



May 25, 2022

Memorial Day



Memorial Day, next Monday, May 30, is the day we remember the almost one and a half million Americans who have given their lives in wars to gain and defend our freedom.

After the American Civil War, it was called Decoration Day, and still is the day we go to the cemetery and decorate, put flowers and flags especially on the graves of those who have given their last full measure of devotion to us in wars. We must remember them!

Many of these died horribly, bleeding to death on some distant battlefield, going down in a shot-up and ruined warplane or trapped below decks in a torpedoed ship knowing it was sinking. Many also died and are dying today battle-wounded after suffering long in hospitals.

Every one of them was just as precious as you or me.

Memorial Day is their day! Keep it their day! Attend your local veterans' service at your local cemetery.

Decoration Day

A poem

By [Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#)
The Atlantic, June 1882 Issue

Sleep, comrades, sleep and rest
On this Field of Grounded Arms,
Where foes no more molest,
Nor sentry's shot alarms!
Ye have slept on the ground before,
And started to your feet
At the cannon's sudden roar,
Or the drum's redoubling beat.
But in this camp of Death
No sound your slumber breaks;
Here is no fevered breath,
No wound that bleeds and aches.
All is repose and peace,
Untrampled lies the sod;
The shouts of battle cease,
It is the Truce of God!
Rest, comrades, rest and sleep!
The thoughts of men shall be
As sentinels to keep
Your rest from danger free.
Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

Yakima River opening for spring chinook season



For the first time in several years the Yakima River has opened for sport fishing for spring chinook salmon. The opening was announced by the Department of Fish and Wildlife, after biologists did some looking at the numbers and determined there should be enough hatchery-reared salmon returning to allow a season.

Some 4,680 adult chinook salmon are now predicted to be returning to the Yakima in the weeks ahead, with 2,840 of those being adipose-clipped hatchery salmon.

The season actually opened May 6 from the Highway 240 Bridge in Richland upstream to the State Route 241 (Sunnyside-Mabton) Bridge.

Another section of the river opened on Monday, May 16. That portion of the river opening for salmon fishing runs from Union Gap up to just below the Roza Dam five miles north of Selah. Officially the boundaries are from the Interstate 82 bridge at Union Gap to the BNSF railroad bridge, approximately 600 feet downstream of Roza Dam.

Some of the other regulations for the spring salmon season on the Yakima include a daily limit of two hatchery chinook, with a minimum size of 12 inches. Terminal gear can be up to two single-point, barbless hooks with a hook gap from point to shank of 3/4 inch or less. Bait is allowed and anglers can use two fishing rods when fishing for salmon if they've purchased a \$14 Two-Pole Endorsement on their fishing licenses.

By Rob Phillips, courtesy to the Yakima Herald-Republic May 10, 2022

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The universe might stop expanding, begin contracting

After nearly 13.8 billion years of nonstop expansion, the universe could soon grind to a standstill, then slowly start to contract, new research published in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences suggests.

In the new paper, three scientists attempt to model the nature of [dark energy](#) — a mysterious force that seems to be causing the universe to expand ever faster — based on past observations of cosmic expansion. [In the team's model](#), dark energy is not a constant force of nature, but an entity called quintessence, which can decay over time.

The researchers found that, even though the expansion of [the universe](#) has been accelerating for billions of years, the repellent force of dark energy may be weakening. According to their model, the acceleration of the universe could rapidly end within the next 65 million years — then, within 100 million years, the universe could stop expanding altogether, and instead it could enter an era of slow contraction that ends billions of years from now with the death — or perhaps the rebirth — of time and space.

[Info: shpr.fyi/univexpansion](http://shpr.fyi/univexpansion)

Check out this week's Bible Readings on page 6 which includes, after Paul and Silas' cells opened and chains fell away, the jailer "*brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'*" Acts 16: 30-31 NIV

Dave Bunting, May 23, 2022
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