

**TODAY**

It's Friday, July 23, the 204th day of 2021. There are 161 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

In **2003**, Massachusetts' attorney general issued a report saying clergy members and others in the Boston Archdiocese probably had sexually abused more than 1,000 people over a period of six decades.

In **1829**, William Austin Burt received a patent for his "typographer," a forerunner of the typewriter.

In **1967**, five days of deadly rioting erupted in Detroit as an early morning police raid on an unlicensed bar resulted in a confrontation with local residents that escalated into violence that spread into other parts of the city; 43 people, mostly Blacks, were killed.

In **1982**, actor Vic Morrow and two child actors, 7-year-old Myca Dinh Le and 6-year-old Renee Shin-Yi Chen, were killed when a helicopter crashed on top of them during filming of a Vietnam War scene for "Twilight Zone: The Movie." Director John Landis and four associates were later acquitted of manslaughter charges.

In **1983**, an Air Canada Boeing 767 ran out of fuel while flying from Montreal to Edmonton; the pilots were able to glide the jetliner to a safe emergency landing in Gimli, Manitoba. (The near-disaster occurred because the fuel had been erroneously measured in pounds instead of kilograms at a time when Canada was converting to the metric system.)

In **1990**, President George H.W. Bush announced his choice of Judge David Souter of New Hampshire to succeed the retiring Justice William J. Brennan on the U.S. Supreme Court.

In **1997**, the search for Andrew Cunanan, the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, an apparent suicide.

In **1999**, space shuttle Columbia blasted off with the world's most powerful X-ray telescope and Eileen Collins, the first woman to command a U.S. space flight.

In **2003**, a new audiotape purported to be from toppled dictator Saddam Hussein called on Iraqis to resist the U.S. occupation.

In **2006**, Tiger Woods became the first player since Tom Watson in 1982-83 to win consecutive British Open titles.

**Ten years ago:** Singer Amy Winehouse, 27, was found dead in her London home from accidental alcohol poisoning.

**Five years ago:** A suicide bomber detonated his explosives-packed clothing among a large crowd of demonstrators in the Afghan capital, killing at least 80 people; the Islamic State group claimed responsibility.

**One year ago:** In response to an ACLU lawsuit, a federal judge blocked federal agents in Portland from arresting or using physical force against journalists and legal observers at the ongoing protests there.

**Today's Birthdays:** Retired Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy is 85. Actor Ronny Cox is 83. Actor Larry Manetti is 78. Rock singer David Essex is 74. Singer-songwriter-politician John Hall is 73. Actor Woody Harrelson is 60. Rock musician Martin Gore (Depeche Mode) is 60. Actor Eriq La Salle is 59. Rock musician Slash is 56. Actor Juan Pope is 54. Model-actor Stephanie Seymour is 53. Actor Charisma Carpenter is 51. R&B singer Sam Watters is 51. Country singer Alison Krauss is 50. R&B singer Dalvin DeGrate is 50. Actor-comedian Marlon Wayans is 49. Country singer Shannon Brown is 48. Actor Kathryn Hahn is 48. Retired MLB All-Star Nomar Garciaparra is 48. Former White House intern Monica Lewinsky is 48. R&B singer Michelle Williams is 41. Actor Daniel Radcliffe is 32.

— Associated Press

# LOCAL, STATE & REGION

**BOOTLEG FIRE**

## Cooler temps, less wind help firefighters

BY NATHAN HOWARD  
Associated Press

BLY — Lower winds and better weather helped crews using bulldozers and helicopters battling the nation's largest wildfire in Klamath and Lake counties while a Northern California wildfire crossed into Nevada, prompting new evacuations as blazes burn across the West.

The Bootleg Fire had grown to nearly 400,000 acres, with 38% containment as of Thursday, according to InciWeb. However, authorities said higher humidity Wednesday and overnight and better conditions allowed crews to improve fire lines. The fire also was approaching an area burned by a previous fire on its active southeastern flank, raising hopes that lack of fuel could reduce its spread and the forecast was for favorable firefighting weather again on Thursday.

"Fire crews and support personnel have made significant progress in containing this fire



Nathan Howard/AP

Spot fires smolder Wednesday near trees damaged by the Bootleg Fire, near Bly.

in the last few days," Joe Prummer, incident commander trainee of Pacific Northwest Incident Management Team 2, said in a statement. "However, we still have a long road ahead of us to ensure the safety of the surrounding communities."

The Bootleg Fire, which was sparked by lightning, has ravaged the sparsely populated areas of Klamath and Lake counties and had been expanding by up to 4 miles a day, pushed by strong winds and critically dry weather. The blaze, which

is being fought by more than 2,200 people, is now more than one-third contained.

At least 2,000 homes were ordered evacuated at some point during the fire and an additional 5,000 were threatened. At least 70 homes and

more than 100 outbuildings have burned, but no one is known to have died.

In northeast Oregon, the Elbow Creek Fire burning 17 miles northwest of Wallowa had grown to 20,000 acres as of Thursday, according to InciWeb. Containment was at 20%.

Meanwhile the Tamarack Fire south of Lake Tahoe had burned more than 43,500 acres of timber and head-high chaparral in national forest land. It erupted July 4 and was one of nearly two dozen blazes sparked by lightning strikes.

More than 1,200 firefighters were battling the Alpine County blaze, which has destroyed at least 10 buildings, forced evacuations in several communities and had closed parts of U.S. Highway 395 in Nevada and California. Fire officials expected active or extreme fire behavior on Thursday, which could see 14 mph winds and temperatures approaching 90 degrees Fahrenheit.

## As wildfire smoke spreads throughout the U.S., who's at risk?

BY MATTHEW BROWN  
Associated Press

Smoke from wildfires in the western U.S. and Canada is blanketing much of the continent, including thousands of miles away on the East Coast. And experts say the phenomenon is becoming more common as human-caused global warming stokes bigger and more intense blazes.

Pollution from smoke reached unhealthy levels this week in communities from Washington state to Washington D.C.

"These fires are going to be burning all summer," said University of Washington wildfire smoke expert Dan Jaffe. "In terms of bad air quality, everywhere in the country is to go to be worse than average this year."

Growing research points to potential long-term health damage from breathing in microscopic particles of smoke. Authorities have scrambled to better protect people from the harmful effects but face challenges in communicating risk to vulnerable communities.

**Is it getting worse?**

The number of unhealthy air quality days recorded in 2021 by pollution monitors nation-



The Staten Island Ferry departs Tuesday from the Manhattan terminal through a haze of smoke with the Statue of Liberty barely visible in New York.

Julie Jacobson/AP

wide is more than double the number to date in each of the last two years, according to figures provided to the Associated Press by the Environmental Protection Agency. Wildfires likely are driving much of the increase, officials said.

The amount of smoke wildfires spew stems directly from how much land burns — more than 4,100 square miles in the U.S. and 4,800 square miles in Canada so far in 2021. That's behind the 10-year average for this time of year for both nations, but forecasters warn conditions could worsen as a severe drought afflicting 85% of the West intensifies.

Wildfire smoke contains hundreds of chemical compounds, and many can be harmful in large doses. Health officials use the concentration of smoke particles in the air to gauge the severity of danger to

the public.

Scientists link smoke exposure with long-term health

officials.

**How do I protect myself?**

Listen for warnings about smoke and, if advised, avoid outdoor activities to reduce exposure. Keep doors and windows closed, and run an air filter to clean inside air. Face masks can protect against breathing in smoke. As with COVID-19, most effective are N95 masks because they are designed to block the smallest particles.

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