

## TODAY

Today is Thursday, April 8, the 98th day of 2021. There are 267 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On **April 8, 1864**, the United States Senate passed, 38-6, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution abolishing slavery. (The House of Representatives passed it in January 1865; the amendment was ratified and adopted in December 1865.)

In **1513**, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition began exploring the Florida coastline.

In **1820**, the Venus de Milo statue was discovered by a farmer on the Greek island of Milos.

In **1911**, an explosion at the Banner Coal Mine in Littleton, Alabama, claimed the lives of 128 men, most of them convicts loaned out from prisons.

In **1913**, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for popular election of U.S. senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified.

President Woodrow Wilson became the first chief executive since John Adams to address Congress in person as he asked lawmakers to enact tariff reform.

In **1952**, President Harry S. Truman seized the American steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority, opening the way for a seven-week strike by steelworkers.)

In **1963**, "Lawrence of Arabia" won the Oscar for best picture at the Academy Awards; Gregory Peck won best actor for "To Kill a Mockingbird" while Anne Bancroft received best actress honors for "The Miracle Worker."

In **1974**, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

In **1990**, Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance had gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In **1993**, singer Marian Anderson died in Portland at age 96.

In **1994**, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

In **2009**, Somali pirates hijacked the U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama; although the crew was able to retake the cargo ship, the captain, Richard Phillips, was taken captive by the raiders and held aboard a lifeboat. (Phillips was rescued four days later by Navy SEAL snipers who shot three of the pirates dead.)

**Ten years ago:** Congressional and White House negotiators struck a last-minute budget deal ahead of a midnight deadline, averting an embarrassing federal shutdown and cutting billions in spending.

**Five years ago:** In a sweeping document on family life that opened a door to divorced and civilly remarried Catholics, Pope Francis insisted that church doctrine could not be the final word in answering tricky moral questions and that Catholics had to be guided by their own informed consciences. Bruce Springsteen canceled a scheduled concert in Greensboro, North Carolina, citing the state's new law blocking anti-discrimination rules covering the LGBT community.

**One year ago:** A 76-day lockdown was lifted in the Chinese city of Wuhan, where the global pandemic began; residents would have to use a smartphone app showing that they had not been in recent contact with anyone confirmed to have the virus. Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., ended his presidential bid, making Joe Biden the presumptive Democratic nominee to challenge President Donald Trump.

**Today's Birthdays:** Comedian Shecky Greene is 95. Author and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Seymour Hersh is 84. "Mouseketeer" Darlene Gillespie is 80. Singer Peggy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 80. Songwriter-producer Leon Huff is 79. Actor Stuart Pankin is 75. Rock musician Steve Howe is 74. Former House Republican leader Tom DeLay is 74. Movie director John Madden is 72. Rock musician Mel Schacher (Grand Funk Railroad) is 70. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., is 66. Actor John Schneider is 61. "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch is 60. Singer Julian Lennon is 58. Actor Dean Norris is 58. Rapper Biz Markie is 57. Actor Robin Wright is 55. Actor Patricia Arquette is 53. Actor Katee Sackhoff is 41. Rock singer-musician Ezra Koenig (Vampire Weekend) is 37.

— Associated Press

# Oregon Senate GOP leader faces recall effort for not walking out

Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon Senate Minority Leader Fred Girod faces a recall effort because he was among GOP lawmakers who allowed the chamber to reach a quorum last month while it debated whether to ban firearms in state buildings.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that Girod and five fellow Republicans were on hand March 25, ensuring the chamber had the minimum 20 members present required to take up business. Republicans in the state Senate have previously skipped floor sessions en masse to thwart legislation favored by majority Democrats.

The gun bill passed over GOP objections.

On Monday, a Molalla resident named LaVaedra Newton filed a prospective petition to bounce Girod from the Senate seat he's held since 2008. Newton and others say Girod abdicated his duty by not blocking the gun bill.

To successfully force a recall election, Newton will need to collect at least 8,922 valid signatures from voters in Girod's district by July 6.

In recent years, recall petitions against two state legislators — former Democratic state Rep. Tiffany Mitchell of Astoria and Republican state Sen. Chuck Thomsen of Hood River — have come up

short. So have five petitions to recall Gov. Kate Brown.

Girod on Tuesday said he was not worried about bucking the trend.

"I just stood for election — in a three way race I got 67%," he said. "If they want to spend a bunch of money trying to take me out, they're welcome to do it. I don't think they'll be successful."

Rather than focus on the recall, Girod said he would work on getting relief to his fire-ravaged district, passing a new two-year budget and steering billions of dollars in new federal aid.



Girod

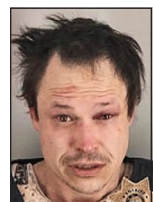
## Fire: Home burned overnight; owners told chimney was being cleaned

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Kilby is now charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Jeff Taylor, 66, and Benny Taylor, 69, whose bodies were found March 21, and also second-degree murder in the death of Bend woman Daphne Banks, 43, who died Jan. 10.

Kilby, 35, has a plea hearing scheduled later this month.

Chantel Taylor is Jeff Taylor's daughter. She said her family had been allowing Allen access to the property since the killings



Kilby

last month. Allen would reportedly go in and out of the home during the day and sleep in her car on the street outside at night.

A police sergeant told Chantel Taylor that Allen said that on Tuesday night, she'd decided to clean the home's chimney flue, lit a fire and then went to sleep in her car.

In its statement Wednesday afternoon, Bend Fire & Rescue announced the woman who reported the fire had been sleeping in her car and was assisted that night by Red Cross. Authorities did not identify the woman by name.

Tuesday night, as Shanon Thomasson watched the fire from his house across the street, he worried Allen might be inside.

"That was no place for someone to live," he said Wednesday afternoon. "It's almost like God's own hand burnt that to the ground."

The home has been a nexus for tragedy since Christmas morning, when Banks, a friend of Kilby's who had been living in the Granite Drive home's detached garage, was taken to St. Charles Bend with a severe head injury.

Kilby told police several versions of a story involving Banks falling off a stool and hitting her head. In one account, her head struck the flat end of a nail.

Police and doctors didn't buy Kilby's explanation and arrested him that day for assault. Days later, as Banks clung to life in a hospital bed, Kilby bailed out of jail.

He was out of custody when Banks died in January, and again March 21, when officers made a gruesome discovery inside the Granite Drive home.

Jeff Taylor, who once ran a catering business in Bend and was on disability, was found dead alongside his roommate and brother-in-law, Benny Taylor. A hatchet was used in at least one of their deaths, Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel has said.

Hummel said that after the killings of Taylor and Taylor, Kilby kept his mother as a hostage overnight. The next day, on a walk with her son, she was able to get a neighbor to call police.

## Irrigation

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Irrigation season is starting this month, and Tumalo was expected to begin April 19. The district is working with its contractors and engineers to repair the damaged pipeline so water can be delivered to farmers later this month.

The estimated cost to repair the damage is \$125,000 to \$250,000, according to the district. Anyone with information that leads to an arrest will be offered \$2,500 and will receive the addi-

tional \$7,500 after a conviction, the district said.

Following the repairs, the irrigation district will determine if the pipeline is sufficient or if it needs to be completely replaced.

The district provides water to 684 customers who irrigate 7,350 acres of land to grow a variety of crops and dairy products.

Anyone with information about the vandalism is asked to contact the sheriff's office at 541-693-6911 and reference case number 21-15441.

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Garrett Andrews/The Bulletin

Laci Killian stands before the charred home on Granite Drive in Bend where her mother, Daphne Banks, suffered a fatal injury Christmas Day. Later, in March, the bodies of two of the home's occupants were found inside. Bend man Randall Richard Kilby has been charged with murder in all three cases. Tuesday night, the home mysteriously burned.



Dean Guernsey/The Bulletin

Fire investigators were on site Wednesday.

Police found Kilby wandering the streets nearby and arrested him.

Chantel Taylor said she heard through her court-appointed victim advocate that someone called police Tuesday night and threatened to burn down the house. Chantel Taylor said she was not told the person's gender.

Bend Police spokeswoman Lt. Juli McConkey said the department does not have a record of such a call from the Granite Drive neighborhood.

Chantel Taylor said Allen no longer has permission to be on the property.

Wednesday afternoon, after investigators had left the scene, Banks' daughter Laci Killian

was there talking to neighbors. She said she wanted answers.

Killian thinks police didn't take her mom's case seriously at first because of Banks' history of homelessness. And she guesses they would have closed the case if Kilby hadn't allegedly confessed — while in custody for the Taylor killings — to striking her mother in the head with a hammer on Christmas Day.

Killian noted Kilby's van still parked in front of the house Wednesday afternoon. She was told the day after Christmas, Kilby drove it to the dump, possibly to dispose of evidence. She noted the garage, where she said there remains bloody evidence of the attack on her mother.

"I feel sick," she said standing

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— Shanon Thomasson, neighbor

in the charred home hollowed by fire on Wednesday. "Even with him now in jail, there's no justice for my mom. Because it took two more lives to be taken."

Killian and her mother would talk just about every day. On Christmas, after her sister called her to say their mother was in the ICU, Killian drove immediately to the Granite Drive house, where she confronted Kilby. His explanation devolved into a screaming match with his mother, Killian said.

All of it has taken a toll on her, she said.

"It's all a nightmare," Killian said. "This — all of this — is a nightmare."

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# Biden prepares actions on guns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will unveil a series of executive actions aimed at addressing gun violence on Thursday, delivering his first major action on gun control since taking office.

He will also nominate David Chipman, a former federal agent and adviser at the gun control group Giffords, to be director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, according to senior Biden administration officials.

Biden has faced increasing pressure to act on gun control after a spate of mass shootings across the U.S. in recent weeks, but the White House has repeatedly emphasized the need for legislative action on guns. While the House passed a background-check bill last month, gun control measures face slim prospects in an evenly-divided Senate.

Biden is expected to announce tighter regulations requiring buyers of so-called "ghost guns" to undergo background checks. The homemade firearms — often assembled from parts and milled with a metal-cutting machine — often lack serial numbers used to trace them. It's legal to build a gun in a home or a workshop and there is no federal requirement for a background check.

Senior administration officials confirmed that the Justice Department would issue a new proposed rule aimed at reining in ghost guns within 30 days, but offered no details on the content of the rule.

The Justice Department will also issue a proposed rule within 60 days tightening regulations on pistol-stabilizing braces, like the one used by the Boulder, Colorado, shooter in a massacre last month that left 10 dead. The rule would designate pistols used with stabilizing braces as short-barreled rifles, which, under the National Firearms Act, require a federal license to own and are subject to a more thorough application process and a \$200 tax.

The Justice Department will also publish model red-flag legislation within 60 days, which the administration says will make it easier for states to adopt their own red-flag laws. Such laws allow for individuals to petition a court to allow the police to confiscate weapons from a person deemed to be a danger to themselves or others.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Leroy E. Hall** of Redmond, OR June 11, 1930 - November 20, 2020

**Arrangements:** Arrangements Entrusted To: Redmond Memorial Chapel  
www.redmondmemorial.com ; 541.548.3219  
**Services:** Graveside Services are Scheduled for 12:00 pm, Sat., April 24, 2021 at Redmond Memorial Cemetery. A Memorial Service will follow at the Redmond VFW Hall at 1:00pm  
**Contributions may be made to:** Local Charity of Your Choice

**Amy C. Cronen** of Redmond, OR March 22, 1971 - March 28, 2021

**Arrangements:** Arrangements Entrusted To: Redmond Memorial Chapel  
www.redmondmemorial.com ; 541.548.3219  
**Services:** Private Family Services  
**Contributions may be made to:** A Local Charity of Your Choice

**James Patrick McCormick** of Bend, OR Nov 9, 1935 - March 31, 2021

**Arrangements:** Baird Memorial Chapel of La Pine is honored to serve the McCormick family. Please visit our website, www.bairdfh.com, to share condolences and sign the online guestbook.  
**Services:** A mass will be held at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish in La Pine, Oregon at 10:00 am on Friday April 9, 2021. Interment will be at Pilot Butte Cemetery in Bend, Oregon.  
**Contributions may be made to:** Sunriver Music Festival PO Box 4308 Sunriver, OR 97707 P: 541-593-9310 Website: sunrivermusic.org

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