

## DAILY PLANNER

### TODAY

Today is Friday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 2018. There are 115 days left in the year.



### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China.  
In 1927, American television pioneer Philo T. Farnsworth, 21, succeeded in transmitting the image of a line through purely electronic means with a device called an "image dissector" at his San Francisco laboratory.  
In 1936, rock-and-roll legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.  
In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.  
In 1972, the International Olympic Committee banned Vince Matthews and Wayne Collett of the U.S. from further competition for talking to each other on the victory stand in Munich during the playing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" after winning the gold and silver medals in the 400-meter run.  
In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington by President Jimmy Carter and Panamanian leader Omar Torrijos.  
In 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its cable TV debut.  
In 1987, the syndicated TV talk show "Geraldo," hosted by Geraldo Rivera, began an 11-season run.  
In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

**LOTTERY**  
**Megabucks:** \$6.7 million  
2-8-10-12-42-43  
**Mega Millions:** \$187 million  
2-7-25-35-44-3x3  
**Powerball:** \$114 million  
6-15-50-59-60-PB 13-x2  
**Win for Life:** Sept. 5  
13-20-37-53  
**Pick 4:** Sept. 6  
• 1 p.m.: 4-4-6-2  
• 4 p.m.: 7-7-1-0  
• 7 p.m.: 7-0-6-5  
• 10 p.m.: 2-5-9-8  
**Pick 4:** Sept. 5  
• 1 p.m.: 4-7-9-5  
• 4 p.m.: 3-8-3-6  
• 7 p.m.: 7-0-2-9  
• 10 p.m.: 5-6-9-4

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**  
"Nothing is more unpleasant than a virtuous person with a mean mind."  
— Walter Bagehot, English editor and economist (1826-1877)

# Annual 3 Rivers Race fundraiser held Saturday

By Trish Yerges  
For The Observer

Although the annual 3 Rivers Race has been pared down to just three events, there is plenty of opportunity to benefit Shelter From the Storm.

The 100-mile race has been eliminated, but the children's events have been beefed up to add more fun. "The 3 Rivers Race is one of the primary fundraising opportunities for Shelter From the Storm," volunteer organizer Angie Peters said. "It helps pay for services for people who have survived domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking or other things."

The 3 Rivers Race will be held Saturday at Pioneer Park. Registration is available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at Blue Mountain Outfitters, 1124 Adams Ave., in La Grande. Participants can also register from

8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Saturday near the pavilion in Pioneer Park.

"The first race starts at 9 a.m. and it's the 35-mile bike ride," she said. "At 10 a.m. there is a 5K color run with a color blaze event at the end. At 11 a.m. we'll start the children's race called the jelly bean race, which is an obstacle course."

All of the athletic events wind up at about noon, and then the top placers — first, second and third for both women and men — will be awarded medals. There will also be drawings for people who have entered for all kinds of prizes.

"There is a broad spectrum of prizes, such as a massage, tickets to a museum and haircuts," Peters said. "With the number of applicants, there's a good chance everyone will go home with a prize."



Observer file photo

The annual 3 Rivers Race is one of the primary fundraising event for Shelter From the Storm, which works with domestic violence survivors.

Peters is anticipating about 100 applicants. Registration fees for the 5K race is \$35 per person and \$60 for a couple.

For the 35-mile bike ride, it's a \$50 registration fee. The jelly bean obstacle course race for children, ages

13 and under, is \$5 per child. There is also a family package for a \$75 fee that allows everyone in the family to choose what race they want to do.

"With each registration except the children's race, you get one T-shirt. There

are two shirts included in the family package," Peters said. "If you want to just do the color blaze, you can skip out of the 5K race."

Peters invites people to have fun and raise money to help make people safer in the community.

## Morrow County looks at land development for housing

By Jayati Ramakrishnan  
The Associated Press

Like many communities in Oregon, Morrow County has a housing shortage. A new county-wide project will aim to find out where the gaps are and work to bridge them.

On Thursday, a group of city and county representatives had their first meeting for the Buildable Lands Inventory and Housing Analysis to assess available lands and see how those lands can be used.

Morrow County Planning Director Carla McLane said there were representatives from four of Morrow County's five incorporated cities, as well as a county commissioner, at the closed-door meeting. They met with two planning firms that

will conduct the analysis — Angelo Planning Group and Johnson Economics.

Both firms are from Portland, but McLane said both have worked on projects in Eastern Oregon before, including the Umatilla Army Depot.

The project will cost about \$55,000 and is scheduled to be completed by February or March of next year. It will include assessments of lands around Morrow County.

McLane said the project will involve a lot of data collection and input.

"We're providing them with zoning information, tax lot information," she said.

The consultants will assess not only what land is available, but also what condition it is in. There may be land that has the poten-

tial to be developed but no access to services.

"When we look at our five communities, all five have community water, but only three have community wastewater," she said. Houses in Ione and Lexington operate on individual septic systems, while Boardman, Heppner and Irrigon have city services.

"That's a limitation on density for development that other communities wouldn't necessarily have," she said.

The study will also look at other potential reasons for slow development in Morrow County.

"Is it about a lack of developers, are our processes too cumbersome? Is the price of land too much?" McLane said. "They may be able to give us some insight into

reality."

She said the project will look at a variety of long-term issues for the county.

"Do we need to do an urban growth boundary expansion? Do we need to do different zoning?" she said. They may not get all those answers by the end of the study, but said they hope to get a better immediate understanding of other things — such as the demand for residential land in south Morrow County.

McLane said there may be a few opportunities for community input, but the project is more focused on analysis.

"There are clear stakeholder groups that (consultants) will want to ask questions of. Builders, developers, real estate agents — people

that have their thumb on the pulse of the housing market in Morrow County."

She said there is no specific action the county will take at the end of this project, but it will inform potential steps afterward.

She said in the next couple of weeks the firms will begin collecting data from the entire community. They will present some preliminary findings at a meeting in early November.

McLane said she was excited about the project, and although Eastern Oregon is not unique in its need for housing, it has different needs than the rest of the state.

"I don't know what all the limits and constraints are, but hopefully this will illuminate some of them so we can target them," she said.

## Trial begins for man charged in 'Gypsy Hill' serial killings

By Paul Elias  
The Associated Press

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A career criminal who authorities believe is the Gypsy Hill Killer faces trial today in Northern California for the murders of two young women four decades ago.



Halbower

Law enforcement officials believe Rodney Halbower, 69, is the man who raped and killed six young women during a five-month period in 1976.

The serial killer was given his nickname when one of the bodies was found in the Gypsy Hills section of Pacifica, about 10 miles south of San Francisco.

Opening statements start today in Redwood City, which is about 30 miles south of San Francisco.

The killings of six young women in Northern California and Reno, Nevada, remained a mystery until 2014.

That's when DNA taken from cigarette butts saved from the scene of one of the killings in Reno led investigators to Halbower's prison cell in Oregon.

The San Mateo County district attorney's office charged Halbower with

two of the six murders that occurred there, citing the cases' DNA evidence.

San Mateo District Attorney Steve Wagstaffe called Halbower "a sociopathic serial killer" and said he is seeking to have Halbower sentenced to life in prison if convicted.

Halbower's DNA was taken when he entered the Oregon prison in 1989 where he was serving 90 years for rape and attempted murder. Halbower's DNA was stored in a national database and matched the sample Reno cold case detectives scraped from the cigarette butt when they took another look at the Reno murder case in 2014.

A woman who confessed to murder spent 30 years in prison for the crime, but evidence mounted that she was mentally unfit and probably innocent.

It's likely Halbower would never have been linked to the five California murders and the killing of a University of Nevada nursing student in Reno had he not escaped from a Nevada prison in December 1986. He stole a car and made his way to Oregon, where — within days of his escape — he was arrested for rape and

attempted murder.

An Oregon jury convicted Halbower and sentenced him to 15 years in prison in that state. First, he was returned to Nevada to finish that state's prison term.

When Nevada paroled him in 2013, he was sent back to Oregon, where prison officials took a DNA sample and submitted it to the national database investigators use to revive stalled investigations, which linked him to the Gypsy Hill murders.

Halbower was first transferred to the San Mateo County Jail in 2014 and his trial has been delayed several times. He has fired several of his public defenders and demanded to represent himself. The case was also delayed until a jury last year determined he was competent to stand trial. Judges have refused to let him serve as his own attorney. His current public defender, John Halley, didn't return a call

from The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Court records show Halbower has spent the last 53 years in prison or on the lam after escaping.

A 1987 psychiatric report for an Oregon court concluded that Halbower was an intelligent man who suffered from "a severe personality disorder, with a propensity toward criminal behavior."

Halbower earned a high school diploma in prison, but he has had no other education, court records show. He does not appear to possess job skills, although he took drafting classes and dabbled with art behind bars in Michigan, Nevada and Oregon.

Still, that psychiatric report said Halbower "feels

that he is pretty accomplished, that he should be able to teach, that he has a great many qualifications" and yearned to be a famous artist or a rock-and-roll star. The report concluded that Halbower's "life is replete with poor impulse control, narcissism and a certain grandiosity."

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### La Grande School District Invites you to Participate in our Upcoming Strategic Plan Focus Group Community Meeting.

La Grande School District has embarked on a strategic planning journey to identify and meet our future district goals; We invite you to support and give feedback with this important initiative.

Your help is needed with our **Focus group sessions**; We will ask a set of 5 questions that will help us gather information, perspectives and insights from a variety of stakeholders in this community. Information that you share will be analyzed and used to help us establish values, beliefs, goals for our school district.

La Grande School District will be conducting a **Community member focus group session** at Central Elementary School commons on **Monday, September 10 from 5:00-6:00 PM**. You are receiving this release because we would like you to participate in a focus group and you are encouraged to help spread the word to other community members.

We look forward to collaborating with you as we plan for our future!

We hope you can encourage as many of your friends and neighbors to attend one of these meetings. Please contact Gaye Young or George Mendoza at 541-663-3200 for more information.

### 3/116th Cavalry Reunion

For all current and former soldiers/significant others of the 3/116 Cav.

**When/Where:** September 8th at the La Grande Armory.

**Social hour:** 1700 hrs., no host

**Dinner:** 1800 hrs. cost \$12.00

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