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WORLD NEWS

BREAK IN TRADITION AT SOUTH AFRICA'S G20 MEETING

There is a tradition at the G20 meeting of the leaders of the world's biggest and most important economies, for the president who has hosted the summit to bang a gavel and then hand it to the next chairperson.

This did not happen at the weekend's G20 summit in Johannesburg, because next year's chairman and host, United States President Donald Trump, was not there. The United States is the wealthiest country in the world.

He had boycotted the G20 meeting over differences between himself and outgoing chairman and host, South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa. Instead, he sent the second in charge of the United States embassy in South Africa to stand in for him.



Ramaphosa refused to allow this because, he said, this person was not senior enough.

The handover is still expected to happen sometime in the future.

The G20 meeting was also different from most G20 meetings because the declaration (what the leaders said they would try to do) was made at the beginning of the meeting, rather than at the end.

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The declaration focused on things that affect poorer countries, which include paying back debt and paying to fix up after disasters related to climate problems; and changing from using power that causes heating of the atmosphere, to clean energy.

Quick quiz ... In which country will the 2026 G20 be held?

Why are the countries that the declaration of the G20 summit focused on, so different from the United States?

GLOSSARY

There is a tradition at the G20 meeting of the leaders of the world's biggest and most important economies, for the president who has hosted the summit to bang a gavel and then it to the next chairperson.

A summit is a high-level meeting between top leaders of countries or major organisations.

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Africa to stand in for him.

An embassy is a special building in a country where people from another country work. These people help travellers from their own country, talk to the government of the country they're in, and work at keeping good relationships between the two countries.

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countries, which include paying back debt and paying to fix up after disasters related to climate problems; and changing from using power that causes heating of the atmosphere, to clean energy.

Debt is the state of owing money to someone else or to some organisation.

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***Clean energy is
power, such as
wind power or
solar power, that is***

***generated in a way
that does not
pollute the air or
harm the Earth.***

WORKSHEET

State whether the following sentences are true or false:

- 1. Next year's G20 summit will be held in Johannesburg.**
- 2. The United States has an embassy in South Africa.**
- 3. The host of the 2025 was happy to allow the person United States President Donald Trump asked to represent him at the G20 to receive the chair for next year, but others weren't happy about it.**
- 4. There are poorer countries that owe money to other countries and organisations.**
- 5. This year's G20 broke the usual traditions in two ways.**

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ASIA-AUSTRALASIA NEWS

CHILDREN'S ACCESS TO SOCIAL MEDIA REDUCED

Next month, a law will come into force in Australia forbidding people under the age of sixteen from using the social media platforms Facebook, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X, YouTube and Instagram.

Social media companies that allow such people to have accounts will face a fine of almost fifty million Australian dollars.

The existing accounts of the nearly two and a half million people in question will be blocked.

New Zealand, Malaysia and Indonesia may consider similar laws.

Governments are worried that many things on these platforms could upset or harm children, and that bad people who look for information about people online could find out too much about children.

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This could affect their safety. There are also concerns that these social media platforms may encourage children to stare at their screens for too long, and miss out on doing healthy things like exercise.

But people who believe this law is unreasonable say it will stop children being able to find out about things that may interest them.

Laws often take a long time to be passed, but some people think this law was passed very quickly.

Quick quiz ... What is the name of the money used in Australia?

Which country that is separated from Australia by the Timor Sea

is also thinking about laws to stop people under sixteen getting on to social media platforms? (You may need to look at a map!)

GLOSSARY

Next month, a law will come into force in Australia forbidding people under the age of sixteen from using the social media platforms Facebook, Reddit, Snapchat, Threads, TikTok, X, YouTube and Instagram.

Social media is made up of websites and apps that we can use to send messages to many people, or to just one other person.

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almost fifty million Australian dollars.

The money used in Australia is the Australian dollar. Aus \$50 million is worth more or less Botswana pula 430 million; Burundi franc 95 billion; Canadian \$45.4 million; euro 27.9 million; Hong Kong \$247.91 million; Indian rupee 2856.87 million; Kenyan shilling 4170 million; Mauritius Rs 1493.41million; Namibian \$560 million; British pounds 24.71 million; South African rand 581.36

million; eSwatini lilangeni 607.60 million; Ukraine hryvnia 1167.43 million; U.S.\$32.23 million; Zambian kwacha 626.39 million. (Exchange rates can change from day to day; sometimes even from hour to hour!)

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million people we
are talking about.”*

WORKSHEET

Do you think a ban on children under sixteen having access to social media platforms is a good or a bad idea?

Discuss this with your family, friends and classmates.

Remember that hearing an opinion that is different from yours is a way to learn more about an issue.

A debate or a discussion does not need to turn into an argument or a fight!

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AFRICA NEWS

BRAVE CHILDREN ESCAPE KIDNAPPERS

Fifty boys and girls in Nigeria bravely escaped bad people who took three hundred and three children and twelve teachers from their school on Thursday in the north of the country, where there is not much law and order.

They ran away individually rather than in a group and quietly returned to their homes.

It was a Roman Catholic primary and secondary school called St Mary's in the Niger state. The worldwide head of the church, Pope Leo XIV, has spoken out, called for their release and prayed for them.

There have been other such school attacks in the area. Forty-seven boarding secondary schools in northwest Nigeria have shut because of them.



It is not certain who these attackers are, but what is known is that they want ransom money. This is what happened at a previous kidnapping earlier this month at a church.

Some people, like the United States of America's President Donald Trump, believe the children were kidnapped because they are Christian and that a genocide of Christians has been going on in Nigeria. He has even threatened to send his army there.

However, the government of Nigeria says this is not the case and people of other faiths have also been kidnapped.

Quick quiz ... Where in Nigeria is there little law and order?

Why is Pope Leo XIV so concerned about the latest kidnappings?

GLOSSARY

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A ransom is money that someone demands in exchange for letting a person go who has been kidnapped.

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A genocide is an effort to wipe out a nation or a community.

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Faiths are religions.

WORKSHEET

Find words that mean the following in the Word Search:

1. A type of school where pupils live at the school during the term rather than at home.
2. A country in West Africa.
3. The name of a faith.
4. The title of the worldwide head of the Roman Catholic Church.
5. A quarter of two hundred.

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ENVIRONMENT NEWS

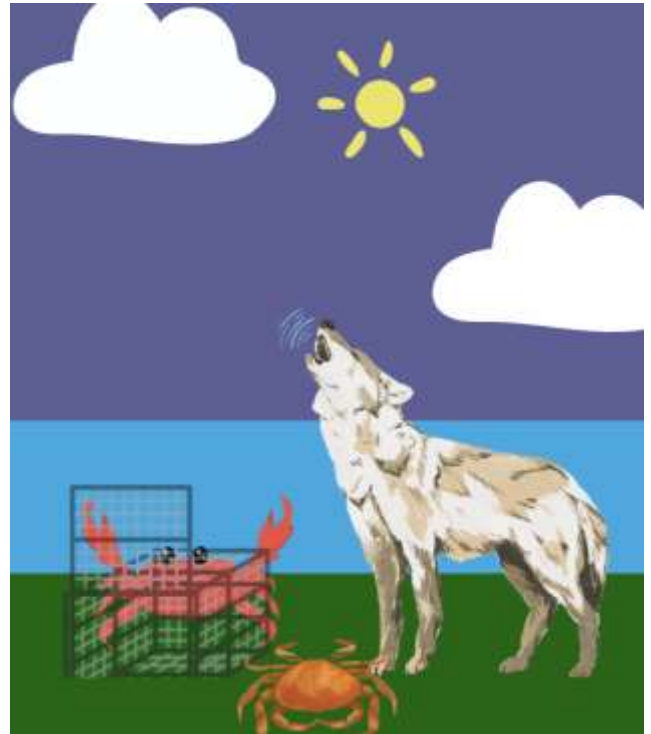
IT'S NOT ONLY HUMANS AND THEIR PRIMATE COUSINS WHO USE TOOLS -- WOLVES DO TOO

When plants and animals from one place are brought to another place and there is nothing to control their numbers, they may breed rampantly and overtake local species, and become a threat to biodiversity. The giant snakehead fish that caused such problems in Sri Lanka, which featured in last week's issue of *Tuesday is Newsday*, is an example.

On the west coast of Canada, a type of crab that does not belong there is threatening biodiversity.

Conservationists have put out traps with dead fish as bait in them to catch the European green crabs so as to control their numbers. Some are placed where the sea washes up on the shore, and others are placed deeper in the water.

They knew that local wolves, called sea wolves that live along the coast, would scavenge for the bait on the shore, where the traps are exposed at low tide.



However, they did not imagine that the wolves would reach the traps that were further out and in deeper water, attached by ropes to floating buoys.

When they saw the traps lying damaged on the shore and the bait missing, they thought it might be the work of seals or some other marine creature.

However, cameras showed that it was determined wolves that swam out to the buoys and dragged them back to the beach, where they could rip them up and eat the bait.

The conservationists had no idea wolves could do such a thing as use a buoy and a rope as a tool to retrieve a trap!

Meanwhile, efforts to control the European green crabs continue.

Quick quiz ... What type of wolves showed they can use a buoy and a rope as a tool to drag a trap filled with bait to the beach?

What kind of marine creature was first thought to have been eating the bait?

GLOSSARY

When plants and animals from one place are brought to another place and there is nothing to control their numbers, they may breed rampantly and overtake local species, and become a threat to biodiversity.

“To breed” means “to have babies.”

“Rampantly” means “very fast and in an uncontrolled way.”

If biodiversity in a place is healthy, there are many different types of plants and animals living there, and living off one another.

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wolves that live along the coast, would scavenge for the bait on the shore, where the traps are exposed at low tide.

Scavengers are creatures that look for food all over the place. When it's meat they do not kill the animal themselves.

Low tide is the time when the sea has pulled back. This happens because the Moon's gravity pulls on the oceans, causing the sea level to rise and fall.

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attached by ropes to floating buoys.

A buoy is a floating marker in the water. It is pronounced “boy.”

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“Marine” means “to do with the sea and oceans.”

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“To retrieve something” means “to go and get it back.”

WORKSHEET

All plants, animals and fungi have scientific names. They are usually two words. The first is like a surname, which describes the group of related plants, animals or fungi they belong to – called a genus – and the second is the exact species within that genus. If the animal also belongs to a subspecies, there may be a third name. Wolves belong to the same genus as dogs. With the help of some research, see if you can match the following common names of different types of dogs and wolves with their scientific names:

1. *Canis familiaris*.
2. *Canis simensis*.
3. *Canis latrans*.
4. *Canis lupaster*.
5. *Canis lupus*.

- a. African wolf.
- b. Domestic dog.
- c. Ethiopian wolf.
- d. Grey wolf.
- e. Coyote

BUSINESS NEWS

JAPANESE SHARES FEEL THE PINCH OF SPAT OVER TAIWAN

Every year Japan welcomes thousands of tourists from China.

They buy lots of things, from jewellery to clothes, and they are known to be big spenders.

This has helped support retail and tourism shares on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

However, their value has dropped because the governments of Japan and China have been having a spat over nearby Taiwan.

You may remember reading that Japan has a new prime minister, Sanae Takaichi, who is the country's first woman prime minister (*Tuesday is Newsday* 28 October; 2025 Edition 42). She said recently that if China were to attack Taiwan it could be a "survival-threatening situation" for Japan, and Japan might then take military action against China.



China, which believes it should rule Taiwan and often intimidates the little island country with shows of military force, has warned its citizens not to travel to Japan on holiday.

Many Japanese businesses have noticed the absence of Chinese tourists, but say it has given the Japanese more of a chance to enjoy the attractions of their own country.

Quick quiz ... Who is Japan's first woman prime minister?

Why would retail and tourism shares in Japanese companies have dropped over Taiwan?

GLOSSARY

JAPANESE SHARES FEEL THE PINCH OF SPAT OVER TAIWAN

Shares are tiny pieces of a company that people can buy, meaning that they then own a small part of that company. If the company does well, the value of your shares usually goes up; if the company does badly, the value usually goes down.

This has helped support retail and tourism shares on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Retail means selling goods directly to ordinary people, usually in shops or online. For example, clothing stores, supermarkets and sports shops are all retail businesses. Businesses that sell to these shops are

not retailers, but wholesalers.

A stock exchange is a market where people buy and sell shares in companies.

The Tokyo Stock Exchange is Japan's main market where shares are sold. Tokyo is the capital city of Japan.

However, their value has dropped because the governments of Japan and China have been having a spat over nearby Taiwan.

A spat is a small argument that causes tension.

She said recently that if China were to attack Taiwan it could be a "survival-threatening situation" for Japan, and Japan might then take military action against China.

Taiwan is an island country that is ruled by China's nationalists, who were the enemy of the communists in the Chinese Civil War that ended in 1949. The communists took over mainland China, which is most of China by far.

China, which believes it should rule Taiwan and often intimidates the little island country with shows of military force, has warned its citizens not to travel to Japan on holiday.

To intimidate someone means to scare him or her, usually by showing power or strength.

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WORKSHEET

With the help of some research, see if you can match the following big stock exchanges with the countries in which they are situated:

- 1. Toronto Stock Exchange.**
- 2. Shanghai Stock Exchange.**
- 3. London Stock Exchange.**
- 4. Nasdaq.**
- 5. Frankfurt Stock Exchange.**

- a. China.***
- b. Canada.***
- c. United States.***
- d. Germany.***
- e. United Kingdom***

SPORT AND ADVENTURE NEWS

INDIA WIN ANOTHER WOMEN'S CRICKET WORLD CUP

There is a special type of cricket that visually handicapped people can play.

It involves using a ball that is filled with tiny metal bearings that make a rattling noise as it moves. The idea comes from two blind people who once used a tin can filled with stones to play cricket in Australia, back in 1922.

This noisy ball is bigger than a normal cricket ball.

Each team must have a mixture of partially sighted and fully blind players.

There has been a Blind Cricket World Cup tournament for men since 2012.

This weekend the final of the inaugural Blind T20 World Cup for women took place in Sri Lanka.

India won the match against Nepal. They scored one hundred and seventeen runs for three wickets, while Nepal scored one hundred and fourteen runs for five wickets.



Other countries whose teams took part in the Blind T20 World Cup for women were Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Australia and the United States.

Earlier this month, India won the Women's World Cup for sighted players when they beat South Africa by fifty-two runs in the final.

Quick quiz ... Which country will try to keep their title as winners at the next Blind T20 World Cup for women? (In other words, who will be the defending champions?)

Which of the teams represents the country where the idea of using a noisy ball first came about?

GLOSSARY

There is a special type of cricket that visually handicapped people can play.

“Visually handicapped” means “blind.”

It involves using a ball that is filled with

tiny metal bearings that make a rattling noise as it moves.

Bearings, in this case, are small round metal balls that roll around inside a bigger ball.

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“Inaugural” means “first ever.”

WORKSHEET

See how many words, in English, you can make from the letters in the words “visually handicapped.”

TODAY IN HISTORY

November 25, 2025

FUNERAL OF ASSASSINATED U.S. PRESIDENT (1963)

On this day sixty-two years ago, in 1963, the funeral of United States president John F. Kennedy took place, along with other ceremonies on the same day. He had been assassinated three days earlier while travelling in a motorcade through Dallas, in the state of Texas. Kennedy's assassination is very famous, partly because of some strange coincidences with the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Kennedy's assassin shot him from a warehouse and then escaped to a theatre; Lincoln's assassin shot him in a theatre and escaped to a warehouse. Lincoln and Kennedy are the two best-known presidents who were assassinated, but in fact four U.S. presidents have been killed in this way. There have also been assassination attempts on others -- including one in July last year on Donald Trump, who became the current president in January.

FIVE-YEAR-OLD RESCUED FLOATING ON A TUBE AT SEA (1999)

On November 25, twenty-six years ago, in 1999, a five-year-old Cuban boy named Elián González was rescued after he was found floating on an inner tube in the sea after the

small boat he had been on sank. The boat was carrying people trying to leave Cuba for the United States. This happened at a time when Cuba and the U.S. had a difficult relationship. There was a huge court case about whether Elián should stay in the U.S. with his relatives or go back to his father in Cuba. In the end, he returned to Cuba. As an adult, Elián studied engineering and is now a politician in Cuba.

FREAK RAINS IN SAUDI ARABIA (2009)

On this day sixteen years ago, in 2009, a huge flood caused by freak rains led to much damage and loss of life in the Saudi Arabia city of Jeddah. It was at the time of Hajj, which is when Muslims from all over the world visit the holy city of Mecca, in Saudi Arabia, on a pilgrimage.

If it's your birthday today, you share it with the German inventor, engine designer and automobile manufacturer Karl Benz. He was the Benz after whom Mercedes-Benz is named. He was born in 1844 and died in 1929.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!