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Risky behavior more prevalent in unvaccinated individuals

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

Unvaccinated people are more likely to engage in risky behaviors that can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 according to data presented by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health this week.

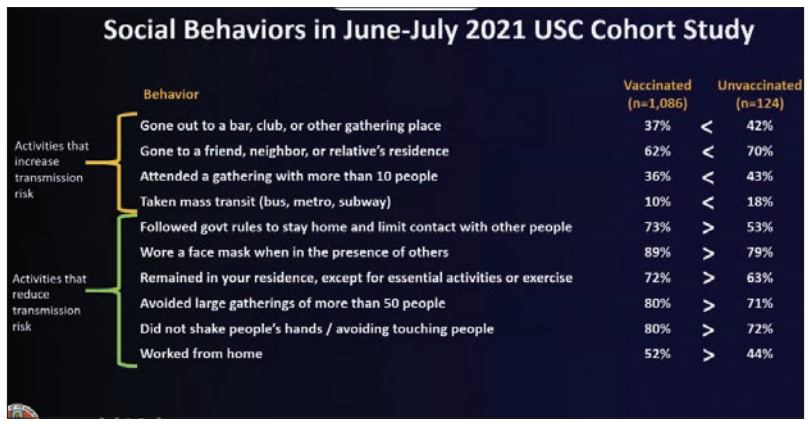
Unvaccinated individuals were more likely to visit a bar/club, go to someone else's home, attend a gathering with more than 10 people or use mass transit.

The data is from a cohort study that's conducted by the University of Southern California in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, and it follows over time a group of about 1,200 adult residents that are demographically and socioeconomically representative of residents across the county. About 90% of this group is fully vaccinated.

Over a month spanning June to July of this year, members of the cohort were asked whether over the past week, they had engaged in a variety of activities or behaviors that increase and or reduce transmission risk. Their answers were presented as part of Public Health's regular briefing and officials said a higher portion of unvaccinated people engaged in activities that increased transmission risk, including going out to bars/clubs (42 vs. 37 percent), going to other people's residences (70 vs. 62 percent), attending large gatherings (43 vs. 36 percent) and taking mass transit (18 vs. 10 percent).

The study found a higher proportion of vaccinated people engaged in activities that reduce transmission risk, including following government rules to limit contact with others, wearing a face

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BEHAVIOR: The habits of unvaccinated individuals differs from vaccinated.

Recall opposition





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NEWSOM: Progressive Landlords of Santa Monica, Jay Johnon, Mathew Millen and Michael Millman installed "VOTE NO ON RECALL" signs recently. Stop the Recall of Gov. Newsom signs were installed at 21st Place/Montana and 20th/Virginia. The group supports Rent Control and works to improve its' effectiveness for both tenants and Landlords and to preserve existing rental housing in Santa Monica.

Terrorism conviction for man who considered Pier attack

MATTHEW HALL
SMDP Editor

A U.S. Army veteran has been convicted for attempting to bomb a Long Beach rally as part of a conspiracy that targeted several locations in Southern California including Long Beach, the Santa Monica Pier, Huntington Beach and Los Angeles freeways.

Mark Steven Domingo, 28, of Reseda, was found guilty of providing material support to terrorism and attempting to use of a weapon of mass destruction this week according to the U.S. Department of Justice. He faces a statutory maximum sentence of life in prison.

Domingo was arrested in April of 2019 after authorities began monitoring his online activity due to posts about gathering materials to build a bomb and planning to carry out attacks on Christians, Jews and police officers as retribution for the Christchurch shooting in New Zealand. After considering several targets, including the Santa Monica Pier, he settled on a plan to detonate a bomb at a white nationalist rally.

Domingo, who returned from a deployment in Afghanistan in 2013, unknowingly worked with an FBI informant to recruit a bomb-maker into his scheme.

"Domingo then purchased and provided to the confederate and the bomb-maker – who in fact was an undercover law enforcement officer – several hundred 3½-inch nails to be used as shrapnel for the bombs. Domingo specifically chose those nails because they were long enough to penetrate organs in the human body," said DOJ Spokesman Thom Mrozek.

In April of 2019, he drove his confederate and the undercover officer to Long Beach to scout the location he planned to attack. While there, Domingo discussed finding the most crowded areas so he could kill the most people. Later that month he received what he thought were two live bombs, but were actually inert explosive devices delivered by an undercover law enforcement officer. He was arrested that same day with one of the bombs in his hands.

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Construction Noise 1600blk The Beach 1:10 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 2100blk Colorado Ave 1:12 a.m.
Assault 200blk Broadway 1:15 a.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1500blk Santa Monica Blvd 2:49 a.m.
Encampment 32nd St / Ocean Park Blvd 5:33 a.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up No Record Found 5:57 a.m.
Auto Burglary 1300blk 2nd St 6:27 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1900blk Euclid St 6:28 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 6:41 a.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon 800blk Pico Blvd 7:01 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1100blk 6th St 7:17 a.m.
Encampment 200blk Bay St 7:22 a.m.
Encampment 17th St / Colorado Ave 7:28 a.m.
Construction Noise 2400blk 16th St 7:57 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1900blk Lincoln Blvd 7:57 a.m.
Fraud 2300blk 28th St 8:24 a.m.
Arson 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 8:40 a.m.
Fraud 1400blk Colorado Ave 8:40 a.m.
Vehicle Blocking Driveway 1100blk Yale St 9:20 a.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 2300blk Wilshire Blvd 9:25 a.m.
Grand Theft 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 9:34 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 0blk Pacific Ter 9:49 a.m.
Petty Theft 1900blk Wilshire Blvd 10:00 a.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 2500blk Kansas Ave 10:15 a.m.
Petty Theft 1000blk Lincoln Blvd 10:21 a.m.
Expired Registration 1900blk 19th St 10:23 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 1900blk Ocean Way 10:33 a.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1200blk 15th St 10:47 a.m.
Grand Theft 100blk California Ave 10:48 a.m.
Petty Theft Now 1400blk Lincoln Blvd 11:14 a.m.
Encampment 1700blk The Beach 11:20 a.m.
Encampment 2900blk The Beach 11:26 a.m.
Vehicle Parked On Sidewalk 1500blk 14th St 11:31 a.m.
Petty Theft 200blk Broadway 11:45 a.m.
Encampment 800blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:52 a.m.
Battery Ocean Ave / Colorado Ave 12:00 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 600blk California Ave 12:02 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Main St / Colorado Ave 12:09 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1200blk 19th St 12:15 p.m.
Traffic Collision - No Injuries Ocean Ave / Olympic Dr 12:29 p.m.
Petty Theft Now 1800blk Lincoln Blvd 12:31 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 900blk 20th St 12:42 p.m.
Stolen Vehicle Recovered 1200blk 15th St 12:52 p.m.
Expired Registration 1600blk Appian Way 1:01 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 2700blk Washington Ave 1:11 p.m.
Petty Theft 1900blk Cloverfield Blvd 1:28 p.m.
Forgery 200blk Hill St 1:29 p.m.
Injured Person 300blk Santa Monica Pier 1:29 p.m.
Burglary 1000blk 11th St 1:38 p.m.
Expired Registration 0blk Bay St 1:50 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Cloverfield Blvd / Colorado Ave 2:09 p.m.
Petty Theft 300blk Olympic Dr 2:17 p.m.
Prowler There Now 1800blk 18th St 2:19 p.m.
Grand Theft Auto 1600blk Appian Way 2:34 p.m.
Burglary 2700blk 6th St 2:42 p.m.
Petty Theft 2400blk Pico Blvd 2:43 p.m.
Petty Theft 400blk Colorado Ave 2:44 p.m.
9-1-1 Hang Up 2600blk Barnard Way 2:45 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 800blk 6th St 2:54 p.m.
Sexual Assault 1300blk Lincoln Blvd 3:07 p.m.
Petty Theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 3:08 p.m.
Harassing Phone Calls 600blk California Ave 3:21 p.m.
Public Intoxication 1900blk 4th St 3:24 p.m.
Petty Theft 800blk Montana Ave 3:28 p.m.
Expired Registration 600blk 4th St 3:36 p.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk Harvard St 3:42 p.m.
Lost Property 1000blk 14th St 3:57 p.m.
Burglary 500blk Broadway 4:04 p.m.
Smoking Violation 600blk Arizona Ave 4:10 p.m.
Keep The Peace 200blk Ocean Ave 4:14 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1800blk 14th St 4:26 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 500blk Wilshire Blvd 4:40 p.m.
Fight 200blk Broadway 4:44 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 400blk Hill St 4:56 p.m.
Public Intoxication Cloverfield Blvd / Olympic Blvd 5:25 p.m.
Fraud 1900blk 22nd St 5:26 p.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation Lincoln Blvd / Marine St 5:47 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 600blk Palisades Beach Rd 6:22 p.m.
Person With A Gun 1600blk Wilshire Blvd 6:29 p.m.
Civil Dispute 1600blk Ocean Ave 6:39 p.m.
Exhibition Of Speed Main St / Bicknell Ave 6:53 p.m.
Indecent Exposure 700blk Santa Monica Blvd 6:57 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Ocean Ave / Pacific St 6:59 p.m.
Expired Registration 500blk Hollister Ave 7:08 p.m.
Lewd Activity 2400blk 16th St 7:15 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:21 p.m.
Public Intoxication 2300blk Ocean Park Blvd 7:37 p.m.
Encampment Marine St / 17th St 7:42 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 100blk Bay St 7:45 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 900blk California Ave 7:45 p.m.
Grand Theft 1100blk 26th St 7:52 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 700blk Washington Ave 7:57 p.m.
Battery 3rd Street Prom / Santa Monica Blvd 8:03 p.m.
Petty Theft 2nd St / Wilshire Blvd 8:13 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1100blk Pacific Coast Hwy 8:35 p.m.
Handicap Zone Violation 1000blk 10th St 8:53 p.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 900blk 3rd St 8:58 p.m.
General Parking Problem 1300blk 7th St 9:41 p.m.
Audible Burglar Alarm 1400blk 3rd Street Prom 9:45 p.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 4th St / Colorado Ave 10:01 p.m.
72 Hour Psychiatric Hold 500blk Washington Ave 10:31 p.m.

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EMS 5th St / Colorado Ave 6:33 a.m.
EMS 2500blk Broadway 8:44 a.m.
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Automatic Alarm 2000blk Main St 9:57 a.m.
EMS 1600blk Cloverfield Blvd 11:01 a.m.
EMS 1400blk 21st St 11:42 a.m.
EMS Lincoln Blvd / Ocean Park Blvd 11:43 a.m.
EMS 1800blk Wilshire Blvd 11:51 a.m.
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EMS 200blk Bicknell Ave 12:29 p.m.
EMS 2000blk Arizona Ave 12:44 p.m.
EMS 2400blk Main St 1:22 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 7th St 3:37 p.m.
EMS 1400blk 17th St 4:27 p.m.
EMS 900blk 5th St 4:39 p.m.
EMS 16th St / Santa Monica Blvd 4:46 p.m.
Public Assist 16th St / Montana Ave 5:36 p.m.
EMS 700blk Broadway 6:20 p.m.
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EMS 1700blk Wilshire Blvd 6:39 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injury 15th St / Santa Monica Blvd 7:21 p.m.
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EMS 1100blk 6th St 8:49 p.m.
EMS 1100blk Pico Blvd 9:24 p.m.
EMS 7th St / Broadway 10:44 p.m.
EMS 500blk Washington Ave 10:59 p.m.
Trash/Dumpster Fire 5th St / Broadway 11:41 p.m.
EMS 1100blk 23rd St 11:48 p.m.

Letter to the Editor

Roger Genser Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dear Editor

As a 44 year resident on 2nd Street and a long time community activist (having served 24 years on Commissions), I want to enthusiastically applaud Charles Andrew's complete and accurate analysis of the state of Main Street and all the problems associated with the proposed and past closures. I was on the early Main Street Committee in the early 80's when the OPCO (Ocean Park Community Organization) represented the neighbors. Now OPA is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Main Street businesses. And he correctly called out Jameson's which a neighborhood disruption with over capacity and noise well into the night and a super spreader as well as blocking public access on the sidewalk. Three cheers to Charles Andrews!

Roger Genser, Santa Monica

CRIME WATCH BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Crime Watch is culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ON AUGUST 12, AT ABOUT 5:35 A.M.

Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD) Officers were dispatched to investigate an active burglary involving a vehicle that was parked in the secured parking lot at 1833 Lincoln Blvd, Rainbow Carpet Cleaners.

When officers arrived on scene, they could hear a grinding noise coming from under a white ford pickup truck. They observed a male subject, later identified as Alexander Torres, a 28-year-old male from Los Angeles, holding a flashlight. Torres made eye contact with a police officer and attempted to flee, however was immediately taken into custody without incident.

SMPD Officers confirmed Torres was attempting to steal the catalytic converter from the pick-up truck. Officers recovered a reciprocating saw, metal blades and the flashlight Torres was holding.

Torres was booked at the Santa Monica Jail for 487 PC – Grand Theft. Officers also learned that Torres was on formal probation for Assault with a Deadly Weapon.

Anyone with additional information pertaining to this incident or individual is encouraged to contact the Criminal Investigations Division 310-458-8451 or Santa Monica Department Watch Commander (24 hours) at 310-458-8427.

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Census data sets up redistricting fight over growing suburbs

DAVID A. LIEB AND ACACIA CORONADO
Associated Press

The once-a-decade battle over redistricting is set to be a showdown over the suburbs, as new census data released Thursday showed rapid growth around the some of the nation's largest cities and shrinking population in many rural counties.

From Texas to Florida, some of the biggest gains came in states where Republicans will control the redistricting process, but often in and around cities where Democrats have been faring well in recent elections.

The new detailed population data from the 2020 Census will serve as the building block to redraw 429 U.S. House districts in 44 states and 7,383 state legislative districts across the U.S. The official goal is to ensure each district has roughly the same number of people.

But many Republicans and Democrats will be operating with another goal — to ensure the new lines divide and combine voters in ways that make it more likely for their party's candidates to win future elections, a process called gerrymandering. The parties' successes in that effort could determine whether taxes and spending grow, climate-change polices are approved or access to abortion is expanded or curtailed.

Republicans need to gain just five seats to take control of the U.S. House in the 2022 elections — a margin that could potentially be covered through artful redistricting. As they did after the 2010 census, Republicans will hold greater sway in more states over the redistricting process.

"The question is going to be how creative this new data will force Republicans to get in maintaining or expanding their advantages, given an increasingly diverse, increasingly urban population," said Joshua Blank, research director of the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas.

Texas will be a major focal point in redistricting.

The Census Bureau said five of the 14 U.S. cities that grew by at least 100,000 people are located in Texas — Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. Four of the nation's 10 fastest growing cities also were Texas suburbs — Frisco and McKinney near Dallas; Conroe near Houston, and New Braunfels near San Antonio. All are prime battle grounds for redistricting.

By contrast, many Texas counties outside of its metropolitan areas saw populations decline, the Census Bureau said.

Republicans, who currently hold 23 of the 36 U.S. House seats in Texas, will have full control over the redistricting process, allowing them to decide where to draw the two new seats the state is gaining. But that could be complicated because Democrats generally have fared better in Texas suburbs in recent elections.

Though Republican Donald Trump carried Texas by more than 6 percentage points in the 2020 presidential election, he and Democrat Joe Biden essentially split voters who identified as suburbanites, according to The Associated Press' VoteCast. Trump won decisively among men and Biden had a wide advantage among women in the Texas suburbs.

"As the process of redistricting begins, the Legislature should be guided by the principle of fair representation for every Texan," said state Rep. Rafael Anchia, a Democratic member of the House redistricting committee and chair of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus. He called upon colleagues "to embrace diversity as a strength and commit to drawing electoral maps that are representative of our great state."

Texas had been among several states that needed advance approval from the U.S. Justice Department for its redistricting plans because of a history of racial discrimination. But the U.S. Supreme Court overturned that requirement in 2013 and, in a separate ruling several years later, said it would not get involved in disputes over alleged political gerrymandering, leaving that to state courts to decide. Lawsuits are expected to challenge redistricting maps in many states.

The GOP will control redistricting in 20 states accounting for 187 U.S. House seats, including the growing states of Texas, Florida, Georgia and North Carolina, where the governor is a Democrat, but the legislature has complete control of drawing new electoral lines. By contrast, Democrats will control redistricting in just eight states accounting for 75 seats, including New York and Illinois, where the loss of a seat in each gives them a chance to squeeze out Republican incumbents.

In 16 other states accounting for 167 U.S. House seats, districts will be drawn either by independent commissions or by politically split politicians with legislative chambers led by one party and governors of another. Six states have just one U.S. House seat, so there are no district lines to be drawn.

Outside of Texas, some of the largest growth occurred in Arizona's chief city of Phoenix, including a nearly 80% population increase in its suburb of Buckeye. But Arizona's voting districts are drawn by an independent commission, making it more difficult for Republican or Democratic officials to gain an edge in redistricting.

Census data also showed large growth in Seattle and Los Angeles and some of their suburbs. Other cities gaining at least 100,000 people included Charlotte, North Carolina; Columbus, Ohio; Denver; Jacksonville, Florida; New York; and Oklahoma City. The suburbs of Salt Lake City and Boise, Idaho, also ranked high in growth rates.

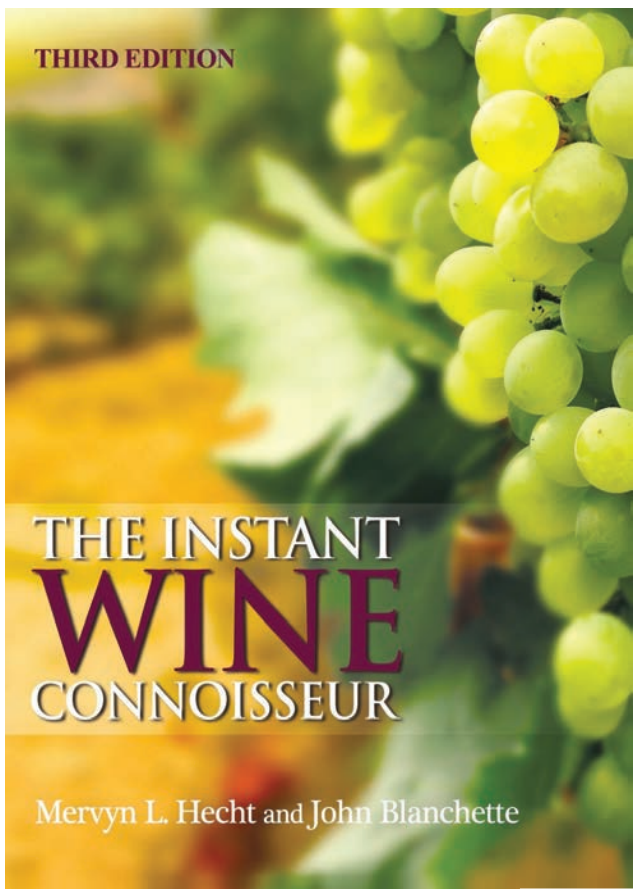
Simply because Democrats may be gaining strength in suburbs doesn't mean maps drawn by Republicans will reflect that. The party in control can divide areas of strength for the opposition, said Republican pollster David Winston.

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Pac-12 says COVID-19 issues can result in forfeits in 2021

Pac-12 teams that cannot play because of COVID-19 issues will likely be forced to forfeit games this season.

The conference announced Thursday it is reinstituting its forfeiture policy after it modified its rules last season because of the pandemic.

Last season, a game that could not be played because of COVID-19 problems with either team was canceled and deemed no contest. This season, COVID-19 will not be automatically considered an excused absence.

"If an institution is unable to play a contest through its own fault, it shall forfeit such contest to its opponent," the conference said.

A forfeit will count as a conference victory for a forfeiting team's opponent.

"The Pac-12 rule provides the Commissioner with discretion to determine whether an institution is at fault or primarily at fault for an inability to play a contest based on the facts of the situation," the conference said.

The Pac-12 announced earlier this month that regular COVID-19 testing will no longer be required for vaccinated individuals. Vaccinated individuals will also no longer be immediately subjected to quarantine after exposure to an infected individual.

Regular testing will still be required for unvaccinated players, coaches and staff.

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LOS ANGELES

LA Clippers re-sign injured superstar Kawhi Leonard

Kawhi Leonard is staying in Los Angeles after the Clippers re-signed their free-agent superstar on Thursday.

Leonard averaged 26 points, 6.8 rebounds and five assists in his first two seasons with his hometown team.

He suffered a partially torn right ACL during the playoffs and missed the Clippers' first Western Conference finals appearance. Leonard had surgery on his knee a month ago. His status for the upcoming season is unknown, and it's possible he could miss a good portion of it while rehabbing.

Leonard declined his $36 million option last week, setting up his ability to sign a maximum contract worth 35% of the team's salary cap and allowing him to earn upwards of $3 million more for the 2021-22 season.

The five-time All-Star averaged 24.8 points, 6.5 rebounds and a career-high 5.2 assists last season, while shooting 51% from the field and 88% from the line.

"Kawhi is a transcendent player and a relentless worker who improves himself every day," said Lawrence Frank, president of basketball operations. "We share many of the same goals, which include a long-term relationship."

Frank said the Clippers will "do whatever we can" to support Leonard in his injury rehab.

"We look forward to seeing him back where he wants to be, on the court with his teammates," Frank said.

Leonard was named to his seventh All-Defensive team last season and his third All-NBA first team.

BETH HARRIS AP SPORTS WRITER

REDISTRICT

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"When you're talking about redistricting, it's different than looking at a state as a whole," said Winston, a longtime adviser to U.S. House Republican leadership.

The fastest-growing U.S. metropolitan area was The Villages in central Florida, which grew 39% from about 93,000 people to about 130,000. The largest retirement community in the nation is dominated by Republican voters and is a must-stop for GOP candidates. Though the Florida Constitution prohibits drawing districts to favor a political party, Republicans leaders may nonetheless try to take advantage of the new population figures. Because of its growth, Florida is gaining a U.S. House seat, giving lawmakers more leeway in line-drawing.

After the 2010 census, Republicans who controlled redistricting in far more states than Democrats drew maps that gave them a greater political advantage in more states than either party had in the past 50 years, according to a new AP analysis.

But Republicans won't hold as much power as they did last time in some key states. Republican-led legislatures will be paired with Democratic governors in Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, which both had full GOP control after the 2010 census. In Michigan, a voter-approved citizens commission will handle redistricting instead of lawmakers and the governor. And in Ohio, voter-approved redistricting reforms will require majority Republicans to gain the support of minority Democrats for the new districts to last a full decade.

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More than 9,000 anti-Asian incidents since pandemic began

TERRY TANG
Associated Press

The frequency of anti-Asian incidents — from taunts to outright assaults — reported in the United States so far this year seems poised to surpass last year despite months of political and social activism, according to a new report released Thursday.

Stop AAPI Hate, a national coalition that became the authority on gathering data on racially motivated attacks related to the pandemic, received 9,081 incident reports between March 19, 2020, and this June. Of those, 4,548 occurred last year, and 4,533 this year. Since the coronavirus was first reported in China, people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent have been treated as scapegoats solely based on their race.

Lawmakers, activists and community groups have pushed back against the wave of attacks. There have been countless social media campaigns, bystander training sessions and public rallies. In May, President Joe Biden signed the bipartisan COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, expediting Justice Department reviews of anti-Asian hate crimes and making available federal grants. Those supporters should not feel discouraged because the data hasn't shifted much, Stop AAPI Hate leaders said.

"When you encourage hate, it's not like a genie in a bottle where you can pull it out and push it back in whenever you want," said Manjusha Kulkarni, co-founder of Stop AAPI Hate and executive director of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council. "There's too much perpetuating these belief systems to make them go away."

Several factors contributed to the data, from an increase in incidents to a greater desire to report, according to Kulkarni. As the economy opened up more in the past few months, it meant more public interactions and opportunities to attack, she said. Also, a bump in reporting typically occurs after a high-profile incident like the March 16 Atlanta-area spa shootings that left six Asian women dead.

"There, too, is where we saw some that were incidents that had taken place weeks or months before, but they just were either not aware of our reporting center or didn't take the time to report," Kulkarni said.

The reports aggregated by Stop AAPI Hate are from the victims themselves or someone reporting on their behalf, like an adult child. Overall, the report found verbal harassment and shunning — interactions that don't qualify legally as hate crimes — make up the two largest shares of total incidents. Physical assaults made up the third. But their percentage of the incidents this year increased from last year — 16.6% compared to 10.8%.

More than 63% of the incidents were submitted by women. Roughly 31% took place on public streets, and 30% at businesses.

Many Asian Americans and others blame former President Donald Trump for ratcheting up the danger by talking about the virus in racially charged terms. While Biden has demonstrated allyship, there is concern that a U.S. investigation into the origins of COVID-19 could lead to more hostility and treatment of Asian Americans as enemy foreigners.

"We understand that other nation-states are competitors to the United States, and a number of them do have authoritarian regimes," Kulkarni said. "But the ways in which we talk about the people and the ways in which blame is assigned somehow looks different for communities of color than it does for, say, the Russian government or the German government."

Many of the headline-making attacks over the past year and a half have been against elderly Asian people on both coasts. In most of those cases, a senior was beaten, kicked, shoved or even stabbed out of nowhere. Several such incidents have been caught on video.

A U.S. Census survey released earlier this month found Asian American households were twice as likely as white households to admit they didn't have enough food throughout the pandemic because they were afraid to go out — not due to affordability or transportation issues. In contrast, other racial groups' households said they were experiencing food insecurity because of the pandemic. Asian American respondents didn't say specifically if it was fear of racial attacks that kept them at home.

Anni Chung, president and CEO of San Francisco-based Self-Help for the Elderly, says the seniors they help were hit by a "second virus that is a hate virus." The nonprofit provides food and programs to more than 40,000 older adults in the Bay Area, most of them Asian. The organization went from transporting a pre-pandemic load of 400 meals daily to over 5,000 per day. Last year, they gave out 963,000 meals overall compared with 436,000 typically.

"Sometimes when we talk to seniors, they say this hatred drove them to be stuck in their house even worse than the pandemic," Chung said.

For them, the fear is more than a headline but something in their own backyard.

"One of our clients was on the bus. Right before the man got off the bus, he just punched her," Chung said. "She said no one — not the bus driver and a number of Chinese on the bus — went to her care."

Giving into that fear means seniors have missed important things like doctor's appointments or exercise routines at the park. So, in June, with some funding from the city, Self-Help for the Elderly expanded a volunteer escort service to accompany seniors on errands or outings around Chinatown and other neighborhoods. It had more than 200 requests that month.

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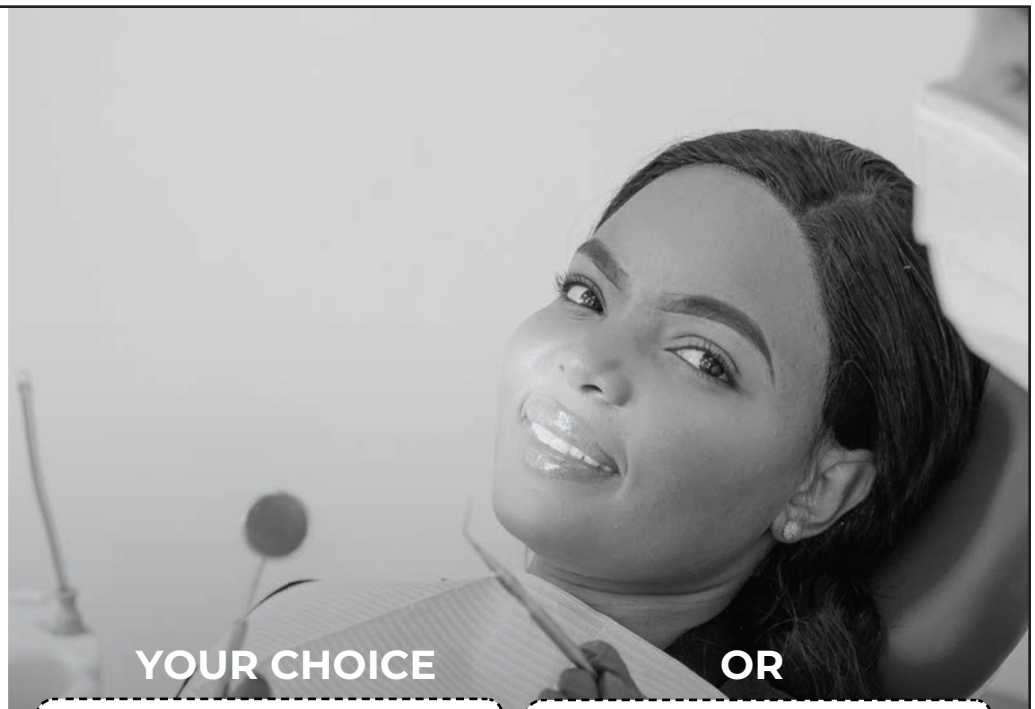
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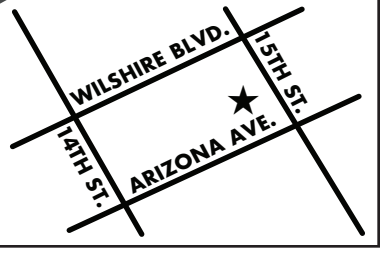


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States that had a grip on COVID now seeing a crush of cases

JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER AND SARA CLINE
Associated Press

The COVID-19 surge that is sending hospitalizations to all-time highs in parts of the South is also clobbering states like Hawaii and Oregon that were once seen as pandemic success stories.

After months in which they kept cases and hospitalizations at manageable levels, they are watching progress slip away as record numbers of patients overwhelm bone-tired health care workers.

Oregon — like Florida, Arkansas and Louisiana in recent days — has more people in the hospital with COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. Hawaii is about to reach that mark, too.

This, despite both states having vaccination levels higher than the national average as of last week. Arkansas and Louisiana were significantly below average, while Florida was about even.

"It's heartbreaking. People are exhausted. You can see it in their eyes," said Dr. Jason Kuhl, chief medical officer at Oregon's Providence Medford Medical Center, where patients are left on gurneys in hallways, their monitoring machines beeping away.

In other developments, the Food and Drug Administration is expected to authorize COVID-19 booster shots for certain people with weakened immune systems, such as cancer patients and organ transplant recipients, to give them an extra dose of protection.

The U.S. is seeing the virus storming back, driven by a combination of the highly contagious delta variant and lagging vaccination rates, especially in the South and other rural and conservative parts of the country.

New cases nationwide are averaging about 123,000 per day, a level last seen in early February, and deaths are running at over 500 a day, turning the clock back to May.

For the most part during the pandemic, Hawaii enjoyed one of the lowest infection and death rates in the nation. In recent days, though, it reported record highs of more than 600 new virus cases daily.

On its worst day in 2020, Hawaii had 291 patients hospitalized with the coronavirus. Officials expect to hit 300 by the end of this week.

Despite the promising demand for COVID-19 shots early on, it took three weeks — much longer than expected — to get from 50% to 60% of the vaccine-eligible population fully vaccinated. Vaccinations have since

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US jobless claims near pandemic low as economy strengthens

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AP Economics Writer

The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell for a third straight time last week, the latest sign that employers are laying off fewer people as they struggle to fill a record number of open jobs and meet a surge in consumer demand.

Thursday's report from the Labor Department showed that jobless claims fell to 375,000 from 387,000 the previous week. The number of applications has fallen steadily since topping 900,000 in early January as the economy has increasingly reopened in the aftermath of the pandemic recession.

Filings for unemployment benefits have traditionally been seen as a real-time gauge of the job market's health, but the measure's reliability has deteriorated during the pandemic. In many states, the weekly figures have been inflated by fraud and by multiple filings from unemployed Americans as they navigate bureaucratic hurdles to try to obtain benefits.

Those complications help explain why the pace of applications remains comparatively high. Before the pandemic paralyzed the economy in March 2020, unemployment applications were running at about 220,000 a week.

Many states, for example, require self-employed and gig workers to first seek conventional unemployment benefits — and be turned down — before they can apply through a program that was set up last year to provide jobless aid to them for the first time. That program, and a $300-a-week federal supplemental unemployment benefit, will expire nationwide in the first week of September. About 22 states, mostly led by Republican governors, have already canceled both programs.

A total of about 12 million people are receiving unemployment benefits, down sharply from the previous week's figure of nearly 13 million. That drop reflects that more Americans are being hired and no longer receiving benefits. Another factor is the cancellation in many states of the federal program for the self-employed and a separate program for the long-term jobless.

For now, nearly 8.7 million people continue to receive aid through those programs and will lose their benefits when those programs expire nationwide on Sept. 6.

So far at least, there has been little sign that the delta variant has depressed hiring or prompted layoffs. In July, employers added a substantial 943,000 jobs, the government said last week, and the unemployment rate sank from 5.9% to 5.4%. Average hourly earnings jumped a sharp 4% in July from a year earlier, indicating that employers have felt compelled to raise pay. Still, that report was based on a survey that was conducted in mid-July, before a surge in COVID-19 delta cases took off.

On Monday, the government reported that employers posted more than 10 million available jobs in June, the most on records dating back to December 2000. That meant there were more open jobs than there were unemployed people that month. Yet those figures, too, predate the recent spike in COVID cases.

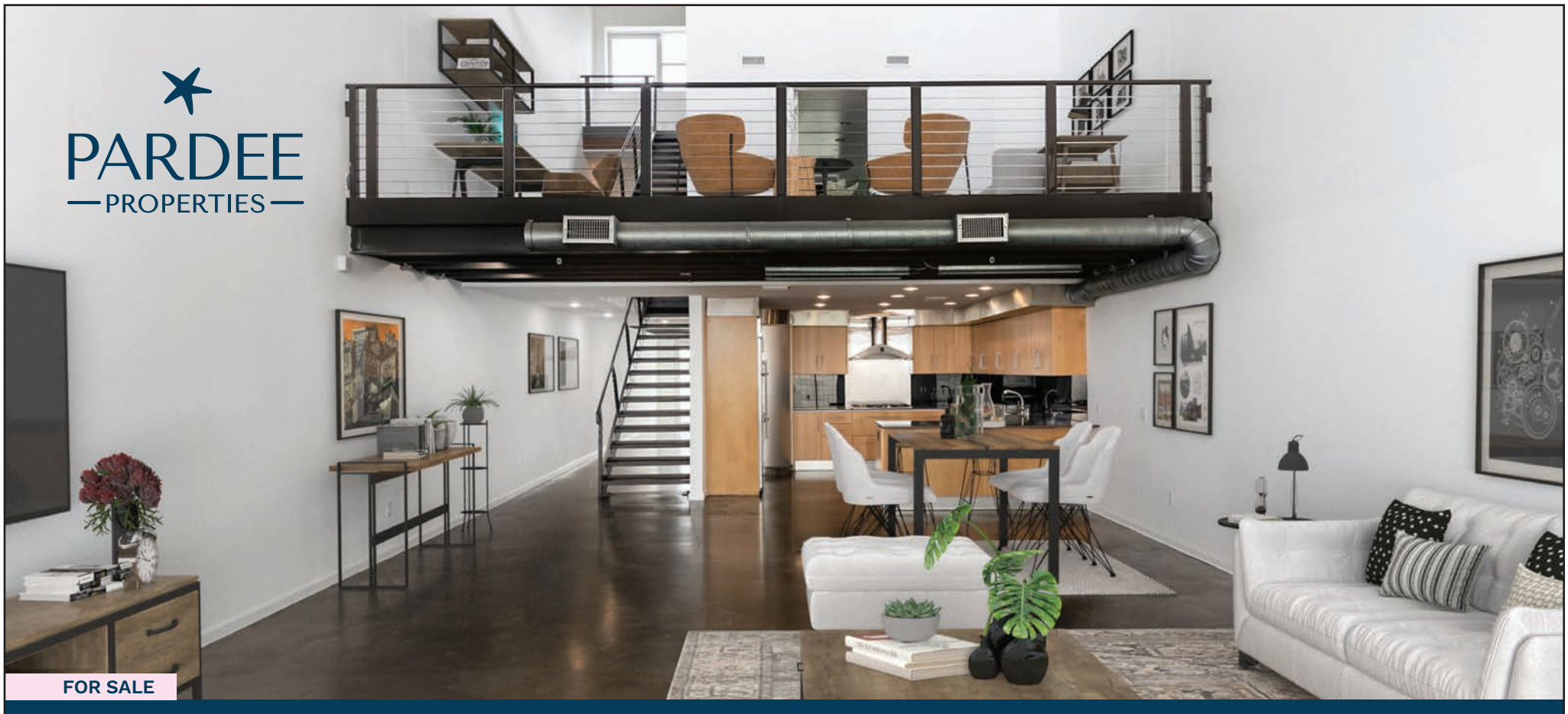
But credit card spending on airline tickets has fallen 20% from a mid-July peak, according to economists at JPMorgan Chase, suggesting that in response to the increase in infections, consumers may be starting to slow their travel spending, which had jumped in recent months.

And after returning to pre-pandemic levels for much of June and July, restaurant traffic dropped about 10% below that level in the past week, according to restaurant software provider OpenTable.

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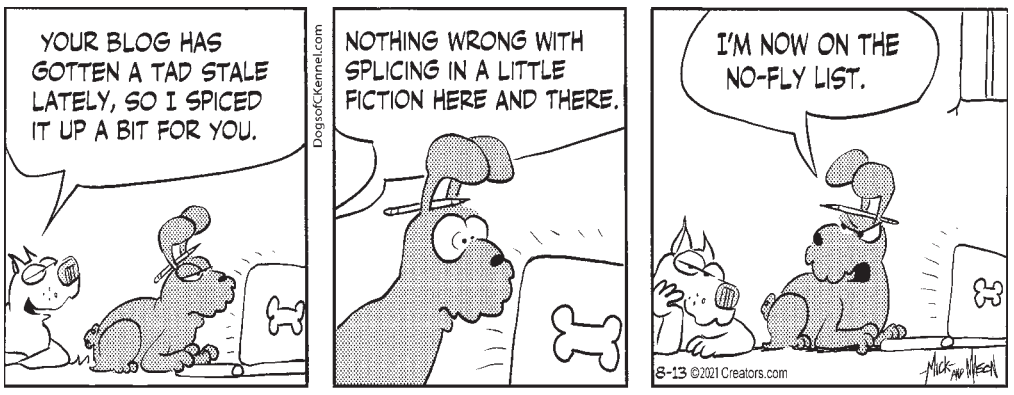
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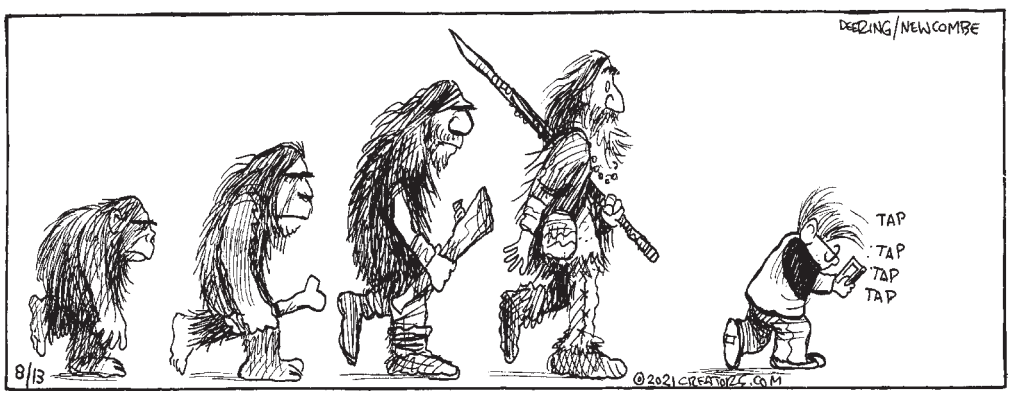
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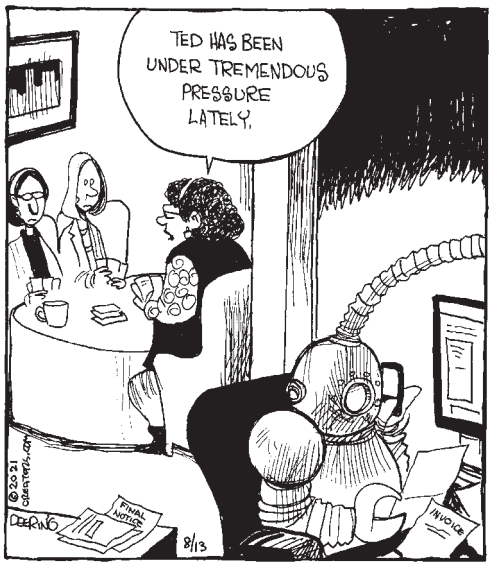
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 65.7°

FRIDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 3-4ft Waist to chest high
Should be a fun morning with light wind, tide push & a mix of SSE, S & SW swells. Light onshores in the afternoon should keep many spots fairly clean.

SATURDAY - **FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
AM winds look light, as tide push helps through the mid to later morning. Surf down some from Friday - SW swell holds, but the SSE/S swell mix fades.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 73.
Friday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low around 64. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72.

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2021/08/13	Fri	8:02 PM	1.69	L
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A spiritual growth spurt will blossom in the realm of creativity and wisdom. You could measure this by the shift in your perspective. Big goals get suddenly more achievable, people more likeable, life more enjoyable. You'll knock out five projects and then find yourself in a position to show others how to net similar results. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 2, 20, 11 and 15.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Be judicious with your generosity. Give more than expected but not so much that your recipient feels unworthy, uncomfortable or overly indebted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're brave. Love yourself for it. Many wouldn't even attempt what you've devoted so much life to. Give yourself credit, and let the confidence spill over to other areas of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Is it possible to be extremely moderate? As any jumbo shrimp lover can attest, just because it's an oxymoron doesn't make it a bad idea. Good fortune follows your embrace of life's contradictions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Gatherings highlight different personality facets. Grouped around a table, you'll learn new things about people you thought you already knew everything about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Are you making choices or being manipulated into decisions that don't benefit you? Follow through with a conscious though slightly absurd choice to assert your free will.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your eyes are bright, and you're looking out for yourself and everyone around you as you strive to bring the higher energies of grace, courtesy, attentiveness and wit to this scene.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your politeness knows no bounds, which is why it takes you a minute to realize you're bored with a situation. Don't worry. The slightest shift will produce a radical difference and bring back the excitement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your emotional IQ is soaring high. Emotions enter the realm, and you respond. It doesn't matter to you who they belong to; you'll savor the positive ones and mitigate the negative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before you jump into the next thing, you'll spend some time contemplating your options. You'll think about what the people around you need and how you might fulfill it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because you aim to exceed expectations, you'll make sure not to set them so high that you'd be challenged to fulfill them. In fact, the best-case scenario is a situation in which you have no expectation at all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Not everyone is happy when you act on your own behalf. Some will think your move is an afront to their wishes and preferences. Don't agree to this logic. You can be for yourself without being against them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Take a relationship out of context and it will change entirely. This can be accomplished by moving things to a different environment, tackling a unique task together or introducing unusual motivations.

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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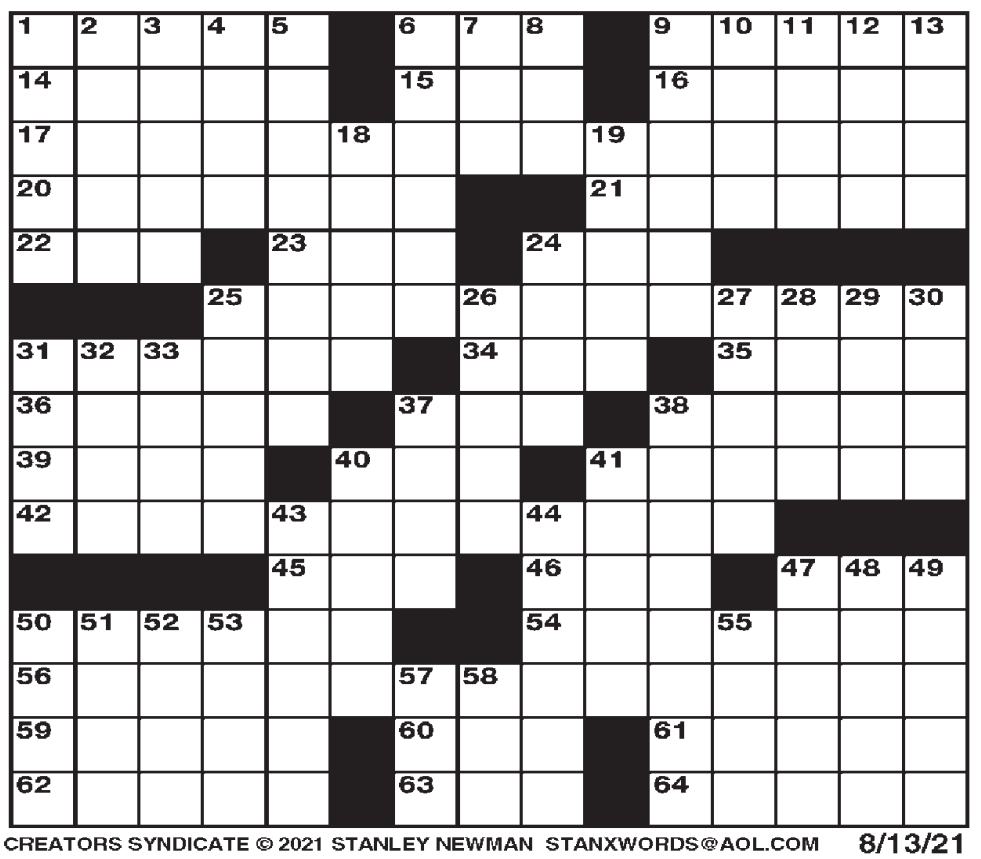
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Look down (on)
6 Excite, with "up"
9 Striped stone
14 Origin of many '50s TV shows
15 Polishing candidate
16 Miscellaneous
17 Islander's traditional snack
20 Notwithstanding
21 Offer of kitchen assistance
22 "Everything in life is __": Duchamp
23 DC advocate's monogram
24 Took in
25 Certain Prada purchases
31 Mixes up
34 What Caesar cast about?
35 Fee for all
36 Take in with pleasure
37 "America the Beautiful" pronoun
38 Fancy glass
39 Erstwhile Michigan marque
40 Big boss
41 No longer accessible
42 Kids' bath time products
45 Apartment, informally
46 Meal starter
47 NL Central team
50 Triple-time dance
54 Often-yellow reminder
56 Former fraction of a pound
59 Common service station selection
60 Common service station selection
61 Shop talk
62 The E in the NYSE's EL
63 Former telephone trio
64 Cathedral nooks

DOWN
1 Spanish-speaking spouse portrayed by Salma
2 Less seen
3 Metric celebrator
4 Thin streak
5 Diamond rarity
6 Just behind
7 Something MacDonald heard
8 As decided by
9 Moves slowly
10 One of many daily deliveries
11 Chopped down
12 Tangible separation
13 Rotary flow
18 Doesn't take off
19 Faithful's pledge
24 Dealer's disclaimer
25 Wade noisily
26 Figure of speech
27 Light rings
28 Heavy duty
29 Ending like -let
30 It sprouts in a garden
31 Beginning with
32 Painter of weird watches
33 What film fans burn
37 Foremost
38 Two or more naval squadrons
40 Mass confusion
41 Raccoon cousin
43 Mischief maker
44 With luxe
47 Tuberous appetizer
48 Slight hint
49 Focus of a San Diego-area theme park
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51 Unlikely counterfeiting candidates
52 Rainbow flag initialism
53 Peace Nobelist Wiesel
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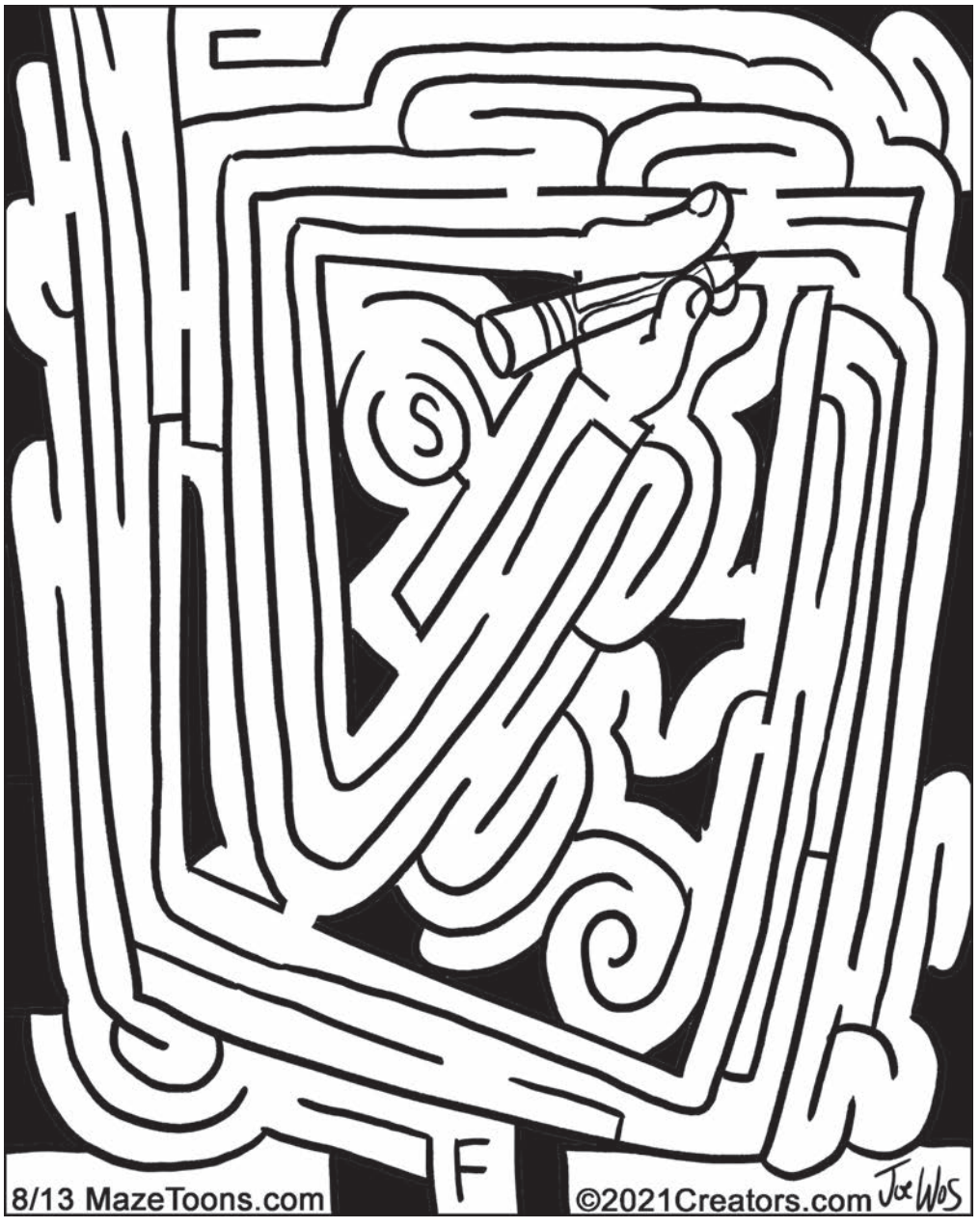
Binary Puzzle

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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Floor
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Lounge
Lullaby
Recline
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Revive
Rhythm
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mask and in the presence of other people remaining at home as much as possible, avoiding large gatherings of more than 50 people, not shaking hands and generally avoiding touching people as much as possible.

"Although none of these activities were restricted during the period over which these behaviors were assessed, and the number of survey participants as I noted, is relatively small, it is concerning to see trends suggesting that in this cohort, those who were unvaccinated were engaging in activities that could easily lead to more exposures," said Director of Public Health Dr. Barbara Ferrer.

During a Thursday briefing, Ferrer reiterated the effectiveness of vaccines saying vaccinated people were less likely to have any symptoms and when they did become symptomatic, vaccinated individuals were significantly less likely to experience serious disease, hospitalization or death.

"The evidence continues to show that vaccines provide the most excellent protection against the severe outcomes from infection, and that the same sensible precautions that protected us from earlier strains of COVID are still very effective against this latest strain," she said. "We're fortunate that we have the tools in hand that we need to get back to slowing the spread of Delta, we'll just need to accept that as the virus changes we need to be flexible in our responses to reflect the changing science."

Ferrer said institutions like schools were continuing to adapt to the needs of the moment and said parents should be confident in the safety of their children returning to campuses around the county. She said children, in general, are much less likely to become infected and when they do contract the disease, it is less serious.

She said the combination of protections currently in place, including masks, vaccines and distancing also provided additional safety.

"Wherever you have that extra protection that's coming from vaccinations, you've added a layer we never had before," she said. "So couple that with the masking requirements, with distancing and infection control, as appropriate, I think parents can feel reassured that schools are creating as safe an environment as possible. Is it risk-free, absolutely not. I believe we've heard for months now about the risks of not having children be able to return to school as well. I think in this case, there are a lot of safety measures are in place. The parents should feel reassured that case rates are still very low for children, serious illnesses still remains relatively rare and if we all are doing our part, we're hopeful that schools are going to have a lot of safety and without a lot of increased risk."

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INCIDENTS

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The onslaught of verbal and physical assaults has drawn more skepticism than sympathy from some. Peter Yu, a Republican U.S. Senate candidate in Colorado who is also Chinese American, came under fire last month for characterizing anti-Asian hate crimes as exaggerated.

"I would welcome him to look at the data and see there has been a significant increase," Kulkarni said. "This may be a situation when people refuse to see racism or misogyny. I think they're just really refusing to see reality and how unfortunately, in the U.S, we have allowed those forces to prevent people from living their lives."

CASES

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plateaued. Nationally, the rate is about 59%.

The biggest hospital on Hawaii's Big Island is feeling the pressure. Out of 128 acute beds, 116 were taken Wednesday at Hilo Medical Center, and the hospital's 11 intensive care unit beds are almost always full these days, spokeswoman Elena Cabatu said.

"If someone out there has a heart attack or a sepsis or gets into a bad accident that requires intensive care, we will have to hold that person in the emergency department," Cabatu said.

"I'm surprised we landed here," she lamented. "The hope during the mass vax clinics was just so high."

Hilton Raethel, president and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, disputed any notion that the rebound in tourism in Hawaii is largely to blame.

"The tourists have been a source for infection, but they've never been the predominant source of infection," Raethel said. "There's a lot more concern about people from Hawaii, residents who go to the South, go to Vegas, to other places, and they come back and spread it."

In Oregon, Gov. Kate Brown announced this week that nearly everyone will have to wear masks again in indoor public spaces, regardless of their vaccination status.

For the second straight day Wednesday, the state reported a record number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients — 665. The previous peak of 622 came during a November surge, before the vaccine became available. ICU beds across the state are about 90% full.

Throughout the pandemic, health officials have described Oregon as a success story, largely because of its tight restrictions, which were lifted at the end of June.

Meanwhile, White House coronavirus coordinator Jeff Zients said more people are getting vaccinated in states with the highest infection rates, including Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi.

"We're getting more shots in the arms in the places that need them in the most. That's what it's going to take to end this pandemic," he said.

In Florida, where Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis has steadfastly blocked mandatory mask-wearing, some emergency rooms are so overcrowded that doctors are sending patients home with oxygen and small, portable oxygen-monitoring devices to free up beds for sicker patients.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Big Blue Bus Introducing New Express 7 Service on Pico Blvd. Starting August 16

Big Blue Bus (BBB) is launching a new express service - Express 7, which will provide limited stop service to major destinations including Downtown Santa Monica and Santa Monica College Main Campus, and connect to Metro Rail's E Line and D Line.

Express 7 service begins Monday, August 16, 2021, and buses will operate on weekdays only, from 6:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., running every 20 minutes all day.

Customers can board Express 7 at one of the following stops, between Downtown Santa Monica and the Wilshire/Western Station D Line:

7th St. & Olympic Blvd.
4th St. & Colorado Ave. (Downtown Santa Monica Station E Line)
Pico Blvd. & 18th St. (Santa Monica College Main Campus)
Pico Blvd. & Sepulveda Blvd. (Sepulveda Station E Line)
Pico Blvd. & San Vicente Blvd. (Rimpau Terminal)
Pico Blvd. & Crenshaw Blvd.
Wilshire Blvd. & Western Blvd. (Wilshire/Western Station D Line)

When combined, Big Blue Bus's Route 7, Rapid 7, and new Express 7 will provide customers with weekday service every 10 minutes along the Pico boulevard corridor.

"Frequent, reliable, and safe public transportation is critical to both our region's economic recovery, and mitigating traffic congestion, which has returned to pre-pandemic levels," said Ed King, Director of Santa Monica Department of Transportation. "We're introducing Express 7 to create faster, sustainable, and more equitable access to jobs, education, and other opportunities along the corridor."

Big Blue Bus no longer accepts cash and tokens onboard. Instead, customers can ride Express 7 for $1, when making contactless fare payments with a TAP card or mobile ticket. For more details, visit bigbluebus.com/contactless.

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