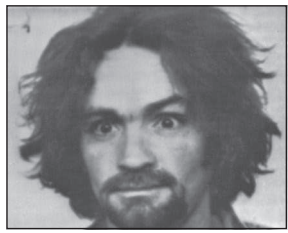


# DAILY PLANNER

## TODAY

Today is Friday, Jan. 25, the 25th day of 2019. There are 340 days left in the year.



## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Jan. 25, 1971, Charles Manson and three women followers were convicted in Los Angeles of murder and conspiracy in the 1969 slayings of seven people, including actress Sharon Tate.

## ON THIS DATE

In 1533, England's King Henry VIII secretly married his second wife, Anne Boleyn, who later gave birth to Elizabeth I.  
 In 1863, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln accepted Maj. Gen. Ambrose E. Burnside's resignation as commander of the Army of the Potomac, and replaced him with Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker.  
 In 1890, reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochran) of the New York World completed a round-the-world journey in 72 days, 6 hours and 11 minutes. The United Mine Workers of America was founded in Columbus, Ohio.  
 In 1915, America's first official transcontinental telephone call took place as Alexander Graham Bell, who was in New York, spoke to his former assistant, Thomas Watson, who was in San Francisco, over a line set up by American Telephone & Telegraph.  
 In 1924, the first Winter Olympic Games opened in Chamonix (shah-moh-NEE'), France.  
 In 1936, former Gov. Al Smith, D-N.Y., delivered a radio address in Washington, titled "Betrayal of the Democratic Party," in which he fiercely criticized the New Deal policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
 In 1945, the World War II Battle of the Bulge ended as German forces were pushed back to their original positions. Grand Rapids, Michigan, became the first community to add fluoride to its public water supply.

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# Political shifts, sales slump cast shadow over gun industry

By Lisa Marie Pane  
 The Associated Press

When gunmakers and dealers gather this week in Las Vegas for the industry's largest annual conference, they will be grappling with slumping sales and a shift in politics many didn't envision two years ago when gun-friendly Donald Trump and a GOP-controlled Congress took office.

Some of the top priorities for the industry — expanding the reach of concealed carry permits and easing restrictions on so-called "silencers" — remain in limbo, and prospects for expanding gun rights are nil for the foreseeable future.

Instead, fueled by the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, the federal government banned bump stocks, and newly in-charge U.S. House Democrats introduced legislation that would require background checks for virtually every firearm sale, regardless of whether it's from a gun dealer or a private sale.

Even without Democrats' gains in November's mid-term elections, the industry was facing a so-called "Trump slump," a plummet in sales happens amid gun rights-friendly administrations. Background checks were at an all-time high in 2016, President Barack Obama's last full year in office, numbering more than 27.5 million; since then, background checks have been at

about 25 million each year. Gary Ramey, owner of Georgian gunmaker Honor Defense, says the mood at last year's SHOT Show, which stands for Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade, was subdued. He's expecting the same this year.

"There was no one to beat up. You didn't have President Obama to put up in Power-Point and say 'He's the best gun salesman, look what he's doing to our country,'" he said. "Numbers are down," he added. "You can't deny it."

Robert J. Spitzer, chairman of political science at the State University of New York at Cortland and a longtime watcher of gun issues, said not only have shifting politics made it difficult for the gun industry to gain ground but high-profile mass shootings — like the Las Vegas shooting happened just miles from where the SHOT Show will be held and the Parkland, Florida, high school shooting — also cast a pall.

"After the Parkland shooting, (gun rights' initiatives) were kind of frozen in their tracks," Spitzer said. "Now there's no chance that it's going anywhere."

It's easier to drive up gun sales when there's the threat or risk of gun-rights being restricted, he said. "It's harder to rally people when your target is one house of Congress. It just doesn't have the same galvanizing effect." The National Shooting

Sports Foundation's SHOT Show has been held annually for more than four decades. This year more than 60,000 will attend the four-day event — from gun dealers and manufacturers to companies that cater to law enforcement. There's a wait list for exhibitors that is several hundred names long and it will have some 13 miles of aisles featuring products from more than 1,700 companies.

Last year's show in Las Vegas was held just months after a gunman killed 58 people and injured hundreds at an outdoor music festival. The massacre was carried out by a gunman armed with bump stocks, which allow the long guns to mimic fully automatic weapons.

Organizers last year restricted media access to trade journalists. This year's show will again allow reporters from mainstream media to attend.

Gun-control advocates are rejoicing in the gun industry's misfortunes of late and chalking it up to not just shifting attitudes among Americans but a shift in elected political leaders.

"Without a fake menace in the White House to gin up fears, gun sales have been in a Trump slump and, as a result, the NRA is on the rocks," said John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety, a group founded by former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.



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Gun dealers are reporting sales are dropping. Known as the "Trump slump," it happens when there's a gun rights-friendly administration.

Joe Bartozzi, the new president of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, said the industry isn't disturbed by the drop in gun sales or the shift in federal politics. While Democrats who ran on gun-control platforms made huge gains in the House, he sees the Senate shifting to the other end of the spectrum.

"Having been in the industry for over 30 years and seeing the trends of gun sales ebb and flow over time, it's very hard to put your finger on any one specific issue as to why this happens. It's just the cyclical nature of the business," he said.

Trump's campaign was bolstered by about \$30 million from the National Rifle Association and when he took office, the industry had hoped that a host of gun rights would be enacted.

The Trump administration quickly nixed an Obama-imposed rule that made it more difficult for some disabled people to purchase and possess firearms.

But other industry priorities, such as reciprocity between states for carrying certain concealed firearms and a measure that would ease restrictions on purchasing suppressors that help muffle the sound when a gun is fired, failed to gain traction.

For now, Bartozzi said his organization is focused on a measure that would expand public gun ranges, funded by an existing tax on firearms and ammunition sales that supports conservation, safety programs and shooting ranges on public lands. The hope is that increasing the number of public ranges will encourage more people to become hunters.

## CHD

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 demographics such as young adults limit their smartphone use because "it was reported that high levels of smartphone addiction were correlated with low self-esteem, loneliness, depression and shyness."

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In December 2018, Grigg launched a pilot telebehavioral health program at CHD from funds acquired through a grant from Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. The program offers remote counseling through Mend, a HIPAA compliant, confidential telemedicine platform, so clients can speak with their counselors from the comfort of their own homes. Grigg said 20 returning clients

have already opted into the telecommunication program, and first-time clients will likely be able to enroll in February. According to Grigg, the age of the clients is often a factor in whether or not they will be satisfied with the program.

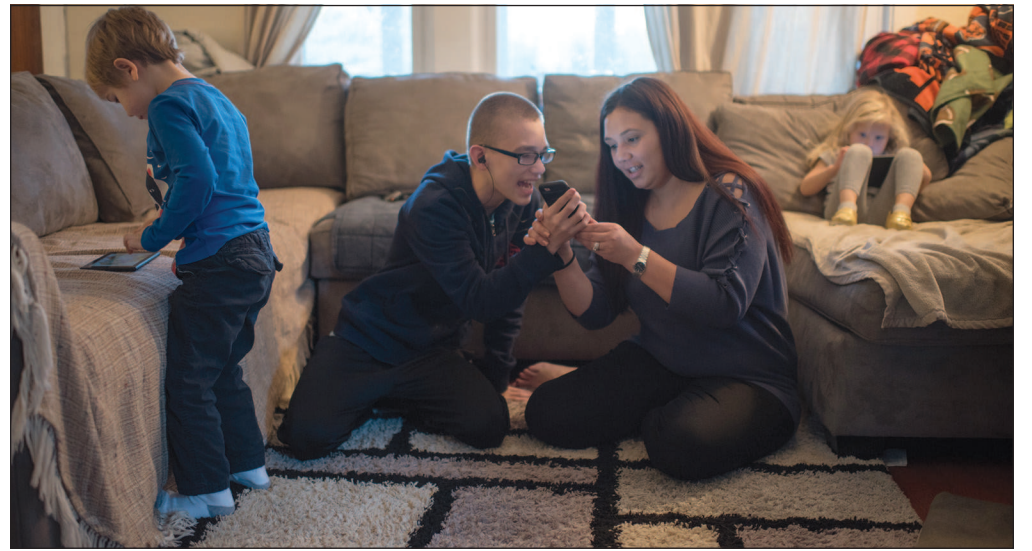
"It's not going to work for everybody," Grigg said. "Some people still really need to meet face-to-face, but for teens and young adults, it's a great fit because they're already accustomed to having conversations (online)."

Grigg said the program could be especially beneficial to those who might not otherwise seek help.

"I think for some, we might be able to break down barriers to receiving behavioral health services," he said.

Part of the aversion to seeking out counseling in smaller communities, according to Grigg, is the high chance of running into your counselor in public. With CHD's telebehavioral health program, however, that possibility vanishes as the counselors who offer services via telecommunication do not live in the Union County area — in fact, they could be located anywhere.

Another bonus for rural populations is the accessibility of the program — as long as clients have internet



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Studies show since the advent of social media, people are seeking validation more and more, which can lead to depression.

access, they can contact their counselors.

"CHD provides services for the entire county, so you're looking at outlying areas like Elgin, Union and North Powder that may make it harder for people to get in here for services," Grigg said. "These are individuals who have small children, they're sick, they have a hard time getting here on their breaks from work. We've even had individuals where if the weather was bad, they couldn't come in. We may still be able to provide the same services through telemedicine."

Because the program is only in its beginning phase,

Grigg said CHD isn't going to focus on public awareness until "the bugs" are fixed.

"It is a pilot project and we're still working out the kinks, but so far from what we've seen, clients love it," he said.

Grigg hopes to eventually expand CHD's current telecommunication model with apps that help clients record their behavioral health through biotracking, or monitoring a smartphone user's behavior online to determine their mental health state.

"There are some (behavioral health) apps ( ) you can let your counselor have access to, and they can track you on a regular basis to see

how you're doing — like a check-in," said Grigg. "That's one of the areas in the future we might be looking at, but I really want to get this telebehavioral health program going before we start looking at other services." Whether or not CHD decides to add biotracking apps to its services, Griggs conjectures the prevalence of technology in behavioral health will continue to rise.

"Technology is advancing like crazy, especially in counseling, psychiatry and behavioral health," he said. "I can see a day where we're using a lot of technology that has to do with mobile devices around behavioral health."

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