lake Tahoe, five restaurants and bars, four Napa Valley wineries, a sports retailer and more. His blind is trust managed by Shyla Hendrickson.

Hendrickson did not return emails from the AP about whether Newsom's businesses received any loans under $150,000.

Newsom developed PlumpJack after he helped found it as a wine and spirits shop in San Francisco in 1992, on the same street the management group is still located.

Financial disclosure forms give an imprecise figure on how much Newsom draws from the five companies making up the PlumpJack portfolio. For 2019, Newsom reported on annual state financial disclosure forms making at least $200,000.

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Uber buys Postmates, ups delivery game in $2.65 billion deal

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AP Business Writer

Uber has widened its reach in the fiercely competitive delivery market by acquiring Postmates in a $2.65 billion all-stock deal, the company said Monday.

The acquisition enables the ride-hailing giant to increase its delivery offerings at a time when the global pandemic has suppressed customers' desire for rides while boosting home delivery needs. While Uber's meal delivery business, Uber Eats, has mostly focused on restaurants, Postmates delivers a wider array of goods including groceries, pharmacy items, alcoholic drinks and party supplies.

"The vision for us is to become an everyday service," said Dara Khosrowshahi, CEO of Uber, in a conference call with investors Monday. "Postmates is a great step along that vision. Anyplace you want to go, anything you want delivered to your home, Uber is going to be there with you, and we think these everyday frequent interactions create a habit, create a connection with customers.

Uber and its Uber Eats food-delivery division will gain ground against DoorDash, which controls about 44% of the U.S. meal delivery market. That's compared with Uber Eats' 23% share before the Postmates deal. Grubhub and its subsidiaries had just under 23% of the U.S. meal delivery market, according to May figures from Second Measure, a data analysis company. Postmates had about 8% of the market.

"We really believe that the market is much bigger than, let's say, the traditional delivery players," Khosrowshahi said. "We look at groceries as a category, there's a lot of hot food being delivered, we look at essentials as a category that we are going to go after as well."

Last month, Uber lost out in a bid for Grubhub, which would have made it the dominant U.S. food delivery service. But Amsterdam-based Just Eat Takeaway.com ended up nabbing Chicago's Grubhub in a $7.3 billion deal. Uber was reportedly seeking to team Grubhub with its Uber Eats business.

The food delivery sector is undergoing a major consolidation this year and more is expected. The number of people using food delivery services is on the rise because of the coronavirus pandemic, but customers tend to jump around from service to service

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Courtesy photo

NOT A PARADE: **4th of July Parade organizer Jeff Jarow, Craig Ferguson, Annie Hoffman and Deborah Daly drove through the beach cities with an impromptu 4th of July Parade vehicle. The official Santa Monica 4th of July Parade was canceled this year due to COVID-19.**

SUICIDE

FROM PAGE 1

the impact or from the vehicle at this time," said Villegas.

Villegas said officers found a pair of shoes on the bridge and the body was missing shoes. He said SMPD will conduct a full investigation but does not have any evidence pointing to foul play. He said the incident appeared to be a suicide with a related traffic collision and that officers are waiting for additional information from the coroner's office before determining the cause of death.

The coroner's office has identified the victim as Lucius DeShawn Wade.

The incident is the third of its kind recently. SMPD officers prevented two suicides in the past year involving individuals threatening to jump from the 4th Street and Lincoln bridges.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is a hotline for individuals in crisis or for those looking to help someone else. To speak with a certified listener, call 1-800-273-8255.

Crisis Text Line is a texting service for emotional crisis support. To speak with a trained listener, text HELLO to 741741. It is free, available 24/7, and confidential.

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SANTA MONICA CITY LEADERS GIVE S.M.P.D. AN "A" FOR *THIS*?



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SURE. IF "A" STANDS FOR ABUSE.

On May 31, in response to a peaceful **Black Lives Matter** demonstration on Ocean Avenue, Santa Monica police attacked the crowd with a violent frenzy of rubber bullets and tear gas. In her first media interview after the mayhem, Interim City Manager Lane Dilg said S.M.P.D. deserved "an A" for its actions — which included violence toward demonstrators while our business district was overrun by criminal looters.

Cities across the country are taking tangible steps to rein in this kind of overzealous policing while enhancing social programs. But here in Santa Monica? Our City Council just passed a budget that cuts social services and gives more money to the S.M.P.D. More money for police — and brutal cuts for everyone else. Help our city leaders get their priorities straight. Because **Black Lives Matter**.

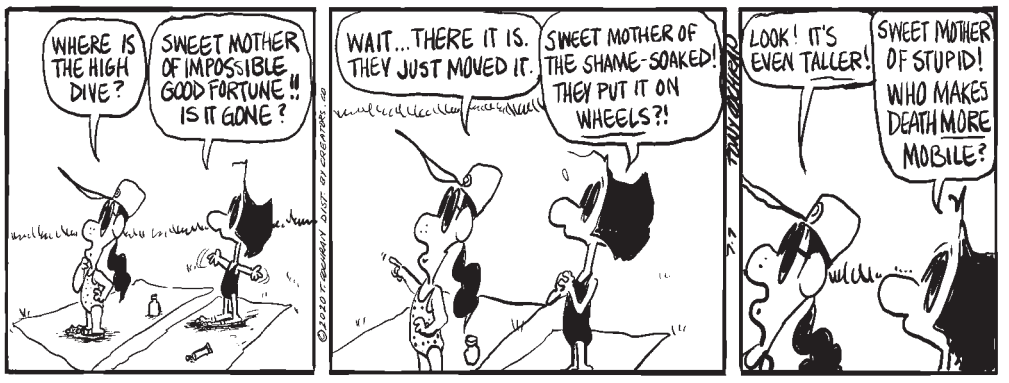
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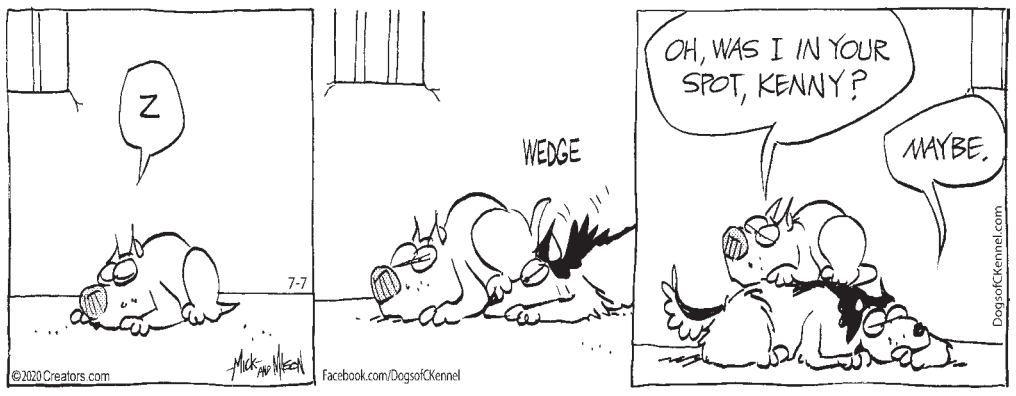
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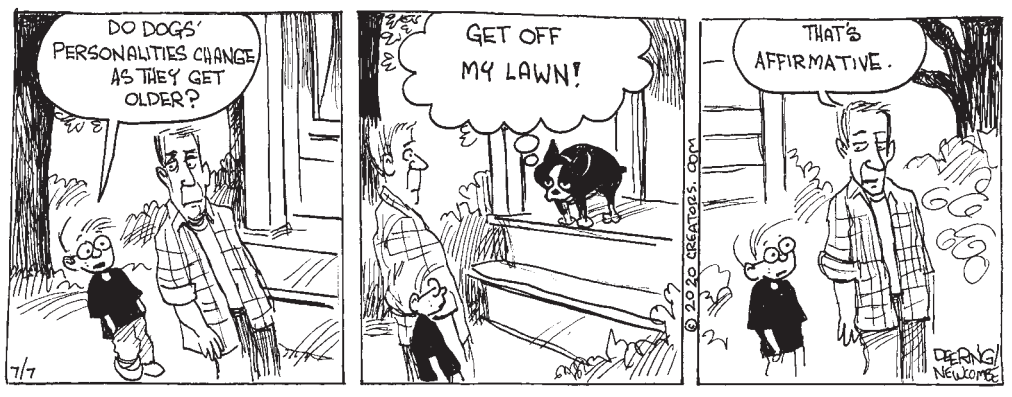
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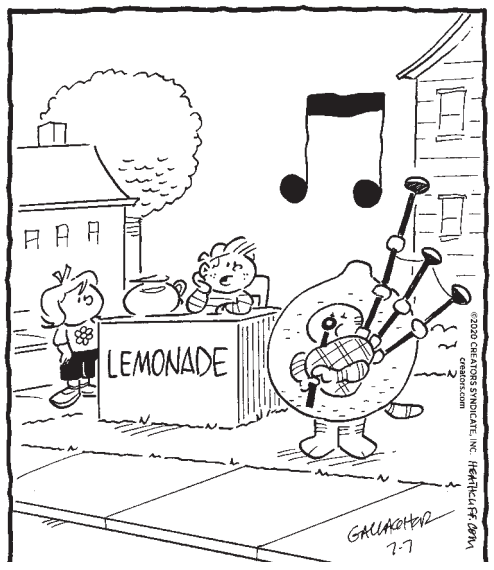
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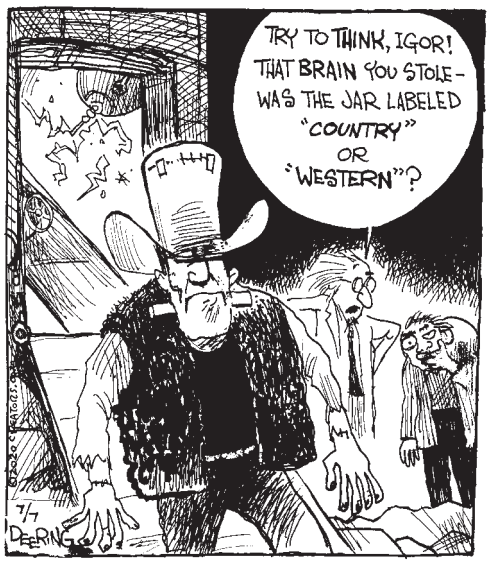
Heathcliff

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Strange Brew

By JOHN DEERING





SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 70.5°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Fading SSW swell, small NW windswell. Potential for light early AM wind.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Modest new SSW swell, lingering NW windswell. Potential for light early AM wind.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 75.
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a low around 63.
Thursday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 74.

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
2020/07/07	Tue	06:00 AM	-0.83	L
2020/07/07	Tue	12:38 PM	3.97	H
2020/07/07	Tue	5:12 PM	2.46	L
2020/07/07	Tue	11:19 PM	5.84	H
2020/07/08	Wed	06:39 AM	-0.46	L
2020/07/08	Wed	1:22 PM	3.98	H
2020/07/08	Wed	6:01 PM	2.58	L
2020/07/09	Thu	12:01 AM	5.33	H
2020/07/09	Thu	07:17 AM	-0.02	L
2020/07/09	Thu	2:07 PM	4.01	H
2020/07/09	Thu	6:55 PM	2.69	L
2020/07/10	Fri	12:44 AM	4.74	H
2020/07/10	Fri	07:54 AM	0.46	L
2020/07/10	Fri	2:55 PM	4.09	H
2020/07/10	Fri	8:02 PM	2.75	L
2020/07/11	Sat	01:33 AM	4.13	H
2020/07/11	Sat	08:33 AM	0.95	L
2020/07/11	Sat	3:43 PM	4.22	H
2020/07/11	Sat	9:36 PM	2.65	L
2020/07/12	Sun	02:41 AM	3.54	H

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date:07/04
16 21 27 60 61
Power#: 6
Jackpot:60 M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 07/03
20 40 44 45 50
Mega#: 24
Jackpot: 62 M

SuperLotto Plus
Draw Date: 07/04
4 6 10 20 41
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 20 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 07/06
2 10 14 24 27

Daily 3
Draw Date: 07/06
Evening: 2 4 1
Draw Date: 07/05
Midday: 1 0 5

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 07/05
1st: 1-GOLD RUSH
2nd: 6-WHIRL WIN
3rd: 5-CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
RACE TIME: 1:43.78

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 07)

Your cosmic birthday gift is a surge in vitality brought on by an inspiring relationship. Your powers will be augmented in the months to come, and you'll repair what's been torn down, heal injury and set justice in motion. Professional luck kicks in for 2021, and through your acts of service you'll accomplish a major goal. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 10, 44, 48 and 39.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's something you've told yourself a lot lately. You know it's just a story, but it's (SET ITAL) your (END ITAL) story, and it seems to be holding your sense of self in place, although honestly, you'll be fine either way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The artist can turn any act into an act of art. The warrior can turn any act into an act of war... and it follows for the teacher, the lover, the provider. Who are you being?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Material values are problematic because they can never be satisfied in any lasting way. New things wear out, and what's hip and cool becomes old and dated, whereas values of the heart do not age.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In lunging for the brass ring, you risk a fall. You could avoid a tumble by avoiding the ring, but that would be off-brand for you. Anyway, your odds are better than usual today. Take the chance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you were younger, you crossed lines and felt the sting as the universe put you back in place. Because of this, you now display a self-generated restraint and grace that will win you all kinds of favor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While some are motivated by a reward that is just out of reach, you're in no mood to waste time chasing a thing that ultimately doesn't make you happy. Get a taste of what you're in for so you can decide upfront if it's worthwhile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The time you spend fine-tuning your image will be worthwhile, not because these details make a tremendous difference in the eyes of others but because you'll learn about yourself in the process.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The ancients built temples that still endure: grand offerings to vast and higher powers. Lofty purposes are more visible and ever-present reminders of their own maintenance needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The best things in life are not free; they are very much earned and bartered through investments of duty, loyalty, passion, respect or other emotional currencies such as what you'll be wielding today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are uncomfortable things that come up. In the past, you would have avoided this, but now you confront with pleasure because life is so much easier when you take it head-on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The truth that was supposed to set everyone free didn't quite. That is because no one could agree on what it was. Maybe it's more of a feeling than a word -- a feeling found in silence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's easy to do the right thing when you have already built the moral character for it. What's hard is doing the clever thing. Today's situation needs you to think above, beyond and ahead of how the others are thinking.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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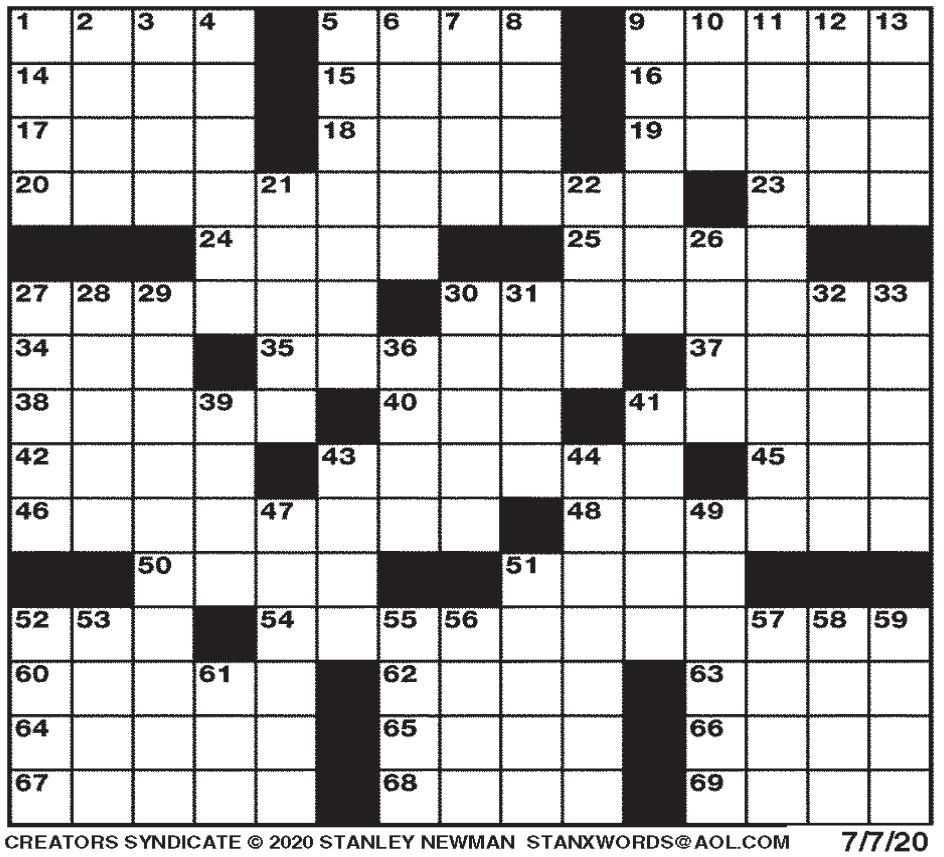
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Pied Piper's followers
5 Informal talk
9 Be worthy of
14 Orchestral woodwind
15 Angelic glow
16 Wear away
17 Swiss peaks
18 Ticklish Muppet
19 Check for fit
20 What a used car is worth
23 Hgt. above ground
24 Swampy spot
25 Toss of the dice
27 Musical scale starter
30 Etched deeply
34 Once __ while (occasionally)
35 Clyde's partner in crime
37 1000 grams, for short
38 Small salamanders
40 Needing no prescription: Abbr.
41 Flat-topped hills
42 Roof overhang
43 Peaceful
45 Suffix for social or suburban
46 At an even pace
48 Readied for publication
50 Mardi __
51 Big smile
52 Meas. of fuel efficiency
54 Lowland with flowing water
60 Sci-fi being
62 Cream-filled cookie
63 Mystical glow
64 Actress Witherspoon
65 In __ of (replacing)
66 Teheran's land
67 Made less difficult
68 Bills depicting Hamilton
69 School furniture

DOWN
1 Lion's sound
2 Competent
3 Spinning toys
4 Big Bird's street
5 British farewell
6 Divide in two
7 __ mater (former school)
8 Hammer or saw
9 Shooting star
10 Make a mistake
11 Stopover by a queen
12 Celebrity who's worshipped
13 Canvas shelter
21 Arms and legs
22 Strong craving
26 Superior or Huron
27 Eats elegantly
28 __ a time (singly)
29 Uncooked carrots and celery
30 Mail-in contest submission
31 "Good one!"
32 Make joyful
33 Gave medicine to
36 Christmas song
39 Shed a __ (weep)
41 "Mass" news sources
43 Spanish enthusiastic assent
44 Feeling edgy
47 Mended, as socks
49 Embedded with tiles
51 Color associated with envy
52 Female in a stable
53 Urgent request
55 Nine-__ battery
56 Water bordering Ohio
57 Entice
58 Significant time periods
59 Sharp tug
61 U-turn from WNW



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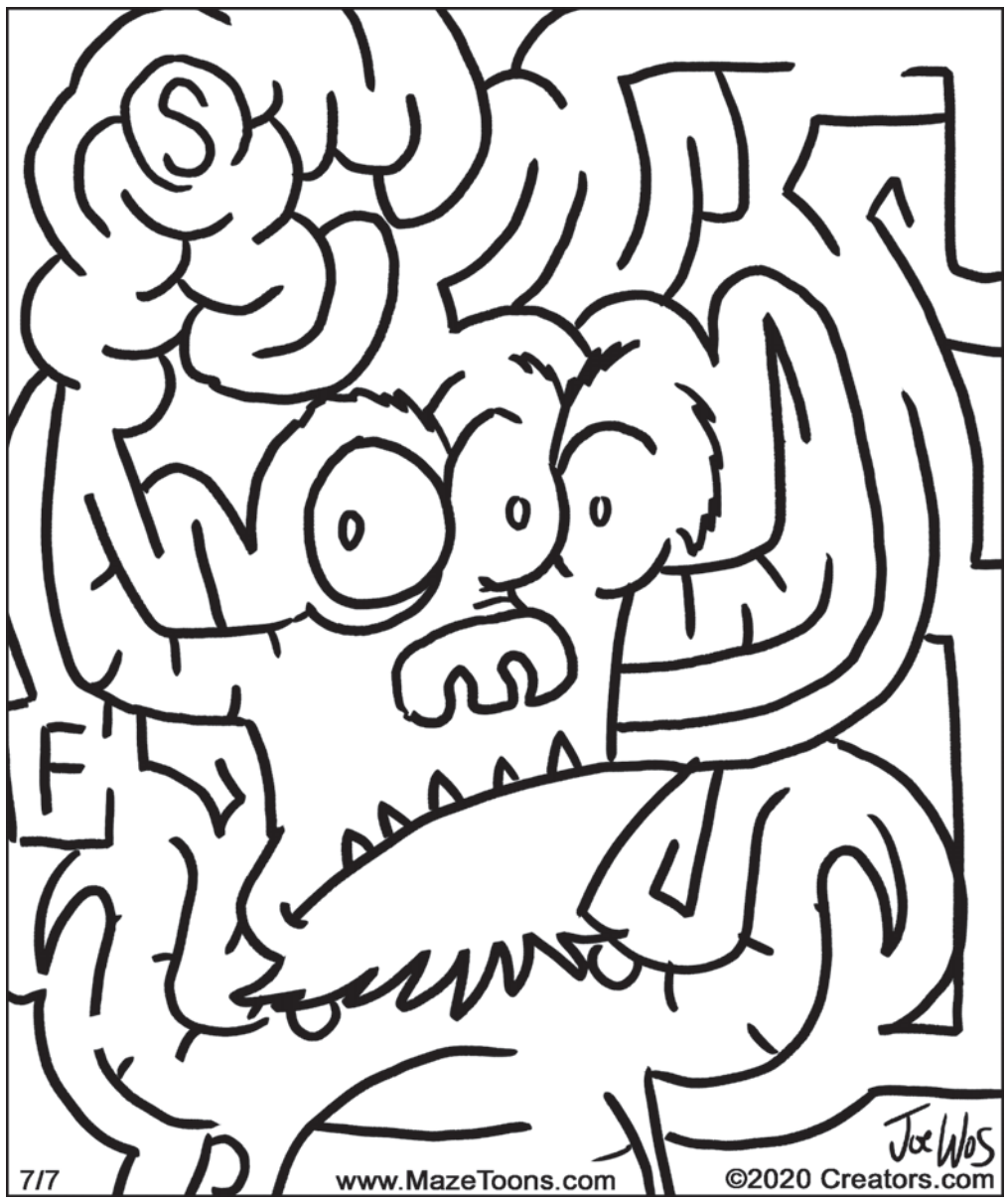
Binary Puzzle

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.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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FIND THE WORDS

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 16 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Peonies are a favorite

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EPSTEIN

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While working as a model in the 1990s, Arden connected with the famed financier through a friend, who had been offered a chance to work for Victoria Secret by Epstein. After sending her headshots and portfolio to Epstein, Arden said Monday, "He loved them," and called her directly after receiving the pictures.

"A few days later, Epstein's assistant, whose name was Kimberly, called me and said Epstein was at the Shutters Hotel in Santa Monica, California. She said that I could meet with Epstein in the afternoon or evening," Arden said, detailing how she chose the afternoon because she believed it would be safer for her. "I knocked on his door at Shutters and I went into his hotel room."

Epstein asked why she didn't look like the photographs, "and he told me that he wanted to see my body up close. He had me come a little closer to him and he started touching my hips, my buttocks and he lifted up my shirt," Arden added. "I was in a skirt and he was touching my bare skin. I started to feel scared and began to cry," which was an action she would repeat again at the podium Monday.

"He said, 'Let me manhandle you,'" Arden recounted, stating how she will never forget what was said because it was a statement she hasn't heard before or since the encounter at the hotel.

As Arden was crying, Epstein's phone rang, "and he said to the person on the phone, 'I have this beautiful girl in front of me and she's very upset.' At that point, my skirt was coming down and he was pulling my (shirt) over my head," but Arden managed to slip her clothes on while Epstein was distracted on the phone, she said.

"I grabbed my portfolio and then I prepared to leave the room. And as I did, he put $100 on the table. I said, 'Jeffrey I'm not a prostitute. I want to be in a Victoria's Secret catalog,' and he responded, 'Let me see what I can do.' So I left the money on the table," Arden said Monday.

After calling a friend and leaving a message of her encounter, the then-college scholar headed to valet parking.

"I soon realized Epstein had followed me from the hotel room to valet parking. He handed me the money again," which she ended up taking, Arden said as she explained her reasons. But feeling violated and mistreated, she opted to head to Santa Monica's police station immediately after the incident to file a report.

"Officers told me that I was very pretty. They said that I went up to the hotel room — willingly, and I intimidate men because of my appearance," Arden said, now sobbing on-camera. "I told police that I did not ask or give permission to be touched or to have Epstein start taking my clothes off. I thought I was going to a legitimate audition for Victoria's Secret, and he took advantage of me."

After being told, "I should think before doing anything," Arden said, she was upset with the police and their refusal to take her complaint seriously. "I felt violated all over again," and continued to think about the visit.

A week later, Arden returned to the SMPD station and insisted she file a formal report. The process would take more than two-and-a-half hours, but she never received a callback. All the while Epstein is traveling across the country for work.

"I feared that he could make appointments in other places, and abuse other women like he abused me," Arden said. "There was never any follow-up," and it seemed like the complaint was ignored.

Allred said Monday she is sending letters to SMPD Chief Cynthia Renaud and Los Angeles District Attorney Jackie Lacey because her client would like to know what happened.

"Was there an investigation? Was there not an investigation," Allred said. "I don't think Alicia should have to live with the unanswered questions. ... Why was it apparently disregarded? Did they interview Mr. Epstein? Did he decline to be interviewed? Did they take his words against hers? Or did they not do anything?"

Allred added, "We have a right to know."

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COVID-19

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increased from 31 to 55 percent.

"What we do now, will determine where we are in three to four weeks," she said. "And we do need to return by then to lower daily hospitalizations, less new cases and less deaths. And I know that everyone is extraordinarily tired, and they're tired of having to deal with this virus. But I also know that this is not forever. The sooner we can all recommit to taking care of each other, the sooner we get back to creating a new normal, where we go back to work, to school, we see our friends and our extended families. And it's not easy, but it is straightforward, avoid the three C's: crowds, confined spaces and close contact and always wear face coverings, and physically distance, when you're around people that are not from your household."

She said reopening has been a double edged sword with fewer residents reporting food insecurity and a decline in the number of people reporting the virus as a threat to their fiscal security but now workplaces have become infection sites.

While county officials had feared local hospitals would run out of space, Health Services Director Dr. Christina Ghaly said the increases had been less steep than predicted. She said the County had about 1,500 beds currently available for all patients.

"This is where the numbers have been, they bounce around a little bit certainly day-to-day, but we do not see that the overall number of available beds is sharply declining at any certain trajectory and it's something we'll continue to monitor daily," she said.

On Monday Public Health has confirmed 48 new deaths and 1,584 new cases of COVID-19. Thirty-three people who died were over the age of 65 years old, 13 people who died were between the ages of 41 and 65 years old, and one person who died was between the ages of 18 and 40 years old. Forty-one people had underlying health conditions including 28 people over the age of 65 years old, 12 people between the ages of 41 to 65 years old, and one person between the ages of 18 and 40 years old. One death was reported by the City of Pasadena.

Santa Monica currently has 445 cases.

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UBER

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depending on where they can find the best deal.

Some restaurants are already leaving the platforms, saying the commissions — which can top 30% — are too high.

The Panda Express chain launched its own delivery service last month, saying delivery companies were making its meals too expensive for consumers. In March, some Washington restaurant and bar owners banded together to start their own delivery service, DC To-GoGo. It currently offers delivery from 18 establishments, and founder Josh Saltzman said it's adding more each week.

Smaller restaurants, however, lack the muscle to negotiate favorable terms with the third-party platforms, or the capacity to build out their own online ordering service. Many are turning to delivery, despite the costs, as a means surviving pandemic shutdown orders.

For restaurants, "the deal is not quite as good," said Stephen Beck, managing partner of management consultancy cg42. "A consolidation of power, so to speak, and fewer options is not a good thing for the restaurant industry."

Third-party delivery orders in the U.S. have risen from 2% of restaurant transactions to about 7% during the pandemic, according to David Portalatin, food industry advisor at the NPD Group. In the month of May, third-party delivery orders rose 170% compared to the previous year, he said.

"It's a very challenging business to start with and for that reason, you had a lot of independent restaurants who said third-party delivery is not for us. Then, the world changed dramatically overnight," Portalatin said. "There has been a dramatic shift, so everybody is participating. That is going to enable the third-party apps to sign up a whole lot of restaurants."

For many restaurants, the price of partnering with third-party platforms is coming on top of the costs of reopening with reduced capacity and other safety restrictions imposed because of the virus, Portalatin said.

"Unfortunately, some restaurants are going to close, and some are going to evolve," he said.

Uber has leaned on its food delivery business with COVID-19 cutting into all ride-share businesses. Uber's rides business slid 3% in the first quarter and dropped 80% in April compared with the same time last year. Bookings through its food delivery business, on the other hand, surged 54% in the first quarter.

By acquiring Postmates, Uber not only gets the bigger share of the food delivery market it has long desired, but also shores itself up against further pandemic-related losses in its ride-hailing division.

"In our opinion, Uber finds itself with its back against the wall on the consolidation theme as the Grubhub deal fell apart on anti-trust concerns, and now must quickly look to acquire market share and added scale which makes the Postmates deal a smart strategic fit," analysts with Wedbush Securities wrote Monday.

Postmates, a closely held private company, claims 600,000 food and restaurant merchants to choose from, which it claims is the largest selection in the U.S. The company says it has the ability to serve 80% of households across all 50 states.

The boards of both companies have approved the transaction and the deal is expected to close in the first quarter of 2021.

Uber and Postmates are both based in San Francisco.

Shares of Uber Technologies Inc. rose $1.84, or 6%, to close Monday at $32.52.

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