

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 30, the 30th day of 2019. There are 335 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Jan. 30, 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse, a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)

ON THIS DATE

In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany. The first episode of the "Lone Ranger" radio program was broadcast on station WXYZ in Detroit.

In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine torpedoed the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea with the loss of more than 9,000 lives, most of them war refugees; roughly 1,000 people survived. Adolf Hitler marked the 12th anniversary of his appointment as Germany's chancellor with his last public speech in which he called on Germans to keep resisting until victory.

In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese towns and cities; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.

In 1993, Los Angeles inaugurated its Metro Red Line, the city's first modern subway.

In 2006, Coretta Scott King, widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., died in Rosarito Beach, Mexico, at age 78.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$75 million
5-7-16-19-26-48

Mega Millions: \$125 million
10-33-53-54-62-22 x2

Powerball: \$174 million
8-12-20-21-32-PB 10-x4

Win for Life: Jan. 28
4-29-38-70

Pick 4: Jan. 29

• 1 p.m.: 0-8-4-2
• 4 p.m.: 3-9-5-2
• 7 p.m.: 9-5-1-3

• 10 p.m.: 6-8-3-5

Pick 4: Jan. 28

• 1 p.m.: 4-3-3-1
• 4 p.m.: 0-1-0-9
• 7 p.m.: 3-0-3-6
• 10 p.m.: 9-0-8-3

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live."

— Dorothy Thompson, American author, journalist and radio commentator (born 1893, died this date in 1961).

Ranchers whose case sparked standoff get grazing rights back

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — The two Oregon ranchers whose conviction for intentionally setting fires on public land sparked a weeks-long standoff with anti-federal government protesters at a remote wildlife refuge have had their grazing rights restored.

Former Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, in one of his last actions before resigning, ordered the renewal of a 10-year grazing permit for Dwight Hammond Jr. and his son Steven Hammond, The Oregonian/OregonLive reports. The decision was dated Jan. 2, but it wasn't sent out until this week.

"It's been awhile coming, but I'm happy to get our permit back," Dwight Hammond Jr. said. "It is a relief."

The Hammonds' case was embraced by critics of federal land policy, who

said local communities and states had too little control. But others, including environmentalists, said authorities were too accommodating of ranchers and other interests and urged the federal government to administer public lands for the widest possible uses.

Chris Saeger, executive director of Western Values Project, condemned the Hammonds' permit renewal. Saeger said it sets a "dangerous precedent by conceding to known anti-public land factions that may endanger public lands, managing agencies and employees."

"By allowing these lawbreaking extremists back on public lands, the Trump administration is sending the message that politics will always trump our American birthright," Saeger said in a statement. Last year President

Donald Trump pardoned the Hammonds, whose case had prompted the armed occupation of Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in Oregon in 2016, led by two sons of Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy.

In February 2014, the federal government had rejected the Hammonds' renewal application, citing their criminal convictions for setting fire to public land. Zinke ordered the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to renew the grazing permit through 2024.

"I find the pardons constitute unique and important changed circumstances since the BLM made its decision," Zinke wrote in the decision.

Zinke announced his resignation late last year amid multiple investigations tied to his real estate dealings in Montana and conduct while in office.



Dwight Hammond greets protesters outside his Burns home in January 2016. Dwight and Steven Hammond were convicted in 2012 of intentionally setting fires on public land.

The Hammonds had been convicted in 2012 of arson on land where they had grazing rights for their cattle. They were ordered back to prison in early 2016 to serve out five-year sentences in a case that incited right-wing

militias and inspired the 41-day armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, which abuts the Hammond family ranch. But on July 10, 2018, Trump pardoned the father and son.

FBI finds no specific motive in Las Vegas attack that killed 58

■ Stephen Paddock may have wanted to follow in his father's criminal footsteps

By Ken Ritter and Michael Balsamo

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The high-stakes gambler responsible for the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history sought notoriety in the attack but left his specific motive a mystery, the FBI said Tuesday as it concluded the investigation of the 2017 massacre that killed 58 country music fans.

While the agency found no "single or clear motivating factor" to explain why Stephen Paddock opened fire from his suite in a high-rise casino hotel, Paddock may have been seeking to follow in his father's criminal footsteps, the FBI said.

"It wasn't about MGM, Mandalay Bay or a specific casino or venue," Aaron Rouse, the agent in charge of the FBI's Las Vegas office, told The Associated Press. "It was all about doing the maximum amount of damage and him obtaining some form of infamy."

Paddock's physical and mental health was declining. The 64-year-old's wealth had diminished, and he struggled with aging, federal agents said. The findings were contained in a long-awaited report compiled by the FBI's Behavior Analysis Unit, a group of experts who spent months examining several factors that might have led to the rampage.

"This report comes as close to understanding the why as we're ever going to get," Rouse said.

Paddock, who acted alone, fatally shot himself as police closed in. Almost 900 people were hurt during the Oct. 1, 2017, attack on an outdoor concert.

The gunman was inspired in part by his father's reputation as a bank robber who was once on the FBI's most wanted list, the report said. In many ways, he was similar to other active shooters the FBI has studied — motivated by a complex merging of development issues, stress and interpersonal relationships.

His "decision to murder

people while they were being entertained was consistent with his personality," the report said.

The gunman was not directed or inspired by any group and was not seeking to further any agenda. He did not leave a manifesto or suicide note, and federal agents believe he had planned to fatally shoot himself after the attack, according to the report.

Paddock was a retired postal service worker, accountant and real estate investor who owned rental properties and homes in Reno and in a retirement community more than an hour's drive from Las Vegas. He also held a private pilot's license and liked to gamble tens of thousands of dollars at a time playing video poker.

His younger brother, Eric Paddock, called him the "king of micro-aggression" — narcissistic, detail-oriented and maybe bored enough with life to plan an attack that would make him famous. His ex-wife told investigators that he grew up with a single mom in a financially unstable home and he felt a need to be self-reliant.

Police characterized him as a loner with no religious or political affiliations who began stockpiling weapons about a year before the attack. He spent more than

\$1.5 million in the two years before the shooting and distanced himself from his girlfriend and family.

He sent his girlfriend, Marilou Danley, to visit her family in the Philippines two weeks before the attack and wired her \$150,000 while she was there. Danley, a former casino worker in Reno, returned to the U.S. after the shooting and told authorities that Paddock had complained that he was sick and that doctors told him he had a "chemical imbalance" and could not cure him.

Danley, who is Catholic, told investigators Paddock often told her, "Your God doesn't love me."

A Reno car salesman told police in the months before the shooting Paddock told him he was depressed and had relationship troubles. Paddock's doctor offered him antidepressants, but told investigators Paddock would only accept a prescription for anxiety medication.

Paddock's gambling habits made him a sought-after casino patron. Mandalay Bay employees readily let him use a service elevator to take multiple suitcases to the \$590-per-night suite he had been provided for free. Authorities said he asked for the room, which had a commanding view of the Strip and the Route 91 Harvest Festival concert grounds across the street.

The night of the mass-

acre, Paddock used assault-style rifles to fire more than 1,000 rounds in 11 minutes into the crowd of 22,000 music fans. Most of the rifles were fitted with rapid-fire "bump stock" devices and high-capacity magazines. Some had bipod braces and scopes. Authorities said Paddock's guns had been legally purchased.

Las Vegas police closed their investigation last August, and Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo declared the police work complete after hundreds of interviews and thousands of hours of investigative work. Lombardo vowed never to speak Paddock's name again in public. A Las Vegas police spokesman declined to comment on the FBI's report.

A separate report made public in August involving the Federal Emergency Management Agency

found communications were snarled during and after the shooting. It said police, fire and medical responders were overwhelmed by 911 calls, false reports of other shootings at Las Vegas casinos and the number of victims.

Hotel security video and police body camera recordings made public in a public-records lawsuit filed by media organizations including the AP showed police using explosives to blast through the door of the 32nd-floor hotel suite where Paddock was found dead.

He left behind nothing that offered an explanation.

"He acted alone. He committed a heinous act. He died by his own hand," Rouse said. "If he wanted to leave a message, he would have left a message. Bottom line is he didn't want people to know."

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