

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 20, the 20th day of 2021. There are 345 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1986**, the United States observed the first federal holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

In **1265**, England's first representative Parliament met for the first time.

In **1801**, Secretary of State John Marshall was nominated by President John Adams to be chief justice of the United States.

In **1887**, the U.S. Senate approved an agreement to lease Pearl Harbor in Hawaii as a naval base.

In **1937**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt became the first chief executive to be inaugurated on Jan. 20 instead of March 4.

In **1942**, Nazi officials held the notorious Wannsee conference, during which they arrived at their "final solution" that called for exterminating Europe's Jews.

In **1961**, John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th President of the United States.

In **1964**, Capitol Records released the album "Meet the Beatles!"

In **1981**, Iran released 52 Americans it had held hostage for 444 days, minutes after the presidency had passed from Jimmy Carter to Ronald Reagan.

In **1994**, Shannon Faulkner became the first woman to attend classes at The Citadel in South Carolina. (Faulkner joined the cadet corps in Aug. 1995 under court order but soon dropped out, citing isolation and stress from the legal battle.)

In **2007**, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., launched her first campaign for the White House, saying in a videotaped message on her website: "I'm in, and I'm in to win."

In **2009**, Barack Obama was sworn in as the nation's 44th, as well as first African American, president.

In **2017**, Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th president of the United States, pledging emphatically to empower America's "forgotten men and women." Protesters registered their rage against the new president in a chaotic confrontation with police just blocks from the inaugural parade.

Ten years ago: In a luncheon speech to American business executives in Washington, Chinese President Hu Jintao denied his country was a military threat despite its arms buildup and pressed the U.S. for closer cooperation between the global powers. Federal authorities orchestrated one of the biggest Mafia takedowns in FBI history, charging 127 suspected mobsters and associates in the Northeast with murders, extortion and other crimes spanning decades.

Five years ago: The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration and NASA announced that 2015 was by far the hottest year in 136 years of record keeping. Kathryn Smith was promoted by the Buffalo Bills to take over as special teams quality control coach, making her the NFL's first full-time female coach.

One year ago: Chinese government experts confirmed human-to-human transmission of the new coronavirus, saying two people caught the virus from family members and that some health workers had tested positive. Fifteen-year-old Coco Gauff moved into the second round at the Australian Open by beating Venus Williams in straight sets.

Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Buzz Aldrin is 91. Olympic gold medal figure skater Carol Heiss is 81. Singer Eric Stewart is 76. Movie director David Lynch is 75. Country-rock musician George Grantham (Poco) is 74. Israeli activist Natan Sharansky is 73. Actor Daniel Benzali is 71. Rock musician Paul Stanley (KISS) is 69. Rock musician Ian Hill (Judas Priest) is 69. Comedian Bill Maher (MAR) is 65. Actor Lorenzo Lamas is 63. Actor James Denton is 58. Rock musician Greg K. (The Offspring) is 56. Country singer John Michael Montgomery is 56. Sophie, Countess of Wessex, is 56. Actor Rainn Wilson is 55. Actor Stacey Dash is 54. TV personality Melissa Rivers is 53. Actor Reno Wilson is 52. Singer Edwyn McCain is 51. Actor Skeet Ulrich is 51. Rap musician 21 Savage (The Roots) is 50. Former United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley is 49. Rock musician Rob Bourdon (Linkin Park) is 42. Singer-songwriter Bonnie McKee is 37. Country singer Brantley Gilbert is 36. Rock singer Kevin Parker (Tame Impala) is 35. Actor Evan Peters is 34.

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The Bulletin file

Capital city climate change

Salem studies how residents add to greenhouse gases through transportation, food consumption

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Salem Reporter

SALEM — More than half the greenhouse gases generated by Salem residents come from either how they get around or what they eat, according to a new report that's part of the city's climate change effort.

Last month, the city released a consumption-based greenhouse gas inventory that looked at how much goods consumed and services used by Salem residents contributed to climate change.

Using 2016 data, the report looked at the greenhouse gases associated with the production, transportation and disposal of various goods and services.

Verdis Group, an environmental consultant, calculated that Salem residents purchased goods and services that contributed 4.2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide in 2016, the equivalent of 913,043 cars driving for a year.

The inventory comes as Salem is the process of creating a climate action plan. Understanding the sources of greenhouse gases is expected to help the city set goals aimed at reducing its carbon footprint.

The findings of the inventory were presented at a recent meeting of the Salem Climate Action Plan Task Force, a 40-member panel tasked with guiding the city's initial efforts.

During the meeting, Brian Harmon with Verdis Group said each Salem resident's consumption habits are responsible for 20 metric tons of carbon dioxide each year, equivalent to driving nearly 50,000 miles in a car in one year.

Harmon said local emissions track with other American and Western European cities that have to import goods and often don't produce food within city limits.

Food waste is a significant source of greenhouse gases because of the emissions associated with producing, transporting and storing food that isn't eaten, the inventory notes.

The inventory singles out beef production because of its large carbon footprint associated with feeding cattle and methane released in manure.

Meat and dairy account for 14.5% of global greenhouse gas emissions, according to the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization.

In 2019, the city looked at greenhouse gas emissions generated within city limits. That inventory found that more than half of Salem's emissions came from vehicles.

Patricia Farrell, Salem's parks and natural resources planning manager, said the 2019 inventory is probably more important in guiding the task force. But she said the more recent inventory that takes into account emissions produced outside Salem city limits paints a more complete picture of the source of greenhouse gas emissions.

Vehicles and parts contributed to 29% of greenhouse gases and food and beverages another 22%, according to the most recent inventory.

The consumption-based inventory takes into account not just emissions from driving to purchase a new item but also those associated with manufacturing goods overseas and shipping them.

The inventory said that looking at emissions associated with goods and services is a less commonly used. But it is increasingly being used by local governments to better understand how the choices and behaviors of individuals affect climate change.

Man convicted in 1988 hate crime seen at Oregon Capitol rally

The Oregonian

One of the men convicted in the infamous 1988 hate-crime killing of Mulugeta Seraw in Portland got into a bloody clash at the Jan. 6 pro-Trump demonstration outside the state Capitol in Salem.

Kyle H. Brewster, 51, also appears to have attended a Proud Boy rally in Portland in the fall.

Rose City Antifa, Portland's amorphous group of anti-fascist activists, posted photos of a man who appears to be Brewster at both events.

Willamette Week also reported that one of its correspondents said he saw Brewster fighting with leftist counterprotesters on the lawn at the Oregon Capitol event.

Brewster, long associated with racist groups in the Pacific Northwest, has been out of prison since 2010 and lives in Portland.

He was one of three men convicted in the fatal street beating of Seraw, a 28-year-old Ethiopian immigrant who was fleeing violence in his own country.

The slaying cast a shadow on Portland, which was branded "Skinhead City" by one of the nation's leading civil rights groups. It led to the enactment of Oregon's groundbreaking hate-crime law and set the stage for a civil trial that financially crippled a man considered at the time to be among the nation's most influential racists, Tom Metzger. Metzger, who

lived in California and died last year, led the White Aryan Resistance.

Recent photos posted on social media appear to show a bandaged or bleeding Brewster at the state Capitol on the same day a mob attacked the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Brewster seemed to acknowledge attending the Salem rally, according to a Jan. 13 post on his Facebook page quoted by Willamette Week: "And yep, i was part of a three on three fight with non white immigrants to this country and no part of me is sorry, remorseful or regretful about that."

Brewster also said in response to a commenter who posted a photo of a bleeding man at the Jan. 6 rally, according to Willamette Week: "That's right. I got hit in the head with a hammer by antifa/blm last week. Split me open pretty good. Right after i punched pne [sic] of them in the head and tripped one to the ground and kicked him hard in the ribs. And that is milk of magnesia on my face after we poured it in my eyes because i got bear mace sprayed in my eyes at the same time i got hit with hammer."

The posts don't appear to be public anymore.

Brewster was 19 when he was among three neo-Nazis who bludgeoned and kicked Seraw.

Kenneth Mieske, the 23-year-old who beat Seraw with a baseball bat, was sen-

tenced to life for murder and died in 2011 at age 45 while imprisoned. Brewster ended up serving more than 13 years, and accomplice Steven R. Strasser served more than a decade before getting out of prison in 1999.

The jury in 1990 also found Metzger guilty of inciting the

skinheads and returned a \$12.5 million judgment against him and his co-defendants. At the time, it was the largest award ever delivered for a hate crime in the United States.

In prison, Brewster did not disavow his racist past. He was paroled in 2002 only to return in 2006 to complete the rest of

his sentence after violating his parole by contacting members of a white supremacist group, according to court records and media reports.

Brewster was convicted again in 2008, this time for assaulting a police officer in Umatilla County. State records show he was sentenced to two years.



Partners In Care

Upcoming Grief Support Series

Partners In Care offers a variety of support services for families, friends, and the community when a loved one dies. The following series will begin in January and end in March. All conducted virtually.

Mindfulness & Grief Class – 10 weekly sessions beginning January 25 - 2-3:30pm
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