

Today

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2021. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On **Jan. 5**, 1925, Democrat Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

In **1589**, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.

In **1781**, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia.

In **1896**, an Austrian newspaper, Wiener Presse, reported the discovery by German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen of a type of radiation that came to be known as X-rays.

In **1914**, auto industrialist Henry Ford announced he was going to pay workers \$5 for an eight-hour day, as opposed to \$2.34 for a nine-hour day. (Employees still worked six days a week; the five-day workweek was instituted in 1926.)

In **1943**, educator and scientist George Washington Carver, who was born into slavery, died in Tuskegee, Alabama, at about age 80.

In **1949**, in his State of the Union address, President Harry S. Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In **1957**, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

In **1972**, President Richard Nixon announced he had ordered development of the space shuttle.

In **1975**, "The Wiz," a musical version of L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" featuring an all-Black cast, opened on Broadway.

In **1998**, Sonny Bono, the 1960s pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing at the Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California state line; he was 62.

In **2004**, foreigners arriving at U.S. airports were photographed and had their fingerprints scanned in the start of a government effort to keep terrorists out of the country.

Ten years ago: John Boehner was elected speaker as Republicans regained control of the House of Representatives on the first day of the new Congress. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs announced he was stepping down. Roberto Alomar and Bert Blyleven were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

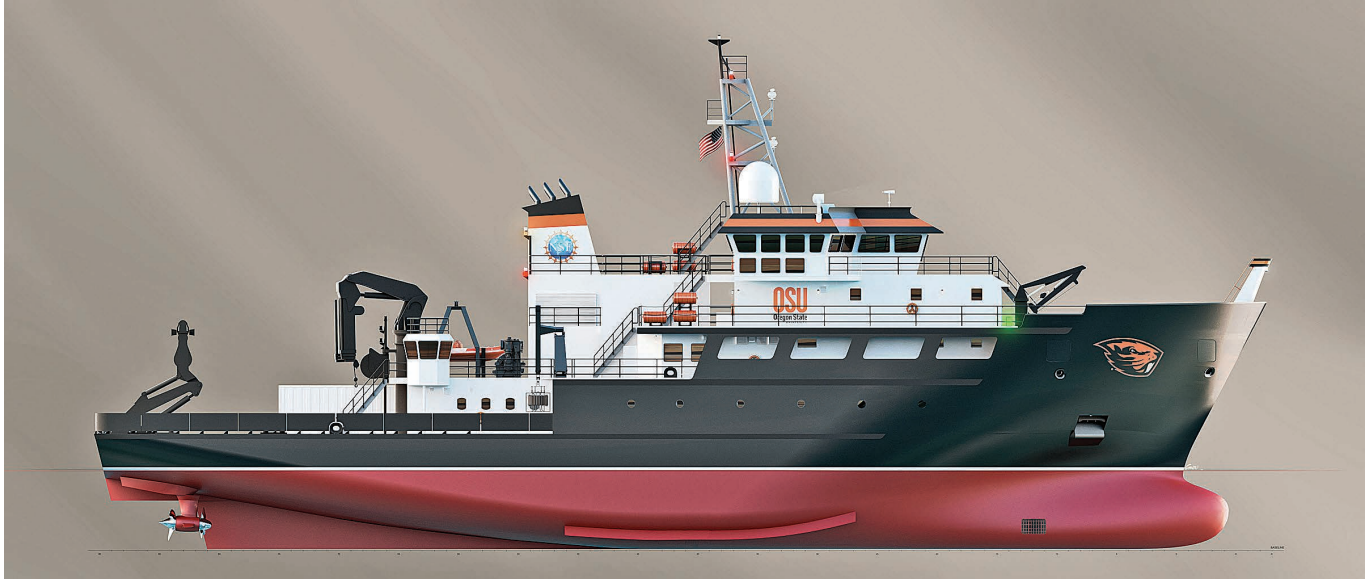
Five years ago: With tears streaking his cheeks, President Barack Obama launched a final-year push to tighten sales of firearms in the U.S., using his presidential powers in the absence of tougher gun restrictions that Congress refused to pass, coming out with plans for expanded background checks and other modest measures.

One year ago: President Donald Trump reiterated his view that cultural sites in Iran could be targeted if Iran were to retaliate for the drone strike that killed Iran's top general. Amid heightened tensions over the killing of an Iranian general, Iran said it would no longer abide by the limits contained in the 2015 nuclear deal. The World War I tale "1917" captured the Golden Globe for best dramatic film, while "Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood" won for best comedy or musical; in television categories, real-life stories captured top honors, including Olivia Colman's portrayal of Queen Elizabeth II and Michelle Williams' performance as Broadway star Gwen Verdon.

Today's Birthdays: Former Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 93. Actor Robert Duvall is 90. Juan Carlos, former King of Spain, is 83. Singer-musician Athol Guy (The Seekers) is 81. Former talk show host Charlie Rose is 79. Actor-director Diane Keaton is 75. Actor Ted Lange (Ilanj) is 73. Rhythm-and-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 72. Rock musician Chris Stein (Blondie) is 71. Former CIA Director George Tenet is 68. Actor Pamela Sue Martin is 68. Actor Clancy Brown is 62. Singer Iris Dement is 60. Actor Suzy Amis is 59. Actor Ricky Paull Goldin is 56. Actor Vinnie Jones is 56. Rock musician Kate Schellenbach (Luscious Jackson) is 55. Rock musician Troy Van Leeuwen (Queens of the Stone Age) is 53. Actor Heather Paige Kent is 52. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is 52. Actor-comedian Jessica Chafin is 47. Actor Bradley Cooper is 46. Actor January Jones is 43.

— Associated Press

LOCAL, STATE & REGION



Rendering via OSU

This rendering shows the research vessel Taani, which is under construction in Louisiana. It will operate primarily in the Pacific Ocean.

U.S. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CHARTS A BRAND NEW COURSE

Louisiana shipyards to build state-of-the-art research vessels, including one for OSU

Associated Press

A shipyard in Louisiana has a \$178 million Navy contract to build two new research ships for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Thoma-Sea Marine Constructors LLC is located in Houma, the same city where another shipyard is building three smaller research vessels for the National Science Foundation, including one for Oregon State University.

The new ships will be named Oceanographer and Discoverer after ships that served from the mid-1960s until 1996. The Oceanographer will be homeported in Honolulu. The second ship's home port has not yet been assigned.

Each will operate with a crew of 20 and

will be able to carry up to 28 scientists for up to 40 days. The National Science Foundation vessels will be able to carry about 13 crew members and 16 scientists for up to 21 days.

"The nation will benefit greatly from the information these state-of-the-art vessels will collect for decades to come," U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in a news release issued Thursday.

NOAA says its ships will use the latest technologies, including high-efficiency, environmentally friendly diesel engines, emissions controls and underwater scientific research and survey equipment.

They'll be able to handle a wide variety of research in shallow and deep water, including general oceanographic, marine life, climate and ocean ecosystem studies, the agency's statement said.

They'll be operated by NOAA's Office of Marine and Aviation Operations. That office includes both civilians and officers with the NOAA Commissioned Officer

Corps, one of the nation's eight uniformed services.

The ships are expected to be completed by June 2024, with about 60% of the work in Houma, according to Thursday's contract announcement. Other work locations include Georgia, Washington state, Virginia and Norway.

Thoma-Sea's shipyard is less than 2 miles from Gulf Island Shipyards, which is building the three research vessels for use by groups of university scientists.

The first is scheduled for delivery this year to Oregon State University. It's called the Taani, a Siletz Indian word meaning "offshore" and pronounced like the English word "tawny."

The Resolution will be operated by the University of Rhode Island.

A vessel that is expected to begin studies in the Gulf of Mexico in 2023 will be named the Gilbert R. Mason, after a Mississippi physician and civil rights activist.

Grazing rights could return to Hammonds

BY MAXINE BERNSTEIN

The Oregonian

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management proposed on New Year's Eve returning grazing rights to Hammond Ranches, citing among other reasons their "extensive historic use" of the allotments, and what the federal agency characterized as their "past proper use of rangeland resources."

The move drew harsh criticism from environmental advocates, who blasted the decision as a political move before President Donald Trump leaves office.

"Giving the permit to the Hammonds shows a flagrant disregard for the rule of law ... and is clearly a political move rather than a responsible allocation of public lands," said Erik Molvar, executive director of Western Watersheds Project.

U.S. District Judge Michael H. Simon revoked the Eastern Oregon grazing permit for Hammond Ranches Inc. after finding that an order by former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to renew it was an "abuse of discretion."

The renewal followed Trump's pardon of the Hammonds in July 2018. Dwight Hammond Jr. and his son, Steven Hammond, had been convicted of arson and were serving out five-year mandatory minimum sentences for setting fire to public land where they had grazing rights. Protesters cited the Hammonds' case as their reason for taking over the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge near Burns in 2016.

Judge: Groups can't sue over endangered species plans

Associated Press

JACKSON, Wyo. — An environmental group has no legal standing to challenge the specifics of recovery plans for endangered species, a judge in Montana has ruled.

The case began with a 2014 petition by the Center for Biological Diversity that asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to revise and update its then-21-year-old species recovery plan for threatened grizzly bears in the contiguous United States.

Federal wildlife managers declined, and the center took the issue to court. U.S. District Judge Dana Christensen ruled Dec. 23 that endangered species recovery plans are guidelines, not rules that can be challenged in court.

"Notwithstanding the merits of the Center's claim that the

(U.S. Fish and Wildlife) Service is simply not doing enough to protect the grizzly bear, Congress has authorized only limited avenues for judicial review of administrative action, none of which are available in this case," Christensen wrote.

While the case was brought against the U.S. Department of Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, several other entities intervened including the states of Wyoming and Idaho along with farm and ranch groups. The Mountain States Legal Foundation represented the Wyoming Stock Growers.

In 2019, a federal grizzly bear biologist concluded that reintroduction of grizzly bears in Colorado's San Juan and California's Sierra Nevada ranges would likely fail due to a lack of core habitat.

STATE BRIEFING

Oregon police seek help in identifying child

A sketch of the child whose body was found in rural Lincoln County in December was released on Monday.

Police are asking for the public's help in identifying the young girl.

"We just need to give this girl closure. We need someone to come forward," Oregon State Police Captain Tim Fox told KOIN.

The remains of the child were discovered Dec. 10 in the area of a scenic rest stop along the heavily wooded H.B. Van Duzer Forest State Scenic Corridor in Lincoln County.

Authorities say they believe that the girl, who died at least a month before her body was found, was between 6½ and 10 years old. She was about 3-foot-10 to 4-foot-6-inches tall and her hair was long and either dark brown or black.

Authorities say they are not



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Oregon State Police, with the help of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, released a sketch that approximates the appearance of a child whose remains were found in Lincoln County on Dec. 10.

aware of any missing children reports matching the child's description and are seeking information in other states as well.

Police ask that anyone with information call 800-442-0776.

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