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## Trump: major drug companies to announce voluntary price cuts soon

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Wednesday said he expects major drug companies to cut prices on their products in two weeks, but did not provide details on which companies would do so or the means by which they would provide such reductions. "You're going to have some big news. I think we're going to have some of the big drug companies in two weeks said they're going to announce, because of what we did, they're going to announce voluntary massive drops in prices," Trump said at a signing ceremony for a new law making it easier for seriously ill people to try experimental treatments. Earlier this month, Trump unveiled the administration's plan to lower prescription drug prices, largely through regulatory authority, calling the plan "the most sweeping action in history" to reduce the cost of medicines for consumers. But healthcare stocks rose as it became clear that his administration avoided aggressive direct measures to cut prices. The Health and Human Services Department has put out a request for information for its drug pricing plan, but has yet to issue any new regulations or pilot programs to lower drug prices. Trump campaigned on lowering drug prices and has said that pharmaceutical companies were "getting away with murder," but has since backed off that rhetoric. HHS did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Trump's announcement.



Seven-year-old Muscular Dystrophy patient Jordan McLinn, from Indiana, is embraced by U.S. President Donald Trump during the president's signing of the "Right to Try Act," which gives terminally ill patients the right to use experimental medications not yet been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), at the White House in Washington, U.S., May 30, 2018. REUTERS/ Leah Millis

## Young whizzes compete for \$40,000 prize in U.S. spelling bee

OXON HILL, Md. (Reuters) - More than 400 young hopefuls were still competing on Wednesday as the Scripps National Spelling Bee entered its second day, with some using memory aids such as tracing invisible words onto the back of their nametags as they strived for the \$40,000 top prize.

Robert Foster of Kensington, Maryland reacts during the Scripps National Spelling Bee at National Harbor in Maryland, U.S. May 30, 2018. REUTERS/ Kevin Lamarque "I've been training for about two months," said Robert Foster, 12, of Kensington, Maryland, who successfully spelled the word "intertribal" to advance to the next round on Wednesday. Foster correctly spelled "pratincolous" on Tuesday, and sparked smiles from fans when he struck a dab pose - a dance move that involved tucking his head into his elbow as if sneezing while stick-



Rebekah Zeigler, from Polo, Illinois, takes her turn during the Scripps National Spelling Bee at National Harbor in Maryland, U.S. May 30, 2018. REUTERS/

ing his other arm straight out to the side - which he says was a dare from his older brother. "My brother said that he was joking and he didn't actually expect me to do it," said Foster. Robert Foster of Kensington, Maryland ponders a word during the Scripps National Spelling Bee at National Harbor in Maryland, U.S. May 30, 2018. REUTERS/ Kevin Lamarque He admitted to having "no idea" as to the meaning of "pratincolous," an adjective that describes creatures that live in meadows or grassy areas. Foster was among the 452 youths still spelling on Wednesday morning from a starting field of 516. This year also marks the first time the child of a previous champion has competed in the national finals. Atman Balakrishnan, a 12-year-old from Chicago, hopes to follow in the footsteps of his father, Balu Natarajan, the 1985 champion. Natarajan, now a sports medicine doctor, was 13 when he won. The 2018 competition includes 45 spellers with relatives who are former contestants in the national championship. The 91st annual Bee, which began Tuesday and ends Thursday evening, also includes its first-ever identical twins - two sets of brothers from Utah and Mississippi. A record 516 spellers traveled to Oxon Hill, Mary-



Scripps National Spelling Bee at National Harbor in Maryland

land, to compete for the crown this year. Students hail from the United States and eight foreign countries, winnowed from 11 million hopefuls who competed in preliminary competitions at schools around the world. Contestants, aged 8 to 15, are 46 percent female and 54 percent male,

according to the contest's website. They will have to spell words drawn from the 470,000 entries in the Merriam-Webster Unabridged Dictionary. The winner of the \$40,000 top prize will emerge from the finals on Thursday night, with a worldwide audience tuning in to the live broadcast on ESPN.

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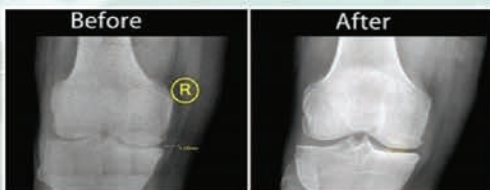
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- 幹細胞療法是世界上自然、最有效的抗炎、抗病毒、抗菌、自我調節、和滋養身體的療法，為身體的免疫系統提供巨大的修復與治療能量來源。
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# Abbott proposes 40-page recommendation to beef up school safety

## Plan includes arming more teachers, gun lock giveaway

By Andrea Zelinski

DALLAS — Beefing up armed security, expanding the program allowing armed teachers and enhancing mental health services are among the options Gov. Greg Abbott offered to schools Wednesday in his effort to make Texas schools safer amid a rash of mass shootings.

Abbott's plan also includes a gun lock giveaway, a social media strategy to encourage people to safeguard firearms, a new school safety app and an expanded program to help identify and remove dangerous students.

The ideas are part of 40-pages of recommendations for school districts and law enforcement agencies to implement, largely before students return for the next school year. The plan also includes legislative ideas for lawmakers to write into law next year.

The governor's proposal includes \$120 million in grant money to help schools implement many of the ideas and a matching grant program for more pricey programs.

Classes resumed at Santa Fe High School, less than two weeks after a student shot and killed 10 people there. Returning students were greeted by supporters holding signs saying "Santa Fe Strong" and "United We Stand." (May 29)

The proposal includes items most frequently mentioned by law enforcement, students, mental health experts and others during three



Texas Gov. Greg Abbott holds a roundtable discussion with victims, family, and friends affected by the Santa Fe, Texas school shooting at the state capital on May 24, 2018 in Austin, Texas. Sources close to the Houston Chronicle say Abbott is expected to announce additional armed security at schools, fortified school entrances and enhanced mental health services Wednesday morning.

days of roundtable discussion last week in the wake of a shooting at Santa Fe High School that left 10 people dead and 13 injured.

The shooting came three months after a similar massacre at a high school in Parkland, Florida, that killed 17 students and staff, spurring national protests by



Abdul Aziz Sheikh, center, father of Sabika Sheikh, a victim of a shooting at a Texas high school, shows a picture of his daughter in Karachi, Pakistan, Saturday, May 19, 2018. The Pakistani foreign exchange student is among those killed in the shooting, according to a leader at a program for foreign exchange students and the Pakistani Embassy in Washington, D.C. Megan Lysaght, manager of the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange & Study Abroad program (YES), sent a letter to students in

students demanding better school safety and gun control.

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A policewoman reacts during a minute of silence in Liege, Belgium May 30, 2018. REUTERS/Yves Herman TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



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U.S. President Donald Trump holds a Make America Great Again rally at Nashville Municipal Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee



Boys receive free food distributed to the needy during the fasting month of Ramadan at the Abdul-Qadir al-Gailani mosque in Baghdad



President Donald Trump signed a full posthumous pardon for former heavyweight boxer Jack Johnson in a surprise Oval Office ceremony alongside actor Sylvester Stallone, former heavyweight boxer Lennox Lewis, and others.

“It’s my honor to do it. It’s about time,” Trump said during the ceremony in the Oval Office.

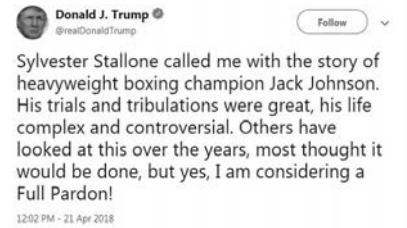
“He was treated very rough, very tough,” Trump said of Johnson on Thursday as he signed the pardon.

In 1913, Johnson, a noted boxing legend, was convicted by an all-white jury with violating the Mann Act after transporting a white woman he was dating across state lines for “immoral purposes.” He served one year in prison.



Open air Heavyweight World Championship fight between the reigning world champion Tommy Burns of Canada, left, and challenger Jack Johnson in front of 20,000 spectators at Rushcutters Bay near Sydney in 1908.

Under the Obama administration, the Department of Justice opted not to recommend a posthumous pardon for Johnson. His great-great-niece, Linda Haywood, has led the charge for Johnson to receive a rare posthumous pardon. Others have taken up the cause célèbre as well including Senators John McCain, R-Arizona, Harry Reid, R-Nevada, and Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. Earlier this year, McCain, Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., and Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., reintroduced legislation urging a posthumous pardon. On Thursday, McCain applauded the pardon. “President Trump’s action today finally closes a shameful chapter in our nation’s history and marks a milestone that the American people can and should be proud of,” McCain said in a statement.



Last month, Trump tweeted that “Sylvester Stallone called me with the story of heavyweight boxing champion Jack Johnson,” the president tweeted Saturday. “His trials and tribulations were great, his life complex and

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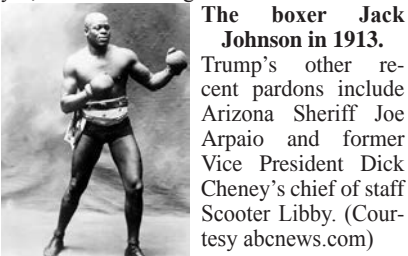
President Trump Posthumously Pardons Boxer Jack Johnson – Boxing’s First Black Heavyweight Champion

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



President Trump issued an executive grant of clemency last Thursday to John Arthur ‘Jack’ Johnson, the first African American heavyweight champion of the world, for a Mann Act conviction. Johnson was born in Galveston, Texas.

controversial. Others have looked at this over the years, most thought it would be done, but yes, I am considering a Full Pardon!”



**The boxer Jack Johnson in 1913.** Trump’s other recent pardons include Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio and former Vice President Dick Cheney’s chief of staff Scooter Libby. (Courtesy abcnews.com)

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**A Controversial and Conflicted Champion**  
Born in Galveston, Texas, Johnson was the target of racial resentment, particularly after he defeated white boxer James Jeffries in the 1910 “Fight of the Century,” a bout that sparked race riots. Three years later, he was convicted by an all-white jury of violating the Mann Act, which made it illegal to transport a woman across state lines for “immoral” purposes. In their efforts to prosecute Johnson, authorities first targeted Johnson’s relationship with the woman in question, Lucille Cameron, who later became his wife, but she refused to cooperate. But they found another white witness, Belle Schreiber, to testify against him. Johnson fled the country after his conviction, but he agreed years later to return and serve a 10-month jail sentence. He died in 1946.



**Jack Johnson and James J. Jeffries face off in the ring before the start of the World Heavyweight Championship, July 7, 1910, in Reno, Nev.**

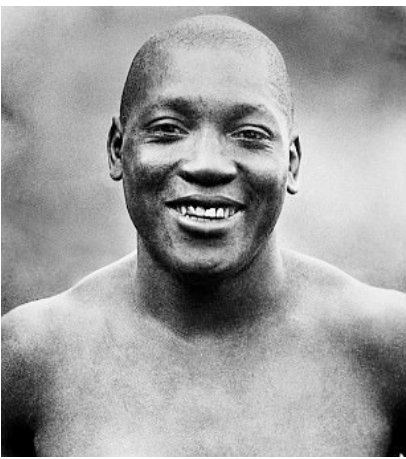
(Photo/Getty Images)

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has been calling for a pardon for Johnson since 2004, and criticized President Barack Obama for leaving office in 2017 without having granted one. Former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., had also called for a pardon. “Johnson’s imprisonment forced him into the shadows of bigotry and prejudice, and continues to stand as a shameful stain on our nation’s history,” McCain said in a statement in January 2017. Stallone, as well as Johnson’s great-great niece, had urged Trump to pardon him and in April Trump said that Stallone had called him about it.

“[Johnson’s] trials and tribulations were great, his life complex and controversial,” Trump tweeted. “Others have looked at this over the years, most thought it would be done, but yes, I am considering a Full Pardon!”



**The “dapper” Jack Johnson**  
Stallone was in the Oval Office as a guest when Trump pardoned Johnson on Thursday, as was boxer Lennox Lewis.



**Jack Johnson**

Johnson’s dominance spawned a search for a “Great White Hope” to challenge him, and resulted in what was called the “Fight of the Century” in 1910. Former undefeated heavyweight champ James Jeffries came out of retirement after having not fought in six years. Johnson dominated the fight and was declared the winner when Jeffries’ corner threw in the towel in the 15th round.

Johnson’s career was chronicled in film several times, including the Ken Burns documentary Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson. Johnson’s flamboyance also extended to his personal life. He taunted opponents in and out of the ring. He drew attention for his public dalliances with women and all three of his documented marriages were to white women.

He was convicted in 1913 by an all-white jury for violating the Mann Act -- on charges that he transported a white woman “across state lines for immoral purposes.” However, he skipped bail and left the country, only to return in 1920 to turn himself in. He served 10 months of his one-year sentence before being released.

**Johnson died in a car crash in 1946 at 68**  
“Jack Johnson lived in the lap of luxury, abused the fame and fortune that came to him, and died bereft of riches,” the Associated Press said of him in its obituary. He fought professionally until he was 60, finishing with a career record of 73 wins, 13 losses and 10 draws. He was inducted into the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1954.

**Efforts to grant him a presidential pardon began in 2008** with a bill that passed the House of Representatives, but not the Senate. The main reason cited in efforts that continued through other petitions: his conviction was racially motivated -- and the incident for which he was arrested took place before the Mann Act became law.

Actor Sylvester Stallone was among those who campaigned in Johnson’s favor. Stallone was present at the Oval Office ceremony in which President Trump signed the official pardon. (Courtesy usatoday.com)

Filmmaker Ken Burns, who was part of an effort to pardon Johnson, welcomed the move and called it “the right thing to do.

“I’m just so happy that Senator John McCain, who has led our efforts to achieve a posthumous pardon for Jack Johnson, has lived to witness this moment,” he said in a statement. “The pardon announced today helps correct an injustice experienced by Jack Johnson. But it also reminds us of a racist past and how even today racist remarks and coded words are used to imperil African Americans, especially Black men, and to advance an Un-American agenda.”



Posthumous pardons are rare, but not unprecedented. President Bill Clinton pardoned Henry O. Flipper, the first African-American officer to lead the Buffalo Soldiers of the 10th Cavalry Regiment; he was framed for embezzlement. President George W. Bush in 2008 pardoned Charles Winters, an American volunteer in the Arab-Israeli War convicted of violating the U.S. Neutrality Acts in 1949.

After 14 years of lobbying by supporters and family members, former heavyweight boxing champion Jack Johnson finally received a presidential pardon, 72 years after his death.

Born in Texas in 1878, Johnson was the world champion from 1908-1915 and was the first African American to hold the title. But beyond those basic details, what else do we know about him?

**Here are five important facts about the “Galveston Giant”:**

**Johnson rose to prominence at the height of the Jim Crow era**, so his race was always an issue, delaying his opportunity to compete for the world title, but earning him even more publicity when he won it and later defended his crown.

According to Washington University in St. Louis professor Dr. Gerald Early: “While Johnson was heavyweight champion, he was covered more in the press than all other notable black men combined.”

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# National Geographic Launches Effort To Reduce Plastic Waste

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



“Planet or Plastic” is the cover story on the June 2018 issue of “National Geographic” magazine.

National Geographic launched a new campaign last week to reduce waste from plastic products like single-use bags and straws, which includes a major change: most National Geographic magazines will now be delivered in paper packaging instead of plastic.

The magazine reports that 18 billions pounds of plastic waste end up in oceans every year and that less than a fifth of plastic produced around the world is recycled. The launch of the “Planet or Plastic?” initiative coincides with National Geographic’s June issue, which has a photo of a plastic bag positioned like an iceberg on the cover.

Company officials said in a press release that from now on the U.S., U.K. and India editions of the magazine will be delivered in paper instead of plastic, which the release said will eliminate 2.5 million single-use plastic bags every month.

Several other companies have said they will either change or recycle more of their packaging to reduce plastic pollution in oceans, including Nestle, Coca-Cola, PepsiCo, and Walmart.



Seahorse uses a q-tip to ride the ocean currents.

In addition to changing the packaging on its own magazine, the National Geographic initiative will include an awareness campaign about plastics pollution, investment in research programs and partnerships with companies like S’Well and The North Face, which will sell shirts made from recycled bottles collected from National Parks. The partnership between The North Face and the National Park Foundation also provides a dollar for every product sold to support projects in National Parks, according to the foundation’s website.

Nick Mallos, the director of the Trash Free Seas program for the advocacy group Ocean Conservancy, said it’s important to emphasize that there is no single solution to the issue of plastic pollution but that the commitment from National Geographic and other companies is a positive step.

“I think it’s fantastic that they’ve covered this issue so holistically – specifically, to see all the facets of ocean plastic that they’ve explored in this piece. These initiatives can have a tremendous impact,” Mallos said.



Plastic bottles choke the Cibeles fountain, outside city hall in central Madrid. An art collective called Luzinterruptus filled this and two other Madrid fountains with 60,000 discarded bottles last fall.

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This National Geographic Cover Has People Buzzing For An Important Reason The striking cover certainly makes you think.

They say you shouldn’t judge a book by its cover, but magazines — including Nation-

al Geographic — have long been known for their iconic covers that spark conversation. Now, the 130-year-old publication has new cover art to add to the collection of images that get people buzzing.

The June 2018 issue, “Planet Or Plastic?”, features what appears to be an iceberg. But look more closely:



“Plastic Bag” magazine cover

Yep, it’s a plastic bag. The artwork, called “Iceberg Plastico,” was actually created in 2017 by Mexican artist Jorge Gamboa, but National Geographic saw the illustration and decided it would be the perfect image to kick off its “Planet or ‘Plastic” campaign, the magazine’s “multiyear effort to raise awareness about the global plastic trash crisis.”

The amazing cover has already done a great job of prompting discussion all over the internet. Vaughn Wallace, the magazine’s senior photo editor, tweeted out the cover on May 16 and it has already gotten more than 57,000 retweets.



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And National Geographic is walking the walk itself. Starting with this issue, Wallace said the magazine will no longer be shipped to readers in a plastic bag, but will be sent out in a paper envelope instead.

“This change alone will save more than 2.5 million single-use plastic bags every month,” wrote Editor-in-Chief Susan Goldberg. “We’ve also challenged all our international partners — who publish 36 local-language editions of National Geographic around the globe — to get rid of plastic wrappers by the end of 2019.”



Under a bridge on a branch of the Buriganga River in Bangladesh, a family removes labels from plastic bottles, sorting green from clear ones to sell to a scrap dealer. Waste pickers here average around \$100 a month.

Goldberg went on to assert that the plastic wrappers effort is just the first step in a larger campaign. “Under the campaign banner of ‘Planet or Plastic?’ we’ll deploy content across all our platforms to raise awareness and encourage consumers to act,” she wrote.

The cover story was written by Laura Parker and features data, stories and even more photos of just how bad the plastic problem is.

“The miracle material has made modern life possible,” Parker wrote. “But more than 40 percent of it is used just once, and it’s choking our waterways.”

Reducing the amount of plastic in our environment is an enormous issue that will require a global commitment to change. Luckily, National Geographic isn’t tackling this issue solo. Other efforts to reduce the amount of plastic in the environment are underway



On Okinawa, Japan, a hermit crab resorts to a plastic bottle cap to protect its soft abdomen. Beachgoers collect the shells the crabs normally use, and they leave trash behind.

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