

COVID-19 | Prevention

1-dose shot cleared, giving U.S. 3rd vaccine

Bulletin wire reports

The U.S. is getting a third vaccine to prevent COVID-19, as the Food and Drug Administration on Saturday cleared a Johnson & Johnson shot that works with one dose instead of two.

Health experts are anxiously awaiting a one-and-done option to help speed vaccinations, as they race against a virus that already has killed more than 510,000 people in the U.S. and is mutating in increasingly worrisome ways.

The FDA said J&J's vaccine offers strong protection against what matters most: serious illness, hospitalizations and death. One dose was 85% protective against the most severe COVID-19 illness, in a massive study that spanned three continents — protection that remained strong even in countries such as South Africa, where the variants of most concern are spreading.

"The more vaccines that have high efficacy that we can get into play, the better," Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious disease expert, said ahead of the FDA's ruling.



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Johnson & Johnson via AP

Shipments of a few million doses to be divided among states could begin as early as Monday. By the end of March, J&J has said it expects to deliver 20 million doses to the U.S., and 100 million by summer.

J&J also is seeking authorization for emergency use of its vaccine in Europe and from the World Health Organization. Worldwide, the company aims to produce about 1 billion doses globally by the end of the year. On Thursday, the island nation of Bahrain became the first to clear its use.

Could be a 'game changer'

In especially hard-hit California, health experts eagerly await the arrival of the one-dose vaccine, saying it will expand supplies and boost access for the most hard-to-reach people.

"It's like having a gun with 10 bullets in it — and now I have 10 more. That's a better gun," Frank Laiacona, director of pharmacy for the rural Northern Inyo Health Care District — home to Mount Whitney and Death Valley, where residents may drive up to 200 miles to get a shot — told the Mercury News in San Jose,

California, before the FDA approval.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine behaves much more like a regular vaccine than existing vaccines by Pfizer and Moderna, which both require two doses three to four weeks apart. It can be stored in a traditional refrigerator for at least three months, making it simpler to use for areas in the state that do not have the ability to keep the mRNA vaccines at super cold temperatures. And because it is a single shot, it does not require a follow-up visit.

While studies show the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were roughly 95% effective in protecting mild, moderate and severe cases of COVID-19 after a second dose, Johnson & Johnson's trials showed somewhat lower efficacy of 85% against severe forms of COVID-19 and 72% against moderate and severe illness. But comparing the three vaccines is challenging because of differences in the designs and dosing regimens of the clinical trials — and the new vaccine has important advantages, say experts.

"This will be a game changer," said Santa Clara County, California, super-

visor Otto Lee at Friday's opening of a new COVID-19 vaccination location that serves a predominantly Latino community hard hit by the virus.

A more traditional vaccine

The most immediate advantage, said experts, is expanded supplies. Pfizer and Moderna alone can't make enough vaccines to quickly protect everyone. The recent emergence of variants has heightened the urgency of vaccinating as many people as possible. If the virus can't multiply, it can't mutate.

The J&J vaccine also uses a more traditional approach than the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines — enlisting a harmless virus called an adenovirus, rather than messenger RNA, to carry a genetic code. So it does not require extremely cold freezers.

"It's the jackpot. It is wonderful. It will allow us to go to farms without refrigeration constraints," said physician Dr. Walter Newman, who vaccinates agricultural workers in rural California.

■ The Associated Press and Mercury News contributed to this report.

U.S. CAPITOL

Authorities pinpoint suspect in officer's riot death

BY MICHAEL BALSAMO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal investigators probing the death of a U.S. Capitol Police officer killed in the Jan. 6 riot have zeroed in on a suspect seen on video appearing to spray a chemical substance on the officer before he later collapsed and died, two people familiar with the matter told The Associated Press.

The FBI has obtained video

that shows the person spraying Brian Sicknick and other law enforcement officers during the Jan. 6 riot, the people said. But they cautioned that federal agents haven't yet identified the suspect by name and the act hasn't been directly tied to Sicknick's death.

The idea that Sicknick died after being sprayed by a chemical irritant has emerged in recent weeks as a new theory in the case.

Investigators initially believed that Sicknick was hit in the head with a fire extinguisher, based on statements collected early in the investigation, according to one of the people and another law enforcement official briefed on the case. But as they've collected more evidence, the theory of the case has evolved and investigators now believe Sicknick may have ingested a chemical substance — possi-

bly bear spray — during the riot that may have contributed to his death, the officials said.

The people could not publicly discuss the details of an ongoing investigation and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The circumstances surrounding Sicknick's death remain unclear, and a final cause of death has not been determined.

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OBITUARY



Carol Jean (Wallerich) Moore

August 15, 1949 - February 19, 2021

Carol Jean Moore was born August 15 1949 in Sigourney, Iowa to Collen and Bud Wallerich. She graduated from Sigourney High School and completed her nursing studies at St. Luke's School of Nursing (RN) and later received her BSN at Oakland University. Carol is survived by her husband of 49 years, Doug, daughter Heather and son Chad; along with her brother John and sister Vicky. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Richard and sister Dianne.

Throughout she and her husband's careers, Carol had the experience to live in several states including assignments in Belgium and Germany. After their retirement, they moved to Bend in 2008. Carol loved the outdoors and took advantage of everything she could: running, skiing, hiking, kayaking, golf and exploring the surrounding mountains, trails and her favorite, the Oregon Coast.

Most of all Carol loved her many friends she made through life. Carol left a lasting impression on people and definitely brightened their lives.

Due to Covid, there will be no formal memorial ceremony at this time.

In lieu of flowers, if you wish, contributions may be sent to the St. Charles Foundation-Bend Cancer Center. Please, indicate your contribution should be the attention to Bend Cancer Center in Memory of Carol Moore:

Website: foundation.stcharleshealthcare.org

Mailing: St. Charles Foundation, 2500 NE Neff Rd, Bend, OR 97701

The family is grateful for her caring Doctors, Nurses, Hospice Care Givers and St. Charles Hospital.

May the roads rise to meet you,
May the winds be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm on your face,
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,
Until we meet again.
May God hold you in the
hollow of his hand.

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Ralph Grunst

August 9, 1941 - January 8, 2021

Ralph Grunst passed away January 8, 2021 in Bend, Oregon, 79 years young. He died rushing into a burning orphanage to save trapped nuns and orphans (or not, he did like to spin a good yarn).

Ralph was born in Bend August 9, 1941 to Clarence and Isabel Grunst, and was raised in Canyonville, Oregon. He joined the Air Force after high school and served on KC-135 refuelers as a boom operator. After leaving the Air Force he began working for Sears as an appliance salesman in Roseburg, Oregon. His gift of making friends and storytelling served him well, and he even earned his family an epic trip to Disneyland for being "Salesman of the Century" (or at least that's what he told them).

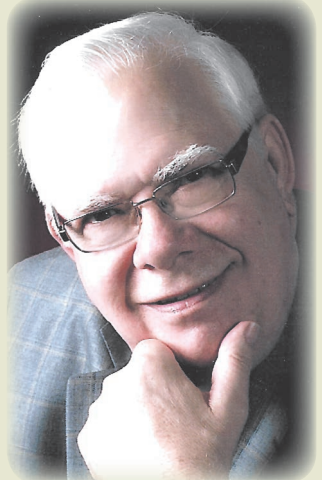
Ralph loved life and was always up for an adventure. In 1984 he purchased a used Chevy truck and a station wagon and transferred with Sears to Anchorage, Alaska with his first wife Margaret and his two kids Michelle and Mike.

Ralph met his second wife Jean in Anchorage, and they married in 1996. He retired from Sears, and they moved to Tennessee for Jean's work. Never one to sit around, Ralph took a job with Home Depot, again selling appliances. He also became very involved with the Red Cross as a volunteer and was even sent to assist at Ground Zero in New York City after 9/11. After four years in Nashville Ralph and Jean moved back to Anchorage, and from there to Kirkland, Washington. Upon retirement - Jean's first, Ralph's second! - they decided to settle in Bend, where it all began.

Ralph never met a stranger and had a smile for everyone. With him you had a lifelong ally who would drop everything and be there to help you no matter the time, place, or cost. He was self-reliant and knew that he could fix it, whatever the problem, given enough time and trips to the hardware store. He shared all he had with anyone in need and was a devoted man who loved his family and friends.

Ralph was a fighter, surviving colon cancer, diabetes, dementia, and Alzheimer's before succumbing to a stroke. He left this life well lived and well loved, and remains in his family's hearts a beloved father, brother, husband, grandfather, son, and uncle. He is survived by his wife Jean, daughter Michelle, son Mike, grandchildren Caden and Chloe, sister Jean Marie, brother Fred, many extended family members, and his cute little dog Ajax.

A celebration of life will be held later this year when family and friends can safely gather.



In Memory of Marjorie Jean deBarathy Lussier

December 27, 1944 - February 19, 2021



With personal grace and dignity, Margie Jean Lussier exemplified true warmth, unconditional love and caring, especially to her soulmate of 40+ years, Jim Lussier. On a sunny Friday morning, Margie became unencumbered by the perils of Parkinson's disease and her blissful presence is now free to roam our universe in her own way.

Margie leaves behind a large circle of family and friends, many of which she cultivated at St. Charles Medical Center where she worked for nearly 30 years. She began as an Assistant to Sister Catherine Hellman, President/CEO, and helped establish the Air Life membership program, among many other tasks. Margie embodied the hospital's mission "To Improve the health of those we serve in a spirit of love and compassion".

Margie was born in Texas during WW II but grew up in Butte Montana. She graduated from Butte High School in 1963 and Kinman Business University in Spokane WA in 1964. Always focused on self-improvement, she graduated from Linfield College with a B.A. in Management in 1988.

Growing up in Butte MT with her brothers and parents made Margie acutely aware of life's beauty and it's fragile nature. She had fond memories of the bright colored horses on the park carousel surrounded by prolific flowers (even in poor mining soil). Her good memories of fun and friends, including first husband Frank, came to be intertwined but their marriage did not survive the Vietnam War. Margie's love for nature's beauty blossomed again in Central Oregon with her love of the Metolius, ice skating on Devil's lake and living in the shadow of the Three Sisters (especially with Bill Keale Hawaiian music playing).

Margie served as President of the Central Oregon Parkinson's Council to expand services in Central Oregon. She loved her "Dream Circle" friends and always followed up with Parkinson's folks she met during support group sessions. She valiantly fought that dreaded disease and its impact on her friends. Always an advocate, in her last days with us, she asked us all to commit to advancing world peace and human kindness to each other.

Margie was devoted to her extended family and found great joy in her roles, especially as "Grandma Margie" to her four grandkids Jamison, Jayden, Elizabeth and Peyton. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sidney and Mabel Irvine deBarathy. Margie is survived by her husband Jim Lussier; two brothers Steve (Nancy) deBarathy and Sid (Pauline) deBarathy; stepdaughters Julane (Jim) Dover and Jenny (Shane) Groshong; sister-in-law Kathryn Lussier; and five nieces and nephews. Of special note was Margie's long-time relationship with Norwegian exchange student Beate (Tom) Fodstad and her wonderful family.

A Celebration of Life is planned for a warm summer day. Contributions can be made in her name to Partners in Care, Parkinson's Resources of Oregon and the Parkinson's Center at OHSU. Memories can be shared on her page at caringbridge.org.

Margie's memory will be cherished by her husband Jim and all her family and friends. Please remember her gentle spirit, sincerity and desire to improve the world which can be a guide for us all. If you have found Margie's life an inspiration, as a gift to her, please do something really kind for someone.

