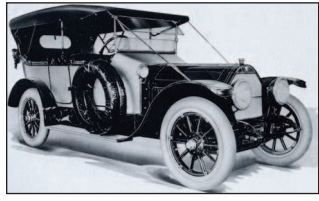


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Friday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2019. There are 354 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Jan. 11, 1913, the first enclosed sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th National Automobile Show in New York.

ON THIS DATE

In 1861, Alabama became the fourth state to withdraw from the Union.
 In 1908, President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Grand Canyon National Monument (it became a national park in 1919).
 In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart began an 18-hour trip from Honolulu to Oakland, California, that made her the first person to fly solo across any part of the Pacific Ocean.
 In 1963, the Beatles' single "Please Please Me" (B side "Ask Me Why") was released in Britain by Parlophone.
 In 1978, two Soviet cosmonauts aboard the Soyuz 27 capsule linked up with the Salyut 6 orbiting space station, where the Soyuz 26 capsule was already docked.
 In 1989, nine days before leaving the White House, President Ronald Reagan bade the nation farewell in a prime-time address, saying of his eight years in office: "We meant to change a nation and instead we changed a world."
 In 1995, 51 people were killed when a Colombian DC-9 jetliner crashed as it was preparing to land near the Caribbean resort of Cartagena — however, 9-year-old Erika Delgado survived.
 In 2003, calling the death penalty process "arbitrary and capricious, and therefore immoral," Illinois Gov. George Ryan commuted the sentences of 167 condemned inmates, clearing his state's death row two days before leaving office.
 In 2010, Miep Gies, the Dutch office secretary who defied Nazi occupiers to hide Anne Frank and her family for two years and saved the teenager's diary, died at age 100.

LOTTERY
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 8-9-11-29-33-38

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Pick 4: Jan. 9
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If you are ruled by mind you are a king; if by body, a slave."

— *Cato, Roman statesman and historian (234 B.C.-149 B.C.)*

Environmental groups withdraw from wolf pack talks

By Gillian Flaccus
 The Associated Press

PORTLAND — Environmental groups in Oregon announced Monday they have withdrawn from talks on how to manage the state's rebounding wolf population because of what they called a "broken" process and concerns that state wildlife officials want to make it easier to kill wolves that eat livestock without trying other alternatives.

The announcement came after months of negotiations to update rules on how and

when wolves can be killed as their numbers increase and they spread farther west and south after re-entering north-eastern Oregon from Idaho more than a decade ago.

Michelle Dennehy, an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife spokeswoman, did not return a call and email seeking comment. The agency oversees the group of ranchers, hunters and wolf conservation advocates formed by Gov. Kate Brown to update the state's management plan after an initial draft plan was rejected in 2017. The state is

supposed to update its plan every five years to account for changing wolf population numbers but is four years overdue with a revision.

The environmental groups Oregon Wild, Defenders of Wildlife, Cascadia Wildlands and the Center for Biological Diversity said in a Jan. 4 letter to Brown that the fish and wildlife agency has rejected their suggestions for managing wolf-livestock conflict as too expensive or too difficult.

A key sticking point for the conservation groups is a plan provision that would allow

the state or deputized private citizens — likely ranchers affected by livestock attacks — to kill culprit wolves after two documented attacks on livestock herds by the same wolf pack, said Nick Cady, legal director for Cascadia Wildlands.

The groups also feel the state agency's plan favors hunters, who contend more wolves mean fewer deer for them to hunt.

Ranchers reacted to the news with surprise and

disappointment. Rodger Huffman, a small-scale rancher in rural northeastern Oregon, said wolf numbers have risen so dramatically in recent years that it's no longer useful to focus on conservation. The population now needs to be managed to minimize damage to livestock, he said. "There's a huge cost, there's a toll there," said Huffman, who's negotiating for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association.

LGCC

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 free from mandatory snow removal activities.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, La Grande Police Chief Brian Harvey said members of the regional SWAT team, which includes law enforcement from Union County, were called to Baker City this week because a man suffering from mental illness drove a bus he lives in into the Baker City Airport and refused to leave.

Harvey said the SWAT team was able to use armored vehicles to set up a tactical perimeter around the bus because the airport is a flat surface, and there was no protection for the law enforcement members

otherwise. The man had all the supplies he needed to be able to wait out law enforcement for an unknown period of time.

During the incident, the Baker City airport was closed to incoming flights. LifeFlight has a location at the airport and would not have been able to respond to an emergency call, Harvey noted.

SWAT members were able to resolve the situation safely and peacefully. Harvey said if Union County had not had the vehicles, it would have been very difficult to extricate the man without harming him or themselves.

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ELGIN

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 seat on the city planning committee. Councilor Ryan Martin, 19, took Shaffer's place on the council Tuesday night. Mayor Duffy said he is looking into whether Martin is the youngest city councilor ever elected in Elgin.

Councilor Risa Hallgarth was elected as council president, taking over the role from Councilor Kathy Warren who served as president for the past four years.

The next Elgin City Council meeting will take place on Feb. 12.

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