

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, March 9, the 68th day of 2021. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1841**, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *United States v. The Amistad*, ruled 7-1 in favor of a group of illegally enslaved Africans who were captured off the U.S. coast after seizing control of a Spanish schooner, *La Amistad*; the justices ruled that the Africans should be set free.

In **1916**, more than 400 Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, New Mexico, killing 18 Americans. During the First World War, Germany declared war on Portugal.

In **1933**, Congress, called into special session by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, began its "hundred days" of enacting New Deal legislation.

In **1945**, during World War II, U.S. B29 bombers began launching incendiary bomb attacks against Tokyo, resulting in an estimated 100,000 deaths.

In **1954**, CBS newsmen Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-communism campaign on "See It Now."

In **1959**, Mattel's Barbie doll, created by Ruth Handler, made its public debut at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

In **1964**, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, raised the standard for public officials to prove they'd been libeled in their official capacity by news organizations.

In **1976**, a cable car in the Italian ski resort of Cavalese fell some 700 feet to the ground when a supporting line snapped, killing 43 people.

In **1987**, Chrysler Corp. announced it had agreed to buy the financially ailing American Motors Corp.

In **1989**, the Senate rejected President George H.W. Bush's nomination of John Tower to be defense secretary by a vote of 53-47.

In **1990**, Dr. Antonia Novello was sworn in as surgeon general, becoming the first woman and the first Hispanic to hold the job.

In **1997**, gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G. (Christopher Wallace) was killed in a still-unresolved drive-by shooting in Los Angeles; he was 24.

In **2000**, John McCain suspended his presidential campaign, conceding the Republican nomination to George W. Bush. Bill Bradley ended his presidential bid, conceding the Democratic nomination to Vice President Al Gore.

Ten years ago: After a trip to the International Space Station, shuttle *Discovery* ended its career as the most flown U.S. spaceship, returning from orbit for the last time.

Five years ago: Six days before the Florida primary, Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders tangled in an intense debate in Miami over who was the true friend of American Hispanics, and had even worse things to say about Republican front-runner Donald Trump.

One year ago: Global stock markets and oil prices plunged, reflecting mounting alarm over the impact of the coronavirus. An alarmingly sharp slide at the opening bell on Wall Street triggered the first automatic halt in trading in more than two decades; the Dow industrials finished nearly 8% lower. A cruise ship with at least 21 infected people aboard was allowed to dock in Oakland, California after days idling at sea while dozens of those aboard were tested. Italy's premier put the entire country on lockdown to combat the coronavirus, urging all 60 million Italians to stay home.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Lloyd Price is 88. Actor Trish Van Devere is 80. Singer-musician John Cale (*The Velvet Underground*) is 79. Former ABC anchorman Charles Gibson is 78. Rock musician Robin Trower is 76. Actor Jaime Lyn Bauer is 72. Magazine editor Michael Kinsley is 70. TV newscaster Faith Daniels is 64. Actor Tom Amandes is 62. Actor-director Lonny Price is 62. Actor Juliette Binoche is 57. Rock musician Robert Sledge (*Ben Folds Five*) is 53. Rock musician Shannon Leto (*30 Seconds to Mars*) is 51. Actor Emmanuel Lewis is 50. Actor Jean Louisa Kelly is 49. Actor Kerr Smith is 49. Actor Oscar Isaac is 42. Comedian Jordan Klepper (*TV: "The Daily Show"*) is 42. Rapper Chingy is 41. Actor Matthew Gray Gubler is 41. Rock musician Chad Gilbert (*New Found Glory*) is 40. NHL defenseman Brent Burns is 36. Actor Brittany Snow is 35. Rapper Bow Wow is 34. Rapper YG is 31.

—Associated Press

Redistricting

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Democrats and Republicans in the Legislature are uniting to ask the Oregon Supreme Court to reset the clock on delays and give the Legislature a shot at drawing the maps for the 2022 election. If the block-by-block data needed to create districts that meet federal and state civil rights laws becomes available Sept. 30, lawmakers want up to 60 days to draw the maps and submit them to the governor for approval.

House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, said last week that if the courts agree, the Legislature would return in the fall for a special session to handle redistricting.

The request to send the mapping back to lawmakers has bipartisan support.

Democrats have the upper hand in shaping the district maps to their liking. The biggest prize is a sixth congressional district that Oregon is expected to receive, it's first in 40 years. The U.S. Census Bureau has said it will officially notify states of their gain or loss in

Hearing schedule

1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Includes Clatsop, Columbia, parts of Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties.
First hearing: March 9 at 5:30 p.m.
Second hearing: March 20 at 9 a.m.

2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Includes Deschutes, Umatilla, Jackson, Baker, Crook, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Union, Wallowa, Wasco, and Wheeler and parts of Josephine County
First hearing: March 10, 5:30 p.m.
Second hearing: March 20, 1 p.m.

3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Includes parts of Multnomah and Clackamas counties
First hearing: March 11, 5:30 p.m.
Second hearing: April 10, 9 a.m.

4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Parts of Benton, Coos, Curry, Douglas, parts of Josephine, Lane, and Linn counties.
First hearing: March 16, 5:30 p.m.
Second hearing: April 10, noon

5TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Includes parts of Benton, parts of Clackamas, Lincoln, Marion, parts of Multnomah, Polk, and Tillamook counties
First hearing: March 18, 5:30 p.m.
Second hearing: April 10, 3 p.m.

Legislature's redistricting website:

www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/
Map to locate your legislative and congressional representatives: www.oregonlegislature.gov/find-yourlegislator/leg-districts.html
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the 435-member U.S. House by April 30.

While Democrats would be in the driver's seat for redistricting, Republicans want the maps drawn and debated in the Legislature. It gives the minority party a chance to call

attention to districts it deems unfair.

"This is one of the most important opportunities to participate in when it comes to our constitutional republic," said Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend, a member of the Senate Redistricting Committee.

Knopp said the hearings

"will give people the ability to advocate for districts that represent our community and to help ensure that the districts are drawn with an open and transparent process."

Mathisen

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Since July 2020, Mathisen has been the director of educational leadership at George Fox University in Newberg. Before then, he spent 15 years in Bend-La Pine Schools, most recently as the deputy superintendent for five years.

Mathisen was also the principal of La Pine High School for five years, the district's administrative superintendent for three years, and he began his career in the district in September 2005 with a two-year stint as La Pine Middle School's principal, he said.

Before then, he was a middle and high school coach and teacher in the McKenzie School District in rural Lane County.

Mathisen said his time in La Pine gives him some knowledge of how to lead rural



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"It's never wise to ride into town as somebody new and bring a basket full of ideas until you listen and learn from those doing the good work there."

— Jay Mathisen, shown at left

schools, even though that community is different from Madras or Warm Springs.

"I think there are some things that will transfer from there," he said.

Mathisen said he has never worked in a school district with a large Native American population like Jefferson County. Typically, about a third of the school district's student

population identifies as Native American.

"I have not served in a community with a significant Native American population," Mathisen said. "I'm looking forward to learning and listening and serving."

However, Mathisen is comfortable working and living in a rural community.

He grew up in Warsaw, Indiana, which is about the size of Pendleton, and his wife is from a rural area in California, he said.

"My wife and I are both small-town kids in terms of our childhoods, and it feels really good, the time we've spent

in Jefferson County this past week," Mathisen said. "It feels like a place we could settle in."

Laurie Danzuka, chair of the Jefferson County School Board, said the board thought Mathisen's experience with Central Oregon education was a perk.

"Connections within the region, knowing the barriers we face and the good things about being in the region — those are all definite advantages for us," she said.

But Mathisen's outsider perspective, having never worked in Jefferson County before, will also be valuable, Danzuka said.

"It's always exciting to say, 'Hey, we're going to start something else, and go forward, and see what other improvements we can make.'"

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Nurses

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Neysa Larson, another registered nurse, said the problem goes beyond just being able to fill the role of the technician. There is also the knowledge and experience that comes with working at the hospital and providing quality care.

"It's knowing how to navigate the system in an efficient and effective way to be part of the team," said Larson. "To deliver the most positive care, even if they have the training, they won't be able to operate under that roof."

St. Charles spokesperson Lisa Goodman said the new workers were "thoroughly vetted" to ensure they had the proper qualifications and experience to work at the hospital. The workers also went through an on-site, onboarding process, said Goodman.

Late last week, St. Charles said it did limit surgical procedures and some cases were moved to St. Charles Redmond. The hospital said it restarted normal operations over the weekend.

"Technicians came from all corners of the country and from some of the top medical centers," said Aaron Adams, St. Charles Bend president. "We're pleased we have been able to mitigate disruptions to our health care services."

Registered nurse Megan Bovi said she normally looks after four to six patients at a time and her work has been "stressed to the max" since the March 4 walk-off. She looks forward to having the technicians back on the job.

"When I am looking to my techs and respiratory therapists to help and be my second, they are absolutely standing up to the plate," said Bovi. "They say how can I help you, how can I get this done, and they help me do my job better. We need to stand behind them."

Representatives from the hospital and union are scheduled to meet again Wednesday on a Zoom call with a federal mediator. The med techs are demanding higher salaries,

more benefits and better working conditions at the health care system, the largest medical provider in Central Oregon.

They say the compensation they receive has not kept pace with the soaring cost of living in Bend, where the median price of a home rose 12% last year.

The median salary for med techs at St. Charles is \$32 an hour, said Sam Potter, spokesman for the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, the union that is representing the med techs.

In a statement, Potter said the hospital is refusing the negotiate with the workers.

"The striking medical techs are open to negotiations at any time," said Potter. "Yet the hospital refuses to bargain until Wednesday, leaving all of Central Oregon in uncertainty."

Meanwhile, strikers tried to remain upbeat on the picket line on Monday morning, playing music and shaking to the beat, despite the freezing temperatures.

We are here for the duration, there is no stopping us at this point," said Deidre Moore, a respiratory therapist who has worked at St. Charles for 28 years. "We want to be at work, but we are here so we have to keep morale up."

Moore said she is concerned about the way patients are being treated by the replacement workers.

"We have heard some stories

they are not being treated the right way, and that unnerves us," said Moore.

Alan Vaughn, a 23-year-veteran of the hospital who works in neurodiagnostics, was also on the picket line holding a sign and waving at passing cars as they honked.

"People are feeling good; they are pretty pumped; there is a lot of energy out here," said Vaughn. "We all want to be at work. I can't imagine why the hospital wouldn't want this energy inside the hospital."

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DEATH NOTICES

Paul Joseph Phanco of Redmond, OR
Sep 7, 1945 - March 2, 2021
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OBITUARY

Todd Westmoreland

September 17, 1942 - December 18, 2020



Todd Westmoreland was born on September 17, 1942 in Los Angeles, California. He grew up Southern California at the beach, surfing, scuba diving, playing volleyball and finding adventures in Mexico. He earned his undergraduate degree from Oregon State University and then received his juris doctor degree from Lewis & Clark Law School in 1977.

Todd's work throughout his life was notable for its variety. He dove commercially for abalone and lobster in Southern California. While in law enforcement, he worked the first Watts riots in LA while with the Sheriff's Office and then served as an officer with the California Highway Patrol in Malibu and Central California. After Todd became a member of the Oregon State Bar, he joined Al and Rick Roll in their labor law practice on the Oregon coast. His practice later expanded to include worker's compensation, social security and personal injury cases. The many thank you cards found after his death are a testament to his commitment to helping others, clients and strangers, wherever he found them.

Todd loved travel, Duck football and his three German shorthair pointers. His travels took him to Africa, to the Big Island of Hawaii each year and then to Kodiak Island where he so enjoyed fishing. Another highlight was his time in Washington, DC and seeing a case argued before the US Supreme Court.

After his retirement to Central Oregon, Todd became very involved with the 3Sisters Equine Refuge where he worked with abused and neglected horses. He had a true gift for instilling trust and connecting with these animals who had suffered so much.

Todd passed away very peacefully on December 18, 2020 at his home with his dog and sister by his side. Todd is survived by his wife, two children, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. Todd also leaves behind many others who call him their trusted and loyal friend.

Remembrances may be made to the 3Sisters Equine Refuge in Bend Oregon in Todd's memory.

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