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Today's Current Events (Wiki)

Wikipedia Current Events

Armed conflicts and attacks

- War in Afghanistan
  - October 2020 Afghanistan attacks
    - At least 13 people, including ten Afghan soldiers, are killed and another three injured in a roadside bombing attack in Sar-e Pol Province. (TOLOnews)
- 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh conflict
  - Azerbaijan says an Armenian missile strike on its second-largest city Ganja has destroyed a residential apartment building, killing nine people and injuring dozens of others. Armenia rejects reports of the strike. Blasts are also heard in Stepanakert as clashes resume in Nagorno-Karabakh. (BBC) (Caspian News)
- Insurgency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
  - Insurgents kill at least two Pakistani soldiers and injure three others in Manra Mendara, North Waziristan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan. (Dawn)

Disasters and accidents

- 2020 Atlantic hurricane season
  - Two people are reported to be dead following the aftermath of Hurricane Delta in Louisiana. (CNN) (Global News)
- List of explosions
  - A gas explosion kills at least five people and injures another nine in

Ahvaz, Khuzestan Province, Iran. (Reuters)
- European migrant crisis
  - A migrant boat capsizes off the coast of Tunisia, killing at least 11 people, who were all women and children, according to the Tunisian Navy. Around 20 others are still missing. (Reuters)
- A collision between a bus and a train kills 20 people and injures another in Thailand. (Reuters)
- Floods kill at least two people in Cambodia and five in Vietnam. (Al Jazeera)

Health and environment

- COVID-19 pandemic
  - COVID-19 pandemic in the United States
    - COVID-19 pandemic in New York (state)
      - The COVID-19 infection rate in New York drops to its lowest in two weeks for the first time since September 24. However, the state continues to battle COVID-19 clusters in Hasidic Jewish communities in Orange County, Rockland County, Brooklyn, and several areas in the Queens borough. (NNY360.com) (Newsday)
    - COVID-19 pandemic in Florida
      - Florida's Department of Health reports 5,570 additional COVID-19 cases, the highest number of reported cases in a single day since August. It comes a day after Florida did not report any new cases or deaths because officials were left combing through 400,000 test results a private lab resent

Friday night. (*Miami Herald*)
- COVID-19 pandemic in Kentucky
  - Kentucky governor Andy Beshear and his family enter quarantine after a member of his security detail who drove with his family tested positive for COVID-19. (*The Hill*)
- COVID-19 pandemic in Colorado
  - Colorado Governor Jared Polis extends the statewide mask mandate for 30 days. (KKTV-TV)
- COVID-19 pandemic in Asia
  - COVID-19 pandemic in India
    - COVID-19 pandemic in Kerala
      - The state of Kerala passes Maharashtra to become the state with most number of new COVID-19 cases, with 11,755 new cases being reported, the highest ever for the state. (The Indian Express)
    - India surpasses seven million COVID-19 cumulative cases, becoming the second country to reach that milestone after the United States. (AP via ABC News)
  - COVID-19 pandemic in Iran
    - Two high-ranking Iranian officials, Mohammad Bagher Nobakht and Ali Akbar Salehi, test positive for COVID-19. (Alarabiya)
    - Iran announces its highest single-day death toll from the virus, with 251 confirmed deaths in the last

24 hours, the same day that the country surpasses 500,000 COVID-19 cases. (AP via ABC News)

- COVID-19 pandemic in Indonesia, 2020 Indonesia large-scale social restrictions
    - It is announced that the Indonesian capital Jakarta will restart its "transitional" eased large-scale social restrictions effective tomorrow, after a pace of infections has slowed within two weeks, according to a statement from the governor Anies Baswedan. (Reuters)
- COVID-19 pandemic in Lebanon
    - The Interior Ministry ordered the closure of pubs, bars, nightclubs and amusement parks until further notice in a bid to curb the spread of COVID-19. In addition, 169 towns and village across Lebanon were put into a local lockdown, which will begin tomorrow at 6:00 am local time. (The Daily Star)
- COVID-19 pandemic in South Korea
    - Prime Minister Chung Sye-kyun announces that South Korea will begin easing social distancing rules from Level 2 to Level 1 nationwide tomorrow, allowing limited audiences at sporting events and the reopening of nightly entertainment facilities, as long as they comply with anti-virus health protocols, as new cases have been edging lower

in recent weeks. However, some restrictions will be kept in place in Seoul Capital Area and other high-risk facilities. (*The Jakarta Post*) (Yonhap News Agency)

- COVID-19 pandemic in Europe
    - COVID-19 pandemic in France
        - Montpellier and Toulouse both announce maximum alert status for the city and their respective surrounding towns effective October 13, joining Paris, Marseille and four other cities due to soaring cases and hospitalization in France. (*The Washington Post*)
    - COVID-19 pandemic in Greece
        - Greece reports 13 new deaths taking the nationwide total to 449, a new record since the beginning of the pandemic. (Ekathimerini)
    - COVID-19 pandemic in Russia
        - Russia registers 13,634 new cases in the last 24 hours, taking the cumulative nationwide total to 1,298,718, the fourth highest in the world. This marks a new record of confirmed cases in a single day since the first cases were confirmed in January. (*Times of India*)
    - COVID-19 pandemic in the United Kingdom
        - The United Kingdom is expected to test the BCG vaccine on frontline care workers to see if it's effective against COVID-19. (Reuters)

- COVID-19 pandemic in Oceania
  - COVID-19 pandemic in Australia
    - Victorian premier Daniel Andrews extends its state of emergency and state of disaster across the state for the next four weeks until November 8. (7 News)
  - COVID-19 pandemic in New Zealand
    - The government announces that they have signed a deal with Pfizer and BioNTech to purchase 1.5 million vaccine doses for 750,000 people in the country. (New Zealand Herald)

International relations

- Iran–United States relations, 2019–2020 Persian Gulf crisis, Iranian intervention in Iraq
  - Kata'ib Hezbollah, a Iran-backed militia, announces that they have agreed to ceasefire operations against United States interests in Iraq. (Washington Post)
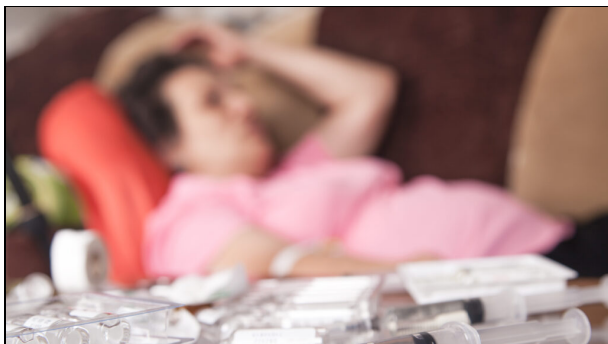
Law and crime

- 2020 Belarusian protests
  - Riot police in Belarus use water cannons and stun grenades to break up mass protests against disputed President Alexander Lukashenko. https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-54500555 (BBC)

- 30-year-old Matthew Dolloff, who was employed as a security guard by Denver NBC 9news, is arrested and charged with murdering 49-year-old Lee Keltner at a Patriot Rally in Denver, Colorado. (Associated Press)

- 2020 Northern Cypriot presidential election
    - Voters in Northern Cyprus vote to select the president after being delayed for months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The election council reports that nationalist Prime Minister Ersin Tatar narrowly defeated pro-reunification incumbent Mustafa Akıncı. As neither candidate received a majority of the vote, a run-off will be held on October 18. (Al Jazeera)

Sports

- 2020 French Open
    - Rafael Nadal of Spain defeats Novak Djokovic of Serbia in the final of the Men's Singles 6−0, 6−2, 7−5. With the win, Nadal equalled Roger Federer's all-time record of 20 Grand Slam singles titles. (The Sydney Morning Herald)
- 2020 NBA Finals
    - The Los Angeles Lakers win the NBA Finals following their 106−93 victory against the Miami Heat in game 6, bringing an end to the 2020 NBA Bubble in Orlando. (NBC News)

Opinion: It should be easy for people to receive end-of-life care at home. Why is it so hard?

"Iwant to go home with the time I have left. I want to be with my children."

Susan was sitting in the sunroom of the medical oncology floor. A hospital blanket, the ones that are never warm enough, was draped over her shoulders and the shoulders of her older sister. You could immediately tell they were sisters, but also best friends. They looked healthy and strong, both in the sixth decade of life. But Susan had a tumor in her brain and would likely soon die from it.

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Watch: Understanding dexamethasone, the steroid used to treat Trump's Covid-19

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As part of President Trump's treatment, he was given [dexamethasone](#), a powerful steroid. But how does dexamethasone work? And why did its use fuel speculation about both the severity of Trump's disease and its effect on his mood after his release from the hospital?

Some of the most serious cases of Covid-19 are the result of an overreaction of a patient's own immune system to the virus that causes the disease. This response, called a "cytokine storm," can cause immune cells to attack not only the virus, but healthy tissues as well. Cytokine storms can cause permanent damage to the lungs, and in some cases, prove

deadly.

As wildfires ravage the West, contaminated water raises health concerns

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A few weeks after the devastating 2017 Tubbs Fire raged through parts of northern California, Gerald and Serene Buhrz returned to their Santa Rosa home, turned on the kitchen sink faucet, and were hit with a stinging smell.

"The water smelled like diesel," Gerald Buhrz, 77, said. "It smelled like you could probably light it with a match."

Two Black university leaders urged their campuses to join a Covid-19 vaccine trial. The backlash was swift

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The presidents of two historically Black universities in New Orleans thought they were doing a public service by enrolling in a Covid-19 vaccine clinical trial back in August, so much so they urged their campus communities to consider doing the same.

"I said we should inform our communities because I think there's something about teaching by example," said Reynold Verret, a biochemist who leads Xavier University of Louisiana. "We're two Black men who rolled up their sleeves."

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Opinion: President Trump is benefiting from single-payer, single-provider health care. We all should

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Unlike the vast majority of Americans who get sick, President Trump is reaping the benefits of single-payer, single-provider health care.

He doesn't have to deal with networks, deductibles, or co-pays at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. The president will not face the familiar onslaught of paperwork, the confusing "explanations of benefit," or the ongoing bills that distract so many Americans as they attempt to recuperate from their illnesses.

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