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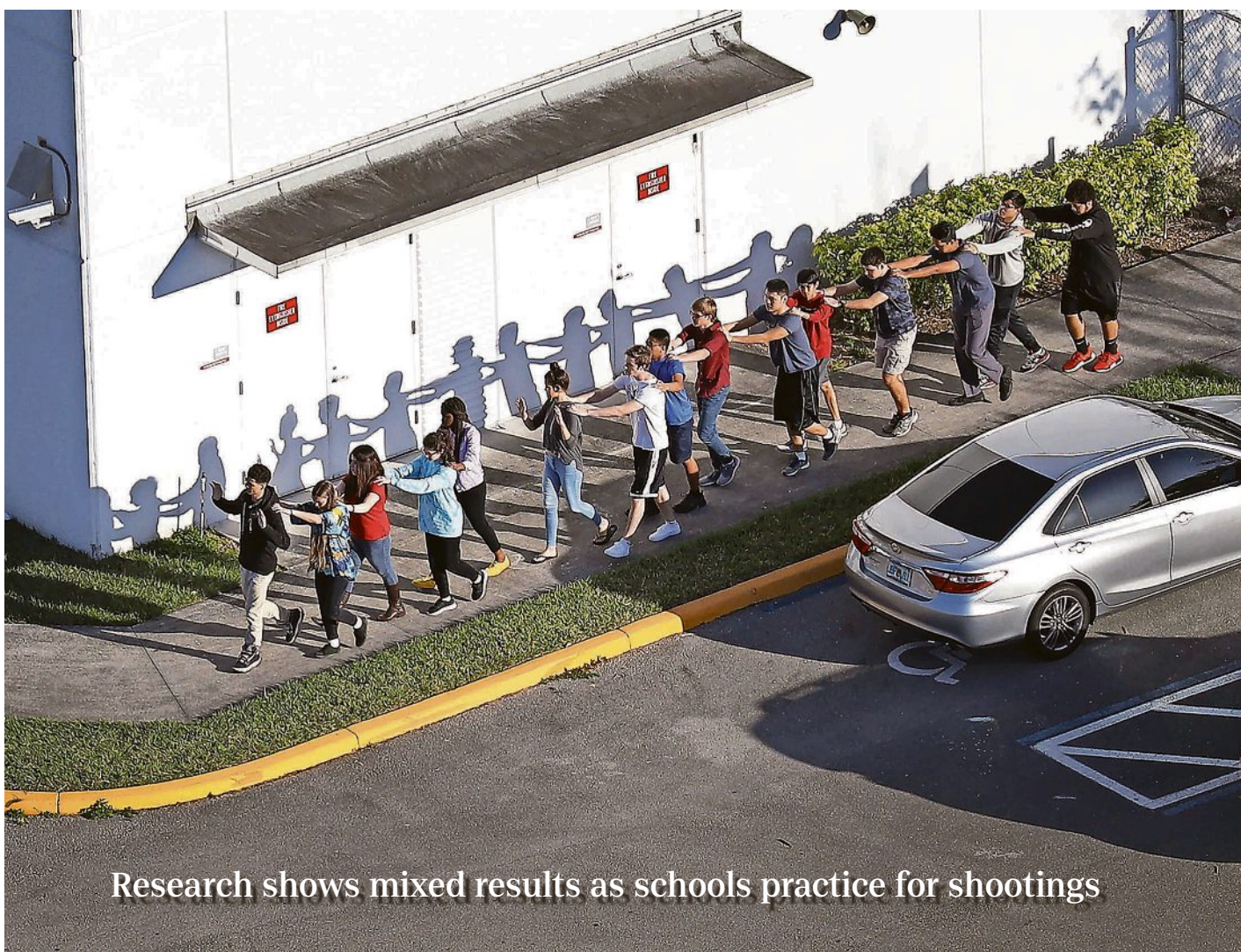
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## THE LIMITS OF LOCKDOWNS



Research shows mixed results as schools practice for shootings

People are brought out of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School after a shooting on Feb. 14, 2018, in Parkland, Florida. More schools nationwide began practicing lockdown drills after the Parkland shooting. JOE RAEDLE/GETTY IMAGES

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There have been 63 school shootings – meaning any time there is gunfire on a school campus – so far in 2026. • They happen so often that preparing for one has become normal. Students as young as 4 years old routinely practice for the possibility of a school shooting with lockdown drills – typically, hiding in the corner of a dark classroom, behind a locked door.

Pauls Valley High School in Pauls, Oklahoma, went into lockdown on April 7, after an armed gunman fired shots inside the building. Kirk Moore, the school’s principal, tackled the gunman and got shot in the leg.

The lockdown and Moore’s heroism clearly prevented any further violence in this rare school shooting situation with a positive ending. But by and large, do lockdowns typically work to keep students safe?

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Volunteer students wearing makeup to simulate injuries participate in a school shooting and mass evacuation drill at Lincoln Middle School in 2007 in Alameda, California. So far, the available research shows mixed evidence on whether shooting drills help students feel more prepared or scare them. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

## Sheriff probes death of 19-year-old tourist

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PANAMA CITY BEACH – The Bay County Sheriff’s Office has launched a death investigation following a medical emergency in the Panama City Beach area.

According to a BCSO incident report, deputies responded about 9:30 p.m. on May 17 to a property at 20109 Front Beach Road after receiving calls of a life threatening medical emergency.

When they arrived, Bay County Emergency Management Service personnel were already on scene, attending to Shannon Tanner, a 19-year-old Mississippi resident.

“I asked a man standing out front where the paramedics were,” a responding deputy said in the report. “He stated they were in the back, and he showed me the way to get there. I asked him if he knew what was going on, and he stated ‘alcohol poisoning’ that (that Tanner) was ‘drinking too much.’”

The deputy noted that at that time, EMS was loading Tanner onto a stretcher.

“I asked the people standing around if they knew what was going on, and they similarly stated ‘drinking a lot,’ the deputy said in the report. “Tanner (could) be seen and heard moaning during this but no other physical or verbal queues at (that) time.”

According to Jacob Navarro, BCSO spokesperson, Tanner was taken to a local hospital, where he was put on life support. He was then taken off life support on Wednesday and pronounced dead.

This sparked a BCSO death investigation.

“At this time, this is an open death investigation,” Navarro said in an email. “If anyone has any information regarding the incident, please call the Bay County Sheriff’s Office.”

A GoFundMe account has been set up to help Tanner’s family pay for his funeral expenses. By the afternoon of May 21, it had raised more than \$14,700 of its \$16,000 goal. The GoFundMe notes Tanner died while on his high school senior trip, just days after graduating.

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## Bay Creative Collective showcases success of students

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PANAMA CITY – Bay District Schools has announced the Bay Creative Collective, a districtwide showcase celebrating student creativity, innovation and achievement.

According to a BDS news release, the event took place on May 15-16 at 1110 W.

17th Street.

The Bay Creative Collective displayed outstanding student work and interactive displays representing a wide variety of programs and disciplines from kindergarten through 12th grade.

“Designed to celebrate the engaging and innovative learning experiences happening in Bay District Schools classrooms every day, the event also

strengthened connections between schools, families, and the community,” the release says.

Attendees explored projects and performances highlighting STEAM education (science, technology, engineering, arts and math), Career and Technical Education, fine arts, digital media and other technical and creative programs taking place throughout Bay District Schools.

“The Bay Creative Collective is an opportunity for our students to shine and for our community to see the incredible talent, creativity, and innovation happening across our schools,” Superintendent Mark McQueen said in the release. “From engineering and technical programs to visual arts and creative design, this event reflects the many ways our students are learning, growing, and preparing for the future.”

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