



## Today's Current Events (Wiki)

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#### Armed conflicts and attacks

- 2020 Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, Armenia–Russia relations
  - Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan formally requests "urgent consultations on providing security" to Russian President Vladimir Putin amid its escalating conflict with Azerbaijan in disputed Nagorno-Karabakh that has left hundreds dead. Russia says it would provide "necessary" assistance to Armenia without alluding further. (France 24)
  - Videos emerge allegedly showing Azerbaijani Armed Forces using white phosphorus munitions on forested areas in Nagorno-Karabakh, although Azerbaijan's Ministry of Defence denies the use of white phosphorus. (TASS) (Al Masdar News)
- Kivu conflict; Allied Democratic Forces insurgency
  - 2020 Democratic Republic of the Congo attacks
    - Allied Democratic Forces militants kills 21 civilians in an attack on a village in the village of Lisasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. More people were kidnapped, a health centre was ransacked, while homes were set on fire and a Catholic church desecrated. (Al Jazeera)
- Iraqi insurgency
  - Two children are killed and 28 wounded in a bombing targeting a gas pipeline in Muthanna Governorate, Iraq. It is the second

#### /u/GastroBrekeke

Half of Slovakia's population tested for coronavirus in one day

#### /u/thinkB4WeSpeak

Labor unions sue OSHA over lack of infectious disease standard

#### /u/SnooBeaz

Washington state captures two murder hornet queens alive, days after destroying first known nest

#### /u/Siroh97

Suspect arrested after sword attack in Quebec City leaves 2 dead, 5 injured

#### /u/brahbocop

Pa. mom upset after educator asks students to post underwear photos online

#### /u/stein77700

Hindu households vandalized, torched for showing support to France

#### /u/cub3dworld

Australia marks first 24 hours of no community coronavirus transmissions in almost five months

#### /u/ndefontenay

Boris Johnson accused of 'giving in to scientific advisers' as England heads for lockdown

Governorate, Iraq. It is the second time this week that an oil facility has been targeted. (Al Arabiya English)

- 2020 Nigeria hostage rescue
  - SEAL Team Six conducts a predawn raid in northern Nigeria, rescuing American hostage Philip Walton, who was kidnapped in Niger. The Pentagon says no U.S. military personnel were injured in the operation. (CBS News)

#### Disasters and accidents

- 2020 Pacific typhoon season
  - Typhoon Goni
    - Philippine authorities in Luzon order the evacuation of thousands as Goni approaches as a category 5 storm, the world's strongest this year. Ten people are killed by the typhoon. (Reuters)
- 2020 Aegean Sea earthquake
  - The death toll of the earthquake that struck Greece and Turkey yesterday rises to 39, as 17 more people are found dead in Izmir. Rescue teams in the city are hunting through the rubble of collapsed buildings for survivors. (CNN)

#### Health and environment

- COVID-19 pandemic
  - COVID-19 pandemic in Europe
    - COVID-19 pandemic in the United Kingdom
      - COVID-19 pandemic in England
        - Prime Minister Boris Johnson announces a month-long nationwide lockdown in England. The new rules are to come into effect at midnight on November 5 and will last until December

2. However, unlike

/u/SaulKD

Critical mail delays hit swing states ahead of US election

/u/flaflashr

Bridge collapses, 26-car train derailment, some into Roanoke River

/u/Stranger\_Dude

Multiple marchers arrested, pepper sprayed in Graham at march for voting rights and justice

/u/PandaMuffin1

Illegal Halloween party with nearly 400 people shut down by deputies in NYC

/u/firehazard86

Philippines evacuates nearly 1 million as world's strongest typhoon of 2020 approaches

/u/ajariax

Hundreds gather along Granville strip despite B.C.'s top doctor pleading to avoid Halloween parties

/u/UrbeTr

Bristol illegal rave attended by 700 people

/u/castlefortdauser

French manhunt underway after shooting of Greek priest

/u/DarwonkalsTrans

'I'm shaking right now!': CNN reporter describes 3 racist attacks within an hour - CNN Video

/u/theflyz

the first lockdown in March, schools, colleges and universities can stay open and major sporting events will go ahead as normal. (BBC)

- The United Kingdom surpasses one million cases of COVID-19. (Sky News)
- COVID-19 pandemic in Austria, COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns
  - Chancellor Sebastian Kurz announces a "second lockdown" that orders bars and restaurants to close except for deliveries and takeout and imposes a nighttime curfew from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am local time beginning November 2 and lasting for four weeks. (OE24)
- COVID-19 pandemic in Germany
  - Germany reports a record 19,059 new cases and surpasses 500,000 cumulative cases, according to data from the Robert Koch Institute, making it the fourth consecutive time the country sets a new record of daily infections. (*The Times of India*)
- COVID-19 pandemic in Greece, COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns
  - Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis declares a one-month partial lockdown in Athens and other major cities beginning next week. Under the rules, restaurants, bars and gyms would be closed beginning November 2

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Mexico says has no register of minors expelled by U.S. after NY Times report

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Tropical Storm Eta ties record; expected to become hurricane

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/u/cplcarlman

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Release sought for country's longest-serving marijuana convict. (In prison since 1988).

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/u/StarSixtyniner

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TIL that the voice of Tigger from Winnie the Pooh, Paul Winchell was one of the original inventors of an artificial heart, an automobile that runs on battery power, a method for breeding tilapia, and many other inventions that are still around today.

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/u/DerVampyrRusticana

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TIL The Tollund Man, who lived during the 4th Century BC, was so well preserved on discovery that that he was mistaken for a recent murder victim. His internal organs were intact; it was concluded that his last meal was porridge consisting of 40 kinds of seeds, eaten 12 to 24 hours before his death.

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/u/karlchilders1

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TIL Merle Haggard was a 20 year old prisoner at San Quentin when he saw Johnny Cash play his first concert for inmates in 1958. Haggard said it helped turn his life around and inspired him to be a country artist. Cash always told Haggard, "You're everything that people think I am."

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/u/bake\_gatari

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TIL that the speed of light was first estimated in 1676 by a Danish Astronomer who was timing the eclipses of Io caused by Jupiter.

He noticed the period between eclipses increased with Earth's distance from Jupiter

- beginning November 3. However, in contrast to the first lockdown, travel within the country will not be affected and schools and shops will remain open. In the rest of the country, masks will become mandatory and a curfew will be imposed from midnight to 5:00 am local time. (Ekathimerini)
- COVID-19 pandemic in Hungary
    - The number of new infections in Hungary surges by a record 3,908 in the last 24 hours, bringing the nationwide cases total to 75,321. (Daily News Hungary)
  - COVID-19 pandemic in Italy
    - Italy reports 31,758 new cases in the past 24 hours, a new single-day record since the pandemic began. (Reuters)
  - COVID-19 pandemic in Poland
    - Poland reports a record 21,897 new cases, bringing the total number of cases since the beginning of the pandemic to 362,731. (Poland In)
  - COVID-19 pandemic in Ukraine
    - Ukraine reports 8,752 new infections in the last 24 hours, its single-day record, raising its cumulative case total to 387,481. (Kyiv Post)
  - COVID-19 pandemic in the United States
    - COVID-19 pandemic in Michigan
      - Michigan reports 3,792 new cases, a new single-day record. (WDIV-TV)
    - COVID-19 pandemic in New York (state)

increased with Earth's distance from Jupiter and guessed it was because light had to travel a longer distance.

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TIL that despite censoring "dirty" language in songs, Kidz Bop has been criticized due to changing ONLY individual lyrics and not the overall meaning and themes of songs. A University of Colorado professor called Kidz Bop "an abomination" due to it only censoring lyrics and not the overall content.

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TIL that scratching an itch feels so good because the brain sees scratching as mild pain, so it releases serotonin to provide relief from that "pain"

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/u/UniqueThrowaway6664

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TIL An assistant professor at Stanford created a hand powered paper centrifuge (\$0.20 to make) and a paper-lense microscope(\$0.45-\$0.55). Both helping to diagnose blood borne illnesses, such as malaria, in underdeveloped countries.

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/u/bandoguy

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TIL that Johnny Marks, the man who wrote famous Christmas songs like Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Rockin around the Christmas tree, and Holly Jolly Christmas, was Jewish.

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TIL: British pub names are derived from the picture chosen for the pub. Back in the old days most of their customers were illiterate and could only recognise a pub by its picture.

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TIL that "Flash Gordon" is Queen Elizabeth II's favourite film, and she watches it with her grandchildren every Christmas. When actor Brian Blessed met the Queen, she asked him

- Governor Andrew Cuomo announces that travelers outside of the New York metro area will be required to undergo mandatory testing. (New York Daily News) (WNBC-TV)
  - A study by Stanford University reports over 30,000 new cases and 700 deaths from COVID-19 have been linked to President Donald Trump's campaign rallies. (*Los Angeles Times*)
- Environmental dumping
  - Sri Lanka begins shipping back 242 containers of hazardous waste to the United Kingdom, after a Sri Lankan court ruled two weeks ago that their importation violated local and international shipping regulations. (*Bangkok Post*)

#### Law and crime

- 2020 Lyon shooting
  - A Greek Orthodox priest is critically wounded by being shot twice while closing his church in Lyon, France. The attacker fled the scene. The victim, a Greek national, is being treated for life-threatening injuries. (BBC)
- 2020 United States racial unrest
  - Kenosha unrest, Kenosha unrest shooting, George Floyd protests
    - Illinois authorities announce that Kyle Rittenhouse, the 17-year-old boy accused of fatally shooting two demonstrators in Kenosha, Wisconsin, will be extradited to stand trial on homicide charges. (*The Washington Post*)
  - Killing of Walter Wallace
    - Protesters gather in West Philadelphia to protest the police killing of Walter Wallace Jr. (WHYY-TV)
- 2019–20 Iraqi protests
  - Iraqi security forces clear the camps set up by protesters in Baghdad, Mahdya, Samarra, and...

that if he doesn't mind, because she had the grandchildren there, would he mind saying "Gordon's alive"?

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/u/Axolotlist

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TIL that the computer chips that are put into spacecraft are not state of the art, but are so old as to be obsolete. Their known reliability makes up for it.

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TIL that in 1671, Francois Vatel was responsible for a 2,000 person banquet in honor of King Louis XIV. He was so distraught about the lateness of the fish that he committed suicide. His body was found by someone announcing the delivery of the fish.

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/u/Memento\_Mori\_5

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TIL of William Henry Johnson who was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1915 for fighting off a German raid in hand-to-hand combat, killing multiple German soldiers and rescuing a fellow soldier while experiencing 21 wounds on May 14, 1918.

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TIL not all of Arizona does not change times for Daylight Savings Time (DST). The Navajo Nation does observe DST. Also, the Hopi Nation that is within the Navajo Nation does not observe DST. All of Arizona is on the same time from mid-fall to late winter.

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/u/JHopeHoe

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TIL the grandmother of Drew Barrymore, Dolores Costello, spoke with a lisp which affected her transition from silent to talking movies. Her granddaughter, Drew Barrymore, also has a lisp.

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Today I Learned that The Simpsons get more viewers on average per episode than Family Guy and American Dad combined.

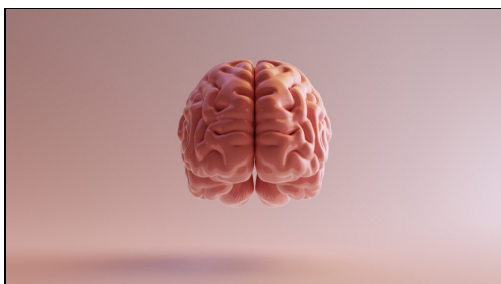
Baghdad's Tahrir Square and re-open a major bridge that connects to the Green Zone. (Al Jazeera)

- 2020 Quebec City stabbing
  - Two people are killed and five others are injured in a series of stabbings in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. The suspect, a man in his 20s who was wearing medieval-style armor, is now in police custody. (Global News)

#### Politics and elections

- 2020 Tanzanian general election
  - Opposition parties say that they will not recognize the election's result, which gave incumbent President John Magufuli another term. The Chadema party calls for fresh elections. (Reuters)
- 2020 Ivorian presidential election
  - Ivoirians head to the polls to elect their President. Incumbent Alassane Ouattara seeks a third term, while main opposition candidates Pascal Affi N'Guessan and Henri Konan Bédié say it is illegal for Ouattara to seek a third term and have boycotted the election and called for civil disobedience. (BBC)
- 2020 Georgian parliamentary election
  - Voters in Georgia head to the polls to elect the members of the country's parliament. (DW)

## New screening technique turns up genes tied to microcephaly, scientists say, and could be used for other developmental disorders



Scientists in Vienna have developed a new

Guy and American Dad combined.

/u/Notmyrealname

TIL: El Salvador has the highest per capital consumption of Worcestershire sauce in the world

/u/malalatargaryen

TIL Michael Jones, one of the all-time greatest rugby players, was a devout Christian, and didn't play on Sundays (which made him miss many World Cup matches). When asked how a religious person can be such a fierce tackler, he replied with a quote from the Bible: "It's better to give than receive"

/u/zirfeld

TIL that Alan Alda met his wife of over 60 years at a dinner party when they were the only two guests who ate the rum cake after it fell on the kitchen floor.

/u/Zveiquaun

TIL there exists a separate time zone on the moon. It's called Lunar Standard Time (LST) and the calendar started on July 21st, 1969 at 02:56:15 UT, the moment Neil Armstrong stepped foot on the moon.

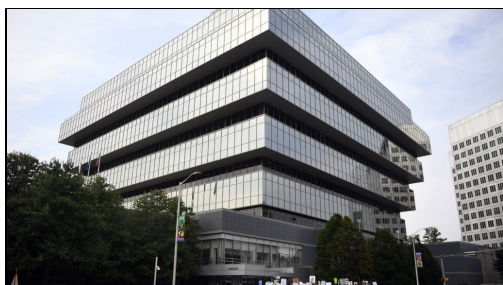
human tissue screening technique that has identified previously unknown genes involved in causing microcephaly, a rare genetic disorder, and that could one day be used to identify unknown genes tied to other conditions.

In a [study](#) published Thursday in Science, researchers screened lab-grown human brain tissues for 172 genes thought to be associated with microcephaly, a condition in which babies are born with smaller-than-normal brains and have severe mental impairments. The search revealed 25 new genes linked to this rare neurological condition, adding to the 27 already known genes tied to microcephaly. The researchers also uncovered the involvement of certain pathways that were previously unknown to be connected to the disease.

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## STAT+: Purdue law firm hires Justice Department lawyer who investigated the opioid maker



A prominent law firm that represents Purdue Pharma has hired a former Department of Justice lawyer who, as recently as seven months ago, was investigating the drug maker for its opioid marketing.

In a [court filing](#), King & Spalding disclosed that its new partner is Ethan Davis, a former acting assistant attorney general in the Department of Justice Civil Division, whose work probing Purdue ended last March, before he began negotiating for a position with the law firm. Davis wrote us that he left the department last month.

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## STAT+: Up and down the ladder: The latest comings and goings



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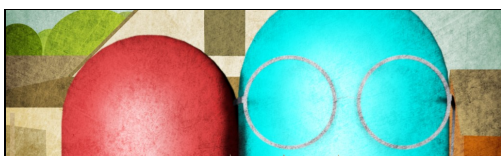
Hired someone new and exciting? Promoted a rising star? Finally solved that hard-to-fill spot? Share the news with us, and we'll share it with others. That's right. Send us your changes, and we'll find a home for them. Don't be shy. Everyone wants to know who is coming and going.

And here is our regular feature in which we highlight a different person each week. This time around, we note that Bayer ([BAYRY](#)) hired Christian Rommel as head of research and development at its pharmaceuticals division. Previously, he worked at Roche ([RHHBY](#)), where he was senior vice president, global head of oncology pharma research and early development;

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## STAT+: Pharmalittle: Biden wins biotech support despite his policies; WHO sets Covid-19 compensation fund for low-income nations







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And so, another working week will soon draw to a close. Not a moment too soon, yes? This is, you may recall, our treasured signal to daydream about weekend plans. Our agenda is a moving target this time around. For now, we hope to hang with a short person or two, search for the Great Pumpkin in honor of the tricky [holiday](#), and catch up on our reading. And what about you? This may be your last chance to mail in your ballot. You could boost the economy by shopping for winter wear. Or wish upon a star and make the pandemic go away (wouldn't that be nice?). Well, whatever you do, have a grand time. But be safe — wear a mask. Enjoy, and see you soon. ...

The U.S. pharmaceutical industry, long a supporter of Republicans, is giving almost half its political donations to Democratic candidates in this year's election, as companies look to fend off a threat to drug prices if Democrats gain power, [Reuters](#) explains. So far this year, industry-run political action committees (PACs) have divided about \$13 million between the two major U.S. political parties, with 54% going to Republicans and 46% to Democrats, according to data from the Center for Responsive Politics.

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## Opinion: The ever-expanding role of the chief medical officer



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Until March of this year, my job as chief medical officer of Salesforce was demanding but reasonably predictable from one day to

but reasonably predictable from one day to another. I focused on steering the company's health care and life sciences strategy, identifying opportunities to bring solutions to market, and interpreting the significance of government policy changes for our clients and partners.

Covid-19 blew up my job description overnight.

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