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| <p>Congress.gov</p>  | |
| <p>Bills Recently Signed into Law</p> | |
| <p>H.R. 2147 (115th Congress) – Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act of 2018 (Signed into law on September 17, 2018) https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/2147/text</p> | <p>This bill extends the policy entitling new federal employees who are veterans with a service-connected disability to a specified amount of leave for medical treatment for such disability to all Veterans Health Administration physicians, dentists, podiatrists, chiropractors, optometrists, registered nurses, physician assistants, and expanded-function dental auxiliaries.</p> |
| <p>H.R. 2345 (115th Congress) – National Suicide Hotline Improvement Act of 2018 (Signed into law on August 14, 2018) https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/2345/text</p> | <p>Analyzes the effectiveness of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, including how well the lifeline is working to address the needs of veterans.</p> |

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| Senate Judiciary Committee: Supreme Court Nominations https://www.govinfo.gov/committee/senate-judiciary?path=/browsecommittee/chamber/senate/committee/judiciary/collection/OTHER-2 | Hearings on the nominations of recent Supreme Court Justices |

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| Interesting Websites About Health | |
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| HealthyPeople.gov https://www.healthypeople.gov/ | Has an A to Z tab “Topics and Objectives” which helps you to find your health question quickly. It has stories from people across the country which address priority health topics, like helping youth build the strength to prevent suicide; 2020 Leading Health Indicators; and more, some of which have links to consortium where you can connect to others with similar concerns. |
| HHS.gov https://www.hhs.gov/ | This website has an excellent search feature, and you can say, that the more info you have about an illness, the easier it is to deal with it. This web site is updated frequently. |
| MedlinePlus.gov https://medlineplus.gov/ | Gives information about chronic illness and basic health |

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| Today in History | |
| <i>October 1, 1903</i> The World Series https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-01/ | <p>The Boston Americans (soon to become the Red Sox) of the American League played the National League champion Pittsburgh Pirates in the first game of the modern World Series. Pittsburgh won the game by a score of seven to three, but lost the best-of-nine series to Boston, five games to three. The series was financially and popularly successful, but the arrangement to play was informal, depending only upon an agreement by the teams involved. The weakness of this arrangement became clear the following year when the manager of the National League pennant-winning New York Giants refused to play the American League champions, again the Boston Americans.</p> <p>New York’s unpopular decision led to public and press demands for resumption of the championship series. Prompted by the outcry, baseball’s National Commission officially established the World Series in</p> |

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| | <p>1905. The World Series was played every year from 1905 to 1993—through two World Wars and the Depression. In 1994, however, the inability of players and owners to settle a strike resulted in the cancellation of much of the season and the World Series. The series resumed in 1995.</p> |
| <p><i>October 4, 1636</i> The Plymouth Colony Founded https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-04</p> | <p>The General Court of the Plymouth Colony instituted a legal code, the first composed in North America, on October 4, 1636. It guaranteed citizens a trial by jury and stipulated that all laws were to be made with the consent of the freemen of the colony.</p> |
| <p><i>October 6, 1866</i> Of Rails and Robbers https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-06</p> | <p>Thieves boarded an eastbound Ohio & Mississippi Railroad passenger train near Seymour, Indiana, and entered an Adams Express Company car. Pointing guns at Adams Express employee Elem Miller, the masked bandits demanded keys to the safes. Miller held keys for the local safe only, so the robbers emptied that safe and tossed the other off the train intending to open it later. Signaling the engineer to stop the train, the robbers, later identified as the infamous Reno brothers, made an easy get away. Unaware of what had happened, the engineer sped off into the night while the thieves congratulated themselves on a job well done.</p> <p>Considered the first train robbery, the incident at Seymour was preceded by a similar train burglary exactly nine months before. In early 1866, bandits entered an Adams Express car en route to Boston from New York and stole over half a million dollars from safes on the unoccupied car. As in the Seymour case, detectives from the Pinkerton National Detective Agency quickly identified the criminals.</p> <p>Train robberies became frequent in the 1870s and peaked in the 1890s. Specialists in this form of crime included the Reno brothers, who operated in southern Indiana; the Farringtons, whose escapades took them into Kentucky and Tennessee; and the Jesse James gang, who wreaked havoc upon rails in the Midwest. Hired by railroad companies anxious to protect themselves, Pinkerton detectives were seldom far behind the robberies.</p> |
| <p><i>October 9, 1701</i> Yale University https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-09</p> | <p>The colonial legislature of Connecticut chartered the Collegiate School in Saybrook to educate students for “Publick employment both in Church & Civil State.” Originally based at the house of the first rector in Killingworth, the school moved to New Haven in 1716, and in 1718 was renamed Yale College to honor its early benefactor, the merchant Elihu Yale.</p> |
| <p><i>October 11, 1965</i> Photographer Dorothea Lange Died https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-11</p> | <p>Photographer Dorothea Lange died in San Francisco at the age of seventy. Lange is best known for her Depression-era work for the Farm Security Administration (FSA). Lange’s photographs humanized the tragic consequences of the Great Depression and profoundly influenced the development of documentary photography. See photos on this website to view some of her work.</p> |

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| <p><i>October 12, 1492</i> Columbus Day https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-12</p> | <p>Early in the morning of October 12, 1492, a sailor on board the Pinta sighted land, beginning a new era of European exploration and expansion. The 400th anniversary of the event inspired the first official Columbus Day holiday in the United States. President Benjamin Harrison issued a proclamation in 1892, “recommending to the people the observance in all their localities of the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. . .” and describing Columbus as “the pioneer of progress and enlightenment.” Since then, school programs, plays, and community festivities have been organized across the country in celebration of Columbus Day. <i>Columbus and the Discovery of America</i>, Imre Kiralfy’s “grand dramatic, operatic, and ballet spectacle,” is among the more elaborate tributes created for this commemoration. The World’s Columbian Exposition or Chicago’s World’s Fair, which opened in the summer of 1893, was designed to commemorate Columbus’ discovery of the New World 400 years earlier.</p> |
| <p><i>October 14, 1644</i> William Penn is Born https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-14</p> | <p>William Penn is remembered both as an inspiration to a generation of Quakers, and as a forward-thinking colonial founder who helped lay the elements of America’s emerging cultural and political character.</p> |
| <p><i>October 19, 1781</i> Surrender at Yorktown https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-19</p> | <p>Cornwallis’ surrender at Yorktown effectively ended the American Revolutionary War. The British government appealed to the American for peace. Almost two years later, on September 3, 1783, the signing of the Treaty of Paris brought the war to an end.</p> |
| <p><i>October 20, 1803</i> West Ho! https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-20</p> | <p>On this day in 1803, the Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase Treaty by a vote of twenty-four to seven. The agreement, which provided for the purchase of the western half of the Mississippi River basin from France at a price of \$15 million, or approximately four cents per acre, doubled the size of the country and paved the way for westward expansion beyond the Mississippi.</p> |
| <p><i>October 21, 1960</i> Final Round of the Kennedy-Nixon Debates https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-21</p> | <p>An estimated total of 60-70 million viewers watched what came to be known as “The Great Debates”. Televised broadcasts of the debates in the 1960 presidential campaign were a response to the public’s enthusiasm for this type of coverage. Pollsters estimated that approximately 3.4 million voters determined their choice of party solely on the basis of the Great Debates. The milestone events thrust broadcast media into a central role in American political life. The trend continues despite critics blaming the media for the “merchandising” of candidates, the rising costs of political campaigns, and the use of advertising agencies in the “image manipulation” of candidates.</p> |

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| <p><i>October 24, 1861</i> The Start of the Transcontinental Telegraph and the End of the Pony Express https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-24</p> | <p>The first transcontinental telegraph system was completed by Western Union, making it possible to transmit messages rapidly (by mid-nineteenth-century standards) from coast to coast. This technological advance, pioneered by inventor Samuel F. B. Morse, heralded the end of the Pony Express. Only two days later, on October 26, the horseback mail service that had previously provided the fastest means of communication between the eastern and western United States officially closed.</p> |
| <p><i>October 24, 1945</i> The UN Charter was Ratified https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-24#the-united-nations</p> | <p>In April 1945, delegates from fifty countries met in San Francisco to draw up the final charter of the United Nations. It was signed on June 26 and ratified on October 24, 1945 by a majority of the other signatories. Poland, not represented at the conference, signed the charter later and became one of the original fifty-one member countries. Three years later, on December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted and proclaimed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.</p> |
| <p><i>October 26, 1911</i> Mahalia Jackson was Born https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-26#mahalia-jackson</p> | <p><i>“Queen of Gospel Song”</i> She sang with Duke Ellington, and packed Carnegie Hall of a number of occasions. She also sang to four Presidents. “A voice like this comes not once in a century, but once in a millennium” -Martin Luther King</p> |
| <p><i>October 27, 1787</i> The Federalist Papers https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-27</p> | <p>The first in a series of eighty-five essays by “Publius,” the pen name of Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay, appeared in the <i>Independent Journal</i>, a New York newspaper, on October 27, 1787. Known as the <i>Federalist Papers</i> or <i>The Federalist</i>, these eighty-five essays addressed widespread concern that a national government, distanced from the people, would soon grow despotic. The essays eloquently and comprehensively argue that distributing power across the various branches of government provides checks and balances to the concentrated sovereignty of the federal government.</p> |
| <p><i>October 28, 1875</i> Gilbert H. Grosvener was Born https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-28</p> | <p>Gilbert H. Grosvener, the editor credited for transforming <i>National Geographic</i> from a small, scholarly journal into a dynamic world renowned monthly. Richly illustrated within the magazine, the explorations of land, air, and can have introduced millions of people to amazing new worlds.</p> |
| <p><i>October 31</i> Happy Halloween! https://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/october-31</p> | <p>I heard a rustle in the hall. It sounded like the swish of a taffeta skirt. I looked up at the door and saw the figure of a woman go past. She had on a black taffeta dress and I didn't see any head. I called out, “Who's there?” Of course, nobody answered.... Just as the figure reached the door of the living room, it disappeared.</p> |