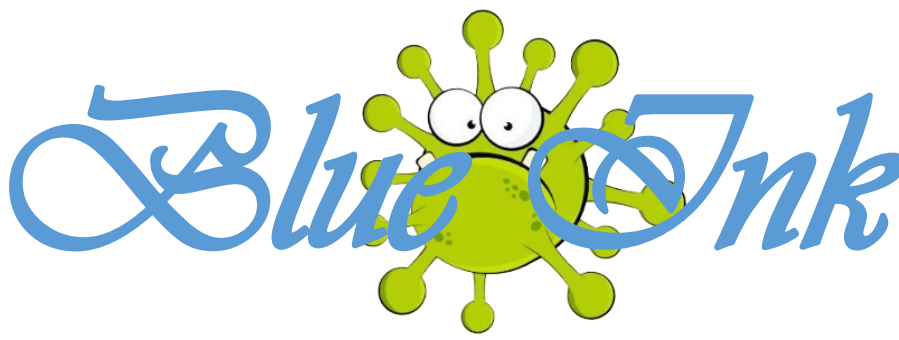


Gov. Kristi Noem has suggested schools stay closed through May 31. Restaurants and shopping centers have also adjusted hours to curb spread.



Earth Day's 50th anniversary

by Nika Sapunar
staff writer

April 22, 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Since 1970, Earth Day has increased awareness of the planet we live on, and encouraged people to learn more about pollution, climate change, endangered species, and many other environmental issues.

Many people, when they hear Earth Day, think of mother earth and of all the things she has given us. Some people think that just posting on social media is enough, but what if people can help more than just sharing on social media?

Earth Day is actually an annual event celebrated on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It is significant that we support the environment because we cannot live without it, and it's slowly dying every year.

But how can we help locally? For example we can recycle, which is a big help, unfortunately while we are in quarantine we cannot go out to Palisade State Park and take a walk, but we can at least do some yoga in our backyard or on the balcony. You can make a project related to the earth and show your family why we need to keep our planet safe.

Earth day is celebrated differently in every country. In New York City, many organizations come together and do a pop/up shop all day where you can learn and buy things related to earth like how can we prevent earth from dying by recycling, not throwing trash in the woods.

But people, when thinking of Earth Day, think differently in London, Europe, where they gather on the main square with some bands and live music, yoga, dances, speakers and many more.

Tokyo has every year, same as this year, a two-day celebration in Yoyogi Park with family activities with vegetarian food. And for the down under, Sydney, Australia, has a gathering in a park with a slate of activities like recycled bike giveaway, walks with experts, and much more interesting things in nature.

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970, in two thou-



sand colleges and universities, a couple thousand primary and secondary schools, and founders of communities across the United States. Denis Hayes was one of the first people to talk about it in 1969-1970 at Columbia University, same as U.S. senator Edmund Muskie in Philadelphia in Fairmount Park. A few years later, Earth Day started to be "popular" in many countries and now it's celebrated in more than 193 countries around the world.

You are probably asking why April 22, why not, for example, May 3. So we can say that this was totally randomly picked. Well, Nelson choose the date in order to maximize participation for what he conceived as an "environmental teach-in". He determined the week of April 19-25 was the best because it didn't fall during spring break or final exams. However, it didn't conflict with religious holidays such as Easter or Passover, and it was late enough in spring to have nice weather.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: The official name of the pound sign, hashtag symbol, whatever you want to call it is a octothorpe. #NowYouKnow

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: Find a calendar so you know what day of the week it is. :)

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Home = doma (doh-mah)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: What's a boxer's favorite drink?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What can you hold without ever touching or using your hands?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, April 17

- No School—Online Learning
- Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones

Monday, April 20

- No School—Online Learning

Tuesday, April 21

- No School—Online Learning

Wednesday, April 22

- No School—Online Learning

Thursday, April 23

- No School—Online Learning
- Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones

Friday, April 24

- No School—Online Learning
- Elementary drop off last week's learning packets, pick up new ones

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO RETURN: Next fall???

Governor Kristi Noem recommended to keep schools closed through the remainder of this academic year. This decision also includes spring art and athletic contests.

YEARBOOK REQUEST This is a unique experience that we have right now. If any students want to contribute "online learning" pictures for the yearbook that would be great! It can be screen shots of work, struggles you've had or major successes! Be creative.

"Houston, we've had a problem"

by Kylie Uhl
senior writer

This week marks the 50th anniversary of the launching of Apollo 13. The famous spacecraft was the seventh crewed mission in the Apollo space program and the third meant to land on the Moon.

Apollo 13 blasted off April 11, 1970 from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The rocket was carrying three astronauts Jim Lovell the captain, Fred Haise and Jack Swigert.

While the astronauts were on the way to the moon, they experienced a technical malfunction three days into the flight. An explosion in one of the oxygen tanks crippled the spacecraft during flight. The famous words "Houston we've had a problem." by Cap. Jim Lovell were spoken. The crew was forced to abandon their scientific missions and just orbit the moon and return home.

The malfunction was caused by an explosion and rupture of an oxygen tank in the service module. The explo-



sion damaged a valve in a different oxygen tank, causing it to lose oxygen rapidly which was discovered less than 15 minutes after the initial setback. These oxygen tanks were necessary for the crew's survival in space.

However these NASA trained astronauts found a temporary solution partly in thanks to scientists at NASA that would give them the amount of oxygen they needed to have in order to get home.

By using heaters to heat the interior slightly, thus increasing the pressure to keep the oxygen flowing. It was decided to use the heater to "boil off" the excess oxygen that wasn't as needed as the oxygen to breath.

Luckily on April 17 the crew landed back in the states and everyone aboard was safe. This well known space trip inspired the 1995 movie Apollo 13.



Kevin Bacon (Jack Swigert), Tom Hanks (Jim Lovell), and Bill Paxton (Fred Haise) immortalized this mission in *Apollo 13* released 25 years ago.

SD first state to test COVID-19 treatment

by **Mason Hofer**
senior writer

As coronavirus progresses, people have decided that the only way this will stop is if an effective treatment or vaccine is released. On Monday, South Dakota became the first state to take that step and begin testing a treatment called hydroxychloroquine. Governor Kristi Noem announced this during her statement on Monday.

South Dakota, especially Minnehaha County, is getting hit by COVID-19 very hard. As of yesterday, there are over 1000 confirmed cases in Minnehaha County alone.

"From day one, I've said we're going to let the science, facts, and data



drive our decision-making in South Dakota," Noem said in a statement. "Throughout last week, I communicated with White House officials to let them know that South Dakota's medical community was ready to step up and lead the way on research efforts."

"I made direct requests to President Trump and Vice President Pence to supply us with enough hydroxychloroquine so that it could be made available for every hospitalized person the state may have as well as for those healthcare workers on the frontlines and those in the most vulnerable populations," Noem said.

Sanford Health and Avera Health will be taking part in this. As of right now, this is the only FDA approved form of treatment for COVID-19. So researchers are really hoping this works.

Although this medicine has proven to be very effective when used as an anti-malaria drug, it does have some pretty serious side effects. It can cause health issues including cardiac arrhythmias, seizures, dermatological reactions and hypoglycemia.

Although the drug does have some negatives, many have floated about this being the drug that can put an end to the pandemic, including President Donald Trump.

Smithfield factory frenzy

by **Nobel Nothstine**
senior writer

South Dakota's total number of COVID-19 cases increased by 143 to 1,411 on Thursday. Eighty eight of the new cases are Smithfield Foods employees, making 733 people with connections to the plant infected, including 598 employees. The plant has 3,700 employees.



A team from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention has arrived in Sioux Falls to help with the Smithfield Foods coronavirus hotspot, which has become the biggest single-source of cases in the United States.

After a sharp rise in COVID-19 cases, where the Smithfield plant in Sioux Falls has been labeled a hot spot in the United States, the meat processing facility is closing indefinitely out of safety for employees. Smithfield also just announced Thursday that plants in Wisconsin and Missouri will also be closing amid the coronavirus outbreak. Photo from Morgan Matzen of the Rapid City Journal https://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/smithfield-foods-closes-plants-in-wisconsin-missouri/article_5b442fe2-655b-5c43-882d-5f22ado8b4e2.html

The cases connected to Smithfield makes it the largest cluster in the country, the previous top cluster was 585 cases aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt in Guam.

Gov. Kristi Noem said the state is "aggressively testing" Smithfield employees and people who have come into contact with them, as well as getting people into isolation as soon as possible.

The Sioux Falls City Council gave unanimous initial approval to a two-week stay-at-home order on Wednesday. But the meeting sparked significant debate among councilors and community members over the order. Many questioned the legality of the order and feared its costs on local businesses.

A team from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention toured the plant Thursday. Noem said the team would issue a report, which she would release to the public. The team worked to create a checklist of items to complete before the plant can reopen, Noem said during a press conference on Wednesday. Noem said she's working with federal officials and Smithfield leaders to get the plant back online to provide relief for pork producers and the food chain.

South Dakota Health Secretary Kim Malsam-Rysdon said they requested that the CDC bring in occupational health experts to help the state understand Smithfield's coronavirus situation and what the company can do to protect its workers. Smithfield is cooperating with the state, and they look forward to the mitigation efforts so the plant can reopen, she said. Smithfield employees asked for help and filed grievances through their union before this all got out of control.

Understandably, Smithfield is being put under fire for not responding when employees asked for protection earlier, instead opting to offer employees who worked through April a \$500 bonus.

The parent company Smithfield, located in Virginia, also announced a large donation of meat to food banks across America on Monday. Smithfield said it would donate 10 million pounds, estimated to be about 40 million servings, of meat. The estimated value of the donation is more than \$30 million.

The food donation announcement comes one day after the company headquarters announced the Sioux Falls-based pork processing facility would remain closed "until further notice." The news release also stated employees would be paid for the next two weeks and the plant would resume operations after further direction from "local, state and federal officials."

Local COVID-19

Update *Data from SD Dept of Health*

Updated April 16

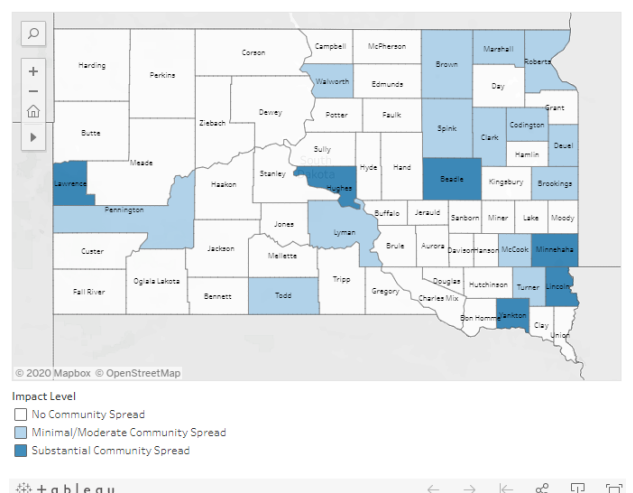
COVID-19 IN SOUTH DAKOTA	
Number of Cases	1411
Ever Hospitalized*	63
Deaths**	7
Recovered	457

**Cumulative persons who have been hospitalized to date.
**The Department does not report deaths until a certified death record has been filed. By law, a death record must be filed within 5 days of the date of death.*

AGE GROUP OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES		
Age Range	# of Cases	# of Deaths
0 to 19 years	74	0
20 to 29 years	271	0
30 to 39 years	344	0
40 to 49 years	286	0
50 to 59 years	259	2
60 to 69 years	134	2
70 to 79 years	22	1
80+ years	21	2

SEX OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES		
Sex	# of Cases	# of Deaths
Male	765	5
Female	646	2

Level of Community Transmission or Impact of COVID-19 by County, South Dakota



Sports in today's world

ESPN finds new ways to fill sports void

by Hayden Olofson
senior writer

Is anyone here a fan of ESPN or other sports networks? Watching sports on TV and online is a common pastime across the world. Due to the current situation we are in fans aren't able to sit down and watch their favorite sport with friends or family. A way ESPN has filled this gap is to come up with various tournaments, throwback games, and individual features on players and what these players are doing while waiting for the virus to pass. In the pro world the NBA was immediately affected by this virus.

Anyone that enjoyed watching the NBA season was devastated to see the season suspended due to COVID-19. New information has come out that sounds promising to be able to finish the rest of the season. The league is talking about having the players start to get back in shape and a feel for the game again with their team, beginning in June. Hopefully resuming the rest of the regular season starting in July and finishing with the NBA Finals in October.

If the season continues many people are excited but feel like it won't be the same as before. Every game will be played without an audience in the stands. While minimizing heavily populated stadiums and crowds, the players and teams play better and with more confidence when they have a whole arena cheering for them.

It isn't confirmed to finish the season yet but, lots of people hope it is soon.

Yesterday, April 16, ESPN announced the Madden NFL 20 celebrity Tournament. This is featuring athletes, and celebrities. ESPN announced some of the competition such as DeAndre Hopkins, Katie Nolan, and Snoop Dogg but will release other players and the bracket on the Sunday, April 19 so make sure you are looking for that. The tournament will start on the 20th and play through the 25th with the championship on April 26th.

Another tournament the sports world would have watched was held earlier in the last week and a half. This was the NBA2K20 tournament with the NBA players picking teams to go against each other. The players were Kevin Durant, Derrick Jones JR, Montrezl Harrel, Domantas Sabonis, Devin Booker, Michael Porter JR, Donovan Mitchell, Rui Hachhimura, Trae Young, Harrison Barnes, Zach Lavine, Deandre Ayton, Andre Drummon, Demarcus Cousins, Hasson Whiteside, and Patrick Beverley.

In the championship bracket it was teammates of the Phoenix Suns Devin Booker and Deandre Ayton going against one and other. Booker ended up winning the best of 3 series and donated the \$100,000 dollar prize to 10 different charities.

A couple other things ESPN is doing to keep sports in the world is live streaming HORSE. In the HORSE chal-

ROUND 1

- 1 KEVIN DURANT
- 16 DERRICK JONES JR
- 8 MONTREZL HARRELL
- 9 DOMANTAS SABONIS
- 5 DEVIN BOOKER
- 12 MICHAEL PORTER JR
- 4 DONOVAN MITCHELL
- 13 RUI HACHIMURA

ROUND 1

- 2 TRAE YOUNG
- 15 HARRISON BARNES
- 7 ZACH LAVINE
- 10 DEANDRE AYTON
- 6 ANDRE DRUMMOND
- 11 DEMARCUS COUSINS
- 3 HASSAN WHITESIDE
- 14 PATRICK BEVERLEY

NBA 2K PLAYERS TOURNAMENT

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ESPN HORSE CHALLENGE

Presented by State Farm

lenge six current and former NBA stars and two WNBA standouts squared off in the single elimination bracket.

In the opening round, Chauncey Billups, the veteran, took down rookie Trae Young. WNBA sharpshooter Allie Quigley knocked out Chris Paul. While Bulls sensation Zach LaVine eliminated Paul Pierce in a shutout. Mike Conley used his smooth moves and trick shots to get the best of Tamika Catchings.

Round two saw LaVine and Quigley matchup then Billups and Conley squared off. The current NBA players persevered as LaVine and Conley advanced to the finals.

Conley maybe had a little advantage as he was in an indoor gym while LaVine was fighting the elements and pushing through rain. But once again Conley's trick shots helped him secure the win H-O to H-O-R-S-E. So even though we may not have an NBA champion team this year. Conley can proudly hoist the Horse Challenge Championship for the Utah Jazz.

In addition to these unique viewings, ESPN is playing a lot of throwback games of every sport. feel like it is a good idea because probably many other people around the world enjoy rewatching the great games from the past decades. And finally what people are very excited for is the new TV series called The Last Dance. A documentary of the last season of Michael Jordan and the Bulls hence the name of the show "The Last Dance." This airs on the 19th of April on ESPN and Hulu.

All types of sports provide a way for people to come together, compete, cheer, and celebrate. ESPN has been a long standing way for all people to enjoy watching the world of sports. Thanks to this network for providing alternative entertainment throughout this pandemic, when the normal sports routine is shut down.

Husband shields family from tornado

by Grace Panning
staff writer

In Moss, Mississippi a deadly tornado struck on Easter Sunday. Deputy Robert Ainsworth and his wife, Paula, were killed in their home when the deadly storm moved across the state towards them. The deputy went into a room about the size of a closet with his wife and two sons after watching an online Easter service. Then, a twister struck, shredding their house and vehicles.

Deputy Robert Ainsworth shielded his family from the twister. The room, built of sturdy cinder blocks, was the only thing on their property left standing. Medical examiner was able to tell how Robert died by the amount of wounds compared to his wife, Paula. His two sons are in critical condition but are expected to make a full recovery. The death toll for the amount of people who died in the tornado is 11.

"This is not how anyone wants to celebrate Easter," said Mississippi Gov. Tate Reeves, who declared a state of emergency Sunday night. "As we reflect on the death and resurrection on this Easter Sunday, we have faith that we will all rise together." (People.com) The tornado also swept through Louisiana, but left more damage in Mississippi.



Photo of damage from the Easter tornadoes that struck the south eastern United States. Photo from People.com

Article is a summary article published April 14, 2020 from the Fox News Wire Service on <https://fox6now.com/2020/04/14/mississippi-deputy-wife-among-tornado-victims-officer-left-this-world-a-hero-shielding-wife-from-storm/>

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ESPN STREAMING LIVE

Positives in this pandemic

While it is easy to dwell on the negatives and multiple issues that have come from the coronavirus, there are many positives that have arisen as a result of changes society has had to make.

by **Nobel Nothstine**
senior writer

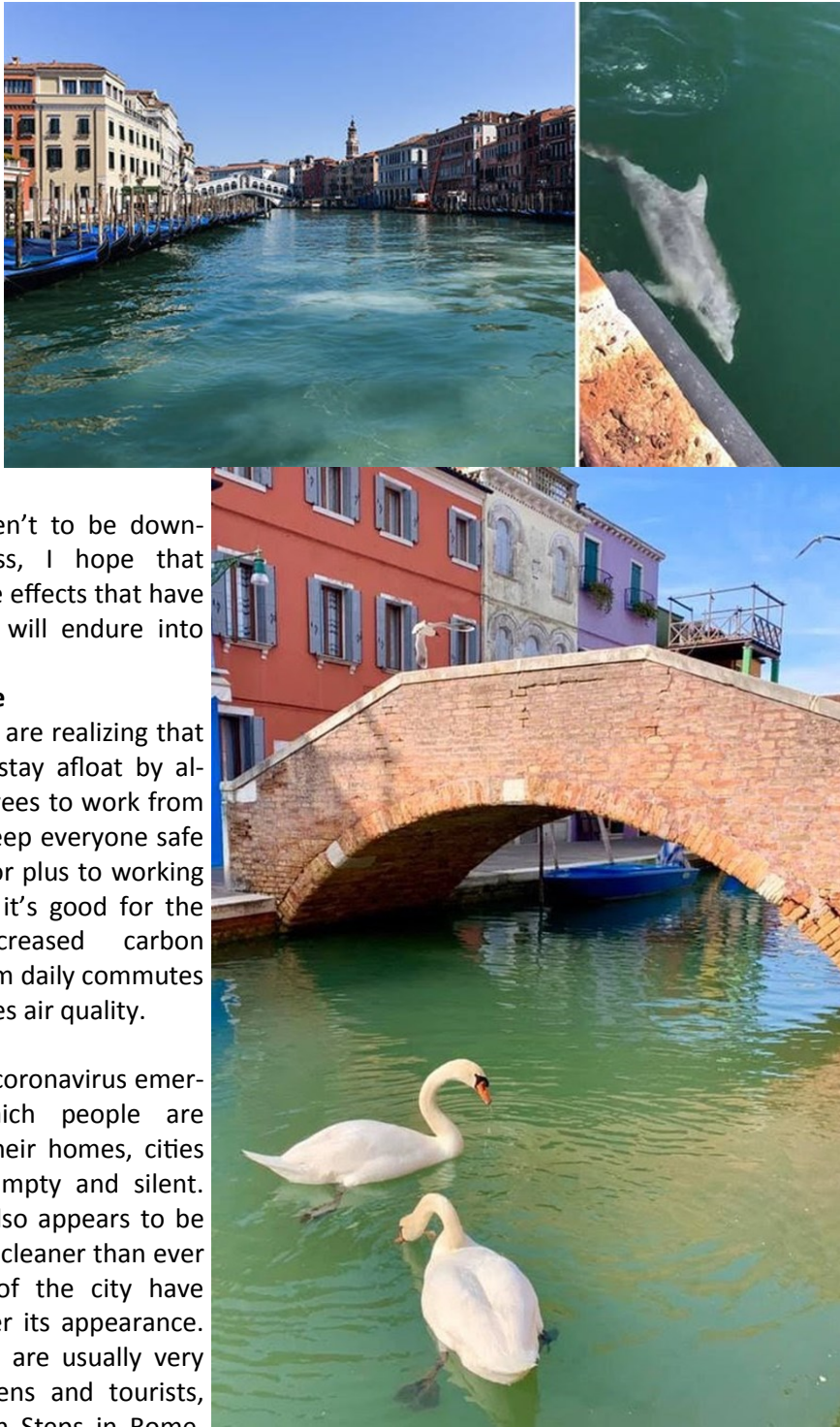
People around the world have been affected by the surge of covid-19 in recent months, in more ways than one. There will undoubtedly be many serious adverse effects from the coronavirus and these aren't to be downplayed. Nonetheless, I hope that many of the positive effects that have also come to light will endure into the future.

Working from home

Many companies are realizing that their business can stay afloat by allowing their employees to work from home in order to keep everyone safe and healthy. A major plus to working from home is that it's good for the environment! Decreased carbon emissions alone from daily commutes significantly improves air quality.

Nature

In this period of coronavirus emergency, during which people are forced to stay in their homes, cities appear unusually empty and silent. The Venice Canal also appears to be running clearer and cleaner than ever before. Residents of the city have been marveling over its appearance. Even in places that are usually very crowded with citizens and tourists, such as the Spanish Steps in Rome, are now vacant - with the exception of two ducks. Wild boars roam in cities in Hong Kong, and there's dolphins in Cagliari.



Less reliance on spending money for fun

None of us needs to spend the amount of money that we do in pursuit of leisure and entertainment. People seem happy to be able to exercise, take a walk in the fresh air or simply to be around their families. It truly is about the simple pleasures it would seem.

Parks and open spaces seem to be bringing joy to many more people than they would ordinarily. Social distancing is being observed for the most part and many seem to be realizing that it's a blessing to step out into the outside world and appreciate the surroundings.

Improving our surroundings

People seem to be taking better care of their property in the absence of anything else to do. Painting and decorating projects are being tackled, gardens are being tidied, lawns mown and cars washed. The same seems true for the conversations struck up between passers-by. Social relationships and neighborhood spirit seem to be appreciated more than ever. We've had conversations (at a safe distance) with passing neighbors and it's nice to feel a community spirit growing in the town.

The renewed focus on our local environment also seems to extend to the support of local businesses. At times like this we're all keen to get the food needed to feed our family, but there's also a real drive to help local businesses through these times.

Valuing our health

Again, the number of people who are out taking exercise outdoors as a means of preserving their physical and mental health shows that more are realizing that health and wellbeing can't be taken for granted.

A greater spirit of community, a more grateful population and a less wasteful and entitled society sound like all positive legacies from COVID-19 to me!

Sections of this article are taken from Toby Hazelwood's original article on PS I Love You March 25, 2020 at <https://psiloveyou.xyz/some-positives-that-might-come-out-of-coronavirus-9f9920dffe9e>

Accusations against Biden

by **Parker Schlenker**
staff writer

Former Joe Biden staff worker Tara Reade recently filed a criminal complaint on Biden to the Washington, D.C. Police April 9 accusing Biden of sexual assault back in 1993.

She later described the allegation in an interview with podcast host Katie Halper on March 25. She stated that Biden pushed her against that wall and penetrated her with his fingers and she also stated that when she tried to pull away he said he thought she "liked" him.

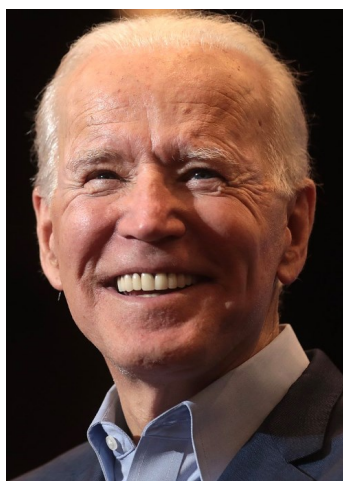
Reade then went on to tell *Business Insider* that she had filed the report because she had been harassed in the past and she wanted to make it clear that she would be willing to go under oath or cooperate with any law enforcement regarding it because it did happen even if it was 26 years ago.

She also drew attention to a tweet on April 10 that stated that the statute of limitations has run out on her complaint. But not only did Reade come out and speak against Biden but later

many other women that worked for Biden came forward and publicly stated that Biden had kissed or touched them in ways that made them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Nothing has happened to Biden yet but the case is still in deep research. Biden denies the accusations.

Article is a summary of Anna North's original article on Vox published April 12, 2020 on <https://www.vox.com/2020/3/27/21195935/joe-biden-sexual-assault-allegation>



Joe Biden has secured the endorsement of prominent democratic affiliates including Senator Bernie Sanders and former President Barack Obama. While Biden has not chosen a running mate yet but is expected to do that and release his official presidential platform in the upcoming weeks and months. Election is in November.

Senior Spotlight

Aftyn Heitkamp

SENIOR PROJECT: Learned how to make floral arrangements

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Basketball, Volleyball, Football and Track Stats, Choir, NHS, and Class President

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST: You never know what you are going to miss until it's gone

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR: Attend South Dakota State University

