

## TODAY

Today is Tuesday, May 11, the 131st day of 2021. There are 234 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On **May 11, 1935**, the Rural Electrification Administration was created as one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal programs.

In **1858**, Minnesota became the 32nd state of the Union.

In **1943**, during World War II, U.S. forces landed on the Aleutian island of Attu, which was held by the Japanese; the Americans took the island 19 days later.

In **1946**, the first CARE packages, sent by a consortium of American charities to provide relief to the hungry of postwar Europe, arrived at Le Havre, France.

In **1947**, the B.F. Goodrich Co. of Akron, Ohio, announced the development of a tubeless tire.

In **1953**, a tornado devastated Waco, Texas, claiming 114 lives.

In **1960**, Israeli agents captured Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In **1973**, the espionage trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo in the "Pentagon Papers" case came to an end as Judge William M. Byrne dismissed all charges, citing government misconduct.

In **1981**, legendary reggae artist Bob Marley died in a Miami hospital at age 36.

In **1996**, an Atlanta-bound ValuJet DC-9 caught fire shortly after takeoff from Miami and crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing all 110 people on board.

In **1997**, IBM's "Deep Blue" computer demolished an overwhelmed Garry Kasparov, winning the six-game chess rematch between man and machine in New York.

In **1998**, India set off three underground atomic blasts, its first nuclear tests in 24 years. A French mint produced the first coins of Europe's single currency, the euro.

In **2010**, Conservative leader David Cameron, at age 43, became Britain's youngest prime minister in almost 200 years after Gordon Brown stepped down and ended 13 years of Labour government.

**Ten years ago:** Former hedge fund titan Raj Rajaratnam was convicted by a federal jury in New York in an insider-trading case of five counts of conspiracy and nine of securities fraud. (Rajaratnam was sentenced to 11 years in prison.)

**Five years ago:** A white former South Carolina police officer already facing a state murder charge in the shooting death of Black motorist Walter Scott was indicted on federal charges including depriving the victim of his civil rights. (Michael Slager pleaded guilty to violating Scott's civil rights and was sentenced to 20 years in prison; prosecutors agreed to drop the state murder charge.) CBS News veteran Morley Safer, a "60 Minutes" correspondent for all but two of the newsmagazine's 48-year history, announced his retirement (Safer died eight days later at age 84).

**One year ago:** After two cases of COVID-19 were confirmed among staffers, a memo to White House staff directed "everyone who enters the West Wing to wear a mask or facial covering"; a maskless President Donald Trump addressed a Rose Garden audience filled with mask-wearing administration officials. Twitter announced that it would add a warning label to tweets containing disputed or misleading information about the coronavirus. Jerry Stiller, best known for his role as George Costanza's father in "Seinfeld" and earlier as part of a comedy duo with wife Anne Meara, died at 92.

**Today's Birthdays:** Comedian Mort Sahl is 94. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan is 88. Jazz keyboardist Carla Bley is 85. Rock singer Eric Burdon (The Animals; War) is 80. Actor Pam Ferris is 73. Former White House chief of staff John F. Kelly is 71. Actor Shohreh Aghdashloo is 69. Actor Frances Fisher is 69. Sports columnist Mike Lupica is 69. Actor Boyd Gaines is 68. Actor Martha Quinn is 62. Actor Tim Blake Nelson is 57. Actor Jeffrey Donovan is 53. Actor Nicky Katt is 51. Actor Coby Bell is 46. Cellist Perttu Kivilaakko is 43. Actor Austin O'Brien is 40. Actor-singer Jonathan Jackson is 39. Rapper Ace Hood is 33. Latin singer Prince Royce is 32. Actor Annabelle Attanasio (TV: "Bull") is 28. Musician Howard Lawrence (Disclosure) is 27.

—Associated Press

## LOCAL, STATE &amp; NATION



Items were left at a street memorial April 28 where Honolulu Police shot and killed Iremamber Sykap, 16, whose nickname was Baby. Some in Hawaii's Micronesians community say the shooting highlights the racism they face.

Jennifer Sinco Kelleher/AP

# 'HAWAII IS NOT DIFFERENT'

A teen's death highlights feelings of otherness among Micronesians, even on a Pacific island: 'All I wanted to do was to fit in,' says one Oregon transplant

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Associated Press

HONOLULU — Comments on social media about a 16-year-old boy shot and killed by Honolulu Police have been so hateful that a Catholic priest, who hails from the same small Pacific island as the teen's family, hesitates to repeat them.

"It is really bad, and I don't want to say it as a priest," said the Rev. Romple Emwalu, parochial vicar at a parish outside Honolulu who was born in Chuuk in the Federated States of Micronesia. "But, like, 'Micronesians are dirt.'"

Some in the Micronesians community say the April 5 shooting of Iremamber Sykap highlights the racism they face in Hawaii, a place they expected to be more welcoming to fellow islanders.

Police say Sykap was driving a stolen car when he led officers on a chase through oncoming traffic after a series of crimes including an armed robbery and purse-snatching.

A memorial for Sykap has been started at a street corner near where the shooting took place. It's decorated with floral bouquets, balloons, candles and a stuffed bear.

Sykap's family is from Chuuk, but he was born in Guam, a U.S. territory, said his mother, Yovita Sykap.

"He's American," she said.

Of Hawaii's 1.5 million residents, 38% are Asian — mostly Japanese and Filipino — 26% are white, 2% are Black, and many people are multiple ethnicities, according to U.S. census figures. Native Hawaiians account for about 20% of the population.

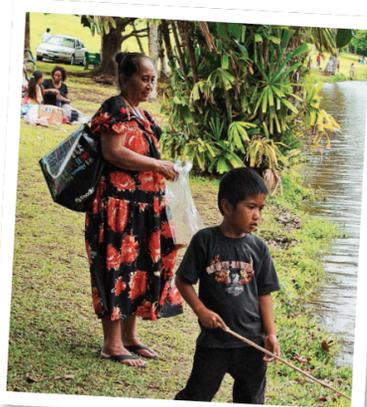
There are an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 Micronesians in Hawaii, who began migrating here in bigger numbers in the 1990s in search of economic and educational opportunities, said Josie Howard of We are Oceania, which advocates for the Micronesians community.

The Compact of Free Association allows citizens from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau to live and work freely in the United States in exchange for allowing the U.S. military to control strategic land and water areas in the region.

Located about 2,500 miles southwest of Hawaii, the Federated States of Micronesia consists of 607 islands with a population of about 107,000.

The relationship with the U.S. seems to make people in Hawaii incorrectly believe that Micronesians are a drain on social benefits, said Sha Merirei Ongelungel, a Honolulu resident.

A Palauan born and raised in Oregon, Ongelungel came to Hawaii "because all I wanted to do was to fit in and be around Pacific Islanders and know what it was like to not stand out like a sore thumb."



A younger Iremamber Sykap goes fishing in 2012 at Hoomaluhia Botanical Garden in Kaneohe, Hawaii, with his grandmother, Akiwine Sykap. Iremamber was 16 when police shot and killed him during a car chase last month.

Ann Hansen/  
Submitted via AP

When she first got here, a cousin advised her to tell potential employers she was from Oregon. "If you tell them you're Micronesians, you won't get a job," she said her cousin told her.

She wasn't prepared for the racism in Hawaii, and so she left after a year.

Ongelungel said she felt equipped to deal with the racism on the U.S. mainland against those who are not white. "I didn't have training to fight people who looked like my actual blood relatives," she said.

She returned to Hawaii nearly 15 years later.

After the shooting, some local media outlets reported about Sykap's criminal history as a juvenile.

"I want to press people on why his past matters when he's a child," Ongelungel said.

The police department has offered little information on the shooting. The department won't release body camera footage because there were other minors in the car with Sykap.

A little more than a week after the shooting, Honolulu police shot and killed a Black man who had entered a home that wasn't his, sat down and took off his shoes, prompting a frightened occupant to call 911. Chief Susan Ballard said race wasn't a factor in that incident.

In response to protests in other parts of the country decrying police brutality against minorities, Ballard, who is white, has said that in general, that degree of racism doesn't exist here.

"Officers are extensively trained to respond to the individual's behavior and actions, not race," said police spokeswoman Michelle Yu.

Eric Seitz, an attorney not involved in the Sykap case who represents families of others who have been killed by police, says Honolulu Police have similar issues with race as other U.S. cities.

"More and more people are coming to realize that Hawaii is not different and that just as they release video footage in all of these other cities for all of these other incidents, it should be obligatory as a matter of public responsibility to release the similar information here," Seitz said.

## LOCAL BRIEFING

## NeighborImpact receives \$800,000 in COVID-19 relief money to expand food bank warehouse

NeighborImpact will receive \$800,000 in federal COVID-19 relief funds to go toward expanding the nonprofit's food bank warehouse.

On Monday, the nonprofit in an announcement credited state House Rep. Jack Zika, R-Redmond, with dedicating the discretionary funding toward the cause.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the number of people using the food bank has increased from 22,000 monthly to a peak of 34,000, according to NeighborImpact.

To keep up with the increasing demand, NeighborImpact, which serves all of Central Oregon, is trying to raise \$5 million to expand its warehouse. The project will add 6,400 square feet to the existing warehouse, as well as improve loading and unloading areas and upgrade to rooftop solar to make the building more resilient.

Between the COVID-19 relief funds, private donations and a grant from the Maybell Clark Macdonald Fund, the organization has secured \$1.04 million toward the \$5 million expansion campaign.

"NeighborImpact would like to express appreciation to Representative Jack Zika for his leadership in dedicating these funds and for expressing his concerns for those experiencing hunger in Central Oregon," NeighborImpact wrote in a statement.

## 3 years after arrest, Bend man pleads not guilty to attempted murder of roommate

A Bend man returned from the state mental hospital Monday to Deschutes County Circuit Court, where he faces charges related to an attack on his former roommate with a hammer in 2018.

Matthew Thomas Planteen pleaded not guilty to 10 felony charges.

Planteen, 37, is accused of three counts of first-degree assault, three of unlawful use of a weapon, two of kidnapping in the first-degree and one each of coercion and attempted murder. The alleged victim in all counts is Planteen's onetime roommate, Terry Trask.

Planteen was arrested in the early morning of Feb. 11, 2018, at the home he and Trask shared in the 64000 block of the Old Bend-Redmond Highway. Trask told police he talked to Planteen earlier about Planteen moving out. He said Planteen later attacked him with the hammer as he slept, according to Bulletin archives.

Trask was eventually able to reach a baseball bat, which he used to fend off Planteen until authorities arrived. Planteen was arrested and Trask was taken to St. Charles Bend with serious injuries.

Planteen has spent much of the time since then under evaluation at the Oregon State Hospital in Salem.

Planteen's attorney, Shawn Kollie, on Monday told the court he is awaiting another mental health evaluation that will determine if Planteen can be found guilty except for insanity.

—Bulletin staff reports



Planteen

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- Photos taken between 1950 and 2000.
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- If you're a private collector, call 360-723-5800 to set up an appointment.
- Not all photos submitted or used in ads will appear in the final book.
- Photos will become part of the Deschutes Historical Museum's archived collection.

### SCANNING SESSIONS

- Thursday, June 10 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 11 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 12 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Saturday, June 12 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
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