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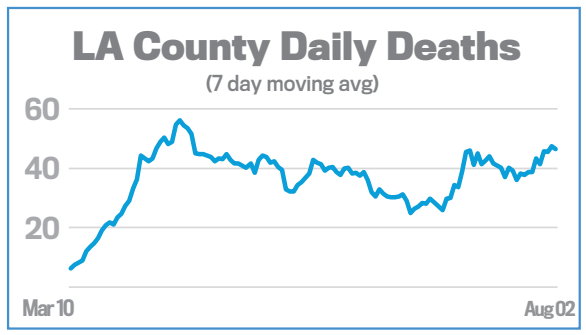
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Public Safety committee holds first community listening session



Courtesy image

COMMITTEE: The City's newly formed public safety committee held a virtual meeting last week.

BRENNON DIXSON
SMDP Staff Writer

The recently formed Public Safety Reform Advisory Committee held its first community listening session last Thursday to hear from residents who described their experiences with local police officers and recommended public safety changes they would like to see instituted in the city.

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Officials are "cautiously optimistic" about slowing the spread of COVID-19

CLARA HARTER
SMDP Staff Writer

After a second spike of coronavirus cases in late June and July brought average rates of around 3,000 new cases a day, the rate began to slow last week to around 2,500 to 2,700 new cases a day.

"We are cautiously optimistic that we're getting back on track to slowing the spread of COVID-19," said County Public Health Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer during a Monday briefing. "We hope because we are seeing the number of people hospitalized stabilize, we'll start to see fewer people passing away."

Ferrer attributed the decreasing case rate to the closure of bars, indoor dining and indoor operations of many businesses, alongside people's continued commitment to social distancing and wearing masks in public.

"A few months ago when we collectively and successfully flattened the curve and reopened many of our key businesses and community sectors, a lot of us decided that meant we could resume life as we knew it before the pandemic hit. We simply can't do this again," said Ferrer. "First and foremost, we need to slow the spread of COVID-19 because that's what protects our hospital system from being overwhelmed."

SEE **COVID-19** PAGE 11

1st big Southern California wildfire of 2020 keeps on raging

Associated Press

A huge wildfire in mountains east of Los Angeles that is Southern California's biggest blaze so far this year was still raging Monday, with thousands of people forced to evacuate their homes.

The blaze in Riverside County, among several wildfires across California, had consumed more than 41 square miles of dry brush and timber since it broke out Friday evening, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

As of Monday morning, it was just 5% contained and the fire along with coronavirus precautions made for added stress at an evacuation center, said John Medina, an American Red Cross spokesman.

Volunteers used to "close contact" with evacuees have had to adjust their approach during a time of social distancing, Medina said.

"I mean, that's part of the recovery of a disaster, is that you have to show warmth and love and caring. And that's hard when you're standing six feet away. So that's the biggest challenge," Medina told KESQ-TV.

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Parents struggle as schools reopen amid coronavirus surge

JEFF AMY AND DENISE LAVOIE
Associated Press

Putting your child on the bus for the first day of school is always a leap of faith for a parent. Now, on top of the usual worries about youngsters adjusting to new teachers and classmates, there's COVID-19.

Rachel Adamus was feeling those emotions Monday morning as she got 7-year-old Paul ready for his first day of second grade and prepared 5-year-old Neva for the start of kindergarten.

With a new school year beginning this week in some states, Adamus struggled to balance her fears with her belief that her children need the socialization and instruction that school provides, even as the U.S. death toll from the coronavirus has hit about 155,000 and cases are rising in numerous places.

As the bus pulled away from the curb in Adamus' Dallas, Georgia, neighborhood, the tears finally began to fall.

"We have kept them protected for so long," said Adamus, who said her aunt died from COVID-19 in Alabama and her husband's great uncle succumbed to the virus in a New Jersey nursing home. "They haven't been to restaurants. We only go to parks if no one else is there. We don't take them to the grocery store. And now they're going to be in the classroom with however many kids for an entire day with a teacher."

The Adamus children are among tens of thousands of students across the nation who were set to resume in-person school Monday for the first time since March. Parents in Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee will also be among those navigating the new academic year this week.

Many schools that are resuming in-person instruction are also giving parents a stay-at-home virtual option; Adamus, like many other parents, decided against that. Other schools are planning a hybrid approach, with youngsters alternating between in-person classes and online learning.

But an uptick in COVID-19 cases in many states has prompted districts to scrap in-person classes at least for the start of the school year, including Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Washington.

President Donald Trump and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos have urged schools to reopen. However, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's top infectious-disease expert, warned Monday: "There may be some areas where the level of virus is so high that it would not be prudent to bring the children back to school."

"So you can't make one statement about bringing children back to school in this country. It depends on where you are," he said.

In Georgia's Paulding County, both of Adamus' children wore masks, though that is not mandatory for the 30,000 students in the county, about 25 miles northwest of Atlanta. Adamus said her son and daughter understand what's happening at a basic level — that there are germs and they need to stay home.

"My daughter's been saying a lot lately, 'I can't wait for the germs to go away,'" she said.

Adamus lives near North Paulding High School, where the principal sent a letter over the weekend announcing a football player tested positive for the virus after attending practice. The Georgia High School Association, in a memo last week, said it has received reports of 655 positive tests since workouts for football and other sports started on June 8.

In Mississippi, where the virus is spreading fast, Emily Thompson's son started the sixth grade at Newton County Middle/High School in Decatur. Thompson, a pharmacist, said she felt relief watching him get in line to have his temperature taken before entering the building.

She and her husband, who also works in health care, found it was a "nightmare" trying to keep the boy and their two other elementary school-age children on track with their studies. She said she is not overly worried about her children getting sick at school.

"It would be more detrimental not to send them, in my opinion, than for them to hang out and do the virtual learning," she said. "I think they're going to get more interaction at school. They are going to learn more at school. They just need to be in that setting."

In Indiana, where schools reopened last week, a student at Greenfield-Central Junior High tested positive on the first day back to class and was isolated in the school clinic.

"This really does not change our plans," School Superintendent Harold Olin said. "We knew that we would have a positive case at some point in the fall. We simply did not think it would happen on Day One."

Elsewhere in Indiana, Elwood Junior Senior High suspended in-person classes two days into the school year after at least one staffer tested positive.

One student who wasn't starting at North Paulding on Monday was Aliyah Williams. Her mother, Erica Williams, said she is keeping the 14-year-old freshman home because two of her younger sons have cystic fibrosis and she can't risk their being exposed. Williams said she thinks her daughter will be OK academically with online classes, which up to 30% of the district's students have enrolled in. But she is worried about Aliyah's inability to see her friends.

"She's a social butterfly. That's a big part of her personality," Williams said.

Aliyah has been participating in color guard with the school band, but Williams said she is now "conflicted" about that too, considering the football player's positive test.

Other Paulding County parents were eager for in-person classes. Jenna Thames drove 8-year-old Brantley to his first day of third grade and 6-year-old Rhett to his first

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DAILY POLICE LOG

SMDP STAFF CHOSE THE FOLLOWING FROM 265 CALLS ON AUGUST 02

Party Complaint 600blk Navy St 12:12 a.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 6th St / Ashland Ave 12:40 a.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Main St / Ocean Park Blvd 12:41 a.m.
Arson 4th St / Santa Monica Blvd 1:36 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 200blk Arizona Ave 3:08 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600blk 15th St 5:16 a.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 5:47 a.m.
Vehicle Burglar Alarm 700blk Ocean Ave 6:39 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1800blk 20th St 7:37 a.m.
Check Temporary No Parking Signs 1400blk 5th St 8:14 a.m.
Missing Person 2000blk Ocean Ave 8:26 a.m.
Strongarm Robbery Just Occurred 2100blk Main St 9:12 a.m.
Drinking In Public 2000blk Main St 9:13 a.m.
Burglary Report 2000blk California Ave 9:15 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2900blk Main St 9:25 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 2400blk 4th St 9:59 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Just Occurred 300blk Pico Blvd 10:04 a.m.
Encampment Lincoln Blvd / Olympic Blvd W 10:10 a.m.
Construction Noise 500blk Hill St 10:19 a.m.
Burglary Investigation/Walk Through 100blk Esparta Way 10:32 a.m.
Assault Just Occurred 1900blk Arizona Ave 10:39 a.m.
Violation Of Restraining Order Report 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 11:26 a.m.
Burglary Report 1400blk 14th St 11:47 a.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100blk 12th St 11:50 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 200blk California Ave 11:52 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto Just Occurred 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 12:16 p.m.
Drinking In Public 1300blk Montana Ave 1:13 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 6th St / Broadway 1:29 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1500blk 4th St 1:31 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1500blk Lincoln Blvd 1:44 p.m.
Found Property 2600blk Ocean Front Walk 2:10 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400blk 10th St 2:14 p.m.
Construction Noise 1500blk 15th St 2:17 p.m.
Missing Person Moomat Ahiko Way / Ocean Ave 2:17 p.m.
Burglary Report 2200blk Virginia Ave 2:32 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 400blk Santa Monica Pier 2:39 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 1400blk 2nd St 2:56 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1600blk Ocean Front Walk 3:00 p.m.
Burglary Report 2200blk Virginia Ave 3:25 p.m.
Person With A Gun 500blk Olympic Blvd W 3:43 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 600blk Wilshire Blvd 3:45 p.m.
Domestic Violence Now 4th St / Colorado Ave 3:58 p.m.
Petty Theft Just Occurred 400blk Washington Ave 4:13 p.m.
Violation Of Preferential Parking Zone 100blk Hollister Ave 4:24 p.m.
Petty Theft Report 2600blk Santa Monica Blvd 4:25 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1600blk 16th St 4:32 p.m.
Burglary Report 500blk 21st St 5:00 p.m.
Grand Theft Report 1400blk Montana Ave 5:08 p.m.
Valet Zone Violation 1300blk Ocean Ave 5:09 p.m.
Illegal Weapon 1200blk 24th St 5:24 p.m.
Lewd Activity 1200blk The Beach 5:42 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Ocean Ave / Pacific Ter 5:58 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1100blk 12th St 6:06 p.m.
Drunk Driving Investigation 2800blk Pico Blvd 6:09 p.m.
Lewd Activity 2400blk Ocean Front Walk 6:11 p.m.
Vehicle Parked In Alley 1100blk 17th St 6:13 p.m.
Violation Of Posted Sign 1400blk Ocean Ave 6:34 p.m.
Construction Noise 900blk 4th St 6:40 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2000blk Pico Blvd 6:40 p.m.
Battery Now 500blk Pico Blvd 6:45 p.m.
Person Down Neilson Way / Hill St 6:48 p.m.
Encampment 800blk Michigan Ave 7:19 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 500blk Wilshire Blvd 7:26 p.m.
Battery Report 1600blk Ocean Ave 7:29 p.m.
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Drunk Driving Investigation 3000blk Lincoln Blvd 7:46 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2400blk Michigan Ave 8:06 p.m.
Living In A Vehicle 2100blk 4th St 8:53 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 400blk 22nd St 8:53 p.m.
Construction Noise 3rd St / Idaho Ave 9:19 p.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 1400blk 17th St 9:29 p.m.
Construction Noise 300blk Wilshire Blvd 9:36 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1200blk Euclid St 9:48 p.m.
Person With A Gun 3rd Street Prom / Broadway 9:50 p.m.
Public Intoxication 800blk Hill St 10:23 p.m.
Threats Report/Investigations 2700blk Santa Monica Blvd 11:03 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2000blk Ocean Ave 11:55 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired 2000blk Main St 11:55 p.m.
Report Of Shots Fired Neilson Way / Bay St 11:56 p.m.
Battery Just Occurred 500blk Colorado Ave 11:58 p.m.

SESSION

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The 2-hour discussion held by the 15-member committee, which has been tasked with reviewing proposals for public safety reforms, featured dozens of comments from the more than 100 residents who tuned into the Zoom session last week. Public comment was facilitated by Dr. Kikanza Nuri-Robins, an organizational change consultant and advocate for justice, equity, and inclusion.

"The purpose of this session is for the committee to hear your thoughts and your suggestions," Nuri-Robins said as she described the committee as a diverse group of volunteers. "They are for the most part, not staff, but your neighbors and they want to hear the things that are on your heart, the things that you're concerned about, the suggestions you want to make, and the questions you want to raise… We need to hear from the people."

This work is happening in phases and the first phase is about listening and learning, city staff said before residents began proposing changes to how police candidates are screened for their prospective positions and sharing why the local police department needs to be more accountable to the diverse communities it serves. Several Santa Monicans also raised concerns about budget allocations and the intersectionality of police unions and city government.

Twenty-year resident Karen Wise said she can't fathom how library closures are affecting disadvantaged youth across the city and took issue with the fact that the police remain funded while tutoring services are currently on hold.

"We all have anecdotes," Wise said during the meeting. "Mine starts with my dear godson," who moved in to attend Santa Monica College when he was 19-years-old.

"The entire time he was here, he was subject to being casually stopped by the police in ways that none of the rest of us — white people — have ever dealt with," Wise said. "My black friends who come here with nice cars, they always say, 'I might get stopped there.' … We all have these experiences — we know this happens in our town. It's not because of evil. It's because of structural things and we've got to do something about it."

As callers continued to chime in on issues relating to mental health, budgetary problems and the May 31 looting, resident Ciara Brewer touched on the layoffs that are occurring at the local school district as well as the disproportionate number of arrests that occur on residents of color.

"It is horrifyingly anti-Black," Brewer said, stating Black people account for only 4% of Santa Monica's population but were 28% of the arrest that occurred between January and May of this year, according to department records. "And so it's really interesting watching the police department be rewarded," especially when one begins to look at the actual arrests happening.

Resident Craig Miller said he understood the purpose of the panel is to not delve too deeply into the May 31 "travesty," but he believes a further look at the occurrences could help inform the policy and budgetary proposals made by the committee. Miller added the internal police department review is likely a month out so he hopes city officials will try to expedite the process a bit in the coming weeks.

Lisa Parson, Project Manager of The Wellbeing Project, said prior to the end of the meeting that the committee hopes to hear from others, not just those who are confident enough to speak in a public setting. Committee members Rasika Flores and Robbie Jones also urged the youth and BIPOC to get involved in the process.

"We need to hear from the people who have really had experiences with the police department," Jones said, pleading for her fellow community members to come speak their truth and begin the process of healing.

"This is not a one-off process. This is not something that we'll do and then be done," Parson added. "Implementing any of these changes is going to be a process unto itself so I just want to make sure everybody who is engaged with us, stays with us because its the community's outpouring of support and advocacy that got us here," and that's what will keep the process going.

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Miscellaneous Outside Fire 1400blk Ocean Ave 3:57 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Cedar St 3:59 a.m.
EMS 3100blk Pico Blvd 4:21 a.m.
EMS 1800blk 20th St 5:11 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 100blk Wilshire Blvd 5:18 a.m.
Elevator Rescue 2800blk Ocean Park Blvd 8:14 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 1400blk 15th St 8:56 a.m.
EMS 900blk 6th St 9:30 a.m.
EMS 300blk Pico Blvd 10:08 a.m.
Automatic Alarm 3000blk 11th St 10:25 a.m.
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EMS 800blk 7th St 7:59 p.m.
Miscellaneous Outside Fire 9th St / California Ave 8:02 p.m.
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U.S. Marines ID all 9 people killed in sea-tank sinking

Associated Press

The U.S. Marine Corps has identified all nine people killed when a Marine landing craft sank in hundreds of feet of water off the Southern California coast.

Only one of their bodies was found, despite an intense days-long search involving helicopters and boats ranging from inflatables to a Navy destroyer.

Found at the scene was Lance Cpl. Guillermo S. Perez, 20, of New Braunfels Texas. The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit announced on Sunday that the others, from California, Texas, Wisconsin and Oregon, are "presumed dead."

They include: Pfc. Bryan J. Baltierra, 19, of Corona, California; Lance Cpl. Marco A. Barranco, 21, of Montebello, California; Pfc. Evan A. Bath, 19, of Oak Creek, Wisconsin; U.S. Navy Hospitalman Christopher Gnem, 22, of Stockton, California; Pfc. Jack Ryan Ostrovsky, 21, of Bend, Oregon; Cpl. Wesley A. Rodd, 23, of Harris, Texas; Lance Cpl. Chase D. Sweetwood, 19, of Portland, Oregon; and Cpl. Cesar A. Villanueva, 21, of Riverside, California.

"Literally every asset we have available" was mobilized in the search for seven Marines and a Navy corpsman, Lt. Gen. Joseph Osterman, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said Friday.

They were aboard an amphibious assault vehicle that was heading back to a Navy ship Thursday evening after a routine training exercise when it began taking on water about a half-mile (0.8 kilometers) from Navy-owned San Clemente Island, off San Diego.

Other assault vehicles quickly responded but couldn't stop the 26-ton, tank-like vehicle from quickly sinking, Osterman said.

"The assumption is that it went completely to the bottom" several hundred feet below, Osterman said. That was too deep for divers, and Navy and Coast Guard were discussing ways to reach the sunken vehicle to get a view inside it, Osterman said.

Seven other Marines were rescued from the water; two were in stable condition at a hospital, authorities said.

All the Marines were attached to the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit, based at nearby Camp Pendleton. They ranged in age from 19 to early 30s and all were wearing combat gear, including body armor, and flotation vests, Osterman said.

The vehicle, known as an AAV but nicknamed an "amtrac," for "amphibious tractor" is used to take Marines and their gear from Navy ships to land.

The sunken craft, one of 13 involved in the exercise, was designed to be naturally buoyant and had three water-tight hatches and two large troop hatches, Osterman said.

The vehicles have been used since 1972, and continually refurbished. Marine Corps officials said Friday they did not know the age or other details of the one that sank.

The Marine Corps commandant, Gen. David Berger, suspended waterborne operations of more than 800 amphibious assault vehicles across the branch until the cause of the accident is determined.

This is the third time in recent years that Camp Pendleton Marines have been injured or died in amphibious assault vehicles during training exercises.

In 2017, 14 Marines and one Navy sailor were hospitalized after their vehicle hit a natural gas line, igniting a fire that engulfed the landing craft at Camp Pendleton.

In 2011, a Marine died when an amphibious assault vehicle in a training exercise sank offshore of the camp.

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House panel calls new postal chief to explain mail delays

MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

The House Oversight Committee has invited the new postmaster general to appear at a hearing next month to examine operational changes to the U.S. Postal Service that are causing delays in mail deliveries across the country.

The plan imposed by Louis DeJoy, a Republican fundraiser who took over the top job at the Postal Service in June, eliminates overtime for hundreds of thousands of postal workers and orders that mail be kept until the next day if postal distribution centers are running late.

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a New York Democrat who chairs the Oversight panel, said the Sept. 17 hearing will focus on "the need for on-time mail delivery during the ongoing pandemic and upcoming election," which is expected to include a major expansion of mail-in ballots.

President Donald Trump has warned that allowing more people to vote by mail will result in a "CORRUPT ELECTION" that will "LEAD TO THE END OF OUR GREAT REPUBLICAN PARTY," even though there's no evidence that will happen. Trump, Vice President Mike Pence and other top administration officials frequently vote absentee themselves.

Last week, Trump even floated on Twitter the prospect of delaying the Nov. 3 election — an idea lawmakers from both parties quickly shot down.

Trump also has called the Postal Service "a joke" and said that package shipping rates should be at least four times higher for heavy users like Amazon. But shipping and packages are actually a top revenue generator for the Postal Service, and critics say Trump is merely looking to punish Amazon founder and CEO Jeff Bezos in retaliation for unflattering coverage in The Washington Post, which Bezos owns.

The Oversight committee intended to have the hearing with DeJoy this week, Maloney said, but was told that DeJoy could not attend because of a meeting of the Postal Service's Board of Governors. DeJoy has confirmed his availability for the September session, she said.

The hearing comes as the Postal Service is reeling from mail delays and financial problems, even as record numbers of mail ballots are expected in the presidential elections because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Postal Service officials, bracing for steep losses from the nationwide shutdown caused by the virus, have warned they will run out of money by the end of September without help from Congress. The service reported a $4.5 billion loss for the quarter ending in March, before the full effects of the shutdown sank in, and expects losses totaling more than $22 billion over the next 18 months.

"The Postal Service is in a financially unsustainable position, stemming from substantial declines in mail volume and a broken business model," DeJoy said in a statement last week. "We are currently unable to balance our costs with available funding sources to fulfill both our universal service mission and other legal obligations. Because of this, the Postal Service has experienced over a decade of financial losses, with no end in sight, and we face an impending liquidity crisis."

Bills approved by the Democratic-controlled House would set aside $25 billion to keep the mail flowing, but they remain stalled in the Republican-controlled Senate. Congress has approved a $10 billion line of credit for the Postal Service, but it remains unused amid restrictions imposed by the Trump administration.

The Postal Service and Treasury Department announced an agreement in principle on loan terms last week, with a formal agreement expected in the next few weeks. Even with the loan, the Postal Service "remains on an unsustainable path and we will continue to focus on improving operational efficiency," DeJoy said.

Besides cutting overtime, the new plan halts late trips that are sometimes needed to ensure on-time delivery. If postal distribution centers are running late, "they will keep the mail for the next day," Postal Service leaders say in a document obtained by The Associated Press. "One aspect of these changes that may be difficult for employees is that — temporarily — we may see mail left behind or mail on the workroom floor or docks," another document says.

Democratic lawmakers have demanded answers from DeJoy following complaints from constituents about mail service delays and other problems.

"It is essential that the Postal Service not slow down mail or in any way compromise service for veterans, small businesses, rural communities, seniors and millions of Americans who rely on the mail – including significant numbers who will be relying on the Postal Service to exercise their right to vote," a group of Democratic senators wrote in a letter to DeJoy last week.

The senators, including Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York and Michigan Sen. Gary Peters, the top Democrat on a panel that oversees the Postal Service, said any changes to Postal Service operations "must be carefully considered to ensure they do not limit service for Americans who rely on the mail for essentials, especially during a pandemic."

In a separate letter, Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W. Va., asked DeJoy to clarify whether the Postal Service plans to close some post offices and reduce hours at others in his rural state. Signs at some locations announced proposed closures as soon as Aug. 22 or 24, Manchin said, calling any such action a violation of both federal law and Postal Service rules that require 120 days' notice before any closures.

"In many areas where reliable broadband is not an option, the Postal Service is their only link to medicine, Social Security checks and family members," Manchin said. "Under new social distancing mandates, the Postal Service has become even more essential in keeping rural communities connected and economically viable."

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What's the Point?

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Road Trippin' And California Dreamin'

Life in Southern California is pretty amazing and we're lucky to be able to live in a beautiful part of it. I was reminded of just how awesome it is to be here this weekend as I took a quick road trip up the coast – but first a couple examples of modern corporate incompetence and one of excellence.

Seeing that it was a fantastic weekend I decided that I would perhaps do something very touristy and rent a convertible to go up the coast. I hopped on to the Hertz.com website, where I'm a GoldPLUS member and checked out rental rates. They list a Ford Mustang convertible (or similar) for about $50 a day – I was sold. BUT, I wanted to make sure that I would actually be given a convertible, that "or similar" language had me worried. So I thought I better call and confirm they have the cars in stock that I want.

Well, 30 minutes of being told that "for quality assurance your call may be recorded", and no one actually answering the phone in the local Hertz store, I finally got through to a service person in India (Pakistan? Malaysia?) who could confirm my status and my reservation, but had no idea what I was talking about when I said I wanted to know if they actually had a convertible available. I canceled my reservation, because I did not want to get stuck with a Chrysler sedan that was "similar."

I don't give up that easily so I tried, Enterprise – no answer at all but the same "your call may be recorded" message. Avis – No answer at all. SIXT – they had a lovely English voiceover actor to direct me through their phone tree but never was I connected to a live operator. Frankly, I'm now of the opinion that for quality assurance – they should just answer the darn phone.

Midway Car Rental used to rent exotics and be in Santa Monica, but they seem to be gone or at least not answering their phones either. All in all, it was an exercise in corporate incompetence and I have to say that if they are all wiped out in bankruptcies maybe their replacements will be better at answering a phone.

Continuing on in my quest to rent a fun car for the weekend, I found this app that allows car owners to rent out their vehicles. It's called TURO and for $58 a day I was able to rent a 2018 Chevrolet Camaro in Bumble Bee yellow with a black convertible roof. By the time I was done with extra insurance and taxes it was a bit more than $58 a day, but I achieved my goal. The process was super easy to set up an account, and choose my car and the times that I wanted to have it. I picked it up Sunday morning from a man who lives below the Santa Monica Airport and he walked me through the check in, what the car did and how to return it on Monday morning.

TURO is the AirBnB of car rentals. While I don't think it will disrupt the big airport car rental agencies, in a major metro area like Los Angeles it's a pretty awesome service for someone who has a car that they want to rent out and reduce their car payments.

The trip itself was a blast. My friends Anne and Paul jumped in and we headed up the coast to Malibu for breakfast and then Ventura to go house hunting and check out neighborhoods. There's a ton of great new developments and more than a few of older developments that are quite inviting.

We found ourselves in old town Ventura where the buildings are reminiscent of the 1800s and early 1900s. The vast bulk of which are 2 story old brick buildings that have character and style. Many of the retailers are antique dealers or art galleries. We found a wonderful furniture story that had my favorite style of California Ranch furnishings.

Of course I got hungry and well, we found a little Italian joint called Capriccio, Inc. Ventura has dealt with their downtown restaurants in a similar fashion to what we did with Main Street, but they went full on. The streets are now total walk streets and the restaurants have built out platforms for their tables, carpeted the area, built mini-walls and brought in lots of umbrellas.

This proactive, pro-small business attitude is paying off for them in a huge way. The landlords in Ventura are unlike the ones in Santa Monica where we are inundated with corporate boringness, we found mostly unique restaurants that were very busy, and a street life that was vibrant and booming. I spoke with JoJo Ramirez the owner of Capriccio, Inc. and complimented him on his wonderful Fig and Ricotta Salad, which played nicely against the Prosciutto and Gorgonzola pizza we ordered. The figs were dried but not chewy and hard, they were supple and meaty, and a lovely counterbalance to the smooth creaminess of the Ricotta that was drizzle with honey. A sweet balsamic reduction brought a tang to the whole package and I can see making the drive back up to order some of the amazing pastas and desserts that were brought out to our neighboring tables.

There was a shrimp and pappardelle that looked amazing, and a spaghetti and meatballs that was like mom used to make. I can't wait to use it as an excuse to drive up the coast and rent another convertible. Thankfully, Summer is extended here in the paradise of Southern California so I have many opportunities to head north again.

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SCHOOL YEAR

FROM PAGE 2

day of first grade.

Thames said that no one at her house is high-risk and that as a former teacher, she thinks her children will learn more from teachers than they did from her in the spring.

"They're going to actually listen to their teacher, as opposed to me. When it's time to do sight words, it was a fight every day," Thames said. "I absolutely trust our administration and our teachers to do what it takes to keep them safe and keep themselves safe."

Many teachers are uneasy, dismayed that the Paulding district refused to mandate masks or push back the start date for in-person classes, as other Atlanta-area districts have done. But with Georgia's weak unions, there has been little organized opposition.

"I desperately want to return to face-to-face teaching, but not until it is safe," Steven Hanft, a North Paulding High teacher, told the county school board last month.

Other parents have to balance their job with schooling decisions. Shannon Dunn has to report to her job this week as a cafeteria manager at an elementary school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but she has no idea what she will do when her daughter starts kindergarten with online-only instruction.

"My family works. I have no one I can take her to and say, `OK, at 12 o'clock you are going to have to start working online with her for school,'" Dunn said.

School officials have said they hope to begin in-person classes after Labor Day. But Dunn said that will not ease her mind completely.

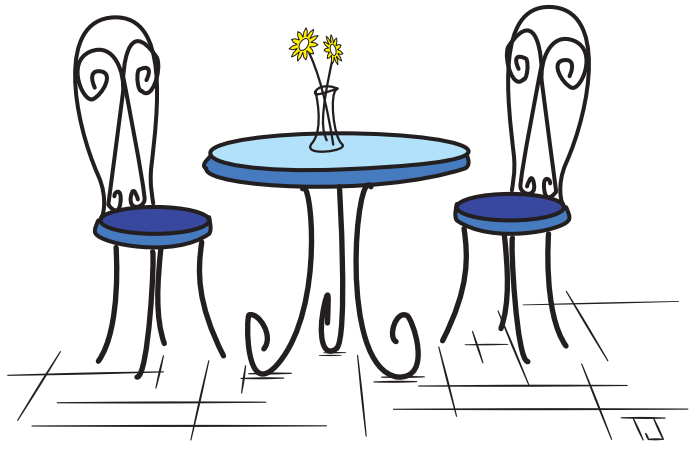
"If I hear of the spread of COVID at the school, then I'd have to rethink it all over again," she said.

Elsewhere around the world, schools remained closed across much of Europe, which is still in its summer vacation season. But schools in Germany's Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania state became the first in the country to reopen since March. Students were split into groups to help contain any outbreak, and some of the schools imposed mask rules.

Lavoie reported from Richmond, Virginia. AP journalists from around the world contributed to this report.

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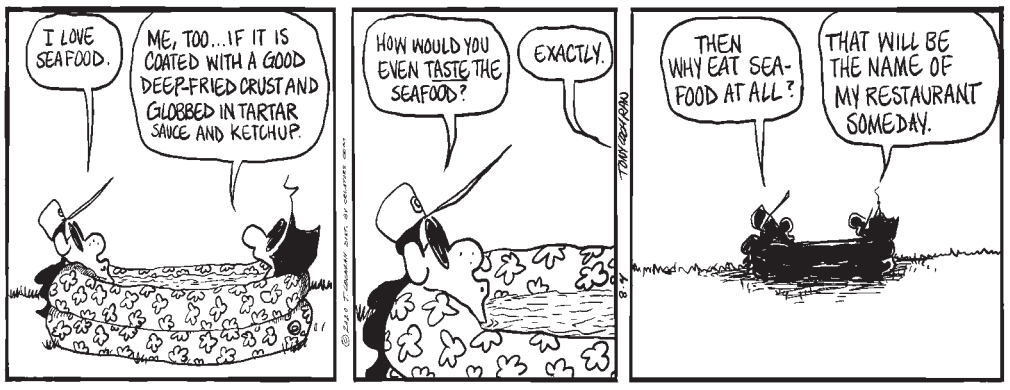
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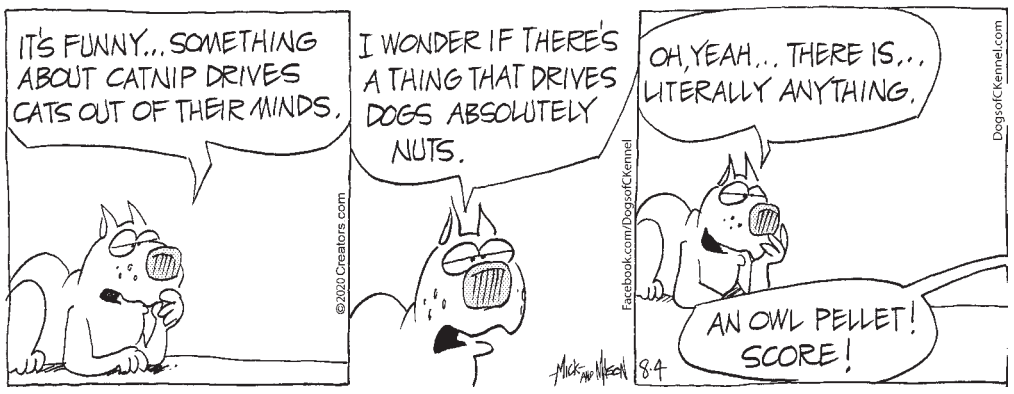
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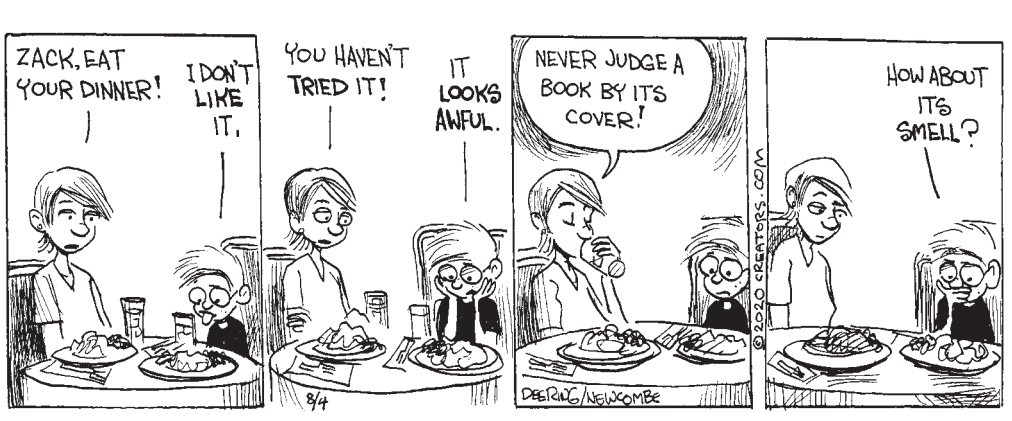
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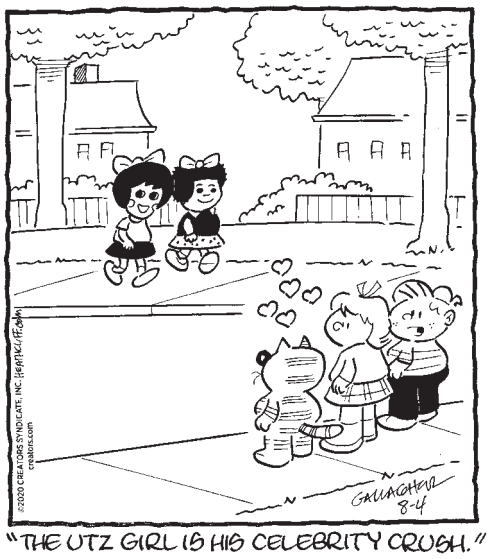
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.1°

TUESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Small SSW swell continues. Small NW windswell.

WEDNESDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 1-2ft Knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
Small SSW swell lingers. NW windswell fades.

WEATHER

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

Date	Day of the Week	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2020/08/04	Tue	11:18 AM	4.30	H
2020/08/04	Tue	4:17 PM	2.10	L
2020/08/04	Tue	10:24 PM	6.14	H
2020/08/05	Wed	05:28 AM	-0.36	L
2020/08/05	Wed	11:51 AM	4.33	H
2020/08/05	Wed	4:56 PM	2.10	L
2020/08/05	Wed	11:00 PM	5.76	H
2020/08/06	Thu	05:58 AM	0.01	L
2020/08/06	Thu	12:24 PM	4.35	H
2020/08/06	Thu	5:37 PM	2.14	L
2020/08/06	Thu	11:36 PM	5.28	H
2020/08/07	Fri	06:27 AM	0.44	L
2020/08/07	Fri	12:56 PM	4.37	H
2020/08/07	Fri	6:22 PM	2.20	L
2020/08/08	Sat	12:13 AM	4.71	H
2020/08/08	Sat	06:55 AM	0.93	L
2020/08/08	Sat	1:31 PM	4.39	H
2020/08/08	Sat	7:13 PM	2.27	L
2020/08/09	Sun	12:56 AM	4.10	H

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Jackpot: 11 M

Fantasy 5
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 08/02
Evening: 5 0 7
Draw Date: 08/02
Midday: 4 5 2

Daily Derby
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1st: 07 - EUREKAS
2nd: 12 - LUCKY CHARMS
3rd: 05 -CALIFORNIA CLASSIC
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TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 04)

The year sprawls before you like blank paper, waiting for new stories. The paradoxical qualities of paper are present here, too; fragility and durability exist at once. So use your imagination; take chances; and write in a deliberate hand. You can trust that the practicalities and the fantasy will come together. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 28, 11 and 33.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll track a result back to an action, but don't stop there. An entire series of actions contributed, and it was all set off by a single trigger. Once you figure it out, you can repeat or avoid at will.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To agonize over a decision is a kind of decision in and of itself. Instead, decide to decide. This is a day for trusting that your subconscious and your intuition know things you are not yet aware of.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Fantastic news for your loved ones will genuinely thrill you. Vicarious emotion isn't the ideal for every day, but today, it's pretty great to get all the pleasure and none of the trepidation of firsthand experience.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some of the things you have wanted to do turned out not to have enough of a plus side to keep you going on them for too long. You're back to looking for a new niche, and you'll have excellent luck with it, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you want something very badly, it's both a gift and a danger. Desire causes you to work harder than you otherwise would. It also inspires nonsensical tactics. Bounce your thoughts off of an objective party.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Finding your own style is a process, and probably a constant evolution as you change through the seasons of life. Don't be afraid to try things out, because you can always discard what doesn't work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't fret if you're not getting to do what you do best. You can do a lot of things "best." You may not think you are utilizing your talents directly, but you cannot help but express the essence of them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People can be expected to disappoint from time to time, but if it's becoming a habit, there's something to change, and fast. So which would you rather lose: the expectation or the relationship?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The only way to learn about what people do and do not want to see from you is to put yourself out there and get some feedback. You're ready for this, and it will point you straight to your next good move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some people or situations are simply intoxicating with the potential of being overwhelming to you. Pace yourself, and protect yourself from being overly influenced. Keep your wits about you!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your best is more than enough. Furthermore, you're the only one you need to convince of this. So don't worry about impressing anyone. Just do what you came to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As for that person you know who gets bored easily and needs constant excitement to keep the relationship interesting, it's an interesting challenge, but there are at least a dozen better things you could be doing with your time.

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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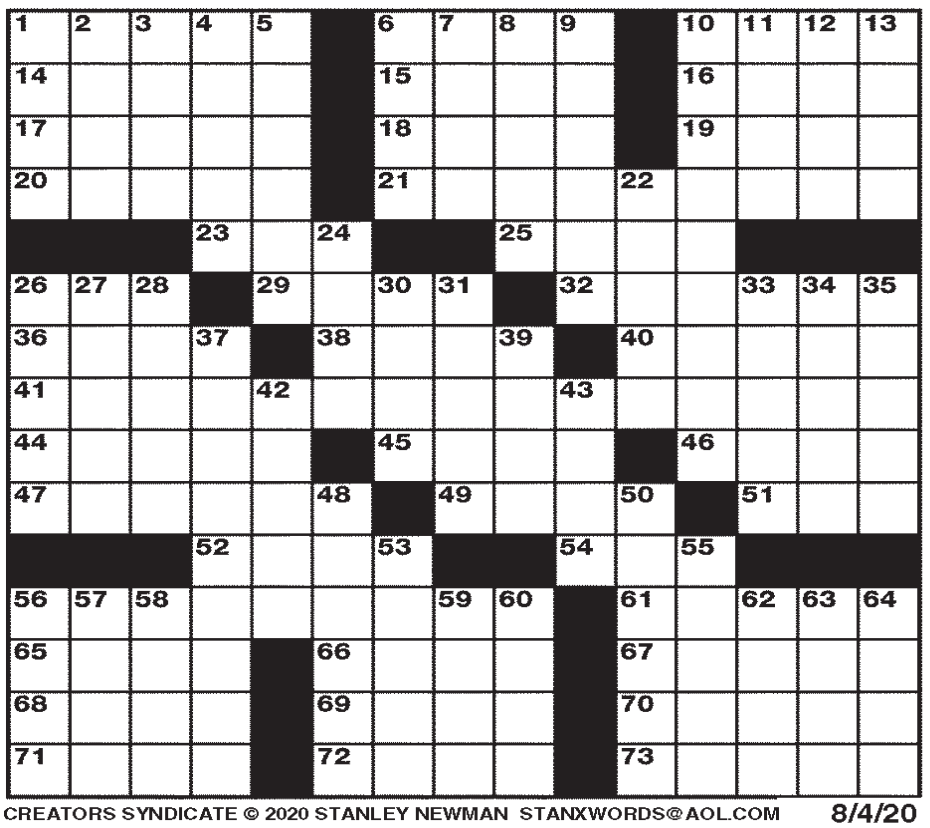
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Kids around
6 Number in a spreadsheet
10 Mouthfuls of gum
14 Take __ (disassemble)
15 Network junction point
16 Scandinavian furniture chain
17 One who digs for gold
18 Just the two __ (you and me)
19 Affectionate greeting
20 Excerpt of a play
21 Songbird with a "bovine" name
23 Morning moisture on grass
25 Waterproof covering
26 Ocean east of the USA
29 Peas' natural containers
32 Mexican's nap
36 High-tech hospital scans: Abbr.
38 Becomes inedible
40 Allow to enter
41 Maryland's state bird
44 Dishonest ones
45 Regretted
46 __ and crafts
47 Pack into a crate, say
49 Walked on
51 Superlative suffix
52 Sand hill
54 Strawberry's color
56 Our national bird
61 Swap
65 For ingesting, as a vaccine
66 Study hard
67 Three-legged stand for a painting
68 Small or Extra Large
69 School semester
70 Whirls around
71 Utters
72 Don't go yet
73 Poke fun at

DOWN
1 Traffic tieups
2 Monumental tale
3 Sensible
4 Tide of events
5 Three-Oscar Meryl
6 Snooty person
7 Soy product in Japanese soups
8 Grownup
9 Electric auto makes
10 Major online reference source
11 Similar (to)
12 Great-great-grandson, for instance: Abbr.
13 Wide belt
22 Robin Hood pal __ Tuck
24 Early bird's catch
26 Walk leisurely
27 Railroad vehicle
28 Purple flower
30 Entryway
31 Walk proudly
33 Gooey campfire treat
34 Leans a bit
35 Engage in __ of wills
37 Sits with legs apart
39 Fortune-teller
42 Magazine edition
43 Aroma
48 Makes into law
50 Can't stand
53 White heron
55 Window covering
56 Woman in charge
57 Operatic solo
58 Averse to working
59 Video game raider Croft
60 Television award
62 Largest continent
63 Family rooms
64 Otherwise



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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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COVID-19

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Ferrer said the next set of critical goals for L.A. County is to get people back to work, as the current unemployment rate hovers around 21 percent, and to reopen schools for classroom instruction. For schools to reopen the county must be removed from the state monitoring list, which requires a case rate below 100 cases per 100,000 people. With a current rate of around 355 cases per 100,000 people, the county still has a ways to go, but it has made progress from last week's rate of 400 cases per 100,000 people, she said.

As of Aug. 3 the total number of reported cases in L.A. County was 293,788, which includes 8,285 cases reported in Long Beach and 2,004 cases reported in Pasadena.

The total number of deaths reached 4,702 with 92 percent of deaths coming from people with underlying health conditions. Of the 4,397 people who passed away and whose race has been identified, 48 percent are Latinx, 25 percent are White, 15 percent are Asian, 11 percent are Black, and less than 1 percent are Native American or Pacific Islander.

In an effort to confront racial disparities and increases in case numbers, L.A. County has expanded its testing capacities and opened new sites in high-need areas. The county will now have the capacity to test 55,000 residents a week, which is an increase from the previous capacity of 40,000 test slots. More than 1.7 million people have been tested so far with a positive test rate of 10%.

"We are focused and committed to reducing the disparities of COVID-related illness across our communities of color and these additional sites are an important step, among broader efforts, to expand access to testing and halt the spread of this disease," said County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas in a press release. "While this virus doesn't discriminate, many of our vulnerable communities are bearing a heavier burden. We will continue to take every step necessary to address the underlying economic and other factors driving this epidemic."

The county has also increased its contact tracing efforts. Since April contact tracers have contacted nearly 152,000 people who tested positive for coronavirus and identified more than 82,000 of their close contacts. This has led to the issuing of nearly 193,000 quarantine orders for those who have contracted coronavirus or been exposed to it.

"This has undoubtedly saved lives and it has prevented the spread of the virus," said Ferrer. "But, contract tracing during these times here in our county and across the United States remains challenging. People are fearful of sharing personal and health information, because they worry about losing their relationships, their livelihood and their homes."

In 32 percent of cases contact tracers are either unable to locate the person or the person refuses to be interviewed. So, in order to incentivize more people to cooperate, contact tracers will begin offering a $20 gift card to those who complete the interview process.

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WILDFIRE

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Bill Boehm helped his mother evacuate her home with her three horses and said the pandemic hasn't stopped people from coming together to assist each other.

"Everyone seemed to be wearing masks and such, so that type of precaution was still going on," Boehm told the news station.

Investigators are trying to determine the cause of the blaze that began as two adjacent fires in Cherry Valley, a rural area near the city of Beaumont, about 85 miles east of downtown Los Angeles.

Flames raced along brushy ridge tops and came close to houses while firefighters attacked from the ground and air.

One home and two outbuildings were destroyed, California fire officials said. No injuries were reported.

In Northern California, evacuations were ordered after a wildfire that sparked Sunday afternoon spread quickly and burned near homes near the East Park Reservoir in Colusa County. Complicating firefighters' efforts were temperatures in the area north of Sacramento were expected to hit the upper 90s by Monday afternoon.

On California's central coast, a fire in San Luis Obispo County was 60% contained Monday after burning more than 2 square miles (6 square kilometers) of brush east of the community of Santa Margarita. Two structures were destroyed but officials said it was unclear whether they were homes.

In Riverside County, officials allowed flames from the so-called Apple Fire to run up the side of Mount San Gorgonio, an 11,000-foot (3,350-meter) peak, because it wasn't safe to let crews work in such steep, rugged terrain, said Lisa Cox, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Forest Service.

Evacuation orders and advisories were issued for about 2,500 homes in mountain, canyon and foothill neighborhoods. Campgrounds and hiking trails were closed in the San Gorgonio Wilderness area of the San Bernardino National Forest.

A huge smoke plume was visible for miles around and contributed to poor air quality.

The temperature hit 109 degrees Sunday in nearby Palm Springs but conditions were expected to cool slightly on Monday.







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