‘Butterfly’ of the Week:

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Headlines make bad Science... but they sure sell

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Almost 3 million Americans have been infected with Covid-19, including a growing number of young adults. More than 130,000 Americans have died from the disease, and some survivors are grappling with long-term complications. A possible factor in the rapid spread is silent transmission through asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic cases, according to a report published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Monday.


https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/index.html#:~:text=While%20the%20impact%20of%20flu,61%2C000%20deaths%20annually%20since%202010.
# Why Aren’t We Dying?

## Table 1. Deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), pneumonia, and influenza reported to NCHS by week ending date, United States. Week ending 2/1/2020 to 7/4/2020.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week ending date in which the death occurred</th>
<th>Total Deaths</th>
<th>Deaths from All Causes</th>
<th>Deaths involving COVID-19 (U07.1)</th>
<th>Deaths from All Causes without COVID-19</th>
<th>Deaths involving Pneumonia, excluding influenza (I20.0-I26.9)</th>
<th>Deaths involving COVID-19 and Pneumonia, excluding influenza (I20.0-I26.9)</th>
<th>Deaths involving Pneumonia, or Influenza (I09-I11) and COVID-19</th>
<th>All Deaths involving Pneumonia, or Influenza, or COVID-19 (I09-I11)</th>
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<td>5/29/2020</td>
<td>6,915</td>
<td>58,607</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>5,637</td>
<td>2,884</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>5/30/2020</td>
<td>5,817</td>
<td>55,608</td>
<td>107</td>
<td>4,935</td>
<td>2,356</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>8,406</td>
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<td>6/6/2020</td>
<td>4,577</td>
<td>52,952</td>
<td>102</td>
<td>4,495</td>
<td>1,981</td>
<td>11</td>
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<td>6/13/2020</td>
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<td>51,372</td>
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<td>6/20/2020</td>
<td>2,532</td>
<td>46,370</td>
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<td>991</td>
<td>163</td>
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*Updated July 10, 2020*  
[cdc.gov/nchs/data/hestats/COVID19/]

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**Data Source:** Testing data from The COVID Tracking Project.

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How were we calculating “expected”?  

- 52,166 deaths with laboratory confirmed presence of COVID-19 (viral or radiographic?)  
- During the same period, CDC’s “death watch” recorded 94,574 deaths from COVID-19  

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6928e1.htm?s_cid=mm6928e1_w#contribAff
How did we calculate “expected”?

- “Normal” deaths with laboratory confirmed presence of influenza associated pathology
- Note that the CDC’s own standard required “laboratory confirmed” and not random symptom classification

[PubMed.gov](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4349859/)
So why did we need the change?

Gilead’s coronavirus treatment remdesivir to cost $3,120 per U.S. patient with private insurance

- Gilead Sciences announced its pricing plans in preparation for it to begin charging the drug in July.
- The company has been donating doses to the U.S. government for distribution since it received emergency use authorization in May.


$660 million


$1 billion


> $2 billion


…and let’s not forget EVENT201

Sherlock Biosciences and binx health Announce Global Partnership to Develop First CRISPR-based Point-of-care Test for COVID-19

Lizards Eat Butterflies: an antidote to the "Self-help" Addiction unveils how we're living on this planet and how we could do so much more to improve our experience with a shift in perspective. In a triumph of cutting-edge science, social commentary, and deeply personal life experience, David Martin shows us that, with an alteration in perspective, that which stands in the way of our humanity is an illusion that can be eradicated.

https://www.amazon.com/Lizards-Eat-Butterflies-Self-Help-Addiction/dp/1735011207/ref=mp_s_a_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=david+martin+lizards+eat+butterflies&qid=1591631499&sr=8-1