

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, May 5, the 125th day of 2021. There are 240 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On **May 5, 1925**, schoolteacher John T. Scopes was charged in Tennessee with violating a state law that prohibited teaching the theory of evolution.

In **1494**, during his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus landed in Jamaica.

In **1818**, political philosopher Karl Marx, co-author of "The Communist Manifesto" and author of "Das Kapital," was born in Prussia.

In **1891**, New York's Carnegie Hall (then named "Music Hall") had its official opening night, featuring Russian composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky as a guest conductor.

In **1942**, wartime sugar rationing began in the United States.

In **1945**, in the only fatal attack of its kind during World War II, a Japanese balloon bomb exploded on Gearhart Mountain in Oregon, killing the pregnant wife of a minister and five children. Denmark and the Netherlands were liberated as a German surrender went into effect.

In **1961**, astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr. became America's first space traveler as he made a 15-minute suborbital flight aboard Mercury capsule Freedom 7.

In **1973**, Secretariat won the Kentucky Derby, the first of his Triple Crown victories.

In **1978**, Ben & Jerry's ice cream had its beginnings as Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield opened an ice cream parlor at a converted gas station in Burlington, Vermont.

In **1981**, Irish Republican Army hunger-striker Bobby Sands died at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland on his 66th day without food.

In **1987**, the congressional Iran-Contra hearings opened with former Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord the lead-off witness.

In **1994**, Singapore caned American teenager Michael Fay for vandalism, a day after the sentence was reduced from six lashes to four in response to an appeal by President Bill Clinton.

In **2009**, Texas health officials confirmed the first death of a U.S. resident with swine flu.

Ten years ago: Solemnly honoring victims of the Sept. 11 terror attacks, President Barack Obama hugged survivors at ground zero in New York and declared that the killing of Osama bin Laden was an American message to the world: "When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say."

Five years ago: Former Los Angeles trash collector Lonnie Franklin Jr. was convicted of 10 counts of murder in the "Grim Sleeper" serial killings that targeted poor, young Black women over two decades.

One year ago: President Donald Trump visited a Honeywell mask factory in Arizona, but ignored guidelines to wear a mask. Tyson Foods said it would resume limited operation of its huge pork processing plant in Waterloo, Iowa, with enhanced safety measures, more than two weeks after closing the facility because of a coronavirus outbreak among workers. Michigan communities saw record turnout for local elections, with votes cast largely by mail. Facebook said it had removed several accounts and pages linked to QAnon, taking action for the first time against the far-right conspiracy theory circulated among Trump supporters.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Pat Carroll is 94. Country singer-musician Roni Stoneman is 83. Actor Michael Murphy is 83. Actor Lance Henriksen is 81. Comedian-actor Michael Palin is 78. Actor John Rhys-Davies is 77. Rock correspondent Kurt Loder is 76. Rock musician Bill Ward (Black Sabbath) is 73. Actor Melinda Culea is 66. Actor Lisa Eilbacher is 64. Actor Richard E. Grant is 64. Former broadcast journalist John Miller is 63. Rock singer Ian McCulloch (Echo and the Bunnymen) is 62. NBC newsmen Brian Williams is 62. Rock musician Shawn Drover (Megadeth) is 55. TV personality Kyan Douglas is 51. Actor Tina Yothers is 48. R&B singer Raheem DeV Vaughn is 46. Actor Santiago Cabrera is 43. Actor Vincent Kartheiser is 42. Singer Craig David is 40. Actor Danielle Fishel is 40. Actor Henry Cavill is 38. Actor Clark Duke is 36. Soul singer Adele is 33. Rock singer Skye Sweetnam is 33. R&B singer Chris Brown is 32. Figure skater Nathan Chen is 22.

— Associated Press

LOCAL, STATE & REGION

COVID-19 | Rising cases



Mojo Hill via AP

University of Oregon students and fans gather at a cramped outdoor party in Eugene Saturday. The school says it is "disappointed" to see the photo of more than 100 students as the region deals with a spike in COVID-19 cases and businesses endure new restrictions. None of the packed partygoers in the photo is wearing a mask. Eugene police responded to the party after calls about the large crowd, loud music and about people urinating in the front yard.

UO 'disappointed' after large party

Associated Press

EUGENE — The University of Oregon says it is "disappointed" to learn about large crowds gathering for parties during the Ducks spring game as the region weathers a spike in cases of COVID-19 and businesses endure new restrictions.

Lane County, where the university is located, moved back to "extreme risk" on Friday, meaning that bars and restaurants were limited to outdoor dining only and normal social gathering places were off-limits. Capacity at a spring game for the Ducks football team at Autzen Stadium had been set at 15%, but the new restrictions meant no spectators or tailgaters were allowed.

Instead, students packed into parties at private homes. Photos and videos of several large parties Saturday circulated on social media, showing people standing shoulder-to-shoulder and without masks, The Register-Guard reported.

The University of Oregon issued a statement late Sunday condemning the behavior but said there was little it could do about parties at private houses off campus.

"The university has worked very hard to educate students about the serious COVID-19 health risks of gathering in groups without masks," the statement said. "This behavior is not representative of the majority of UO students, who we have seen work diligently

to follow health guidelines."

Some residents called the Eugene Police Department and officers assisted the university in dispersing the partygoers. Callers reported loud music and students urinating in the front yard of one home where one student witness snapped a photo that circulated widely on social media, The Register-Guard reported.

One woman fell off the roof and was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Student Joseph Hill, who took the picture, said there was a party of similar size a few nights before at the same address.

Hill's Twitter post quickly got a lot of reaction online, from students, alumni and professors who commented

that they were disappointed in these students, some who they recognized.

"There were a lot of those photo-truther people," Hill told the newspaper. "Even now there are people still tweeting and saying, 'Oh, this is from 2015.' I was pretty shocked at how many people were insisting that it was an old photo, and people were able to disprove them pretty quickly in the comments."

But not everyone was so defensive, he said.

"There's also been a lot of students reacting saying they're disappointed in their peers. There's some people even being really dramatic and saying, 'If you're in the photo I will not be friends with you,' and stuff like that."

Marine suspended amid probe of sinking

The San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Marine Corps inspector general, Major General Robert Castellvi, has been suspended amid the ongoing probes into last summer's fatal sinking of a seafaring tank off the Southern California coast, a newspaper reported Monday.

A Bend man and eight others died in the accident involving an amphibious assault vehicle July 30 near San Clemente Island.

Castellvi becomes the highest-ranking officer to face discipline in the multiple investigations into the disaster, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported. His suspension was announced by the assistant commandant of the Marine Corps commander in a hearing before the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness on Monday.

Gen. David Berger, the commandant of the Marine Corps,

ordered the suspension last week pending the outcome of the probe, the newspaper said.

Castellvi was the commanding general of the Camp Pendleton-based 1st Marine Division until September. He was named in a previous investigation as someone who has some responsibility in the accident. However, the Marines did not punish him.

The Marine Corps has said last year's accident was caused by mechanical failures, shabby maintenance, inadequate training, and poor judgment by commanders.

The armored vehicles outfitted with machine guns and grenade launchers look like tanks as they roll ashore.

Jack Ryan Ostrovsky, 21, of Bend was one of those killed in the accident. He moved from his native Bellingham, Washington, to Bend in 2018 and attended Central Oregon Community College.



Ostrovsky

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TIGARD

DA asks Justice Department to review fatal police shooting

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Washington County District Attorney Kevin Barton has asked the Oregon Department of Justice to review the deadly shooting of a man by Tigard police.

In a letter to Michael Slauson, chief counsel for the criminal division of the Justice Department, Barton said he believes an "independent evaluation" of the investigation of the fatal shooting of Jacob Macduff is necessary "given the concerns I have developed regarding the incident."

Barton declined to comment on his request or about the concerns he mentioned, The Oregonian reported.

Macduff, 26, was in the throes of a mental health crisis that had escalated before his death on Jan. 6, his friend Theresa Chapin said at the time.

Macduff had struggled with an undiagnosed mental health problem, Chapin said. Macduff's mother told The Oregonian it might have been bipolar disorder.

His erratic behavior prompted Chapin and other friends to call 911 five times in the week before police shot and killed him. Tigard police have said he was shot as officers tried to arrest him on domestic violence allegations.

Police said officers "confronted" Macduff in his vehicle, which was parked under the apartment complex where he lived. Macduff had a knife, police said, and refused to surrender. Officer Gabriel Maldonado shot him during a struggle, police said in a statement.