

# DAILY PLANNER

## TODAY

Today is Monday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2020. There are 346 days left in the year.



## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Jan. 20, 2001, George Walker Bush became America's 43rd president after one of the most turbulent elections in U.S. history.

## ON THIS DATE

In 1801, Secretary of State John Marshall was nominated by President John Adams to be chief justice of the United States (he was sworn in on Feb. 4, 1801).

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.

In 1942, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Europe's Jews.

In 1981, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In 2003, Secretary of State Colin Powell, faced with stiff resistance and calls to go slow, bluntly told the Security Council that the U.N. "must not shrink" from its responsibility to disarm Saddam Hussein's Iraq.

In 2007, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., launched her first campaign for the White House, saying in a videotaped message on her website: "I'm in, and I'm in to win."

## LOTTERY

**MegaBucks:** \$1.8 million  
11-17-34-39-42-46

**Mega Millions:** \$116 million  
3-25-30-54-70-9 x3

**Powerball:** \$343 million  
20-24-38-56-68-18 x2

**Win for Life:** Jan. 18  
11-48-55-62

**Pick 4:** Jan. 19  
• 1 p.m.: 9-7-7-4  
• 4 p.m.: 0-9-7-4  
• 7 p.m.: 9-7-5-5  
• 10 p.m.: 1-6-6-6

**Pick 4:** Jan. 18  
• 1 p.m.: 9-3-8-4  
• 4 p.m.: 5-3-9-8  
• 7 p.m.: 6-3-2-3  
• 10 p.m.: 1-3-6-2

**Pick 4:** Jan. 17  
• 1 p.m.: 4-8-6-0  
• 4 p.m.: 6-9-3-7  
• 7 p.m.: 2-6-5-5  
• 10 p.m.: 0-9-3-4

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whatever people in general do not understand, they are always prepared to dislike; the incomprehensible is always the obnoxious."

— Letitia Landon, English poet

## Global temperatures

# Earth had its hottest decade on record

■ 2010s averaged 58.4 degrees, 1.4 degrees higher than 20th century

By Seth Borenstein  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The decade that just ended was by far the hottest ever measured on Earth, capped off by the second-warmest year on record, two U.S. agencies reported Wednesday. And scientists said they see no end to the way man-made climate change keeps shattering records.

"This is real. This is happening," Gavin Schmidt, director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, said at the close of a decade plagued by raging wildfires, melting ice and extreme weather that researchers have repeatedly tied to human activity.

The 2010s averaged 58.4 degrees Fahrenheit (14.7 degrees Celsius) worldwide, or 1.4 degrees (0.8 C) higher than the 20th century average and more than one-third of a degree (one-fifth of a degree C) warmer than the previous decade, which had been the hottest on record, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The decade had eight of the 10 hottest years on record. The only other years in the top 10 were 2005 and 1998.

NASA and NOAA also calculated that 2019 was the second-hottest year in the 140 years of record-keeping. Five other global teams of monitoring scientists agreed, based on temperature readings taken on Earth's surface, while various satellite-based measurements said it was anywhere from the hottest year on record to the third-hottest.

Several scientists said the

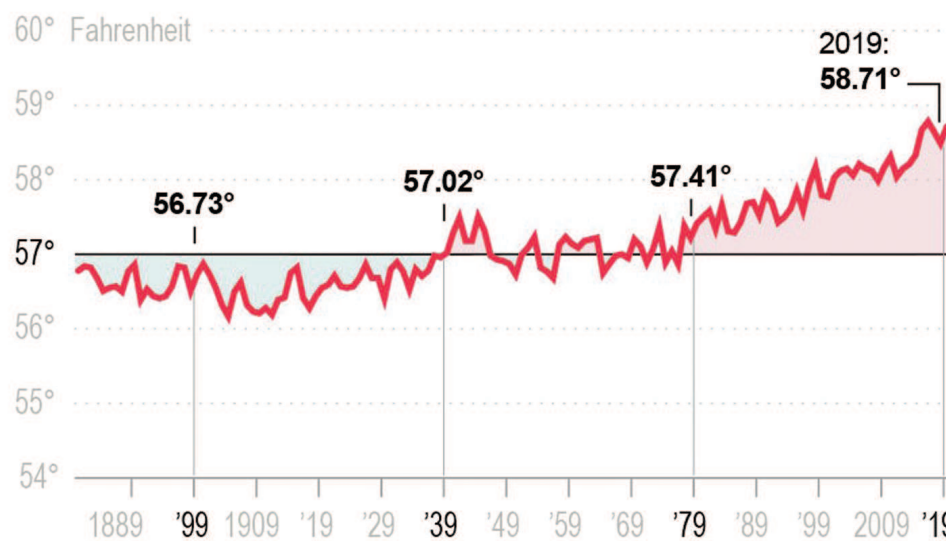


AP File Photo/Ajit Solanki

Boys on their way to play cricket walk through a dried patch of Chandola Lake in Ahmadabad, India. The decade that just ended was by far the hottest ever measured on Earth, capped off by the second-warmest year on record, NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Wednesday.

## Global annual temperatures

NOAA data of average temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit 1880 to 2019



Source: NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

coming years will be even hotter, knocking these years out of the record books.

"If you think you've heard this story before, you haven't seen anything yet. This is going to be part of what we see every year until we stabilize greenhouse gases" from the burning of coal, oil and gas, said Schmidt, who was at

the American Meteorological Society convention in Boston, where last weekend it was so warm he went jogging in shorts and a T-shirt. Boston had its hottest January day on Sunday, at 74 degrees, which is 2 degrees warmer than the old record.

"It's sobering to think that we might be breaking global

temperature records in quick succession," said Georgia Tech climate scientist Kim Cobb. "2020 is off to a horrifying climate start, and I fear what the rest of the year will bring to our doorsteps."

NASA's Schmidt said that overall, Earth is now about 1.2 degrees C (nearly 2.2 F) hotter since the beginning of

the industrial age, a number that is important because in 2015 global leaders adopted a goal of preventing 1.5 C (2.7 F) of warming since the rise of big industry in the mid-to-late 1800s. He said that shows the global goal can't be achieved. (NOAA and the World Meteorological Organization put the warming since the dawn of industry slightly lower.)

"We have strong human-induced global warming," said Friederike Otto, a climate scientist at the University of Oxford. "What we observe here is exactly what our physical understanding tells us to expect and there is no other explanation."

Other explanations that rely on natural causes — extra heat from the sun, more reflection of sunlight because of volcanic particles in atmosphere, and just random climate variations — "are all much too small to explain the long-term trend," Princeton University climate scientist Michael Oppenheimer said.

## Oregon

# State joins battle over food assistance

■ Oregon enters legal battle with 12 other states

By Claire Withycombe  
Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — About 21,800 Oregonians risk losing government benefits to help them buy food if a proposed federal rule goes into effect in April.

To prevent that, Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has joined with more than a dozen other states to sue the U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue to block the rule's implementation, her office said Thursday.

Since the mid-1990s, the federal government has said adults who are unemployed, younger than 50 and have no disability or children would get cut off from food stamps after three months if they don't get a job or engage in job training.

But Congress allowed states to extend those benefits in areas where the state could show it was tough to find a job.

The Trump administration has now proposed "significantly limiting the state's discretion" to provide extended food stamp benefits, either through waivers by area or through individual exemptions, the state attorneys general say.

The states suing the administration are asking the rule be enjoined from going into effect and declared unlawful.

In the lawsuit, the attorneys general say the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, referred to as SNAP and more commonly known as food stamps, "has long been the country's primary weapon against hunger and an important safety net for low-income Americans."

The program helps feed about 586,000 people in Oregon, according to a declaration in the lawsuit by Daniel Haun, director of self-sufficiency programs at the Oregon Department of Human Services.

Of that group, about 21,800 could be impacted by the rule change proposed by the federal government. "The food stamp program

... has helped vulnerable Oregonians for over 40 years," Rosenblum said in a statement Thursday. "It is hard to fathom why the federal government wants to punish thousands of adults in some of the most employment-impacted areas of our state — people who may not be able to find jobs — by taking away their access to food."

In 2019, the state received waivers for 23 counties and seven reservations, Haun said. Under the rule change, only six counties would get the waivers that allow residents to be eligible for benefits beyond the standard three months.

The typical person who could be affected by the impending rule — 18- to 49-year-olds with no dependents or disabilities — receives \$166 to \$186 in food assistance each month, Haun said.

Recipients can include young adults transitioning out of foster care, veterans and survivors of domestic violence. Some can face barriers to getting a job, like not enough education, inadequate transportation,

affordable housing or health care. Losing food benefits could have detrimental effects on nutrition and health, Haun said.

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