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Coach's Corner denied request to permit new owner at their location

On December 7th, the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission denied the troubled Hessville bar, Coach's Corner, their request to permit a new owner to operate at their location on Kennedy Avenue. "This decision by the Commission is welcomed by my administration, the police department and the residents of the Hessville part of our city," said Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr., who along with Councilwoman Janet Venecz (At Large) and Scott Rakos (6th) have for nearly two and a half years fought the renewal of the bar's license locally and at the state level. "I hope the Commission finalizes this ruling and closes them down for good. Hammond takes an aggressive stance against bars that cause violence in our city, and this is the latest victory," said the mayor.

The City of Hammond has been remonstrating against the renewal of Coach's liquor license since 2019 after a homicide at their location in late 2018, and several incidents that occurred since that time. In January of 2020, the Lake County Local Board voted to deny the renewal of Coach's permit, which the bar then appealed and was allowed to continue operations during the appeal. The Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission voted to uphold the local board's recommendation shortly thereafter, which was followed by another appeal by Coach's Corner. In November 2020, The Commission's prosecutor and Coach's entered into a settlement agreement wherein Coach's admitted being a Public Nuisance and Failure to Possess High and Fine Moral Character and paid a fine of \$2,000.

The City of Hammond, through its attorney Bart Herriman, submitted a formal letter to the

Commission requesting that it act promptly to deny Coach's renewal application, further investigate the crimes that have occurred at Coach's business, and not allow Coach's to continue operating during the appeal process. In September of this year, the Commission by a unanimous vote affirmed its previous decision to deny Coach's renewal application and Coach's once again appealed that decision. "This is a long and arduous process but staying on top of these issues and making sure the Commission understands the circumstances is important," said Corporation Counsel Kevin Smith. "We understand that this process takes time. We respect that and thank the Commission for its attention to this case," he said. Coach's Corner is currently operating on a permit extension until January 17, 2022. The Commission has not determined whether it will grant additional extensions so Coach's can operate during the appeal process. "Coach's Corner has been a nuisance for years", said Councilwoman Janet Venecz who spoke at the original remonstrance hearing in Crown Point in 2019. "Hammond Police have spent considerable man hours answering calls to Coach's," she said.

The Commission is expected to rule on Hammond's Motion to Intervene and its Objection to Coach's operating after its extension expires on January 17, 2022. If Hammond is allowed to intervene, the City will argue to the Commission that it should stand by its decision in denying Coach's renewal application. "It is my sincere hope that we will end this once and for all when the extension expires for the sake of our residents and the neighborhood," stated Mayor McDermott.

Source: City of Hammond

Warm Hearts Serving Warm Soup

New Life Christian Church, 1829 Central Avenue, Whiting, IN, is now serving soup every Tuesday from 12:00-2:00 pm (no charge). We invite everyone in the Whiting/Robertsdale/North Hammond/East Chicago communities to come for a delicious lunch of homemade soup, bread, crackers, and water. We

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NWIIWA 2022 Board of Directors and Executive Committee Announced

The Northwest Indiana Influential Women Association (NWIIWA) is pleased to announce it has recently elected its 2022 Board of Directors and Executive Committee. This year's representatives come from many regional business organizations that collaborate with NWIIWA on activities that improve career development and advancement opportunities for women.

In the coming months, the association is planning several business networking, educational, and inspirational events that will feature high-profile speakers and company leaders.

NWIIWA's next event is a special presentation and workshop featuring author Jane Lump and lessons from her book "Run with Scissors." This will be at the Innsbrook Country Club in Merrillville on January 25, 2022. More details available at <http://nwiiwa.org/events/>.

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- Amy Delahunty – Franciscan Health
- Erica Dombey – Regional Development Company
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- Robert Joseph – ArcelorMittal R&D
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- Africa Tarver – City of Hammond
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- Mary Wright – Horizon Bank

NWIIWA 2022 Executive Committee:

- Erica Dombey – Chair
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- Amy Delahunty – Secretary
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Source: Northwest Indiana Influential Women Association



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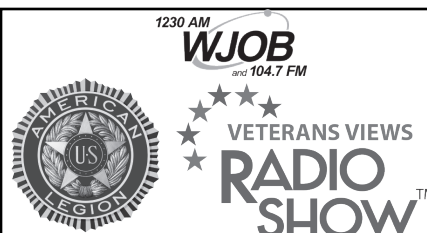
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Left to Right: Jeffery Long Hammond Assistant Chief of Police, William Short Hammond Chief of Police, Mr. Christopher Szczepanski and Mayor Thomas M. McDermott, Jr.,

He gave chase on foot and never lost sight of the suspect, ultimately chasing him until patrol officers arrived. Once he noticed

the officers in the area, he spoke to officers and directed them to where the suspect was hiding. Ultimately, the officers located and arrested

the suspect. We were then able to search the immediate area and were ultimately successful in finding the potential murder weapon.

I would like to note that there were several other people that either assisted this man or assisted in the investigative effort and their assistance is greatly appreciated. This man risked his life to catch the people responsible for that tragedy. He is a Hessville resident and played an integral role in the apprehension of the suspected shooter of the two 13-year-old boys on Halloween night. Immediately following the shooting, this man chased the suspect after seeing him running from the scene of the shooting. The chase took

place from Grand Avenue to Maryland Ave.

I do believe that if wasn't for this man's assistance, we may have never found the suspect or the potential murder weapon. Because we did, we were able to present a case to the Lake County Prosecutor's Office and obtain Murder and Attempted Murder charges against this and three additional suspects. Additionally, this man risked his life to help catch this suspect, as he was armed with a handgun while they gave chase. The gentlemen's name is Mr. Christopher Szczepanski.

Source: Steven Kellogg

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A Culinary History of Panettone, The Italian and South American Christmas Treat



A few years back, pastry executive Alberto Bauli spoke with a heightened sense of panic during a press conference for an Italian consortium of bakers and confectioners.

“Seven out of 10 Americans buying an ‘Italian-style’ panettone are getting a fake,” he proclaimed.

Panettone—the world-famous, yeast-leavened cake, whose sales reach their peak during the weeks before Christmas—had been forced into “unfair competition,” cried Bauli, with inferior knock-offs baked abroad. Italy produces more than 7,100 tons of panettone each year—about ten percent of which is sold internationally. It’s a source of national pride, and, since 2005, had been one of over a hundred foods subject to a formal authentication process under Italian law. Within Italy, panettone has been considered a homegrown, Lombard specialty since the 19th century, when cookbooks, such as Giovanni Felice Luraschi’s 1853 *Nuovo cuoco milanese economico*, placed the roots of the original recipe firmly in the area around Milan. (The pastry was first mentioned in a manuscript from the 1470s, written by a preceptor in Milan’s House of Sforza.)

It was more than unfair that a product with such a rich cultural history should have to share shelf space with imitators from the Americas, Bauli argued. Unless something was done—perhaps with the help of the World Trade Organization—the very face of Italy’s gastronomic history was at risk of serious damage.

Tenuous origins of the seven-out-of-ten statistic aside, we can

hardly blame Bauli—the second-generation president of one of the country’s best-known panettone makers—for presenting himself as a kind of defender of the faith. In Italy, the rules for making the delicacy are as strict as ever: in order to be labeled as such, a native panettone must be composed of no less than 20 percent candied fruit, 16 percent butter, and eggs that are at least four percent yolk. Attempts by the Italian agriculture ministry to have these standards applied abroad have not panned out, and the reality is that panettone is a dessert with many homes.

Panettone has actually been a worldly product from the very beginning. From the Middle Ages onward, the pastry was appropriate for a feast day precisely because it involved ingredients that were hard to come by. In the 15th century—a period in which bread flour usually involved cheaper grains like spelt and rye—the first panettone was made entirely from wheat flour, and thus more likely to impress the in-laws. And given the climate of northern Italy, additions like candied citron or orange peel would have had to come from hundreds of miles away, beyond, perhaps, even the borders of modern-day Italy.

“Panettone was not born as a homemade cake, nor has it ever been,” says Stanislao Porzio, a food scholar and author of a 2007 book on the subject. “It was never important that the place of provenance of the ingredients be near the place of preparation.”

In other words, nothing is inherently inauthentic about a panettone made in the Western

hemisphere. In the 1930s, when Angelo Motta was installing a 100-foot conveyor belt

in his bakery on Milan’s Viale Corsica to create what Porzio calls the world’s first “industrial panettone,” an entrepreneur named Antonio D’Onofrio had already established a market for the pastry in Lima, Peru, where thousands of immigrants from Piedmont and Lombardy had arrived since the mid-1800s. Today, the brands of Motta and D’Onofrio (now owned by Nestle) compete in the Peruvian marketplace, where slices of panettone—inflected with bits of dried papaya—is the sweet of choice for both Christmas and Independence Day, celebrated in July. Italy may dominate in global panettone consumption, at a rate of 75 million cakes purchased in 2016, but Peruvian fans are no less sincere. They consumed 42 million panettoni in the same year, sometimes enjoying variations like cocatón, in which about five percent of the flour is made from coca leaves, or by incorporating a fruity edible fungus native to the pine forests around Lambayeque.

In sales, Italian confectioners have been outpaced for a long time by companies like Bauducco, another multi-generational enterprise, founded in the 1950s by an Italian immigrant to Brazil. The company is probably the biggest panettone producer on earth, making more than 200,000 tons each year for more than 50 countries and operating six industrial bakeries, including one in the United States.

“It’s a tradition that goes back generations,” says Ricardo Bastos, a Brazilian grocer in the Astoria section of Queens, New York. Bastos sells Bauducco’s panettone year-round at his store, Rio Supermarket, though the brand is also available at bigger retailers like Publix and CVS. “My favorite is the one with condensed milk. I don’t know how many we sell, but it’s a lot.”

Stanislao, the historian, admits to having tasted the Bauducco brand himself, and gave it a tactful review. (“It had a different, romantic character.”) He remains passionate about preserving the traditions of panettone-making in his home country and is the sponsor of a petition on Change.org to have the recipe recognized as a valuable cultural artifact by Unesco. In 2008, he launched *Re Panettone* (“Panettone King”), an annual competition in Milan aimed at promoting panettone variations made by artisanal bakers and pastry-makers. While far-off ingredients like saffron or tonka bean are welcome, entrants eschew the use of preservatives—even those somehow permitted by the Italian Pastry and Pasta Association—and are rewarded for their attention to detail and respect for the original formula.

“In one sense, no one can take this away from Italy,” Porzio says. “Even if a panettone is made in Australia, the recipe remains milanese.”

Source: Smithsonian magazine

THIS DAY IN HISTORY JANUARY 1

Abraham Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation

On January 1, 1863, Abraham Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation. Attempting to stitch together a nation mired in a bloody civil war, Abraham Lincoln made a last-ditch, but carefully calculated, decision regarding the institution of slavery in America.

By the end of 1862, things were not looking good for the Union. The Confederate Army had overcome Union troops in significant battles and Britain and France were set to officially recognize the Confederacy as a separate nation. In an August 1862 letter to New York Tribune editor Horace Greeley, Lincoln confessed “my paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and it is not either to save or to destroy slavery.” Lincoln hoped that declaring a national policy of emancipation would stimulate a rush of the South’s enslaved people into the ranks of the Union army, thus depleting the Confederacy’s labor force, on which the southern states depended to wage war against the North.

Lincoln waited to unveil the proclamation until he could do so on the heels of a Union military success. On September 22, 1862, after the battle at Antietam, he issued a preliminary Emancipation Proclamation declaring all enslaved people free in the rebellious states as of January 1, 1863. Lincoln and his advisors limited the proclamation’s language to slavery in states outside of federal control as of 1862, failing to address the contentious issue of slavery within the nation’s border states. In his attempt to appease all parties, Lincoln left many loopholes open that civil rights advocates would be forced to tackle in the future.

Republican abolitionists in the North rejoiced that Lincoln had finally thrown his full weight behind the cause for which they had elected him. Though enslaved people in the south failed to rebel en masse with the signing of the proclamation, they slowly began to liberate themselves as Union armies marched into Confederate territory. Toward the end of the war, enslaved people left their former masters in droves. They fought and grew crops for the Union Army, performed other military jobs and worked in the North’s mills. Though the proclamation was not greeted with joy by all northerners, particularly northern white workers and troops fearful of job competition from an influx of freed slaves, it had the distinct benefit of convincing Britain and France to steer clear of official diplomatic relations with the Confederacy.

Though the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation signified Lincoln’s growing resolve to preserve the Union at all costs, he still rejoiced in the ethical correctness of his decision. Lincoln admitted on that New Year’s Day in 1863 that he never “felt more certain that I was doing right, than I do in signing this paper.” Although he waffled on the subject of slavery in the early years of his presidency, he would thereafter be remembered as “The Great Emancipator.” To Confederate sympathizers, however, Lincoln’s signing of the Emancipation Proclamation reinforced their image of him as a hated despot and ultimately inspired his assassination by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865.

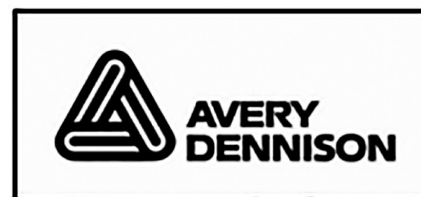
Source: History.com Staff

Avery Dennison provides critical support to Meals on Wheels’ mission



The Avery Dennison Foundation has donated \$10,000 to Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana to provide delivery of nutritional meals for area seniors.

“Avery Dennison has a program called Granting Wishes that allows employees to nominate an organization that is doing work that matters most to our local community. With the greater need that most organizations have faced over the last year, we were driven to submit an application for Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana and were excited to learn that our nomination was accepted,” said Rachel Baggett of the Avery Dennison facility in Lowell, Indiana. “We are proud to support Meals on Wheels’ important work of providing daily nutrition to keep seniors healthy in our community.”



“We are grateful to Avery Dennison for their generous donation and longstanding support of Meals on Wheels,” said Sandra Noe, Executive Director of Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana. “From volunteering to wash vans or pack meals, to serving as Phone Pals, and providing financial support, Avery Dennison is a true partner in serving the community.”

Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana delivers nutritional meals to people in Lake, Porter, Newton, and Jasper counties and prepares the meals for the LaPorte County Meals on Wheels program; serving 2,000 meals each day. To support Meals on Wheels, volunteer, or register for meals, visit www.mownwi.org.

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Source: Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana

Handling COVID and more during the Holidays

Top travel tips from Chicago ER Doc As we venture through the holidays, COVID is once again surging in many parts of the country, deaths sadly now topping 800,000. A new variant, omicron, has many worried as the delta's dominance remains. With millions hitting the road and taking to the skies this holiday season, doctors are holding their breath as hospitalizations continue to rise. Vaccinations continue to be key. Booster shots are now available for everyone 16 and older across the country, and children as young as 5 are now eligible for vaccination. Still, vaccine hesitancy and other factors, like the flu, could put a halt on the holidays. "This year, we are in better a position than we were in 2020. We now have vaccines available for much of the population, including children," says Dr. Chris Colbert, Assistant Program Director of the emergency medicine residency program at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

The recent endorsement of the COVID antiviral pill by the FDA is another hopeful sign. "There is not one day in the ED a patient doesn't ask about

this pill. My response, we are moving in the right direction, the insight I have received on the positive aspects of the antiviral pill is encouraging," adds Dr. Colbert. The new antiviral pills rolled out by Merck and Pfizer interfere with the ability of the coronavirus to replicate itself.

Recently returning from a three-country global medicine Army deployment, Dr. Colbert's boots to the ground knowledge navigating outcome and medical management of COVID patients gives him exceptional insight into the battle right here in Chicago. Just awarded the Army commendation medal (ARCOM) for his medical contribution during the pandemic, Dr. Colbert's global look of where we have been and the positive direction of where we are going with COVID is crucial.

As 2021 nears an end, his wish is that we do not give up, yet continue to heed recommendations by the CDC. "We haven't crossed the finish line yet and I know people are tired, but I cannot stress enough, we must stay the course if we ever hope to see life return as

we knew it in 2019," stresses Dr. Colbert.

TOP TRAVEL TIPS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON:

GET VACCINATED. If you are still not vaccinated, do so now. It is the best way to keep you and your family safe this holiday season. The same goes for the flu shot.

GET BOOSTED. Booster shots are now recommended for the entire US population, 18 and up.

WEAR A MASK. Masks remain an important barrier to prevention.

WASH YOUR HANDS. The oldest trick in the book, good hygiene is key.

AVOID CROWDS. Stay away from large crowds indoors with poor ventilation.

SICK? STAY HOME. If you are not feeling way, it is best to stay home as not to put anyone else at risk.

GET TESTED. Tests are available at your local pharmacy. COVID is not the only topic top of mind for Dr. Colbert this holiday season, December is Toy Safety Month. Well-versed in mishaps, Dr. Colbert has seen it all. There are common safety themes to ensure safety is maintained for a fun-filled yet safe holiday season.

Source: TMI press

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS

Dolly Parton breaks 3 Guinness World Records The beloved queen of country music has made her mark in the record books again. From singing to acting, from songwriting to book writing and from launching her own literacy program to helping fund a coronavirus vaccine, Dolly Parton has long proven there's nothing she can't do.

And, as it turns out, in the case of at least a few of her accomplishments, she can do them better than anyone else ever has. The arbiters of greatness at Guinness World Records revealed that the 75-year-old country music superstar had broken three impressive records. She now holds the title for most decades on the US Hot Country songs chart by a female artist (seven) and the most No. 1 hits on the US Hot Country Songs chart by a female artist (25).

As for the third record broken, well, it's one she already held. the list for most hits on the US Hot Country Songs chart back in January with her 108th successful track, "Cuddle Up, Cozy Down Christmas." But her recent release, "Does He Love You,"

"This is the kind of stuff that really makes you very humble and very grateful for everything that's happened," Parton told the organization at a presentation ceremony held in Nashville, Tennessee. "I had no idea that I would be in Guinness World Records this many times! ... I am flattered and honored. I've had a lot of people help me get here. Thanks to all of you and all of them for helping me have all of this."

Source: Guinness World Records

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RED CROSS RESPONSE
With such widespread damage and thousands of homes affected, families will need support for weeks to come – and the Red Cross will be there for as long as needed. Massive disasters like these tornadoes leave behind an incredible amount of need and no single organization can do it alone.

Where possible, emergency response vehicles are moving through the affected areas providing warm meals, water and snacks to people as they clean up and plan their recovery. With the help of partners, we've served more than 10,800 meals and snacks, distributed more than 6,100 relief items, and provided more than 890 individual care contacts to help people with medical or disability needs as well as emotional and spiritual support during these challenging times.

In Kentucky, more than 535 people were in 11 Red Cross and community emergency shelters in the hardest-hit communities. Red Cross volunteers continue to help with damage assessment in areas impacted by the storms and are working with partners to determine feeding needs in these hard-hit areas.

The Red Cross is opening emergency aid stations where people can find relief supplies, health services such as replacing eyeglasses, prescriptions,

medical devices, as well as emotional and spiritual support and information about where to find other assistance. We are also opening Family Assistance Centers which provide a safe place for families to gather in the aftermath of such a devastating incident.

In Arkansas and Missouri, the Red Cross will be part of the teams present in Multi-Agency Resource Centers (MARC), where those affected can get support and find resources for recovery from multiple service providers in one location.

YOU CAN HELP people affected by disasters like tornadoes and countless other crises by making a gift to Red Cross Disaster Relief. We urge individuals to make an appointment today to give blood in the days and weeks ahead to help ensure blood products are available for patients wherever the need arises.

Every single contribution matters. Your donation is a commitment to helping people in need and enables the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. Make a financial donation, schedule an appointment to give blood or platelets, or call 1-800-RED CROSS. You can also use the Red Cross Blood Donor app to schedule a blood donation appointment or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 gift today.

For those interested in helping people specifically affected by the recent tornadoes, we ask that they write "Southern and Midwest Tornadoes" in the memo line of a check and mail

it with a completed donation form to the address on the form or their local Red Cross chapter.

PLEASE GIVE BLOOD
In the immediate aftermath of this disaster, the Red Cross provided approximately 200 additional blood products to hospitals in response. Today, and in the days and weeks ahead, we are working to replenish blood supplies as inventory challenges persist.

FIND A SHELTER The Red Cross welcomes everyone into our shelters. Anyone in the affected areas that needs a safe place to stay should visit redcross.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or download the free Red Cross Emergency app for shelter locations. To help keep everyone safe, we're using COVID safety precautions including masks, health screenings, enhanced cleaning procedures and encouraging social distancing regardless of vaccine status.

The Red Cross is not accepting donations of food, household items or clothing — as they cannot be distributed by our teams. Right now, financial donations are the quickest and best way to get help to those who need it most, which

give people the flexibility to purchase what they need.

CORPORATIONS, FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS HELP

The generous donations from members of the Red Cross Annual Disaster Giving Program (ADGP) and the Disaster Responder Program enable the American Red Cross to prepare communities for disasters big and small, respond whenever and wherever disasters occur and help families during the recovery process.

About the American Red Cross:

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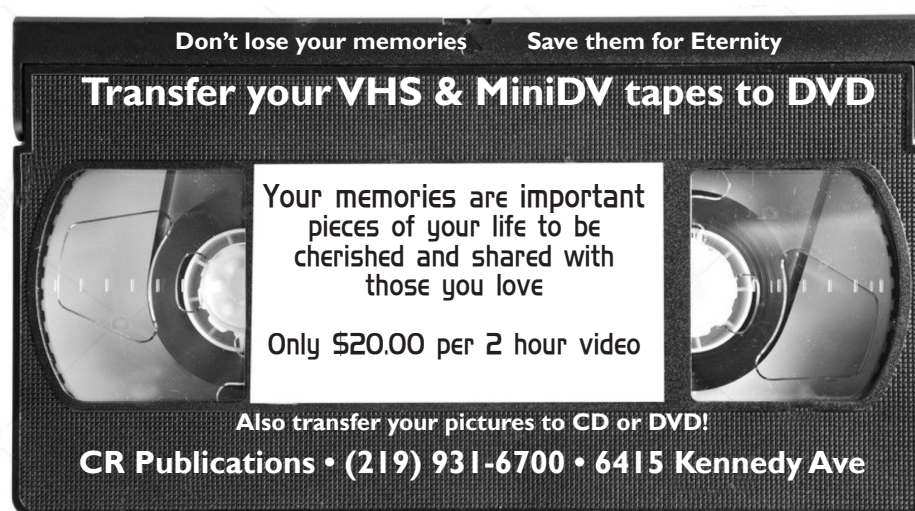
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Anyone with information regarding these individuals, or anyone who witnessed any unlawful violent actions at the Capitol or near the area, is asked to contact the FBI's Toll-Free Tipline at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) to verbally report tips. You may also submit any information, photos, or videos that could be relevant online at [fbi.gov/USCapitol](https://www.fbi.gov/USCapitol). You may also contact your local FBI office or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate.

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