

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2021. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1825**, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In **1870**, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In **1942**, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff held its first formal meeting to coordinate military strategy during World War II.

In **1943**, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an Allied victory over Japanese forces.

In **1950**, in a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In **1960**, Adolph Coors Co. chairman Adolph Coors III, 44, was shot to death in suburban Denver during a botched kidnapping attempt.

In **1962**, an agreement was signed to make Jamaica an independent nation within the British Commonwealth later in the year.

In **1964**, the Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York on CBS.

In **1971**, a magnitude 6.6 earthquake in California's San Fernando Valley claimed 65 lives. The crew of Apollo 14 returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In **1984**, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov, 69, died 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was followed by Konstantin U. Chernenko.

In **1986**, during its latest visit to the solar system, Halley's Comet came closest to the sun (its next return will be in 2061).

In **1995**, Former Senator J. William Fulbright died in Washington at age 89.

In **2002**, Britain's Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, died in London at age 71.

Ten years ago: Thousands of workers went on strike across Egypt, adding a new dimension to the uprising as public rage turned to the vast wealth President Hosni Mubarak's family reportedly amassed while close to half the country struggled near the poverty line. Rep. Christopher Lee, R-N.Y., abruptly resigned with only a vague explanation of regret after gossip website Gawker reported that the married congressman had sent a shirtless photo of himself to a woman on Craigslist. Lindsay Lohan pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to felony grand theft of a \$2,500 necklace. (Lohan later pleaded no contest to taking the necklace without permission and served 35 days of house arrest.)

Five years ago: Republican Donald Trump posted a decisive victory in the New Hampshire primary, while Democrats lined up behind Bernie Sanders in their own act of anti-establishment defiance. President Barack Obama unveiled his eighth and final budget, a \$4 trillion-plus proposal freighted with liberal policy initiatives and tax hikes. Two commuter trains crashed head-on in a remote area of southern Germany, killing 12 people and injuring dozens of others.

One year ago: U.S. officials said airline passengers from China, including those who'd been in China in the last 14 days, were being funneled to 11 airports to ensure that they received medical screening and treatment for the coronavirus. New coronavirus cases were reported in Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, the U.K. and Spain. "Parasite," from South Korea, won the best picture Oscar, becoming the first foreign-language film to take home the biggest honor in film.

Today's Birthdays: Retired television journalist Roger Mudd is 93. Nobel Prize-winning author J.M. Coetzee is 81. Actor-politician Sheila James Kuehl (TV: "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis") is 80. Singer-songwriter Carole King is 79. Actor Joe Pesci is 78. Singer Barbara Lewis is 78. Author Alice Walker is 77. Actor Mia Farrow is 76. Jazz musician Steve Wilson is 60. Actor Sharon Case is 50. Actor Amber Valletta is 47. Actor-producer Charlie Day is 45. Buckley is 44. Rock musician Richard On (O.A.R.) is 42. Olympic silver and bronze medal figure skater Irina Slutskaya is 42. Actor Tom Hiddleston is 40. Actor David Gallagher is 36. Actor Michael B. Jordan is 34. Actor Rose Leslie is 34. Actor Camille Winbush is 31. Actor Evan Roe (TV: "Madam Secretary") is 21.

—Associated Press

LOCAL, STATE & REGION



Kennewick Irrigation District via Capital Press

Water flows in a Kennewick Irrigation District canal in south-central Washington. The Bureau of Reclamation is offering cash prizes for ways to reduce seepage from irrigation canals.

Bureau of Reclamation seeks ideas to stop seepage in canals

Finalists will receive \$50K to build prototypes

BY GEORGE PLAVEN
Capital Press

DENVER — The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is seeking innovative solutions to reduce water seepage in open irrigation canals across the West.

Applicants can submit their ideas to the agency as part of the Water America's Crops Challenge, in partnership with the HeroX, an online crowd-sourcing platform.

"The goal here is what are those outside-the box, innovative solutions to make sure we're maximizing the efficiency of our water delivery system."

— Evan Lindenbach, Bureau of Reclamation civil engineer

to deliver water for 30 million customers and 10 million acres of farmland in six Western regions — including the Columbia-Pacific Northwest region.

Seepage is one of the largest potential losses of water within the system, Lindenbach said. The bureau has experimented with different solutions in the past, primarily heavy duty liners made out of concrete, plastic and other materials.

But those come with a tradeoff, Lindenbach said. Issues with effectiveness, durability and maintenance

can all increase costs for the agency and local communities. The challenge seeks solutions that will minimize maintenance costs, while maximizing water savings across a variety of regions and climates.

"We have canals all the way from northern Montana to Ar-

izona," Lindenbach said. "Some are more efficient than others, but seepage out of canals is obviously a loss to the end user."

Proposals are due by June 24. Lindenbach said the bureau will select five finalists, who will receive \$50,000 to develop and test a lab-scale prototype of their design.

"What I think is really exciting is this opportunity to

get funding to forward their solution to a prototype scale," he said.

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LOCAL BRIEFING

Human remains found on Warm Springs reservation identified

The human remains discovered last month in a remote part of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation have been identified as belonging to Tina Vel Spino, tribal police announced Monday in a statement.

Spino, 58, and a Warm Springs resident, was reported missing Aug. 8. Police issued flyers offering a cash reward for tips leading to her whereabouts.

On Jan. 11, a man harvesting wood from a cattle chute called police after spotting a skull that appeared to be human.

Bill Elliott, chief of the Warm Springs Tribal Police Department, called on the public for tips about sightings and conversations they might have had with Spino around the time of her disappearance.

"This department has assured the family that we will continue to piece together the circumstances surrounding her death," Elliott wrote in a statement.

People with information are asked to call Warm Springs Police at 541-553-1171 or the department's anonymous tip line at 541-553-2202.

—Bulletin staff report

Marion County shows benefits of state program paying workers to isolate

BY JAKE THOMAS
Salem Reporter

Latinos and residents of less-affluent parts of Marion County have been the biggest local beneficiaries of a state program intended to help workers isolate themselves after exposure to COVID-19.

In September, the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services rolled out its COVID-19 Temporary Paid Leave Program, which was funded by federal pandemic relief money.

The program was set up to provide payments to workers whose jobs don't have paid time off and didn't fall under a new federal law mandating medical leave related to the pandemic. Workers who qualify get \$120-per-day payments up to 10 working days totaling \$1,200 for the time they have to quarantine or isolate. To date, it's paid \$13 million to workers across the state.

Numbers provided by the department show that since the program began in September, \$1.7 million has flowed to workers in Marion County. Of the 1,744 Marion County workers who received payments, most of the money went to a handful of ZIP codes that include Woodburn, as well as north Salem and surrounding areas, which have lower incomes and higher Hispanic populations than the rest of Marion County.

Those areas have also been the hardest hit by COVID-19, according to county health department data. The Woodburn area is home to about 8% of the county's population, but nearly 16% of its COVID-19 cases to date.

Of the money directed to Marion County by the program, over half, \$828,360, has gone to people who identify as "Hispanic or Latinx."