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SMMUSD releases stringent safety plan to bring students back to school

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With the first day of school less than two weeks away, it's time to mask up and vax up as SMMUSD prepares to welcome students, Transitional Kindergarten through Grade 12, back on campus.

After three turbulent semesters of COVID schooling, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is finalizing its safety measures to provide full time in-person schooling. Students with a health risk are allowed to enroll in a remote independent study program, which is designed in line with the State's requirements.

The tools at the center of SMMUSD's safety plan are the same tried and tested strategies utilized across the nation — masking, vaccination and testing.

On the masking front, the District proposes going beyond the directives of LA's Public Health Department and ask everyone to wear masks outdoors in addition to the County's indoor mask requirement. The exemption to this rule is when students are participating in an outdoor instructional activity such as PE or sports and a staff member is able to monitor social distancing.

According to a statement by Superintendent Ben Drati, this additional outdoor mask requirement is "for maximum protection of our students and staff, and based on widespread health expert opinion."

Vaccinations are required for all eligible staff and are optional, but highly encouraged, for eligible students. The staff mandate will become effective 45 days from adoption and will be voted on, alongside the rest of SMMUSD's safety plan, at an Aug. 10 special School Board meeting.

The District estimates that over 85 percent of staff are already vaccinated. SMMUSD has begun offering and will continue to offer on campus vaccination clinics, which are open to staff, parents,

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Ted Lasso crosses the pond









Matthew Hall

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Los Angeles County COVID-19 hospitalizations nearly double in two weeks

MATTHEW HALL
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The number of county residents hospitalized with COVID-19 has nearly doubled in the past two weeks with the vast majority of cases found in unvaccinated individuals.

According to the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, there were 1,437 people with COVID-19 hospitalized as of August 9 compared to the 745 people that were hospitalized on July 26. Of those currently hospitalized, 92 percent were not fully vaccinated.

Officials reported an additional 2,919 new cases of COVID-19 and six deaths on Monday, however, Monday are often out of step with the rest of the week due to reporting delays caused by the weekend.

Of the six new deaths reported Monday, one person was over the age of 80, one person was between the ages of 65 and 79, three people were between the ages of 50 and 64, and one death is under investigation. To date, Public Health identified 1,329,262 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of L.A. County and a total of 24,783 deaths.

Test results for Monday had a positivity rate of 4.4 percent, down from the 6 percent reported last week.

There have been 5,626 reported in Santa Monica.

"We send our deepest condolences to everyone across our County mourning a family member or friend who has passed away due to COVID-19," said Public Health Director Barbara Ferrer. "The significant increase in hospitalizations is of great concern. With the effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines, we are hopeful that more people will get vaccinated during this time of very high transmission. Throughout this pandemic, people who live with chronic illnesses have suffered serious outcomes of COVID-19 infection. Because chronic diseases like high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity dramatically increase the risk of getting severely ill or dying with COVID-19 infection, vaccination is particularly important for people living with these conditions. Everyone eligible for vaccination is urged to get vaccinated, especially if you have any chronic health conditions. Please talk with your healthcare provider if you have concerns about getting vaccinated."

Vaccine appointments are currently available for residents over the age of 12. Vaccinations are always free and open to eligible residents and workers regardless of immigration status.

To find a vaccination site near you and make an appointment at vaccination sites, visit: www.VaccinateLACounty.com (English) and www.VacunateLosAngeles.com (Spanish). If you don't have internet access, can't use a computer, or you're

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Party Complaint 800blk 18th St 12:54 a.m.
Domestic Violence 2400blk Pico Blvd 12:59 a.m.
Loud Music 2000blk Ocean Ave 1:17 a.m.
Prowler 400blk Marine St 1:24 a.m.
Domestic Violence Now 3000blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:26 a.m.
Hit And Run Misdemeanor Investigation 1600blk Santa Monica Blvd 1:33 a.m.
Loud Music 600blk 23rd St 1:54 a.m.
Indecent Exposure Now 300blk Santa Monica Pl 2:06 a.m.
Party Complaint 800blk 18th St 2:52 a.m.
Loud Music 800blk 11th St 3:02 a.m.
Urinating/Defecating In Public 500blk Broadway 3:36 a.m.
Assault 500blk Colorado Blvd 3:40 a.m.
Loud Music 1500blk Berkeley St 4:33 a.m.
Prowler There Now 400blk San Vicente Blvd 4:53 a.m.
Missing Person 2000blk Ocean Ave 6:07 a.m.
Auto Burglary 700blk Pine St 6:49 a.m.
Person With A Gun 1700blk Appian Way 6:58 a.m.
Encampment 1600blk The Beach 7:17 a.m.
Encampment 800blk The Beach 7:42 a.m.
Grand Theft 600blk Alta Ave 7:45 a.m.
Auto Burglary 300blk Idaho Ave 8:43 a.m.
Abandoned Vehicle 100blk Hollister Ave 10:11 a.m.
Grand Theft Auto 2900blk 3rd St 10:51 a.m.
Petty Theft 100blk Wilshire Blvd 10:59 a.m.
Loud Music 2700blk Lincoln Blvd 11:02 a.m.
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Drunk Driving Investigation 6th St / Colorado Ave 11:42 a.m.
Illegal Weapon 700blk Pacific Coast Hwy 11:57 a.m.
Theft Of Recyclables 800blk 7th St 12:00 p.m.
Smoking Violation 16th St / Wilshire Blvd 12:21 p.m.
Grand Theft 1200blk 24th St 12:37 p.m.
Assault W/Deadly Weapon Now 2500blk Wilshire Blvd 12:40 p.m.
Mark & Tag Abandoned Vehicle 1200blk 11th St 1:06 p.m.
Fraud 2000blk Oak St 1:22 p.m.
Grand Theft 1300blk 3rd Street Prom 1:33 p.m.
Burglary 1800blk Stanford St 1:42 p.m.
Traffic Collision With Injuries Ocean Ave / Seaside Ter 2:08 p.m.
Malicious Mischief 2800blk Barnard Way 2:25 p.m.
Malicious Mischief 2200blk Wilshire Blvd 2:47 p.m.
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Fake COVID-19 vaccine cards online worry college officials

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Associated Press

As the delta variant of the coronavirus sweeps across the United States, a growing number of colleges and universities are requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for students to attend in-person classes. But the new mandate has opened the door for those opposed to getting the vaccine to cheat the system, according to interviews with students, education and law enforcement officials.

Across the internet, a cottage industry has sprung up to accommodate people who say they won't get vaccinated for either personal or religious reasons.

An Instagram account with the username "vaccinationcards" sells laminated COVID-19 vaccination cards for $25 each. A user on the encrypted messaging app, Telegram, offers "COVID-19 Vaccine Cards Certificates," for as much as $200 apiece.

An increasing number of inquiries to these sites and similar ones appear to be from those who are trying to get fake vaccination cards for college.

A Reddit user commented on a thread about falsifying COVID-19 vaccination cards, saying, in part, "I need one, too, for college. I refuse to be a guinea pig."

According to a tally by The Chronicle of Higher Education, at least 675 colleges and universities now require proof of COVID-19 inoculations. The process to confirm vaccination at many schools can be as simple as uploading a picture of the vaccine card to the student's portal.

In Nashville, Vanderbilt University places a hold on a student's course registration until their vaccine record has been verified unless they have an approved medical accommodation or religious exemption.

The University of Michigan says it has checks in place to confirm employee and student vaccinations. A spokesman told The Associated Press the school has not encountered any problems so far with students forging their COVID-19 vaccination record cards.

But Benjamin Mason Meier, a global health policy professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, questions how institutions can verify those records.

"The United States, unlike most countries which have electronic systems in place, is basing its vaccination on a flimsy paper card," he said. "There need to be policies in place for accountability to make sure that every student is operating in the collective interest of the entire campus."

In a statement to AP, UNC said the institution conducts periodic verification of documents and that lying about vaccination status or falsifying documents is a violation of the university's standards and may result in disciplinary action. The school said it had not found any instances of a student uploading a fake vaccine card.

But other university staff and faculty have expressed their concern. Rebecca Williams, a research associate at UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, said while she is concerned by these claims, she isn't surprised.

"This is why I think the development of a reliable national digital vaccine passport app is very important for the sake of all the organizations and businesses that want to require proof of vaccination for employees, students, or business patrons," Williams said.

The AP spoke with students across the country who did not want to be identified but said they were aware of attempts to obtain fake cards.

Some school officials acknowledge it's impossible to have a foolproof system.

"As with anything that potentially requires a certification, there is the possibility for an individual to falsify documentation," said Michael Uhlenkamp, a spokesman for the chancellor's office at California State

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Will gyms go the way of arcades and movie rental stores?

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Associated Press

Going to the gym was always part of Kari Hamra's routine until last year's government-ordered shutdowns forced her to replace the workouts with daily rides on her Peloton stationary bike.

That's when she discovered something surprising — she did not miss the gym. At least not the driving back and forth, filling water bottles, changing clothes and most of all, taking time away from her husband and two boys.

Now that her gym in Springfield, Missouri, is open again, she's slowly returning. But finding a more convenient exercise schedule at home and seeing a surge of COVID-19 cases in her hometown this summer have her questioning how much she needs the gym. She figures that if there never had been a coronavirus outbreak "I would still be a gym rat."

The pandemic has reshaped how Americans exercise and upended the fitness industry, accelerating the growth of a new era of high-tech home workout equipment and virtual classes.

Thousands of small fitness centers and studios that were forced to close a year ago now are gone for good. Others are struggling to stay afloat and have redesigned their spaces, turned toward more personal workouts and added online training.

The question is can the they survive the onslaught from the apps and pricey bikes and treadmills or will they go the way of arcades, video rental shops and bookstores.

Interactive fitness equipment maker Peloton is betting the workout-from-home trend is here to stay. It's breaking ground Monday on its first U.S. factory just outside Toledo, Ohio, where it plans to begin production in 2023 and employ 2,000 workers.

Demand surged so much during the pandemic that some Peloton customers had to wait months for their bikes. While the company said the backlog has waned, it reported that sales have continued to soar, up 141% in the first three months of this year.

Company founder and CEO John Foley thinks it's inevitable that technology-driven home fitness will become dominant much like how streaming services have changed movie watching, calling the idea of going to a gym "a broken model of yesteryear."

Its next steps include bringing more of its equipment into gyms at hotels, apartment complexes, and college campuses and launching new workouts through its app. Late last year, it acquired Precor, a company with manufacturing and product development sites in the U.S.

"Fitness is one of the few remaining categories that is going to be massively disrupted by a digital experience," Foley told The Associated Press.

During the early months of the pandemic, most small and independent gyms and studios turned to Zoom and other video platforms for yoga and Pilates classes and training sessions because it was the only way they could connect with their members.

"Now there's an expectation for it," said Michael Stack, CEO of Applied Fitness Solutions, which has three fitness centers in southeast Michigan.

Small gyms can't match the production quality and visual appeal of the high-tech companies, but they can counter with online offerings that feature personal attention and closer relationships between their members and staff, he said.

"I think that's the way we even the playing field," Stack said.

Not all gym operators are convinced virtual training will play a significant role in what they offer.

"We don't have the budget to do it at the same price and the same quality," said Jeff Sanders, CEO of Apex Athletic Health Club in Penfield, New York. "Digital is great, but we've seen surveys that show people want to stay active, but miss the interaction and being around others."

His company is planning to open a third, smaller location near Orlando, Florida, that offers a more intimate experience. Those type of boutique studios could be the wave of the future, he said.

The pandemic has changed how the fitness industry evaluates itself and right now "everyone's making decisions just to survive," Sanders said.

Roughly 9,000 health clubs — 22% of the total nationwide — have closed since the beginning of the virus outbreak and 1.5 million workers lost their jobs, according to the International Health Racquet & Sportsclub Association.

The industry group is lobbying Congress to approve a $30 billion relief fund for the fitness industry because many clubs are struggling to recover from months of lost revenue and membership declines and still owe back rent.

While more closings are likely this year and could number in the thousands without government help, the emergence of the workout-from-home trend won't spell doom for the fitness centers, said Helen Durkin, the association's executive vice president of public policy.

Plenty of exercise fanatics, she said, will still do both — 40% of Peloton users have gym memberships, according to the company.

There's no doubt digital fitness is here to stay, said Michelle Segar, director of the University of Michigan's Sport, Health and Activity Research and Policy Center.

"People are integrating their lives with technology. This is where society is, and it's just going to get more integrated," she said.

The biggest positives with the virtual training sessions are that they offer more

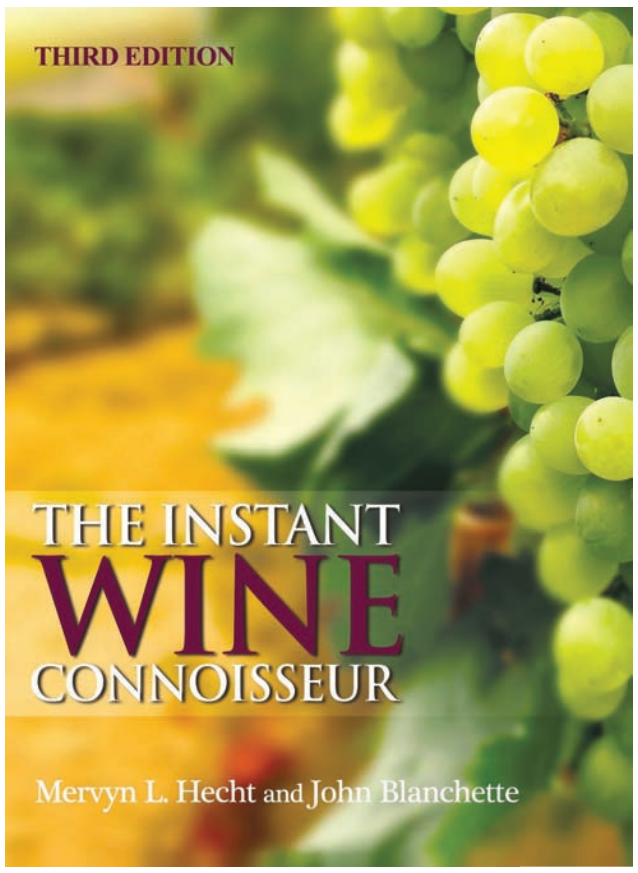
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Fauci hopeful COVID vaccines get full OK by FDA within weeks

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Associated Press

The U.S. government's top infectious disease expert, Dr. Anthony Fauci, said Sunday that he was hopeful the Food and Drug Administration will give full approval to the coronavirus vaccine by month's end and predicted the potential move will spur a wave of vaccine mandates in the private sector as well as schools and universities.

The FDA has only granted emergency-use approval of the Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, but the agency is expected to soon give full approval to Pfizer.

The Biden administration has stated that the federal government will not mandate vaccinations beyond the federal workforce, but is increasingly urging state and local governments as well as businesses to consider such mandates. Fauci, who is President Joe Biden's chief medical adviser, said "mandates at the local level need to be done" to help curb the spread of the virus.

"I hope — I don't predict — I hope that it will be within the next few weeks. I hope it's within the month of August," Fauci said of FDA approval of the vaccine. "If that's the case, you're going to see the empowerment of local enterprises, giving mandates that could be colleges, universities, places of business, a whole variety and I strongly support that. The time has come. ... We've got to go the extra step to get people vaccinated."

Fauci's comments come as the Biden administration is weighing what levers it can push to encourage more unvaccinated Americans to get their shots as the delta variant continues to surge through much of the United States.

Biden recently approved rules requiring federal workers to provide proof of vaccination or face regular testing, mask mandates and travel restrictions. Biden is also awaiting a formal recommendation from Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on potentially requiring U.S. troops to get vaccinated.

The administration has become more vocal in its support of vaccine mandates at a moment when high-profile companies have informed employees that coronavirus vaccination requirements are in the works, and some localities have adopted or are contemplating vaccine requirements to dine indoors.

United Airlines informed its employees that they will need to be fully vaccinated by Oct. 25 or five weeks after the FDA grants full approval to one of the vaccines — whichever date comes first.

Disney and Walmart have announced vaccine mandates for white-collar workers, and Microsoft, Google and Facebook said they will require proof of vaccination for employees and visitors to their U.S. offices. Tyson Foods has also announced it will require all U.S. employees to get vaccinated by November.

There's also been pushback.

The U.S. Supreme Court last week was asked to block a plan by Indiana University to require students and employees to get vaccinated against COVID-19. It's the first time the high court has been asked to weigh in on a vaccine mandate and comes as some corporations, states and cities are also contemplating or have adopted vaccine requirements for workers or even to dine indoors.

Randi Weingarten, president of American Federation of Teachers union, said on Sunday that she personally supports a vaccine mandate for educators.

"As a matter of personal conscience, I think that we need to be working with our employers — not opposing them on vaccine mandates," said Weingarten, who estimated about 90% of AFT members are already vaccinated.

Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, on Sunday all but endorsed vaccine mandates, saying, "I celebrate when I see businesses deciding that they're going to mandate that for their employees."

"Yes, I think we ought to use every public health tool we can when people are dying," Collins said.

Fauci and Weingarten spoke on NBC's "Meet the Press," and Collins appeared on ABC's "This Week."

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flexibility when it comes to staying with workout routines and can draw more people into fitness, including those who can't follow a rigid schedule.

"That's why people don't stick with it," she said.

Cindy Cicchinelli, who's become a dedicated Peloton user after going to her gym in Pittsburgh for years, said the convenience is what has sold her.

"I can roll out of bed and not worry about running to the gym," she said. "And I don't have to add an extra half-hour for my commute."

Fitness industry leaders say research has shown that health clubs pose no more risk of spreading the virus than other public spaces. But San Francisco gym owner Dave Karraker thinks it will be a long time before many people are comfortable going into a big, tightly packed fitness center.

"They are going to be thinking about ventilation and air purifiers and how long ago was this equipment sanitized," he said.

He reconfigured MX3 Fitness's two small studios and created personal workout spaces. It has become so popular he's looking for a third location.

He's not surprised that people are coming back even though safety remains a concern.

"They don't want to live this solitary existence anymore," he said. "There's all kinds of motivations. Let's face facts, gyms are great ways to meet new people, especially if you're single."

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‘Code red’: UN scientists warn of worsening global warming

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AP Science Writer

Earth is getting so hot that temperatures in about a decade will probably blow past a level of warming that world leaders have sought to prevent, according to a report released Monday that the United Nations called a “code red for humanity.”

“It’s just guaranteed that it’s going to get worse,” said report co-author Linda Mearns, a senior climate scientist at the U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research. “Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide.”

But scientists also eased back a bit on the likelihood of the absolute worst climate catastrophes.

The authoritative Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, which calls climate change clearly human-caused and “unequivocal” and “an established fact,” makes more precise and warmer forecasts for the 21st century than it did last time it was issued in 2013.

Each of five scenarios for the future, based on how much carbon emissions are cut, passes the more stringent of two thresholds set in the 2015 Paris climate agreement. World leaders agreed then to try to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above levels in the late 19th century because problems mount quickly after that. The world has already warmed nearly 1.1 degrees Celsius (2 degrees Fahrenheit) since then.

Under each scenario, the report said, the world will cross the 1.5-degree-Celsius warming mark in the 2030s, earlier than some past predictions. Warming has ramped up in recent years, data shows.

“Our report shows that we need to be prepared for going into that level of warming in the coming decades. But we can avoid further levels of warming by acting on greenhouse gas emissions,” said report co-chair Valerie Masson-Delmotte, a climate scientist at France’s Laboratory of Climate and Environment Sciences at the University of Paris-Saclay.

In three scenarios, the world will also likely exceed 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) over pre-industrial times — the less stringent Paris goal — with far worse heat waves, droughts and flood-inducing downpours unless there are deep emissions cuts, the report said.

“This report tells us that recent changes in the climate are widespread, rapid and intensifying, unprecedented in thousands of years,” said IPCC Vice Chair Ko Barrett, senior climate adviser for the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

With crucial international climate negotiations coming up in Scotland in November, world leaders said the report is causing them to try harder to cut carbon pollution. U.S. Secretary of State Anthony Blinken called it “a stark reminder.”

The 3,000-plus-page report from 234 scientists said warming is already accelerating sea level rise and worsening extremes such as heat waves, droughts, floods and storms. Tropical cyclones are getting stronger and wetter, while Arctic sea ice is dwindling in the summer and permafrost is thawing. All of these trends will get worse, the report said.

For example, the kind of heat wave that used to happen only once every 50 years now happens once a decade, and if the world warms another degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit), it will happen twice every seven years, the report said.

As the planet warms, places will get hit more not just by extreme weather but by multiple climate disasters at once, the report said. That’s like what’s now happening in the Western U.S., where heat waves, drought and wildfires compound the damage, Mearns said. Extreme heat is also driving massive fires in Greece and Turkey.

Some harm from climate change — dwindling ice sheets, rising sea levels and changes in the oceans as they lose oxygen and become more acidic — is “irreversible for centuries to millennia,” the report said.

The world is “locked in” to 15 to 30 centimeters (6 to 12 inches) of sea level rise by mid-century, said report co-author Bob Kopp of Rutgers University.

Scientists have issued this message for more than three decades, but the world hasn’t listened, said United Nations Environment Program Executive Director Inger Andersen.

For the first time, the report offers an interactive atlas for people to see what has happened and may happen to where they live.

Nearly all of the warming that has happened on Earth can be blamed on emissions of heat-trapping gases such as carbon dioxide and methane. At most, natural forces or simple randomness can explain one- or two-tenths of a degree of warming, the report said.

The report described five different future scenarios based on how much the world reduces carbon emissions. They are: a future with incredibly large and quick pollution cuts; another with intense pollution cuts but not quite as massive; a scenario with moderate emission cuts; a fourth scenario where current plans to make small pollution reductions continue; and a fifth possible future involving continued increases in carbon pollution.

In five previous reports, the world was on that final hottest path, often nicknamed “business as usual.” But this time, the world is somewhere between the moderate path and the small pollution reductions scenario because of progress to curb climate change, said report co-author Claudia Tebaldi, a scientist at the U.S. Pacific Northwest National Lab.

While calling the report “a code red for humanity,” U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres kept a sliver of hope that world leaders could still somehow prevent 1.5 degrees of warming, which he said is “perilously close.”

Alok Sharma, the president of the upcoming climate negotiations in Scotland, urged leaders to do more so they can “credibly say that we have kept 1.5 degrees alive.”

“Anything we can do to limit, to slow down, is going to pay off,” Tebaldi said. “And if we cannot get to 1.5, it’s probably going to be painful, but it’s better not to give up.”

In the report’s worst-case scenario, the

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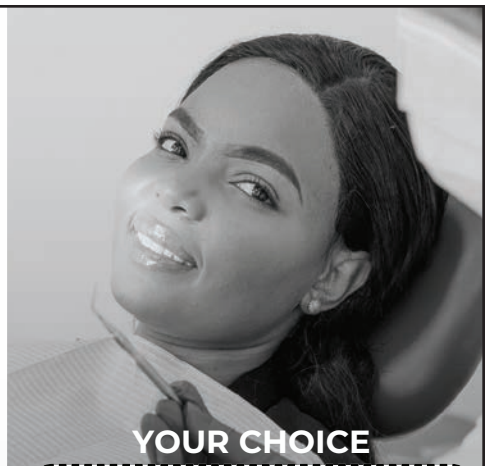
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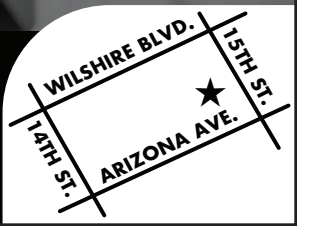
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What's the Point?

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Thank You Cops, Now Beat It

I was involved in a literal fender bender last week. At a dead stop on 7th Street at San Vicente, patiently waiting for the left turn arrow to turn green when a young woman making a right hand turn down 7th took the turn a bit wide and, well, we met.

Of course this happened just exactly 7 days after I had my car painted. Yes, I know it's a Karmic thing. Drove the car for years with a peeling hood, that many a person told me I should have the car painted, but I took a bit of pride in not being so identified with my car. Finally I broke down, and decided that while I was in Denver for a week, I'd let the good people at Maaco repaint it. They did a great job and the car looked awesome.

But an accident happened.

And that's exactly what it was. An accident. When the other driver got out of her car she checked on me, who was totally fine because I drive a tank for exactly this reason, and she broke into tears. I felt bad for her. She was so scared and frightened. She was home from college in Tennessee and was driving her parent's car, in an unfamiliar town, and made a mistake. I found myself consoling her as the Community Service Officers showed up to check on us.

As we exchanged the required information the officers were wonderfully efficient and caring, while making sure that the situation gets handled. They were a prime example of community policing and why it's so important and effective.

The officers approached us with compassion and professionalism. They were there to assist and keep the peace. They were the role models for what people want in their police officers.

Rather than coming at us with their guns drawn and an attitude of "take absolute control and establish dominance" which is what so many police departments are trained in these days, they remembered that we're all humans here, having good days and bad days. Community Service Officers are not heavily armed and prepared for a major battle at every opportunity. They are trained in how to de-escalate situations, how to be useful and to foster goodwill.

I recognized that the city has changed from the sleepy days of the 70s when police were more Andy Griffith than Alex Murphy (he was the cop who became RoboCop). The city has more gang activity, there are more guns on the streets and they are more powerful today than they were. Criminals are more lethal, and more likely to escalate a situation themselves today and the police need to be prepared for that.

But people are still people. Statistics show that even criminality is down, and what we're learning is that there is a 'peak criminality' in the age of criminals. Usually bad behavior peaks when people are in their low 20s, so that as we age, we mellow. Shocking I know.

I am a supporter of the police force. I believe we need them to maintain order, to be there for the emergencies that life throws at us, and to enforce laws for the common good. I also believe that the police industry has been militarized beyond necessary. That the training of officers to immediately establish a dominant role actually can cause as many problems as it strives to solve.

When activists say "defund the police" it's a rallying cry, but to just take away a budget with no plan would be silly. What makes sense is to "reallocate the budget" in such a way that the community is better served, while still maintaining a vibrant and vital police presence.

After my experience with the Santa Monica Police Department this week, it reinforced for me how important it is to have 'boots on the ground' policing. Did we really need to have two officers to handle a fender bender? No. I was not going to get violent and I certainly wasn't worried about the 21 year old woman in a Prius who hit me. But I bet she was more comfortable having a female officer there to assist her, to listen to her, to comfort her. I bet her parents were more comfortable knowing that the police were involved.

The police play many roles in our society, and one of the important ones that is overlooked a lot, is just being of service in stressful times. They need to be commended for that, and we need to remember it, and frankly, having a few more 'beat cops' would be a good thing.

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COVID

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over 65, you can call 1-833-540-0473 for help finding an appointment, connecting to free transportation to and from a vaccination site, or scheduling a home-visit if you are homebound.

County officials will host an online Town Hall on Wednesday to provide updates on COVID-19 and the County's response. The 6 p.m. town hall will be streamed live on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube @lapublichealth. For more information and to submit a question, visit: TinyURL.com/LACountyTownHall.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

Sarah Schulman on Let the Record Show: A Political History of ACT-UP New York, 1987-1993

On Wednesday August 18, at 7 p.m., the Santa Monica Public Library welcomes Sarah Schulman, discussing her new book Let the Record Show: A Political History of ACT-UP New York, 1987-1993, with USC professor Chris Freeman.

Based on over 200 interviews, Let the Record Show is a monumental history of the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power (ACT UP). In just six years, ACT UP, New York, a broad and unlikely coalition of activists from all races, genders, sexualities, and backgrounds, took on the AIDS crisis with an indefatigable, ingenious, and multifaceted attack on the corporations, institutions, governments, and individuals who stood in the way of AIDS treatment for all. They stormed the FDA and NIH in Washington, DC, and started needle exchange programs in New York; they took over Grand Central Terminal and fought to change the legal definition of AIDS to include women; they transformed the American insurance industry, weaponized art and advertising to push their agenda, and battled–and beat–The New York Times, the Catholic Church, and the pharmaceutical industry. Their activism, in its complex and intersectional power, transformed the lives of people with AIDS and the society that had abandoned them.

Described as "one of the most revered queer writers and intellectuals of her generation," Sarah Schulman is a prolific author of fiction, nonfiction, theater, and screenplays, as well as an activist and academic.

Santa Monica Public Library patrons may remember Chris Freeman from his onstage conversation with Tab Hunter. He has also published on Santa Monica icon Christopher Isherwood, among other topics.

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This fight has increasingly moved online in recent years, with businesses being targeted specifically for their websites.

The Chamber of Commerce will be putting together an ADA compliance webinar with one of their Chamber board members--Beth Schroeder, attorney with Raines Feldman.

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world could be around 3.3 degrees Celsius (5.9 degrees Fahrenheit) hotter than now by the end of the century. But that scenario looks increasingly unlikely, said report co-author and climate scientist Zeke Hausfather, climate change director of the Breakthrough Institute.

"We are a lot less likely to get lucky and end up with less warming than we thought," Hausfather said. "At the same time, the odds of ending up in a much worse place than we expected if we do reduce our emissions are notably lower."

The report also said ultra-catastrophic disasters — commonly called "tipping points," like ice sheet collapses and the abrupt slowdown of ocean currents — are "low likelihood" but cannot be ruled out. The much talked-about shutdown of Atlantic ocean currents, which would trigger massive weather shifts, is something that's unlikely to happen in this century, Kopp said.

A "major advance" in the understanding of how fast the world warms with each ton of carbon dioxide emitted allowed scientists to be far more precise in the scenarios in this report, Mason-Delmotte said.

In a new move, scientists emphasized how cutting airborne levels of methane — a powerful but short-lived gas that has soared to record levels — could help curb short-term warming. Lots of methane the atmosphere comes from leaks of natural gas, a major power source. Livestock also produces large amounts of the gas, a good chunk of it in cattle burps.

More than 100 countries have made informal pledges to achieve "net zero" human-caused carbon dioxide emissions sometime around mid-century, which will be a key part of the negotiations in Scotland. The report said those commitments are essential.

"It is still possible to forestall many of the most dire impacts," Barrett said.





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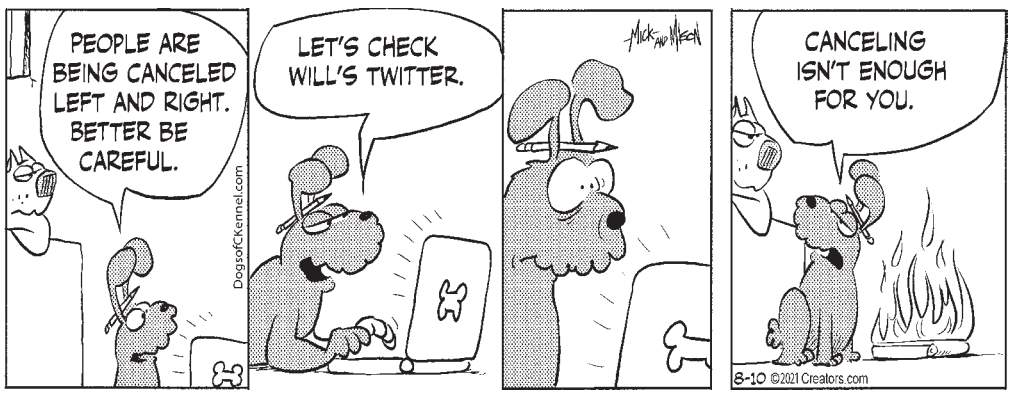
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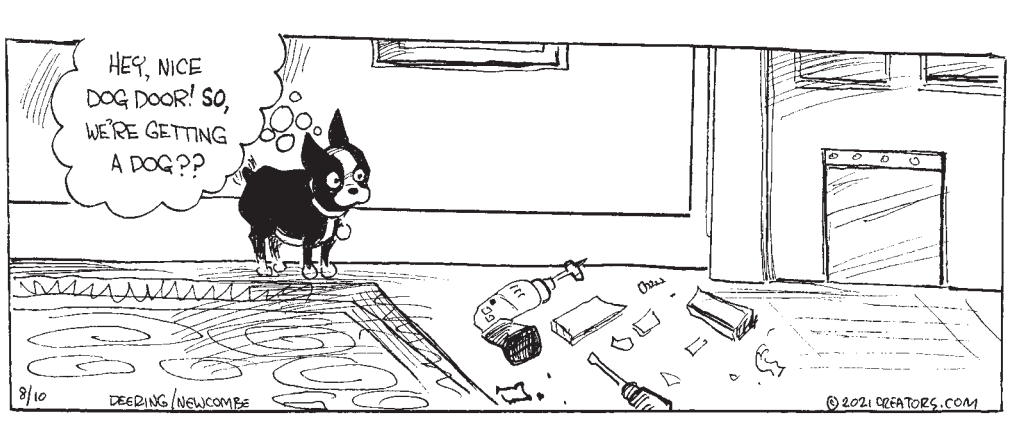
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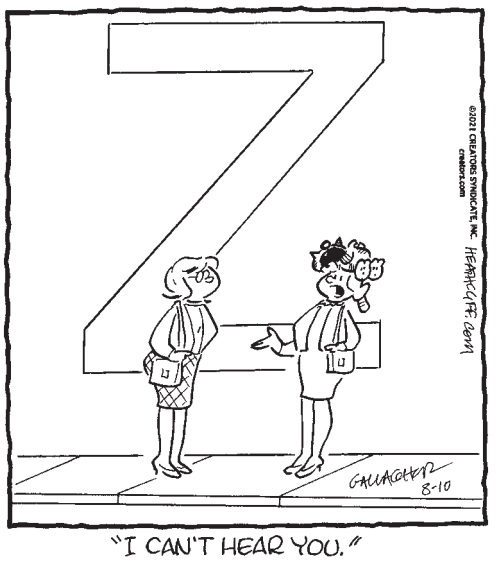
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SURF FORECASTS

WATER TEMP: 64.2°

TUESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high occ. 4 ft
Clean morning with a decent tide push. Locally fun S swell continues, best west of Pt Dume.

WEDNESDAY - **POOR TO FAIR** - SURF: 2-3ft+ Waist to stomach high
Clean morning with a decent tide push. Small to locally fun S swell lingers along with minor NW swell mix.

WEATHER

Tuesday: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64.
Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming sunny, with a high near 72.
Wednesday: Patchy fog after 11pm. Otherwise, increasing clouds, with a low around 64.

Date	Day	Time (LST/LDT)	Predicted (ft)	High/Low
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2021/08/10	Tue	11:50 AM	4.47	H
2021/08/10	Tue	5:03 PM	1.92	L
2021/08/10	Tue	11:04 PM	5.91	H
2021/08/11	Wed	05:58 AM	-0.10	L
2021/08/11	Wed	12:24 PM	4.65	H
2021/08/11	Wed	5:53 PM	1.84	L
2021/08/11	Wed	11:49 PM	5.38	H
2021/08/12	Thu	06:29 AM	0.33	L
2021/08/12	Thu	1:00 PM	4.84	H
2021/08/12	Thu	6:51 PM	1.78	L
2021/08/13	Fri	12:40 AM	4.69	H
2021/08/13	Fri	07:02 AM	0.87	L
2021/08/13	Fri	1:42 PM	5.03	H
2021/08/13	Fri	8:02 PM	1.69	L
2021/08/14	Sat	01:46 AM	3.94	H
2021/08/14	Sat	07:37 AM	1.48	L
2021/08/14	Sat	2:32 PM	5.21	H
2021/08/14	Sat	9:35 PM	1.46	L
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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Maybe you don't have enemies, but it's also possible you just haven't recognized them yet. Often the enemy comes in the form of fun, temptation or a toxic friendship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You know opportunity when you see it. It matters not whether your confidence is real or feigned. What matters is that you reach for it. Keep trying and it will soon be in your grasp.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As obligations load your schedule, time to yourself seems an unaffordable luxury. Not true! It's affordable if you pre-pay. Use the word "no" as your currency.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The problem is obvious, though it would be heavy-handed for you to point it out. The right attitude is a light attitude. You'll find what's positive and leverage it. Success!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You belong to a group but should keep your options open, too. Stay aware of group dynamics and the tendency for groups to enact behaviors more extreme than the initial inclinations of its members.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've embodied conventional virtues with much success. You will now benefit from enacting their opposite. You were consistent, punctual and dependable. Now, let them wonder in the mysteriousness of your absence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Loosen up your rules and others will delight you with how they use those wide margins. And what about the restrictions you impose on yourself? Lift those too. Trust yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are driven to put something new in the world. Others have done something similar, but not quite like your version. Proceed and you'll be regarded as an original -- a title with perks!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The honor of your attention is meaningful fortification. Your eyes give acknowledgments more essential to the well-being of others than they'd care to admit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). First, you'll take everything seriously. Then, you'll take nothing seriously. Compare notes at the end of the day. Determine which approach worked better for particular endeavors.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll bear witness to a person enacting a baffling behavior. Guess at the deeper story. What needs are being expressed or hidden? Curiosity is the gateway to wisdom.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The world is filled with ideas good, bad and, more often, neutral. People lean ideas to their own purposes. Instead of focusing on the morality of an idea, focus on the needs of people.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

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Sudoku

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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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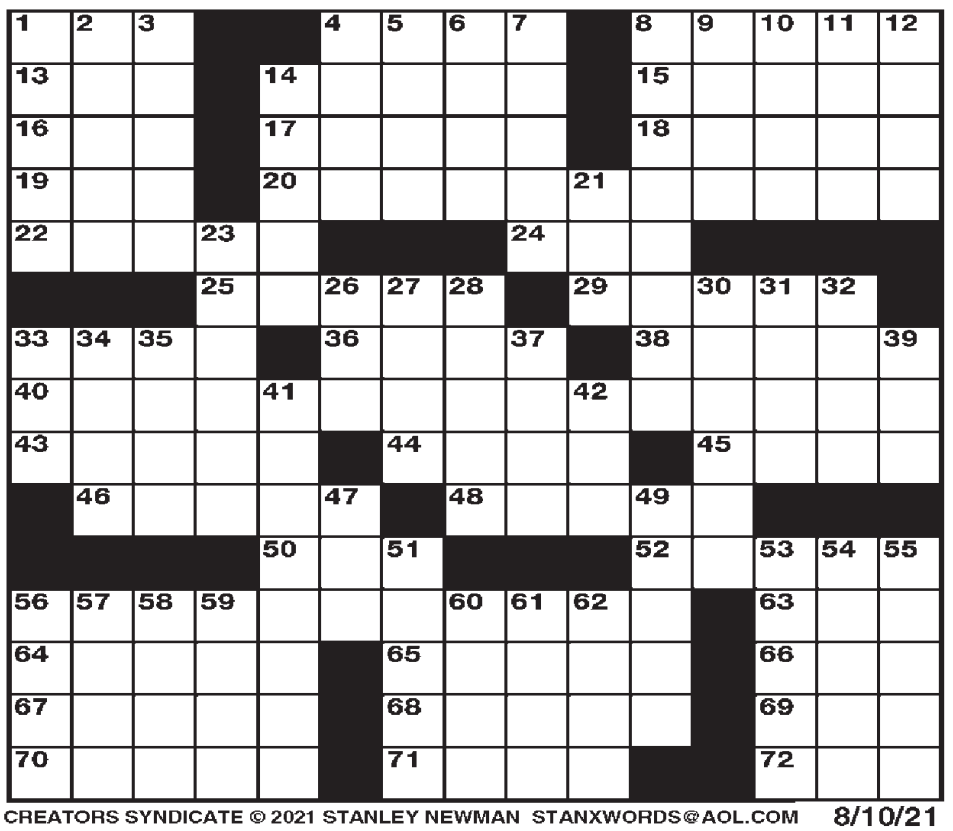
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Newsday Crossword

TODAY'S BICENTENNIAL by Mark McClain
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ACROSS
1 Federal air quality org.
4 Sunday church service
8 Ocean's rises and falls
13 Two-year-old
14 Pin the blame on
15 President in 2015
16 Possesses
17 "How much __ much?"
18 Become established
19 Cubes in a cocktail
20 Nickname for St. Louis' locale
22 Repeated slogan
24 High school support grp.
25 Double-curve letters
29 Cheese with holes
33 Invitation letters
36 __ of measure (yard or pound)
38 Spanish goodbye
40 __ ago today (when 56 Across joined the Union, 8/10/1821)
43 All gone, as dinner
44 Alluring
45 Prayer's conclusion
46 Full of current info
48 Girder metal
50 Comics punch sound
52 Fire remnants
56 Natives of St. Louis and Jefferson City
63 Deer's large relative
64 Sturdy as __ (tree simile)
65 Magazine edition
66 Pro hoops league: Abbr.
67 No longer fresh, as bread
68 Opens with a letter opener
69 Folding bed
70 Small keepsake
71 Earl Grey and oolong
72 Lamb's mom

DOWN
1 Moral code
2 Hunt illegally
3 Sailing on a cruise ship
4 Pulverize, as potatoes
5 Showroom vehicle
6 Reduce one's speed
7 Jump heavily (on)
8 Discard, as trash
9 "Not likely!"
10 Computer fodder
11 Send forth
12 Level-headed
14 Boxer's weapons
21 Sci-fi aliens: Abbr.
23 Sister's boy
26 Source of solar energy
27 Draws to a close
28 Horse farm dads
30 High standards
31 Thailand's former name
32 Achy or angry
33 Numbered hwy.
34 Graceful waterbird
35 Cast a ballot
37 Quick-typed cellphone message
39 Govt. issued ID
41 Thought, but not said
42 Hair salon coloring
47 "This means __!"
49 Relaxes, as regulations
51 Hand-arm connection
53 Therefore
54 Funny-bone joint
55 Play hockey
56 Sailboat pole
57 Turn __ (become)
58 Moisten thoroughly
59 Store's discount event
60 Land amidst water
61 Japan's continent
62 Cashews and almonds



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

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Boar	Dodo	Furry	Mole	Soft
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SCHOOL

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students and community members. Students age 12+ are currently eligible for vaccination and students under 12 are expected to become eligible at some point in the fall.

There will be mandated Covid-19 surveillance testing for staff and students on a weekly basis and mandated rapid testing for any individual exhibiting symptoms. Contact tracing and isolation protocols will be carried out in the event of a positive test and in line with County guidelines.

Additional safety measures include health screenings prior to arriving at school, frequent hand washing and sanitizing, and proper ventilation.

"With all of these measures in place, we — district leaders responsible for the safety and well-being of our students and staff — believe that our students and staff will be safe and protected to the best of our ability, and we will be able to maximize teaching and learning," said Drati.

These protocols were based upon the recommendations and requirements laid out by the Department of Public Health.

Director Barbara Ferrer recommends parents take a few additional steps to maximize the safety and success of their children as they prepare to return to school.

These include talking to children about the importance of hand hygiene and appropriate mask wearing and sending children to school with extra masks, in case their mask gets wet or dirty. Ferrer also said parents should have a strategy for checking symptoms daily and an emergency childcare plan in case their student becomes ill or is sent home.

Ferrer also said that based on data collected over spring and summer, it appears that on campus sports pose the highest risk of transmission.

"It's important to note that between April and July, more than half of the outbreaks we saw were associated with youth sports," said Ferrer in an Aug. 5 public health briefing. "Of the seven outbreaks that we reported this past week, four are associated with youth sports."

According to Ferrer, there were several factors associated with these outbreaks including inconsistent mask wearing, lack of social distancing especially while eating and drinking, and mixing large numbers of students. SMMUSD's protocols strive to avoid all of these scenarios.

The plan is expected to be finalized in the Aug. 10 School Board meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m. According to Drati, the District plans to announce more details on its surveillance and outbreak testing plans prior to the start of school.

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VACCINE

FROM PAGE 2

University. The school system, the largest in the nation, oversees about 486,000 students on 23 campuses.

In March, the concern over fake COVID-19 vaccination cards prompted the FBI to issue a joint statement with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services urging people not to buy, create or sell fabricated vaccine cards. Unauthorized use of the seal of a government agency such as HHS or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is a federal crime.

In April, a bipartisan coalition of 47 state attorneys general sent a letter to the CEOs of Twitter, Shopify and eBay to take down ads or links selling the bogus cards.

Many of the sites have blacklisted keywords related to fake cards, but places to buy the documents are still popping up on messaging apps, chat forums and the dark web.

Sellers on websites such as Counterfeit Center, Jimmy Black Market, and Buy Express Documents list COVID-19 vaccine cards, certificates and passports for sale, some costing €400 Euros or about $473.49. An advertisement on the website Buy Real Fake Passport promises fake vaccination cards by the thousands.

"It is hiding under our noses. If you want it, you can find it out," said Saoud Khalifah, founder and CEO of scam-detecting software Fakespot. "If we are seeing signs where things like Lollapalooza and other festivals are getting fake cards to gain entrance, the trend is just going to continue into these universities."

In July, the U.S. Department of Justice announced its first federal criminal fraud prosecution involving a fake COVID-19 immunization and vaccination card scheme. Juli A. Mazi, 41, a naturopathic physician in Napa, California, was arrested and charged with one count of wire fraud and one count of false statements related to health care matters.

Court documents allege she sold fake vaccination cards to customers that appeared to show that they had received Moderna vaccines. In some cases, the documents show Mazi herself filled out the cards, writing her own name, and purported Moderna "lot numbers" for a vaccine she had not in fact administered. For other customers, she provided blank CDC COVID-19 vaccination record cards and told each customer to write that she had administered a Moderna vaccine with a specified lot number.

Requiring vaccinations to attend class at colleges and universities has become a contentious political issue in some states. Public colleges in at least 13 states including Ohio, Utah, Tennessee and Florida cannot legally require COVID-19 vaccinations due to state legislation, but private institutions in those same states can.

Some college students have taken to social media platforms like Twitter and TikTok to voice their outrage over other students possessing fraudulent vaccine cards.

Maliha Reza, an electrical engineering student at Pennsylvania State University, said it is mind-boggling that students would pay for fake vaccination cards when they could get the COVID-19 vaccine at no cost.

"I'm angry about that, like there is more anger than I could describe right now," Reza said. "It's dumb considering the vaccine is free and it is accessible across the country."

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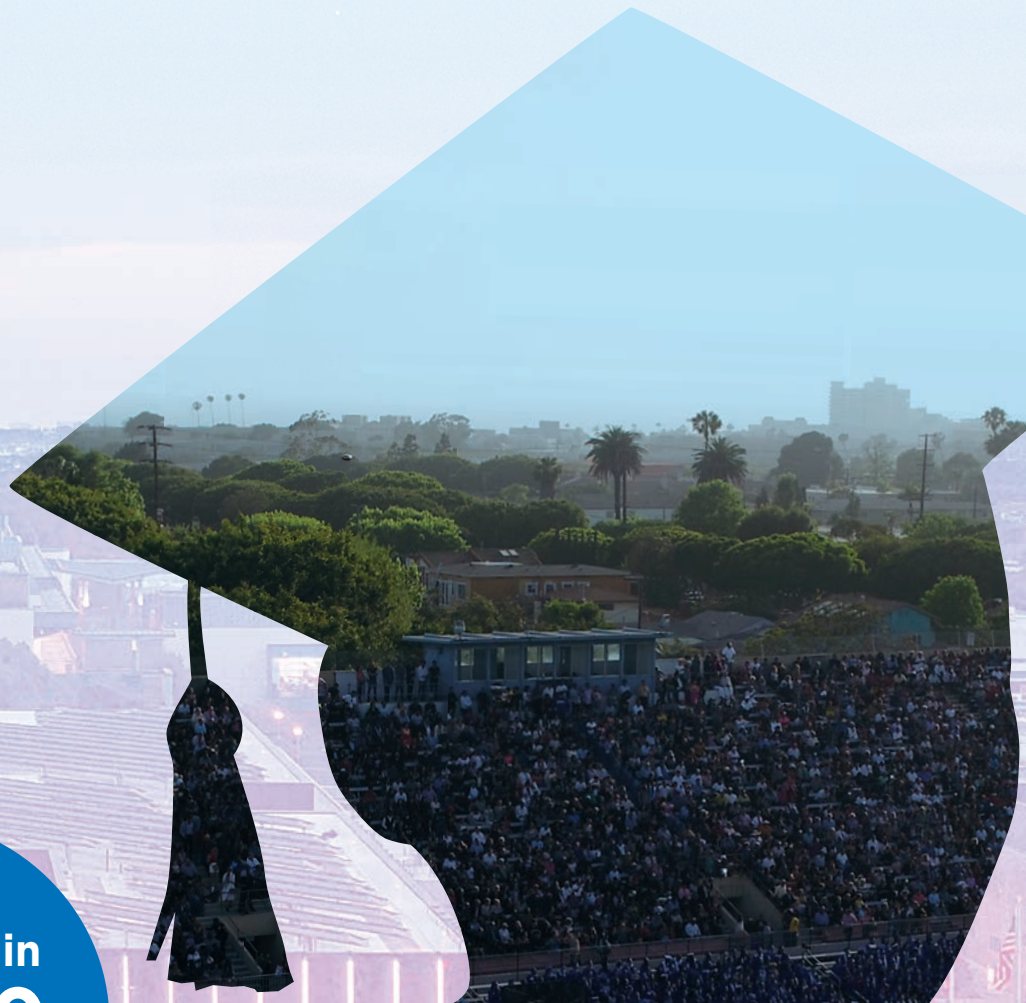
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