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VALUES IN WORLD THOUGHT

## SENIORS FINISH LAST CLASSES REMOTELY



SHMUEL THALER — SANTA CRUZ SENTINEL

Mount Madonna School senior Tabitha Hardin-Zollo works remotely from her home in Corralitos as she and her classmates wrap up writing their concluding impressions of interviews done on Zoom as part of the school's Values in World Thought program. Since 1989 all Mount Madonna juniors and seniors have traveled to Washington D.C. to speak with remarkable people, explore new cultures and broaden their ideas of what is possible in life during a bi-annual learning journey. This year the students held nine interviews with luminaries such as, former Secretary of State George Shultz, Senator Joe Manchin, Rep. Jimmy Panetta, and a number of accomplished non-government leaders such as the President of Vital Voices, the Secretary General of the Council of Women World Leaders, Vice President of US Institute of Peace and the Vice President of Refugees International. Ward Maillaird, who founded the program and continued to co-teach it with Shannon Kelly says, "Our journey to interview government and non-government leaders in Washington, D.C. required us to imagine a new kind of distance learning that took us even further into the virtual realm, first from school to home and then onto Washington." Hardin-Zollo will attend Sarah Lawrence College with an interest in becoming an epidemiologist. To access the students' blog go to: <http://values.mountmadonnaschool.org/category/blogs/dc2020/>

POLITICS

## Trump tells Senate to 'be tough' on Dems

By Lisa Mascaro  
The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** » President Donald Trump implored Senate Republican's to "be tough" on Democrats heading into the fall election, touting his own poll numbers against rival Joe Biden during a free-wheeling private lunch on Capitol Hill.

With top White House advisers in tow, Trump attended what was perhaps one of the largest social gatherings still

happening in locked-down Washington as officials consider next steps in the coronavirus response.

"We had a great meeting — all of the Republican senators were there," Trump told reporters.

The private luncheon at the nearly closed U.S. Capitol complex was billed as an opportunity for Trump to thank senators for their work in fighting the virus outbreak and shoring up the economy, officials said.

But as senators from the 53-seat GOP majority convened behind closed doors, the discussion swiftly turned to politics and Trump's "enthusiasm" for the campaign against Biden, the presumed Democratic nominee, senators said.

"He admonished all of us to be tough, fight back," Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, told reporters afterward.

Democrats are eager to flip control of the Senate from Republicans as voters assess

Trump's handling of the pandemic crisis. Cornyn said the president explained to the senators, "It's going to be a pitched battle."

The president's visits are often free-flowing conversations and Republicans said various topics were discussed. But the hour-long session did not change the GOP position to hold off, until June, on a new round of virus aid for states and struggling Americans.

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CORONAVIRUS

## Testing capacity remains a hurdle

Santa Cruz County still weeks away from applying for state's loosened stay-home rules

By Nicholas Ibarra  
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**SANTA CRUZ** » With a relatively small number of COVID-19 cases and few hospitalizations, Santa Cruz County looks like a good candidate to meet Gov. Gavin Newsom's newly relaxed criteria to further reopen

But even under the eased requirements, Santa Cruz County is likely still weeks away from submitting an attestation that it is ready to meet the state's benchmarks.

"The governor has set the metrics we have to meet," said county spokesman Jason Hoppin on Tuesday. "We haven't met them yet. The metrics he established initially are really for those small rural counties with few cases."

The biggest remaining obstacle? Testing capacity, according to Hoppin.

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SANTA CRUZ

## Sheriff's Office announces arrests in case of local kidnapping and murder

By Jessica A. York  
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**LIVE OAK** » The Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office has announced the arrest of "several suspects" Tuesday in connection with last year's kidnapping-homicide case of Tushar Atre.

The Sheriff's Office is delaying release of the suspected killer's identities until Thursday, department spokeswoman Ashley Keehn said.

Atre, 50, was kidnapped Oct. 1 from his waterfront Pleasure Point home, a crime the Sheriff's Office officials believe was motivated by a robbery. Investigators located a deceased Atre, who had been shot, around 10 a.m. that day in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Atre's body was in the car in which he was kidnapped — his own BMW — and parked at a Soquel San Jose Road property he owned.

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**WHITE HOUSE**  
Aides defend Trump's use of unproven drug

The White House is scrambling to defend President Donald Trump's decision to take a malaria drug. **PAGE A6**



**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**  
Google says it won't build AI for oil, gas drillers

Google says it will no longer build custom artificial intelligence tools for speeding up oil and gas extraction. **PAGE A3**

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