

TODAY

It's Saturday, March 20, the 79th day of 2021. There are 286 days left in the year. Spring arrives at 5:37 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1995**, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the deadly chemical sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.

In **1413**, England's King Henry IV died; he was succeeded by Henry V.

In **1727**, physicist, mathematician and astronomer Sir Isaac Newton died in London.

In **1815**, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his "Hundred Days" rule.

In **1854**, the Republican Party of the United States was founded by slavery opponents at a schoolhouse in Ripon, Wisconsin.

In **1922**, the decommissioned USS Jupiter, converted into the first U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, was re-commissioned as the USS Langley.

In **1933**, the state of Florida electrocuted Giuseppe Zangara for shooting to death Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak at a Miami event attended by President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, the presumed target, the previous February.

In **1952**, the U.S. Senate ratified, 66-10, a Security Treaty with Japan.

In **1976**, kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was convicted of armed robbery for her part in a San Francisco bank holdup carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison; she was released after serving 22 months, and was pardoned in 2001 by President Bill Clinton.

In **1977**, voters in Paris chose former French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac to be the French capital's first mayor in more than a century.

In **1985**, Libby Riddles of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.

In **1996**, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Erik and Lyle Menendez of first-degree murder in the shotgun slayings of their wealthy parents. They were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

In **2004**, hundreds of thousands of people worldwide rallied against the U.S.-led war in Iraq on the first anniversary of the start of the conflict. The U.S. military charged six soldiers with abusing inmates at the Abu Ghraib prison.

Ten years ago: As Japanese officials reported progress in their battle to gain control over a leaking, tsunami-stricken nuclear complex, the discovery of more radiation-tainted vegetables and tap water added to public fears about contaminated food and drink.

Five years ago: The United States won 13 golds out of a possible 26 events and 23 medals in all, making it the biggest haul in the history of the world indoor track and field championships which were held in Portland, Oregon.

One year ago: The governor of Illinois ordered residents to remain in their homes except for essential needs, joining similar efforts in California and New York to limit the spread of the coronavirus. Stocks tumbled again on Wall Street, ending their worst week since the 2008 financial crisis; the Dow fell more than 900 points to end the week with a 17% loss.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Hal Linden is 90. Former Canadian prime minister Brian Mulroney is 82. Country singer Don Edwards is 82. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Pat Riley is 76. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Orr is 73. Blues singer-musician Marcia Ball is 72. Actor William Hurt is 71. Rock musician Carl Palmer is 71. Rock musician Jimmie Vaughan is 70. Country musician Jim Seales (formerly w/Shenandoah) is 67. Actor Amy Aquino is 64. Movie director Spike Lee is 64. Actor Theresa Russell is 64. Actor Vanessa Bell Calloway is 64. Actor Holly Hunter is 63. Rock musician Slim Jim Phantom (The Stray Cats) is 60. Actor-model-designer Kathy Ireland is 58. Actor David Thewlis is 58. Actor Liza Snyder is 53. Actor Michael Rapaport is 51. Actor Alexander Chaplin is 50. Actor Cedric Yarbrough is 48. Actor Paula Garcés is 47. Comedian-actor Mikey Day is 41. Rock musician Nick Wheeler (The All-American Rejects) is 39. Actor Ruby Rose is 35. Actor Barrett Doss is 32.

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LOCAL & NATION

U.S. CAPITOL RIOTS

4 linked to Proud Boys charged in plot

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Four men described as leaders of the far-right Proud Boys have been charged in the U.S. Capitol riots, as an indictment ordered unsealed on Friday presents fresh evidence of how federal officials believe group members planned and carried out a coordinated attack to stop Congress from certifying President Joe Biden's electoral victory.

So far, at least 19 leaders, members or associates of the neo-fascist Proud Boys have been charged in federal court with offenses related to the Jan. 6 riots. The latest indictment suggests the Proud Boys deployed a much larger contingent in Washington, with over 60 users "participating in" an encrypted messaging channel for group members that was created a day before the riots.

The Proud Boys, who have been involved in fights in Portland, abandoned an earlier channel and created the new "Boots on the Ground" channel after police arrested the group's top leader, Enrique Tarrío, in Washington. Tarrío was arrested on Jan. 4 and charged with vandalizing a Black Lives Matter banner at a historic Black church during a protest in December. He was ordered to stay out of the District of Columbia.

Tarrío hasn't been charged in connection with the riots, but the latest indictment refers to him by his title as Proud Boys' chairman.

Ethan Nordean and Joseph Biggs, two of the four defendants charged in the latest indictment, were arrested several weeks ago on separate but related charges. The new indictment also charges Zachary Rehl and Charles Donohoe.

All four defendants are charged with conspiring to im-



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Proud Boys members Ethan Nordean, from left, Zachary Rehl and Joseph Biggs walk toward the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 in Washington, in support of then-President Donald Trump.

pede Congress' certification of the Electoral College vote. Other charges in the indictment include obstruction of an official proceeding, obstruction of law enforcement during civil disorder and disorderly conduct.

Nordean, 30, of Auburn, Washington, was a Proud Boys chapter president and member of the group's national "Elders Council." Biggs, 37, of Ormond Beach, Florida, is a self-described Proud Boys organizer. Rehl, 35, of Philadelphia, and Donohoe, 33, of North Carolina, serve as presidents of their local Proud Boys chapters, according to the indictment.

A lawyer for Biggs declined to comment. Attorneys for the other three men didn't immediately respond to messages seeking comment Friday.

Proud Boys members, who describe themselves as a politically incorrect men's club for "Western chauvinists," have frequently engaged in

street fights with antifascist activists at rallies and protests. Vice Media co-founder Gavin McInnes, who founded the Proud Boys in 2016, sued the Southern Poverty Law Center for labeling it as a hate group.

The Proud Boys met at the Washington Monument around 10 a.m. on Jan. 6 and marched to the Capitol before then-President Donald Trump finished addressing thousands of supporters near the White House.

Around two hours later, just before Congress convened a joint session to certify the election results, a group of Proud Boys followed a crowd of people who breached barriers at a pedestrian entrance to the Capitol grounds, the indictment says. Several Proud Boys also entered the Capitol building itself after the mob smashed windows and forced open doors.

At 3:38 p.m., Donohoe announced on the "Boots on the

Ground" channel that he and others were "regrouping with a second force" as some rioters began to leave the Capitol, according to the indictment.

"This was not simply a march. This was an incredible attack on our institutions of government," Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason McCullough said during a recent hearing for Nordean's case.

Prosecutors have said the Proud Boys arranged for members to communicate using specific frequencies on Baofeng radios. The Chinese-made devices can be programmed for use on hundreds of frequencies, making them difficult for outsiders to eavesdrop.

After Tarrío's arrest, Donohoe expressed concern that their encrypted communications could be "compromised" when police searched the group chairman's phone, according to the new indictment. In a Jan. 4 post on a newly created channel, Donohoe warned

members that they could be "looking at Gang charges" and wrote, "Stop everything immediately," the indictment says. "This comes from the top," he added.

A day before the riots, Biggs posted on the "Boots on the Ground" channel that the group had a "plan" for the night before and the day of the riots, according to the indictment.

In Nordean's case, a federal judge accused prosecutors of backtracking on their claims that he instructed Proud Boys members to split up into smaller groups and directed a "strategic plan" to breach the Capitol.

"That's a far cry from what I heard at the hearing today," U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell said on March 3.

Howell concluded that Nordean was extensively involved in "pre-planning" for the events of Jan. 6 and that he and other Proud Boys "were clearly prepared for a violent confrontation" that day. However, she said evidence that Nordean directed other Proud Boys members to break into the building is "weak to say the least" and ordered him freed from jail before trial.

On Friday, Howell ordered Proud Boys member Christopher Worrell detained in federal custody pending trial on riot-related charges. Prosecutors say Worrell traveled to Washington and coordinated with Proud Boys leading up to the siege.

"Wearing tactical gear and armed with a canister of pepper spray gel marketed as 67 times more powerful than hot sauce, Worrell advanced, shielded himself behind a wooden platform and other protestors, and discharged the gel at the line of officers," prosecutors wrote in a court filing.

Vaccines

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In other counties, the demand from seniors could be less than expected and there is vaccine available for the next group.

Starting on Monday qualifying Deschutes County residents can sign up for one of 3,910 first-dose COVID-19 vaccines, said Morgan Emerson, Deschutes County Health Services spokeswoman. Eligible residents are those who qualify for the 1B, group 6 category: those 45-64 years of age with one or more underlying health conditions, migrant and seasonal farm workers, seafood or agricultural workers, food processing workers, homeless, displaced by wildfires, wildland firefighters and pregnant people 16 and older.

Nearly three quarters of the county's residents 65 and older have received at least their first COVID-19 vaccine, Emerson said. Included in that estimate are nearly all of those 75-79, 84% of those 80 and older and 55% of those 65-69 years of age.

Vaccine appointments will be scheduled using the region's

Oregon vaccine prioritization timeline

March 22

- Counties that attest to largely completing the vaccination of residents 65 and older may begin vaccinating the next eligible groups.
- Vaccinations may also begin for migrant and seasonal farmworkers in counties where they are currently already working.

March 29

- All adults 45-64 with underlying health conditions,
- Migrant and seasonal farm workers,
- Seafood and agricultural workers,
- Food processing workers,
- People living in low-income senior housing, senior congregate and independent living,
- Individuals experiencing homelessness,
- People currently displaced by wildfires,
- Wildland firefighters, and
- Pregnant people 16 and older.

April 19

- Front-line workers as defined by the CDC,
- Multigenerational household members, and
- Adults 16-44 with underlying health conditions.

May 1

- All Oregonians 16 and older

vaccine pre-registration system by going to centraloregon-covidvaccine.com.

Vaccine providers have been told to use an honor system for determining who should get the shots. OHA has published

a list of medical conditions that meet the standard. Those seeking the vaccination will not be asked to provide medical records or a doctor's note. They will be asked to attest that they meet the guidelines.

Migrant and seasonal farmworkers in counties where they are currently already working can also be vaccinated beginning Monday. OHA said some of the areas that would meet the standard included Umatilla, Morrow and Malheur counties.

The remainder of the original March 29 group will be eligible as planned. This includes people who are pregnant and age 16 or older, all adults 45-64 with underlying health conditions in all counties, all migrant and seasonal farm workers, seafood and agricultural workers, food processing workers, people living in low-income senior housing, senior congregate and independent living situations, homeless people, those displaced by wildfire and wildland firefighters.

All other Oregonians will now become eligible on May 1. There is no vaccine currently approved for children, though Moderna is developing one it hopes to have available by summer.

In a move advocated by many school districts in Oregon, the required social-distancing space between younger

students could be cut in half in the near future.

Dr. Dean Sidelinger, the state's public health officer, said a new report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicated that 3 feet is sufficient to suppress infection spread among children in lower grades.

For middle schools, Sidelinger said the 3-foot minimum appears to be possible in counties where there are 100 infections or less per 100,000 people. However, the CDC continues to recommend 6 feet of separation for students in high schools.

Allen said that as of Friday, there have been 938,900 people who have received at least one shot of vaccine since it first became available in December. The count of those fully vaccinated with either two shots of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or one shot of the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine is up to 520,113. With 12% of its population vaccinated, Allen said, Oregon is at about the national average.

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Park board

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Vora has worked on committees that focused on urban growth boundary expansion, Bend central area planning, urban renewal, transportation and historic landmarks. In addition, Vora served for 10 years on the Orchard District Neighborhood Association. He represented the neighborhood on a park district citizen committee.

For the Position 5 seat, Schoen is seeking election for a four-year term after being appointed to the board in January 2020.

Schoen spent 40 years at Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District, where she received the Oregon Recreation and Parks Association's 2019 David E. Clark Honor Award for her lead-



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ership at the district. Her other prior experience includes work with the National Recreation and Park Association, Oregon Recreation & Park Association and the Beaverton Arts Foundation. Running against Schoen is Elizabeth Hughes Weide, a retired environmental specialist and project manager. Hughes Weide's 32-year career includes experience with bridge rehabilitation, community parks, bikeways, water and natural gas pipelines and

wastewater facilities. Hughes Weide is an active volunteer with several local organizations, including the Central Oregon Master Gardeners Association, Firewise committee and Mt. Bachelor Kennel Club. For the Position 3 seat, Hovekamp is seeking reelection after joining the board in 2015. Hovekamp, the board chair, previously served on the Bend Planning Commission, Bend-La Pine School

Board, Central Oregon LandWatch and the park district's citizen advisory committee for Riley Ranch Nature Reserve. Hovekamp is being challenged by Bend lawyer Lauren Nowierski-Stadnick. Nowierski-Stadnick has experience at several law firms in New York and Washington, D.C. She practices technology-focused law such as patent and trade secret disputes. Prior to her law career, Nowierski-Stadnick earned a chemical engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. ■ Reporter: 541-617-7820, kspurr@bendbulletin.com