

TODAY

It's Saturday, July 24, the 205th day of 2021. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In **1969**, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In **1567**, Mary, Queen of Scots was forced to abdicate by Scottish nobles in favor of her infant son James, who became King of Scotland at the age of one.

In **1847**, Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley in present-day Utah.

In **1858**, Republican senatorial candidate Abraham Lincoln formally challenged Democrat Stephen A. Douglas to a series of political debates; the result was seven face-to-face encounters.

In **1862**, Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen, died at age 79 in Kinderhook, New York, the town where he was born in 1782.

In **1866**, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In **1915**, the SS Eastland, a passenger ship carrying more than 2,500 people, rolled onto its side while docked at the Clark Street Bridge on the Chicago River; an estimated 844 people died in the disaster.

In **1937**, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young Black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In **1952**, President Harry S. Truman announced a settlement in a 53-day steel strike. The Gary Cooper western "High Noon" had its U.S. premiere in New York.

In **1974**, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In **1975**, an Apollo spacecraft splashed down in the Pacific, completing a mission which included the first-ever docking with a Soyuz capsule from the Soviet Union.

In **2010**, a stampede inside a tunnel crowded with techno music fans left 21 people dead and more than 500 injured at the famed Love Parade festival in western Germany.

In **2019**, in a day of congressional testimony, Robert Mueller dismissed President Donald Trump's claim of "total exoneration" in Mueller's probe of Russia's 2016 election interference.

Ten years ago: Cadel Evans won the Tour de France, becoming the first Australian champion in cycling's greatest race.

Five years ago: Thousands of demonstrators took to Philadelphia's sweltering streets in the first major protests ahead of the Democratic National Convention. Ken Griffey Jr. and Mike Piazza were inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. British rider Chris Froome celebrated his third Tour de France title in four years.

One year ago: U.S. agents again used tear gas to try to disperse a large crowd of protesters outside the federal courthouse in Portland, after fireworks were shot toward the building amid raucous demonstrations. A federal judge denied a request by Oregon's attorney general to restrict the actions of federal police who'd been deployed there amid weeks of protests over the death of George Floyd. Television personality Regis Philbin, remembered for his syndicated morning show and for "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," died at 88.

Today's Birthdays: Actor John Aniston is 88. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 86. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 85. Actor Mark Goddard is 85. Actor Dan Hedaya is 81. Actor Chris Sarandon is 79. Comedian Gallagher is 75. Actor Robert Hays is 74. Actor Michael Richards is 72. Actor Lynda Carter is 70. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 69. Former Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., is 68. Basketball Hall of Famer Karl Malone is 58. Retired MLB All-Star Barry Bonds is 57. Actor Kadeem Hardison is 56. Actor-singer Kristin Chenoweth is 53. Actor Laura Leighton is 53. Actor-singer Jennifer Lopez is 52. Basketball player-turned-actor Rick Fox is 52. Director Patty Jenkins ("Wonder Woman") is 50. Actor Rose Byrne is 42. Actor Elisabeth Moss is 39. Actor Anna Paquin is 39. Actor Sarah Greene is 37. NHL center Patrice Bergeron is 36. Actor Emily Bett Rickards is 30. Actor Lucas Adams is 28. TV personality Bindi Irwin is 23.

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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

BOOTLEG FIRE

Firefighters make progress

Containment has reached 40%

BY NATHAN HOWARD
Associated Press

BLY — The nation's largest wildfire continued burning in parts of Klamath and Lake counties on Friday, but crews were scaling back some night operations as hard work and weaker winds helped reduce the spread of flames.

The Bootleg Fire, which has grown to just over 400,000 acres, with containment increasing to 40% as of Friday afternoon, according to InciWeb. The blaze has burned about 70 homes, mainly cabins, fire officials said.

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

The upper eastern edge of the blaze continued to move toward Summer Lake, jumping fire lines on Thursday and prompting an evacuation order for some portions of Lake County to be raised to Level 3 "go now!" fire officials said.

Winds up to 10 mph could drive the flames through timber but not at the pace seen last week, when the wind-driven blaze grew exponentially, fire information officer Angela Goldman said.

There was good news on the lower portion of the lightning-sparked blaze. Crews had locked in containment lines, and on the lower southeastern side, crews were able to gain a substantial foothold, allowing them to cut back to nighttime patrols from what had been a "24-7 run-and-gun" fight, fire information officer Sarah



Nathan Howard/AP photos

Sayyid Bey, left, and his son, Nicolas Bey, 11, sift through the remains of their home Thursday after it was destroyed by the Bootleg Fire near Bly.

Gracey said.

"For us, that's a pretty big step," she said. "It's not that easy to work in a pitch-black forest in the middle of the night."

"The fire continues to throw challenges at us, and we are going to continue to stay vigilant, work hard, and adapt," Joe Hessel, incident commander for the Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team, said in a statement.

That side of the blaze also had burned into an area blackened by a previous fire, creating gaps in the fuel and re-

ducing the spread of flames through grass, shrub and timber, Gracey said.

In northeast Oregon, the Elbow Creek Fire burning in the Umatilla National Forest northwest of Wallowa remained at just under 20,000 acres with 20% containment, according to InciWeb.

Across the Washington border, the Lick Creek Fire, also burning in the Umatilla National Forest, had burned more than 78,000 acres, with containment at 55%, according to InciWeb.



A cow walks through an area damaged by the Bootleg Fire near Bly.

FBI to join Portland police downtown after deadly shooting

BY MAXINE BERNSTEIN
The Oregonian

FBI agents will pair up with officers in the Portland police Enhanced Community Safety Team to provide more coverage in downtown Friday and Saturday nights in the wake of a mass shooting that killed an 18-year-old and wounded six others July 17.

The weekend also marks the kickoff of a formal grand reopening of the city center after a year of upheaval.

Police plan to pull officers from their north and east precincts to bolster central precinct patrols in the downtown core, provide more overtime for the increased coverage and have FBI agents ride-along with certain officers.

The police bureau's Enhanced Community Safety Team — made up of three sergeants, 12 officers and six detectives — already has been working closely with the FBI to respond to shooting scenes, examine evidence, interview wit-

nesses and do follow-up investigations. An FBI-led task force was created in April to work closely with Portland police to build cases against people responsible for the significant rise in shootings in the city.

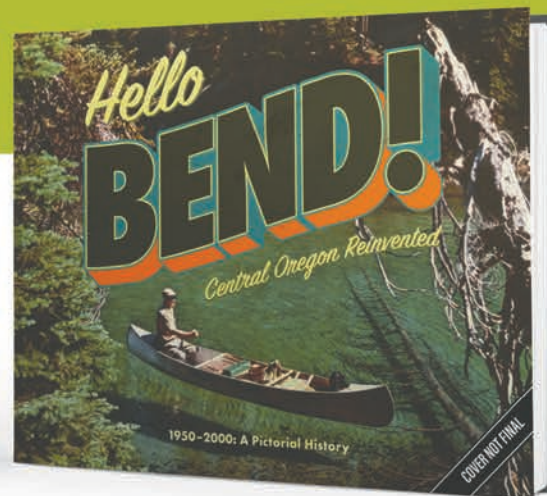
"Last week's tragic shooting reverberated throughout the community," Police Chief Chuck Lovell said. "We are seeing almost nightly gun violence, but as things open up, we want people to feel safe, as they come downtown and gather in the Entertainment District. We are trying to use our resources effectively in order to accomplish this while also responding to 911 calls."

The extra downtown coverage, at this point, is planned only for this weekend.

On July 17 at about 2 a.m., 18-year-old Makayla Maree Harris was killed and six others wounded in a suspected drive-by shooting on SW Third Avenue near Harvey Milk Street. No arrests have been made.

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