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Population Growth Projected to Slow

The nation's population growth will slow to a crawl over the next few decades as fertility rates decline and net immigration shrinks because of stricter enforcement, the Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday.

Deaths are now projected to exceed births in 2031. Just eight months ago, CBO had projected that threshold wouldn't be crossed until 2033. *Note*

By 2055, the U.S. population will be about 367 million, up from 350 million today. By the early 2050s, according to the latest projections, population growth will effectively be zero.

—Richard Rubin

DENVER

Three Teens Hurt In School Shooting

Three teens were critically wounded Wednesday in a shooting at a high school in suburban Denver, including the suspected shooter, authorities said.

The shooting was reported around 12:30 p.m. at Evergreen High School, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office said.

It wasn't clear what led to the shooting or how the suspected shooter, believed to be a student at the school, was shot. None of the law enforcement officers who responded to the shooting are believed to have fired any shots, the sheriff's office said.

—Associated Press

OBITUARY

Polly Holliday, 'Alice' Actress, 88

Polly Holliday, a Tony Award-nominated screen and stage actor who turned the catchphrase "Kiss my grits!" into a national retort as the beehive-wearing waitress on the CBS sitcom "Alice," has died. She was 88.

Holliday died Tuesday at her home in New York, said her theatrical agent, Dennis Aspland.

"Alice" ran from 1976 to 1985, and CBS gave Holliday her own spinoff called "Flo" in 1980. Holliday earned four Golden Globe nominations and won one in 1980 as well as four Emmy nominations.

—Associated Press