



President Joe Biden speaks with Opal Lee after he signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, in the East Room of the White House on Thursday, in Washington, D.C. (AP photo)

Juneteenth Established as Federal Holiday

Biden signs law, calling it a 'great honor'

(AP) — President Joe Biden signed legislation Thursday establishing a new federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery, saying he believes it will go down as one of the greatest honors he has as president.

Biden signed into law a bill to make Juneteenth, or June 19, the 12th federal holiday. The House voted 415-14 on Wednesday to send the bill to Biden, while the Senate passed the bill unanimously the day before.

"This is a day of profound weight and profound power, a day in which we remember the moral stain, the terrible toll that slavery took on the country and continues to take," Biden said.

Juneteenth commemorates

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The Week in Review

Seniors Need Fans to Keep Cool

Hot temperatures and a forecast for even more heat this weekend have many seniors struggling to keep cool in houses that have no fans or air conditioning. Meals on Wheels People is trying to help by asking for donations of new or gently-used fans. Visit mowp.org.

Golf Tourney Moves from Homeless

This year's annual LGPA golf tournament won't be held at its typical location at the Columbia Edgewater in northeast Portland because of concerns that nearby homeless camps have made the club unsafe, tournament officials announced Sunday. Instead the Portland Classic will be held at the Oregon Golf Club in West Linn.



Police Resign Protest Duty

About 50 Portland police officers who serve on a specialized crowd control unit, who have responded to the city's ongoing and often violent protests over the past year, resigned en masse last week after criminal charges were filed against one of their members. Officer Cody Budworth faces 4th-degree assault stemming from a baton strike

against a protester last summer.

Court Sides with Athletes

The Supreme Court on Monday unanimously ruled that the NCAA can't enforce certain rules that limit compensating athletes. The case doesn't decide whether students can be paid salaries, but clears the way for student athletes to receive certain benefits.

Guilty in Hate Crime Case

A white Colorado man accused of stabbing a Black man in a racist attack at a truck stop in eastern Oregon in 2019, pleaded guilty last week to a federal hate crime. Nolan Levi Strauss admitted he was trying to kill the man because he was Black, documents said.

Rioters Sentenced to 5 years

A Black Portland man was sentenced to 5 years in prison last week after pleading guilty to arson for starting a dumpster fire next to the Police Bureau's North Precinct during a protest riot last summer. Gavaughn Streeter-Hill-erich, 23, was recorded on video intentionally setting the fire.

Health Care Act Survives

The Supreme Court dismissed a major challenge to the Obama era Affordable Health Care law on Thursday, turning aside an effort by Republican-led states to throw out the law that provides insurance coverage for millions of Americans. The justices, by a 7-2 vote, left the entire law intact.



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