

# US launches mass expulsion of Haitian migrants

## More than 12,000 people camping in Texas border town

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DEL RIO, Texas – The U.S. is flying Haitians camped in a Texas border town back to their homeland and blocking others from crossing the border from Mexico in a massive show of force that signals the beginning of what could be one of America’s swiftest, large-scale expulsions of migrants or refugees in decades.

More than 320 migrants arrived in Port-au-Prince on three flights Sunday, and Haiti said six flights were expected Tuesday. In all, U.S. authorities moved to expel many of the more than 12,000 migrants camped around a bridge in Del Rio, Texas, after crossing from Ciudad Acuña, Mexico.

Mexico also said it would deport Haitian migrants, and began busing them from Ciudad Acuña Sunday evening, according to Luis Angel Urraza, president of the local chamber of commerce. He said he saw the first two buses leave from in front of his restaurant with about 90 people aboard.

“There isn’t room for them in the city anymore; we can’t help them anymore,” he said.

Mexico’s immigration agency did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But a federal official told The Associated Press on Sunday that the plan was to take the migrants to Monterrey, in northern Mexico, and Tapachula, in the south, with flights to Haiti from those cities to begin in coming days.

The U.S. plans to begin seven expulsion flights daily on Wednesday, four to Port-au-Prince and three to Cap-Haitien, according to a U.S. official who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly. Flights will continue to depart from San Antonio but authorities may add El Paso, the official said.

The only obvious parallel for such an expulsion without an opportunity to seek asylum was in 1992 when the Coast Guard intercepted Haitian refugees at sea, said Yael Schacher, senior U.S. advocate at Refugees International whose doctoral studies focused on the history of U.S. asylum law.

Similarly large numbers of Mexicans have been sent home during peak years of immigration but over land and not so suddenly.

Haitians have been migrating to the U.S. in large numbers from South America for several years, many having left their Caribbean nation after a devastating 2010 earthquake. After jobs dried up from the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, many made the dangerous trek by foot, bus and car to the U.S. border.

Some of the migrants at the Del Rio camp said the recent devastating earthquake in Haiti and the assassination of President Jovenel Moïse make them afraid to return to a country that seems more unstable than when they left.

“In Haiti, there is no security,” said Fabricio Jean, a 38-year-old Haitian who arrived in Texas with his wife and two daughters. “The country is in a political crisis.”

Since Friday, 3,300 migrants have already been removed from the Del Rio camp to planes or detention centers, Border Patrol Chief Raul L. Ortiz said Sunday. He expected to have 3,000 of the approximately 12,600 remaining migrants moved within a day, and aimed for the rest to be gone within the week.

“We are working around the clock to expeditiously move migrants out of the heat, elements and from un-



Haitian migrants wade across the Rio Grande from Del Rio, Texas, to return to Ciudad Acuña, Mexico, on Sunday to avoid deportation to Haiti from the U.S. FELIX MARQUEZ/AP

derneath this bridge to our processing facilities in order to quickly process and remove individuals from the United States consistent with our laws and our policies,” Ortiz said at news conference at the Del Rio bridge. The Texas city of about 35,000 people sits roughly 145 miles west of San Antonio.

Six flights were scheduled in Haiti on Tuesday – three in Port-au-Prince and three in the northern city of Cap-Haitien, said Jean Négot Bonheur Delva, Haiti’s migration director.

The rapid expulsions were made possible by a pandemic-related authority adopted by former President Donald Trump in March 2020 that allows for migrants to be immediately removed from the country without an opportunity to seek asylum. President Joe Biden exempted unaccompanied children from the order but let the rest stand.

Any Haitians not expelled are subject to immigra-

tion laws, which include rights to seek asylum and other forms of humanitarian protection. Families are quickly released in the U.S. because the government cannot generally hold children.

Some people arriving on the first flight covered their heads as they walked into a large bus parked next to the plane. Dozens lined up to receive a plate of rice, beans, chicken and plantains as they wondered where they would sleep and how they would make money to support their families.

All were given \$100 and tested for COVID-19, though authorities were not planning to put them into quarantine, said Marie-Lourde Jean-Charles with the Office of National Migration.

Gary Monplaisir, 26, said his parents and sister live in Port-au-Prince, but he wasn’t sure if he would stay with them because to reach their house he, his wife and their 5-year-old daughter would cross a gang-controlled area called Martissant where killings are routine.

“I’m scared,” he said. “I don’t have a plan.”

He moved to Chile in 2017, just as he was about to earn an accounting degree, to work as a tow truck driver. He later paid for his wife and daughter to join him. They tried to reach the U.S. because he thought he could get a better-paying job and help his family in Haiti.

“We’re always looking for better opportunities,” he said.

Some migrants said they were planning to leave Haiti again as soon as possible. Valeria Ternission, 29, said she and her husband want to travel with their 4-year-old son back to Chile, where she worked as a bakery’s cashier.

“I am truly worried, especially for the child,” she said. “I can’t do anything here.”

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### John & Janet Martin



**Mr. and Mrs. James Martin** of Newark, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sept. 21, 2021 Verla Redman and James Martin were married Sept. 21, 1956, at the home of the bride’s parents. They are the parents of (Jeff) and Cristy Martin, John and (Janet) Martin, and Jill Martin, all of Newark. They also have two grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and one great great grandchild, of Newark. One grandchild and three great grandchildren of Yokosuka Kanazawa Prefecture, Japan. Mr. Martin retired from Newark Processing.

Mrs. Martin retired from Newark City Schools. The couple celebrated with a family dinner, hosted by their children.



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**Dick Alley Memorial (Aug. 26):** Reaper Valley Technical 1,220; Redskin Lanes 3,393; Roger L. Adams 300—825; Trent Speer 737; Bryan French 716; Scott Christian 703; Ron Guinsler 697; Todd Black 693; Bob Jones 680; Roger Adams 674; Mike Byers 642; Dave Finkes 640; Craig Peck 634; Blake French 629; Jeff Balka 625; Dougie Guilliams 616; Tom Booher 609; Travis Speer 607; Rob Engle 604; Matt Engle 601; Larry Snider 601.

**Monday 4x4 (Aug. 30):** Redskin Lanes 977; Simmons Farm Toys 3,574; Tyler Willey 297—973; Jerrica Blake 225—826; Jeff Balka 959; Tom Booher Jr. 949; Trent Speer 927; Bryan French 925; Mike Byers 918; Nate Bartley 917; Dwight Ryan 916; Matt Speer 898; Roger Lamp 889; Dennis Whisner 862; C.J. Tilley 860; Mitch Drumm 858; Blake French 815.

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**Eagleston-Ashbrook Memorial (Sept. 8):** Team #5 879; Steven Sayre 239—629; MacKenzie Pankuch 198—479.

**Dick Alley Memorial (Sept. 9):** Giddy Up Go 1,303; Adkins Disposal 3,701; Mike Byers 279—709; Roger L. Adams 791; Jerrica Blake 218—630; Jeff Balka 733; Josh Love 701; Trent Speer 697; Bryan French 696; Bruce Weekly 682; Bob Jones 681; Rob Engle 680; Chuck Dunlap 675; Roger Adams 665; Dave Finkes 656; Matt Speer 652; Chris Engle 651; Dave Harden 634; Mike Engle 632; Walt Nickells 618; Blake French 615; Ashton Booher 606; Todd Black 604; George Kost 603; Thomas Melrose 602; Travis Speer 600.

**Friday Nite Mixed (Sept. 10):** Wrecking Ball 947—2,669; Dave Harden 278—731; Jerrica Blake 212—616; Jeff Balka 719; Jared Shaw 651; Larry Adams 648; Trent Speer 647; Gary Wolfe 628; Craig Peck 622; Dave Finkes 622; Sherry Peck 616.

**Sunday Nite Mixed (Sept. 12):** Team #3 900; Team #5 2,641; Joe DeJesus 217; Donnie Rodeniser 570; Kassidy Offenbaker 184—531.

**Monday 4x4 (Sept. 13):** Nick’s Pizza 1,062; McDonald’s 3,730; Trent Speer 300—1,002; Brandy Warthman 256—845; Matt Speer 939; Mike Byers 929; Dwight Ryan 926; Tom Booher Jr. 909; Jared Shaw 880; Nate Bartley 862; Blake French 850; Dennis Whisner 825; C.J. Tilley 814.

**Eagleston-Ashbrook Memorial (Sept. 15):** Free Bird 931—2,619; Steven Sayre 253—717; Judy Peters 196; Liz Lobdell 439.

**Dick Alley Memorial (Sept. 16):** Hilltop Quilter 1,293—3,490; Frank Barrett 279—730; Mike Byers 736; Jerrica Blake 246—631; Nate Bartley 725; Bob Jones 697; Trent Speer 693; Jeff Balka 689; Roger Adams 675; Tom Booher Jr. 674; Ron Guinsler 667; Todd Black 660; Scott Christian 648; Roger Adams 646; Rob Engle 642; Craig Peck 632; Josh Love 632; Tom Booher 627; Chuck Dunlap 627.

**Friday Night Mixed (Sept. 17):** Mom’s Gang 958—2,641; Trent Speer 269—726; Lois Speer 209—505; Jerrica Blake 532; Dave Finkes 698; Gary Wolfe 624; Dave Harden 614; Craig Peck 601; Sherry Peck 515.

**Sunday Night Mixed (Sept. 19):** Team #3 1,063—2,944; Jeff Sayre 255—625; Bub Hersman 659; Lisa Hersman 185—472; Joe DeJesus 630.

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**Eagleston-Ashbrook Memorial (Sept. 22):** Derek Edwards 257—692; Liz Lobdell 181—518; Randy Ashbrook 635; Kyle Barr 606.

**Dick Alley Memorial (Sept. 23):** Hilltop Quilter 1,274—3,716; Jim Hopewell 289; Bob Jones 738; Jerrica Blake 237—680; Roger Adams 709; Dave Finkes 707; Trent Speer 703; Frank Barrett 694; Matt Speer 671; Don Jones 671; Jared Shaw 669; Ed Smith 665; Todd Black 663; Tom Booher 647; Mike Byers 640; Roger Adams 640; Josh Love 639; Jeff Balka 638; Blake French 636; Chuck Dunlap 636; Scott Christian 628; George Kost 624; Chris Engle 619; Joe Humbert 619; Rob Engle 618; Jack McDonald 611; Matt Engle 600; Jenny Bricker 582.

IN BRIEF

Chiefs’ Reid released from hospital, plans to see team soon

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Chiefs coach Andy Reid was released from the hospital Monday after he felt ill and was taken by ambulance to be treated for dehydration following their 30-24 loss to the Los Angeles Chargers the previous day.

Chiefs spokesman Ted Crews said that Reid was “in great spirits” and that he planned to visit the practice facility later in the day or Tuesday. In the meantime, the Chiefs spent the day breaking down film and going through their normal Monday meetings with coordinators Steve Spagnuolo, Eric Bieniemy and Dave Toub in charge.

“He’s doing well,” Crews said. “You guys know him almost as well as me and he’s chomping at the bit.”

Reid coached the duration of the game Sunday, which was played in unseasonably warm temperatures that topped 90 degrees. He also addressed the team in the locker room afterward, then was examined by the Chiefs medical staff before the decision was made to send him to The University of Kansas Hospital for testing and observation.

The 63-year-old Reid is expected to coach Sunday when the Chiefs visit Philadelphia.

The Chiefs did not provide any details about Reid’s illness, but quarterback Patrick Mahomes said his coach “seemed fine on the sideline” and that he “came in and talked to us and seemed fine” after the game.

Jaguars trade CB Henderson for Carolina TE Arnold

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The Jacksonville Jaguars are sending cornerback CJ Henderson, the ninth overall pick in the 2020 NFL draft, to the Carolina Panthers in exchange for tight end Dan Arnold.

The deal Monday also includes a swap of draft

picks in 2022: Jacksonville gets Carolina’s third-rounder, the Panthers get a fifth-rounder in return from the Jaguars.

Trading Henderson fills a need for Carolina (3-0) and unloads a headache for the Jaguars (0-3).

Panthers first-round pick Jaycee Horn broke a bone in his right foot against Houston on Thursday night and could miss the rest of the season. Henderson had become Jacksonville’s latest first-round flop.

Henderson injured a shoulder early in his rookie season and hasn’t been the same since. He struggled physically – and mentally – to deal with the setback and then landed on injured reserve in mid-November because of a strained groin. He missed half the year and needed labrum surgery in the offseason.

His state of mind was a topic of discussion again during training camp. Henderson tested positive for COVID-19 when he reported to camp in July and sat out 10 days. He returned briefly before missing a scrimmage for “personal reasons.”

NFL Holt brothers’ firm to build North Carolina Freedom Park

RALEIGH, N.C. – A construction company founded by former NFL players and brothers Torry and Terrence Holt will build the project designed to honor the contributions of African Americans in North Carolina.

Leaders of the North Carolina Freedom Park initiative announced on Monday that the Black-owned Holt Brothers Construction has been awarded the contract to complete the \$5.4 million project in Raleigh.

The park, to be located between the Executive Mansion and the Legislative Building. will be anchored by the Beacon of Freedom, a piece of public art that will be illuminated at night.

– Wire reports

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# How to make a complaint



Hints From Heloise  
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**Dear Heloise:** Speaking as someone whose been in business for over 57 years, I have a suggestion if you have a problem with the product or service you received from a small business.

First of all, don't take it out on the person who answers the phone. Calmly ask for the manager or owner. If it's a problem with the product, remember the store didn't manufacture it. Say something like, "I realize it's not your fault, but ..."

If it is a problem with the service or installation, say something like, "I'm sure you didn't mean to, however ..." Remember, you can catch more flies with honey than vinegar. The nicer you are, the more likely your problem will be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

– Sally Rice

Sally, this advice is spot-on. Have all of your infor-

mation at hand – bills, receipts or emails – about the problem you are having. Discuss the issue calmly to work it out and get the result you want.

– Heloise

**Dear Readers:** If you use a curling iron, it's likely that hairspray will accumulate on it. Here's how to remove that sticky spray. First, after using the curling iron, unplug it and allow it to cool. Then use one of these two ways to get the spray off:

1. Pour a couple of drops of rubbing alcohol on an old washcloth or terry-cloth towel. Wipe over the surface of the iron. Then clean off with a water-dampened cloth.

2. Make a paste of equal parts baking soda and water. Rub this mixture over the surface and wipe off with a slightly wet cloth.

Baking soda is so useful around your home, and it saves you money. For more helpful hints about baking soda, order my six-page "Baking Soda Hints and Recipes" pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (75 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: Sprinkle a bit of baking soda onto your pet's bedding to keep it smelling fresh in between washings!

– Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** While on my honeymoon in Hawaii, we had a two-hour layover before boarding our plane. We decided to take a walk on the beach. We put our luggage and valuables in the trunk. Everything was

stolen. While making a police report, the policeman informed us that the trunk is much easier to break into than the interior of the car. I now carry a towel the color of my floor mats. I place my valuables on the floor of the passenger side and cover them with the towel. Live and learn.

– Judy Feldmeth, via email

**Dear Readers:** When you are going to boil hot water for pasta and you don't want it to boil over, here's what to do. Rub a bit of vegetable oil or butter around the inside top inch or two of the pot before you add the water. And here's another hint passed down by our grandmothers. Put a wooden spoon across the pot to stop it from boiling over. But always pay close attention to a boiling pot.

– Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** When packing items for disaster relief donation, please put clothing in waterproof, sealed bags, or sealed bags inside of boxes. Volunteers will be handling these donations in not always ideal conditions. Put items in a sealed bag and then test drop it. Imagine that a volunteer will be putting this onto a truck, in the rain. Will the packing hold up under these conditions? Put a label on the box or bag, and then put clear packing tape over the label. If you use contractor bags, you can twist the top and knot it. Be sure to label the outside with tape about the contents. Thank you!

– Natalie Zanin, via email

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**"New Amsterdam" season-opener, 10 p.m., NBC.** After some hectic times, Mac is talking about giving his hospital — and his life — a sense of joy. He had new paint for the walls and a hot romance and ... well, then there are spectacular troubles, as usual. This opener packs way too much into the hour, then has a confusing ending. It does, however, hold our interest through some emotional peaks.

**ALSO:** "The Resident" opens its season at 8 p.m., with the hospital facing a cyber attack. Also, three gems show up tonight: There are two great biographies, one scripted ("Patton," 1970, 8 p.m., Turner Classic Movies) and one not ("Muhammad Ali," 8 p.m., PBS, rerunning at 10, setting up Wednesday's finale). And the third chapter of "Impeachment" (10 p.m. FX) finds Paula Jones — wonderfully played by Annaleigh Ashford — overwhelmed by domineering forces on both sides.

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Envelopes must be plainly marked on the outside: "BID FOR ANNUAL MATERIALS."

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Bids to be received are for the following items:

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Hints From Heloise  
Heloise

## Tips for removing a ballpoint pen mark

**Dear Heloise:** I hope you can help me. How do you remove a ballpoint pen mark from a colored shirt? I have tried several things but have not been successful. Any help you could give me would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much. I read your column every day in the paper and appreciate all your excellent help. You have super suggestions.

– Betty De Witz, via email

**Dear Betty:** This is a common problem. For dried stains, gently rub isopropyl alcohol until the stain comes out. But do not apply this to highly colored material.

For spot removing, sponge the area around the stain with a commercial dry-cleaning fluid. Then place the stain face down on several layers of clean paper towels. Apply the dry-cleaning fluid to the back of the stain. Rinse with water and launder as usual.

– Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** Love your column. Here’s my hint: When my decorative liquid soap dispensers in my kitchen and bath need filling, I go to a dollar store and get a large container of body wash. (I look for one made in the USA!) Hey, hands are part of your body, right?

– Shirley P., The Villages, Florida

Shirley, that’s a practical and good money-saving hint.

– Heloise

**Dear Readers:** I get many letters about this common household problem. The refrigerator is one of the most used appliances in our homes. We go to it daily and keep it well stocked with our favorite foods. And we often shove containers to the back of the fridge when we put newer items inside. When it stinks or is crammed too full, it’s time to clean it out.

Toss out old items. Always put leftovers in zip-top bags or sealed containers. And label them with dates! Wipe down shelves with soapy water to remove spills. And finally, wipe the walls with white vinegar. To control smells, pour baking soda into one or two plastic margarine tubs, poke holes in the lid and place inside the refrigerator. Replace every three months.

Baking soda is indispensable around the home. For more helpful hints about baking soda, order my six-page Heloise’s Baking Soda Hints and Recipes pamphlet by sending \$5 and a long, self-addressed, stamped (75 cents) envelope to: Heloise/Baking Soda, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001. FYI: If the trunk of your car smells, sprinkle baking soda over the carpeting. Let remain on for several days and then vacuum.

– Heloise

**Dear Heloise:** I like to garden, but I always used to end up with dirt under my fingernails, even when I wore gloves. Now I scratch a bar of soap with my “digging fingers” before putting on my gloves. When I am finished with the gardening, one swish with a finger-nail brush and my nails are clean.

– Elaine Linhoff, Newport Beach, California

**Elaine:** This is the best way to get rid of all that dirt, but continue to wear gloves. That will help cut down on the amount of dirt that gets under your nails. – Heloise

## TV’S BEST BETS

Mike Hughes

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**“The Resident,” 8 p.m., Fox.** This strong hour starts with one crisis and ends with another. As last week’s season-opener ended, a blind man wandered into a room that had a gas leak, then collapsed; Devon found him there, at the end of his shift, then also collapsed. That’s where we start this hour — which ends by introducing a fresh jolt. In between is a so-so story about Billie’s secret past.

**“La Brea” debut, 9 p.m., NBC, rerunning at 8 p.m. Saturday.** Like “Lost,” our characters are plunged into a strange, new world. This time, however, it happens instantly. The ground opens up, buildings crumble, people plunge into a netherworld. They deal with mysteries and creatures ... while their friends and family are topside, surrounded by soldiers with secrets. It’s a fascinating start ... clouded by NBC’s tradition of canceling sci-fi shows before they can be resolved.

**“American Experience: Citizen Hearst” conclusion, 9-11 p.m., PBS.** In the first half of this terrific documentary, William Randolph Hearst used family money to build a string of big-city newspapers and more. Now we see him revel in fame and power ... until outside events intervene: The Depression shattered his big-spending style; World War II partly salvages it.

**“Our Kind of People,” 9 p.m., Fox.** Brash, soap-opera moments quickly consume this hour. Angela tries to get an incubator grant for her salon ... and tries to get a place in upper-crust society. Leah tries to overthrow her father as head of the company. Then, of course, soapy secrets emerge. One of the few reasonable souls is Raymond — Leah’s husband and the head of the grant program. He’s played by Morris Chestnut, who left a good show (“Resident”) to be in a super-soapy one.

**“FBI International,” 9 p.m., CBS.** Last week’s series debut was at 10 p.m., to wrap up a three-show story. Now “International” moves to its regular spot, but does borrow Jeremy Sisto from “FBI” as a guest star. The story involves a young mom who loses a custody case in the U.S., then flees with her son to Hungary ... where there’s a fresh complication.

# Trending kitchen sink colors are naturally beautiful

Ed Del Grande  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**Q:** Dear Ed, I’m planning my dream kitchen for our remodeling project this fall. I’m going with a cast-iron kitchen sink because of all the color choices. I want to be up to date, so what trending cast-iron color choices do you suggest I look at?

– Tina, Tennessee

**A:** Aside from the large selection of colors, cast iron is a good material choice for a kitchen sink. It’s strong, durable, quiet and utilizes recycled materials.

Like the fashion world, trending cast-iron sink colors often change. From what I’ve seen, natural and earthy colors seem to be popular.

Here are some of my favorites:

**Light tones:** White (always in), Sea Salt (speckled white), Biscuit (off-white)

**Medium tones:** Ice Gray (lighter gray), Cashmere (brown-gray), Almond (beige-type)

**Dark tones:** Indigo Blue (deep blue), Thunder Gray (dark grey), Black Plum (purple/black).

Note that lighter tones tend to hide water and soap spots better than darker tones. Also, choose a color that is not a flash in the pan – you’ll want your new kitchen sink to stay in style for a while.

*Master Contractor/Plumber Ed Del Grande is known internationally as the author of the book “Ed Del Grande’s House Call,” the host of TV and Internet shows, and a LEED green associate. Visit eddelgran-*



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# Prevention is the key to fighting plant disease



**Sue La Fontaine**  
News-Messenger/News Herald  
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Now that the growing season is coming to an end and the harvesting is in full swing, look back to correct some of the disease problems in your garden because nothing is more frustrating (for you as a vegetable gardener) than to see the fruits of your labor lost to disease.

Diseases occur when environmental conditions are suitable for pathogens to develop on susceptible hosts. Some pathogens can attack all plant parts, whereas others attack only selected area tissues.

Many types of organisms cause infectious diseases of plants, but the five major groups of plant pathogens are fungi, water molds, bacteria, viruses, and nematodes.

Adverse conditions such as improper soil pH, nutrient deficiencies and toxicities, soil compaction, excess water, herbicide damage and more will affect the plant.



**Powdery mildew symptoms on chokecherry leaves in Colfax County, New Mexico.** BOE LOPEZ

The plants weakened by these adverse conditions may be further predisposed to attack by pathogens.

Prevention is the key to disease management in the home garden. Although many foliar diseases such as leaf spots and mildews, are generally manageable once they

are observed, root diseases generally are not. You might take pictures and keep a journal so next year you can correct the situation. The best method is prevention by choosing resistant varieties and keeping the garden clear of weeds and infected debris. You can contact your extension office for approved pesticides for your vegetable plants.

Good gardening habits and effective treatment help prevent, stop, and control disease.

- Test the soil
- Plant healthy stock, resistant varieties; disease-free seed and transplants
- Follow proper crop rotation
- Use organic mulches and amendments
- Void overhead watering
- Water early in the day
- Don't crowd plants
- Don't work a wet garden
- Treat with a trusted, proven fungicide
- Keep a journal

*Sue La Fontaine is a Master Gardener with the Sandusky and Ottawa Counties Extension Offices.*

## Here’s a look at how area members of Congress voted

Fremont News-Messenger  
USA TODAY NETWORK

WASHINGTON — Here’s a look at how area members of Congress voted from Sept. 10 to Sept. 16. There were no key votes in the House this week.

### Senate

**Senate Vote 1:**  
**EDUCATION OFFICIAL:** The Senate has confirmed the nomination of James Kvaal to serve as the Education Department’s under secretary. Kvaal, a staffer in both the Clinton and Obama administrations, was president of the Institute for College Access and Success starting in 2018. A supporter, Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., said “Kvaal’s background reflects a deep commitment to our nation’s students and the experience needed to hit the ground running on day one.” The vote, on Sept. 14, was 58 yeas to 37 nays.

**YEAS:** Sen. Sherrod Brown D-OH  
**NAYS:** Sen. Rob Portman R-OH

**Senate Vote 2:**  
**WASHINGTON JUDGE:** The Senate has confirmed the nomination of David Estudillo to serve as a judge on the U.S. district court for the western district of Washington. Estudillo has been a superior court judge in Grant County, Wash., since 2015; previously, he was a private practice lawyer specializing in immigration law. A supporter, Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-Wash., said “his strong character and respect for the rule of law, a sense of justice, fairness, humility, empathy, and capacity for compassion and understanding would be a benefit to the court and all the parties concerned.” The vote, on Sept. 14, was 54 yeas to 41 nays.

**YEAS:** Brown D-OH

**NAYS:** Portman R-OH

**Senate Vote 3:**  
**MASSACHUSETTS JUDGE:** The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Angel Kelley to serve as a judge on the U.S. district court for Massachusetts. Kelley has been a judge on the Massachusetts district and then superior courts since 2009. A supporter, Sen. Ed-

ward Markey, D-Mass., said that Kelley “has throughout her career demonstrated one thing above all else, and that is an abiding commitment to our nation’s promise of equal justice under the law.” The vote, on Sept. 14, was 52 yeas to 44 nays.

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Stange Road closed through Oct. 29

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This requires the continued full closure of Stange Road between Walbridge East Road and Trowbridge Road. For more information call the Ottawa County Engineer’s Office at 419-734-6777.

#### Genoa school board to meet Tuesday

GENOA — The Genoa Area Local Schools Board will met at 6 p.m. Tuesday for a regular board meeting at the high school auditorium, 2980 N. Genoa-Clay Center Road.

An ARP Idea public meeting will be held at 5:45 p.m. before the board meeting.

#### Apple festival coming Oct. 9, 10

OAK HARBOR — The Oak Harbor Apple Festival is held in downtown Oak Harbor the second full week-end in October annually.

This year’s dates are Oct. 9-10. Activities are located within a two-block walking area.

The crowning of the Royalty Court will be 9:30 a.m. Oct. 9, followed by baby contest, the Grand Parade at 2 p.m., cornhole tournament, talent show and “The Junk” in the beer tent to round out the day’s entertainment.

Sunday hosts the Classic Car Show, 5K Run, Kids 1 Mile Fun Run, and local performers. There are mechanical rides, over 130 vendors and many other activities. There is no admission fees. Ride the \$1shuttle from the high school parking lot.

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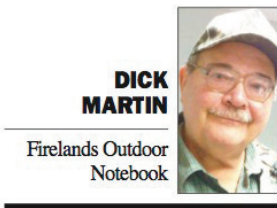


# Peak time for deer hunting just ahead

It goes without saying that every archer reading this column knows at least something about deer hunting. Some know a LOT, some just a little, but there are refinements to this sport that can up your chances of putting venison in the freezer. Especially now, with the rut soon to begin, and the peak time for deer hunting just ahead. One thing the average hunter should understand well is rubs.

Rubs are saplings that have been "attacked" by bucks, and some of their bark and leaves knocked off as the animal slams into it with its antlers in a mock battle. Experts believe part of the reason that bucks show this behavior is to get rid of velvet on the antlers and part just an excess of testosterone and aggression as the animal burns off excess sexual tension. Some hunters get pretty excited at seeing a rub or two and might build a tree stand there thinking the animal or animals are frequenting that thicket and will return. Usually that's not so. Building a blind near a couple of rubs is most often pointless since the animal will move on and make other rubs, then move on again.

Then there are scrapes. These can be found along



any deer trail soon, small ones, medium, or large. Usually, they're somewhere along a main trail, typically near an intersection of two trails, and nearly every scrape will have a scent-bearing twig or branch directly above, usually broken. If the twig isn't there it's likely a false scrape, maybe made by a little forky or six point just practicing.

To make the scrape a buck will paw away leaves and debris, then stand with his hind legs in its center, and pee gently on his tarsal glands located just inside the back legs. The urine and scent from the glands leaves an odor that tells every doe around he's ready to mate and every buck he's ready to fight if necessary. The overhanging twig will often be licked and rubbed with frontal glands located in the forehead, another message for passing bucks and does.

Bucks will often make dozens of scrapes around their area, and a nice big one is a prime place to put



Reflector photo/JOE CENTERS

It was a beautiful weekend and this fisherman takes advantage Saturday afternoon at Veterans Memorial Lake Park.

your tree or ground stand, usually 20-30 yards away. The ground stand works best for crossbowmen who need to move little to make their shot, and can change positions according to wind direction. The tree stand is better for those

with compound bows and the higher the better. Even then if a buck approaches, don't move until he's nearly below. Bouncing around to get ready for a shot is a poor move anytime.

Scent is important to any archer. Experts usually

recommend wearing rubber boots when walking in to a stand since they give off little odor, and hunters should do their best to avoid brushing against bushes or walking through tall grass. A deer has a nose as good as any beagle and spreading scent as you go can cost dearly. Even climbing into a tree stand, if it's a ladder type, should be done with gloves on. Remember too that it pays to have several stands to take advantage of various wind directions. Here's a final thought about scrapes. If tracks there are 2 inches or so, it's a fairly small deer. If 3 or 4 it's a dandy, and longer than 4 is a real wall hanger. Something to remember when you're deciding which scrape to hunt.

One more thought? Many hunters like to guess how much their animal weighs and they usually overestimate. Measure the chest girth in inches, and you won't go far wrong. If it's about 25 inches the animals live weight is about 60 pounds. Thirty inches will make it 90 pounds, 40 about 182 pounds live weight and 45 means your animal is at least 265. That's bragging size anywhere.

### Hooks & Bullets:

According to a research team at Outforia, outdoor sports are still a bit dangerous for those who pursue them. The study

showed that Texas is the most dangerous in the nation with 520 deaths between 1999 and 2013. California was second with 299 outdoor folk killed, and Florida ranked third with 247 deaths. Ohio? We were sixth in the nation with 161 fatalities. The most dangerous animals were brown bears, unpredictable creatures who have killed 70 people in the past 50 years. Sharks were second being responsible for 57 human deaths, followed by snakes (57), black bears (54), alligators (33), and cougars (16).

Fishing continues good around the state, according to the Ohio Outdoor News Fishing Report. Slowly cooling waters along Lake Erie has stimulated action on walleye and yellow perch in both the Western and Central Basins, and catfish are being caught in plenty both on the Big Lake and inland waters. Cut bait (pieces of fish) are producing most of the catches of catfish. Green Island and Niagara Reef have been good producers of yellow perch, and walleye are hitting well northeast of Kelleys Island.

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Llamas in a field.

# Garden clubs fall meeting Nov. 6

**By PEGGY CASE**

Special to the Reflector

**FREMONT**

The Ohio Association of Garden Clubs is holding its public fall meeting Nov. 6.

- When: Region 6 fall meeting, Nov. 6.
- Doors open at 8 a.m. for designers; Breakfast 8 to 9; Speakers start 9; Flower show deadline 9:45.
- Where: Terra Neeley Center, Terra Tech State Community College, 2830 Napoleon Road, Fremont, Ohio, 43420
- For whom: All Region 6 members and their guests. The public is also invited.
- Program: 9 a.m. — "Loving Llamas," presented by Deb Yeagle, a Lama lover.
- Lunch: Noon — entree with salad and dessert.
- Afternoon program: 1 p.m. — Amazing Arrangements from Region 6 designers Donna Allen, Peggy Case, Helen Duquette, Carolyn Johnson, Charlene



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- Cost: \$20 for breakfast, lunch and all programs. \$10 for morning programs only.

 Fall flower show featuring specimens and designs. Email Chris Michael, cmichael4342045@comcast.am.).

OAGC members and clubs may have a sales table free. All others, \$10. Contact Helen Duquette, 4335 Oak Harbor Road, Fremont, Ohio 43420 or call 567-201-7825 or email [duquette1234@gmail.com](mailto:duquette1234@gmail.com)

Reservation deadline is Oct. 30. Send names, address, phone, email and \$20 to OAGC Region 6 Helen Duquette, 4335 Oak Harbor Road, Fremont, Ohio 43420.

*Peggy Case is a Huron County Master Gardener, and works with Ohio Association of Garden Clubs as an instructor, flower judge, and is a past president. She has a small apple orchard and sells cider.*



# A wonderful time to bag a nice buck or doe

• The Ohio Department of Natural Resources invites the public to enjoy a fall season celebration at Conkles Hollow State Nature Preserve. This open house event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23 and 24. The weekend will include a period encampment with 18th century historical interpreters, demonstrations of various 18th century trades, and life styles common to those who first explored this part of Ohio. Naturalists will be on the hiking trails to interpret nature for hikers.

"I had the opportunity to go to the train show in Greenville (last) Sunday," he said. "It was kind of fun to visit that. I've gone to a few in Minnesota and — eh, they were OK. I'm thrilled to be able to catch (the local festival) and may keep this on my schedule. I've got to be careful because our wedding anniversary's on the 30th of September. So, I've got to be back. And her birthday's on the 9th (of October). So, I've got a window here."

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New Lexington High sophomore Braiden Hammond, who is receiving one of the hotspots, with school officials.

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NEW LEXINGTON – AT&T announced Thursday that the New Lexington School District will receive more than 500 free hotspots as well as free internet connectivity for one year. They are part of more than 100 organizations and school districts selected by leading nonprofit Connected Nation that will benefit from a \$10 million commitment first announced last year to provide free internet subscriptions and wireless hotspots to 35,000 vulnerable students across the country. (Selected recipients are required to agree to certain terms before receiving Internet subscriptions and wireless hotspots.)

Millions of students nationwide currently lack access to the connectivity and devices required for successful online learning, according to a news release. While this homework gap is not new, the pandemic has heightened the challenges – most acutely in rural and under-resourced neighborhoods, where the effects disproportionately impact one in three students of color, as well as students with disabilities, and roughly 10 percent of all public school teachers.

Whether students are learning remotely or in the classroom, having access to affordable high-speed internet and devices is a non-negotiable for successful learning outcomes.

“I am grateful for this investment that will undoubtedly provide much needed support for students, families and educators in the New Lexington School District,” said Ohio state Sen. Jay Hottinger. “Broadband access was brought to the forefront in the past year, as students across Ohio were forced to learn from home. While much more work is still needed, I am grateful to AT&T and Connected Nation for their help in keeping these students connect-

ed.” Hotspots and lines of data will be used by New Lexington students who do not have access to the internet at home. “This is a huge relief both financially and educationally to our families who simply either cannot get internet or cannot afford to have internet at home,” said New Lexington School District Director of Technology Tim Householder. “This goes a long way in leveling the playing field for our students across the New Lexington district.”

“What makes this program so critical is that it seeks to help students who have been disproportionately disconnected from formal learning opportunities due to COVID-19,” said Tom Ferree, Chairman & CEO, Connected Nation. “The investment being made through the AT&T K-12 homework gap program will not only allow these kids to fully participate in remote learning if it’s needed, but also to catch up on learning lost during the pandemic. We must all work together to minimize and mitigate the impact that the pandemic has had on our most vulnerable youth.”

“The New Lexington Schools are focused on the critical task of serving and supporting hundreds of students in Southeast Ohio,” said AT&T Ohio Director of External Affairs B.J. Smith. “By helping to expand connectivity for the students they serve, we can play a role in narrowing the homework gap.”

In addition to contributions to organizations like the New Lexington School District, AT&T is expanding wireless affordability and flexibility for all schools in its service area with unlimited wireless data plans that include content filtering services to support online safety protocols.

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# Lawmakers seek to reduce number of State Board of Education members

*A bipartisan proposal to cut non-elected members passes after an anti-racism and equity resolution*

**Laura Hancock** lhancock@cleveland.com

COLUMBUS — A bill in the Ohio House seeks to eliminate the eight members of the State Board of Education who are appointed by the governor, leaving 11 members who are elected.

House Bill 298 has Republican and Democratic sponsors who say the legislation is needed to create a board that is accountable to the voters who elect them, and to end political influence on education by the governor's office.

However, the bill comes a year after the board passed an anti-racism and equity resolution that remains controversial, especially among some elected board members.

“This environment changes from president to president, and in July of 2020 the state board of education was able to pass a very important resolution condemning hate and racism and advancing equity and opportunity for children, especially children of color,” said Meryl Johnson, an elected school board member from Cleveland. “It was the appointed members who helped pass that by a



**State Board of Education member Meryl Johnson says a proposed bill to cut eight members from the board is the result of the board passing an anti-racism and equity resolution in July 2020.** *The Plain Dealer*

vote of 12 to 5, with one abstention. I truly believe if we had not presented that resolution, this issue would not be circulating in the legislature right now.”

**GOVERNOR’S INFLUENCE?**

However, Rep. Joe Miller, an Amherst Democrat, said that he is sponsoring the bill because he believes some former governors have had too much influence over the board through their appointees.

For example, Miller said John Kasich, the former GOP governor, favored moving money to charter schools, including the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, a now-shuttered e-charter school that owes tens of millions of dollars to the state for allegedly not properly educating its students.

Miller noted it’s the state school board, not the governor or legislature, that chooses the superintendent of public instruction in Ohio. And many governors try to influence who becomes state superintendent by influencing who gets on the board, he said.

In recent years, the elected members of the State Board of Education have been further to the right than the appointed members. For instance, elected board member Kirsten Hill, who has repeated the false narrative that there was significant fraud in the 2020 presidential election, attended the Jan. 6 protests at the U.S. Capitol and is listed as an organizer of a bus from Lorain County to Washington to participate in the protests. She says she remained outside the building.

Nevertheless, Miller said that it’s best if people are elected to the board. When 42% of the board is appointed, it’s hard to attract school board candidates to run for election, he said.

“We need to go ahead and support good candidates,” he said. “I think we have kind of failed to do that — we as Ohioans, we as public educators, education supporters. And I think that’s partly because not many people are going to sign up for a job that they feel they have no influence to do.”

Miller said he’d be willing to increase the number of elected members, if his colleagues in the legislature want a larger elected board.

**‘NOT ABOUT POLITICS’**

Under HB 298, seats will be eliminated when a current appointee’s term is up, said Rep. Adam Bird, a Republican from Southwestern Ohio, who noted in testimony to a committee that the bill has 41 bipartisan co-sponsors.

A 1953 constitutional amendment created the State Board of Education, and at the time, all the members were elected. In 1995, a provision in a state budget bill allowed former Gov. George Voinovich to appoint eight members.

Lawmakers in 2000 passed separate legislation allowing the appointed members. Bird said they were concerned lawsuits over the appointments being enabled by a budget bill might oust those board members.

“This bill is not about partisanship, it is not about politics, it is not personal — it is entirely about principle and upholding the people’s right to vote for fair representation when it comes to the Board that makes the decisions about Ohio’s education policy,” Bird said. “This is about ensuring that the voice of our citizenry is heard, loud and clear.”

Eric Poklar, an appointed member of the board whose second term expires in 2024, said he doesn’t want to attribute motive to the bill. But he said he doesn’t see a difference between the dedication to education that appointed members have, versus elected members.

“The makeup of the Board of Education is set in statute and it is the right and responsibility of the legislature to review that statute if they so choose,” he said.

Gov. Mike DeWine, the Ohio Teachers Federation and the Ohio Education Association have not taken formal positions on the bill. They each continue to monitor it.

**RESOLUTION CONTINUES TO DRAW CRITICISM**

The anti-racism and equity resolution continues to bother conservative members of the board.

The three-page resolution, passed after the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer, has numerous provisions:

- › That Ohio’s education has not been immune to racism and inequality issues that the entire nation is grappling with; that racism, hate and bigotry have no place in schools.
- › That the State Board of Education offer implicit bias training for Ohio Department of Education employees and contractors.
- › That department employees make recommendations to the state board to eliminate bias and racism in the state’s academic standards and model curricula.
- › That the department support school districts’ reflection and examination of unequal treatment in hiring, staff development, student discipline and other operations; among other guidelines.

Recently, some school board members asked Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost, a Republican, to rule on whether the resolution conforms with state and federal law and whether the board had the authority to pass it. They also said that parts of the resolution are similar to critical race theory.

Critical race theory, which is studied at the university level but not in K-12 schools, looks at racism as a systematic problem — rather than the actions of a few individuals — that began centuries ago and continues in many forms today.

Some Republicans dismiss it as divisive, unfair and untrue. The theory has divided communities in Ohio and across the country.

Yost’s legal analysis didn’t object to most of the anti-racism and equity resolution, except for the requirement that Ohio Department of Education contractors undergo implicit bias training. He said that educational standards based on critical race theory would be illegal.

Meryl Johnson, the Cleveland school board member who believes HB 298 is about the anti-racism and equity resolution, said that before her time on the state school board, she believed school boards should be elected. But now she’s grateful for the appointed members.

“I’ve been on the board for four years, and that’s never come up,” she said. “It didn’t come up until after we passed that resolution.”

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Alzheimer’s Walk Press Release from Otterbein SeniorLife

Otterbein SeniorLife hosted its 2021 Alzheimer’s Walk on Sept. 17. Joining more than 600 communities nationwide to raise funds for support, research and Alzheimer’s care, Otterbein hosted a variety of fundraising events on campus this year, ending with the 2021 Alzheimer’s Walk. Residents and staff took to the streets, walking the planned route or driving in the Golf Cart Parade, which ended at the Promise Garden, where they could plant their colored flower, honoring those that have dealt with this diagnosis. This annual walk brings awareness to Alzheimer’s and raises funds for a cure. CONTRIBUTED

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Lebanon school board hires new treasurer

By Ed Richter  
Staff Writer

Lebanon schools didn’t have to look far for their new treasurer.

Karen R. Ervin stepped down as Monroe’s finance director last week and accepted a nearly three-year contract as the treasurer/chief financial officer of the Lebanon Board of Education. The school board unanimously approved the contract, effective Oct. 1.

Ervin replaces Eric Sotzing, who recently retired as treasurer.

Her contract expires July 31, 2024, and she will be paid \$127,500 a year and will receive pay increases of 2.5% each year of the contract. She will also receive a \$50 a month cellphone stipend and a car allowance of \$4,200 a year.

Ervin will oversee the financial operations of the district, which includes myriad responsibilities, including the accuracy and timeliness of all state and federal reporting, the development of the annual district budget and the district’s Five-Year Forecast.

She has 11 years of experience in Ohio governmental finances and accounting, including holding the position of finance director for the cities of Monroe and Franklin, and working with the Ohio Auditor of State’s Office. Prior to her career in government finances, Ervin was a staff auditor for First Federal Bank of Ohio. She received dual bachelor’s degrees in English and psychology from Ohio State University and a master’s degree in accounting from the University of Phoenix.

The Lebanon school board received assistance in the hir-

ing process from K-12 Business Consulting and the Ohio Association of School Business Officials.

“We are impressed with Karen’s background in government finance and her ability to communicate. In her past and current positions, she has provided financial leadership to the cities she served,” said Ryan Patterson, board president. “We are confident she has the skills to help lead our district forward in a variety of ways. We are excited to have Karen join our administrative team.”

Superintendent Isaac Seevers said, “We listened to our staff and community members in seeking an individual with successful governmental finance experience and who is a skilled leader and communicator. I feel confident that Karen will be a great fit here and look forward to working with her to move the district forward.”

Ervin said, “I am very pleased and honored to have been selected as the districts’ next Treasurer/CFO. I want to thank the Board of Education and Superintendent Seevers for the trust they have placed in me.”

She and her husband Brian have lived in Lebanon since 2013 and have a 4-year-old daughter.

“Lebanon has always appealed to us due to the community support and hometown feel here. I love public education, and it is a chance for me to help kids succeed and improve our overall community,” Ervin said. “I look forward to being a Lebanon Warrior for many years and to serving the board of education, students and parents of the Lebanon City School District.”

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# Doctor

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practice in March by U.S. marshals and charged with one count of attempted murder, a first-degree felony, and two counts of felonious assault, both second-degree felonies.

Alhallaq admitted to poisoning Ely’s food with the abortion medication mifepristone in an attempt to end her pregnancy against her will or knowledge in 2014 and 2015.

Alhallaq agreed to plead guilty to one count of attempted murder, and two counts of felonious assault, with count two of the felonious assault merged into the attempted murder charge for sentencing purposes.

Judge Natalie Haupt accepted his guilty pleas and the agreed upon sentence. Alhallaq received four years for counts one and two, attempted murder and felonious assault, and an additional four years to be served concurrently for count three, felonious assault.

## Prosecutor’s office, Judge Natalie Haupt under fire

Ely told the court that Alhallaq wanted to be an engineer, but became a physician only because he saw it as a way to get out of Jordan.

According to Ely, Alhallaq didn’t want to be a father when he discovered her pregnancy,

“Yousif has now taken his medical license and used it for pure evil. This was reckless, destructive, malicious, and methodical,” Ely told Haupt during victim impact statements prior to sentencing.

Ely turned to Alhallaq and said: “Go back to Jordan, nobody wants you here. You harmed my son. What you did will never be forgiven.”

Ely begged the court to impose a longer sentence.

“This court has the opportunity to provide justice for my son, and I cannot stress this enough that four years is not enough time all because that man did not want to be a father,” Ely told Haupt.

Haupt told Ely the court recognized the difficulties of this case, but were there because Alhallaq had taken responsibility.”

“Mr. Alhallaq, it is difficult to comprehend how someone who was devoted his life to help others, taken an oath to save lives, has purposely committed these crimes ... and the harm is apparent,” Haupt remarked.

The judge, before imposing the sentence, admitted that four years was not enough time, but added she wasn’t sure if any amount of time would be enough.

Prosecutor Dennis Barr exited the courthouse after briefly speaking with the victim.

The Canton Repository asked why the plea deal went forward when the victim in the case was firmly against it. The prosecutor’s office has not provided comment at this time.

## Why was Alhallaq arrested six years later?

Jackson Township police responded to a possible domestic situation on March 13.

Officers arrived at the Nettlecreek Avenue residence and spoke with a woman, who said she believed her husband “drugged” her while she was pregnant with her child approximately six years earlier.

The report listed the weapon used as “drugs/narcotics/sleeping pills.”

Ely told the court that in March, Alhallaq told her that he wanted to have more children.

Ely said she didn’t want to have more children, because she feared that her body couldn’t handle a preg-



**Yousif Alhallaq pleads guilty Monday before Judge Natalie Haupt to one count of attempted murder and 2 counts felonious assault for trying to kill his wife’s unborn child six years ago by drugging her.** JULIE VENNITTI BOTOS/THE CANTON REPOSITORY

nancy, thinking it was her body that had caused her son’s severe disabilities the first time.

Alhallaq then proceeded to tell Ely the same difficulties would not happen again, and admitted he the crushed abortion medication mifepristone, and put it into her food, causing her to hemorrhage and nearly

lose their child.

The child survived, but with numerous complications and multiple, permanent disabilities.

After Alhallaq’s admission, Jackson Township police were called.

Ely filed for divorce on April 5, and was set to appear in family court on Sept. 27.

## Did Alhallaq lose his medical license?

According State Medical Board of Ohio records, Alhallaq’s medical license was suspended in April, based on the board’s determination that there was clear and convincing evidence that the doctor was in violation of Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presented a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public.

The suspension went into effect April 14 and remains in place, although the license itself expired in July.

He had been a licensed physician in Ohio since 2009.

Ely told the Canton Repository that the medical board is looking into how Alhallaq obtained the medicine mifepristone, which he did not have access to.

“As of right now, it looks like he got it from out of the country, or from another health care professional who ordered it for him, or another health care professional stole it for him,” Ely said.

It’s unknown whether the board will permanently revoke Alhallaq’s license. The Canton Repository reached out to the State Medical Board for comment.

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# School

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low-income college students.

“We haven’t done anything like that in my memory,” said Jessica Thompson, associate vice president of the Institute for College Access and Success, an education nonprofit. “It’s the dream.”

Congress is working to meet Monday’s self-imposed deadlines, and Biden’s broader proposal could come before the House later in the week. But Democrats must first overcome divisions within their own ranks over the scope of the plan. The \$3.5 trillion proposal reaches nearly every aspect of American life, from health care and taxes to the climate and housing, largely paid for by raising taxes on corporations and the wealthy.

The price tag will likely drop and ambitions scaled back to appease more centrist lawmakers wary of big spending. But the cuts are drawing concerns from progressives and others who say they have already compromised enough.

Funding for historically Black colleges and universities, for example, has been slashed from Biden’s earlier plans. As lawmakers eye other possible cost-saving moves, money to repair aging school buildings could lose out.

At a recent House committee hearing, Rep. Frederica Wilson, D-Florida, argued that any more cuts could jeopardize the success of its education programs.

“Even with the robust investments proposed here, we are still short-changing vital programs,” she said.

Democrats are pushing ahead on their own because Republicans decry the proposal as a step toward socialism that will worsen inflation and strain the economy. They argue that free community college will benefit wealthier students who access the resource, at the expense of those with lower-incomes. And even on child care, which typically brings bipartisan support, Republicans say the plan goes too far.

“We should be focused on ensuring hardworking taxpayers can find the best care for their children rather than blindly throwing money at the problem and calling it a solution,” said Rep. Virginia Foxx of North Carolina, the top Republican on the House Education and Labor Committee.

Taken together, the \$761 billion in education investments make up one-fifth of Biden’s total package. They’re intended to provide a stronger academic start for children, especially those from low-income families. The higher education plans aim to get more adults into college and help them graduate with degrees that will lead to higher-paying jobs.

Even if the package is approved over solid GOP opposition, some of the marquee education proposals would face a big hurdle: getting buy-in from states.

For example, the community college and pre-school plans would apply only in states that opt in and cover a portion of the cost. Supporters worry that some states will reject the programs over political grounds or to avoid the cost.

Democrats’ proposal for universal preschool – one of Biden’s campaign promises – would create new partnerships with states to offer free prekindergarten for all 3- and 4-year-olds. The federal government would cover the entire cost for the first three years before scaling back until states are paying 40%. After seven years, it would end or need to be renewed.

A separate provision would expand child care benefits to a wider swath of families, and cost for families would be capped at no more than 7% of their earnings. Unlike other aspects of the agenda, it wouldn’t require state participation – cities or counties could opt in even if their states don’t.

With free community college, Biden hopes to deliver a benefit that he’s been pushing since the Obama administration. Under the proposal, anyone in a participating state would be eligible attend two years of community college without paying tuition.

States that opt in would get federal funding through a formula; they eventually would be asked to cover about 20% of the cost. The bill would provide enough funding to support the program for five years.

Other provisions include a \$500 increase to the maximum Pell grant for low-income college students, new investments in teacher training programs and \$82 billion for school infrastructure. In a move heralded by college affordability advocates, it would also make federal college aid available to students in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals pro-

gram.

The plan has been lauded by education advocacy groups, even though many were hoping for a bigger increase to the Pell grant program.

Denise Forte, interim CEO of the Education Trust, said the bill has the potential to open new doors for communities that have long been left behind. But she said the plan’s success will largely rest on its acceptance by states.

“Some states may see the barrier as too high, even though there’s a significant return,” she said. “And some of the states that may not be willing have the highest proportion of students of color who lack access across the range of these issues.”

There’s also criticism that the bill fails to deliver some of Biden’s promises, particularly to Black Americans and other key voting groups that helped deliver him to the White House.



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These increases in proposed operating revenue do not necessarily equal the increases in total expected monthly charges for any customer. For example, if the Commission approves Columbia’s Application, a SGS customer using 10 Mcf of gas from Columbia Gas would see a total monthly bill increase from \$93.53 to \$105.70, an increase of approximately 13.0% (including gas costs). Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, any person, firm, corporation, or association may file an objection to the increased rates that Columbia has proposed by alleging that Columbia’s proposals are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable.

Columbia is also seeking authority to implement an alternative rate plan, which would consist of its existing IRP and CEP (and their associated riders) and a new proposed FMI Rider. Columbia seeks Commission approval to continue the IRP and Rider IRP, with minor changes, from 2021 through 2026. Changes to the IRP include shifting capital projects in which less than 50% of the retired pipe is priority pipe to the CEP and eliminating the 5% limit on plastic pipe replacement for priority pipe-replacement projects under Columbia’s Accelerated Mains Replacement Program (“AMRP”). Columbia would continue its CEP and CEP Rider through 2026, with updated caps for the CEP Rider charge for 2021 through 2027. The new FMI Rider would be a monthly charge for customers in all rate classes to allow Columbia to recover incremental costs associated with federally and state-mandated safety investments.

Additionally, Columbia is seeking Commission authority to continue its DSM Program and its associated DSM Rider from 2023 through 2027. Columbia’s DSM Program offers cost-effective energy efficiency programs and rebates to help customers save energy and lower utility bills. Projected budgets for the DSM Program (excluding WarmChoice® funding included in base rates) range from approximately \$29.8 million in 2023 to approximately \$31.9 million in 2027.



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