Today is Tuesday, April 27, the 117th day of 2021. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 27, 1978, 51 construction workers plunged to their deaths when a scaffold inside a cooling tower at the Pleasants Power Station site in West Virginia fell 168 feet to the ground. In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines. In 1791, the inventor of the telegraph, Samuel Morse, was born in Charlestown, Massachusetts. In **1810**, Ludwig van Beethoven wrote one of his most famous piano compositions, the Bagatelle in A-minor.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In **1865**, the steamer Sultana, carrying freed Union prisoners of war, exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tennessee; death toll estimates vary from 1,500 to 2,000.

In 1941, German forces occupied Athens during World War II. In 1973, acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray resigned after it was revealed that he'd destroyed files removed from the safe of Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

In 1982, the trial of John W.

Hinckley Jr., who shot four people, including President Ronald Reagan, began in Washington. (The trial ended with Hinckley's acquittal by reason of insanity.) In 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, California.

In 2009, a 23-month-old Mexico City toddler died at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, becoming the first swine-flu death on U.S. soil.

In 2010, former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega was extradited from the United States to France, where he was later convicted of laundering drug money and received a seven-year sentence.

In 2015, rioters plunged part of Baltimore into chaos, torching a pharmacy, setting police cars ablaze and throwing bricks at officers hours after thousands attended a funeral for Freddie

Ten years ago: Powerful tornadoes raked the South and Midwest; according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, more than 120 twisters resulted in 316 deaths. President Barack Obama produced a detailed Hawaii birth certificate in an extraordinary attempt to bury the issue of where he'd been born and confirm his legitimacy to hold office.

Five years ago: Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert was sentenced in Chicago to more than a year in prison in a hush-money case that revealed accusations he'd sexually abused teens while coaching high school wrestling.

One year ago: In a call with governors, President Donald Trump said states should "seriously consider" reopening public schools before the end of the academic year.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Anouk Aimee is 89. Rock musician Jim Keltner is 79. Rock singer Kate Pierson (The B-52s) is 73. Actor Douglas Sheehan is 72. Rock musician Rob Squires (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 56. Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., is 52. Actor Sally Hawkins is 45. Actor Ari Graynor is 38. Rock singer-musician Patrick Stump (Fall Out Boy) is 37. Actor William Moseley is 34. Singer Lizzo is 33.

— Associated Press



Summit's Maggie Williams stumbles at the end of her 800-meter run, which set a school record Wednesday.

Masks

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The two biggest changes will come in the hurdles and the 100-meter sprint short-distance races where athletes are typically running close to one another for the entire duration. Turnbull said he plans to only fill half the lanes for these events, guaranteeing 6 feet of distance, so sprinters and hurdlers can race without masks.

However, Turnbull believes short events like these wouldn't spread COVID-19 easily, even without 6 feet of distance between runners.

"A 13-second 100-meter race, the risk for transmission seems impossibly low," he said. "You're at higher risk driving to the meet (in your car)."

The highest-risk outdoor events for spreading COVID-19 involve unmasked people in close contact, but only for long periods, according to the Mayo Clinic.

For long-distance events — like the

3,000- or 1,500-meter races, where athletes huddle together, shoulder-to-shoulder, at the start line — student-athletes will wear face masks to start, Turnbull said. But once the runners naturally spread out as the race gets going, they can pull their masks down.

Student-athletes must still wear face masks while training for competitions, or directly before and after competitions, Modie said.

Peter Weber — president of the Oregon School Activities Association, which regulates high school athletics in the state — noted that the nonprofit OSAA did not make this mask rule change, nor did they create the original rule. OSAA simply enforces the rules, he said.

Still, Weber was happy to see the Oregon Health Authority relax mask wearing for outdoor non-contact competition.

"We definitely think that it's a positive," he said.

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U.S. growth

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Growth in the District of Columbia mushroomed, possibly predicting trends in other cities once more detailed census data are released later this year.

Immigration, health and the pandemic

Since 2010, immigration has declined, driven by the economic crisis early in the decade and government restrictions later in the decade. The birthrate has also dropped; and life expectancy has dipped in the past couple of years — a reversal driven by factors such as drug overdoses, obesity, suicide, and liver disease, and sharply accelerated last year by the coronavirus pandemic.

The extent to which the coronavirus pandemic has contributed to population patterns is not apparent in the new census data because much of the related displacement and the deaths of over half a million people took place after Census Day. According to the Pew Research Center, 5% of U.S. adults said they moved because of the pandemic; it is not clear whether these moves will be permanent.

But it is clear that older populations, especially those over age 65, will continue to see far higher rates of growth than young ones. The percentage of Americans 65 and over has grown by 35%, based on census estimates released last year. In the coming decade, people in the large baby boomer generation will reach their 60s, 70s and 80s.

the United States would look more like Japan, Germany and Italv, where births and the influx of newcomers have been unable to keep pace with the graying of the population, placing burdens on social services and the labor force. A Pew Research Center analysis showed that more half the country's population increase between 1965 and 2015 was due to immigration, which alone added about 72 million people. With no immigration in the next half-century, growth in the United States would nearly flatten.

But the rate of growth for a nation or a state does not tell the whole story, said Steven Martin, a senior demographer at the Urban Institute.

While growth creates many advantages for a state — a more vibrant economy and easier-to-balance state budgets perpetual growth cannot be a long run solution in a finite world," he said. The current fer-

tility rate in the United States is 1.73, below the 2.1 considered to be the replacement rate, producing as many births each year as deaths. "Overall population growth is going to be small, and eventually flat, which has to

happen at some point."
"A lot of people talk about cultural extinction if a nation doesn't bring it up to two children per couple," Martin said. "That's like saying that a 19-year old is growing less than ever."

If the nation were to keep growing at the rate it did in the 20th century, when it quadrupled from about 70 million to about 280 million, "essentially within a couple of centuries we'll run out of space," he said.

Not unpredicted

Over the nation's history, growth ebbed and surged during wars, economic downturns and immigration waves. But the overall arc has been in the direction of a slowdown.

For the first century after the United States gained its independence, the country grew at a feverish pace, staying above 30% most decades. The rate hovered in the 20s in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and mostly in the teens through the 1960s. It continued to flag toward the end of the century, and between 2000 and 2010 it fell to 9.7%.

The growth last decade was about half the rate of the 1990s, when rising immigration and millennial-generation births pushed it up to 13.2%.

The state population totals released Monday will be used to determine the reapportiontoral college votes.

The slowdown was uneven across regions. Three states saw their populations shrink in the past decade.

West Virginia shrank most radically, losing 3.2% of its population. That continued a decades-long downward trend and reflects emigration and aging of the population. The state. which is more than 90% White, is the only one to have a smaller population compared with 1950 levels, when it peaked at slightly over 2 million people.

Most of the loss there has been in rural areas, where job losses and emigration started several decades ago and continue to reverberate. "In the 80s we saw the loss of a lot of coal jobs and a lot of manufacturing jobs, shifting from miners to machines," said Sean O'Leary, a senior policy analyst at the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. "And in the past decade ... dwindling coal supplies and the rise of natural gas have been putting pressure on the coal industry.

West Virginia is also one of two states where the deaths exceeded births over the decade (the other is Maine, which grew because it had a higher rate of immigration). The median age there is between 42 and 43, compared to the national average of 38. The state is projected to keep shrinking through 2040, according to the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

While most states registered an uptick rather than a decline, the growth was in many cases

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Viola Ruth Maisch of Bend, OR September 16, 1925 -

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OBITUARY

Vicki Ann Nicholson

January 31, 1954 - April 13, 2021

Vicki Ann Nicholson, age 67, passed away at home in Redmond, OR on April 13, 2021 following a long illness.

Vicki was the youngest of four girls, born in Portland, Oregon to Daniel and Marie Myers. She graduated from Madras High School in 1972 and began a career as an insurance and surety clerk. In December of



1990, Vicki married Richard Nicholson and began a new life as mother and homemaker. In addition to her human family, Vicki loved spending time with the German shepherds that were an integral part of her life.

Vicki is survived by her husband Richard, daughter Ariel, son Daniel, sister Donna Rogers, niece Debbie (Rogers) Renton, nephews Marc Rogers, Chris Rogers, and Erik Moberly, and the family's German shepherd Grace.

A private gathering is planned at a later date. Anyone wishing to honor Vicki's memory is encouraged to donate either to the Brightside Animal Center in Redmond, Oregon or the Autism Research Institute in San Diego, California.



much slower than in previous decades. California, for example, grew by 2.3 million people, or 6.1%, but it will lose a seat in Congress because other states outpaced it.

"California is kind of a signal that people are leaving expensive states to go to lower-cost states," said William Frey, a demographer and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, adding that trends show people increasingly moving inland from more costly coastal places.

Most of the fastest growth was in the South and the West, which have seen an influx in recent years of people moving in from other countries and other states. Based on census estimates, in more than a dozen states about half the gains are Latino people, including Arizona, Florida, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas, Frey said. Whites accounted for more than half the growth in five states, plus D.C. In 27 states, the number of whites declined.

OBITUARY

Will Miller Storey

July 22, 1931 - April 7, 2021

Will Storey's legacy began with his passing on April 7th, 2021. Born to George and Louise Storey on July 22nd, 1931 in Vancouver, Washington, and the younger brother of Ken Storey, Will spent his youth heavily involved in sports and social activities. He eventually attended Oregon State University where he continued to play



football and enrolled in the ROTC. After graduating, Will joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Japan where he served for two years.

Upon returning to the U.S. a new chapter in Will's life would begin. He would attend graduate school at the University of Washington, obtaining his masters in finance. In 1957, Will was married to Verle Kippenhan, taking a vow that they would honor for the rest of his life. Not long after, they moved to Bend, Oregon where he began his career in the corporate world and their two children, Sharon and Kip, were born.

A passionate businessman, Will left his mark in many industries significant to the Pacific Northwest over his lifetime. He held many positions through his career in finance but perhaps his most illustrious, and most fond, were his 20 years with Boise Cascade, where he ended his tenure as CFO. His expertise in finance would take him all over the country, most notably to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he assumed the role as Vice President and COO of Federated Department Stores. His career also encompassed serving on various business, educational, and hospital boards, including the 127 year old family brick mason business, B & B Tile & Masonry.

Nine years later, Will would take one more job as COO of American President Lines. During this time Will and Verle would relocate to Sun Valley, Idaho, where he retired. Will was still very active at this time, where he served as chairman of the board for the then new St. Luke's Wood River Hospital. Eventually, they found their way back to Bend, Oregon and Will spent his remaining days in Lake Oswego, Oregon, in the company of his children and grandchildren.

Anyone who knew Will was well acquainted with his generosity and passion for history. He was always forthright - never shy about his opinions but was curious and respectful of any other's point of view, different though they may be. He had a taste for the finer things in life, but nothing could top peach cobbler and ice cream.

Will's final days were spent with his loving family where meals were shared, stories were told and heirlooms handed down. Will faced his terminal diagnosis bravely, grateful for the long, content and happy life he'd led, saying as much to his friends and family. He passed away a very proud husband, father and grandfather.

He will be remembered for his vision, forthrightness, and generosity. He is survived by his loving family, his wife Verle Storey, daughter Sharon Storey, son Kip Storey, daughter-in-law Robin Meredith Storey, and his four grandchildren, Meredith Miller, Hailey Miller, Ian Storey and Will Storey. Celebration of life will be a family only gathering. If desired, contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.



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