





Praying the Headlines

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve." —James 5:16



Let us pray.



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*Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry for mercy.
In the day of my trouble I will call to you,
for you will answer me.*

Psalms 86:6-7





*Loving, faithful God,
there is none like you;
forgive us for putting our faith
in anyone or anything except you.
You alone are God.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*





We pray for the world.



'Please, I can't breathe'

4 Mpls. cops fired over choking death that came after suspect's pleas

White officer knelt on black man's neck in unauthorized use of force



George Floyd

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Four Minneapolis police officers were fired Tuesday after the detention and death of 47-year-old George Floyd — a scene that unfolded in a Facebook video showing a white officer kneeling on Floyd's neck as he pleaded with police, "I can't breathe."

Floyd died at Hennepin County Medical Center soon after the encounter, which started when police detained him Monday evening on suspicion of trying to pass a fake \$20 bill at a convenience store.

The FBI launched an investigation Tuesday, as the Minneapolis Police Department fired the officer as well as three others who were at the scene. The quick action didn't prevent a large protest Tuesday evening that included tense confrontations with police, who responded with tear gas.

"Being black in America should not be a death sentence," said a visibly shaken Mayor Jacob Frey, who said the

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At a protest in Minneapolis on Tuesday, the crowd chanted, "I can't breathe" and called for swift prosecution of the officers involved in the death of George Floyd.





School's back, but not like before: South Korean seniors return to class



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As Americans share memes on social media with jokes about how much weight they have gained while under "Stay at Home" orders, Christians in many parts of the world face a different reality. Millions now struggle with food insecurity as they are not working during nationwide lockdowns.





We pray for the Church.



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Churches holding services say they're taking precautions

By SOPHIA TAREEN Associated Press

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Sonia Falk prays during a Memorial Day service at Lakewood Chapel Church in Arlington Heights, Ill., Sunday, May 24, 2020. At a news conference Friday, Trump said state governors need to "do the right thing" and open houses of worship. Later, the CDC posted nonbonding guidance for faith institutions considering reopening, including use of masks and limiting the size of gatherings. (AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh)

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A majority of teens and young adults say they are praying more or thinking about spiritual issues more than they were prior to the coronavirus pandemic, according to a new survey.





We pray for the helpers.

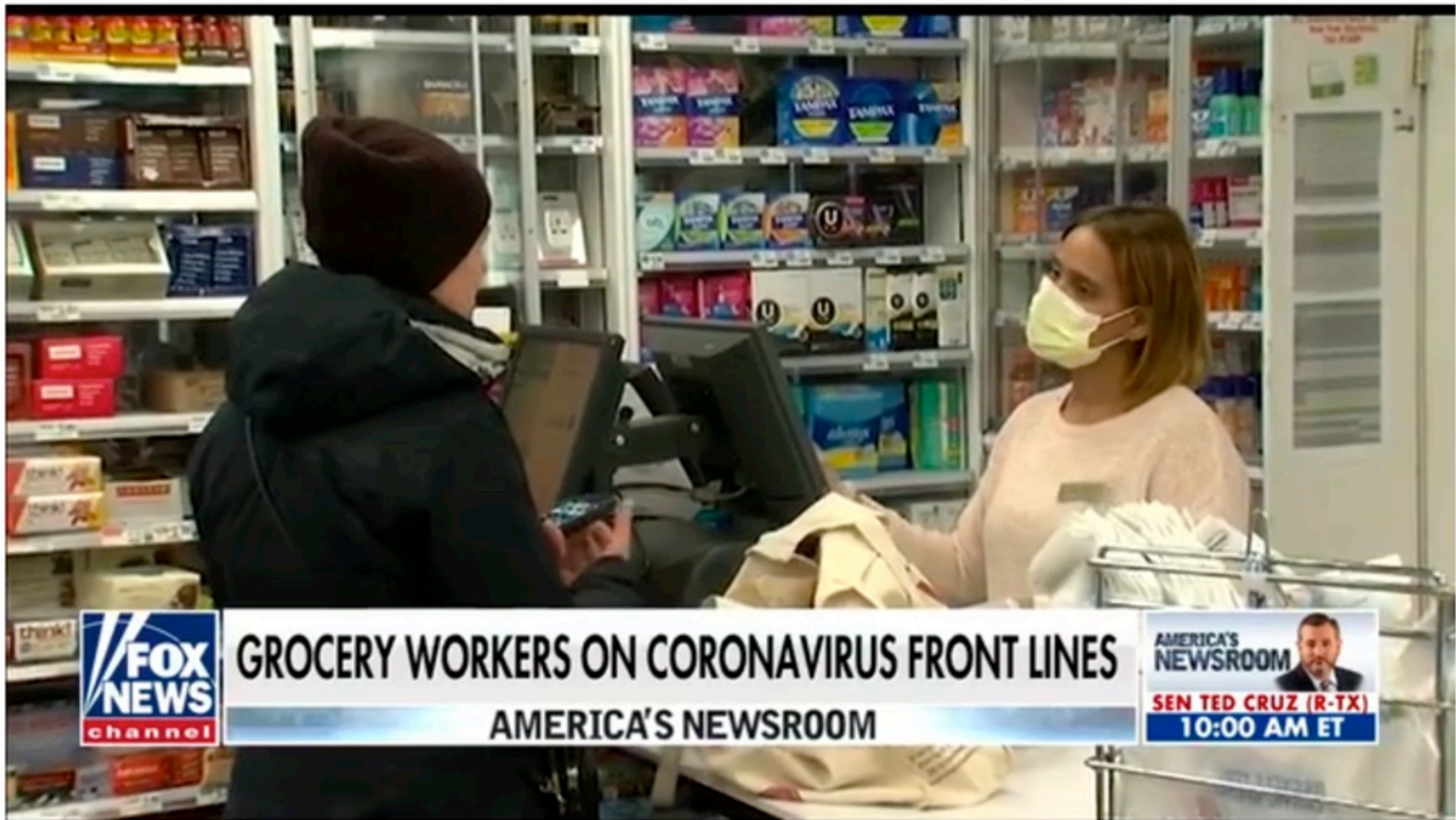


An illustration featuring a central nurse in a blue scrubs, white face mask, and blue hairnet, looking directly at the viewer. In the background, four other nurses are depicted in various poses: one on the left talking on a mobile phone, one in the center-left walking away, one on the center-right holding a clipboard, and one on the far right with arms crossed. The background is a soft-focus mix of light blue and pinkish-purple.

The nurse who changed my life

'A beacon of hope:' Saying 'thanks' to the nurses
in hospitals and homes across the country.





How grocery stores are protecting workers on the frontlines of COVID-19

Officials say the nation will not run out of food and shelves will be stocked; Eric Shawn reports.



Let's thank sanitation workers, garbage collectors during this pandemic



Before the coronavirus, who would you have considered being an essential worker? To be honest, would you acknowledge sanitation workers and garbage collectors?





We pray for our community.





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THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

A Looming Financial Meltdown For America's Schools

With state income and sales tax revenues crashing, one expert predicts, "We're about to see a school funding crisis unlike anything we have ever seen in modern history."



Nature offers escape from COVID-19 worries

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It's all you see in the headlines: the negative impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

The virus has meant tens of thousands of deaths in the U.S. alone, and brought the nation's

economy, and life as most people know it, to a grinding halt.

It may be hard to find any silver linings in such a gloom.

But some are taking the extra down time as a chance to reconnect with nature.

In March, a survey by research company Civic-

Science found that 43 percent of Americans were planning to participate in more outdoor activities because of the coronavirus and social distancing rules.

In Manatee and Sarasota counties, open parks indeed proved to be a solace for locals throughout local and statewide

lockdowns.

However, one of the area's oldest and most famous nature havens, Myakka River State Park, was closed, along with the rest of the state parks system.

Myakka reopened on May 3. It was just in time

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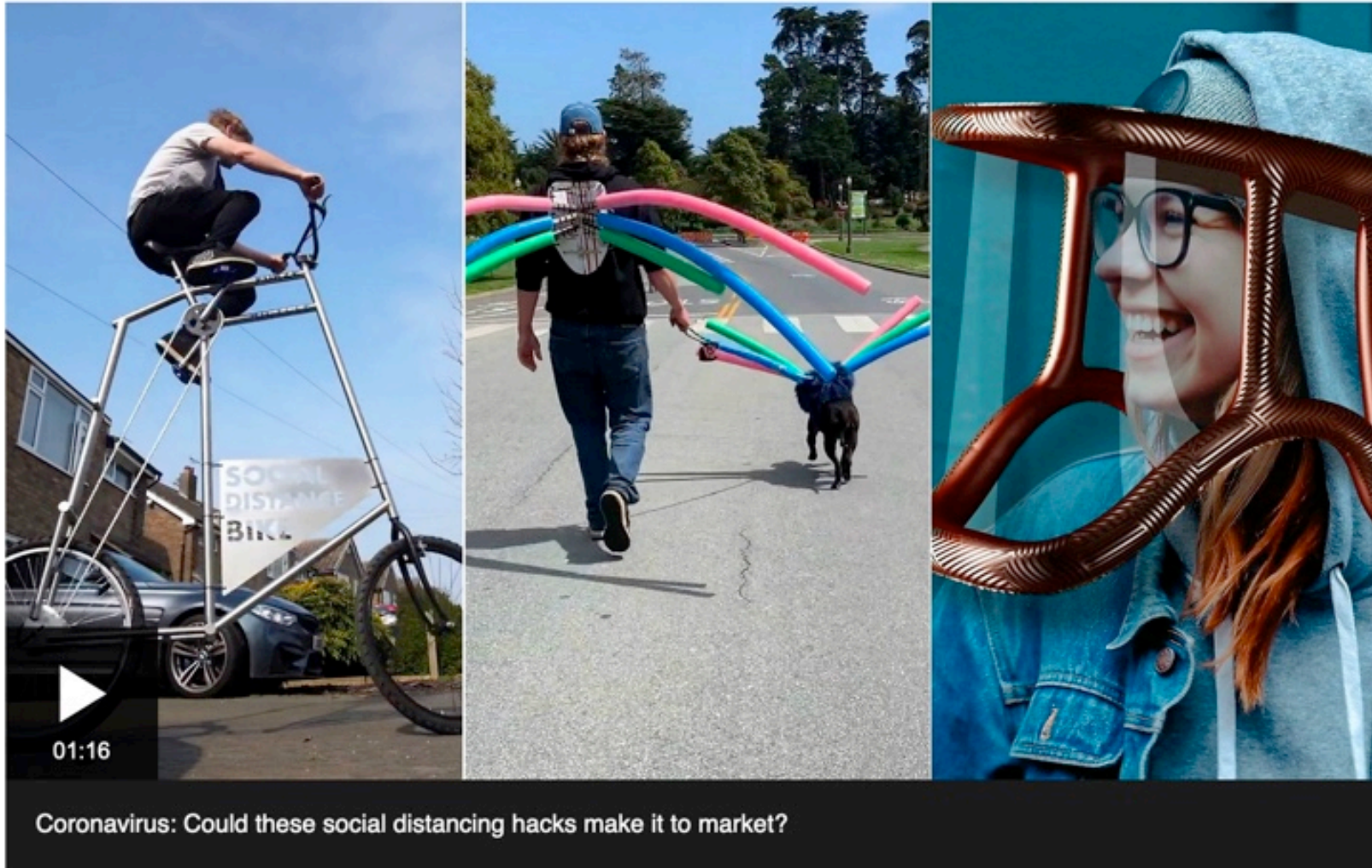
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Visitors flocked to Myakka River State Park over the Memorial Day weekend to see the annual bloom of coreopsis, Florida's state wildflower.



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Would you use these social distancing hacks?



People around the world are inventing their own gadgets and designs to adhere to social distancing.





We now invite you to offer your
personal prayer requests to the Lord.





*Teach us your ways, O Lord,
and help us move forward in your truth;
give us undivided hearts,
fully committed and trusting in you
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen*



Go in peace.





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*“Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good,
because his faithful love endures forever.”*

—Psalm 107:1



