

# DAILY PLANNER

## TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 3, the 276th day of 2018. There are 89 days left in the year.



## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Oct. 3, 1995, the jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial in Los Angeles found the former football star not guilty of the 1994 slayings of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman (however, Simpson was later found liable for damages in a civil trial).

## LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$7.8 million  
1-5-24-38-43-44

**Mega Millions:** \$405 million  
2-22-29-31-34-1-x3

**Powerball:** \$229 million  
9-17-34-59-64-PB 22-x2

**Win for Life:** Oct. 1  
27-30-50-51

**Pick 4:** Oct. 2  
• 1 p.m.: 8-7-8-6  
• 4 p.m.: 8-9-7-7  
• 7 p.m.: 4-6-7-0  
• 10 p.m.: 1-5-5-2  
**Pick 4:** Oct. 2  
• 1 p.m.: 8-2-1-9  
• 4 p.m.: 8-8-2-3  
• 7 p.m.: 8-8-4-0  
• 10 p.m.: 0-0-2-8

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# Milton-Freewater drug dealer gets five years in fed prison

By Phil Wright  
East Oregonian

Carlos Cisneros-Razo of Milton-Freewater is going to federal prison for five years for dealing methamphetamine.

U.S. District Judge Michael H. Simon on Monday handed down the five-year prison sentence plus four years of post-prison supervision.

Federal prosecutors charged Cisneros-Razo, 45, in October 2017 with meth distribution, possession of

a firearm for drug trafficking and being an alien in possession of a firearm. He took a deal, according to court documents, and pleaded guilty on June 28 in federal court in Portland to one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. Cisneros-Razo admitted to selling drugs to five to seven people, according to court documents.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for Oregon in a news release stated the Blue

Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team in May 2017 bought meth from Cisneros-Razo. The team on May 31 raided his Milton-Freewater home and arrested him and Adan Torres-Nieves, 45. Police at the time reported the team confiscated 1.5 pounds of methamphetamine, 4.3 pounds of heroin, 5.6 pounds of cocaine, \$26,166 in U.S. currency, two guns and body armor.

The Umatilla County District Attorney's office

charged both men with multiple drug crimes, then dropped the cases due to the federal prosecution.

The federal prosecution against Torres-Nieves continues.

He faces charges of possession with intent to distribute heroin, meth and cocaine, felon in possession of a firearm and possession of a firearm for drug trafficking. The court set his trial for March 11, 2019.

Torres-Nieves is out of jail. His attorney, John

Gutbezahl of Lake Oswego, asked the court in late August to end the order requiring GPS monitoring of his client. Judge Simon on Sept. 24 granted that request.

According to the judge's order, if Torres-Nieves, does not appear for proceedings or "violates any program rule of a residential treatment program or community corrections," then U.S. marshals or other law enforcement can bring him in "without unnecessary delay."

## FIRE

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The triple-trailer load of hay and the truck were destroyed in the fire, he said.

Traffic began moving again about 7:30 p.m. Strandberg said those stranded between Baker City and the site of the fire began moving first. Exit ramps were next reopened at Baker, La Grande and Pendleton. During the closure, local residents were allowed through to their homes east of Pendleton after showing identification to ODOT workers along the way.

"Since it wasn't weather-related, we opened it up for local folks to get through," Strandberg said.

"We understand how frustrating closures are," he said. "If people can get home, we try to get them through."

Strandberg himself was traveling to construction projects south of Baker City Tuesday and left his La Grande office before he heard of the freeway closure. Unable to reach the con-

struction site, he returned to his office, he said.

Firefighting response was delayed for some time Tuesday because of confusion over which agencies would respond under agreements with ODOT, Strandberg said. The fire started in an area unprotected by any fire protection district, he said.

Oregon State Police Lt. Sean Belding said firefighters from the Bureau of Land Management and the Burnt River Rangeland Fire Protection Association were the first to arrive at the scene. The Baker City Fire Department also sent a crew.

Traffic was unable to move along the eastbound route because the truck was burning in the passing lane and firefighters worked from the slow lane, Strandberg said.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, Belding said. A passing traveler reported that the truck was on fire before the driver noticed it. He was able to stop the truck and safely escape.

The driver, whose name was not available in time for this report, first attempted to put the fire out with a fire extinguisher he carried in his truck, Belding said.



OSP photo

A truck carrying straw bales was destroyed in a fire yesterday, which shut down the interstate for hours.

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