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TODAY
IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 21, the 80th day of 2022. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On **March 21**, 1965, civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their third, successful march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

In **1685**, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

In **1945**, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In **1972**, the Supreme Court, in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

In **1990**, Namibia became an independent nation as the former colony marked the end of 75 years of South African rule.

In **1997**, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin wrapped up their summit in Helsinki, Finland, still deadlocked over NATO expansion, but able to agree on slashing nuclear weapons arsenals.

In **2006**, the social media website Twitter was established with the sending of the first "tweet" by co-founder Jack Dorsey, who wrote: "just setting up my twttr."

In **2007**, former Vice President Al Gore made an emotional return to Congress as he pleaded with House and Senate committees to fight global warming; skeptical Republicans questioned the science behind his climate-change documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth."

In **2016**, laying bare a half-century of tensions, President Barack Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro prodded each other over human rights and the long-standing U.S. economic embargo during an unprecedented joint news conference in Havana.

In **2019**, President Donald Trump declared that the U.S. would recognize Israel's sovereignty over the disputed Golan Heights, a major shift in American policy.

In **2020**, during a White House briefing, President Donald Trump doubled down on his support for the malaria drug hydroxychloroquine as a possible treatment for the coronavirus, while Dr. Anthony Fauci said the evidence was "anecdotal."

Ten years ago: A previously divided U.N. Security Council sent a strong and united message to the Syrian government and its opposition, telling both sides to immediately implement proposals by international envoy Kofi Annan to end Syria's yearlong bloodshed. Meting out unprecedented punishment for a bounty system that targeted key opposing players, the NFL suspended New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton without pay for the coming season and indefinitely banned the team's former defensive coordinator; Commissioner Roger Goodell fined the Saints \$500,000 and took away two draft picks.

Five years ago: U.S. and British officials announced they were barring laptops and tablets from the cabins of some international flights because of longstanding concerns about terrorists targeting jetliners. On the second day of his Senate confirmation hearing, Supreme Court nominee Neil Gorsuch declared he'd made no promises to President Donald Trump or anyone else about how he would vote on abortion or other issues.

One year ago: Officials in Miami Beach extended an emergency 8 p.m. curfew for at least another week after fights, gunfire, property destruction and dangerous stampedes broke out among huge crowds of people during the spring break season.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kathleen Widdoes is 83. Songwriter Chip Taylor ("Wild Thing") is 82. Folk-pop singer-musician Keith Potger (The Seekers) is 81. Actor Marie-Christine Barault is 78. Singer-musician Rose Stone (Sly and the Family Stone) is 77. Actor Timothy Dalton is 76. Singer Ray Dorset (Mungo Jerry) is 76. Rock singer-musician Roger Hodgson (Supertramp) is 72. Rock musician Conrad Lozano (Los Lobos) is 71. R&B singer Russell Thompkins Jr. is 71. Comedy writer-performer Brad Hall is 64. Actor Sabrina LeBeauf is 64. Actor Gary Oldman is 64. Actor Kassie Depaiva is 61. Actor Matthew Broderick is 60. Comedian-actor Rosie O'Donnell is 60. Actor Cynthia Geary is 57. Hip-hop DJ Premier (Gang Starr) is 56. Rock musician Jonas "Joker" Berggren (Ace of Base) is 55. Rock MC Maxim (Prodigy) is 55. Rock musician Andrew Copeland (Sister Hazel) is 54. Actor Laura Allen is 48. Rapper-TV personality Kevin Federline is 44. Actor Sonique Martin-Green (TV: "The Walking Dead") is 37. Actor Scott Eastwood is 36. Tennis player Karolina Pliskova is 30. Actor Jasmin Savoy Brown is 28. Actor Forrest Wheeler is 18.

OREGON | WILDFIRE AND AGRICULTURE

Smoke affects wine grapes, but not equally

BY MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI

Capital Press

PORTLAND — Smoke isn't an equal opportunity offender for wine grapes, with flavor impacts depending on the varietal as well as the fire's proximity, experts say.

Reverse osmosis filtration and other processes can mitigate the smoke's effects, though they come with their own costs for the finished wine, according to speakers at the Oregon Wine Symposium in Portland on March 8.

"We took a wine that would not be usable and made it usable," said winemaker Brian Gruber. "The biggest drawback is we made a wine that would not stand on its own."

Gruber worked at a custom crush wine facility in 2020, when more than 1 million acres of Oregon forestland were consumed by fire and smoke blanketed the state's Willamette Valley.

The consequences of smoke exposure were immediately noticeable in the grapes, Gruber said. "This tasted like cherry barbecue sauce in the bin, before we even started fermenting."

Pinot noir, Cabernet franc and Grenache appear to suffer from the most noticeable effects of smoke taint, though it can affect any varietal, he said.

Smoke that recently originated from a nearby fire is more damaging than older smoke from a more distant blaze, he said.

It's also more likely to harm flavors in grapes that are nearing harvest than those that are immature, he said.

Through the reverse osmosis process, Gruber separated the water and alcohol from the



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Smoky skies raised concerns about the impacts on wine flavor at Meridian Estate Vineyard in Silverton in September 2020.

other elements that impart flavor, texture and aroma to wine.

That water and alcohol was then run through a carbon filter to reduce the effects of smoke taint, he said.

"It's a gentle way of splitting your wine and just treating the part that's a problem," he said. "You're breaking it apart, so you're trying not to touch the good stuff."

During the process, some of the tannins and other positive elements are lost, resulting in a less robust wine that tasted "thinner," Gruber said.

However, the when blended at a rate of 5% with wine that wasn't harmed by smoke, the treated wine was successfully salvaged, he said.

"Wildfires aren't going away, so it's just how we're going to deal with them in the future," said Brandon Moss, a winemaker in the Walla Walla region of Washington.

Moss said he encountered grapes in 2020 that didn't come into contact with smoke as dense as that in Oregon.

The impacts from smoke taint didn't become apparent until near the end of fermentation, he said. "It was pretty promising at first and went downhill quickly from there."

That wine was also filtered with reverse osmosis, resulting in an "innocuous" red wine that had lost some of its character, Moss said.

"Some people are more sensitive than others and I err on the side of making the wine clean," though as a blender, the treated wine "100% works," he said.

While all smoke contains compounds that are harmful to wine, the fumes from cars and buildings are particularly "gross," said Elizabeth Tomasino, associate professor and sensory analyst who studies wine at Oregon State University.

Isolating which types of smoke are especially damaging is under study at OSU, she said. "We're looking to track which compounds are really the problem."

YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

Stars show the kind of day you'll have

★★★★★ DYNAMIC | ★★★★★ POSITIVE | ★★★ AVERAGE | ★★ SO-SO | ★ DIFFICULT

MOON ALERT: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Scorpio.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR MONDAY, MARCH 21, 2022: You are pleasing, charming and talented. You are a passionate person, but you are also contemplative. Although you appear lighthearted, you don't take things lightly. This is a wonderful year to enjoy yourself and your relations with others, because you have a great zest for life. Let your hair down! Enjoy!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Even though you feel basically happy and optimistic today, you might find yourself at odds with someone about bills, shared property, taxes, debt or disputes about who owns what. A friend or a member of a group might challenge you. Don't take the bait. Stay calm. Tonight: Check your finances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ Be patient with those who are closest to you today, because something unexpected might throw you a curveball. A friend or partner might make an unusual demand or surprise you in some way. (Whaaat?) You also might have a testy exchange with a boss or parent. Stay chill. Tonight: Follow the rules.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Something might interrupt your work routine today. It could relate to a dispute about philosophy or your beliefs about something. Be careful, because unexpected health concerns also might arise. Meanwhile, pet owners should keep their eye on their pets today. Tonight: Work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ If you are a parent, this is an accident-prone day for your kids, regardless of their age. Do be aware of this. Sports accidents also might occur, along with a sudden change of social plans. Avoid disputes about shared responsibilities or shared property because people are argumentative today. Make nice with everyone. Tonight: Be patient.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Do what you can to maintain your own peace of mind today because that will help you be patient with parents, bosses, partners and close friends. You will need to stay calm to avoid an argument with someone. Small appliances or minor breakages at home also might occur. Tonight: Listen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Go slowly and carefully today, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. Very likely, your daily routine will change. You might find yourself at odds with someone, especially at work, or about health issues or something related to a pet. Stay calm and keep your eyes open. Tonight: Stay flexible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Keep an eye on your money today, because you might find money or you might lose money. Likewise, you might have to protect what you own against loss, theft or damage. A social outing might cost more than you anticipated. Meanwhile, keep an eye on your kids today. Tonight: Revise plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Today the Moon is in your sign; however, it is at odds with unpredictable Uranus and fiery Mars. This can trigger domestic arguments with partners, close friends or people at home. Since anger only makes everyone miserable, be patient. (Patience is the antidote to anger.) Tonight: Be understanding with a family member.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Steer clear of arguments with others, especially daily contacts, because this will not further your cause. You might be passionate about your beliefs and want to persuade others to agree with you. This is understandable. But don't coerce people. Tonight: Stay positive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Social plans might change today; ditto for sports events and playful times with kids. Keep an eye on your money and your possessions, because something could impact them. Think before you act if you're making financial decisions or purchases. Tonight: Stay practical.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ This is the classic day for an argument with a boss, parent or someone in authority (especially a female). You are quite driven now with Mars in your sign. Fortunately, fair Venus is also in your sign, which will ameliorate your aggressive energy. Tonight: Go gently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ With Mercury in your sign now, you can talk yourself out of any difficulties that might arise today when dealing with others regarding travel changes, philosophical or religious beliefs or something nasty going on behind the scenes. Keep your wits about you, and you'll do fine. Tonight: Avoid accidents.

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