

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 21, the 264th day of 2021. There are 101 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

In **1989**, Hurricane Hugo crashed into Charleston, South Carolina (the storm was blamed for 56 deaths in the Caribbean and 29 in the United States). Twenty-one students in Alton, Texas, died when their school bus, hit by a soft-drink delivery truck, careened into a water-filled pit.

In **1792**, the French National Convention voted to abolish the monarchy.

In **1912**, magician Harry Houdini first publicly performed his "Water Torture Cell" trick at the Circus Busch in Berlin.

In **1948**, Milton Berle made his debut as permanent host of "The Texaco Star Theater" on NBC-TV.

In **1961**, the first Boeing CH-47 Chinook military helicopter made its first hovering flight.

In **1981**, the Senate unanimously confirmed the nomination of Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

In **1982**, Amin Gemayel, brother of Lebanon's assassinated president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was himself elected president.

National Football League players began a 57-day strike, their first regular-season walkout ever.

In **1985**, in North Korea and South Korea, family members who had been separated for decades were allowed to visit each other as both countries opened their borders in an unprecedented family-reunion program.

In **1987**, NFL players called a strike, mainly over the issue of free agency. (The 24-day walkout prompted football owners to hire replacement players.)

In **1996**, President Bill Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act denying federal recognition of same-sex marriages, a day after saying the law should not be used as an excuse for discrimination, violence or intimidation against gays and lesbians. (Although never formally repealed, DoMA was effectively overturned by U.S. Supreme Court decisions in 2013 and 2015.)

In **2001**, Congress again opened the federal coffers to those harmed by terrorism, providing \$15 billion to the airline industry, which was suffering mounting economic losses since the Sept. 11 attacks.

In **2008**, baseball said farewell to the original Yankee Stadium as the Bronx Bombers defeated the Baltimore Orioles 7-3.

Ten years ago: Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, two Americans jailed in Iran as spies, left Tehran for the Gulf state of Oman, closing a high-profile drama that brought more than two years of hope and heartbreak for their families. Alternative rock group R.E.M. announced on its website that it had "decided to call it a day as a band."

Five years ago: Outraged Republican and Democratic lawmakers grilled Heather Bresch, the CEO of pharmaceutical company Mylan, about the significant cost increase of its life-saving EpiPens; defending her company's business practices, Bresch told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee she wished the company had "better anticipated the magnitude and acceleration" of the rising prices for some families.

One year ago: President Donald Trump met at the White House with Amy Coney Barrett, as the conservative judge emerged as an early favorite for the Supreme Court seat left vacant by the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The Las Vegas Raiders, playing their first game at a new \$2 billion stadium following their move from Oakland, defeated the New Orleans Saints 34-24; there were no fans in attendance because of the coronavirus.

Today's Birthdays: Author-comedian Fannie Flagg is 80. Author Stephen King is 74. Basketball Hall of Famer Artis Gilmore is 72. Actor-comedian Bill Murray is 71. Former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd is 64. Movie producer-writer Ethan Coen is 64. Actor Nancy Travis is 60. Actor Rob Morrow is 59. Retired MLB All-Star Cecil Fielder is 58. Actor-talk show host Ricki Lake is 53. Rapper Dave (De La Soul) is 53. Actor Billy Porter is 52. Actor Rob Benedict is 51. Actor Luke Wilson is 50. Actor Paulo Costanzo is 43. Actor Bradford Anderson is 42. TV personality Nicole Richie is 40. Actor Ahna O'Reilly is 37. Rapper Wale is 37. R&B singer Jason Derulo is 35. Actor Ryan Guzman is 34. Actor Nikolas Brino is 23.

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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

ODFW kills 3 more wolves in Lookout Mountain pack

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife employees, firing from a helicopter, shot and killed three wolves from the Lookout Mountain pack in eastern Baker County Friday morning, including the pack's breeding male.

In addition to the breeding male, ODFW employees killed a yearling male, born in the spring of 2020, and a 5-month-old pup from the pack's spring 2021 litter of seven.

The wolves were killed the day after ODFW announced that the agency intended to kill up to four wolves from the pack, which has killed at least six head of cattle, and injured two others, since mid July.

According to a press release from ODFW, agency employees saw six wolves during the Friday helicopter flight.

The three wolves that were killed were near a dead calf, and on private land. ODFW biologists are investigating to determine whether wolves killed the

calf. "Initial indications point to another depredation" by wolves, according to the press release.

ODFW announced Thursday that agency workers intended to kill up to four wolves from pack, including the breeding male. ODFW is not targeting the pack's breeding female. In addition, four ranchers who have lost cattle to the pack are authorized to kill up to two other wolves total.

ODFW estimates the pack consisted of nine wolves, a count prior to Friday's killing of

three wolves.

ODFW employees killed two other pups from the 2021 litter on Aug. 1.

By targeting the breeding male, ODFW hopes to still allow the breeding female to raise any remaining juveniles. Reducing the number of juveniles the breeding female will need to feed increases the likelihood that some will survive, according to a press release from the agency.

The group Defenders of Wildlife criticized ODFW's de-

cision to kill the wolves.

"Whenever wolves are put on the chopping block, it is a tragedy," said Sristi Kamal, senior northwest representative for Defenders of Wildlife. "Lethal control is never a long-term solution and any pups that will be killed under these permits did not even participate in the hunts. There are better solutions than just killing wolves to cultivate social acceptance. Investments in proactive non-lethal efforts can do much more for promoting coexistence."

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK

4 famous giant sequoia trees saved from fire

The Associated Press

THREE RIVERS, Calif. — Four famous giant sequoias were not harmed by a wildfire that reached the edge of Giant Forest in California's Sequoia National Park, authorities said.

The Four Guardsmen, a group of trees that form a natural entryway on the road to the forest, were successfully protected from the KNP Complex fire by the removal of nearby vegetation and by wrapping fire-resistant material around the bases of the trees, the fire-fighting management team said in a statement Sunday.

The KNP Complex began as two lightning-sparked fires that eventually merged and has scorched about 23,740 acres in the heart of sequoia country on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada.

There was no word yet on the full extent of damage in several other groves reached by a separate blaze, the Windy Fire, in the Giant Sequoia National Monument area of Sequoia National Forest and the Tule River Indian Reservation. The Windy Fire has burned through the Peyrone and Red Hill groves, as well as a portion of the Long Meadow Grove along the Trail of 100 Giants.

A portion of one giant sequoia along the trail was con-



firmed to have burned, said Thanh Nguyen, a spokesman for the fire command.

Fire crews with hoses and water-dropping helicopters were working to limit damage to the giant sequoias in the groves, where there are also other types of trees.

Sequoias have adapted to fire and can benefit if the flames



Noah Berger/AP; InciWeb

ABOVE: Firefighters battle the Windy Fire as it burns in the Trail of 100 Giants grove of Sequoia National Forest, California, on Sunday. **LEFT:** Firefighters pose with the General Sherman Tree after wrapping it with structural wrap in this photo posted to InciWeb on Saturday.

The KNP Complex forced the evacuation of Sequoia National Park last week, and on Sunday much of adjacent Kings Canyon National Park was closed. Visitors to areas that were still open were warned of hazardous air quality due to smoke.

A large area of Northern California was under a red flag warning for extreme fire danger Monday due to dry offshore winds that can raise fire danger.

The warning did not extend into Southern California, but forecasters said there would be weak Santa Ana winds and significant warming — elevating

the risk of wildfires. Historic drought tied to climate change is making wildfires harder to fight. It has killed millions of trees in California alone. Scientists say climate change has made the West much warmer and drier in the past 30 years and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive.

More than 7,000 wildfires in California this year have damaged or destroyed more than 3,000 homes and other buildings and torched well over 1.92 million acres of land, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

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