

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 19, the 19th day of 2021. There are 346 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1981**, the United States and Iran signed an accord paving the way for the release of 52 Americans held hostage for more than 14 months.

In **1809**, author, poet and critic Edgar Allan Poe was born in Boston.

In **1861**, Georgia became the fifth state to secede from the Union.

In **1915**, Germany carried out its first air raid on Britain during World War I with a pair of Zeppelins.

In **1937**, millionaire Howard Hughes set a transcontinental air record by flying his monoplane from Los Angeles to Newark, New Jersey, in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

In **1942**, during World War II, Japanese forces captured the British protectorate of North Borneo. A German submarine sank the Canadian liner RMS Lady Hawkins off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, killing 251 people; 71 survived.

In **1944**, the federal government relinquished control of the nation's railroads to their owners following settlement of a wage dispute.

In **1955**, a presidential news conference was filmed for television and newsreels for the first time, with the permission of President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In **1980**, retired Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas died in Washington, D.C., at age 81.

In **1987**, Guy Hunt became Alabama's first Republican governor since 1874 as he was sworn into office.

In **2005**, the American Cancer Society reported that cancer had passed heart disease as the top killer of Americans age 85 and younger.

In **2006**, Osama bin Laden, in an audiotape that was his first in more than a year, said al-Qaida was preparing for attacks in the United States; at the same time, he offered a "long-term truce" without specifying the conditions. Vice President Dick Cheney defended the administration's domestic surveillance program, calling it an essential tool in monitoring al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations.

In **2009**, Russia and Ukraine signed a deal restoring natural gas shipments to Ukraine and paving the way for an end to the nearly two-week cutoff of most Russian gas to a freezing Europe.

Ten years ago: Chinese President Hu Jintao, visiting the White House, declared "a lot still needs to be done" to improve his country's record on human rights; the exchange with President Barack Obama over human rights was balanced by U.S. delight over newly announced Chinese business deals expected to generate about \$45 billion in new export sales for the U.S.

Five years ago: Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump received the endorsement of conservative firebrand Sarah Palin, giving the businessman a potential boost less than two weeks before Iowa's kick-off caucuses. Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, in his State of the State address, again pledged to fix the crisis over Flint's lead-contaminated water.

One year ago: Health officials in central China reported that 17 more people had been diagnosed with the new coronavirus, which had killed two patients and placed other countries on alert. The South Korean film "Parasite" became the first foreign language film to take top honors from the Screen Actors Guild, en route to an Academy Award as best picture.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tippi Hedren is 91. Former PBS newsmen Robert MacNeil is 90. Movie director Richard Lester is 89. Actor-singer Michael Crawford is 79. Country singer Dolly Parton is 75. Former ABC newswoman Ann Compton is 74. TV chef Paula Deen is 74. Rock singer Martha Davis is 70. Actor Katey Sagal is 67. Comedian Paul Rodriguez is 66. Conductor Sir Simon Rattle is 66. Reggae musician Mickey Virtue (formerly with UB40) is 64. Basketball coach and commentator Jeff Van Gundy is 59. International Tennis Hall of Famer Stefan Edberg is 55. Singer Trey Lorenz is 52. Actor Drea de Matteo is 49. Comedian-impressionist Frank Caliendo is 47. Actor Drew Powell is 45. Actor Bitsie Tulloch is 40. Actor Jodie Sweetin is 39. Movie director Damien Chazelle is 36. Olympic gold medal gymnast Shawn Johnson is 29. Rapper Taylor Bennett is 25. Actor Lidya Jewett is 14.

— Associated Press

FBI digs deeper into actions of rioters, seeks to avoid inauguration violence



U.S. Capitol Police hold protesters at gunpoint Jan. 6 near the House Chamber inside the U.S. Capitol.

Andrew Harnik/AP file

BY DEVLIN BARRETT AND SPENCER S. HSU • The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The FBI investigation of the Capitol riot has begun to zero in on potential key figures in the chaos, including some self-styled militia members who in some videos and photos appear to be planning or urging further violence.

Although no one has been charged with leading or directing the violence, investigators are working to find out whether some individuals helped coordinate aspects of the attack, before and during the chaos, or were opportunistic instigators.

In the nearly two weeks since the assault, the Justice Department has charged more than 100 people — mostly individuals who revealed themselves as participating in the Jan. 6 riot through social media boasts. But the weekend arrests of people with alleged ties to extremist groups reflects the FBI's increasing attention on the more prepared, organized and determined groups among the larger mass of rioters.

One of those newly charged was Robert Gieswein, 24, of Woodland Park, Colorado. Charging documents and videos indicate that he may have links to the three extremist groups that have drawn the most attention from the FBI: the Proud Boys, the Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters. Some of the videos appear to include members who discussed storming the Capitol about an hour before the riot.

In court papers, FBI agents say Gieswein — charged with assaulting police, civil disorder and obstruction of police and government — runs a private paramilitary training group and is affiliated with the Three Percenters. The FBI said in court filings that Gieswein was recorded multiple times inside and outside the Capitol on Jan. 6, decked out in military garb with two distinctive markings that made it easier for investigators to trace his actions that day — a patch for his paramilitary group, the Woodland Wild Dogs, and a black pouch on his chest that said, "MY MOM THINKS I'M SPECIAL," evocative of the Proud Boys anthem "Proud of Your Boy."

Someone who appears to match the description of Gieswein in FBI arrest affidavits shows up on a livestreamed Proud Boys video from about 11:14 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. that day. About 30 minutes into the video, viewed by The Washington Post, one member in the group with people in orange hats, camouflage backpacks and military-style vests yells, "Let's take the f-----Capitol!" Someone else then says, "Let's not f-----yell that."

Gieswein turned himself in to authorities Monday and was in custody in Colorado. Information about his attorney was not available. Efforts to reach Gieswein and relatives, including people associated with his addresses and inoperative Web domains he registered in 2019, such as rockymountainoathkeepers.com and woodlandwilddogs.com, were unsuccessful.

The Oath Keepers, the Three Percenters and the Proud Boys, a male-chauvinist group with ties to white nationalism, have drawn particular attention from

FBI agents investigating the attack on Congress as they work to determine whether those groups organized or directed the violence to block certification of President-elect Joe Biden's election victory. Officials have said the Proud Boys are an important focus of the FBI investigation.

"All these extremist groups are being looked at in terms of their participation at the Capitol," Michael Sherwin, acting U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, said Friday.

Oath Keepers patches and logos were prominently worn by a number of those in the mob that day. It is one of the largest self-described militia groups in the United States, claiming tens of thousands of members who assert the right to defy what they deem "illegal" government orders.

The Oath Keepers gained a measure of notoriety last summer when members showed up at Black Lives Matter protests wearing military gear and carrying weapons as a kind of self-declared vigilante force to prevent vandalism. Before that, they appeared at the 2014 standoff at the Bundy ranch in Nevada and at protests in Ferguson, Missouri.

A related group, the Three Percenters formed in 2008 and is named for the bogus claim that only 3% of the population fought against the British in the American Revolution. The self-described militia group espouses right-wing libertarian ideals and has embraced President Donald Trump. The group also has provided security services for various right-wing protests and movements, the FBI said.

Overall, many of those charged by the Justice Department have been what one senior law enforcement official characterized as "low-hanging fruit" — people who revealed themselves as participating in the riot on Jan. 6.

Federal investigators are now accelerating efforts to determine whether the assault was planned and led by groups of people — rather than an impulsive outburst of violence — particularly because some of the men shown on video laying siege to the building were equipped with handheld radios and headsets and at times appeared to work in unison on particular objectives, investigators said.

"There are breadcrumbs of organization in terms of what maybe was taking place outside the Capitol ... with perhaps some type of communication with core groups of people ingressing into the Capitol," Sherwin said, but he said it could be weeks or months before the FBI settles on an answer "to find out the actual motivations of some of those groups."

Even before the riot, the Oath Keepers had garnered attention and alarmed law enforcement officials. Stewart Rhodes, a former Army para-trooper who founded the group in 2009, threatened before November's election to deploy members to polling places, preemptively accusing Democrats of voter fraud on Alex Jones's online show "Infowars."

Members also demonstrated in Washington after the election in support of Trump. Rhodes, who has predicted that the nation will descend into civil war, said allies would not recognize Biden's victory as legitimate, adding in an interview with news outlet The Independent: "We'll end up nullifying and resisting."

Before the riot, law enforcement agencies were increasingly concerned about the Proud Boys. The group's chairman, Enrique Tarrio, had planned to attend Trump's Jan.

6 rally but was arrested when he arrived in D.C. and charged with misdemeanor destruction of property in connection with the burning of a Black Lives Matter banner taken from a Black church during an earlier protest in Washington. He also is accused of felony possession of two extended gun magazines.

U.S. authorities on Friday arrested Dominic Pezzola, 43, of Rochester, N.Y., a former Marine and Proud Boys member known as "Spaz" or Spazzo" who allegedly helped

Gieswein climb through a riot-shield-shattered Capitol window and confronting police with him inside the building. In court papers, the FBI cited a witness who told them that the group Pezzola was with would have killed "anyone they got their hands on," including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and Vice President Mike Pence.

Since the attack, Proud Boys leaders have urged members to pull out of pro-Trump protests planned around Biden's inauguration Wednesday.



Joyce H. Laski

1926-2020

The loving and much loved Joyce H. Laski, 94, was called to be with her heavenly father on Saturday, December 26, 2020.

The second of four children, she was born in Lost Valley Oregon, near Condon, in 1926, where her family raised sheep. The family moved to Albany Oregon in 1935 where Joyce graduated from high school and then worked as a waitress in a local restaurant where she also helped serve WWII soldiers from the nearby Camp Adair military training site. Shortly after WW2, she reluctantly accepted a blind date with Dale Marcy, a US Navy Sailor. They fell in love, married in Albany, lived in San Diego, and then raised their two sons, Bruce and Tim while living in Albany, Coquille, Coos Bay, Salem, Prineville, and Prairie City Oregon, where Dale was a pharmacist and Joyce worked in retail.

After separating from Dale, Joyce started a new life near her parents in Albany Oregon in 1969. She worked at the Albany Payless Drug Store, where she worked her way up to garden and automotive department manager and retired in 1985.

She loved to go dancing at local places and there met George Laski who she married in October 1976. They shared a loving and truly wonderful marriage in Sweet Home Oregon, where they regularly attended Sweet Home's St. Helen's Catholic Church. She also enjoyed her flower garden, vegetable garden, fishing for Kokanee, camping, traveling, and dancing with George at the VFW in Albany.

Joyce and George fully appreciated their retirements, visiting with extended family, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, and attending family reunions of their extended families. They were also avid travelers, visiting all 50 States and most Canadian provinces. Joyce traveled with other family members to Chile, Argentina, Wales, Scotland and the UK and enjoyed cruises to Caribbean islands, the Panama Canal, and Alaska.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Mary Ochse; younger brother Howard Ochse; older sister Gene Gross; first husband, Dale Marcy; second husband, George Laski; and elder son, Bruce Marcy.

She is survived by her younger sister, Joann Humphrey; younger son, Tim Marcy and his wife Ximena; daughter-in-law, Suzan Marcy; grandchildren, Nancy and husband Kordel Doll; Robert and wife Leslie Marcy; Scott and wife Anna-Lena Marcy; Lesa and husband Larry Simpson; Christina and husband Jamie Anderson and Rafael Marcy. She is survived by great grandchildren Garret and wife Kimberly Marcy; Whitney and husband Sean Wilson; Jordan Marcy; Hayden Grover; Kira Marcy; Jareth Anderson; Polly Anderson; Aidan Doll; Aaron McCulloch; Larrisa Simpson and Rhianon Simpson. And she is survived by great great grandchildren Amelia, Sawyer, and Sadie Marcy and numerous nieces, nephews, and their families.

Joyce will be put to rest at the Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend, OR on an as yet unspecified date in January accompanied by close family and Pastor Steven Koski of the First Presbyterian church. A celebration of Joyce's life will take place later this summer.

DEATH NOTICES

Jean S. (Nielson) Vogel of Bend, OR
September 6, 1933 - January 1, 2021
Arrangements:
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Services:
Private Services are planned.
Contributions may be made to:
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www.peointernational.org
3700 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
Phone: 515-255-3153

Daphne Dawn Banks-Killian of Bend, OR
Aug 19, 1977 - Jan 10, 2021
Arrangements:
Baird Funeral Home of Bend is honored to serve the Banks - Killian family. Please visit our website, www.bairdfh.com, to share condolences and sign our online guest book.
541.382.0903
Services:
Private family services are being held.

Baxter Steely Moore, Jr. of Alfalfa, OR
July 6, 1938 - January 7, 2021
Arrangements:
Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Online condolences may be shared at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com
Services:
No services.
Contributions may be made to:
For those who would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Baxter, the family suggests Heart n Home Hospice through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, PO Box 543 Halfway, Oregon 97834.

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