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Delta fueled spike in COVID cases shows signs of leveling off

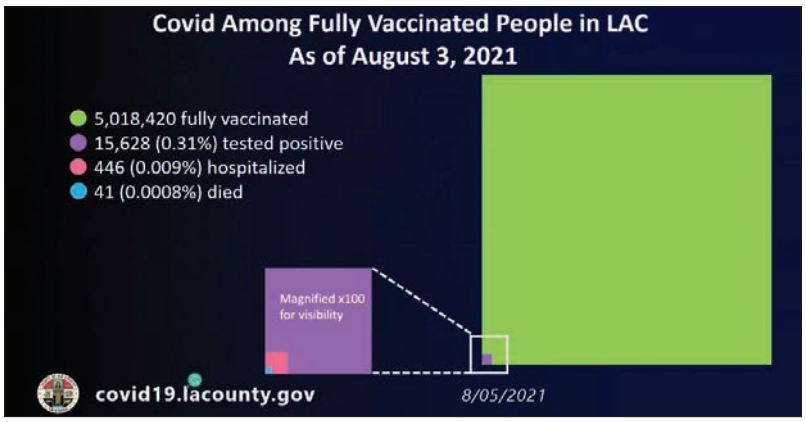
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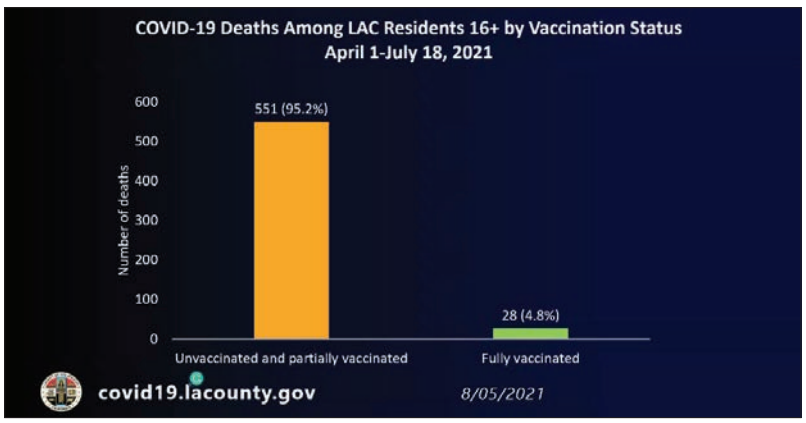
After weeks of alarming case rates that triggered an unwelcome backtrack in L.A. County's return to normalcy, Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer has positive news to share: the ongoing Covid-19 spike shows signs of slowing.

"Our daily average case rate without the seven day lag is now 21 cases per 100,000. That's a slight decrease from last week's case rate of 24 cases per 100,000," said Ferrer. "This does suggest to us that our rise in cases may be a leveling out."

Cases are still continuing to increase but they are doing so at a slower weekly rate. This suggests that the County is approaching the peak of its spike and that decreasing rates of transmission may soon lead to a drop in case rates.

Testing positivity rates in L.A. County are also trending in the right direction, falling from 5.8 percent last week to 4.7 percent this week.





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CASES: Vaccines continue to protect against the Delta surge.

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Ocean Water Warning



Matthew Hall

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Local teachers become students with mentoring program

SOFIA LAUREL PIRRI
Special to the Daily Press

With rising Covid cases breeding uncertainty about what school will look like in the fall, a group of teachers at Roosevelt and Will Rogers Elementary Schools are working on the one thing they can be certain of: how well they teach.

For the first time in 15 years, the Cotsen Foundation, a highly regarded professional growth program for teachers, is working with SMMUSD schools. Beginning the 2021-2022 school year, Cotsen will take up a two year residency at Roosevelt and Will Rogers Elementary schools, where six to seven teacher fellows will work with one mentor at each school.

The fellows and mentors are selected from among the schools' faculty via a rigorous application process that involves writing several essays and interviewing in front of a panel. They begin training in early August.

The Cotsen Foundation's Art of Teaching program is unlike most professional development programs in that it seeks to improve the skills of teachers who already excel rather than strengthen teachers in their areas of weakness.

"The model that our founder, Lloyd Cotsen, really believed in was that there should be passion tied to learning," explained Jerry Harris, the Executive Director of the Foundation for the Art of Teaching and former principal of Roosevelt Elementary.

"He believed that when you select an area that you feel good about, you may want to learn more in that area, and you have a natural affinity to it. And then what happens is that as you build on teacher strengths, they will take the learnings in those areas and apply them to other areas in their curriculum."

In addition to the "good to great" model, the fellowship is also unique in its emphasis on leadership qualities. Harris notes that many of Cotsen's mentor teachers go on to become principals and then superintendents and directors. In one Southern California district, Harris claims, nearly 80% of the current elementary administrators have come through Cotsen.

The teachers who apply and are selected to be mentors take the entire two years off of teaching, with their salary and benefits covered by the Cotsen Foundation. Ann Carey, a kindergarten teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School, will serve as the mentor for the six fellows at her school.

"Each of the fellows has an area that they focus on, whether that's math or reading or writing," explains Carey. "They pick an area of study that they're passionate about and that they want to be

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better at and grow. My role is to support them in that focus area."

That support can take a variety of forms. Carey says that her responsibilities as mentor include gathering ideas from conferences, watching the fellows teach lessons in their focus area, and conducting research to help the fellows come up with new lesson plans.

Gathering ideas from conferences and other teaching sites also constitutes a large portion of Carey's role as mentor. Cotsen provides funding for mentors to attend conferences and trainings across the country, even as far as Columbia's renowned Teachers College in New York.

"There's lots of opportunities for both the mentor and the fellow to go out to other sites, and watch the teaching in action. That part I'm really excited about," shares Carey. "I can go watch something and come back to the teacher and give them ideas."

The access to conferences and professional development programs remains with teachers long after they've completed the two year fellowship. Alumni of the program are offered alumni-specific training, grants to attend conferences across the country, and the opportunity to connect and exchange ideas with other stellar teachers.

"People who acted as fellows back in those days have continued to be under that Cotsen umbrella," Carey said. "What's so lovely about the organization is that once you have taken part in it for those two years, you kind of are always a part of it."

Though Carey started the application process to be a Cotsen fellow when the foundation first came to SMMUSD, she went into labor early and was unable to complete the application. Since then, she has observed that the Roosevelt teachers who worked with Cotsen at the time have had continued access to training and resources.

"I wasn't able to do it. And I was heartbroken. So I have just waited all of these years, kind of watching and paying attention to Cotsen." said Carey. "When it came back around this time 15 years later, it was like, 'oh my gosh!'"

The unique professional development opportunity comes at a pivotal moment for SMMUSD teachers, who are reeling from having to adapt to teaching during the pandemic. With varying levels of guidance from school districts and the government, educators had to translate lessons to an online format, experiment with new tools, and keep students engaged through a screen. The experience was both trying and revealing.

"I think, ultimately, a lot of good has come out of it," reflected Carey. "It became really clear where there were inequities, where kids needed to be better served. It forced us to really hone in on exactly what needed to be taught and be efficient with our time. You know, as you've got zoom minutes ticking away, there's no time for fluff."

With the Cotsen teacher application due in March, teachers were not only applying during a time of immense upheaval--SMMUSD reopened elementary schools for in-person learning on April 26--but they were applying having gained new insight into what Cotsen calls "the art of teaching."

Jerry Harris remarked that the transition to zoom learning increased teachers' willingness to work with technology in the classroom and forced them to really focus on student engagement. The stay-at-home orders also made the importance of parent engagement increasingly apparent, as so many parents were stuck at home with their kids in school the next room over.

"We found that those teachers who have the best relationships with their parents also had the best success," said Harris, "because you see there was a real connection between the home and the school."

In line with this theory, Cotsen will be holding a meeting for principals in August focused on developing those teacher, parent, and student relationships.

With these monumental shifts occurring in education, Cotsen returns to SMMUSD at an auspicious moment. The creativity and openness to new ideas forced upon teachers in the last year will allow the already talented SMMUSD faculty to make the most of Cotsen's opportunities and training.

"In the world of teaching, we are kind of entering into new territory," said Ann Carey. "Teaching as we know it--the landscape is different now. And so to be in a role where I can support my colleagues in that is exciting."

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‘There are only so many beds’: COVID-19 surge hits hospitals

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Associated Press

Florida hospitals slammed with COVID-19 patients are suspending elective surgeries and putting beds in conference rooms, an auditorium and a cafeteria. As of midweek, Mississippi had just six open intensive care beds in the entire state.

Georgia medical centers are turning people away. And in Louisiana, an organ transplant had to be postponed along with other procedures.

“We are seeing a surge like we’ve not seen before in terms of the patients coming,” Dr. Marc Napp, chief medical officer for Memorial Healthcare System in Hollywood, Florida, said Wednesday. “It’s the sheer number coming in at the same time. There are only so many beds, so many doctors, only so many nurses.”

Coronavirus hospitalizations are surging again as the more contagious delta variant rages across the country, forcing medical centers to return to a crisis footing just weeks after many closed their COVID-19 wards and field hospitals and dropped other emergency measures.

The number of people now in the hospital in the U.S. with COVID-19 has almost quadrupled over the past month to nearly 45,000, turning the clock back to early March, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

That’s still nowhere close to the nearly 124,000 people who were in the hospital at the very peak of the winter surge in January. But health experts say this wave is perhaps more worrying because it has risen more swiftly than prior ones. Also, a disturbingly large share of patients this time are young adults.

And to the frustration of public health experts and front-line medical workers, the vast majority of those now hospitalized are unvaccinated.

Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi alone account for more than 40% of all hospitalizations in the country.

Mississippi has one of the lowest vaccination rates in the nation, with less than 35% of its population fully inoculated, and Louisiana and Georgia aren’t much better, at around 38%. Florida is closer to the national rate at 49%, but none of the four Southern states comes close to the New England region, where most states are well over 60%.

The variant has sent new U.S. cases surging to 94,000 a day on average, a level not seen since mid-February. Deaths per day have soared 75% in the past two weeks, climbing from an average of 244 to 426. The overall U.S. death toll stands at more than 614,000.

Across Florida, more than 12,500 patients were hospitalized with COVID-19 as of Thursday, over 2,500 of them in intensive care. The state is averaging nearly 18,000 newly confirmed infections per day, up from fewer than 2,000 a month ago. In all, Florida has recorded more than 39,100 coronavirus deaths.

Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis has taken a hard line against mask rules and other compulsory measures, saying it is important to keep Florida’s economy moving.

“Florida is a free state, and we will empower our people. We will not allow Joe Biden and his bureaucratic flunkies to come in and commandeer the rights and freedoms of Floridians,” DeSantis, who has been exploring a possible bid for president in 2024, said in a fundraising email Wednesday.

The reversal in fortune at some hospitals has been stark.

In central Florida, AdventHealth hospitals had 1,350 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 as of Thursday, the most ever. The health care system has postponed non-emergency surgery and limited visitors to concentrate on treating coronavirus patients.

Less than two months ago, Miami’s Baptist Hospital had fewer than 20 COVID-19 patients and was closing down coronavirus units. By Monday, hospital officials were reopening some of those units to handle an influx of more than 200 new virus patients.

“As fast as we are opening up units, they’re being filled with COVID patients,” said Dr. Sergio Segarra, the hospital’s chief medical officer.

In Georgia, more than two dozen hospitals said this week that they have had to turn away patients as the number of hospitalizations for COVID-19 has risen to 2,600 statewide.

Mississippi reported that its hospitals were overwhelmed with nearly 1,200 COVID-19 patients as of Thursday. State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Dobbs said the delta variant is “sweeping across Mississippi like a tsunami” with no end in sight.

In Louisiana, with roughly 2,350 coronavirus patients in hospitals, any non-emergency surgery that might require an overnight stay is being delayed at the state’s largest hospital system. Dr. Robert Hart, chief medical officer at Ochsner Health, said an organ transplant involving a live donor was postponed.

“You can imagine the expectations both the recipient and the donor had leading up to the surgery, and then to have to put that off,” he said, declining to disclose the type of transplant.

The swift turn of events has been disheartening for health care workers who just weeks ago thought the battle was in its final stages. The crisis is also making it harder for hospitals to provide other crucial types of medical care.

“If you don’t get vaccinated, you are taking resources from people who have diseases or injuries or illnesses,” said Dr. Vincent Shaw, a family physician in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. “COVID doesn’t call people who have had

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Pump Down the Volume

There's a war in Santa Monica over noise that's taking place in the popular and scenic Ocean View Park adjacent to where I live. Somehow I was reminded of the 1990 coming of age movie entitled "Pump Up the Volume" staring Christian Slater and written and directed by Allan Moyle. The story is about a teenager who runs his own pirate radio station for other teenagers and causes an uproar.

Many years ago I crossed paths with Moyle who read two of my screenplays and invited me for drinks at Shutters to talk about them. Moyle was born and raised in Quebec but when I met him he lived in Venice and was a tad eccentric. For example, instead of dogs for pets he had chickens in his backyard, something you don't see in a typical residential neighborhood. (Although I suppose part of Venice's charm is that it's anything but "typical.")

In 1995 Moyle directed a similar movie, "Empire Records" but it was a flop at the box office. It later developed a cult following, however, as it launched the careers of three actresses: Liv Tyler who appeared in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy; Debi Mazar who was in "Goodfellas": and Renée Zellweger who has won two Oscars including Best Actress for her remarkable portrayal of Hollywood icon Judy Garland in the movie "Judy."

Speaking of Zellweger, while her house in Malibu was being built she lived at the Shores. In fact her apartment was in the south tower which abuts the Ocean View Park, bringing us back to the above referenced noise "war," which started after the Covid pandemic began.

Various bands, including jazz and easy listening rock, began playing in the park from the circle at the top of the hill and were well received. Progressively, however, the music got louder, the hours increased and DJ types began bringing as many as 10 speakers and began blasting recorded music.

On Saturdays and Sundays, the decibels are off the charts and this can go on for 12 hours a day. That may be fun for passersby but is driving residents bonkers. Not only do they hear the music, they feel it as the walls rattle.

Because I live in the Shores' north tower I'm not affected by the noise but I've been on the phone with friends in the south tower and I can hear the cacophony through the speaker. While the high decibel count from the music would be illegal in a residential area, it's not illegal in public parks.

You see public parks are exempted from the city's noise laws. The problem is Ocean View Park is right next to the Shores and the Sea Colonies. One resident noted that the music outside is louder than his TV inside. Another says the only escape from the deafening clamor is in the shower as the thickly tiled walls and water drown out the racket. A bit of dark humor, she jokingly commented, "If only I could put a chair in the shower and the WI-fi reached there."



Courtesy photo

MUSIC: As many as ten speakers blast music for hours and hours driving residents bonkers.

Desperate, residents in the south tower have reached out to city councilman Phil Brock who has graciously agreed to meet them this Sunday for a "tour" of the music bedlam. The residents are hoping for some type of compromise in the allowable decibel count and the number of hours one person or group can blast their music.

I'm empathetic with the plight of the residents because seven years ago the north tower was blasted for six straight hours of electric guitars and drums from the Vegan Oktoberfest, which was a great idea but turned out to be a great fiasco. The huge mistake was where the music was directed. Instead of toward the beach which was practically empty and where the music would be absorbed by the sound of the waves, they had the bands play directly into the west side of the north tower with the percussive effect resulting in the windows and sliding glass doors shaking.

I phoned Councilman Kevin McKeown and got his voice mail. Even with the windows shut the noise inside my apartment was so deafening that McKeown could barely hear the message. I wrote a column about it but got royally trolled by vegans with comments like, "Old man, why didn't you simply take out your hearing aids?" #Ouch.

The irony was I thought a vegan Oktoberfest was a great idea but it definitely had gone wrong. Just like music in the park is a great idea just not when it's a window rattling outdoor disco for 12 straight hours. I hope a compromise can be reached where they pump *down* the volume. In the meantime, forgive me but I can't help but wonder if Alan Moyle still has pet chickens in his backyard.

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I'm afraid of sending my kids back to school in person

As parents, we can't wait for our kids to go back to school. Due to the lockdown, many parents might feel like they've had much more responsibilities now, having to take care of children at home 24/7. For a parent who may also be working from home, can become frustrated for having to ensure the kids have proper internet connection to their online class, and that they are paying attention in school. The parents need a break. In the lockdown, kids miss their friends and also want to go back to school to socialize and play. We all want to return to a normal way of life, which was before COVID.

But are we really ready to send our kids back to school? There are many concerns, questions and fears. If the student is over 12 years old, they can get vaccinated. But what about the younger kids? They are at a vulnerable age, where they often get sick, and get exposed to germs by putting things in their mouth. How safe is the school campus? It is not clear what precautions the school will be taking. Will hand sanitizing stations be installed inside and outside each classroom, and in the playground? Will the kids go through some training about social distancing, wearing masks, and how to prevent the spread of COVID? Is there medical staff available at each school to take care of kids? Will each student's temperature be checked before entering the school? On the other hand, a student can be a COVID carrier, yet not exhibit symptoms, and so they could be unknowingly infecting other kids. How safe do the school staff feel? What is the school policy on COVID testing of students? If a classmate later gets diagnosed with COVID, will any of the classmates be required to stay home for 2 weeks?

How can school staff monitor kids to make sure they wear face masks at all times? When playing outside the classroom during the breaks, kids can be expected to take their masks off. It can be difficult to breathe in a mask. When kids are running around playing, the mask can further hinder their breathing. Are the playgrounds properly sanitized every day? How safe is the classroom? Schools have installed plexiglass dividers in some classrooms, which are only about 2 feet above the student's desk. If COVID is an airborne virus, then how effective is the short plexiglass barrier? Will the class size be reduced? Often, each desk is to be placed about 3 feet apart. Are schools really ready to open up for in-person attendance, or are our kids going to be guinea pigs in this experiment? That's a concern for many parents. Yet, some parents already have their kids in day care. Some students have been attending class in person. There is a lot still up in the air. These are confusing times. Policies keep changing also due to the new variants of COVID. Yet, one of the solutions often available to parents is to keep their kids in online school. LAUSD and other districts are offering the option of online classes, for those students who don't wish to come back to school in person.

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Your column here

Jeffrey Altman

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It is time for the City of Santa Monica to mandate all City employees receive vaccination against Covid-19. I am a 27-year City employee currently assigned to an indoor jobsite with other staff who have not been vaccinated. While cities such as Long Beach, Pasadena, and others have introduced mandatory vaccination or weekly testing for employees, Santa Monica has not. In large part, this is because the largest Employee's Union, Municipal Employees Association (MEA) has thwarted the City's plan to introduce a vaccination mandate.

Recently, MEA sent a message to its members claiming its mission is the health and safety of all employees but at the same time cited the City's contemplation of a mandate as "overreach."

The union cannot claim that the City's attempt to create a safe workplace by requiring employees to become vaccinated against a deadly illness is "overreach" and at the same time, claim that the Union is concerned about employees' health and safety.

What do we know about the vaccine?

- The vaccine is effective at stopping the spread of disease.
- The Center for Disease Control, National Institute of Health, Los Angeles County Health Department, virtually every expert in science and epidemiology recommend vaccination to stop the spread of disease.
- Doctors and scientists have deemed the vaccination safe.
- An unvaccinated person is more likely to bring infection into the workplace and infect others.
- Vaccination by all is necessary to end the pandemic.

Why is the union disregarding science and truth in favor of politics? This is not about freedom or individual rights. This is a public health crisis. Yet it seems the union is compromising in favor of those who get their information from Facebook and disregard science.

Unfortunately, MEA, led by President Rebecca Adams, seems to think this a moment to negotiate with the City and attempt to get something in return. This, in my opinion, is very cynical.

While I appreciate the effort of MEA to represent employees against detrimental management decisions and in contract negotiations, sometimes management acts in good faith. In this instance, management is trying to create a safe work environment, following the guidance of health officials and scientists, the president, vice president, Dr. Anthony Fauci and more. All of them advise receiving the vaccine.

Vaccination to protect everyone in the workforce should be the union's mission. The union should not emphasize representing those who reject science and good advice.

Jeffrey Altman works for the City of Santa Monica and submitted this letter as his private opinion.

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 SATURDAY, JULY 24, AT 5:35 P.M.

SMPD officers responded to the 2700 block of Barnard Way regarding a male subject igniting miscellaneous items on fire. The suspect not only set his own personal items on fire, he also damaged a City tree. Santa Monica Fire also responded to the scene and poured water on the smoldering items. Jordan Wyatt, a male from the Venice area was issued a citation and scheduled to appear in court on September 9th for municipal code 4.55.100(a) - Kindling/Using Fire.

COVID

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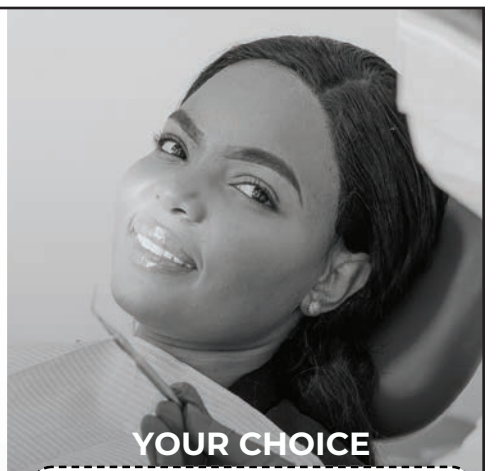
strokes, who have had heart attacks, who have had other horrific or traumatic things happen and say, 'Y'all take the week off. I am going to take over the ER and the ICU.'"

In Florida, Judi Custer said she and her husband did everything they were told to do to ward off the virus. The Fort Lauderdale retirees got vaccinated and wore masks, even when the rules were lifted. Still, they fell ill with COVID-19 a few weeks ago, and 80-year-old Doug Custer was hospitalized for five days.

Judy Custer said she still believes more people need to get vaccinated.

"We've had it long enough to know it is helping people, even if they get sick with it," she said. "You're less likely to be put on a ventilator. You're less likely to be hospitalized."

Marcelo reported from Boston. Associated Press reporters Leah Willingham in Jackson, Mississippi; Kevin McGill and Melinda Deslatte in Louisiana; Adriana Gomez Licon and Frieda Frisaro in Miami; and Heather Hollingsworth in Mission, Kansas, contributed to this story.

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Structure Fire



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FIRE: Santa Monica firefighters responded to a small structure fire on the 200 block of Mills Street Wednesday night. Witnesses first reported smoke in an abandoned building and flames were present when firefighters arrived but the damage was limited to the single building. Fire investigators and police officers are investigating the cause.






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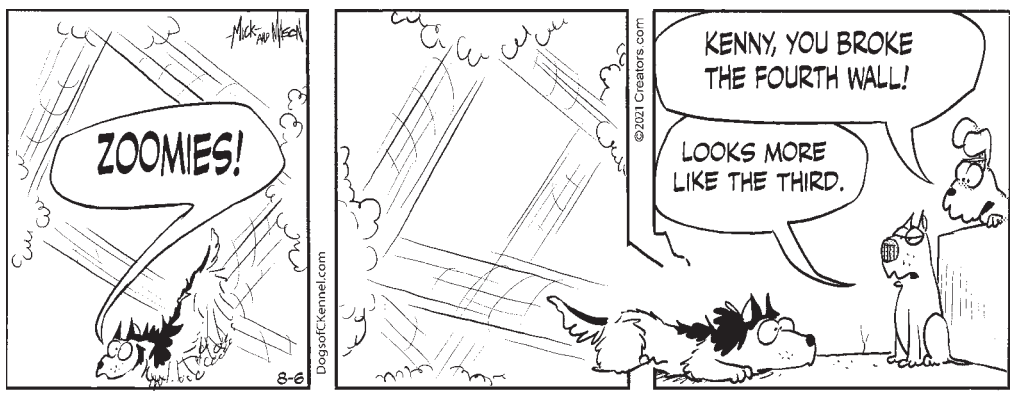
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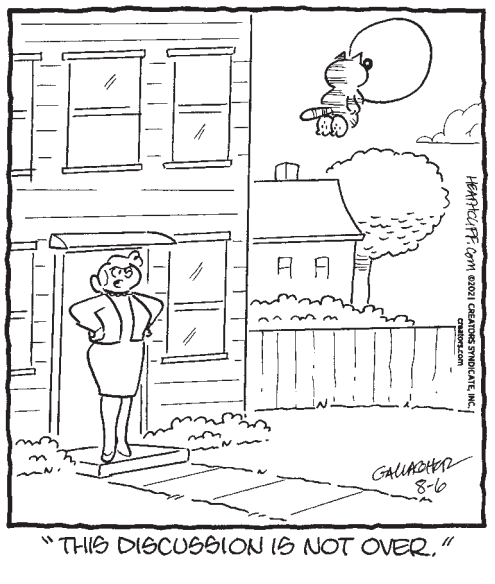
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 68.9°

FRIDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
SSW/S swell mix looks to ease but NW windswell is up slightly -- could be peaky and kinda fun for beachbreaks. AM wind looks light and conditions clean. Elevated tide will slow some of the points.

SATURDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft Thigh to waist high
Looking like another clean morning. Early AM best with tide push. New, long-period S swell slowly builds. NW swell mix drops.

WEATHER

Friday: Cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 71.
Friday Night: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64.
Saturday: Patchy fog before 11am. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

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2021/08/06	Fri	09:57 AM	3.88	H
2021/08/06	Fri	2:25 PM	2.52	L
2021/08/06	Fri	8:39 PM	6.19	H
2021/08/07	Sat	03:55 AM	-0.46	L
2021/08/07	Sat	10:22 AM	4.01	H
2021/08/07	Sat	3:01 PM	2.34	L
2021/08/07	Sat	9:14 PM	6.35	H
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2021/08/08	Sun	3:39 PM	2.17	L
2021/08/08	Sun	9:49 PM	6.38	H
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2021/08/09	Mon	11:19 AM	4.29	H
2021/08/09	Mon	4:19 PM	2.03	L
2021/08/09	Mon	10:25 PM	6.24	H
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Jackpot: 191 M

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Mega#: 14
Jackpot: 14 M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/4
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Daily 3
Draw Date: 8/4
EVENING: 0 2 7

Draw Date: 8/4
MIDDAY: 3 7 4

Daily Derby
Draw Date: 8/4
1st: 04 - Big Ben
2nd: 10 - Solid Gold
3rd: 02 - Lucky Star
Race Time: 1:46.23

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). The reason you want to know about someone is more than sheer curiosity. You wonder about the potential. Do you share commonalities? Is there an opening? Can you make a connection? The right questions will be key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have an urge to open all the windows and doors so fresh, life-giving air can circulate. This is the same urge that sends you adventuring into the wide, busy world.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In much of life, the first step is a point of no return. This is why arenas allowing for experimentation are so popular. They embody the nature of play, which is to try things without serious consequence or commitment.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As compassionate as you are, listening to talk that goes on and on meaninglessly feels like an assault. With a healthy appreciation for pleasant, articulate brevity, you'll craft your side of the conversation accordingly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). To some degree you can choose your teachers and your students, though life will surprise you in this regard. You'll get the equivalent of a weird substitute or rambunctious pupil and make the most of it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The work feels like a grind because it is. But at least it's a grind that matters, as it feeds and fortifies you and others. This gets harder before it gets easier, but heavenly forces will eventually come to your aid.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). That which disturbs you also interests you. Do you dare look into it? A tiny peek will be an interesting exercise in your sensory and emotional responses. One small dose can start your process of immunity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Humility must be cultivated. Without it, we are prone to mistakes of arrogance. The things we are so certain of become dangerous. A humble heart purifies your personal atmosphere and all you do there.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just because you have the right of way doesn't mean you should proceed. It's best to proceed, head on a swivel, ready to yield, speed up and do whatever assists the flow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you're not strong enough to knock down the wall that closes you in, inspect it for weakness; one crack is all you need to start chipping away. Don't see it? Look closer. There always is one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). On a spinning planet, even the most stable and concrete relationships are changing all of the time. Don't let that throw you off-balance. You're at your best when you expect the road to wind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Belonging is a feeling happening in a person, a poetic sense or a spiritual resonance. It's not a fact. Belonging is subjective truth. The only person who can tell you where, if and how you belong is you.

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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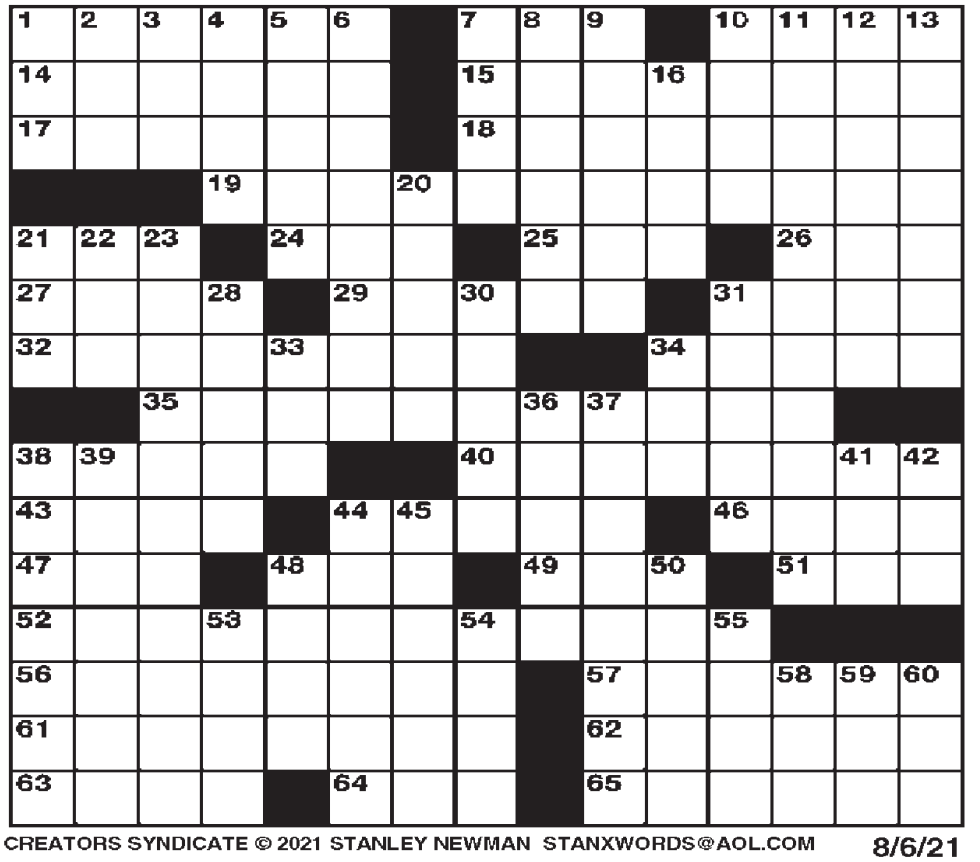
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Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS
1 Heavy coats
7 This-century presidential monogram
10 Gets __ rap
14 Pedestal base
15 What might puzzle a diagnostician
17 South Asian dumpling
18 Kind of
19 Continental separator
21 Shivery reaction
24 On-point
25 Topper for sealing
26 "There's __ in 'team' "
27 Of worshipers
29 Conference room accessory
31 Be too easy to please
32 Awkward
34 Snare again
35 Erie Canal outlet
38 Much, so to speak
40 Magnetism measures named for a Danish physicist
43 Novelist Seton
44 What early PCs ran on
46 Didn't stay up
47 Starter like terra-
48 Loophole
49 Dorm VIPs
51 Hey follower
52 Beluga whales' Canadian habitat
56 Typist's biggest target
57 '50s music
61 They take big steps
62 Gazelle cousin
63 Seeing things
64 Poetic monogram
65 Didn't recycle

DOWN
1 Second afterthought, for short
2 Copying
3 Monocle's edge
4 Microscope part
5 Bewildered
6 Makes pointier
7 Look pleased
8 Trick into getting
9 Word on São Paulo stamps
10 Taiwanese rival of Dell
11 Sweet loaf
12 WWII battleship
13 Office activity
16 First opened: Abbr.
20 Novelist Calvino
21 __-ray
22 Superintended
23 "That's it!"
28 Latin "sake" on a Pulitzer medal
30 Ecclesiastical assembly
31 "Your __ Too Big" (Fats Waller tune)
33 Rocky Mtn. state
34 Campers, briefly
36 Corporate shuffling
37 Check received from the government
38 Creole cuisine artiste
39 Pretty well drained
41 Forensic macromolecule
42 Aviator's setting
44 Minuteman's arm
45 Takes turns, say
48 Had too much
50 Replay mode
53 400+ episode CBS series
54 11 Wall St. addressee
55 Dandy-dressed dudes
58 Portrayed
59 Chanted cheer
60 Part of a paw



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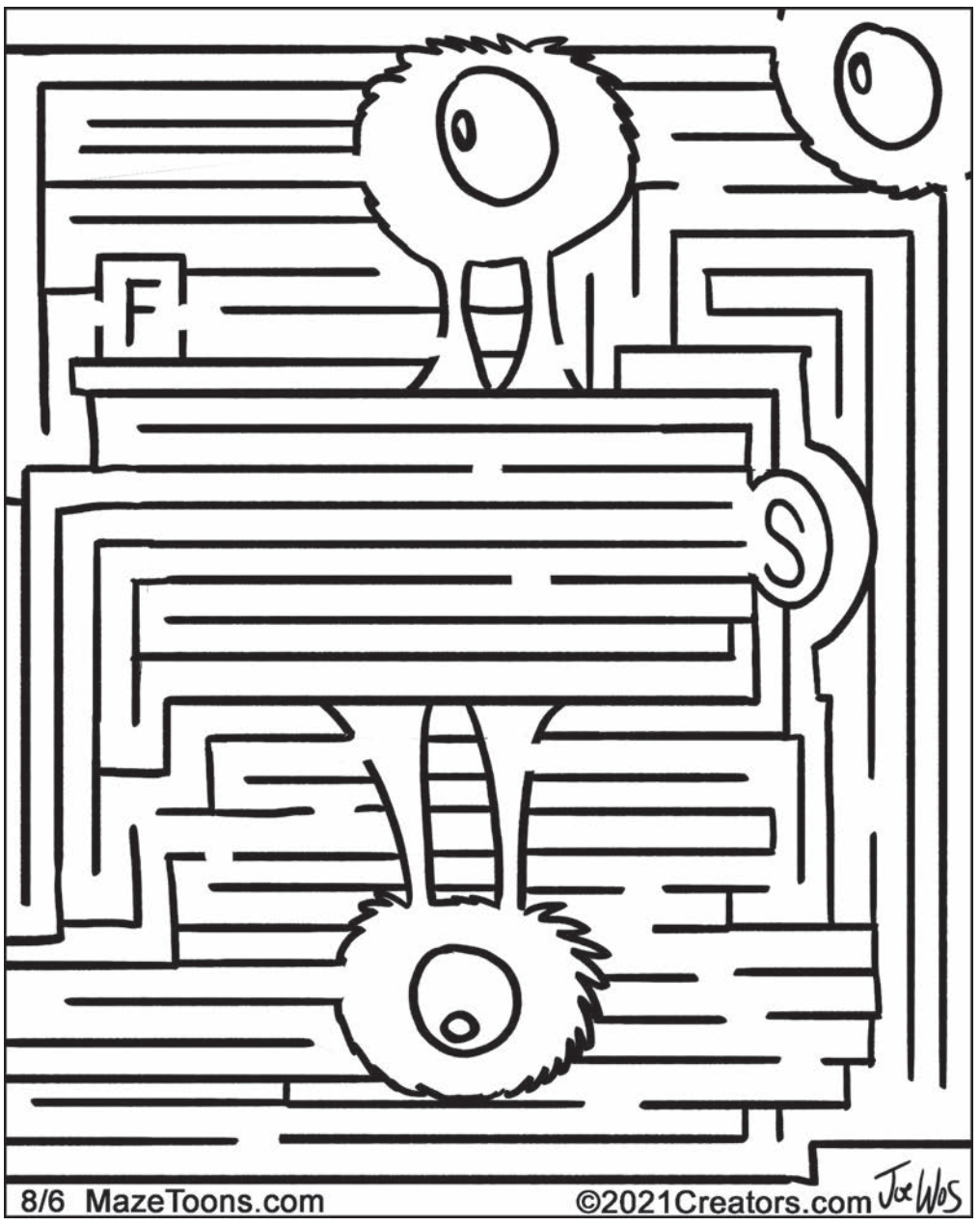
Binary Puzzle

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

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FIND THE WORDS

This is a theme puzzle with the subject stated below. Find the listed words in the grid. (They may run in any direction but always in a straight line. Some letters are used more than once.) Ring each word as you find it and when you have completed the puzzle, there will be 19 letters left over. They spell out the alternative theme of the puzzle.

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Country towns

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COVID

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Ferrer has reason to believe that these promising indicators are in part a result of the indoor mask mandate, which was introduced on July 18.

"At the time of our recent health officer order requiring universal masking indoors, we noted that our cases had doubled every 10 days," said Ferrer. "What we're seeing now is a much smaller increase in our cases over a couple of weeks, which is what we're hoping for 10 days after implementing an effective public health measure."

During the week of July 25 to Aug 1, following LA's mask mandate, weekly cases rose by 22 percent from around 16,000 to 20,000. During this same time period in the rest of the state, where no such mandate was in effect, cases rose by 57 percent, from 29,400 to over 46,000.

"Although there may be reasons contributing to these differences beyond the masking, data from around the world and from our county has repeatedly shown that masking is a valuable layer of protection against transmission of respiratory viruses," said Ferrer.

The increase in cases is due to the dominance of the more contagious Delta variant of Covid-19, which last week comprised 96 percent of all strains analyzed by the Department of Public Health.

The vast majority of Covid-19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths continued to be among the unvaccinated and partially vaccinated populations.

Between May 1 and July 17, 3,185 people were hospitalized and only 8 percent or 251 people were fully vaccinated. Of the fully vaccinated population that was hospitalized, only 25 percent of patients were logged as having Covid-19 be the primary cause of their hospitalization.

In this same time period, over 95 percent of all Covid-19 deaths in L.A. County residents were among unvaccinated or partially vaccinated people.

Currently 61 percent of all L.A. County residents have received at least one vaccine dose and 53 percent are fully vaccinated. The highest rate of vaccination is among those 65 and older at 90 percent. This rate falls with every younger age group reaching a low of 53 percent for residents ages 12 to 17.

The past three weeks have been marked by a slight uptick in first vaccine doses administered. Between July 26 and Aug 1, 81,241 doses were administered across the County, which is an over 7,000 dose increase from the previous week.

"It is a tremendously important time for people to get vaccinated, so we're grateful for the signs of increased vaccination uptake," said Ferrer.

Current Status	
Deaths Reported Today	19
Total Deaths	24,739
Cases Reported Today	3,672
Total Cases	1,315,313
Total People Tested	7,405,237
Daily Test Positivity Rate	4.73%
7-Day Daily Average Case Rate	21.1 cases/100,000
Currently Hospitalized	1,279

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STATUS: Officials are hopeful.

Broad disparities continue in vaccination rates between different racial and ethnic groups. As of Aug 1, 78 percent of all eligible Asian residents have received at least 1 vaccine dose compared to 67 percent of white residents, 56 percent of Latinx residents and 47 percent of Black residents.

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