

TODAY

Today is **Wednesday**, April 21, the 111th day of 2021. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1836**, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In **1649**, the Maryland Toleration Act, providing for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In **1789**, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In **1816**, Charlotte Bronte, author of "Jane Eyre," was born in Thornton, England.

In **1910**, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Connecticut, at age 74.

In **1918**, Manfred von Richthofen, 25, the German ace known as the "Red Baron" who was believed to have downed 80 enemy aircraft during World War I, was himself shot down and killed while in action over France.

In **1926**, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II was born in Mayfair, London.

In **1976**, clinical trials of the swine flu vaccine began in Washington, D.C.

In **1977**, the musical play "Annie," based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,377 performances.

In **1980**, Rosie Ruiz was the first woman to cross the finish line at the Boston Marathon; however, she was later exposed as a fraud. (Canadian Jacqueline Gareau was named the actual winner of the women's race.)

Ten years ago: President Barack Obama announced the Justice Department was assembling a team to "root out any cases of fraud or manipulation" in oil markets that might be contributing to \$4 a gallon-plus gasoline prices.

Five years ago: Prince, one of the most inventive and influential musicians of modern times, was found dead at his home in suburban Minneapolis; he was 57.

One year ago: Researchers reported that a malaria drug that had been widely touted by President Donald Trump for treating the coronavirus showed no benefit in large study of its use in U.S. veterans hospitals.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 95. Actor-comedian-writer Elaine May is 89. Anti-death penalty activist Sister Helen Prejean is 82. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 74. Actor James Morrison is 67. Actor Andie MacDowell is 63. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 62. Actor-director John Cameron Mitchell is 58. Actor Leslie Silva is 53. Actor Rob Riggle is 51. Comedian Nicole Sullivan is 51. Olympic gold medal pairs figure skater Jamie Sale is 44. Rock musician David Brenner (Theory of a Deadman) is 43. Actor James McAvoy is 42. Former NFL quarterback Tony Romo is 41. Actor Terrence J is 39. Actor Gugu Mbatha-Raw is 38. Actor Frank Dillane is 30. Rock singer Sydney Sierota (Echosmith) is 24.

—The Associated Press

LOCAL, STATE & REGION

COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE

Warm weather brings uptick in search and rescue calls

BY KALE WILLIAMS
The Oregonian

With the return of summerlike temperatures, outdoors enthusiasts have flocked back to Oregon's natural wonders.

That prompted a busy weekend for search and rescue crews in the Columbia River Gorge, as temperatures climbed into the 80s.

Early Saturday morning, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office search and rescue teams gathered near Multnomah Falls for a training exercise. A call came in around 5:15 p.m. that a 50-year-old hiker was having a heart attack 2 miles up the trail to Angel's Rest.

The caller said three doctors who happened to be on the same trail had begun performing CPR, but a crew was dispatched to attend to the hiker.

While they were responding, a call came in that another hiker in his 70s had become lost and tired on the trail to Wahkeena Falls, and a few members of the crew responding to the heart attack were diverted. That hiker was able to make his way to the trailhead, where emergency responders were waiting for him.

The remainder of the responders continued on to the heart attack victim. While on their way up the trail, they learned the man had died de-



Brooke Herbert/Oregonian file

As temperatures increase, more people explore the outdoors, including the Columbia River Gorge.

spite the efforts of the doctors on the trail. The response transitioned from a rescue to a recovery, the sheriff's office said in a statement.

Nearly five hours after the initial call, the crew reached the dead hiker and began taking him back down the steep trail in the dark, reaching the bottom near 4 a.m.

Just after midnight Monday, another call came in about a 31-year-old man who had been hiking near Multnomah Falls with his two nieces, 11 and 16, and never returned. By 2 a.m., the sheriff's office found the

man's car on E. Larch Mountain Road, and another full-scale rescue operation was initiated.

A Gresham police officer, who had been called in to help with the search, located the group about a mile east of the vehicle. They were hungry and tired but otherwise unharmed.

The man told the rescue crew he had planned to return to his car but had become lost. He used a smartphone app for directions, but the app had taken him to Larch Mountain instead of Multnomah Falls, his intended destination.

10 essentials for safety outdoors

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office recommended that anyone venturing out into Oregon's wild spaces be prepared with what they called the 10 essentials:

- **Navigation:** map, compass, altimeter, GPS device, personal locator beacon (PLB) or satellite messenger
- **Headlamp or flashlight,** plus extra batteries
- **Sun protection:** sunglasses, sun-protective clothes and sunscreen
- **First aid,** including foot care and insect repellent (as needed)
- **Knife,** plus a gear repair kit
- **Fire:** matches, lighter, tinder and/or stove
- **Shelter** (can be a light emergency bivy sack)
- **Extra food,** water and clothes beyond the minimum expectation

"This is the third group in two weeks that deputies have helped who have used maps apps for directions to Multnomah and Wahkeena Falls," the sheriff's office said in a statement.

Sgt. Keith Bybee, the search and rescue coordinator for the sheriff's office, commended his staff for the long hours they put in.

"They never fail to impress me. No matter the situation, they always rise to the challenge," he said in a statement. "We're proud to have such a dedicated team of volunteers at the ready."



Huerta-Vasquez

Redmond man charged in alleged Madras shooting

A Redmond man has been charged with criminally negligent homicide and is being held on a \$150,000 bond after a man's body was discovered Sunday in a campground northwest of Ter-

rebonne.

Honorio Huerta-Vasquez, 35, was arrested Monday and arraigned Tuesday in Jefferson County Circuit Court. He was being held Tuesday afternoon in the Jefferson County jail. The victim, Edgar Morales, was found dead next to a truck with a gun-

shot wound at the Skull Hollow Campground off SE Lone Pine Road, said Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Adkins.

Jefferson County District Attorney Steve Leriche sought a judge's approval to seal documents in the case because his release of the information could

jeopardize an ongoing investigation. On Tuesday, a judge approved the request.

Huerta-Vasquez is represented by Bend attorney Ricky Nelson, who declined to comment. Huerta-Vasquez is scheduled to be arraigned on an indictment Friday.

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