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India and Bangladesh brace for the strongest storm ever recorded in the Bay of Bengal

Millions of people in India and Bangladesh are in the path of a cyclone which is due to make landfall in less than 36 hours, bringing damaging winds and heavy rain to a region already struggling with the coronavirus pandemic.

Super Cyclone Amphan became the strongest storm ever recorded in the Bay of Bengal on Monday night, after intensifying with sustained wind speeds of up to 270 kilometers per hour (165 miles per hours), according to data from the US Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

Amphan has weakened slightly since, but the storm is still the equivalent of a Category 3 Atlantic hurricane, with winds speeds up to 185 kph (115 mph).

China backs coronavirus investigation but says it should wait until pandemic is contained

Chinese President Xi Jinping said he supports calls for an investigation into the handling of the coronavirus pandemic at a key summit Monday, but insisted that any inquiry should wait until the virus is contained.

Xi spoke at the World Health Assembly after more than 100 countries backed a resolution calling for an independent inquiry into the pandemic, which has so far claimed more than 300,000 lives globally.

The president defended his country at the annual meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO), saying Beijing had acted transparently about the origins of the virus, which was first detected late last year in the central Chinese city of Wuhan.

All states will be partially reopened by today despite COVID-19 rates rising

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By Wednesday, every US state will have begun lifting measures enacted weeks ago to curb the spread of coronavirus — though daily case rates still are rising in parts of the country.

The last state to lift some restrictions will be Connecticut, which is set Wednesday to allow outdoor dining spaces, offices, retail stores and malls, museums and zoos to reopen with restrictions.

The state hadn't shut down some services or businesses that other states did, such as parks or outdoor construction. But Gov. Ned Lamont acknowledged the financial costs of the restrictions the state did have.

"I'm afraid there could be a sea change," he told CNN's "New Day" on Tuesday, when asked whether he calculated how many small businesses might not be able to recover. "We'll see whether people feel comfortable going back to restaurants. Maybe there will be more takeout. The world will change."

Pictures from some parts of the country are now reminiscent of pre-pandemic times, with Americans venturing out to parks to soak in the spring sunshine, visiting beaches and gathering — often unmasked — in open bars and restaurants.



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People traverse the Seaside Heights boardwalk as the state begins to reopen beaches and boardwalks amid the novel coronavirus pandemic on May 16, 2020 in Seaside Heights, New Jersey. New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said he is willing and ready to bring back social distancing rules if he begins to see a spike in cases in the state. "If we have to pull the brakes we will do that."

Yet as of Tuesday, at least 17 states have recorded a clear upward trend of average new daily cases — a rise of at least 10% — over the past seven days, according to an analysis based on data from Johns Hopkins University.

Only 16 states' average new daily cases dropped more than 10%. Some public health experts say declining case rates should be one guide for figuring when states should relax social distancing restrictions.

So far, more than 1.51 million people in the United States have been infected and at least

90,432 have died, according to Johns Hopkins.

Just how loosened restrictions will impact coronavirus cases won't be evident for a while.

Experts have said it may take weeks to begin seeing the effects of more people being out and about. And public health officials warned those effects may translate to thousands more deaths across the country and a second spike of cases.

Reopenings appear to have the momentum for now, including, slowly, for sports without

a crowd in attendance. The Belmont Stakes will be held June 20, officials said Tuesday. That means horse racing's Triple Crown will start with what traditionally is the third leg, because the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes were moved to later this year.

Steps that governments did take to shut parts of the economy to slow the virus led to soaring unemployment — more than 36 million people have filed for unemployment since the middle of March.

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Texas church cancels masses following death of a possibly COVID-19 positive priest

A church in Houston has

canceled mass indefinitely after one of its priests died and five others subsequently tested positive for the coronavirus.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston confirmed the death of Father Donnell Kirchner, a 79-year-old priest who worked at Holy Ghost Cath-

olic Church, according to a statement issued Monday by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

It's unknown what specifically caused the priest's May 13 death, the Archdiocese said, and "it is not clear" if Kirchner had been tested for COVID-19. But within the following week, five others he lived with tested positive for the virus.

Mass was canceled indefinitely.

At Houston's Holy Cross Chapel, two of the priests who later tested positive had "been active in celebrating public Masses at Holy Ghost since May 2nd," when the church reopened, Zuniga said.

underscoring a deep partisan divide as the nation grapples with the pandemic.

House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, a California Republican, said Tuesday that he does not currently see a need for another relief package, telling CNN there's been no change in his posture despite meeting earlier in the day with Vice President Mike Pence and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin about the economy.

"I don't see the need right now," he said of another package. McCarthy said they talked about the economy, the number of states opening back up and progress in testing.

Asked if there's been a change in his posture against moving now on another relief package, he replied, "No."

Pence planned to discuss "economic impacts of the coronavirus" during his meeting with Mnuchin, McCarthy and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell earlier Tuesday morning, according to a source familiar with the Vice President's meeting on Capitol Hill.

Republicans pump brakes on new COVID stimulus spending

Top Republicans on Capitol Hill are pumping the brakes on new coronavirus stimulus spending days after House Democrats pushed forward with a sweeping relief package,

PEOPLE  
'Sesame Street' to host a second special coronavirus town hall

CNN is partnering with "Sesame Street" for a second special town hall about coronavirus, focused on kids and parents.

"The ABCs of Covid 19: A CNN/Sesame Street Town Hall for Kids and Parents" will air on Saturday, May 30, at 10 a.m. ET and tackle issues such as summer safety, play dates, schooling and how kids and families around the world are creatively coping during these challenging times.

The 60-minute town hall will feature experts and "Sesame Street" characters — including Elmo, Abby Cadabby, Rosita and Grover — answering questions submitted by families.

Ken Osmond, Eddie Haskell on 'Leave It to Beaver,' dies at age 76

Ken Osmond, an actor best known for his role as troublemaker Eddie Haskell on "Leave It to Beaver," has died, his rep Bonnie Vent confirmed to CNN.

"He was an incredibly kind and wonderful father," his son Eric said in a statement Vent provided to CNN. "He had his family gathered around him when he passed. He was loved and will be very missed."

Osmond's former partner with the Los Angeles Police Department, Henry Lane, told CNN that Osmond died Monday morning at his home in the Los Angeles neighborhood of Shadow Hills, California.

No cause of death was given, though Lane said the actor had been in ill health for some time.

Magic Johnson will provide \$100M to fund loans to businesses owned by minorities

Magic Johnson may no longer be playing in the NBA, but the Hall of Fame member is still making valuable assists.

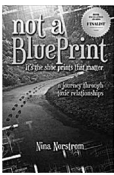
Johnson announced that EquiTrust Life Insurance Co., of which he owns a majority, is providing \$100 million in capital to fund federal loans for minority and women business owners who have been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic.

EquiTrust will work with MBE Capital Partners, a lender that specializes in asset-based loans for minority-owned small businesses, to distribute the loans through the federal government's Paycheck Protection Program.

The loans are aimed at supporting people of color and women who operate businesses in underserved communities.



Paving the path to finding a cure for toxicity



Nina Norstrom Author of *Not a Blueprint It's the Shoe Prints that Matter / A Journey Through Toxic Relationships* receives coveted Book Excellence Award.

*Nina's book teaches lessons about unhealthy relationships. Engagement is like an outburst of a pandemic disease - deadly as COVID19.*

**Georgia, 2020** – *Nina's Not a Blueprint: It's the Shoe Prints that Matter / A Journey Through Toxic Relationships* wins a Book Excellence Award in the **Memoir** category. Founded in Toronto, Ontario, the Book Excellence Awards is an international book awards competition dedicated to recognizing both independent and traditionally published authors and publishers for excellence in writing, design, and overall market appeal. Previous Winners and Finalists of the Book Excellence Awards have doubled their book sales, garnered attention from film producers, received distribution in book stores and increased their visibility and media attention. "While I believed I had an amazing story for readers, it was painful to write as I relived those raw emotions. Once I found out about winning this award, I was bursting with joy," says Nina. "My book was recognized for its writing style, unique design, and market appeal. Life is a journey filled with hardships and heartbreaks, designed to test our strengths. No one of us is exempt from taking this journey. Once it's recognized we are that Humpty Dumpty – crippled and broken, it doesn't matter how hard we fall down on the path, as long as we pick self up, dust self off, a new life begins. Its label of Champion is given from overcoming those challenges. Knowing the makeup for the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly comes with living . . . defeating life's obstacles, those disappointments, the hurts, and the heartbreaks are what determines our Championship's title – moving from zeroes to heroes," which is why Nina wrote the book.

*Not a Blueprint: It's the Shoe Prints that Matter / A Journey Through Toxic Relationships* is a message which reveals that life brings many challenges, with each challenge there are lessons learned. Ultimately, the path to healing is finding peace and comfort. Author Nina Norstrom gives readers insight into toxic relationships by allowing us to learn lessons, let go of the toxicity, and gain insight. The book helps readers to understand the engagement of a toxic relationship is like an outbreak of **COVID19** – deadly; regardless, of gender. Unhealthy relationships have no preference

that they target. The book has already received other book rewards and some great reviews from industry readers. "I laughed and I cried, as I read the pages of "Not a Blue Print: It's the Shoe Prints that Matter." Nina Norstrom, the author, penned this creative nonfiction as if it were a drama from a popular novel. Nina's life story weaved engaging characters in and out; some lovable and some unlikeable (but, that's real life, isn't it?) as if it were yesterday that the events unfolded in her life. Nina painted a vivid picture of her life's toxic journey. In addition, "The Insight" following each chapter provided life lessons that I, without a doubt, related to. By all means, you will want to pick-up this book, which I found difficult to put down some nights. You'll be compelled to read this fast-paced page turner until you have read the last sentence!" written by, Vanessa Fortenberry, Author of the two series (with a third in the making) *Mama, I Want to See God and Daddy I Want to Know God*.

Author Nina Norstrom is currently offering **free downloads**. To buy *Not a Blueprint: It's the Shoe Prints*, Kindle book presently on sale for \$3.99, at Amazon.com. **About the Author – Author Nina Norstrom** is an Award-Winning Finalist. Also, she's the author of *Mirror, Mirror, on the Wall . . . Where Does My Self-Love Fall? A Success Guide to Replace Toxicity with Love*. Norstrom received her bachelor's degree from Concordia University. She has an extensive work history in the public sector. Additionally, she taught in the school system. Norstrom is a professional speaker, volunteer, and wellness coach. She conducts bi-weekly workshops (on managing toxicity) at the Clayton County Transitional Center, among other organizations. As a vendor for public schools, her wellness programs focus on enriching social and emotional abilities for healthier lifestyles. [www.ninanorstrom.com](http://www.ninanorstrom.com)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Hearing will be held by the Mayor and Council of the City of Jonesboro at 6:00 P.M. on June 8, 2020, via Zoom Meetings, to consider a proposed text amendment to the City of Jonesboro Code of Ordinances, with the addition of Article III "Specimen Tree Protection" to Chapter 82 – Vegetation, of the City of Jonesboro Code of Ordinances.

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Legal Notice

Public Hearing will be held by the Mayor and Council of the City of Jonesboro at 6:00 P.M. on June 8, 2020, via Zoom Meetings, to consider a variance concerning the continued use of exterior vinyl siding in the H-2 Historic District by Dawn L. Murray / House of Dawn for property located at 1115 New Dawn Court (Parcel No. 05241B B007A), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236. The variance concerns a new home for young mothers.

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