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## Church Services

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church: Worship in the church at 8:30 a.m. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/215332349572015/>)

Groton Christian & Missiary Alliance Church: Worship in the church at 10:30 a.m.: (<https://www.facebook.com/GrotonCMA/>)

St. John's Lutheran Church: Worship in the church at 9 a.m. (<https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsgroton/>)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - No corporate service in the church for the month of July:

(<https://www.facebook.com/Emmanuel-Lutheran-Church-GrotonSD-ELCA-636505039852208/>)

United Methodist Church: Drive-In Worship at 11 a.m. Listen on 106.1 FM at the church site. (<https://www.facebook.com/grotonsdumc>)

Buffalo Lake Lutheran Church, rural Eden, 10:30 a.m. People will stay in their vehicles and listen to the service on their FM radio.

Heaven Bound Ministries of Pierpont has worship on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m..

Heaven Bound Ministries of Pierpont / Buffalo Lake Lutheran Church, rural Eden - will have a podcast posted. <https://anchor.fm/paul-irvin-kosel>

## **OPEN:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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## Sunday Extras



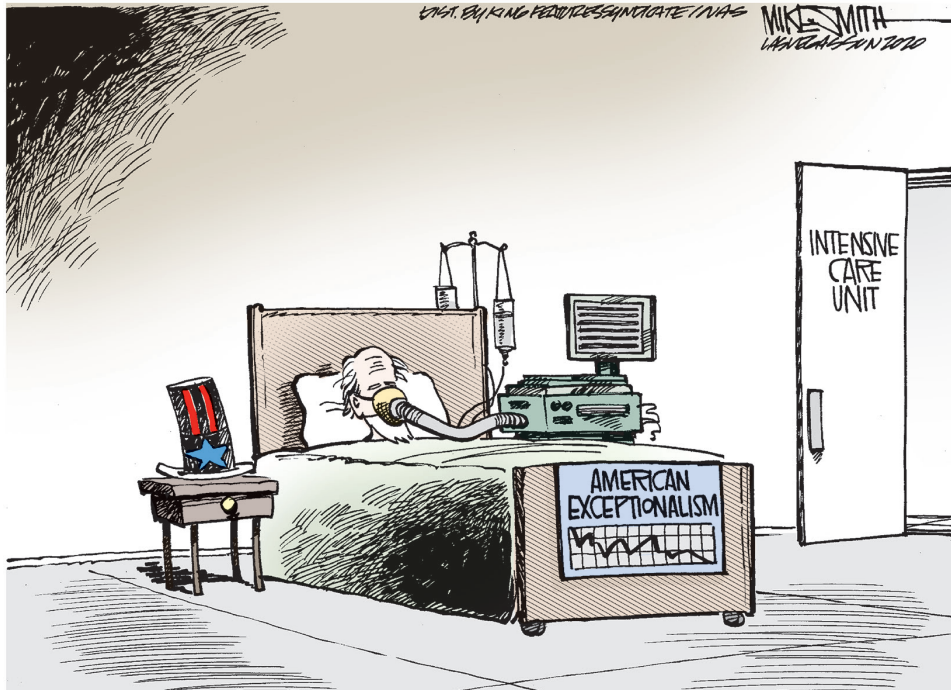
### THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

*He who despises the word will be destroyed,  
But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded.*

*Proverbs 13:13*



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## BIBLE

## TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Titus in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Joshua 10, the sun stood still while Joshua's army destroyed what people? *Amorites, Midianites, Egyptians, Philistines*

3. In Genesis 9, who saw a rainbow in the sky? *Adam, Moses, Noah, Abraham*

4. From 1 Samuel 2, how many children did Hannah have? *5, 10, 15, 20*

5. In which city did King Ahasuerus live? *Corinth, Gath, Berea, Shushan*

6. Who was David's oldest brother? *Jonah, Eliab, Joel, Agrippa*

ANSWERS: 1) New; 2) Amorites; 3) Noah; 4) 5; 5) Shushan; 6) Eliab

*Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.*

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## Comfort foods

Made fast  
and  
healthy



by Healthy Exchanges

### Summer Fruit Ice Cream Pie

What a great way to savor the special fruits of summer. Stir this pie up before those juicy jewels are nothing more than a pleasant memory.

- 1 (4-serving) package sugar-free vanilla cook-and-serve pudding mix
- 2/3 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 cup water
- 1 (8-ounce) package fat-free cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 (6-ounce) purchased graham cracker pie crust
- 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 3/4 cup fresh blueberries
- Sugar substitute to equal 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup reduced-calorie whipped topping

1. In a medium saucepan, combine dry pudding mix, dry milk powder and water. Cook over medium heat until mixture thickens and starts to boil, stirring often. Remove from heat. Blend in cream cheese and vanilla extract, using a wire whisk. Spread mixture into pie crust. Refrigerate at least 3 hours.

2. In a medium bowl, combine strawberries, blueberries and sugar substitute. Evenly sprinkle fruit mixture over top of filling. Refrigerate until ready to serve. When serving, top each piece with 1 tablespoon whipped topping. Makes 8 servings.


• Each serving equals: 178 calories, 6g fat, 7g protein, 24g carb., 395mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch, 1/2 Meat, 1/2 Fat.

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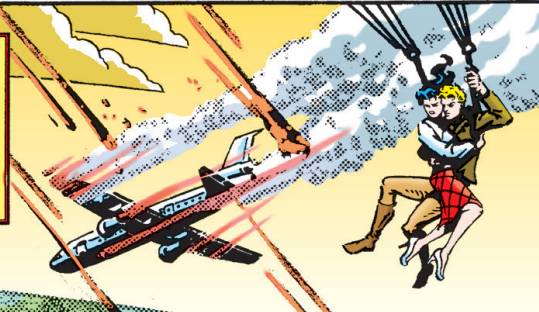


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Character Profile:  
**Dale Arden**



**AN AIRPLANE IS TORN ASUNDER BY A FREAK METEOR SHOWER!**

THAT FATEFUL FLIGHT BRINGS RAVEN-HAIRED BEAUTY DALE ARDEN INTO THE ARMS OF WORLD-RENOWNED ATHLETE FLASH GORDON.

SINCE THEN THEIR LIVES HAVE BEEN BOUND TOGETHER... FACING ADVENTURES UNDREAMED OF IN THE HOPES OF SAVING A WORLD ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION!

**FLASH GORDON** By JIM KEEFE

7-19 Pencils: BRIAN BILTER

**B**RUISED AND BEATEN, DALE AWAKENS TO A PLAINTIVE CRY.

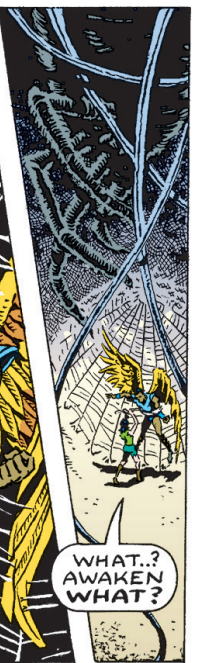
HELP ME, PLEASE...

WHO..?

HURRY! THE BONES... SHARP... CAN CUT ME FREE!



CAREFUL! THE SLIGHTEST TREMOR... IT'LL AWAKEN!

WHAT..? AWAKEN WHAT?

DALE'S ANSWER COMES SWIFTLY... IN THE FORM OF CRACKING BONES AND A STIFLED SCREAM.

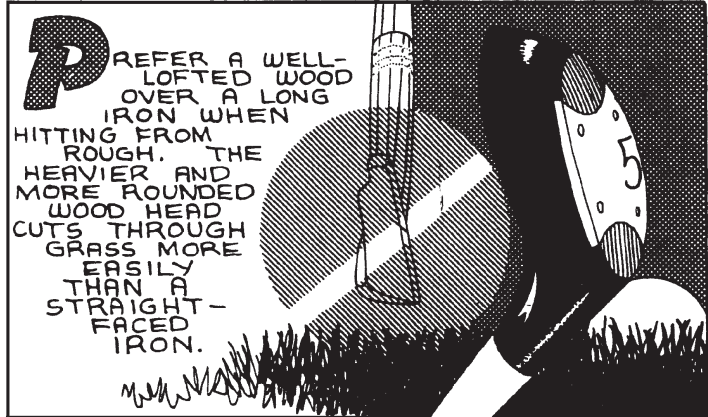
**AAAHHHHH**



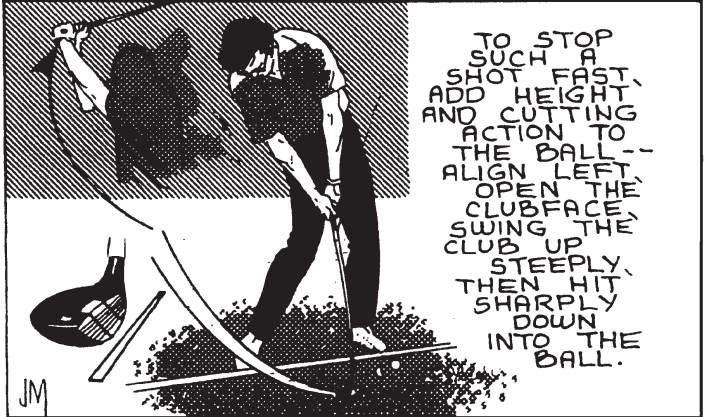
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## Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS

**P**REFER A WELL-LOFTED WOOD OVER A LONG IRON WHEN HITTING FROM ROUGH. THE HEAVIER AND MORE ROUNDED WOOD HEAD CUTS THROUGH GRASS MORE EASILY THAN A STRAIGHT-FACED IRON.



TO STOP SUCH A SHOT FAST, ADD HEIGHT AND CUTTING ACTION TO THE BALL-- ALIGN LEFT, OPEN THE CLUBFACE, SWING THE CLUB UP STEEPLY, THEN HIT SHARPLY DOWN INTO THE BALL.







## A Healthy Diet Includes Omega-3 and Omega-6

**DEAR DR. ROACH:** It seems that eating a healthy diet with an emphasis on nuts and seeds, fruits, vegetables and grains is the best choice for anyone. It's been well-documented that omega-6 is inflammatory, whereas foods containing omega-3 are not. It seems to me that we should be consuming foods that have more omega-3 in them. The only problem is that, from my research, all nuts and seeds with the exception of chia and flaxseeds have a much higher ratio of the omega-6 to the omega-3. This appears to be the case with most foods, no matter which food group they are in. How can any of the healthy foods be beneficial when so much more of the "bad fats" are being ingested? — *Anon.*

**ANSWER:** Dietary fats are categorized into four groups: monounsaturated, polyunsaturated, saturated and trans-saturated. It is accepted that monounsaturated fats have a healthy effect, reducing heart disease risk, while trans-saturated fats are clearly harmful.

The effect of saturated fats on health is mixed, but those that come from processed meat increase heart disease and diabetes risk. Saturated fat overall has little effect on heart disease risk, but swapping saturated fat with unsaturated fats (both polyunsaturated and monounsaturated) appears to reduce heart disease risk.

Polyunsaturated fats are categorized into the omega-3 family and the omega-6 family. I also have read in many places that omega-6 fats are "bad fats," causing inflammation. The best evi-

dence, a 2014 review of all controlled trials published, showed that omega-6 fats are NOT inflammatory and that they DECREASE risk of heart disease compared with meat-based saturated fats.

We should be consuming both omega-3 and omega-6 polyunsaturated fats, mostly from plant sources. The data support that nuts and seeds are foods we should be eating more of, but we also should be eating good sources of omega-3, including fatty fish, the chia and flaxseeds you mentioned, as well as walnuts and canola oil. Most people have to work harder to get omega-3 oils but get plenty of omega-6.

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**DEAR DR. ROACH:** I have recently started transitioning to a plant-based diet for preventative health reasons. While discussing the benefits of nuts and seeds with a dietitian, they had a disclaimer that flax seed can interfere with medications and to eat them two hours before or one hour after taking medications. I would not sit down and eat a handful of flax seeds, but now I am afraid to use them in the meals I prepare at all. Can you help me make a good decision in using them? — *J.E.*

**ANSWER:** For people eating reasonable amounts (like a handful or two) of flax seeds as part of a meal, it is unlikely that they would interfere with medications enough to cause any significant problem, for most medications.

There are two situations that might merit concern: In powerful anti-clotting agents, such as clopidogrel, flax seeds might prompt increased activity. Secondly, flax seeds may lower blood sugar a small amount. In combination with insulin or oral diabetes drugs, the blood sugar could possibly dip lower than expected. I doubt either of these interactions is likely to cause harm, but it is reasonable to discuss with your doctor if you are on one of the classes of medications mentioned.

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*Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to [ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu](mailto:ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu).*

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1. Name the couple in Bon Jovi's 1987 "Livin' on a Prayer."
2. In each verse of the 1974 "Please Come to Boston," the singer implores the girl to follow him to yet another city. Name the other two towns.
3. Eddie Kendricks was a lead singer for which Motown group?
4. Joe South snagged a Grammy for Song of the Year in 1969 for which of his releases?
5. Name the song that contains this lyric: "They asked me how I knew my true love was true, I of course replied, Something here inside cannot be denied."

### Answers

1. Tommy and Gina. He had to pawn his six-string to help them get through a tough time.
2. LA and Denver. Songwriter Dave Loggins got a Grammy nom for Best Male Pop Vocal performance.
3. The Temptations, from 1960 to 1971. He took "Get Ready" and "The Way You Do the Things You Do" to the top of the charts in 1964 and 1966.
4. "Games People Play."
5. "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," most famously released by The Platters in 1958. It went to No. 1. The song, however, originated in 1933 in the Broadway musical "Roberta."

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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## GRIN and BEAR IT Wagner



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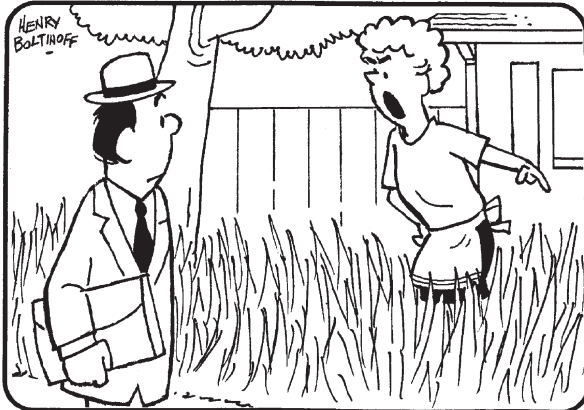
"Very funny, Mr. Figby!"

### HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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Differences: 1. Bushes are missing. 2. Apron is different. 3. Earring is missing. 4. Window is different. 5. Man's nose is different. 6. Briefcase is larger.





- Here's a great tip when making creme brulee: Make sure you use a wide, shallow dish. The size is important, because if it's too deep, the center won't set, and if it's too small you won't get that great cracking top!

- "Have long nails? Stuff a piece of a cotton ball in the fingertip of your gloves to keep your nail from piercing the gloves. Just a tip for staying safe and germ-free." — *I.R. in Georgia*

- If you have a screw that is stuck, try giving it a blast with a hair dryer. The heat can sometimes help to loosen it up.

- Beginning sewers can practice on a piece of Styrofoam from a meat tray (clean) or a takeout container. You can find large plastic needles at a craft store.

- "If you want to remove fat from your broth, simply set a bowl filled with the broth in the fridge for a few hours. As

from in the fridge for a few hours. As the liquid cools, the fat will separate to the top and harden, making it easy to scrape off." — *W.L. in Minnesota*

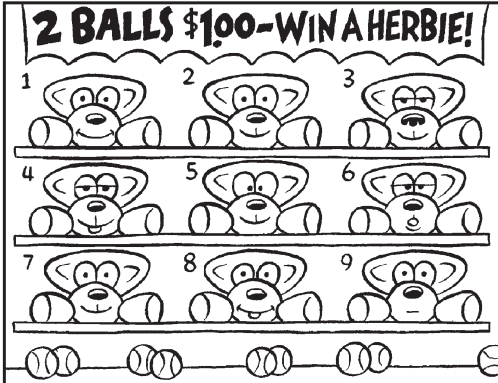
- "To whiten my yellowed tablecloth and napkins, I sliced several lemons and put them in a big pot of boiling water. I removed the water from the stove and soaked the cloths. After the water cooled, I rinsed them and hung them to dry in the sun. They are like new." — *A.C. in Missouri*

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**TWO OF THESE HERBIES** are exactly alike. You have two shots to knock them down.

Answer: Numbers 2 and 7.

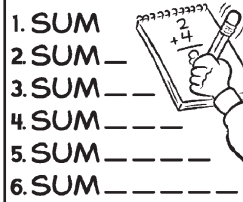
**A POSTAL PROBLEM!** Fred handed the postal person a one-dollar bill and said, "I'll have some 2-cent stamps, 10 times as many 1-cent stamps, and the balance in 5-cent stamps, please!" How many of each was he given?



Answer: 5 2-cent stamps, 50 1-cent stamps and 8 5-cent stamps.

**A SUMPTUOUS SELECTION OF SUPERLATIVES!** In this puzzle all of the words get progressively longer, and they all start with SUM. Some hints:

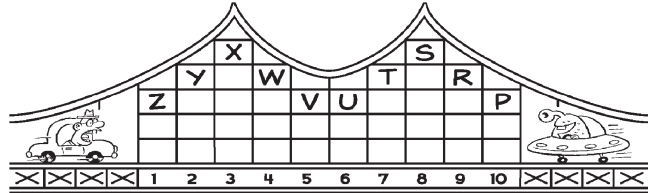
- 1. SUM (in place).
- 2. Drainage pit.
- 3. A small tree.
- 4. A type of conference.
- 5. A condensed report.
- 6. One who calls forth.



Answers: 1. Sum. 2. Sump. 3. Sumac. 4. Summit. 5. Summary. 6. Summoner.

## Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



### A WORD-BRIDGE!

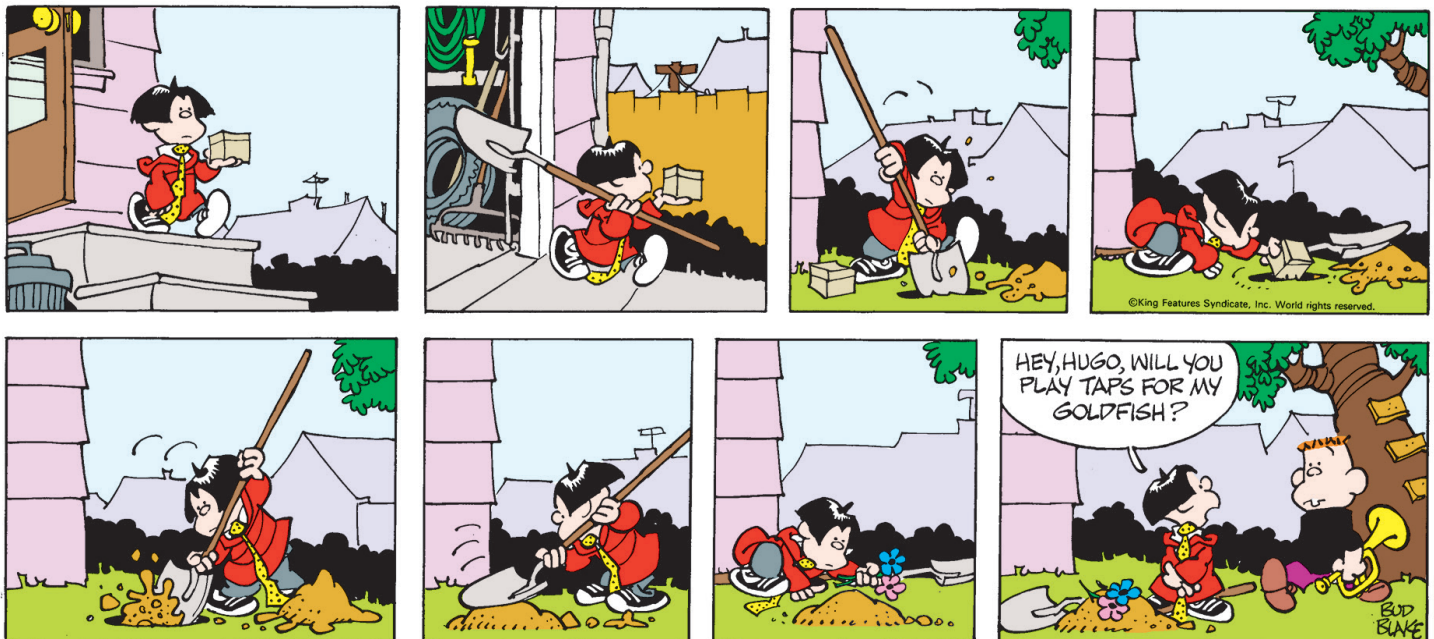
The bridge above contains 10 supporting words. We give you the first letter of each word plus plenty of hints.

- 1. A sharp turn.
- 2. A small sailboat.
- 3. Type of gas.
- 4. Found in garden.
- 5. To annoy or puzzle.
- 6. A container.
- 7. Strained; tense.
- 8. A small, rich pastry.
- 9. Tough part of watermelon.
- 10. Seed container.

Answers: 1. Zag. 2. Yawl. 3. Xenon. 4. Weed. 5. Vex. 6. Urn. 7. Taut. 8. Score. 9. Rind. 10. Pod.

## TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Oil cartel
- 5 Largest conti-  
nent
- 9 Crime scene  
evidence
- 12 Lounge  
around
- 13 Charged bits
- 14 A billion years
- 15 Perry Mason's  
client
- 17 Entertainment
- 18 Smell bad
- 19 Geneva's  
river
- 21 Skiers' 7-  
Down
- 24 String instru-  
ment
- 25 Do as you're  
told

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48				49						50		
51				52						53		

- 26 Old cars for  
new ones
- 30 "Help!"
- 31 Repeat ver-  
batim
- 32 Arctic bird
- 33 Confiscations
- 35 Sans siblings
- 36 Diner staffer
- 37 Name
- 38 BLT meat
- 40 Swimming  
venue
- 42 Alias abbr.
- 43 Secret or  
Sure
- 48 Crib

- 49 Elderly
  - 50 Press
  - 51 Pismire
  - 52 May honorees
  - 53 Kindly bloke
- DOWN**
- 1 Antiquated
  - 2 "The Raven"  
writer
  - 3 Sprite
  - 4 Group of  
priests
  - 5 Helper
  - 6 Drench
  - 7 Hostel
  - 8 On both
  - 9 Leaves-  
dropper?
  - 10 Proper sub-  
ject, maybe
  - 11 Heche or  
Hathaway
  - 16 Born
  - 20 Weeding  
implement
  - 21 Privation
  - 22 Reed instru-  
ment
  - 23 Drying agent
  - 24 Cisterns
  - 26 Ankara resi-  
dent

- 27 Fish eggs
- 28 — and void
- 29 Terrier variety
- 31 Former
- 34 Menagerie
- 35 Drilling appa-  
ratus
- 37 Also
- 38 Ali —
- 39 Related
- 40 Verse
- 41 Probability
- 44 Id counterpart
- 45 Exist
- 46 Negative pre-  
fix
- 47 Explosive stick

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## — King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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O	B	E	Y		T	R	A	D	E	I	N	S
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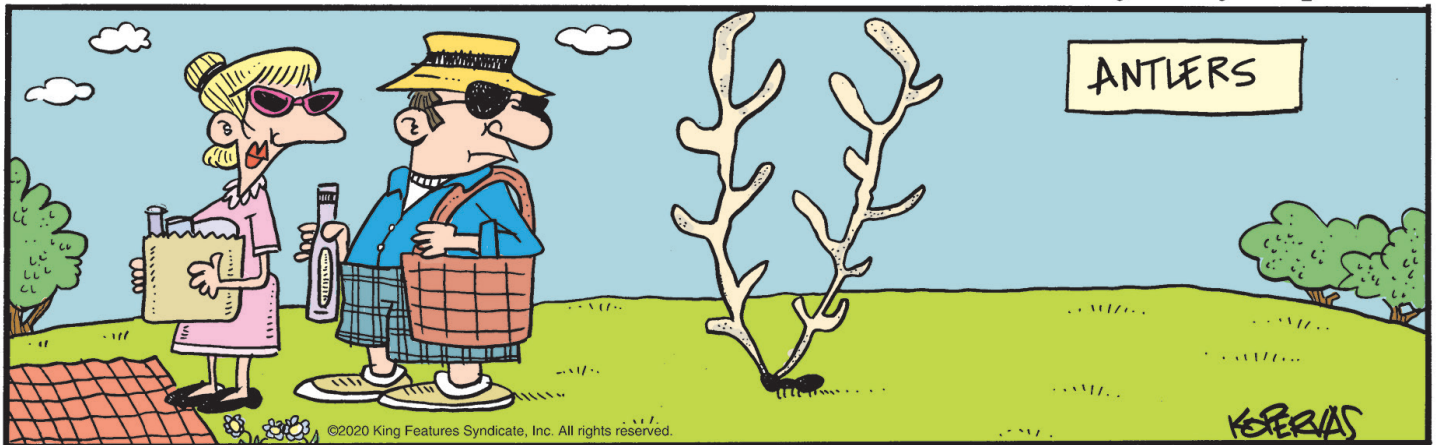
## LAFF - A - DAY



"Oh, you're the one with the fear of elevators."

## Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



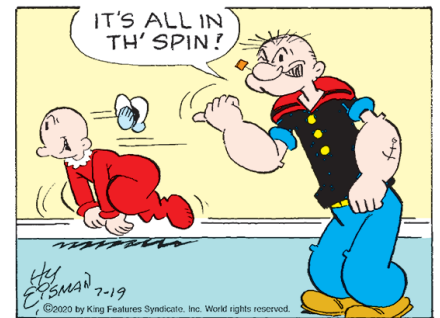
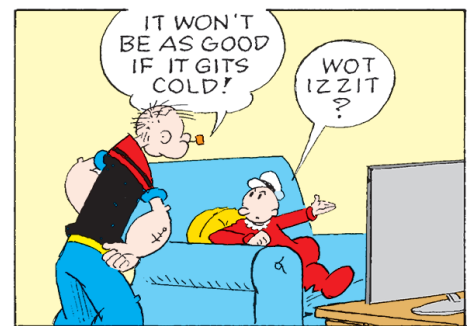
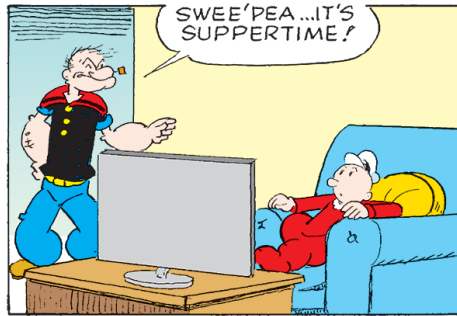
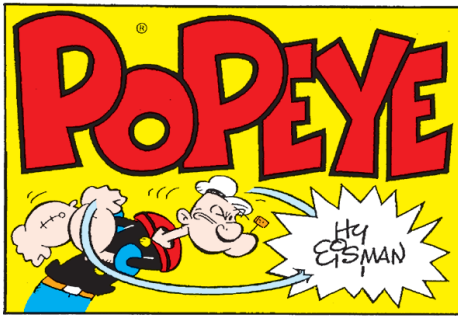
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KOPERVAS



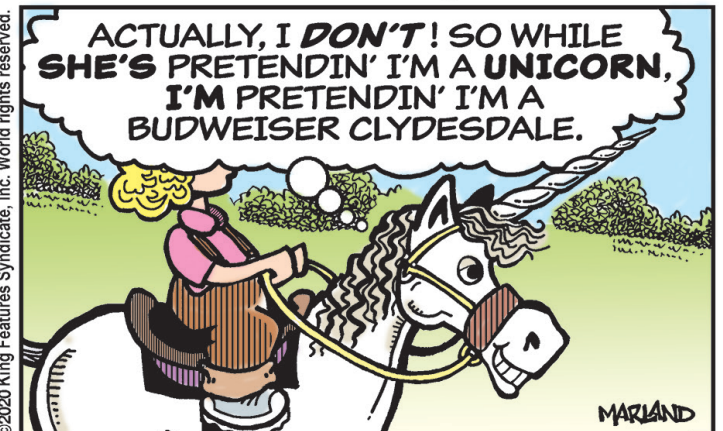
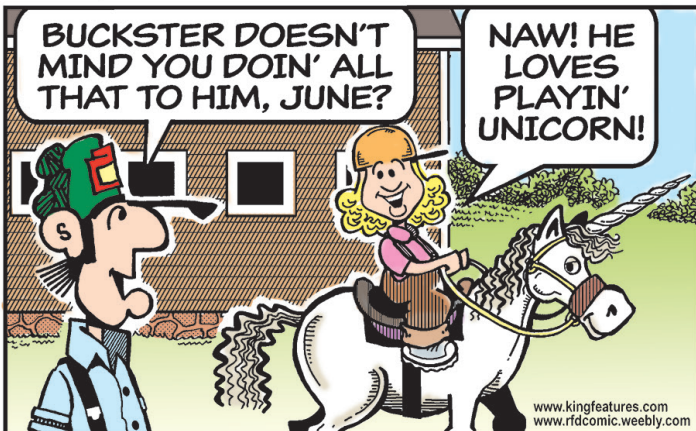
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## R.F.D.

by Mike Marland





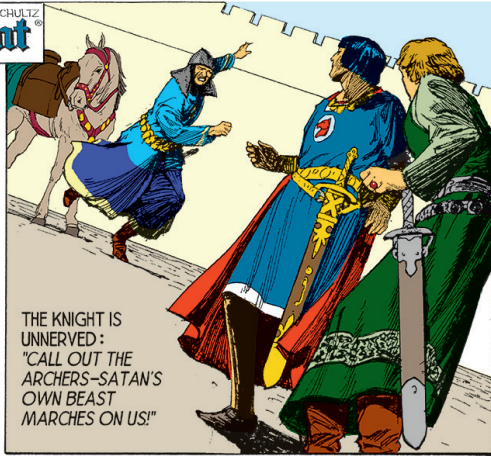
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**Our Story:**

HAVING MET A MUCH BIGGER DRAGON THAN EXPECTED, GALAHAD AND HIS REMAINING COMPANY RETREAT HASTILY TO CAMELOT.

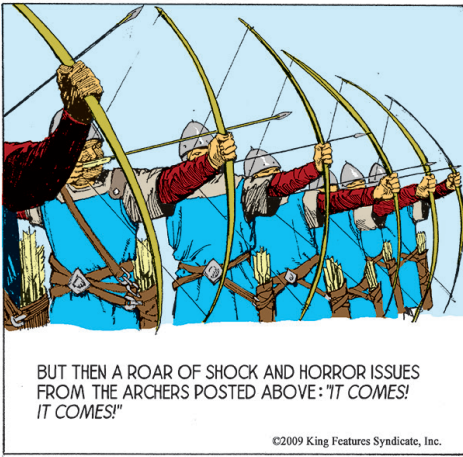
HAL FOSTER'S GIANNI AND SCHULTZ'S **Prince Valiant**



THE KNIGHT IS UNNERVED: "CALL OUT THE ARCHERS—SATAN'S OWN BEAST MARCHES ON US!"

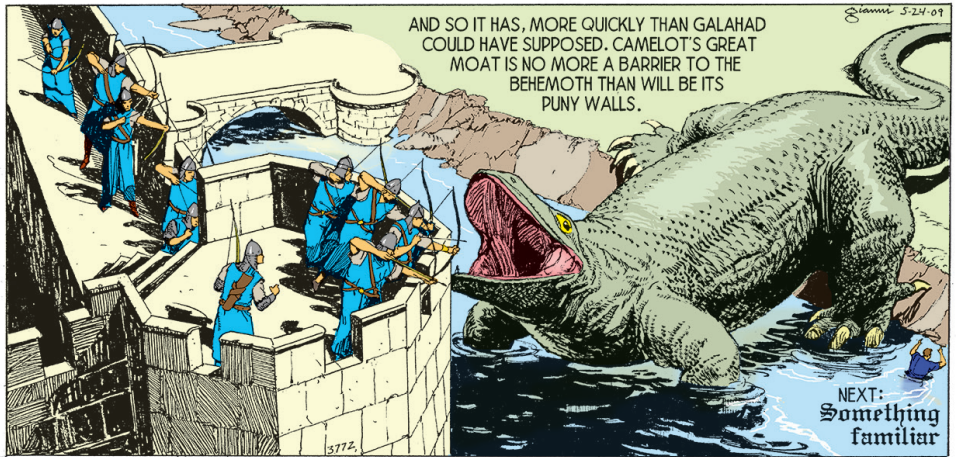


"HOW QUICKLY CAN WE HAVE THE SIEGE OIL AT A BOIL?" HE PRACTICALLY SPUTTERS. VAL BEGINS TO DOUBT HIS COMRADE'S SANITY. "SURELY, GALAHAD, YOU ARE OVERWROUGHT..."



BUT THEN A ROAR OF SHOCK AND HORROR ISSUES FROM THE ARCHERS POSTED ABOVE: "IT COMES! IT COMES!"

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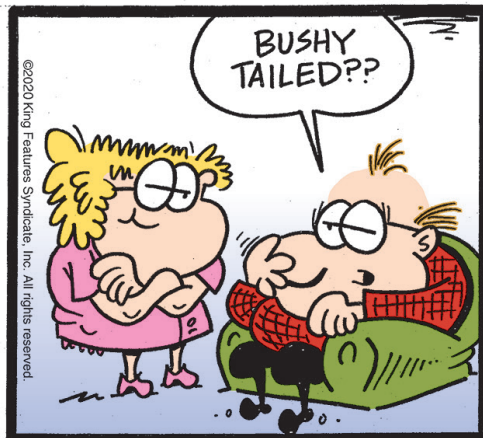
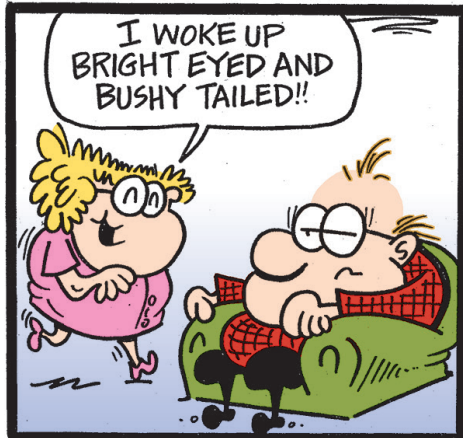


AND SO IT HAS, MORE QUICKLY THAN GALAHAD COULD HAVE SUPPOSED. CAMELOT'S GREAT MOAT IS NO MORE A BARRIER TO THE BEHEMOTH THAN WILL BE ITS PUNY WALLS.

NEXT: *Something familiar*

**The Spats**

by Jeff Pickering



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PICKERING



## SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

### It's OK to Just Go Home

Staying safe nowadays comes in many forms. It's not just keeping our distance from others or carrying tiny bottles of hand sanitizer. Now staying safe also can mean avoiding the new routines we've felt comfortable putting in place.

Because things had started to calm down around here, at least somewhat, I'd started venturing to the grocery store late at night. Few people were in the store, allowing me to zip through the aisles, grab a few things and get out.

Now, unfortunately, I'm going back to curbside delivery.

The manager has told me about the multiple threats of weapons and violence that came about from people who were asked to wear a mask in the store. Basically, they threw an immature (and dangerous) fit. In one case, a gun was drawn at the front door.

So, we need to be flexible. Things are changing on a daily basis. Back to the

online ordering I go. Not ideal, certainly. It means I can't pick out my own groceries. It means being in my designated pick-up spot in front of the store at a specific time, even in a deluge of rain.

How are you to know if your area is safe from the idiots who want to throw a tantrum over being asked to wear a mask? Start with the store manager. They owe you the truth. Make a call to the police non-emergency line and ask them if there have been any instances of threats of violence in town.

Authorities in a number of states are rolling back portions of the re-opening they just recently allowed, locking down certain businesses again and adjusting the rules. Theaters, hair salons and more are subject to sudden changes. People will be unhappy.

If you do go out to local businesses, be aware of your surroundings. Don't be afraid to just turn around and go home.

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1. The annual award presented to the most outstanding wide receiver in NCAA Division I football is named after what Pro Football Hall of Famer?

2. What former major-leaguer, who retired from playing in 2001, is paid an annual salary of \$1,193,248.20 from the New York Mets through the year 2035?

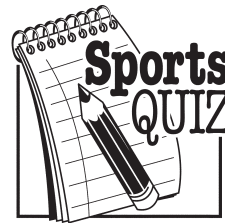
3. "We're talking about practice! We ain't talking about the game! We're talking about *practice*, man!" is a 2002 press conference quote from what four-time NBA scoring champion?

4. What 1990 sports drama film starred Tom Cruise as NASCAR driver Cole Trickle?

5. The Kansas City Chiefs retired jersey No. 3 in honor of what place-kicker?

6. How did former North Carolina Tar Heels basketball star Joel Berry II break his hand just before the start of the 2017-18 season?

7. Hughie Jennings holds the Major



by Ryan A. Berenz

League Baseball career record for most times hit by a pitch with how many?

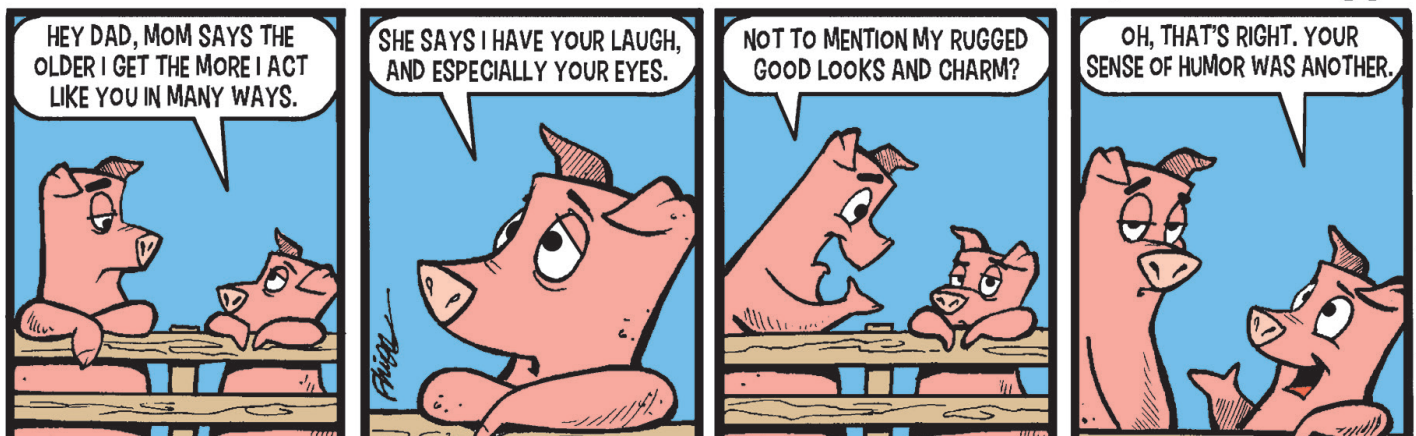
## Answers

1. Fred Biletnikoff.
2. Bobby Bonilla.
3. Allen Iverson.
4. "Days of Thunder."
5. Jan Stenerud.
6. He punched a door after losing at a video game.
7. 287.

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## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



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## Politicians are People, Too

Politicians are people, too. Unfortunately, in today's highly partisan environment that can be hard to remember. Cable news fosters the idea that officeholders, especially those in the other party, are worthy of our derision, rather than our respect or empathy.

Two incidents of the last week have reminded me of the fragility of the human experience. These tragedies have impacted human beings, human beings who happen to be involved in politics.

John Lewis was a colleague of mine in the U.S. House. He was a civil rights legend and, along with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was one of the "Big Six" leaders who guided the peaceful civil rights movement of the 1960s. John and I often disagreed on policy, but I greatly respected his rejection of both violence and toxic political rhetoric.

Late last year John was diagnosed with stage IV pancreatic cancer. He battled for more than six months. During that time, his trips to the House floor grew less common, but when he was present he was beset by questions and well-wishes from colleagues on both sides of the aisle – men and women who had grown to care for John, regardless of their political differences.

Closer to home, Billie and Kelsea Sutton have been involved in their community and in statewide politics. They have an adorable son Liam. Earlier this month they welcomed daughter Lenore Antonia into the world. A week later, Lenore passed.

I got to know Billie in Pierre when we both served in state government. When I read the news about his daughter, my heart ached. It still aches. I can't imagine the pain he and Kelsea must be feeling.

The scope of their tragedy isn't changed because of how Billie might have voted on a bill five years ago. Their mourning is real regardless of what bumper stickers they have on their cars.

Modern politics has plenty of hate and anger. This week I'm trying to remember that John Lewis's family and Billie, Kelsea and Liam Sutton are real people, worthy of our condolences and empathy.

Politicians are people, too.



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## Making Sure the U.S. Military Remains the Best in the World

This year marks the 60th consecutive year that the U.S. Senate has passed a bipartisan National Defense Authorization Act—or NDAA. The NDAA is one of the most important pieces of legislation we pass each year, as it authorizes funding for the Department of Defense. The bill we recently passed authorizes funding to support our armed forces and their families throughout fiscal year 2021. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and chairman of that committee's Cybersecurity Subcommittee, I've been working with my colleagues on this legislation to make sure it provides the resources necessary to keep our troops safe, strengthen our national security and support military families. This is especially important as our adversaries, especially China, seek to gain strategic dominance over the United States as they grow their militaries in quality and quantity.

Of all our near-peer competitors, China is continuing to strengthen its powerful grip on its own people as well as expand its influence across the globe. This year, we've seen China perform an ethnic cleansing of Uighur Muslims, many of whom are being held against their will in concentration camps. While imposing this abuse of Uighur Muslims, the Chinese Communist Party, which governs China, has meanwhile issued a new law on Hong Kong that would strictly punish anyone who opposes the Chinese government, in effect the Chinese Communist Party. These profound violations of human rights are painted by the Party's state-run news service in the best light possible while hiding and distorting the truth from its citizens.

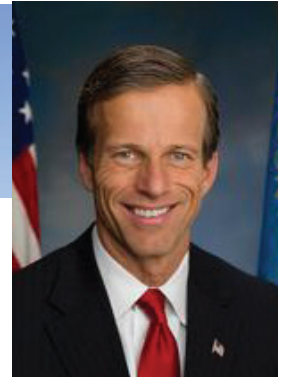
On an international level, China has unlawfully claimed most of the South China Sea—a major shipping channel—as its own sovereign territory. This, despite the fact that many of our Southeast Asian allies have legitimate claims to islands and areas in the South China Sea. We've recently seen an escalation of aggressive actions by China's maritime forces against U.S. ships in the South China Sea, which are there to maintain freedom of navigation and make sure free trade can continue within this critical artery for international commerce. This type of aggression is a prime example of why our armed forces need to remain the strongest in the world. We can fulfill that requirement by giving our armed forces all they need through the NDAA that we have passed every year for over half a century.

The fiscal year 2021 NDAA that we just passed was designed to support the National Defense Strategy. The National Defense Strategy provides clear direction for restoring our military's competitive edge in an era of re-emerging, long-term great power competition. As our near-peer competitors like China and Russia continue to advance their own weapon systems and strategies, we must make sure our armed forces have the tools and capabilities to deter aggression by these adversaries against the United States, our allies and partners. We never want our service men and women to go into a fair fight—U.S. troops must always have the advantage.

The B-21 Raider bombers coming to Ellsworth Air Force Base in the near future will be a critical part of maintaining that deterrent. The B-21s will play a crucial role in neutralizing China's threat because the long-range strike bomber will put them at risk if they choose to act out.

International threats against U.S. interests will continue to grow, but we have the best military in the world. It isn't just weapons systems that make our armed forces strong, though they are indispensable—it's the men and women who volunteer to wear the uniform. At the end of the day, the NDAA is about making sure they have everything they need to do their job, keep us safe and protect freedom. I'm glad we were able to pass this important legislation and show that, in Congress, we can work together when we share a common interest.

**John Thune**  
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



## Defending Those Who Defend America

The Senate recently completed consideration of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) – annual legislation to authorize funding for our military and national defense. Like the last two NDAA's, this year's bill focuses on restoring military readiness and ensuring that our nation is prepared to meet threats posed by major powers like Russia and China.

A lot of people tend to take it for granted that we have the strongest military in the world. But the truth is, years of underfunding and budgetary uncertainty, combined with heavy operational demands, left our military under-equipped, under-manned, and under-prepared to meet the threats of the 21st century.

In November 2018, the bipartisan National Defense Strategy Commission released a report warning that our readiness had eroded to the point where we might struggle to win a war against a major power like Russia or China. And the commission noted that we would be especially vulnerable if we were ever called on to fight a war on two fronts. Over the past two years, we've made real progress on restoring military readiness. But we still have more work to do.

This year's NDAA continues our investment in ensuring that our military is prepared to meet current and future threats – in any domain. In particular, it focuses on implementing the National Defense Strategy by building on the work we've done to ensure our country is prepared to counter the threat posed by great powers. Most notably, the bill establishes the Pacific Deterrence Initiative, which will act as a check on Chinese aggression in the Pacific region. It will help ensure that American troops are better prepared to meet threats in that area of the world. And it will send a clear message to China that America is committed to the security of our allies in the Pacific and keeping global waterways open and free.

No matter what weapons or ships or technology we have, our greatest resource will always be the men and women of the United States military. And we have an obligation to them – and to their families – to ensure that they have all the resources they need to meet the threats we ask them to face. We also need to make sure that we are supporting a high quality of life for our military members and their families.

This year's NDAA supports a 3 percent pay raise for our troops. It also builds on previous measures to improve military health care and housing. And it contains measures to support families in areas like child care and professional development for military spouses. Recognizing that our obligation to the men and women in uniform continues beyond their service, it also expands presumptive coverage for Agent Orange exposure.

The NDAA is one of the most important pieces of legislation we pass every year, a sentiment underscored by the fact that our adversaries have been making significant investments in their militaries – making their goals clear to not only challenge the United States and our allies, but intimidate their neighbors and expand their spheres of influence. Alarming, we have seen such aggressive activity include attempting to steal medical data and coronavirus vaccine research, threats that necessitate the expanded investment in cyber capabilities provided in the NDAA.

This NDAA likewise continues our military modernization efforts. I'm honored to represent Ellsworth Air Force Base in the U.S. Senate, and as we look forward with great anticipation to the future B-21 bomber mission, I am committed to helping the base prepare for their arrival. This will not only include investments in base infrastructure, but also working to optimize the Powder River Training Complex airspace to ensure adequate space for realistic combat training.

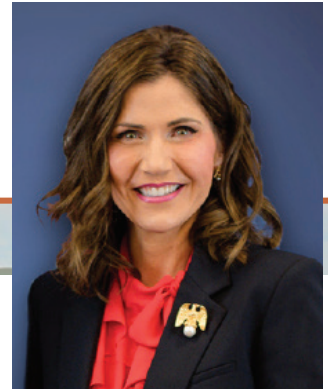
While the Senate has passed its bill, we have more work ahead of us, and I look forward to working with my colleagues of both parties to advance this NDAA and get our military men and women the resources they need to defend our nation.

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SOUTH DAKOTA GOVERNOR  
**KRISTI NOEM**



## South Dakota's Future Remains Bright

Since my time in Congress, I've had a good relationship with President Trump and his administration. We worked on tax reform together, he helped bring back fireworks to Mount Rushmore earlier this month, and he and his team have been instrumental in helping us secure the supplies we have needed to battle COVID-19.

In many ways, it's fair to say that South Dakota has developed a unique relationship with the Trump administration. Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to continue to develop our common bond with a visit to Washington D.C. On Wednesday, I sat down with Vice President Pence, Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar, as well as senior officials at the Department of Treasury and the Department of Justice.

Our conversations included the shared lessons that we have learned from our unique approaches to the virus, what the outlook is for further development of treatment as well as a potential vaccine in the coming months, how best we can tackle the rebuilding that will need to take place as we look overcome the challenges that COVID has left in its wake, among many other things.

This last point about rebuilding is one that we are all especially zeroed in on at this point. Even before COVID hit, I got up every day looking for ways to improve our state so it can be stronger today and for the next generation. And now in the wake of this global pandemic, whether it's education or business growth and development or finding more ways to protect our most vulnerable, the challenges in front of us are real, and yet also very feasible. The reason I continue to be very optimistic about our future is because of our people – the finest in the nation.

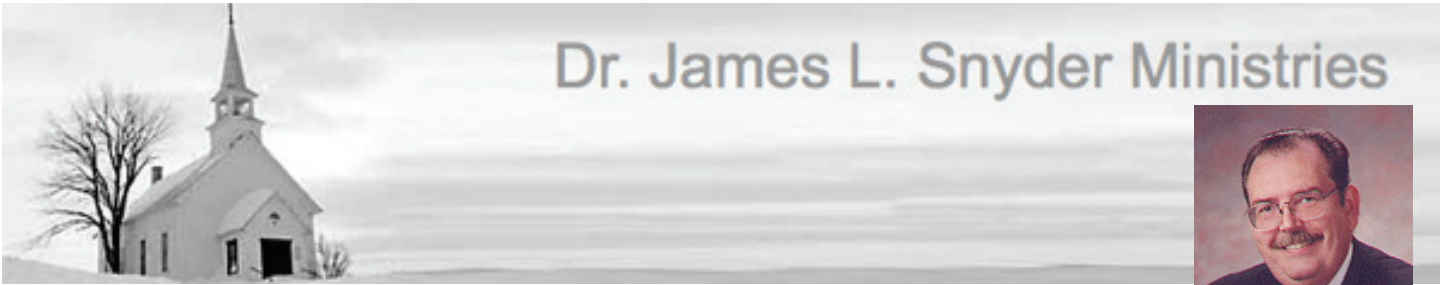
Though there is still some unknown about where this year will take us, I firmly believe that our state is in the best position of any in the country. We will continue to provide all the information we have about our situation as quickly as possible to you all. Then, we will continue to trust the people of this great state to take that information and make the best decisions for themselves, their families, and – in turn – their communities. Though we're not out of the woods yet, I wholeheartedly believe our future is very bright.

As always, for all the latest information about COVID-19 in South Dakota, please visit [COVID.SD.Gov](https://COVID.SD.Gov).



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## It's My Birthday I'll Lie If I Want To

I'm not a proponent of lying. I don't like it when people lie. If they lie once, how do you know they're not lying again?

Lately, I've been thinking about what the definition of a lie really is. Is there some time when telling a lie is the best to do? And, is every lie a non-truth?

The reason I've been having these thoughts is that I just celebrated my birthday. It always sneaks up on me, and I'm not sure why because it happens every year.

It was like when I was in school, we always had a test on Friday, and it always surprised me that the teacher had a test.

So my birthday this year was somewhat of a surprise because I was so busy doing other things I forgot about it. Having a birthday every year can be a little monotonous.

One good thing about my birthday is that the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage's birthday is two days after mine. And so, if she remembers my birthday, then I will automatically remember hers. I love it when a plan comes together.

Through the years, I wrestled with a certain problem. Do I really know my birthday exactly? Do I know the exact day, the exact month, the exact year?

The reason I say this is because my parents are the ones that fed me this personal information. And to be honest, they have not always been truthful with me, I'm sorry to say.

For instance, it took me a long time to realize that Santa Claus was not real. All those years my parents told me that Santa Claus was real and that he was going to bring my presents if I was a good boy. I believed and trusted them.

I still remember the day when I discovered that Santa Claus was not real. When I accosted my parents with this new information, they simply explained it by saying, "Son, we were trying to make your life better and give you something to hope for." Then they would smile and asked me if I liked my Christmas present.

So, if a lie produces good results, it's okay?

Then there was the Easter Bunny. Every year we would celebrate the Easter Bunny and collect the eggs scattered all through the yard. I was quite fascinated with the Easter Bunny to such an extent that I raised bunnies.

Then the day came when I realized that the Easter Bunny did not exist.

Again, I accosted my parents with this new information that I had, and they explained it by saying, "Son, we just wanted you to have something fun to look forward to."

So, a lie is okay if it ends up with somebody having fun!

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As I got older, my favorite was the Tooth Fairy. For every tooth that I could pull, I would get \$0.25 under my pillow that night. Whenever I had a loose tooth, I got very excited and began planning what to do with the \$0.25.

My parents were very excited when they saw how excited I was with a loose tooth, and my father helped pull it out for me. Then, when I went to bed, I slipped it under my pillow with the eager anticipation that there would be \$0.25 under my pillow in the morning.

Every morning there was that \$0.25, and I grabbed it, ran down to the kitchen and showed my mother and father what the Tooth Fairy had brought me that night.

One afternoon, I was looking for something in my parent's bedroom, and I happen to come across a little box full of teeth. They seemed somewhat familiar; in fact, I realized they were my teeth.

Again, I accosted my parents and said, "Why are my teeth in this little box?"

Nervously, my mother and father looked at each other, and then my dad said, "I'm not sure. Maybe the Tooth Fairy dropped it by mistake." Then both my mother and father would laugh and remind me of that \$0.25.

So, were my parents truthful in telling me when my birthday is?

I say all of this to try to understand when it is appropriate to lie.

On my birthday, several people were asking me, "How old are you today?" Then they would laugh.

So taking some clues from my parents, it might be appropriate for me to spin some lies so everybody is happy and enjoying themselves.

As I was blowing out the birthday cake candles, I said, "I'm not sure how old I am, but I feel like 27." Then everybody would laugh.

Someone said, "What has been your best birthday party?"

I had some in mind, but I said, "The one I'm having with you guys right now." And everybody laughed.

I spun a few other lies I will not mention now and then looked around at the group, and everybody was having a good time. Based on my parent's example, if people are having a good time, it's okay to lie.

Feeling a little guilty about the day, I happened to read what David said, "Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies" (Psalm 40:4).

As old as I am, I ought to know that nothing good comes from a lie. My birthday resolution this year is, "I shall lie not, no matter what."



Inform. Enlighten. Illuminate.

## University faculty in S.D. fear that return to campus may lead to COVID-19 outbreaks

Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch

The plan to return to face-to-face teaching and learning at colleges in South Dakota in August is causing great concern among faculty and staff who fear that campuses across the state could become sources of major outbreaks of the potentially deadly coronavirus.

Though extensive planning and preparation are underway to make campuses as safe as possible amid the pandemic, many college employees are worried that bringing thousands of young adults from across the state, country and world together in campus classrooms, residence halls and administration buildings will lead to COVID-19 outbreaks among the staff, students or their families.



Timothy Schorn

"I really want to see the students again, and I want to see them face to face," said Tim Schorn, a political science professor at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. "But I'm very concerned that what we're doing on college campuses is creating the new round of COVID hot spots."

A petition seeking to give students and faculty the right to decide on their own to teach and learn remotely if they do not feel comfortable returning to in-person learning has been shared among faculty since early July, and has garnered more than 100 signatures. The petition was sent to Board of Regents Executive Director Brian Maher in mid-July.

Many of the concerns center around the fact that even if protections against the virus are present in classrooms and campus buildings, students will create risks by arriving on campus after spending the summer elsewhere, by living very active and social lifestyles, by gathering in groups and by not taking preventive steps against spreading the virus in their personal time.

Mark Geary, a Dakota State University professor who is president of the statewide faculty union, said that even with mandatory mask usage, social distancing and other protective measures in classrooms and other buildings, he expects to see outbreaks of COVID-19 on campuses in South Dakota this fall.

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**-- Professor Timothy Schorn, University of South Dakota**



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"My gut feeling is that if they come in and say our campuses are open, you're going to start having football games and then after-parties and then two weeks after your first home game, you're likely to see a spike," he said. "My rough guess is that you're going to see major outbreaks on some campuses."

Geary said faculty are concerned that students may be active spreaders of COVID-19 because of their lifestyles.

"All of us go through a phase in our late teens and early 20s when we believe we're immortal, so they're in a risk-taking group," said Geary, recalling that he rode a motorcycle from Florida to Ohio without a helmet more than once when he was in college. "That's a normal part of growing up, but there's some risks you can recover from and there's some risks where you make a mistake and you can't recover from it."

The Board of Regents, which governs the university system, announced on May 1 that all six universities and two special schools in the system would return to in-person teaching for the fall semester. The six universities will begin classes on Aug. 19 and end in-person teaching on Nov. 24, with all finals exams to be administered remotely.

Universities are undergoing significant planning and preparation for the return to classes, including extensive cleaning, installation of protective barriers, providing of sanitizer and protective equipment, and reconfiguring of classrooms to ensure social distancing.

The Regents voted unanimously on Wednesday, July 22, to begin the academic year with a requirement that masks be worn inside all public buildings on campus. The Level 3 designation, the third-most stringent on a scale of 1-4, will be reviewed and could be changed after 30 days. Individual universities can also request a change in level at any time if conditions change on their campus.

Masks will also be required in indoor settings at four private colleges in South Dakota, including Augustana University, Dakota Wesleyan University, Presentation College and the University of Sioux Falls.

The decision to return to in-person learning has been vexing for college administrators across the country, as most place a high value on in-person instruction but must also balance public health risks.

The Chronicle of Higher Education is tracking re-opening plans of 1,200 colleges across America and, as of July 16, reported that 55% planned for in-person classes; 30% were implementing a hybrid model with in-person and remote classes; 10% were holding classes online only; and the rest were still in planning stages.

A vast majority of South Dakota faculty who responded to a recent survey by the

Council for Higher Education, the union that represents South Dakota faculty, do not feel confident that face-to-face teaching can be done safely on South Dakota campuses in the fall.

Only 8.6% of the 81 faculty members who responded to the survey — sent out before the mask mandate — said they were confident of a safe return. More than half said they would prefer to maintain remote learning in the



Mark Geary



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fall, and about 34% said they had some concerns or significant concerns about whether it will be safe.

Brian Maher, executive director of the South Dakota Board of Regents, said he understands the concerns of those who will soon return to campus.

"I don't think fearful is too dramatic; I think that is appropriate," Maher said. "Quite frankly, I share all those emotions; I think any citizen in the state shares those emotions."

But after a summer of planning and preparation, Maher said he feels in-person teaching and learning on campuses can be done safely.

"I have my own children of the age where they could be instructors, and I would feel very comfortable with them being in that classroom as an instructor or a student," Maher said.

"Anybody who has watched the deliberate approach the Board of Regents has taken, and anybody who has talked to a campus president about the deliberate, calculated method they have used in terms of coming to where they are today ... I think people would find comfort in all of the research, all the data and all the care that has gotten us to where we are today."

Maher said that maintaining public health on campuses will continue to be a process that could result in a change in tier levels regarding mask usage or changes in educational delivery methods at individual campuses or systemwide.

"It doesn't mean I wouldn't have some fear; I certainly would still have some fear," he said. "But I think to the extent that we can, we've mitigated that issue, because it's a dynamic issue and we haven't come to the concluding point of this issue."

He added: "We'll see where we are in August and we'll see where we are in September."

## Speaking out about safety

Sara Lampert is a history professor at USD who also serves as coordinator of the Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies program. Lampert has deep concerns about returning to in-person classes on campus and also about how decisions have been made in the university system regarding COVID-19.

Lampert said she authored the petition after becoming concerned about safety on campus in the fall, and when it became clear that even though the university asked for input from faculty and staff, the concerns they raised weren't taken fully into account.

"We were asked to bring concerns or questions, but the process isn't really transparent, and folks who did bring concerns didn't get much response," Lampert said. "It was prompted by a growing feeling among faculty that our concerns weren't being heard, but also that we were not very clear about the process according to which we could potentially teach online."

Lampert's petition made four major requests: that faculty have the ability to teach remotely if they wish; that no student be required to attend in-person classes; that academic advising be allowed to take place remotely; and that no instructor or student be required to disclose personal or family medical information in order to justify a request to teach or learn online.

Lampert said she understands and is sympathetic to the difficult decisions the Regents and university leaders must make heading into the new semester amid a pandemic, and believes they are trying hard to keep people safe. She said she also realizes that some instructors want to return to class, and she supports their right to do so.

"We're all really concerned and empathetic to each other's fears and the pressures we're under, and that the leadership of our institution is in a tight spot," Lampert said. "But we want our colleagues to feel safe teaching and feel like they actually have a choice over the environment they're put into in the fall."



**Sara Lampert, a professor at USD, wants faculty, staff and students to make their own choice of whether to return to face-to-face teaching and learning on South Dakota campuses amid the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Photo: Courtesy Sara Lampert



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But Lampert said that given the potentially life-threatening consequences of the virus, and its high potential for airborne spread in confined indoor settings, everyone on campus should have the right to decide if they want to learn, teach or work remotely.

"The people who want to be able to protect themselves, their families and their students, not to mention their communities, by teaching online don't have a choice in that," said Lampert, who was happy to hear of the mask mandate.

Maher said he had received and read the petition but said it was impractical not to have general protocols in place to guide behavior of individuals, such as whether they teach remotely, in a system with thousands of employees.

Lampert said she loves her job and enjoys the environment at USD. She also is aware that South Dakota universities are facing tough financial times amid the pandemic, and that in-person classes are seen as a critical element in the overall college experience.

"We understand that our universities are in a very difficult financial situation, and that at the state level, that there's an expectation of a face-to-face fall, and we get that," she said. "But we felt like we are being kind of left out at sea."

## Waivers allowed for medical reasons

Some staff and faculty members have received waivers that will allow them to work from home or teach entirely online and not have to hold in-person classes or advising.

The process to obtain a waiver was shared with faculty across the university system in the summer and was handled by human-resources officials at each campus, said Janelle Toman, spokeswoman for the Regents.

The accommodation decisions were guided by university-system HR policies and procedures within the Americans with Disabilities Act, Toman said.

"As with any accommodation request under the ADA, university administration across the system engage in an interactive process with those faculty and staff members to identify if a reasonable accommodation can be provided," Toman wrote in an email to News Watch.

In terms of determining whether some classes are held in person or online, Toman wrote: "The primary factor that determines course delivery methods is based on the section size and space available to adequately follow CDC's guidance on social/physical distancing."

Toman did not provide the number of employees who have requested or received a waiver.

Faculty and staff at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City were given the opportunity to seek a waiver based on CDC guidelines for conditions that put someone at risk of complications from COVID-19, such as cancer, kidney disease, chronic pulmonary disease, Type 2 diabetes, immunocompromised conditions, sickle-cell disease, heart disease and obesity.

In all, about two dozen faculty and staff members of the roughly 450 people on campus were granted waivers to work remotely, said Charles Michael Ray, a university spokesman. Ray said that other employees are being allowed to work remotely if they obtain supervisor permission. About 10 of 150 faculty members were among those



**The South Dakota Board of Regents announced on May 1 that public universities, including the University of South Dakota, would re-open for in-person teaching and learning in the fall 2020 semester.** Photo: Bart Pfankuch, South Dakota News Watch



Lance Roberts

who received formal waivers, he said.

Furthermore, the school has assigned some faculty and staff to work remotely in shifts in order to reduce employee interaction in confined workspaces, Ray said.

Administrators have been planning and preparing since early May for an August return to in-person classes, said Lance Roberts, interim provost.

Roberts said officials at Mines had implemented many strategies to reduce the spread of the coronavirus, including: classrooms will be utilized at 30% capacity in many cases to improve social distancing; plexiglass barriers will be used in settings where close personal interaction is likely; and the school purchased face shields for any employee who wants one.

Roberts, who taught a rock-mechanics course and lab in spring 2020, said he would feel comfortable returning to the classroom again this fall.

"It's really taken all our focus on really ensuring that we do plan this semester as safely as possible, and it has taken a tremendous amount of work to get here, really across the board with our faculty, our staff, everybody," Roberts said. "This has been very well thought-out and meticulous as we have gone through the summer."

## Potential financial implications

Bringing students back to campus and making it safe enough to keep them there through the fall and into the spring is important to preserve the educational and social benefits of the college experience, but it is also important from a financial standpoint.

A 15% drop in enrollment in the 2020 academic year — a prediction cited by national experts when the pandemic hit — would cost the university system an estimated \$48 million in revenue.

Maher said that as of mid-July, enrollment systemwide was expected to be flat or down "less than double digits" in percentage.

But universities could still see major revenue losses if students do not return to campus for a full semester or if campuses close at any point due to an outbreak.

When South Dakota universities shut down and reverted to online learning last spring, schools lost millions in revenue. USD and SDSU alone lost a combined \$9.2 million in reimbursements made to students for housing, fees and parking.

Remote learning by students can reduce several revenue streams for campuses.

## SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS MASK POLICY

Here is a condensed look at the four-level mask usage policy approved on July 22 by the South Dakota Board of Regents for its six universities and two special schools. The Regents voted to begin the academic year at Level 3, with a review to be done after 30 days. The protocols apply to all students, staff, faculty and campus visitors.

**Level 1:** requires face coverings in all classroom or lab settings where course delivery requires close proximity or physical contact and makes Centers for Disease Control recommendations on physical distancing impractical. Examples are instructional laboratories, clinical training environments, and design or art studio instruction.

**Level 2:** requires face coverings in all public areas of academic buildings on campus (including classrooms, hallways, and common areas), along with other indoor areas where 30 or more individuals frequently congregate or interact in a setting not conducive to maintaining CDC-recommended physical distancing.

**Level 3:** requires face coverings in all public indoor spaces on campus.

**Level 4:** requires face coverings in all public indoor and outdoor areas of campus.

Students, faculty and staff and visitors can all face different forms of informal and formal enforcement, starting with alerting them to the violation. In extreme cases, a student could be restricted from certain places or from campus entirely, a faculty member or employee could face formal employment discipline, and visitors could face removal from campus.

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At USD, for example, a meal plan at the school with more than 10,000 students costs up to \$1,876 per student per semester, and a single-occupancy dorm rents for \$2,605 a semester, with double occupancy at \$2,140 a semester. Among other fees, students also pay \$166 per year to register a car on campus. Students pay more per credit hour for off-campus courses (\$351 per credit compared with \$256) but do not pay fees that accompany many on-campus courses, such as \$103 additional per credit in nursing, \$84 additional per credit in physics and \$70 additional per credit in computer science.

Schorn, who directs the International Studies program at USD, said he believed in April and May that teachers and students would likely be able to return safely to in-person classes in the fall. But as COVID-19 cases have risen, especially among young adults in some regions, he is now less certain now that in-person instruction can be done without great risk.

Schorn said he did not initially sign the petition sent to Maher but did so after considering that with tenure and 25 years of experience, he not only has the right to speak up for others with concerns but also a responsibility to do so.

"We have a lot of faculty members who are lecturers, adjunct instructors, who have very few protections and are very concerned about speaking up," he said. "There are real concerns and I want to make sure we don't forget about those who don't have the freedom and power to speak up."

Schorn said he supports a hybrid teaching format in which most lectures are held remotely by computer but some hands-on discussions or project work is done in person, a concept that he said would likely require more work, effort and planning by instructors than solely teaching in classrooms.

Schorn said it is important for administrators and the public to know that faculty and staff are raising concerns about returning to in-person classroom teaching and pushing for more online options solely due to fears of contracting or spreading the coronavirus.

"We're not pushing for this to step on people's toes, to take away their rights or freedoms or to get out of work," Schorn said. "We're not doing it out of selfishness or laziness; we're doing it out of concern for ourselves, our students and our families."

## Study pushes testing and social limits

One early study of the risks of a return to in-person learning was done by researchers at the University of Pennsylvania and Swarthmore College, who created a mathematical simulation of the university environment to examine potential consequences.

The study suggested that random testing for COVID-19, extensive contact tracing of infected people and strict quarantining of the ill are critical components of limiting spread. South Dakota public campuses will not undergo wholesale testing or medical screening of students, faculty and staff before starting classes, Maher said.

Toman said the state Department of Health intends to provide the six public universities and four technical schools with 13 testing machines and 6,500 total test kits, though specifics of how those will be used are still being determined.

The study also found that moving larger classes to online-only could reduce the number and size of outbreaks, and that breaking classes up into smaller groups that still meet in person "does not have a strong enough effect to protect students and instructors."

The study suggested that while residential settings for students may be problematic, the most important part of a virus-reduction strategy is to limit non-residential social interaction by students in groups.



**Widespread testing of students, faculty and staff for COVID-19 is not part of the return-to-campus plan of the South Dakota Board of Regents.** Photo: News Watch

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**David Clay**

Preventing students from interacting socially and potentially being exposed to the virus outside the classroom is likely impossible, however.

David Clay, a soil-science professor who is the immediate past president of the faculty senate at South Dakota State University in Brookings, said that knowing students as he does, and having been a college student himself in the 1970s, it will be impossible for young adults to follow social-distancing guidelines and use precautions against the virus when they are not in class.

"Students are going to be students; they haven't changed," Clay said. "People are nervous because social distancing is difficult when you're drinking at a party and then you're coming to class the next day."

Geary said he has been troubled by news reports that even those who recover from COVID-19 can have lingering health effects such as blood clots, lung damage or brain complications. He also worries that no plans exist to test students or faculty before they gather together in classrooms unless they show symptoms of COVID-19.

"When you look at what the CDC says, it's testing, testing, testing," Geary said. "I don't think we have a lot of plans to adequately or robustly test our students; we're going into it somewhat blind and we're not taking the steps to open our eyes to the possibilities of spread that may be there."

While most students in the university system are from South Dakota, where infection rates have been relatively low, some students who return to campus will come from across the country and beyond, and may return to their homes at some point during the semester and then come back to campus.

"They're coming from all over, and that's what makes us all so nervous, because it only takes one," said Clay. "One person can get an awful lot of people sick."

Student athletes are more likely to come from across the nation and the world, including areas that are hot spots for COVID-19, such as Florida, California and Arizona.

The USD men's football team, for example, has 97 players from 11 states, while the USD women's track-and-field squad has more than 70 women from 10 states and four foreign countries. The SDSU men's football team has 99 players from 10 states, and the SDSU women's track-and-field team has more than 80 women from eight states and two foreign countries.

Clay said students who congregate on the campus in Brookings could become infected and then bring the illness home to their families and friends.

"Students come in and let's say they pick up COVID on campus, where are they from?" Clay said. "They may be from Philip, or from all over the state, and then they go home and can transmit it there, so it's multiple layers of concern."

A high number of professors also tend to be older and potentially at greater risk of complications from COVID-19, Clay said. "A lot of our faculty, they're a little bit older," he said. "A lot are in their 50s or 60s, and I think they're rightfully nervous."

Clay said his largest class size each year is 140 students, but he teaches that class only once per academic year and not until spring 2021. Faculty may also make adjustments to normal practices, such as holding office hours in classrooms rather than small offices, he said.

Clay said he did not request a waiver to teach remotely and will support whatever plans SDSU has for returning in the fall. "If I'm asked to teach in class, I'll teach in class," he said.

Schorn said that unless something drastic happens, he is planning to return to campus to teach three courses in the fall semester, with class counts ranging from 17 to 34. Schorn said he intends to wear a face mask and face shield, and will have to alter his habit of walking about the classroom and interacting directly with students during lectures.

"I love teaching face to face, interacting with my students and seeing that 'aha' moment on their faces when something really clicks," he said. "And I'm a pacer, so I'm probably going to have to handcuff myself to a desk or podium and stop myself from wandering [around] the classroom and the students."

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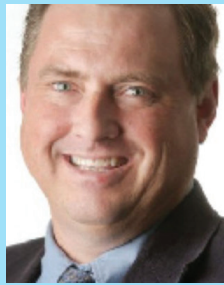
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Schorn and others cannot make unilateral decisions about whether to teach remotely.

Schorn, who was pleased with the mask mandate passed on July 22, has run through hypothetical scenarios in which he has planned for how to handle a student who appears ill and shows up in class, or what he might do if someone begins coughing or sneezing once class begins. He does not have clear answers so far, but said student safety will be the top priority in any situation.

"I've had this conversation with other faculty, that we have an ethical duty to do everything we can to protect our students, and ensure our students are in the best possible place to protect themselves from the spread of COVID," he said.

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## Covid-19 Update: by Marie Miller

Today was a little better than yesterday, but I would not say things are looking up, especially when we recognize that reporting can be slow on weekends. We are now at 4,189,600 cases. That's 67,500 more than yesterday, an increase of 1.6%. New daily cases are increasing in 46 states. Eighteen states have had new-case record days this week: Hawaii, Alaska, California, Montana, Utah, New Mexico, North Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, West Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Forty states have shown 14-day increases in per capita cases. The US's seven-day average has doubled in the past month to more than 66,000. New record seven-day averages were set in Hawaii, Alaska, California, Kansas, Missouri, Mississippi, Indiana, Kentucky, and Puerto Rico. Hospitalizations haven't set a record, but they are approaching the record from April. It does appear the growth in new cases may be slowing down a bit; the 14-day increase is down to 20%.

There were 923 deaths reported today, an increase of 0.6% to 146,299. This is a bit of a dip after four consecutive days over 1000. South Carolina reported a record number of deaths today. The 14-day increase in deaths is now outpacing the increase in new cases. Nevada had a record number of deaths for the week. Records for seven-day average number of deaths were set in California, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida.

I've been reading about challenges in vaccine development, specifically us old folks. We've been aware for a long time that older people are more at-risk from Covid-19 than younger people; we've been aware for even longer that eliciting an immune response in an older person is more difficult. These things happen for the same reason, something called immunosenescence, a deterioration in immune response that occurs with aging. There are a couple of things operating here.

One of these has to do with a gland high in the chest called the thymus. This organ increases in size throughout childhood and then shrinks throughout adult life. The purpose of the gland is to produce T-cells, a kind of white blood cell we've talked about several times, most recently just this past week. These cells play a significant role in recognizing pathogens as foreign and initiating an immune response; they adapt from their naïve, adaptable state until an encounter with a new antigen causes a specific response to that antigen and then spend the rest of their lives sensitized, always ready to respond to that same antigen if they encounter it again. Their response trains other cells of the immune system to do their part in an immune response, so they're pretty important to the way things turn out in an infection. The problem is that, as you age, the thymus loses active tissue and produces fewer and fewer new adaptable T cells, so the supply is diminished; these reserves are noticeably reduced by the time you're 40 or 50, and the problem becomes more acute as you get older. That can leave you seriously short of adaptable T-cells when you're 70 and run across a new coronavirus.

Many vaccines depend on a T-cell response to get the immune response underway, and so this depletion of the supply can present an issue. A fair number of vaccines are targeted at diseases which are a problem primarily in children, and so T-cell reserves are still strong. A disease like Covid-19 complicates the picture, maybe because of this T-cell problem; that's one of the many things we do not yet fully understand. This is the reason the Moderna vaccine candidate is going into a phase 2 trial specifically seeking to enroll adults 55 and older; we need to understand the nature and strength of a response in that age group.

There are modifications that can be made to vaccines to make them work better in older adults. One



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is to increase the amount of the antigen in a dose; this increase in immunologic stimulus generally elicits a stronger response. Another is the use of adjuvants, compounds added to the antigen in vaccine to strengthen the immune response. Some adjuvants simply cause the antigen to hang around longer, increasing the duration of the stimulus; others act as irritants, engaging and amplifying the response. And some newer adjuvants actually target particular components of the immune system to strengthen their response. Adjuvants are nothing new; many of the vaccines currently in use are adjuvanted. For some of the reasons adjuvants are effective, there can be more of a tendency to have reactions to an adjuvanted vaccine—redness and inflammation at the injection site and more systemic reactions like fever and aches. Adjuvants are not dangerous or harmful, but they can cause unpleasant effects.

Another issue in older individuals is a reduction in innate responses, those front-line, nonspecific responses we talked about a couple of days ago. As we age, we often develop defects in the activation of a number of the kinds of cells involved in this sort of response, due (we think) to disordered signaling between cells.

There also appears to be a sort of ongoing pro-inflammatory environment in older individuals which can contribute to tissue damage caused by infections and tie up system capacity. What we think is going on here is that you accumulate chronic infections as you go through life, pathogens that invade and neither overwhelm you and make you sick nor get cleared by your immune system; the upshot is that you've been spending years, maybe decades, in a constant, low-grade holding action against them. This sort of thing builds up over time.

An example is cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection; once you're infected with CMV, you retain the virus for life. For most of us, this is not a particularly important situation; the virus doesn't cause much more than some low-grade body aches, fever, and sore throat, and that only in some people; it really only poses an acute problem in newborn infants (when acquired from an infected mother via the placenta or in breast milk, typically only if she has an active infection during the pregnancy) and in those with a weakened immune system after organ transplantation or HIV infection. In those susceptible individuals, the virus can be devastating.

CMV is very common: Around 85% of adults will test positive for the virus. Apparently, the reason it doesn't cause more trouble for us is that our immune systems are highly effective in suppressing it; but that comes at a cost. In elderly adults, as much as 20% of the immune system's resources are in use against CMV pretty much all of the time. That's a lot of capacity directed at this one virus. Having your immune system sort of stuck in an inflammatory state all of the time can make it harder for you to detect a new pathogen or to mount an effective response against an antigenic stimulus like a vaccine. Martin Friede, the WHO's coordinator for vaccine product and delivery research, describes it thus: "It's essentially like being in a room with lots of noise and someone says 'help.' You won't hear it." So that's a challenge.

Then there's the problem that this is a completely new virus; no one's immune system has any experience with it. Most of the other vaccines older people get, for example, for flu or shingles, are basically booster shots for viruses we've seen before. Mounting a response against something brand new is a taller order than a repeat performance against an old, familiar foe.

One last thing to consider is this: Most of us probably have a whole repertoire of antibodies against those relatively harmless, cold-causing coronaviruses because of exposure throughout our lives, and no one's exactly sure how that will play into a response to a Covid-19 vaccine. While each coronavirus is antigenically distinct, they all do have some antigens in common or that are at least similar. It could be that these preexisting antibodies help to provide some partial protection against this new one, SARS-CoV-2; could be we've had a T-cell response against those other viruses which may be helpful against this one. On the

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other hand, it could be these antibodies can react with this virus without actually disabling it; and that could mean these antibodies get in the way of a good response to the vaccine without being, themselves, protective. And this wouldn't be so great. As I've said repeatedly throughout this thing, we need to know more. And so, the research continues.

The Navajo nation was absolutely hammered by this pandemic. So many people on the reservation are poor, have few resources to call upon, and live in multigenerational housing, lacking even running water, so that they are seriously at risk. Federal funding did not, for the most part, reach the Navajo at all. The number of infections was staggering. Through all of that, people were working to collect supplies for elders and those with children, using social media to organize donations to get important supplies to rural areas where conventional sources of help fail to reach.

Among those folks is a pair of sisters, Girl Scouts Ari, 7, and Leia, 12, Begay, who assembled and delivered care packages from their project, Navajo Sage. They collected donations, budgeted, and shopped for supplies, then put the packages together and provided gas money for those who delivered them. The packages contained items available, if at all, only at inflated prices: bottled water, disinfectant, aspirin, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, soap, face masks, and shelf-stable food. Their goal was 80 packages, and they surpassed it, delivering 130.

Apparently, this was just a warm-up; the girls have been learning about ways to make a more lasting impact. They're starting work with a civil engineer on water access projects because, when you're seven or 12, I guess there's no time to waste. (I'm trying to remember what I was doing at 12; I do not recall any water projects.) Leia Begay explains, "I want people to understand that kids can make a difference and kids can bring hope. That's what I see mostly from the community is that . . . they are kids who are bringing hope to the world." I know they brought hope to mine.

Stay well. I'll be back tomorrow.

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## COVID CASES OVER THE WEEKS WORLDWIDE

**3 Weeks Ago**

**2 Weeks Ago**

**Last Week**

**This Week**

Total Confirmed	Total Confirmed	Total Confirmed	Total Confirmed
<b>11,288,094</b>	<b>12,739,269</b>	<b>14,313,491</b>	<b>16,055,909</b>
2,839,917 US	3,247,782 US	3,712,445 US	4,178,730 US
1,577,004 Brazil	1,839,850 Brazil	2,074,860 Brazil	2,394,513 Brazil
680,283 Russia	849,522 India	1,077,781 India	1,385,635 India
673,165 India	726,036 Russia	770,311 Russia	811,073 Russia
299,080 Peru	322,710 Peru	350,879 South Africa	434,200 South Africa
291,847 Chile	312,029 Chile	349,500 Peru	385,036 Mexico
286,414 United Kingdom	295,268 Mexico	338,913 Mexico	375,961 Peru
252,165 Mexico	290,504 United Kingdom	328,846 Chile	343,592 Chile
250,545 Spain	264,184 South Africa	295,632 United Kingdom	300,270 United Kingdom
241,419 Italy	257,303 Iran	273,788 Iran	288,839 Iran

Global Deaths

**602,776**

Global Deaths

**644,661**

140,120 deaths  
US

78,772 deaths  
Brazil

45,358 deaths  
United Kingdom

38,888 deaths  
Mexico

35,042 deaths  
Italy

30,155 deaths  
France

146,463 deaths  
US

86,449 deaths  
Brazil

45,823 deaths  
United Kingdom

42,645 deaths  
Mexico

35,102 deaths  
Italy

32,060 deaths  
India



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## Area COVID-19 Cases

	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
Minnesota	43,170	43,742	44,347	45,013	45,470	46,204	47,107
Nebraska	21,717	21,979	22,134	22,361	22,481	22,583	22,847
Montana	1,952	2,096	2,231	2,366	2,471	2,533	2,621
Colorado	37,686	38,155	38,726	39,344	39,788	40,142	40,566
Wyoming	1581	1,605	1,644	1,678	1,713	1,728	1,790
North Dakota	4493	4565	4668	4792	4907	5019	5126
South Dakota	7572	7652	7694	7789	7862	7906	7943
United States	3,431,574	3,499,398	3,576,430	3,649,087	3,712,445	3,773,260	3,831,405
US Deaths	136,466	137,419	138,360	139,278	140,120	140,534	140,909

Minnesota	+398	+572	+605	+666	+457	+734	+903
Nebraska	+318	+262	+155	+227	+120	+102	+264
Montana	+109	+144	+135	+135	+105	+62	+88
Colorado	+444	+469	+571	+618	+444	+354	+424
Wyoming	+36	+24	+39	+34	+35	+15	+62
North Dakota	+51	+72	+103	+124	+115	+112	+107
South Dakota	+48	+80	+42	+95	+73	+44	+37
United States	+68,518	+67,824	+77,032	+72,657	+63,358	+60,815	+58,145
US Deaths	+861	+953	+941	+918	+842	+414	+375

	July 22	July 23	June 24	June 25	July 26
Minnesota	47,457	47,961	48,721	49,488	50,291
Nebraska	23,190	23,486	23,818	24,174	24,395
Montana	2,712	2,813	2,910	3,039	3,260
Colorado	41,059	41,698	42,314	42,980	43,789
Wyoming	1,830	1,864	1,923	1,972	2,008
North Dakota	5207	5367	5493	5614	5736
South Dakota	8019	8077	8143	8200	8305
United States	3,902,233	3,971,343	4,038,864	4,114,817	4,178,730
US Deaths	142,073	143,193	144,305	145,565	146,463

Minnesota	+350	+504	+760	+ 773	+805
Nebraska	+343	+296	+332	+356	+221
Montana	+91	+101	+97	+129	+221
Colorado	+493	+639	+616	+455	+457
Wyoming	+40	+34	+59	+49	+36
North Dakota	+81	+160	+126	+121	+122
South Dakota	+76	+58	+66	+57	+105
United States	+70,828	+69,110	+67,521	+75,953	+63,913
US Deaths	+1,164	+1,120	+1,112	+1,260	+898

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## July 25th COVID-19 UPDATE

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from State Health Lab Reports

The positive cases in South Dakota nearly doubled on Saturday with 105 positive cases. There were 46 that were recovered, but that leaves the active count up by 59 to 876 - the highest numbers in a while. Lincoln County had 19 positive cases and Minnehaha had 42. Ziebach County, which had been stable for some time, picked up 4 cases today. Brown County had 1 positive and 2 recovered. Day County registered another positive case making the total of active cases there at 3. Spink had one recovered, lowering their active cases to 3. No new deaths were recorded.

### **Brown County:**

Active Cases: +2 (18)  
Recovered: +3 (356)  
Total Positive: +1 (374)  
Ever Hospitalized: 0 (20)  
Deaths: 2  
Negative Tests: +68 (3872)  
Percent Recovered: 95.2% (+.6)

### **South Dakota:**

Positive: +105 (8305 total)  
Negative: +2318 (95,290 total)  
Hospitalized: +6 (798 total). 46 currently hospitalized (up 1 from yesterday)  
Deaths: 0 (122 total)  
Recovered: +46 (7307 total)  
Active Cases: +59 (876)  
Percent Recovered: 87.9 -.6

Counties with no positive cases report the following negative tests: Harding +1 (48), unassigned +517 (4984).

Fully recovered from positive cases (Lost Tripp): Bon Homme 13-13, Campbell 1-1, Custer 11-11, Edmunds 10-10, Haakon 1-1, Hand 7-7, Hyde 3-3, Jackson 7-7, Jones 1-1, Perkins 4-4, Sanborn 12-12, Stanley 14-14, Sully 1-1.

The following is the breakdown by all counties. The number in parenthesis right after the county name represents the number of deaths in that county.

Aurora: 3 active cases  
Beadle (9): +4 positive, +1 recovered (44 active cases)  
Bennett: +1 recovered (1 active case)  
Bon Homme: Fully Recovered  
Brookings: +1 recovered (7 active cases)  
Brown (2): +1 positive, +3 recovered (16 active cases)  
Brule: 3 active cases  
Buffalo (3): +1 positive (19 active cases)  
Butte: 4 active cases

Campbell: Fully Recovered  
Charles Mix: 39 active cases  
Clark: 2 active cases  
Clay: +1 positive (13 active cases)  
Codington: 20 active cases  
Corson: 3 active cases  
Custer: Fully Recovered  
Davison: +2 positive, +3 recovered (14 active cases)  
Day: +1 positive (3 active cases)  
Deuel: +1 positive (2 active case)  
Dewey: +1 positive (52 active cases)

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Douglas: 5 active cases  
 Edmunds: Fully Recovered  
 Fall River: 2 active cases  
 Faulk (1): +1 positive (4 active cases)  
 Grant: 1 active case  
 Gregory: 1 active case  
 Haakon: Fully Recovered  
 Hamlin: 2 active cases  
 Hand: Fully Recovered  
 Hanson: +1 positive (3 active cases)  
 Harding: No infections reported  
 Hughes (3): +1 positive, +1 recovered (11 active cases)  
 Hutchinson: +2 positive (4 active cases)  
 Hyde: Fully Recovered  
 Jackson (1): Fully Recovered  
 Jerauld (1): 1 active cases  
 Jones: Fully Recovered  
 Kingsbury: +1 positive (2 active cases)  
 Lake (2): +6 positive, +1 recovered (18 active cases)  
 Lawrence: 5 active cases  
 Lincoln (1): +19 positive, +2 recovered (65 active cases)  
 Lyman (1): 8 active cases  
 Marshall: +2 positive, +1 recovered (3 active cases)  
 McCook (1): 4 active cases  
 McPherson: 1 active case  
 Meade (1): -1 positive (8 active cases)  
 Mellette: 11 active cases  
 Miner: 1 active case  
 Minnehaha (62): +42 positive, +14 recovered (252 active cases)  
 Moody: +1 positive, +1 recovered (3 active cases)  
 Oglala Lakota (1): +1 positive, +1 recovered (20

active cases)  
 Pennington (24): +7 positive, +10 recovered (131 active cases)  
 Perkins: Fully Recovered  
 Potter: 1 active case  
 Roberts: +1 positive, +1 recovered (6 active cases)  
 Sanborn: Fully Recovered  
 Spink: +1 recovered (3 active cases)  
 Stanley: Fully Recovered  
 Sully: Fully Recovered  
 Todd (3): 6 active cases  
 Tripp: +1 positive (1 active case)  
 Turner: +3 positive, +1 recovered (16 active cases)  
 Union (2): +1 positive, +2 recovered (19 active cases)  
 Walworth: 2 active cases  
 Yankton (2): +1 recovered (10 active cases)  
 Ziebach: +4 positive (6 active cases)

## North Dakota Dept. of Health Report COVID-19 Daily Report, July 25:

- 4,181 tests (1,552)
- 5,736 positives (+124)
- 4,671 recovered (+126)
- 99 deaths (+0)
- 966 active cases (-4)

## RACE/ETHNICITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

Race/Ethnicity	# of Cases	% of Cases
Asian, Non-Hispanic	718	9%
Black, Non-Hispanic	1003	12%
Hispanic	1173	14%
Native American, Non-Hispanic	1356	16%
Other	832	10%
White, Non-Hispanic	3223	39%

County of Residence	# of Deaths
Beadle	9
Brown	2
Buffalo	3
Butte	1
Faulk	1
Hughes	2
Jackson	1
Jerauld	1
Lake	2
Lincoln	1
Lyman	1
McCook	1
Meade	1
Minnehaha	62
Oglala Lakota	1
Pennington	26
Todd	3
Union	2
Yankton	2



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County	Positive Cases	Recovered Cases	Negative Persons
Aurora	37	34	341
Beadle	580	527	1783
Bennett	5	4	470
Bon Homme	13	13	700
Brookings	108	101	2363
Brown	374	356	3872
Brule	38	35	674
Buffalo	105	83	595
Butte	8	4	691
Campbell	1	1	78
Charles Mix	99	60	1125
Clark	16	14	363
Clay	104	91	1171
Codington	109	89	2531
Corson	24	21	361
Custer	11	11	714
Davison	78	64	2079
Day	21	18	562
Deuel	7	5	367
Dewey	53	1	1877
Douglas	16	11	374
Edmunds	10	10	367
Fall River	14	12	880
Faulk	26	21	161
Grant	18	17	650
Gregory	6	5	330
Haakon	1	1	270
Hamlin	14	12	572
Hand	7	7	251
Hanson	16	13	165
Harding	0	0	48
Hughes	82	68	1531
Hutchinson	23	19	825

Hyde	3	3	114
Jackson	7	6	406
Jerauld	39	37	261
Jones	1	1	48
Kingsbury	10	8	495
Lake	63	43	832
Lawrence	25	22	1872
Lincoln	467	401	5751
Lyman	84	75	852
Marshall	8	5	387
McCook	23	18	580
McPherson	6	5	191
Meade	63	54	1747
Mellette	21	10	297
Miner	11	10	235
Minnehaha	3983	3669	24230
Moody	27	24	574
Oglala Lakota	132	113	2847
Pennington	774	618	9845
Perkins	4	4	135
Potter	1	0	258
Roberts	63	57	1496
Sanborn	12	12	205
Spink	18	15	1047
Stanley	14	14	221
Sully	1	1	63
Todd	66	57	1832
Tripp	20	19	555
Turner	42	26	814
Union	172	151	1706
Walworth	18	16	518
Yankton	96	84	2806
Ziebach	7	1	264
Unassigned****	0	0	4984

## SEX OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

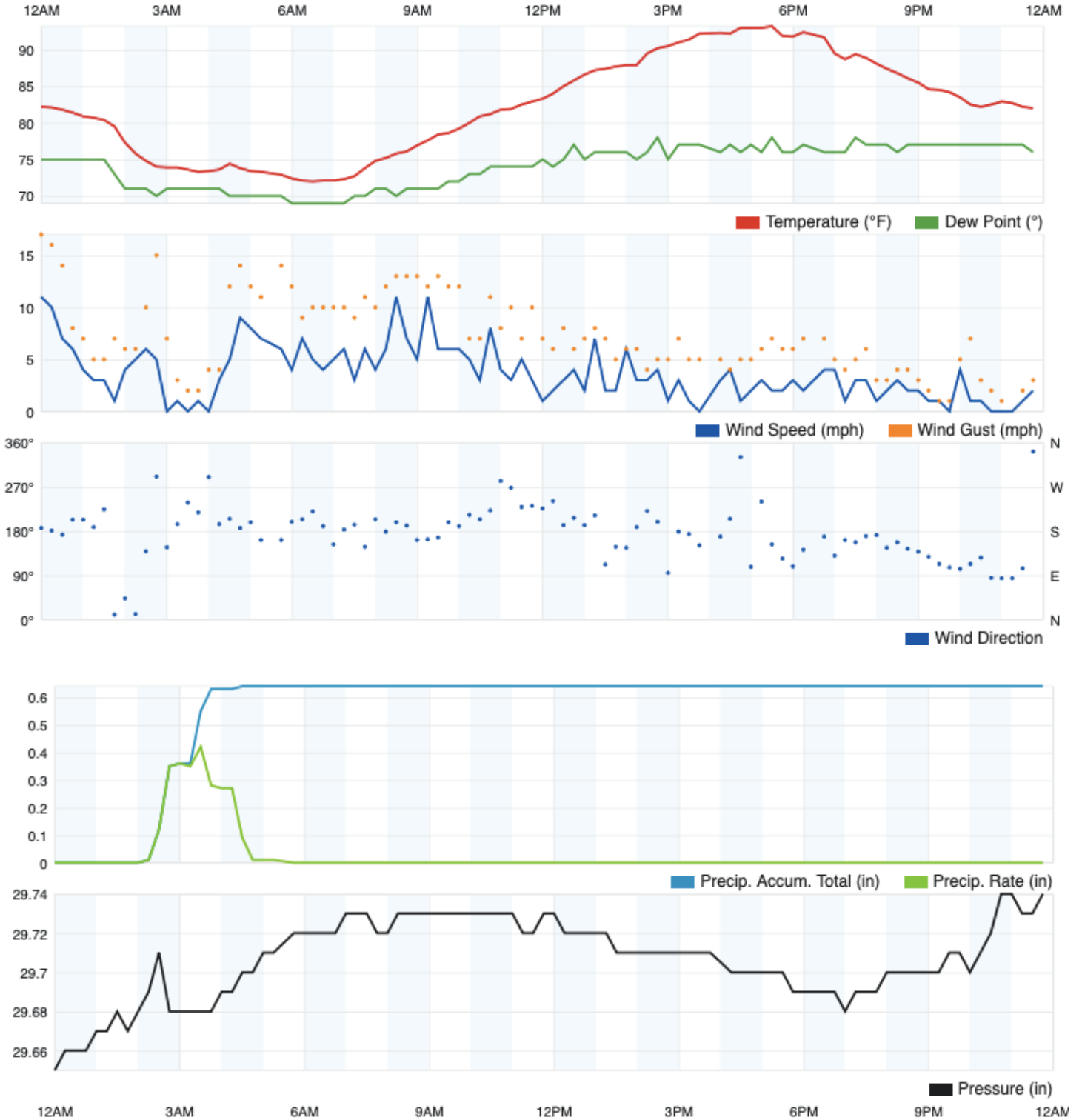
Sex	# of Cases	# of Deaths
Female	4048	63
Male	4257	59

Age Range	# of Cases	# of Deaths
0-19 years	992	0
20-29 years	1746	1
30-39 years	1685	6
40-49 years	1297	7
50-59 years	1266	16
60-69 years	749	23
70-79 years	298	17
80+ years	272	52

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## Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



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Today



Mostly Sunny

High: 84 °F

Tonight



Clear

Low: 59 °F

Monday



Sunny

High: 85 °F

Monday  
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 59 °F

Tuesday



Sunny

High: 86 °F

**Today**  
**Sun, July 26<sup>th</sup> 80-86°**

Morning t-storms are possible across portions of central and east central SD. Otherwise, clearing skies, cooler temps, and noticeably less humidity expected.

**3-Day Outlook**

Mon	Tue	Wed	
			Quiet and relatively comfortable weather until late Wed when a few t-storms could build into central SD (20-30% chance).
80-88°	82-92°	82-88°	

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION  
Updated: 7/26/2020 4:43 AM Central

A few storms roughly from Gettysburg to Clear Lake should wane through the remainder of the morning as high pressure builds. Clearing skies and cooler, drier air is expected today as a result.



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## Today in Weather History

July 26, 1963: An estimated F2 tornado moved northeast from 4 miles northeast of Raymond. Barns and outbuildings were destroyed on one farm, and the home was unroofed. Asphalt was ripped off a state highway.

U.S.A and Global Events for July 26th:

1874: Torrential rainfall brought flash flooding to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the Pittsburg Post-Gazette.

1890: During the morning hours, an estimated F3 tornado went through the southern part of Lawrence, Massachusetts. The tornado left 500 people homeless as the tornado destroyed 35 homes and damaged 60 others.

1897: Jewel, Maryland received 14.75 inches of rain in a 24 hour period. This record is currently the oldest, state rainfall record in the United States. All other state rainfall records are in the 1900s and 2000s.

1921: On the summit of Mt. Wellenkuppe, in Switzerland, the temperature reached 100 degrees by 10 am. The summit had an elevation of 12,830 feet and was covered in snow.

1931: A swarm of grasshoppers descends on crops throughout the American heartland, devastating millions of acres. Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota, already in the midst of a bad drought, suffered tremendously from this disaster.

1979: Tropical Storm Claudette stalled over Alvin, Texas, inundating the town with 45 inches of rain in 42 hours. The total included 43 inches in 24 hours, which is the maximum 24-hour rainfall in American history.

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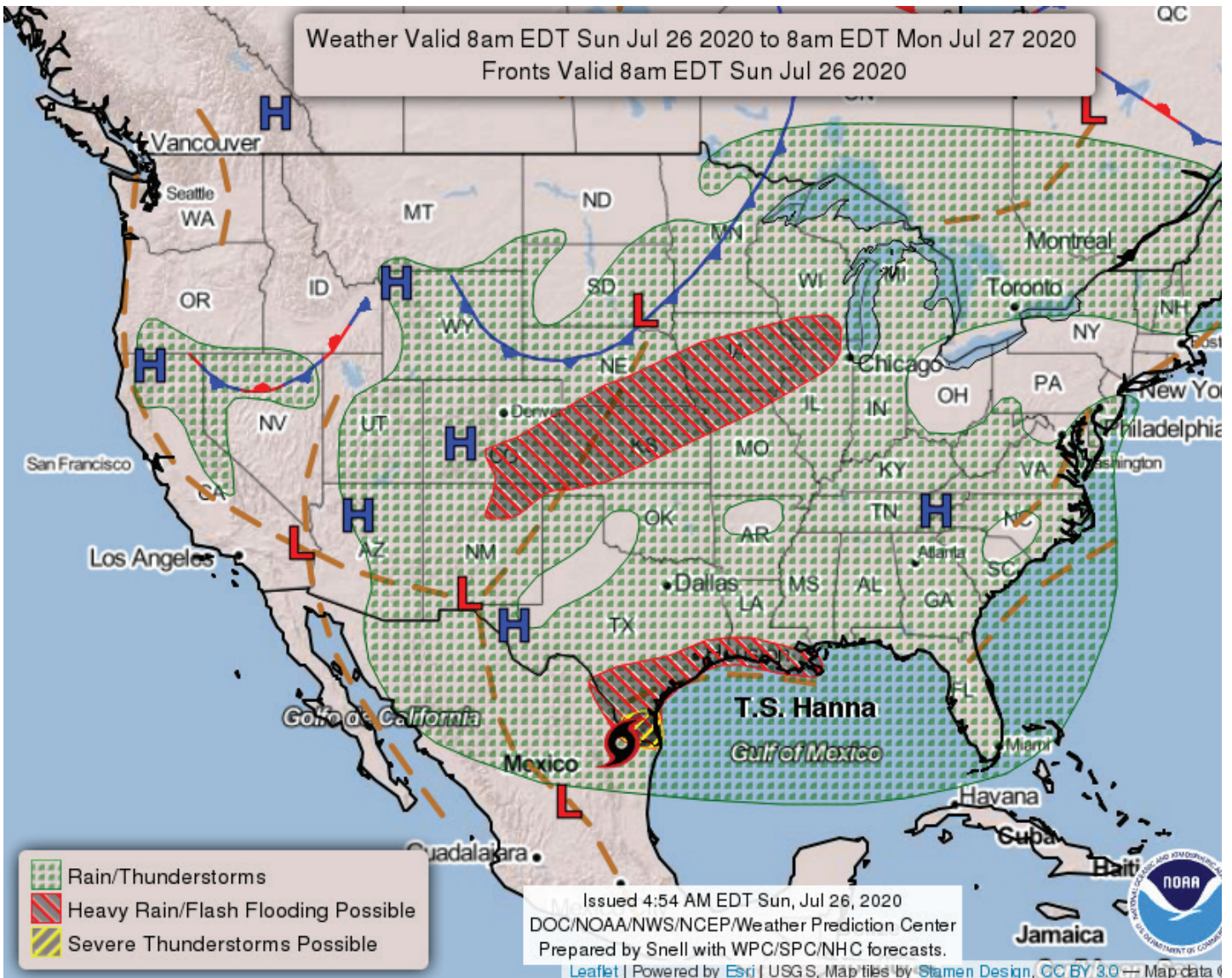
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## Yesterday's Groton Weather

**High Temp: 94 °F at 4:48 PM**  
**Low Temp: 72 °F at 6:18 AM**  
**Wind: 20 mph at 11:58 PM**  
**Precip: .86 this morning (1.50 2 day total)**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 112° in 1931**  
**Record Low: 42° in 1962**  
**Average High: 84°F**  
**Average Low: 59°F**  
**Average Precip in July.: 2.51**  
**Precip to date in July.: 2.19**  
**Average Precip to date: 13.35**  
**Precip Year to Date: 10.51**  
**Sunset Tonight: 9:08 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:13 a.m.**



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## HOW GOD LOVES

Little Nancy had kept every doll that her family and friends had given her. Over the years, many became tattered and worn. Some even had missing eyes and ears, and a few had lost some or most of their hair.

One day a friend of her mother came for a visit. With pride, Little Nancy invited the guest to visit her bedroom to meet her dolls. All of her dolls had been carefully displayed on her bed. "I love these dolls," she said to the guest.

Picking up a doll with a button missing from an eye, part of the thread gone from its lips, and a face that had become worn from being held so tightly for so many years, with a charming smile she said, "I love this one the most!"

"Why?" asked the friend.

"Well," she replied thoughtfully, "if I didn't, probably nobody would."

How like our Heavenly Father. When we read John 3:16, we are confronted with a love that has no boundaries, no barriers, no exceptions, no requirements, no standards, and no preconditions. When God proclaimed whosoever, He included everyone.

Often when we see those who are marred by sin and scarred by self-destructive behaviors or catch a glimpse of those individuals who are dirty and grimy and homeless, we look away in disrespect and disgust. Not Jesus. He sees in everyone – including us – a life worthy of His love.

Prayer: Help us, Father, to see those for whom You lived and died as You do. May we realize the price You paid for our salvation and do what we can to win them to You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture For Today : For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16



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## 2020 Groton SD Community Events

- **CANCELLED** Groton Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt - City Park (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- **CANCELLED** Dueling Piano's Baseball Fundraiser at the American Legion
- **CANCELLED** Fireman's Fun Night (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
- **POSTPONED** Front Porch 605 Rural Route Road Trip
- **CANCELLED** Father/Daughter dance.
- **CANCELLED** Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales, (1st Saturday in May)
- **CANCELLED** Girls High School Golf Meet at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 05/25/2020 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services
- 07/04/2020 Firecracker Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 07/12/2020 Summer Fest/Car Show
- 07/16/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Pro Am Golf Tourney
- 07/24/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Ferney Open Golf Tourney
- 07/25/2020 City-Wide Rummage Sales
- **CANCELLED** State American Legion Baseball Tournament in Groton
- 08/07/2020 Wine on Nine Event at Olive Grove Golf Course
- 09/12/2020 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Sat. after Labor Day)
- 09/13/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Couples Sunflower Classic
- 10/09/2020 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/10/2020 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/31/2020 Downtown Trick or Treat
- 10/31/2020 Groton United Methodist Trunk or Treat
- 11/14/2020 Groton Legion Annual Turkey Party (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 11/26/2020 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center
- 12/05/2020 Olive Grove Golf Course Tour of Homes & Holiday Party
- 12/05/2020 Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services

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## News from the Associated Press

### SD Lottery

By The Associated Press undefined

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) \_ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Saturday:

Dakota Cash

05-06-09-23-27

(five, six, nine, twenty-three, twenty-seven)

Estimated jackpot: \$74,000

Lotto America

32-36-46-47-48, Star Ball: 6, ASB: 2

(thirty-two, thirty-six, forty-six, forty-seven, forty-eight; Star Ball: six; ASB: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$3.6 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Powerball

05-21-36-61-62, Powerball: 18, Power Play: 2

(five, twenty-one, thirty-six, sixty-one, sixty-two; Powerball: eighteen; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$117 million

### South Dakota reports 105 new cases of COVID-19, no deaths

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota health officials reported 105 new cases of COVID-19 on Saturday but no deaths.

The state has recorded more than 8,300 cases of the coronavirus, but about 88% of them have recovered.

A total of 122 people have died over the course of the pandemic.

The number of people currently hospitalized with COVID-19 increased one to 46 on Saturday, while the number of active infections was at 876, up 69 from Friday.

The number of infections is thought to be far higher because many people have not been tested, and studies suggest people can be infected with the virus without feeling sick.

The story's headline has been corrected to show that 105 new cases were recorded, not 15.

### The Latest: Austria resort town grapples with virus outbreak

By The Associated Press undefined

BERLIN — A popular resort town in Austria has imposed a curfew and urged people to avoid going out as it grapples with a new outbreak of the coronavirus.

The dpa news agency reported Sunday that hundreds of people have already been tested in the town of St. Wolfgang, east of Salzburg, after the outbreak was first detected Friday. At least 44 of those have tested positive, many of whom are interns working in the tourism industry.

They're thought to have become infected while partying in the town's bars, two of which have now been temporarily closed to prevent further spread. A curfew of 11 p.m. has also been imposed until further notice.

Austria had relaxed many coronavirus restrictions in recent weeks, but has seen a rise in the number of infections lately.

Chancellor Sebastian Kurz last week announced that Austria was reintroducing mandatory face masks again in supermarkets, smaller grocery stores, post offices and banks.

In an unrelated outbreak across the border, a large farm in the German state of Bavaria has been put under quarantine after 174 farmhands tested positive. Authorities say the outbreak in Mamming is not

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believed to have spread outside the farm.

## HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE VIRUS OUTBREAK:

- South Africa warns COVID-19 corruption puts 'lives at risk'
- Spain takes aim at nightclubs and beaches as virus rebounds
- Amid virus, uncertainty, parents decide how to school kids
- North Korean leader Kim Jong Un placed the city of Kaesong near the border with South Korea under total lockdown after a person was found with suspected COVID-19 symptoms, saying he believes "the vicious virus" may have entered the country.
- A German cruise ship has set sail for the first time since the industry was shut down due to the coronavirus pandemic, with strict precautions to keep passengers and crew as safe as possible.
- Britain is advising people not to travel to Spain and has removed the country from the list of safe places to travel following a surge of COVID-19 cases.

Follow AP's pandemic coverage at <http://apnews.com/VirusOutbreak> and <https://apnews.com/UnderstandingtheOutbreak>

## HERE'S WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING:

ISLAMABAD — A Pakistani health official is warning that the coronavirus curve that flattened last month could spike again in the country if people violate social distancing regulations during the upcoming Eid al-Adha festival.

The three-day festival will be celebrated in Pakistan starting July 31.

The health official, Zafar Mirza, said at a news conference Sunday that more than 80% of coronavirus patients have recovered in Pakistan. But he said the experience of other countries showed that COVID-19 cases could spike again in Pakistan if people don't adhere to social distancing rules.

His comments came hours after Pakistan reported 1,226 new cases. The country has confirmed a total of 273,113 cases, including 5,822 deaths.

LONDON — Britain's foreign secretary defended the government's decision to immediately impose COVID-19 quarantine measures on U.K. travelers returning from Spain, saying it just wasn't possible to give them more notice.

Dominic Raab told Sky News that vague advice would have created more uncertainty. He said that the government must be able to take quick action to fight the virus.

The quick decision threw the plans of thousands into chaos — many of whom were startled to see such a decision imposed so quickly.

Zeta Hill is among them. The teacher from Essex in southeast England had been on holiday in Mallorca for 12 days and is due to fly back on Tuesday.

She said that while she knew she was taking a risk, the Balearic islands haven't been as badly affected as other parts of Spain.

She said that she and her husband "have been well behaved and followed the rules, but then you look at people crowding the beaches in the U.K. a few weeks back and being really unsafe and there will have been no consequences for them."

The number of confirmed coronavirus cases worldwide has topped 16 million.

According to a tally by Johns Hopkins University, the U.S. leads the count with 4.1 million, followed by 2.3 million in Brazil and 1.3 million in India.

The U.S. also has the highest number of deaths with 146,460, followed by 86,449 in Brazil and 45,823 in the U.K.

In the U.S., New York state leads with 32,608 deaths.



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JOHANNESBURG — South Africa has announced more than 12,000 new confirmed coronavirus cases as the total in one of the world's worst affected countries reaches 434,200 with 6,655 deaths.

South Africa makes up well over half the confirmed cases on the African continent, where experts say the virus could smoulder in areas poorly served by health services.

Africa now has more than 828,000 cases. The true number of cases on the continent of 1.3 billion people is unknown because of testing shortages and insufficient data.

The World Health Organization has said more than 10,000 health workers in Africa have been infected, many of them nurses, further challenging efforts to contain the virus spread.

HANOI, Vietnam — Vietnam on Sunday reimposed restrictions in one of its most popular beach destinations after a second person tested positive for COVID-19, the first locally transmitted cases in the country in over three months.

Da Nang authorities in central Vietnam banned gatherings of more than 30 people in public places as well as all sport, cultural and religious events in the city of 1.1 million. Theme parks, beauty salons, bars and clubs were also ordered shut.

People were advised to practice social distancing, wear masks and wash hands regularly.

On Sunday, a 61-year-old man was confirmed to be infected, a day after a 57-year-old tested positive for the coronavirus. Both are in critical condition and require life support.

A team of doctors who successfully cured a British pilot from COVID-19 flew to Da Nang to direct the treatment of the two patients.

Health workers, however, have not been able to establish a connection between the two men, nor trace the source of infection. It's reported that for the last month, they did not travel out of the city, where there's been no case of COVID-19 since April.

Several hundred people who had been in contact with the men have initially tested negative for the virus. The city has also started testing for the coronavirus on a larger scale.

Vietnam has not allowed international commercial flights to resume, but has been operating repatriation flights for stranded Vietnamese overseas and international experts. All arrivals must go through quarantine at designated facilities.

The new infections bring Vietnam's cases to 418 with no deaths.

BEIJING — China reported 46 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, the highest daily tally in more than a month, as it took steps to stem recent outbreaks that have infected more than 160 people at opposite ends of the country.

Authorities confirmed 22 cases in Urumqi, a city in the Xinjiang region in the country's far west, the official Xinhua News Agency said. That raised the total in the local outbreak to 137 since the first case was detected 10 days ago.

Another 13 cases were confirmed in Liaoning province in the northeast, bringing the total there to 25, almost all in the city of Dalian.

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SEOUL, South Korea — The number of South Korea's new coronavirus cases has fallen back to below 60, a day after it reported 100-plus for the first time in nearly four months.

The Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed 58 additional cases over the past 24-hour period, bringing the total to 14,150 with 298 deaths.

Twelve of the newly confirmed cases were locally infected while the rest came from overseas.

Health authorities said the 113 cases on Saturday were mostly imported infections found among cargo

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ship crews and hundreds of South Korean construction workers airlifted out of virus-ravaged Iraq.

**SYDNEY** — Australia's Victoria state recorded 10 deaths overnight from COVID-19, its highest daily toll amid a continuing surge in coronavirus cases.

State Premier Daniel Andrews said the deaths included seven men and three women. A man in his 40s became one of the youngest COVID-19 fatalities in Australia.

There are 459 new infections, the 21st straight day of triple-figure increases.

The fatalities bring Victoria's toll to 71 and Australia's national tally to 155. A total of 228 people are hospitalized in Victoria, 42 in intensive care.

Victoria processed 42,973 tests on Saturday, Andrews said, "far and away the biggest testing result that we've seen on a single day."

He said he is not currently planning to extend the lockdown in Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city.

**ATLANTA** -- Georgia Democratic Senate candidate Jon Ossoff says he's in isolation with his wife, who contracted COVID-19.

The 33-year-old candidate said his wife, Dr. Alisha Kramer, has mild coronavirus symptoms and that he's showing symptoms, too. He said he was tested Saturday and is awaiting results while self-quarantining.

Ossoff's campaign communications director, Miryam Lipper, said on Twitter that he "has not held or participated in an in-person campaign event in over a month and will remain in isolation until medical professionals clear both him and" his wife.

Ossoff, a young media executive known for breaking fundraising records during a 2017 special election loss for a U.S. House seat, is in a competitive race against Republican U.S. Sen. David Perdue. The 70-year-old incumbent is a close ally of President Donald Trump and is seeking a second term in November.

**HONOLULU** -- Hawaii is gearing up for a hurricane that threatens to pummel the islands as residents grapple with escalating numbers of coronavirus cases.

The pandemic was complicating preparations for the American Red Cross, which operates emergency shelters on behalf of local governments. Many volunteers who normally staff the shelters are older or have pre-existing health conditions. Many of these volunteers are thus staying home for this storm.

Also, each shelter will have less capacity because of the physical distancing requirements to prevent the spread of the disease.

Hawaii has some of the lowest coronavirus infection rates in the nation, but the numbers have been rising in recent weeks. On Friday, the state reported 60 new confirmed cases, a record high.

## Police corral crowds as movers leave US Consulate in China

By SAM McNEIL Associated Press

**CHENGDU, China (AP)** — Moving trucks and vehicles with diplomatic plates pulled out of a U.S. Consulate in southwest China on Sunday, as its impending closure over rising bilateral tensions drew a steady stream of onlookers for the second straight day.

People stopped to take selfies and photos, jamming a sidewalk busy with shoppers and families with strollers on a sunny day in the city of Chengdu. A little boy posed with a small Chinese flag before plainclothes police shooed him away as foreign media cameras zoomed in.

The capital of Sichuan province, along with Houston in Texas, has found itself in the limelight of international politics as China and the U.S. exchanged tit-for-tat orders last week to close each other's consulates in the two heartland cities.

Police in Chengdu have shut the street and sidewalk in front of the consulate and set up metal barriers along the sidewalk on the other side of the tree-lined road.

Uniformed and plainclothes officers kept watch on both sides of the barriers after scattered incidents following the Chengdu announcement on Friday, including a man who set off firecrackers and hecklers

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who cursed at foreign media shooting video and photos of the scene.

A man who tried to unfurl a banner or sign late Sunday that he called an open letter to the Chinese government was quickly taken away.

Earlier, a bus left the consulate grounds and what appeared to be embassy staff spoke with plainclothes police before retreating back behind the property's solid black gates. It wasn't clear who or what was on the bus.

Three medium-size trucks arrived and left a few hours later, and cars with diplomatic plates departed in between.

China ordered the closing of the Chengdu consulate in retaliation for a U.S. order earlier in the week to close the Chinese Consulate in Houston.

The U.S. alleged that the Houston consulate was a nest of Chinese spies who tried to steal data from facilities in Texas, including the Texas A&M medical system and the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston. China said the allegations were "malicious slander."

The consulate closings were a significant escalation in the tensions between the two countries over a range of issues, including trade, technology, security and human rights.

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— South Korean authorities began allowing spectators to return to professional sports amid the coronavirus pandemic. After a weeks-long delay, South Korea's 2020 baseball season began in early May without fans in the stands amid a then-sliding virus outbreak in the country. Seats in baseball stadiums had since been filled with cheering banners, dolls or pictures of fans. On Sunday, the Korean Baseball Organization allowed a limited number of fans, or 10% of the stadium capacity, to watch games in person. They entered stadiums after their temperatures and smartphone QR codes were checked. During the games, they were required to wear masks and sit at least a seat apart while being banned from eating food and drinking any alcoholic beverages in line with KBO guidelines.

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## Portland protesters breach fence around federal courthouse

By GILLIAN FLACCUS and SARA CLINE Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Authorities declared a riot early Sunday in Portland, Oregon, where protesters breached a fence surrounding the city's federal courthouse building where U.S. agents have been stationed.

Police described via Twitter the "violent conduct of people downtown" as creating a "grave risk of public alarm." Police demanded people leave the area surrounding the courthouse, around 1:20 a.m. Sunday, and said that those who fail to adhere may be arrested or subjected to teargas and impact weapons.

By 1:40 p.m., both federal officers and Portland police could be seen on the streets, surrounding the courthouse, attempting to clear the area and deploying teargas.

Protesters remained in the streets past 2:30 a.m., forming lines across intersections and holding makeshift shields, as police patrolled and closed blocks abutting the area. Multiple arrests were made, but it wasn't immediately clear how many.

In the hours leading up to the riot declaration, thousands of people gathered in the city Saturday evening for another night of protests as demonstrations over George Floyd's killing and the presence of federal agents sent by President Donald Trump showed no signs of abating.

Crowds began to march toward the city's federal courthouse around 9:15 p.m., some marching from 5 miles (8 kilometers) away. A large group of demonstrators in the North Portland neighborhood also paraded by the police precinct there, which was roped off and had officers in riot gear standing outside the building.

Protesters paused outside a downtown hotel, where federal agents are staying, chanting "Feds go home" and yelling the names of Black people killed by police.

As protesters marched down the streets, the Portland Police Bureau posted on social media for people to not walk or block the street as they may be subject to charges such as disorderly conduct and interfering with peace officers.

Hundreds of others crossed the Steel Bridge around 11 p.m. to the courthouse, meeting up with thousands of people that had already been tear-gassed by federal agents.

The fence surrounding the building had flowers and banners draped across as federal agents emerged from the courthouse to inspect it. They were met with fireworks shot over the fence.

Federal agents tossed canisters of teargas at the crowd, while people ran towards the plumes, picked up some of the canisters and threw them back over the fence.

As some protesters attempted to cut the fence using power tools, streams of pepper spray were spewed at the crowd.

At the nearby Justice Center, images and words were projected onto the building including "Keep fight-

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ing. Keep pushing.”

During demonstrations the previous night federal agents repeatedly fired tear gas to break up rowdy protests that continued into the early morning Saturday. Authorities say six federal officers were injured and one person was arrested.

Demonstrations have happened in Oregon’s largest city nightly for two months since Floyd was killed in Minneapolis in May. Trump said he sent federal agents to Portland to halt the unrest but state and local officials say they are making the situation worse.

There were demonstrations for police reform and against the increased presence of federal law enforcement in cities across the country Saturday. In Seattle, police declared a riot Saturday afternoon following large demonstrations and deployed flash bangs and pepper spray to try to clear crowds. Authorities made more than 40 arrests said 21 officers suffered mostly minor injuries.

Chuck Lovell, the Portland police chief, released a video message on social media Saturday night calling for peace.

“Across the country people are committing violence, supposedly in support of Portland,” Lovell said. “If you want to support Portland then stop the violence, work for peace. Portland police officers and police facilities have been threatened.

“Now more than ever, Portland police need your support. We want to be with you in the community and working on the real relationships that will create change. We want to get back to the critical issues that have been hijacked by people committing crimes under the cover of the crowds.”

Late Friday, a federal judge denied a request by Oregon’s attorney general to restrict the actions of federal police.

The Federal Protective Service had declared the gathering in Portland that began Friday evening an unlawful assembly. Harry Fones, a Homeland Security spokesman, said at a news conference Saturday afternoon some people launched large fireworks, threw hard projectiles and used power tools to damage property.

Craig Gabriel, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, said at the news conference that of the six federal officers who were injured, one suffered a concussion and another was taken to the hospital for burns.

He said one person was arrested for failing to comply with orders. That person was later released without charges, bringing the total number of people arrested on or near the courthouse property since early July to 60.

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## Hanna’s rain remains biggest threat to virus hot spot Texas

By JUAN A. LOZANO and JOHN L. MONE Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — South Texas braced for flooding Sunday after Hanna roared ashore as a hurricane the day before, bringing winds that lashed the Gulf Coast with rain and storm surge to a part of the country trying to cope with a spike in cases of the coronavirus.

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Forecasters downgraded Hanna to a tropical storm early Sunday. The storm had maximum sustained

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winds at 60 mph (95 kph), the National Hurricane Center said in a 4 a.m. advisory.

Many parts of Texas, including areas near where Hanna came ashore, have been dealing with a surge in coronavirus cases in recent weeks, but local officials said they were prepared for whatever the storm might bring.

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Forecasters said Hanna could bring 6 to 12 inches (15 to 30 centimeters) of rain through Sunday night — with isolated totals of 18 inches (46 centimeters) — in addition to coastal swells that could cause life-threatening surf and rip current conditions.

Some areas in South Texas had already reported receiving up to 9 inches (23 centimeters) of rain, including Cameron County, which borders Mexico and where Brownsville is located. Rainfall totals were expected to rise throughout the evening and into Sunday.

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Hanna came nearly three years after Hurricane Harvey made landfall northeast of Corpus Christi. Hanna was not expected to be as destructive as Harvey, which killed 68 people and caused an estimated \$125 billion in damage in Texas.

First responders in Corpus Christi proactively placed barricades near intersections to have them ready to go if streets began to flood, Mayor Joe McComb said. More than 43,700 people throughout South Texas, including Corpus Christi, Harlingen and Brownsville, were without power Saturday evening, according to AEP Texas.

The U.S. Coast Guard was called to help with the rescue of a couple on a sailboat that was taking on water Saturday evening in a harbor near Corpus Christi, spokesperson Paige Hause said. A swiftwater rescue team assisted in getting the couple back to land without injuries.

Corpus Christi is in Nueces County, where health officials made headlines when they revealed that 60 infants tested positive for COVID-19 from July 1 to July 16.

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South Texas officials' plans for any possible rescues, shelters and monitoring of the storm will have the pandemic in mind and incorporate social distancing guidelines and mask wearing. Cameron County planned to open at least three evacuation shelters. Other counties and cities throughout South Texas had also opened shelters, with many requiring face masks.

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Various resources and personnel to respond to the storm were on standby across the state, including search-and-rescue teams and aircraft.

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Tornadoes were also possible overnight Saturday into Sunday for parts of the lower to middle Texas coastal plain. A tropical storm warning was in effect Sunday morning from Barra el Mezquital in Mexico to Baffin Bay, Texas. Earlier warnings and watches were discontinued, forecasters said.

Mexico's northeasternmost states, coastal Tamaulipas and Nuevo Leon just to its west, also took precautions ahead of the storm's arrival. Tamaulipas disinfected shelters to try to avoid spreading COVID-19, the state's governor, Francisco Cabeza de Vaca, tweeted. Meanwhile, the civil protection department was sending rescue boats and other equipment to northern Nuevo Leon because heavy rains were expected.

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In the Mexican city of Matamoros, which is in Tamaulipas and across the border from Brownsville, Texas, volunteers were keeping a close eye on Hanna, worried that the storm could affect a makeshift migrant camp near the Rio Grande where about 1,300 asylum seekers, including newborn babies and elderly residents, have been waiting under the U.S. immigration policy informally known as "Remain in Mexico."

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## South Africa warns COVID-19 corruption puts 'lives at risk'

By MOGOMOTSI MAGOME Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — South Africa's COVID-19 response is marred by corruption allegations around its historic \$26 billion economic relief package, as the country with the world's fifth highest number of COVID-19 cases braces for more.

President Cyril Ramaphosa has announced a wide-ranging investigation into claims that unscrupulous officials and private companies are looting efforts to protect the country's 57 million people.

"More so than at any other time, corruption puts our lives at risk," he said in a national address Thursday night.

Food for the poor. Personal protective equipment for health workers. Grants for the newly laid off. All have been affected, he said.

South Africa is seen as the best-prepared of any country in sub-Saharan Africa for COVID-19, but years of rampant corruption have weakened institutions, including the health system. In October, the head of the government's Special Investigating Unit said fraud, waste and abuse in health care siphoned off \$2.3 billion a year.

The unit is already investigating more than 20 cases of corruption related to the COVID-19 relief money, spokesman Kaizer Kganyago said.

South Africa now has more than 434,000 confirmed virus cases — well over half of the continent's total — and over 6,600 deaths, while a new report has suggested the real death toll could be higher. Public hospitals struggle and some health workers are openly scared. More than 5,000 of them have been infected.

While nurses and others plead for more protection, overpricing scams for badly needed supplies are on the rise. After inflating face mask prices by up to 900%, companies Sicuro Safety and Hennox Supplies admitted guilt and were fined.

In South Africa's new virus epicenter, Gauteng province, a company supplying the government with PPE, Royal Bhaca, charged more than four times the regular price — or about \$3.50 — per surgical mask. Sanitizer was almost twice the price, or \$5 for a 500ml bottle, according to an investigation by The Sunday

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Independent newspaper.

Even Dis-Chem, a popular pharmacy, was fined for inflating the price of masks.

At health workers union Hospersa, general secretary Noel Desfontaines welcomed the government's acknowledgement of the trouble.

"The health minister tells us that enough money has been distributed for PPE to provinces, but when we go to hospitals we do not see this," Desfontaines said. "In some cases, it has been purchased but it does not reach the people it was intended for."

Pandemic-related corruption has been reported across South Africa.

In Kwazulu-Natal province, the government suspended officials allegedly involved in making massively overpriced purchases of up to \$2.4 million of personal protective equipment and blankets for the poor.

Eastern Cape province, one of the poorest regions and a growing COVID-19 hot spot, faces questions over the purchase of unsuitable "emergency scooters." The provincial health department allegedly purchased 100 of the motorbikes at \$5,993 each, though they retail for about \$2,337 apiece.

Other allegations include fake charity organizations that have sprung up to tap relief funds.

Meanwhile, the pandemic and lockdown restrictions have badly hurt the economy. Unemployment is now above 30%, and more than 16 million people already were on social welfare grants. That number will climb.

Some 3 million people lost their jobs in the first month of the lockdown, according to the latest National Income Dynamics Study conducted by researchers from five South African universities.

Many families are relying on government food parcels to survive, often lining up in the Southern Hemisphere's wintry weather for hours.

But some allege they have been turned away for the emergency COVID-19 relief grant of just over \$20 for unemployed South Africans.

Meanwhile, the Unemployment Insurance Fund has reported claims of fraudulent payouts. In one case, \$340,000 meant for 200 workers was paid to an individual's bank account.

Ramaphosa has addressed the complaints, saying over 4.4 million people have received the grants. "There were delays in paying this amount but future payments will be made more quickly now that the necessary systems are in place," he said.

The grants are planned for six months. The pandemic should last much longer.

Ramaphosa was under pressure to act against corruption even before the pandemic. He took office in 2018 after predecessor Jacob Zuma resigned amid sprawling allegations of graft, then won the 2019 election on an anti-corruption ticket, vowing to clean out the rot.

But the latest revelations have hit close to home. The husband of the president's spokeswoman, Khusela Diko, has been accused of securing large contracts to provide COVID-19 protective equipment and supplies.

Diko has denied wrongdoing, saying her husband, King Madzikane Thandisizwe Diko II, had withdrawn from the contracts due to concerns over a possible conflict of interest.

Follow AP pandemic coverage at <http://apnews.com/VirusOutbreak> and <https://apnews.com/UnderstandingtheOutbreak>

## Police declare riot at Seattle protests, make arrests

By SALLY HO and CHRIS GRYGIEL undefined

SEATTLE (AP) — Seattle police declared a riot Saturday following large demonstrations in the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood and deployed flash bangs and pepper spray to try to clear an area near where weeks earlier people had set up an "occupied protest zone" that stretched for several blocks.

Via Twitter, police said they had made more than two dozen arrests for assault on officers, obstruction and failure to disperse. They also said they were "investigating a possible explosive damage" to the walls of the city's East Precinct police station.

Authorities said rocks, bottles, fireworks and mortars were thrown at officers as they attempted to clear the area over the course of several hours stretching into Saturday night. One officer was hospitalized with

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a leg injury caused by an explosive.

Earlier, protesters in Seattle broke through a fence where a youth detention facility was being built, with some people setting a fire and damaging a portable trailer, authorities said.

Thousands of protesters had initially gathered peacefully near downtown in a show of solidarity with fellow demonstrators in Portland, Oregon, where tensions with federal law enforcement have boiled over during protests stemming from the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Initially there was no sign of law enforcement near the Seattle march. Later, Seattle Police said via Twitter that about a dozen people breached the construction site for the King County youth detention facility. Also, police said protesters broke out windows at a King County court facility.

Earlier this week King County Executive Dow Constantine, in response to long-standing demands by community activists, said he would work to eliminate youth detention centers in the county by 2025.

After the fire at the construction site authorities said they had ordered people to leave a different area, in a section of Capitol Hill, near downtown, where the East Precinct is. At least one person broke through a fence line at the precinct, authorities said, and moments later a device explosive that left an 8-inch (20-centimeter) hole in the side of the precinct.

Earlier this month police cleared the "Capitol Hill Occupied Protest" zone after two fatal shootings. A group had occupied several blocks around a park for about two weeks following standoffs and clashes that were part of the nationwide unrest over the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Prior to Saturday's protests Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best had announced officers would be armed with pepper spray and other weapons, promising officers would not use tear gas and urging demonstrators to remain peaceful.

"In the spirit of offering trust and full transparency, I want to advise you that SPD officers will be carrying pepper spray and blast balls today, as would be typical for events that carry potential to include violence," Best said.

At an emergency hearing on Friday night, U.S. District Judge James Robart granted a request from the federal government to block Seattle's new law prohibiting police from using pepper spray, blast balls and similar weapons.

The temporary restraining order halts the law that the Seattle City Council passed unanimously last month after confrontations that have largely been peaceful but were occasionally marked by violence, looting and highway shutdowns. The law intended to de-escalate tensions between police and demonstrators was set to take effect on Sunday.

But the U.S. Department of Justice, citing Seattle's longstanding police consent decree, successfully argued that banning the use of crowd control weapons could actually lead to more police use of force, leaving them only with more deadly weapons.

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## Hunger organization pushes out Yoho after Capitol incident

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nonpartisan Christian organization that seeks to end hunger said Saturday it asked for and received the resignation of Rep. Ted Yoho from its board of directors following what it called his "verbal attack" on Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., accused Yoho, R-Fla., of using a vulgar and sexist insult while upbraiding her during a confrontation last Monday on the steps of the Capitol. Yoho maintained he did not use the words cited, though a reporter who witnessed the incident confirmed the language as she described it.

In a statement, Bread for the World said its board met Friday with Yoho and sought his resignation "as an action that reaffirms our commitment to coming alongside women and people of color, nationally and globally, as they continue to lead us to a more racially inclusive and equitable world."

On its website, Bread for the World says its "collective Christian voice" lobbies Congress and the administration on ending hunger nationally and worldwide.

"As a bipartisan Christian organization committed to alleviating hunger and poverty through sound public policies, Bread for the World upholds the values of respect, dignity, and compassion that Jesus calls us to when engaging decision makers from across the political spectrum," the statement said. "We believe that Rep. Ted Yoho's recent actions and words as reported in the media are not reflective of the ethical standards expected of members of our Board of Directors."

A spokesman for Yoho did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

In an extraordinary speech Thursday in the House, Ocasio-Cortez offered a dramatic account of the incident and broadened her remarks to assail what she called a sexist culture of "accepting violence and violent language against women." More than a dozen colleagues joined her in casting the incident as all-too-common male behavior.

Yoho has described the encounter as a brief policy discussion and said that "no one was accosted, bullied, or attacked." He expressed regret for his "abrupt manner."

Ocasio-Cortez, 30, is a freshman progressive who has gained praise and criticism for her outspokenness. Yoho, 65, one of the most conservative members of the House, is retiring at the end of his fourth term.

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## Regis Philbin, television personality and host, dies at 88

By DAVID BAUDER Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Regis Philbin, the genial host who shared his life with television viewers over morning coffee for decades and helped himself and some fans strike it rich with the game show “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire,” has died at 88.

Philbin died of natural causes Friday night, just over a month before his 89th birthday, according to a statement from his family provided by spokesman Lewis Kay.

Celebrities routinely stopped by Philbin’s eponymous syndicated morning show, but its heart was in the first 15 minutes, when he and co-host Kathie Lee Gifford — on “Live! with Regis and Kathie Lee” from 1985-2000 — or Kelly Ripa — on “Live! with Regis and Kelly” from 2001 until his 2011 retirement — bantered about the events of the day. Viewers laughed at Philbin’s mock indignation over not getting the best seat at a restaurant the night before, or being henpecked by his partner.

“Even I have a little trepidation,” he told The Associated Press in 2008, when asked how he does a show every day. “You wake up in the morning and you say, ‘What did I do last night that I can talk about? What’s new in the paper? How are we gonna fill that 20 minutes?’”

“I’m not gonna say it always works out brilliantly, but somehow we connect more often than we don’t,” he added.

“One of the greats in the history of television, Regis Philbin has passed on to even greater airwaves,” President Donald Trump said in a tweet. “He was a fantastic person, and my friend.”

Ripa and her current partner, Ryan Seacrest, called Philbin “the ultimate class act, bringing his laughter and joy into our homes every day.”

“There are no words to fully express the love I have for my precious friend, Regis,” Gifford said Saturday on Instagram. “I simply adored him and every day with him was a gift.”

The tributes flooding in over social media read like blurbs for a movie Philbin would promote: “Always made me laugh” — Tony Bennett. “One of a kind” — Henry Winkler. “A lovely man” — Rosie O’Donnell. “His wit was only surpassed by his huge heart” — Meredith Vieira. “As wonderful a man as he was talented” — Paul Reubens, also known as Pee-Wee Herman. “You were the best” — LeVar Burton.

After hustling into an entertainment career by parking cars at a Los Angeles TV station, Philbin logged more than 15,000 hours on the air, earning him recognition in the Guinness Book of World Records for the most broadcast hours logged by a TV personality, a record previously held by Hugh Downs.

“Every day, you see the record shattered, pal!” Philbin would tell viewers. “One more hour!”

He was host of the prime-time game show, “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire,” briefly television’s most popular show at the turn of the century. ABC aired the family-friendly program as often as five times a week. It generated around \$1 billion in revenue in its first two years — ABC had said it was the more profitable show in TV history — and helped make Philbin himself a millionaire many times over.

Philbin’s question to contestants, “Is that your final answer?” became a national catchphrase. Philbin was even a fashion trendsetter; he put out a line of monochromatic shirts and ties to match what he wore on the set.

“You wait a lifetime for something like that and sometimes it never happens,” Philbin told the AP in 1999.

In 2008, he returned briefly to the quiz show format with “Million Dollar Password.” He also picked up the Lifetime Achievement Award from the daytime Emmys.

He was the type of TV personality easy to make fun of, and easy to love.

When his son Danny first met his future wife, “we were talking about our families,” Danny told USA Today. “I said, ‘You know that show Regis and Kathie Lee?’ And she said, ‘I hate that show.’ And I said, ‘That’s my dad.’”

Yet Philbin was a favorite of a younger generation’s ironic icon, David Letterman. When Letterman announced that he had to undergo heart surgery, it was on the air to Philbin, who was also there for Letterman’s first day back after his recovery.

Letterman returned the favor, appearing on Philbin’s show when he went back on the air in April 2007 after undergoing heart bypass surgery.



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"In the same category as (Johnny) Carson. Superlative," Letterman said. "He was on our show a million times, always the best guest we ever had, charming, lovable and could take a punch. When he retired I lost interest in television. I love him."

In the 2008 AP interview, Philbin said he saw "getting the best out of your guests" as "a specialty. ... The time constraints mean you've got to get right to the point, you've got to make it pay off, go to commercial, start again. Play that clip. Say goodbye." He gave his desktop a decisive rap.

"And make it all conversational."

Regis Francis Xavier Philbin grew up in the New York borough of the Bronx, the son of Italian-Irish parents and named for the Roman Catholic boys high school his dad attended. He went to Notre Dame University, and was such an enthusiastic alum, he once said he wanted his ashes scattered there.

After leaving the Navy in 1955, Philbin talked his way into a meeting with the stationmaster at KCOP-TV in Los Angeles. He got a job parking cars, then progressed into work as a stagehand, courier, newswriter and producer of a sports telecast. When its sportscaster didn't show up one day, Philbin filled in.

Philbin got far more on-air experience in San Diego in the early 1960s, when KOGO-TV began producing "The Regis Philbin Show" for a national audience. The program of music and celebrity interviews was taped two weeks before each airing. It was canceled after four months.

In 1967, Philbin was hired as the announcer and sidekick to comic Joey Bishop on his network show. When he heard that he was going to be fired because of poor ratings, Philbin tearfully announced he was leaving on July 12, 1968, walking off during a live broadcast. He returned three days later after letters of support poured in.

He and Bishop had bad blood: Bishop called Philbin an "ingrate" for walking off during a salary dispute and later badmouthing him.

Philbin's second wife, Joy, was Bishop's assistant.

After three years of commuting to St. Louis each week for a local Saturday night show, Philbin became a star in local morning television — first in Los Angeles, then in New York. In 1985, he teamed with Kathie Lee Johnson, a year before she married former football star Frank Gifford, and the show went national in 1988.

Philbin's "sarcastic playfulness" endears him to fans, Good Housekeeping magazine wrote in 2000.

"He's the little guy protesting the injustices of life, from crime waves to paper cuts," the magazine wrote. "The ranting is punctuated with Kathie Lee's familiar cry of 'Oh, Reege,' uttered sometimes in sisterly sympathy and sometimes in teacherly admonishment."

The gentle bickering and eye-rolling exasperation in Philbin and Gifford's onscreen relationship was familiar to anyone in a long-lasting relationship.

"No arguments, no harsh words in all this time," Philbin told a theater audience in 2000. "Well, there was the time I didn't talk to her for two weeks. Didn't want to interrupt her."

Gifford left the show in 2000. After a tryout period for a replacement, soap star Ripa ("All My Children") filled the slot.

The same hustler who parked cars in Hollywood worked just as hard to land the job on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

"I begged my way on," he told People magazine. "There was a short list, and I wasn't on it. I called my agent, and we made a full assault on ABC in L.A."

The audience responded to Philbin's warm, comic touch in the role. He later jokingly referred to himself as the man who saved ABC. It wasn't complete hyperbole: ABC was suffering in the ratings before the game became a smash success. Forbes reported that two-thirds of ABC's operating profit in 2000 was due to "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

Philbin appeared to love every minute of it. Even the ultimate arbiter of hip, the MTV Video Awards, asked him to make an appearance.

"It's better to be hot," he told the AP. "It's fun. I know this business. I was perfectly content with my morning show. People would ask me, 'What's next?' There is nothing next. There are no more mountains

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for me to climb. Believe me when I tell you, all I wanted when I started this show in 1961 was to be a success nationally."

The prime-time game burned out quickly because of overuse and ended in 2002.

Philbin enjoyed a side career as a singer that began when he sang "Pennies from Heaven" to Bing Crosby on Bishop's show. He said a record company called him the next day, and he made an album.

Even though the series "Regis Philbin's Health Styles," on Lifetime in the 1980s, was part of his lengthy resume, Philbin had health issues. Doctors performed an angioplasty to relieve a blocked artery in 1993. He underwent bypass surgery in 2007 at age 75.

He's survived by his wife, Joy, and their daughters J.J. and Joanna Philbin, as well as his daughter Amy Philbin with his first wife, Catherine Faylen, according to People.

## Civil rights icon John Lewis remembered in his hometown

By KIM CHANDLER Associated Press

TROY, Ala. (AP) — Civil rights icon and longtime Georgia congressman John Lewis was remembered Saturday — in the rural Alabama county where his story began — as a humble man who sprang from his family's farm with a vision that "good trouble" could change the world.

The morning service in the city of Troy in rural Pike County was held at Troy University, where Lewis would often playfully remind the chancellor that he was denied admission in 1957 because he was Black, and where decades later he was awarded an honorary doctorate.

Lewis, who became a civil rights icon and a longtime Georgia congressman, died July 17 at the age of 80.

Saturday morning's service was titled "The Boy from Troy," the nickname the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. gave Lewis at their first meeting in 1958 in Montgomery. King had sent the 18-year-old Lewis a round-trip bus ticket because Lewis was interested in trying to attend the then-all-white university in Troy, just 10 miles (16 kilometers) from his family's farm in Pike County.

It was the first of six days of memorials and services.

On Sunday, his flag-draped casket is to be carried across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, where the one-time "Freedom Rider" was among civil rights demonstrators beaten by state troopers in 1965. He also was to lie in repose at the state Capitol in Montgomery. After another memorial at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, where he will lie in state, funeral services will be held in Georgia.

At the Troy University service, his brothers and sisters recalled Lewis — who was called Robert at home — as a boy who practiced preaching and singing gospel songs and was scared of thunder. And as a young man who left with a mind to change the world.

"I remember the day that John left home. Mother told him not to get in trouble, not to get in the way ... but we all know that John got in trouble, got in the way but it was a good trouble," his brother Samuel Lewis said.

"And all of the troubles that he got himself into would change the world," Samuel Lewis said.

Lewis's casket was in the university's arena where attendees were seated spaced apart and masks were required for entry because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The John Lewis I want you to know about is the John Lewis who would gravitate to the least of us," his brother Henry Grant Lewis said. Even as a busy congressman, he always made time to attend family functions or to make a surprise appearance at a school or birthday party.

His brother said on the day Lewis was sworn in to Congress that they exchanged a thumbs up. He later asked Lewis what he was thinking when they did. "He said 'I was thinking this is a long way from the cotton fields of Alabama,'" Henry Grant Lewis recalled.

Those cotton fields were in then-segregated Pike County, where Lewis as a child winced at the signs designating "whites only" locations.

At his 1958 meeting with King, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy and civil rights lawyer Fred Gray, Lewis talked about the possibility of a lawsuit to try to integrate the university at Troy, Gray recently recalled. The lawsuit ultimately did not happen because of concerns about retaliation his parents would face in the

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majority-white county.

"Even before he met Dr. King, he was interested in doing something about doing away with segregation. And he did it all his life," Gray told The Associated Press.

Lewis was one of 10 children born into a sharecropping family. His parents saved enough money to buy their own farm where the Lewis children worked the fields and tended the animals. A young Lewis was less fond of field work — often grousing about the grueling task — but eagerly took on the job of tending the chickens while practicing preaching.

In his autobiography, "Walking with the Wind," Lewis described how as a youngster he longed to go the county's public library but wasn't allowed because it was for whites only.

"Even an eight-year-old could see there was something terribly wrong about that," Lewis wrote.

He would eventually apply for a library card there, knowing he would be refused, in what he considered his first official act of resistance to racial apartheid.

In 1955, he heard a new voice on the radio: King, who was leading the Montgomery bus boycott about 50 miles (80 kilometers) away.

Lewis became a leader of the Freedom Riders, often facing violent and angry crowds, and was jailed dozens of times. In 1961, he was beaten after arriving at the same Montgomery station where he arrived three years earlier to meet King. In 1965, his skull was fractured on the bridge in Selma when law enforcement officers beat civil rights marchers in a melee became known as Bloody Sunday.

President Barack Obama in 2011 awarded Lewis the Presidential Medal of Freedom saying he was "an American who knew that change could not wait for some other person or some other time."

Last year, Lewis announced he had been diagnosed with advanced pancreatic cancer.

His sister Rosa Tyner told The Associated Press that about a week before his death she asked him about possibly seeing another doctor, but that he declined. "He said, 'No, I'm at peace. I'm at peace and I'm ready to go,'" she said.

His sister Ethel Mae Tyner said Saturday that, "this not a goodbye. It's just a different kind of hello.

"Rest well, Robert. Rest well."

## Fleetwood Mac blues guitarist Peter Green dies at 73

By ROBERT BARR and DANICA KIRKA Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Peter Green, the dexterous blues guitarist who led the first incarnation of Fleetwood Mac in a career shortened by psychedelic drugs and mental illness, has died at 73.

A law firm representing his family, Swan Turton, announced the death in a statement Saturday. It said he died "peacefully in his sleep" this weekend. A further statement will be issued in the coming days.

Green, to some listeners, was the best of the British blues guitarists of the 1960s. B.B. King once said Green "has the sweetest tone I ever heard. He was the only one who gave me the cold sweats."

Green also made a mark as a composer with "Albatross," and as a songwriter with "Oh Well" and "Black Magic Woman."

He crashed out of the band in 1971. Even so, Mick Fleetwood said in an interview with The Associated Press in 2017 that Green deserves the lion's share of the credit for the band's success.

"Peter was asked why did he call the band Fleetwood Mac. He said, 'Well, you know I thought maybe I'd move on at some point and I wanted Mick and John (McVie) to have a band.' End of story, explaining how generous he was," said Fleetwood, who described Green as a standout in an era of great guitar work.

Indeed, Green was so fundamental to the band that in its early days it was called Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac.

Peter Allen Greenbaum was born on Oct. 29, 1946, in London. The gift of a cheap guitar put the 10-year-old Green on a musical path.

He was barely out of his teens when he got his first big break in 1966, replacing Eric Clapton in John Mayall's Bluesbreakers — initially for just a week in 1965 after Clapton abruptly took off for a Greek holiday. Clapton quit for good soon after and Green was in.



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In the Bluesbreakers he was reunited with Mick Fleetwood, a former colleague in Peter B's Looners. Mayall added bass player McVie soon after.

The three departed the next year, forming the core of the band initially billed as "Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac featuring (guitarist) Jeremy Spencer."

Fleetwood Mac made its debut at the British Blues and Jazz festival in the summer of 1967, which led to a recording contract, then an eponymous first album in February 1968. The album, which included "Long Grey Mare" and three other songs by Green, stayed on the British charts for 13 months.

The band's early albums were heavy blues-rock affairs marked by Green's fluid, evocative guitar style and gravelly vocals. Notable singles included "Oh Well" and the Latin-flavored "Black Magic Woman," later a hit for Carlos Santana.

But as the band flourished, Green became increasingly erratic, even paranoid. Drugs played a part in his unraveling.

On a tour in California, Green became acquainted with Augustus Owsley Stanley III, notorious supplier of powerful LSD to the The Grateful Dead and Ken Kesey, the anti-hero of Tom Wolfe's book "The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test."

"He was taking a lot of acid and mescaline around the same time his illness began manifesting itself more and more," Fleetwood said in 2015. "We were oblivious as to what schizophrenia was back in those days but we knew something was amiss."

"Green Manalishi," Green's last single for the band, reflected his distress.

In an interview with Johnny Black for Mojo magazine, Green said: "I was dreaming I was dead and I couldn't move, so I fought my way back into my body. I woke up and looked around. It was very dark and I found myself writing a song. It was about money; 'The Green Manalishi' is money."

In some of his last appearances with the band, he wore a monk's robe and a crucifix. Fearing that he had too much money, he tried to persuade other band members to give their earnings to charities.

Green left Fleetwood Mac for good in 1971.

In his absence, the band's new line-up, including Christine McVie, Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham, gained enormous success with a more pop-tinged sound.

"I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Peter Green," Nicks said in a statement. "My biggest regret is that I never got to share the stage with him. I always hoped in my heart of hearts that that would happen. When I first listened to all the Fleetwood Mac records, I was very taken with his guitar playing. It was one of the reasons I was excited to join the band. His legacy will live on forever in the history books of Rock n Roll. It was in the beginning, Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac and I thank you, Peter Green, for that. You changed our lives."

Green was confined in a mental hospital in 1977 after an incident with his manager. Testimony in court said Green had asked for money and then threatened to shoot out the windows of the manager's office.

Green was released later in the year, and married Jane Samuels, a Canadian, in 1978. They had a daughter, Rosebud, and divorced the following year. Green also has a son, Liam Firlej.

Green returned to performing in the 1990s with the Peter Green Splinter Group.

In 1998, he was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame along with other past and present members of Fleetwood Mac.

AP writer Bob Barr died in 2018.

## Amid virus, uncertainty, parents decide how to school kids

By TAMMY WEBBER and STEPHEN GROVES Associated Press

Joshua Claybourn is leaning toward sending his kindergarten daughter to in-person classes at a private school next month. Holly Davis' sixth-grade daughter will learn online, though the family has not yet decided what to do for school for a teenage daughter who requires special accommodations for hearing problems and dyslexia and another who's starting college.

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As they decide how their children will learn this fall amid the coronavirus pandemic, parents are anxiously weighing the benefits of in-person instruction against the risks that schools could shut their doors again or that their children could contract the virus and pass it on.

"To say we are stressed might be an understatement," said Davis, of Noblesville, Indiana, whose family is self-isolating after one of their daughters was exposed to COVID-19 at a cross country meet. "We're being forced to make impossible decisions."

Across the country, chaos and disarray have marked the start of the school year as families await directives from district officials and, where they have a choice, make agonizing decisions over whether to enroll their children online or in person — often with very little guidance.

If their kids are not in classrooms, parents will have to line up child care — or find the time to help them learn online. They have no idea if it will be safe to send their children to school — or whether the school doors will open at all or stay open if someone is diagnosed with the virus.

Further complicating decisions, in some public school districts, kids who opt for online instruction won't be able to participate in in-person extracurricular activities.

The decision over how kids will be schooled is particularly fraught in low-income areas and communities of color that bear the double burden of being places both most affected by the pandemic and ones where students could benefit most from being in school, said Dr. Kiran Joshi, senior medical officer and co-lead of the Cook County Health Department, which serves 2.4 million people around Chicago.

"I think there's clearly a lot of value in in-person instruction," Joshi said. "I think, though, that that has to be balanced with the need to control the pandemic."

Many parents dread a return to what millions faced this spring, when they tried to work while their kids attended online school.

About 70% of Americans think schools should open in the fall, though most of those think it should happen with restrictions, according to a recent poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs. Only 8% say K-12 schools should operate normally. Mask wearing has been a particular sticking point in many places. In Springfield, Illinois, scores of people rallied against a requirement that schoolchildren wear face coverings while attending class.

Claybourn, father to the kindergartner, is weighing his options. He said it's not clear yet what his local public school system in Newburgh, Indiana, would do if a someone caught COVID-19. The private school he's eyeing said it would close only the child's classroom, and only for two to three weeks.

The public school also plans to offer an online option, but to Claybourn, an attorney who works outside of his home, "that is not a solution because ultimately requires someone with the kids all day."

He also wants his daughter to have the routine, friendships and interactions with teachers that come with in-school learning.

"I will never be as good of a teacher as the trained professionals," he said. "I understand the concern about kids contracting and spreading the virus, but for me the larger concern is the prospect of not being in school for an extended period."

For Davis and her husband, health concerns and the threat that schools could close at a moment's notice pushed them to choose online learning for their youngest daughter, rather than a hybrid program that would include some in-person learning.

Davis explained that she is at high risk for developing serious illness if she gets infected.

"Until they figure out what's going on (with the virus), let's take one kid out of the system," she said.

A resurgence of coronavirus infections in much of the United States is adding to the uncertainty.

The U.S. leads the world with more than 4.1 million confirmed infections and over 146,000 deaths, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University. Worldwide, more than 15.7 million infections and over 640,000 deaths have been reported.

Experts say those figures understate the true toll of the pandemic, due in part to limited testing.

Many countries are seeing rising case tolls. France's coronavirus infection rate crept higher Saturday, and Spain cracked down on nightlife, trying to tamp down on new infection clusters.

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India, with has the world's third-highest infections behind the United States and Brazil, saw a surge of more than 49,000 new cases, raising its total to over 1.3 million.

In New York City, Macho Lara, an IT manager at a Brooklyn charter school, said he and his wife have agonized over what to do with their children, who are entering third grade and fifth grade.

Officials are tentatively offering the public school system's 1.1 million students the choice between continuing remote instruction or a hybrid model.

"We still have no idea what's going to happen in the fall," said Lara, who said they're trying to weigh health risks, the uncertainty of their work schedules, local transmission rates, their children's need for friends and the impact on the social development of their 8-year-old.

Complicating the family's decision, they're getting little clarity from elected leaders. Mayor Bill de Blasio said this week he wouldn't make a final decision on opening schools until just a few days before they are scheduled to restart in September. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has said the ultimate decision is up to him.

President Donald Trump had initially demanded a full reopening of the nation's schools, but has more recently acknowledged that some may need to delay their reopening this fall.

For Lara, there is no good choice.

"They're both going to hurt," he said. "It's which is going to suck a little bit less."

AP's coverage of the virus outbreak can be found at <https://apnews.com/VirusOutbreak> and <https://apnews.com/UnderstandingtheOutbreak>.

## **Mnuchin: Virus aid package soon, \$1,200 checks by August**

By LISA MASCARO AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Saturday that Republicans were set to roll out the next COVID-19 aid package Monday and assured there was backing from the White House after he and President Donald Trump's top aide met to salvage the \$1 trillion proposal that had floundered just days before.

Mnuchin told reporters at the Capitol that extending an expiring unemployment benefit — but reducing it substantially — was a top priority for Trump. The secretary called the \$600 weekly aid "ridiculous" and a disincentive for people to go back to work. He also promised a fresh round of \$1,200 stimulus checks would be coming in August.

"We're prepared to move quickly," Mnuchin said after he and Mark Meadows, the president's acting chief of staff, spent several hours with GOP staff at the Capitol. He said the president would "absolutely" support the emerging Republican package.

Mnuchin's optimistic assessment came before Democrats weighed in publicly on the updated proposal, which remained only a starting point in negotiations with House and Senate leaders in the other party. He said he recently called House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer ahead of shuttle negotiations next week on the broader deal.

The White House and Senate Republicans were racing to regroup after plans to introduce a \$1 trillion virus rescue bill collapsed Thursday amid GOP infighting over its size, scope and details. It was expected to bring \$105 billion to help schools reopen, new money for virus testing and benefits for businesses, including a fresh round of loans, tax breaks and a sweeping liability shield from COVID-related lawsuits.

As Republicans struggled, the White House team downplayed the differences with the GOP senators as overblown and said Trump was focused on providing relief.

"The president has been very clear. He wants to make sure that the American people have what they need during this unprecedented time," Meadows said, "to make sure not only the money is there but the programs."

The expiration of the \$600 weekly jobless benefits boost had been propelling the Republicans to act. Democrats already approved their sweeping \$3 trillion plan from Pelosi two months ago. But with millions

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of Americans about to be suddenly cut off from the aid starting Saturday, they were bracing to prevent social and economic fallout.

The White House floated plans to cut the additional aid back to \$100 a week, while Senate Republicans preferred \$200, with general agreement about phasing out the flat boost in favor of one that ensures no more than 70% of an employee's previous pay.

Mnuchin also said the \$1,200 direct payments would be based on the same formula from the earlier aid bill. Individuals making \$75,000 or less, for example, received the full amount and those making more than \$75,000 received less than \$1,200 depending on their income. Individuals earning above \$100,000 did not qualify for the payment.

"We'll get the majority of them out in August and those will help people," Mnuchin said.

The administration officials said the overall package remained at \$1 trillion, apparently on par with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's original draft.

Democrats had warned time was running out, saying Republicans were in disarray.

The jobless benefit officially expires July 31, but due to the way states process unemployment payments, the cutoff was effectively Saturday. Other aid, including a federal eviction moratorium on millions of rental units, also expires at month's end.

The GOP plan was not expected to come to a vote but serve as a counter-offer to Democrats. That strategy enabled McConnell, who did not have full support from his GOP majority, to avoid having to endure a failed outcome. But it also gave Democrats some leverage in insisting on their priorities as part of any final deal.

The path ahead remained uncertain, but both sides were scrambling to reach a deal.

McConnell, who spent time over the weekend in his home state of the Kentucky, said Friday he hoped a package could be agreed on "in the next few weeks."

## Competing protesters converge on Breonna Taylor's hometown

By TIMOTHY D. EASLEY Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Hundreds of armed, predominantly Black, activists demanded justice for Breonna Taylor during peaceful demonstrations Saturday in her Kentucky hometown that drew counter-protesters from a white militia group.

Police closed streets and set up barricades to keep the two groups apart as tensions remained on edge in Louisville, where protests have flared for months over the death of Taylor, a Black woman killed when police busted into her apartment in March.

By the time Black activists dressed in black fatigues arrived in the heart of downtown Saturday afternoon, most of the white militia members had already left. Police in full riot gear looked on.

Earlier in the day, three people were accidentally shot at a park where Black activists had gathered, police said. The victims, all of whom were members of the militia group, were taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

"This is a tragic situation that could have been much worse," Louisville Metro Police Chief Robert Schroeder said in a news release. "I encourage anyone choosing to exercise their Second Amendment rights to do so responsibly."

The Black activists had converged on Louisville to demand justice for Taylor. Calls for a national reckoning over racism and police brutality intensified following the deaths of Taylor and George Floyd in Minneapolis.

"This is something that has been happening around the country for years and years and years," said Brianna Wright, who joined in the demonstrations Saturday. "This is nothing new. The justice we get for her will influence justice around the entire country. And if we don't get justice ... it will also influence the entire country. Because they'll think, 'It's OK, we can get away with it.' But we need to show them that Black people are not going to stand for this anymore."

The only confrontation among the competing groups appeared to occur earlier Saturday when white militia members and Black Lives Matter activists yelled at each other over the police barricades.



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Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron's office is heading an investigation into Taylor's death. Taylor, a 26-year-old EMT, was fatally shot when police officers burst into her Louisville apartment using a no-knock warrant during a narcotics investigation. The warrant to search her home was in connection with a suspect who did not live there and no drugs were found.

## **Tear gas fired again; Portland protest standoff continues**

By GILLIAN FLACCUS and SARA CLINE Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Federal agents again repeatedly fired tear gas to break up rowdy protests in Portland, Oregon, that continued into the early morning Saturday as demonstrations that have happened every night for two months showed no signs of letting up.

Authorities say six federal officers were injured and one person was arrested.

Thousands gathered in front of the downtown federal courthouse beginning Friday evening. Demonstrations have happened in Oregon's largest city nightly since George Floyd was killed in Minneapolis in May. President Donald Trump said he sent federal agents to Portland to halt the unrest but state and local officials say they are making the situation worse.

Late Friday, a federal judge denied a request by Oregon's attorney general to restrict the actions of federal police.

The latest demonstration went until federal agents entered the crowd around 2:30 a.m. Saturday and marched in a line down the street, clearing remaining protesters with volleys of tear gas at close range. They also extinguished a large fire in the street outside the courthouse.

The Federal Protective Service had declared the gathering in Portland that began Friday evening "an unlawful assembly. Harry Fones, a Homeland Security spokesman, said at a news conference Saturday afternoon some people launched large fireworks, threw hard projectiles and used power tools to damage property.

Craig Gabriel, Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Oregon, said at the news conference that of the six federal officers who were injured, one suffered a concussion and another was taken to the hospital for burns.

He said one person was arrested for failing to comply with orders. That person was later released without charges, bringing the total number of people arrested on or near the courthouse property since early July to 60.

"It's the very few of the crowd who come not intent on doing anything with their voice but intent on destruction and intent on confrontation, unfortunately, with federal police," Gabriel said, acknowledging that the majority of protesters are peaceful.

Gabriel said the fence erected around the courthouse has been targeted by "violent agitators."

"If the courthouse can stand and can have integrity and not subject to damage or attack, then the officers will go home. I think — not to be flippant — but I think it's that simple," Gabriel said.

Earlier Friday night, the protest had drawn various organized groups, including veterans, Healthcare Workers Protest, Teachers against Tyrants, Lawyers for Black Lives and the "Wall of Moms."

As the crowd grew — authorities estimate there were 4,000 present at the peak of the protest — people were heard chanting "Black Lives Matter" and "Feds go home" to the sound of drums.

Later, protesters vigorously shook the fence surrounding the courthouse, shot fireworks towards the building and threw glass bottles. Many times these actions were met by federal agents using tear gas and flash bangs.

Daniel Pereyo was one protester who was tear-gassed. Pereyo said he had been at the nearby park watching drummers and fireworks being shot, when his face and eyes began to burn.

"It's extremely painful," he said. "It's not the worst pain ever, but it is discomfoting and it's distracting."

As the crowd dispersed, someone was found stabbed nearby, Portland police said. The person was taken to a hospital and a suspect was taken into custody.

The state attorney general had sued the federal government, saying some people had been whisked

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off the streets in unmarked vehicles. U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman ruled Friday the state lacked standing to sue on behalf of protesters.

Oregon was seeking a restraining order on behalf of its residents not for injuries that had already happened but to prevent injuries by federal officers in the future. That combination makes the standard for granting such a motion very narrow, and the state did not prove it had standing in the case, Mosman wrote.

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## Sinclair pulls show where Fauci conspiracy theory is aired

By DAVID BAUDER AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Sinclair Broadcast Group said Saturday it is pulling from the air an edition of its "America This Week" program that discusses a conspiracy theory involving Dr. Anthony Fauci and the coronavirus.

Sinclair spokesman Michael Padovano said Sinclair hopes to add context and other viewpoints and still air the controversial segment on the next week's edition of "America This Week."

Meanwhile, Fauci, the nation's top infectious disease expert, talked in detail in a new podcast about the "serious threats" and hate mail directed his way.

"America This Week" is hosted by Eric Bolling, a former Fox News Channel personality, and sent to stations Sinclair owns in 81 markets. The show it initially distributed for this weekend's show featured an interview with Judy Mikovits, maker of the widely discredited "Plandemic" video, and her lawyer, Larry Klayman.

Mikovits, an anti-vaccine activist, said she believed that Fauci manufactured the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 and shipped it to China. There has been no evidence that the virus was produced in a lab, much less any of Fauci's involvement.

Bolling did not push back on the claim, or show any evidence of checking its veracity. He followed up with a segment interviewing radiologist Dr. Nicole Saphier, a Fox News contributor, who said she thought Fauci "in no way, shape or form has been involved in the manufacture of this virus."

During the segment, first revealed by Media Matters for America, a chyron on the bottom of the screen read "Did Dr. Fauci create coronavirus?"

Bolling told CNN Business that he wasn't even aware of the "Plandemic" video before his bookers arranged for Mikovits' appearance. He told CNN that "frankly, I was shocked when she made the accusation." He said he brought Saphier on to challenge what he called a "hefty" charge.

The 26-minute "Plandemic" video emerged this spring and promoted a series of questionable, false and potentially dangerous theories. Online platforms Facebook, YouTube and Twitter took actions to slow its distribution.

Kelly McBride, a senior vice president and ethics expert for the Poynter Institute, a journalism think tank, said Saturday that such controversial theories should only be presented if accompanied by thorough reporting on their accuracy.

"One has the responsibility to vet the information that they're putting in front of an audience," McBride said. "There's no way to put information out like that responsibly because it's so far-fetched."

Before pulling the episode, Sinclair had tweeted that it did not endorse Mikovits' theory. But the company said, "We're a supporter of free speech and a marketplace of ideas and viewpoints, even if incredibly controversial."

A hero to some for his blunt talk about COVID-19, Fauci has been the target of criticism by President

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Donald Trump and his supporters. It was revealed this spring that he was given security after receiving threats, and he talked about it in some detail on "The Axe Files" podcast with former Obama aide David Axelrod this past week.

Fauci said he's seen a side of society that is disturbing, with a far greater level of anger than he heard in the 1980s when he was working to combat HIV.

Fauci says he is receiving "not only hate mail, but actual serious threats against me."

"I mean against my family, my daughters, my wife," he said. "There are people who get really angry at thinking that I'm interfering with their life because I'm pushing a public health agenda."

When it comes to hate mail and serious threats against him and his family, Fauci said, "I don't really see how society does that."

"I could understand, very well, that you have to be careful because of the negative consequences of things like shutting down," he said. "That's understandable, which is the reason we're all trying to open up America again in a way that is safe, that we can do it in a measured fashion. But the hostility against public health issues is difficult to not only understand, but difficult to even process."

Associated Press writer Darlene Superville in Washington contributed to this report.

## Queen Elizabeth II joins virtual unveiling of portrait

LONDON (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II has joined in the virtual unveiling of a new portrait commissioned by Britain's Foreign Office to honor her services to diplomacy.

The portrait of the monarch by Miriam Escofet is meant to pay tribute to the queen's work in promoting U.K. interests all over the world.

The queen saw the painting on her computer screen, and observed that a tea cup in the portrait lacked a key ingredient: tea. Escofet told the monarch that she had included the insignia of the FCO on the cup.

"She seemed to react very positively to it," Escofet said. "She was smiling, asking how long it took and if I had any more projects on the go after this."

The unveiling took place during a virtual visit in which the monarch was told about how the Foreign Office handled the shock wave of the coronavirus pandemic and brought thousands of British tourists home from far-flung travels.

## Federal agents use tear gas to clear rowdy Portland protest

By GILLIAN FLACCUS and SARA CLINE Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Thousands of protesters gathered outside the federal courthouse in Portland, Oregon, into the early hours Saturday, shooting fireworks at the building as plumes of tear gas dispensed by U.S. agents, lingered above.

The demonstration went until federal agents entered the crowd around 2:30 a.m. and marched in a line down the street, clearing remaining protesters with tear gas at close range. They also extinguished a large fire in the street outside the courthouse.

Portland has been roiled by nightly protests for two months following the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. President Donald Trump said he sent federal agents to Oregon's largest city to halt the unrest but state and local officials say they are making the situation worse.

The clashes in Portland have further inflamed the nation's political tensions and triggered a crisis over the limits of federal power as Trump moves to send U.S. officers to other Democratic-led cities he says are violent.

Late Friday a federal judge denied a request by Oregon's attorney general to restrict the actions of federal police.

The Federal Protective Service had declared the gathering in Portland that began Friday evening as "an unlawful assembly" and said that officers had been injured.

As the crowd dispersed, someone was found stabbed nearby, Portland police said. The person was taken

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to a hospital and a suspect was taken into custody.

By 3 a.m., most demonstrators had left, with only some small groups roaming the streets.

Earlier Friday night, the protest had drawn various organized groups, including Healthcare Workers Protest, Teachers against Tyrants, Lawyers for Black Lives and the "Wall of Moms." As the crowd grew — authorities estimate there were 3,000 present at the peak of the protest — people were heard chanting "Black Lives Matter" and "Feds go home" to the sound of drums.

Later, protesters vigorously shook the fence surrounding the courthouse, shot fireworks towards the building and threw glass bottles. Many times these actions were met by federal agents using tear gas and flash bangs.

The flow of tear gas caused protesters to disperse at times, as others remained toward the front of the courthouse with leaf blowers directing the gas back to the courthouse. Federal agents had leaf blowers of their own to counteract.

Daniel Pereyo was one protester who was tear-gassed.

Pereyo said he had been at the nearby park watching drummers and fireworks being shot, when his face and eyes began to burn.

"It's extremely painful," he said. "It's not the worst pain ever, but it is discomforting and it's distracting."

As the clouds of gas floated down the street, protesters would swiftly regroup and return to chant and shake the fence that separates the people on the street from federal agents and the courthouse.

It was unclear whether anyone was arrested during the protest. The federal agents have arrested dozens during nightly demonstrations against racial injustice that often turn violent.

The state attorney general sued, saying some people had been whisked off the streets in unmarked vehicles. U.S. District Judge Michael Mosman ruled Friday the state lacked standing to sue on behalf of protesters because the lawsuit was a "highly unusual one with a particular set of rules."

Oregon was seeking a restraining order on behalf of its residents not for injuries that had already happened but to prevent injuries by federal officers in the future. That combination makes the standard for granting such a motion very narrow, and the state did not prove it had standing in the case, Mosman wrote.

Legal experts who reviewed the case before the decision warned that the judge could reject it on those grounds. A lawsuit from a person accusing federal agents of violating their rights to free speech or against unconstitutional search and seizure would have a much higher chance of success, Michael Dorf, a constitutional law professor at Cornell University, said ahead of the ruling.

"The federal government acted in violation of those individuals' rights and probably acted in violation of the Constitution in the sense of exercising powers that are reserved to the states, but just because the federal government acts in ways that overstep its authority doesn't mean the state has an injury," he said.

The lawsuit from Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum accused federal agents of arresting protesters without probable cause and using excessive force. She sought a temporary restraining order to "immediately stop federal authorities from unlawfully detaining Oregonians."

David Morrell, an attorney for the U.S. government, called the motion "extraordinary" and told the judge in a hearing this week that it was based solely on "a few threadbare declarations" from witnesses and a Twitter video. Morrell called the protests "dangerous and volatile."

Rosenblum said the ramifications of the ruling were "extremely troubling."

"Individuals mistreated by these federal agents can sue for damages, but they can't get a judge to restrain this unlawful conduct more generally," Rosenblum said in a statement.

Homeland Security acting Secretary Chad Wolf denied that federal agents were inflaming the situation in Portland and said Wheeler legitimized criminality by joining demonstrators, whom Trump has called "anarchists and agitators."

Wolf said Tuesday that at least 43 people have been arrested on federal charges at that point. Charges included assaulting federal officers, arson and damaging federal property, U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams said. All the defendants are local and were released after making a court appearance.

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## German cruise ship sets sail, hopes short trip thwarts virus

BERLIN (AP) — A German cruise ship is gingerly testing the water amid the coronavirus pandemic, setting sail for the first time since the industry was shut down months ago and using strict precautions to keep passengers and crew as safe as possible.

The TUI cruise ship "Mein Schiff 2" — literally "My Ship 2" — set sail for a weekend cruise in the North Sea late Friday night, the dpa news agency reported.

Occupancy was limited to 60% so passengers could keep their distance from one another, but even that level was not reached. The ship sailed off with 1,200 passengers on board compared to its normal 2,900 capacity. It was not reported how many crew were also on board.

The ship sailed from the northern port of Hamburg toward Norway, and passengers will spend the weekend at sea with no land stops before returning to Germany on Monday.

On board, passengers and crew are required to stay 1.5 meters (5 feet) away from one another or wear protective masks and they will not be able to serve themselves at the ship's buffet. All passengers also had to fill out a health questionnaire before boarding and have their temperatures taken.

After being shut down for months, German cruise ship companies are hoping that shorter, strictly controlled trips will help restart the business that has been devastated by the pandemic, which brought global travel to a standstill, forced cruise ship companies to suspend operations and stranded thousands of passengers and crew worldwide.

Starting Aug. 5, the AIDA cruise operator will sail from Hamburg with its first trip since the pandemic shut operations down months ago, with a second to leave on Aug. 12 from Rostock and a third departing on Aug. 16 from Kiel, dpa reported.

Germany has been widely lauded for its efforts to contain its coronavirus outbreak. It has reported over 206,000 infections but kept deaths to 9,124 — only one-fifth of Britain's death toll. Germany is now in the process of reopening its economy, with strict guidelines on social distancing, mask use and personal hygiene measures.

U.S. health officials last week extended the U.S. ban on cruise ships through the end of September as coronavirus infections rise in most U.S. states, including Florida, a popular departure site for Caribbean cruises. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention chief, Dr. Robert Redfield, said in the order that cruise industry hasn't yet controlled the transmission of the virus on its ships.

Dozens of coronavirus outbreaks have hit cruise ships, including the highly-publicized Diamond Princess cruise ship outbreak off Japan that saw 712 infections and 13 deaths.

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## Women reflect on sexist slur that often goes unpunished

By JOCELYN NOVECK AP National Writer

Ask a woman if she's been called the B-word by a man — perhaps modified by the F-adjective — and chances are she'll say, "You mean ever, or how many times?"

Because most women will tell you it's a pretty universal experience, especially if they've held a position of power in the workplace. "I'd say, maybe 25 times?" estimates Ellen Gerstein, who spent years in

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technology publishing, a fairly male-dominated field, before becoming a pharmaceutical executive. "And that's just to my face."

In fact, Gerstein says, use of the word as a slur against women has come to feel so unfortunately routine that her own memories of it tend to blur together — unlike, say, the time 20 years ago when a male colleague asked her who she'd "lap danced" to push a project ahead. But she says she was filled with admiration when she heard Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez take to the floor of the House and call out a male colleague for vulgar words.

"I thought, listening to her, 'Wow, you're 100% right,'" says Gerstein, now 52. "Why didn't I apply those same standards to myself?"

Ocasio-Cortez's remarks on Thursday, widely shared online, amounted to a stunning indictment not only of the words of Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Florida, who she said called her a "f———g bitch" in front of reporters, but a culture of abusive language against women that can lead to violence. Her speech resonated with many women — in politics and out, supportive of her politics or not — who said the language had been tacitly accepted for far too long.

The moment was extraordinary, says Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, not because the language was new — as Ocasio-Cortez herself said, it was nothing she hadn't heard waiting tables or riding the subway — but because of where it took place, and especially because the freshman congresswoman had the confidence and the support of her colleagues to call it out in such a public way.

"This is all part of a shift," Walsh says, attributing the change to the #MeToo movement, in large part. "Women are feeling empowered to speak up and believe they will be heard." More than a dozen Democratic colleagues — but no Republicans — joined Ocasio-Cortez, D-New York, in speaking out against sexist behavior, including from President Donald Trump.

The moment led Gloria Steinem, the nation's most visible feminist advocate, to reflect on her own struggles with the word Barbara Bush once famously said "rhymes with rich."

"It took me years to learn what to do when someone calls you a bitch," Steinem told The Associated Press in an email. "Just smile in a calm triumphant way, and say, 'Thank you!'"

Steinem, 86, said she hadn't realized the strategy could be helpful to other women until it made it into the script of a recent off-Broadway play about her life, "and every night, women in the audience burst out in big relieved laughter."

Still, Steinem noted, "Refusing to be hurt may not really change the people who are trying to hurt you." She called for both "cultural and workplace penalties for such behavior," and, more profoundly, "raising our children to empathize and treat others as we want to be treated."

Gerstein, too, says she found it helpful to repurpose what was intended as a slur into a compliment. "I didn't want to feel like a victim, so my theory was to own it," she says. "As if to say, 'What you're really saying is I'm tough, I'm bossy, I'm determined and I'm damned good at what I'm doing.'"

Ocasio-Cortez "owned" the word as well when she tweeted, in response to Yoho's alleged remarks: "Bitches get stuff done."

That itself was a throwback to a 2008 sketch on "Saturday Night Live," in which Tina Fey and Amy Poehler discussed the slur as often applied to Hillary Clinton. "Yeah, she is. And so am I," notes Fey on the "Weekend Update" segment. "You know what? Bitches get stuff done."

Feminist author Andi Zeisler, co-founder of the nonprofit Bitch Media, notes that the sketch marked the beginning of a long and evolving process of women "reclaiming" the word, much like the word "queer."

"We don't get to control who uses it and how," explains Zeisler. "We can only control the way we conceive of it."

Of course, context is everything. When used as Yoho allegedly did, the word is intentionally gender-specific and heavy with implied power dynamics, says Walsh, of Rutgers.

It "otherizes women, it dehumanizes them and tells women they don't belong in these institutions and positions," Walsh says. "It is about silencing women and keeping them out."

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Jen Singer, a freelance writer in New Jersey, says that “when men call you a bitch, it’s a warning shot across your bow — a reminder that they have power and you had better not overstep your bounds.”

It’s the feeling that Jennifer Bogar-Richardson, an educator also in New Jersey, felt when she learned that a superior had referred to her as a “ho” in a meeting with colleagues years ago, using words from a Chris Brown song to indicate she’d been disloyal.

“I felt naked,” says Bogar-Richardson, 44, “because it obviously didn’t matter how smart I was, how intelligent or how well I did my job. I’m nothing more than that name.”

Mila Stieglitz, a 22-year-old New Yorker who graduated college in May, found herself feeling conflicting emotions as she watched Ocasio-Cortez’s speech.

On the one hand, she was disheartened to learn of the sexist language experienced by the congresswoman — at 30, only eight years her senior — something she’d hoped was more an issue for an earlier generation. On the other, she said she was inspired by her outspokenness, and the support she received from colleagues.

“As I enter the workforce, I recognize there’s been so much progress since my mother’s generation, for which I’m grateful,” Stieglitz said. “But these instances also highlight to me how much more needs to be done.”

## For racial justice protests, US taps tactical border squads

By BEN FOX Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — They are the most highly trained members of the Border Patrol, agents who confront drug traffickers along the U.S.-Mexico border and track down dangerous fugitives in rugged terrain.

One day this past week, they were in a far different setting — a city park in Portland, Oregon, looking for two people suspected of throwing rocks and bottles at officers guarding the downtown federal courthouse.

Beyond the debate over whether the federal response to the Portland protests encroaches on local authority, another question arises: whether the Department of Homeland Security, with its specialized national security focus, is the right agency for the job.

It’s not just the Border Patrol Tactical Unit that has been called to duty in Portland. DHS has dispatched air marshals as well as the Customs and Border Protection Special Response Team and even members of the Coast Guard.

“The Department of Homeland Security was never intended as a national police force let alone a presidential militia,” said Peter Vincent, a former general counsel for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which is also an agency within DHS.

The deployment of DHS agents and officers is legal, both under existing law and an executive order President Donald Trump signed June 26 to protect federal property and monuments. But it has made the agency, created to improve the nation’s response to terrorism, a target of widespread criticism.

Congress plans to delve into the issue Friday, when the House Homeland Security Committee holds a hearing on the federal response to the protests in Portland and Trump’s announcement that he plans to send federal agents to Chicago and Albuquerque, New Mexico, to help combat rising crime while making “law and order” a central theme of his reelection campaign.

“Americans across the country are watching what the administration is doing in Portland with horror and revulsion and are wondering if their cities could be President Trump’s next targets,” said Rep. Bennie Thompson, a Mississippi Democrat who is chairman of the committee.

As of Monday, there were 114 federal agents and officers deployed to downtown Portland, according to an affidavit from Gabriel Russell, the regional director of the Federal Protective Service, the DHS component that provides security for federal buildings.

Protests have been taking place in Portland since May 26 but the federal agents kept a “defensive posture” by staying inside federal buildings until July 3, Russell said in the affidavit, filed in response to a lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union seeking protections for journalists and other legal observers covering the demonstrations.

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That night, according to Russell, protesters attempted to set fire to the federal courthouse and DHS deployed a Rapid Deployment Force as part of "Operation Diligent Valor."

That same night, Trump stood before Mount Rushmore and accused protesters around the country who have pushed for racial justice of engaging in a "merciless campaign to wipe out our history." He later criticized officials in Portland for allowing demonstrations to get "totally out of control."

The officers deploying to Portland are "highly trained," and many wear camouflage because that's their duty uniform on the southwest border, according to acting DHS Secretary Chad Wolf, responding to charges of a militarized response to the protests.

In addition to their previous training, they took a 90-minute online course on the mission and jurisdiction of the Federal Protective Service, police powers and criminal regulations, according to a course description provided to The Associated Press.

Richard Cline, principal deputy director of the protective services, told reporters that DHS officers are given additional training to ensure they act within guidelines established by the Justice Department as they assist an organization that was "quickly overwhelmed" by violent demonstrators.

Wolf also defended tactics such as tear gas, rubber bullets and having officers sweep people off the street into unmarked vehicles, evoking images of a secret police force.

"We are only targeting and arresting those who have been identified as committing criminal acts, like any other law enforcement agency does across the country every single day of the week," he said.

On Wednesday, agents from the Border Patrol Tactical Unit, known as BORTAC, set out from the federal courthouse just after midnight in pursuit of two people in dark clothing and carrying makeshift shields suspected of throwing rocks and bottles at officers, according to court records.

The agents struggled with the two, eventually restraining them and turning them over to the Federal Protective Service. One, a 19-year-old man, was charged with felony assault of an officer.

In addition to rocks and bottles, agents and officers at the courthouse have been struck with ball bearings, improvised explosives, fireworks, and balloons filled with paint and feces, Russell said. Some have also had lasers shined at their eyes.

At least 28 officers have been injured and officers have made at least 43 arrests, mostly for misdemeanors.

While the use of BORTAC officers in this environment is unusual, it's not unprecedented, said Michael Fisher, a former senior official with the agency and member of the unit.

BORTAC officers have been used to serve warrants on suspects considered dangerous, protected emergency personnel during natural disasters and were sent to Los Angeles during the 1992 riots, Fisher said.

"What was happening in Portland is the police were not enforcing ... the laws and it just escalated and that's the reason it's gone on well over 50 days now," said Fisher, who now runs a security company.

Local officials have in turn accused DHS of inflaming the situation, an argument bolstered by the fact that protests grew larger as controversy intensified over the tactics of the federal agents.

Former DHS officials concede the agency has worked with state and local law enforcement before, with the consent and cooperation of local authorities. But in Oregon, officials have accused the federal government of inflaming the situation and asked it to withdraw.

Vincent, who left ICE in 2014 and now works as a consultant, said some current officials are "extraordinarily uncomfortable" with what they have been asked to do in Portland.

"I am deeply concerned as someone who believes in the mission of the agency and knows and respects its officers and agents that these activities will irreparably damage the agency's reputation," he said.

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Associated Press writer Ron Nixon contributed to this report.

## Fight for police-free schools has been years in the making

By ASTRID GALVAN Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — The group of protesters started out small, just a handful of students who told officials at school board meetings why they wanted police out of Madison, Wisconsin, schools.



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Over four years, their numbers grew but not their results. So they took to yelling from the audience and making emotional pleas about how police make students, especially those of color, feel unsafe.

But officers remained at four high schools in the Madison Metropolitan School District until George Floyd's death by Minneapolis police ushered in a national reckoning over police brutality and racial injustice.

That's when the school board president, who had long resisted removing police, had a change of heart. Madison quickly joined cities like Minneapolis, Phoenix, Denver and Portland, Oregon, in abandoning partnerships with police on campuses.

The move may seem sudden, but it follows years of well-organized, student-driven action. Only now, more grown-ups are listening.

Police officers assigned to schools wear a uniform, carry guns and get specialized training. Critics say having armed police on campus often results in Black students being disproportionately arrested and punished, leading to what they call the schools-to-prison pipeline.

Supporters say police make schools safer and that having someone trained to deal with young people is more effective than having random officers respond to large fights and other problems.

At the Madison school board protests, "we would basically go up there, be nice and when you would look up, when you were talking, they would be looking down at their phone or their computer. So that made us even more frustrated," said Shyra Adams, 20, who graduated from high school in 2017 and is now a youth justice coordinator with Freedom Inc., the group behind the protests.

Adams says opponents called her and others thugs or angry protesters — "anything but youths."

She attended nearly every monthly meeting since 2016, sharing how she was injured when two school resource officers broke up a fight between her and a boy she said was bullying her friend. Adams said the officers twisted her arm. They let the boy, who was white, go to class, and he got two days of suspension, while she got five.

"I knew there's absolutely no way I can build a relationship with somebody like that," Adams said of the officers.

The movement to pull police from campuses has been decades in the making but grew substantially with student activism in the last four years, said Judith Browne Dianis, executive director of the Advancement Project National Office, a nonprofit focusing on civil rights and justice.

"We were noticing that when you have police in schools, you have a culture clash. And that culture clash is that their job is to protect people but also they enforce the criminal code, and they were enforcing criminal code on regular teen behavior," Dianis said of the early beginnings of the movement.

Recent national data on arrests at schools is hard to come by, but studies from a few years ago show that Black students are disproportionately punished both in schools and by law enforcement.

During the 2015-2016 school year, Black students accounted for 15% of total enrollment but 31% of students referred to law enforcement or arrested, according to the Civil Rights Data Collection put out by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Students of color are also more likely to be enrolled in a school with an officer. While 42% of U.S. high schools in the 2013-2014 school year had officers, 51% of high schools with large Black and Latino populations had them.

Students have spent the last several years targeting that disparity.

Michelle Ruiz, 21, protested at her Phoenix high school district as a senior, driven by concerns that officers on campus can result in students without legal status ending up in immigration custody. She struggled academically and questioned why there were so few resources but enough money for cops.

With support from immigrant rights group Puente, Ruiz began speaking out at school board meetings in 2017 with a handful of other students. Their numbers grew to 15 or 20 within a few months.

President Donald Trump's election "brought a big momentum," Ruiz said. But it took three years for the superintendent to announce the Phoenix Union High School District wouldn't renew its \$1.2 million contract with police.

"I feel, as a student who has been advocating this for a long time, happy, and it brings me hope that

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the district's willing to change," Ruiz said of the July 7 decision.

Activists in Madison also are celebrating a change of heart. The June 29 vote to eliminate police from high schools was introduced by school board President Gloria Reyes, a former police officer who had long resisted calls to abandon the contract.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Reyes said she understood institutional racism in police departments but believes it also exists in school administrations and that getting rid of police on campuses altogether isn't an all-in-one solution.

After Floyd's death, students protested outside Reyes' home, and once the teachers union spoke out, she felt it was time for change.

"I had to step out of my own personal and professional beliefs around the issue and just reflect on the many voices and reflect on George Floyd and what was happening," Reyes said. "And ultimately, I had to do what I felt in my heart was the right thing to do."

The school board established a committee to create a new school safety plan. Reyes still worries about what will happen when a big fight breaks out and police who don't know the students and lack special training show up.

That's a major concern for Mo Canady, executive director of the National Association of School Resource Officers.

Canady says school resource officers are carefully selected and trained to work with teenagers. They're usually veteran officers who have volunteered with young people, such as coaching sports or leading church youth groups.

"We train our people to be really thoughtful about arrests, and we want to do everything to avoid an arrest," Canady said.

His organization trained 10,000 school resource officers last year, which he estimates is roughly half those in the country. They usually get about 40 hours of training before they're assigned to a school and have ongoing instruction, Canady said.

For Adams, the youth organizer in Madison, the fight isn't over. She says she's working to ensure that students and parents have more say in decision-making and that the district creates a transformative justice program that keeps kids out of jail.

"Folks just think that after we got cops out of schools that's it, and it's that simple. It's not," Adams said.

## Portland struggles with liberal identity under nation's gaze

By GILLIAN FLACCUS Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Images broadcast worldwide of Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler getting tear-gassed alongside protesters made him an overnight standard-bearer for the growing movement against President Donald Trump's use of federal agents to tamp down violence in U.S. cities.

For many Portland residents, however, the moment felt ironic and hypocritical. Before federal agents arrived in the liberal city, local police repeatedly used tear gas on protesters, and Wheeler — who is also the police commissioner — is increasingly unpopular with those who feel he couldn't, or wouldn't, control officers. Before he was gassed this week, Wheeler fought to be heard over a hostile crowd screaming obscenities and then hecklers surrounded him as he left hours later with chemicals in his eyes.

The failure by the Democrat and sixth-generation Oregon resident to navigate this polarizing moment in his hometown reflects Portland's simmering internal struggle over its identity. A city that prides itself on having one of the nation's most progressive resumes is being challenged to move even further left by a growing anti-police constituency that's elevating Black voices during America's reckoning over racism. Those voices have long gone unheard in Portland, which is less than 6% Black.

"The national imagination of Portland — and even to some extent Portland's imagination of itself — as a hotbed of progressivism and liberalism has never been matched by the political reality," said Chris Shortell, a political science professor at Portland State University. "It's not as liberal and progressive of a city as the national public holds it to be, and that's particularly true on race."

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He calls it "the dark underbelly of Portland."

"On the national level, you just see, 'Hey, the mayor stepped out there and got tear-gassed!' But that covers over the reality of the local political situation," Shortell said.

In the weeks since George Floyd's death by Minneapolis police, protests against racial injustice and police brutality have filled Portland's streets. Days of peaceful marches that initially attracted up to 10,000 people devolved into smaller groups of demonstrators who set fires, vandalized buildings and smashed windows. Businesses and others have complained the city hasn't been able to restore order.

But when Trump sent 114 federal agents to quell the unrest earlier this month, the city once more began to turn out in force against what Wheeler has called an "illegal occupation." Crowds of several thousand demonstrators show up nightly outside the Mark O. Hatfield Federal Courthouse to square off with federal agents armed with tear gas, rubber bullets and stun grenades.

And while the city's anger is channeled against Trump and his federal forces, beneath every protest lies tension about what Portland is, what it should be and how it will get there.

It built its progressive reputation carefully over decades by breaking ground on issues like environmentalism, public transportation and urban planning. But on other progressive issues — racial politics and police reform key among them — Portland has fallen far short and to some, is proving slow to recognize that blind spot.

"We have this identity nationally as a city that is weird and progressive — you know, Portlandia," said Gregory McKelvey, a Portland activist and police critic. "But we really earned this liberal reputation at a time where having a mayor that said, 'Yeah, I think two gay people should be able to get married' was seen as ... radically progressive. The rest of the country has caught up with us and our elected officials are still at that level of progressive."

The city's overwhelming whiteness also informs the Black community's impatience with reform. For years, Portland was an important base for neo-Nazi groups. Even now, right-wing groups like the Proud Boys and Patriot Prayer frequently hold rallies in the city.

"Portland in many respects is ... where you could assume consensus existed because some voices simply weren't heard, and that made it easier to govern and it made it easier to tell a story about what Portland is," Shortell said of Black residents. "But now those groups have gained a voice."

Some want to end all funding for police, others want to cut \$50 million from their budget and still others want oversight reforms, such as an independent review board.

"Defunding the police is really a racial justice concern. It's racial justice concern No. 1," said Mac Smiff, a Black Portland resident who asked Wheeler pointed questions before the mayor was tear-gassed. "The only reason we're doing graffiti and protesting is because you will not come to the table for what we ask for."

City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty, the first Black woman elected to that position, demanded last week that Wheeler cede control of police to her. He declined.

"The city needs stability and leadership right now," Wheeler's staff said in an emailed response to questions.

"The community called for the mayor to join and listen, and hear their frustrations with him, the police bureau, and the city," the statement said of Wheeler attending Wednesday's protest. "Despite knowing that he would be subject to anger and harassment, the mayor felt it was important to go and stay."

The statement said the mayor was working to hold the Portland Police Bureau accountable and defended what it called the city's "historic, unprecedented reform" of the agency.

That includes a vote last month to divert nearly \$16 million from the police budget to programs that support people of color. It eliminates school resource officers, a high-profile gun violence reduction team and transit officers. The police chief, a white woman, also stepped down in favor of a Black man.

Wheeler is a "decent man" but he is also "a privileged white man who grew up among wealth and privilege," Hardesty told The Associated Press. "And so I don't know if he has what we need at this time. I can tell you that I have what we need to fundamentally change how policing happens in Portland — and I would be fearless about changing it."

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Hardesty wants to get a measure on the November ballot that would establish an independent police oversight system. She's been fighting to reform the Police Bureau for three decades and blasted those who said she settled by accepting less than a \$50 million cut from its budget — a sign of the divisions even among those seeking change.

"I suspect there's a lot of progressive Portlanders who thought, 'OK, they took \$16 million out of the police budget, and that's a really good step.' And for the people who are really on the emotional edge of this issue, that's not enough," said Carl Abbott, a Portland State University professor emeritus of urban studies and planning.

"What does a good, well-meaning, progressive white protester do? They go out and march in the peaceful protests, they put Black Lives Matter signs in their windows and read books on how to be a better ally and then try to do it," he said. "But none of those actions penetrate the culture of the police force, and that is the nub."

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## California, Florida, Texas lose House seats with Trump order

By MIKE SCHNEIDER Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — If President Donald Trump succeeds in getting immigrants in the country illegally excluded from being counted in the redrawing of U.S. House districts, California, Florida and Texas would end up with one less congressional seat each than if every resident were counted, according to an analysis by a think tank.

Without that population, California would lose two seats instead of one, Florida would gain one seat instead of two and Texas would gain two seats instead of three, according to the analysis by Pew Research Center.

Additionally, the Pew analysis shows Alabama, Minnesota and Ohio would each keep a congressional seat they most likely would have lost during the process of divvying up congressional seats by state known as apportionment, which takes place after the U.S. Census Bureau completes its once-a-decade head count of every U.S. resident. The bureau currently is in the middle of the 2020 census.

Federal law requires the Census Bureau to hand over the final head-count numbers used for apportionment to the president at the end of the year, but the bureau is asking Congress for an extension until next April 30 because of disruptions caused by the pandemic.

Besides being used to divvy up congressional seats, the 2020 census results will help determine how many votes in the Electoral College each state gets and the distribution of \$1.5 trillion in federal funding.

Every resident of a state is traditionally counted during apportionment, but Trump last Tuesday issued a directive seeking to bar people in the U.S. illegally from being included in the headcount as congressional districts are redrawn. Trump said including them in the count "would create perverse incentives and undermine our system of government."

At least four lawsuits or notices of a legal challenge have been filed seeking to halt the directive. Some opponents say it's an effort to suppress the growing political power of Latinos in the U.S. and to discriminate against immigrant communities of color. The lawsuits say there is no reliable method for counting people in the U.S. illegally and the order will diminish the accuracy of the census.

The president's directive breaks with almost 250 years of tradition and is unconstitutional, according to a lawsuit filed by Common Cause, the city of Atlanta and others in federal court in the District of Columbia. Other challenges have been filed or are in the process of being brought by the ACLU on behalf of immigrant rights groups, a coalition of states led New York Attorney General Letitia James and civil rights groups already suing the Trump administration over an effort to gather citizenship data through administrative records.

Trump issued the order to gather citizenship data on U.S. residents through administrative records last year after the U.S. Supreme Court blocked his administration's effort to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census form. Opponents said a citizenship question would have discouraged participation in the nation's head count, not only by people living in the country illegally but also by citizens who fear that



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participating would expose noncitizen family members to repercussions.

The Democratic-led House Committee on Oversight and Reform is asking Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, Census Bureau director Steven Dillingham and other officials to testify about the Republican president's directive at a hearing next Wednesday.

During a virtual news conference on Saturday, the chair of the House committee, Democratic U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney of New York, called the order "blatantly unconstitutional and illegal."

"Congress is empowered to determine how the census is conducted, not the president," Maloney said.

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## A troubling pandemic thought: Are THESE the good old days?

By WILLIAM J. KOLE Associated Press

HOPE VALLEY, R.I. (AP) — News articles don't carry Hollywood-style viewer ratings or trigger warnings. Maybe this one should.

But consider this: What if THESE are the good old days?

Depressing as that might seem after the coronavirus pandemic has claimed well over 630,000 lives worldwide, cost tens of millions their jobs and inflicted untold misery across the planet, it's entirely possible — increasingly likely, some say — that things will get worse before they get better.

Americans in particular have been optimists by nature for the better part of four centuries. But even here, a bleak dystopian vision is emerging in some corners. It's not pretty.

It imagines a not-too-distant future where we'll all look back with nostalgia at 2020 as a time when most of us had plenty of food and wine, could get many of the goods and services we needed, and could work from home at jobs that still paid us.

"This could be as good as it gets, so let's take pleasure in what we have now," Katherine Tallman, the CEO of the Coolidge Corner Theatre, an indie cinema in Brookline, Massachusetts, told a recent Zoom roundtable.

The pandemic continues to buffet the planet economically, dashing hopes that the worst of the joblessness might be behind us.

For 18 consecutive weeks now, more than a million Americans have sought unemployment benefits. New infections have been surging in states like Florida and California that power the economy, threatening people's health and livelihoods for the foreseeable future.

That's bad. But in online forums and on social media, futurists see the potential for worse. Much worse. Their musings aren't for the faint of heart.

It's likely that few, if any, of their forecasts will come to pass. This time next year, we may well marvel at how swiftly this existential threat was vanquished. But with the numbers going in the wrong direction, and collective confidence badly shaken, those given to ruinous thoughts can be forgiven for thinking the worst:

— What if humanity's frantic efforts to produce a viable vaccine take longer than envisioned, allowing the virus to kill indiscriminately in the interim?

— What if that coincides with a climate calamity that ruins crops and shatters supply chains, stripping supermarket shelves bare of much more than hand sanitizer and toilet paper?

— For all our kvetching about masks, could we one day find ourselves having to don hazmat suits just to leave the house?

— Is it such a stretch to imagine the economic fallout moving beyond jobs and 401(k)s and wiping out entire industries — setting off a global Great Depression, Part Two?

The pandemic is "going to get worse and worse and worse," World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters last week. "There will be no return to the old normal for the foreseeable future."

Even President Donald Trump, in a notable departure from his generally insistent stance that the U.S. has the outbreak under control, said the "nasty horrible" virus "will probably unfortunately get worse

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before it gets better.”

Margaret Hetherman, a New York City-based writer and futurist, thinks some of our darker pandemic experiences — things like fighting over canned goods and hoarding toilet paper — could foreshadow more dire years ahead if global warming continues unabated.

“We’re getting a taste of what could be ahead if we don’t get control of ourselves here. The empty shelves could be just the beginning,” she said. “It’s hard to imagine, but the climate crisis upon us is probably going to render this a piece of cake by comparison.”

The Rhode Island village of Hope Valley mirrors the new COVID-19 landscape. More is closed than is open, including the local Grange community center, usually a beehive of activity and human connection.

“NO YOGA,” reads a plastic sign out front. “BE HEALTHY BE HAPPY BE SAFE,” it adds, though the hamlet — like thousands of other small towns nationwide — is powerless to help its people accomplish any of those things.

For businesses and consumers alike, a new order appears to be dawning — one in which the risk of viral outbreaks increasingly is seen as perpetual, not a one-off.

“These times we’re in right now — perilous as they are — will soon be looked back on fondly as ‘the good old days.’ Prepare accordingly,” tweeted Columbia University philosopher Rory Varrato.

The website Quartz.com asked experts in business, technology, food, the arts and other sectors how the world will be different in five years because of the coronavirus. Their responses? Largely grim.

“My bet is that movie theaters won’t exist,” said one, University of Pennsylvania psychologist Adam Grant.

The pandemic has pummeled airlines and the hospitality industry. The American Hotel and Lodging Association warns that more than 8,000 U.S. hotels could close for good as early as September. Restaurants also are imperiled: Without government intervention, Democratic U.S. Sen. Edward Markey of Massachusetts cautioned this month, “there could be an extinction experience.”

Politics, too, cloud the horizon and moods. For some, a dystopian future includes four more years of Trump’s chaotic presidency; for others, the election of Joe Biden and a sudden lurch back to the left.

As if all that isn’t enough to bring down the room, people love to share word of random supposed signs of the apocalypse — things that certainly aren’t, like the North American invasion of “murder hornets” and that squirrel in Colorado that was found to have been infected with bubonic plague.

That stuff we mostly shrug off. But the future, writ large, is serious business. It is, after all, where we pin our hopes and dreams.

If these do turn out to be the good old days, at least there are things for which we legitimately can be thankful: more time and meals together with loved ones; an extended reprieve from soul-sapping commutes; and — for some of us — a greater emotional investment in our children, if only because we’re seeing a lot more of each other.

“Even now, we can find joy in a day,” said Hetherman, the futurist. “Even if we’re in a hazmat suit, God help us, we’ll have to find what joy we can.”

AP’s coverage of the virus outbreak can be found at <https://apnews.com/VirusOutbreak> and <https://apnews.com/UnderstandingtheOutbreak>. William J. Kole is AP’s New England editor; follow him on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/billkole>.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press undefined

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Today is Sunday, July 26, the 208th day of 2020. There are 158 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On July 26, 2002, the Republican-led House voted, 295-132, to create an enormous Homeland Security Department in the biggest government reorganization in decades.

On this date:

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In 1775, the Continental Congress established a Post Office and appointed Benjamin Franklin its Postmaster-General.

In 1788, New York became the 11th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1908, U.S. Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte ordered creation of a force of special agents that was a forerunner of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1925, five days after the end of the Scopes Trial in Dayton, Tennessee, prosecutor William Jennings Bryan died at age 65. (Although Bryan had won a conviction against John T. Scopes for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution, the verdict was later overturned.)

In 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank off New England, some 11 hours after colliding with the Swedish liner Stockholm; at least 51 people died, from both vessels.

In 1971, Apollo 15 was launched from Cape Kennedy on America's fourth successful manned mission to the moon.

In 1986, Islamic radicals in Lebanon released the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, an American hostage held for nearly 19 months. American statesman W. Averell Harriman died in Yorktown Heights, New York, at age 94.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed the Americans with Disabilities Act.

In 1992, singer Mary Wells died in Los Angeles at age 49.

In 2013, Ariel Castro, the man who'd imprisoned three women in his Cleveland home, subjecting them to a decade of rapes and beatings, pleaded guilty to 937 counts in a deal to avoid the death penalty. (Castro later committed suicide in prison.)

In 2016, Hillary Clinton became the first woman to be nominated for president by a major political party at the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

In 2017, President Donald Trump announced on Twitter that he would not "accept or allow" transgender people to serve in the U.S. military. (After a legal battle, the Defense Department approved a new policy requiring most individuals to serve in their birth gender.) A thrill ride broke apart at the Ohio State Fair, killing an 18-year-old high school student and injuring seven others.

Ten years ago: A U.N.-backed tribunal sentenced the Khmer Rouge's chief jailer, Kaing Guek Eav (gang guhk eew), to 35 years for overseeing the deaths of up to 16,000 people in Cambodia, with 16 years shaved off for time already served, reducing his sentence to 19 years. A Spanish man who'd undergone the world's first full face transplant appeared before TV cameras; the 31-year-old, identified only as "Oscar," thanked his doctors and the family of the donor. Matt Garza pitched the first no-hitter in Tampa Bay Rays history, beating the Detroit Tigers 5-0.

Five years ago: Closing out a historic visit to the land of his father's birth, President Barack Obama told Kenyans that their country was at a crossroads, and he urged them to "choose the path to progress" by continuing to root out corruption, eliminate income inequality and be more inclusive of women and girls. In a rare Sunday session, senior Senate Republicans lined up to rebuke Texas Republican Sen. Ted Cruz — without mentioning him by name — for harshly criticizing Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. Chris Froome won his second Tour de France in three years. True crime author Ann Rule, 83, died in Burien, Washington. Bobbi Kristina Brown, the 22-year-old daughter of singer Whitney Houston, died in hospice care six months after she was found face-down in a bathtub in her suburban Atlanta townhome.

One year ago: The Supreme Court cleared the way for the Trump administration to tap billions of dollars in Pentagon funds to build sections of a border wall with Mexico. U.S. regulators approved T-Mobile's \$26.5 billion takeover of rival Sprint, despite fears of higher prices and job cuts. U.S. officials said Iran had test-launched a medium-range ballistic missile inside its borders, defying Trump administration demands that it curtail the weapon program.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Colbert is 89. Actress-singer Darlene Love is 79. Singer Brenton Wood is 79. Rock star Mick Jagger is 77. Movie director Peter Hyams is 77. Actress Helen Mirren is 75. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Queen) is 71. Actress Susan George is 70. Olympic gold medal figure skater Dorothy Hamill is 64. Actress Nana Visitor is 63. Actor Kevin Spacey is 61. Rock singer Gary Cherone is 59. Actress Sandra Bullock is 56. Actor-comedian Danny Woodburn is 56. Rock singer Jim Lindberg (Pennywise) is 55.

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Actor Jeremy Piven is 55. Rapper-reggae singer Wayne Wonder is 54. Actor Jason Statham (STAY'-thum) is 53. Actor Cress Williams is 50. TV host Chris Harrison is 49. Actress Kate Beckinsale is 47. Actor Gary Owen is 47. Rock musician Dan Konopka (OK Go) is 46. Gospel/Contemporary Christian singer Rebecca St. James is 43. Actress Eve Myles is 42. Actress Juliet Rylance is 41. Actress Monica Raymund is 34. Actress Caitlin Gerard is 32. Actress Francia Raisa is 32. Christian rock musician Jamie Sharpe is 31. Actress Bianca Santos is 30. Actress-singer Taylor Momsen is 27. Actress Elizabeth Gillies is 27.