

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, April 28, the 118th day of 2021. There are 247 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1967**, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title after he refused to be inducted into the armed forces.

In **1945**, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.

In **1952**, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty signed in San Francisco the year before took effect.

In **1986**, the Soviet Union informed the world of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl.

In **1988**, a flight attendant was killed and more than 60 persons injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 tore off during a flight from Hilo to Honolulu.

In **1994**, former CIA official Aldrich Ames, who had passed U.S. secrets to the Soviet Union and then Russia, pleaded guilty to espionage and tax evasion, and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

In **2001**, a Russian rocket lifted off from Central Asia bearing the first space tourist, California businessman Dennis Tito, and two cosmonauts on a journey to the international space station.

In **2015**, urging Americans to "do some soul-searching," President Barack Obama expressed deep frustration over recurring black deaths at the hands of police, rioters who responded with senseless violence and a society that would only "feign concern" without addressing the root causes.

In **2019**, "Avengers: Endgame" shattered the record for biggest opening weekend with an estimated \$350 million in ticket sales domestically and \$1.2 billion globally.

Ten years ago: Convicted sex offender Phillip Garrido and his wife, Nancy, pleaded guilty to kidnapping and raping a California girl, Jaycee Dugard, who was abducted in 1991 at the age of 11 and rescued 18 years later.

Five years ago: Vice President Joe Biden pressed Iraq during an unannounced visit not to let its crippling political crisis upend hard-fought gains against the Islamic State group.

One year ago: President Donald Trump signed an executive order under the Defense Production Act to keep meat packing plants open; it classified meat processing as critical infrastructure. The Navy said the number of sailors aboard the USS Kidd who had tested positive for the coronavirus had risen to 64, or about one-fifth of the destroyer's crew.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State James A. Baker III is 91. Actor-singer Ann-Margret is 80. Actor Paul Guilfoyle is 72. Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is 71. Rock musician Chuck Leavell is 69. Actor Mary McDonnell is 69. Rock singer-musician Kim Gordon (Sonic Youth) is 68. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan is 61. Rapper Too Short is 55. Actor Chris Young is 50. Rapper Big Gipp is 49. Actor Jorge Garcia is 48. Actor Elisabeth Rohm is 48. Actor Penelope Cruz is 47. Actor Nate Richert is 43. TV personalities Drew and Jonathan Scott are 43. Actor Jessica Alba is 40. Actor Jenna Ushkowitz is 35. Actor Aleisha Allen is 30.

—The Associated Press

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Portland waives \$11M fine against feds for fence



Maxine Bernstein/Oregonian file

The fence surrounds the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse in Portland.

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The Oregonian

Portland transportation officials last month quietly waived a nearly \$11 million fine the city levied against the federal government for erecting an illegal fence that jutted out into SW Third Avenue outside a downtown courthouse last year. The city formally waived the fine March 25, ending a saga that began over the summer when an unpermitted fence outside the Mark O. Hatfield U.S. Courthouse became a key landmark in nightly protests that often drew large crowds and dramatic confrontations. Portland had imposed its maximum fine for violating

the use of the public right of way, charging the federal government \$500 every 15 minutes that the unpermitted fence remained blocking the street.

"We intend to collect," then-Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, who oversaw the transportation bureau at the time, tweeted in July.

Federal officials first responded to Portland's fine in August, saying Portland had no authority to fine the federal government.

Later that month, the feds moved the fence out of the bike lane on Main, but the Third Avenue fence at the front of the courthouse remained. At that time, the fine was roughly \$4

million.

By Jan. 8, less than two weeks before the Biden administration came to power, Portland formally agreed to waive all fines if the government moved the remaining fence off Third Avenue. By March 11, the fence was fully off the street.

The fence was 15 miles out of town headed to Washington, D.C., when crews ordered it to turn around after windows were smashed at the building and people graffitied "NAZI'S WORK HERE."

Three days later, the fence was back, this time on the sidewalk, which is federal government property. It still stands.

County seeks input for transportation system plan

Deschutes County is looking for feedback from residents about current and future transportation needs as a part of an effort to update its transportation plan.

Input will guide how the county updates its 20-year Transportation System Plan, often referred to as the TSP.

The TSP sets goals and policies for the county's rural transportation system and lists projects.

A virtual open house will be available at www.DeschutesCountyTSP.com through May 14.

Residents can register for an online webinar scheduled for Tuesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at DeschutesCountyTSP.com.

Bethlehem Inn awarded grant for Redmond shelter

The Bethlehem Inn will receive nearly \$2.7 million from the Oregon Community Foundation to buy and convert a 37-room motel in Redmond into a

homeless shelter.

The money is from a state program called Project Turnkey, which gives grant money to cities or nonprofits that wish to buy a motel and turn it into shelter beds. The city of Bend is also in the running for grant money from this program.

The property will at first provide 25 rooms for people experiencing homelessness, according to an announcement from Bethlehem Inn, a homeless shelter based in Bend. They will be the first full-time shelter beds in Redmond, according to Gwenn Wysling, executive director of Bethlehem Inn.

"The pandemic has further complicated and prolonged economic challenges in a region, where even people who have jobs often struggle to find and keep affordable housing. We are very grateful to the City of Redmond and the community for trusting Bethlehem Inn to serve this vulnerable population," Wysling said in a statement.

The shelter will eventually be able to accommodate 90

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people and will provide meals, clothing and other essentials, according to the announcement.

The shelter will replace what is currently the Greenway Motel at 517 Birch Ave. Bethlehem Inn hopes to open the shelter by June 2021.

City managers plan forum to discuss COVID-19 effects

A virtual forum for local city managers to discuss the challenges of the past year due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be held from noon to 1:30 p.m. May 20.

The forum will be available online at the City Club of Central Oregon's website, www.cityclubco.org/live.

The public is encouraged to send questions prior to the event to info@cityclub.org.

Tammy Baney, executive director of the Central Ore-

gon Intergovernmental Council, will moderate the forum, which will feature the city managers from Bend, Redmond, La Pine, Madras, Sisters and Prineville.

The city managers will discuss the issues in Central Oregon impacted by COVID-19 such as housing, public health and homelessness.

Prescribed burn planned for Shevlin Park Wednesday

A prescribed burn is planned for Shevlin Park on Wednesday, and fire officials are warning the public of closures in the park and expected smoke in the area.

The burn will be conducted by fuel specialists with the Deschutes National Forest in coordination with the Bend Park & Recreation District, which manages Shevlin Park. Fires will be started between 10 a.m.

and 5 p.m., according to a joint press release from the U.S. Forest Service and the park district.

The goal is to reduce brush from 66 acres that is susceptible to wildfire. The burn will be located near Fremont Meadow in the southwest portion of the park.

Smoke and residual burning will be visible in the area for up to a week after the burn. Subdivisions and neighborhoods on the west side of Bend can expect some nighttime and early-morning smoke impacts. Smoke may also impact Tumalo.

Park district staff will be stationed at trailheads, advising hikers about trail closures. The park will be reopened once it is deemed safe, possibly Thursday.

Members of the public can sign up for text alerts about prescribed fires and wildfires by texting COFIRE to 888-777.

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