

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Friday, Feb. 1, the 32nd day of 2019. There are 333 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Feb. 1, 1960, four black college students began a sit-in protest at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, where they'd been refused service.

ON THIS DATE

In 1790, the U.S. Supreme Court convened for the first time in New York. (However, since only three of the six justices were present, the court recessed until the next day.)

In 1862, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," a poem by Julia Ward Howe, was published in the Atlantic Monthly.

In 1942, during World War II, the Voice of America broadcast its first program to Europe, relaying it through the facilities of the British Broadcasting Corp. in London.

In 1943, during World War II, one of America's most highly decorated military units, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up almost exclusively of Japanese-Americans, was authorized.

In 1946, Norwegian statesman Trygve Lie was chosen to be the first secretary-general of the United Nations.

In 1959, men in Switzerland rejected giving women the right to vote by a more than 2-1 referendum margin.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, South Vietnam's police chief (Nguyen Ngoc Loan) executed a Viet Cong officer with a pistol shot to the head in a scene captured by news photographers. Richard M. Nixon announced his bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

In 1979, Iranian religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomein received a tumultuous welcome in Tehran as he ended nearly 15 years of exile.

In 1993, Gary Bettman took office as the National Hockey League's first commissioner, succeeding the NHL's final president, Gil Stein.

In 1994, Jeff Gillooly, Tonya Harding's ex-husband, pleaded guilty in Portland, Ore., to racketeering for his part in the attack on figure skater Nancy Kerrigan in exchange for a 24-month sentence (he ended up serving six) and a \$100,000 fine.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$76 million
2-12-25-28-45-47

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

Powerball: \$191 million
2-12-16-29-54-PB 6-x2

Win for Life: Jan. 30
30-47-53-55

Pick 4: Jan. 31
• 1 p.m.: 3-1-7-1
• 4 p.m.: 5-8-7-9
• 7 p.m.: 9-8-1-2
• 10 p.m.: 3-6-1-1
Pick 4: Jan. 30
• 1 p.m.: 1-0-3-8
• 4 p.m.: 0-4-5-9
• 7 p.m.: 8-5-6-8
• 10 p.m.: 3-9-8-6

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To forgive is wisdom, to forget is genius."
— Joyce Cary, Anglo-Irish author (1888-1957).

Breakdown of Observer printing press leads to layoffs

Temporary delays in newspaper delivery unavoidable

By **Cherise Kaechele**
The Observer

After announcing its parent company had filed for bankruptcy last week, The Observer suffered another hit Monday when its 1966 Goss Community printing press motor broke down, leading to the layoff of six employees.

On Jan. 22, Western Communications, The Observer and Baker City Herald's parent company, announced it had filed for Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code. Through the bankruptcy, the company is required to follow strict guidelines as far as expenses are concerned. As a result, Western Communications has decided not to explore expensive repair options for the machine that prints both The Observer and Baker City Herald. To avoid a lapse in production, the East Oregonian in Pendleton will be printing the La Grande and Baker City papers. Without a functioning press, and due to dramatic funding cuts associated with the bankruptcy, The Observer's pressroom and mailroom departments were laid off.

Affected employees include the general manager/

operations manager, Frank Everidge, who has worked for The Observer since 1978. Everidge accepted a position at the East Oregonian in Pendleton and will officially start in the coming weeks. It is likely other individuals affected by the shuttering of the Observer press will also find employment at the EO due to the new workload.

Subscribers will not see a difference in the newspaper, except for some temporary delivery delays as the staffs at the EO, The Observer and Baker City Herald formulate a workable schedule to print the newspapers.

Regional Publisher Karrine Brogoitti said the news industry as a whole is seeing its share of challenges.

"Our papers are going through hard times, as are many other newspapers right now. This isn't a unique challenge. It's industry-wide," she said.

What sets Northeast Oregon's papers apart, Brogoitti said, is their staying power.

"The Observer has been in operation for more than 120 years, and the Baker City Herald has been in production for nearly 150

years. We are nothing if not resilient," she said. "Our newspapers have seen — and navigated our way through — hard times before, and we've made it. This situation is no different."

Western Communications previously filed for Chapter 11 protection in April 2012. In addition to The Observer and Herald, Western Communications owns five newspapers in Oregon and two in California, including The Bulletin in Bend.

As reported in a previous Observer article about the bankruptcy, John Costa, president of Western Communications, said this bankruptcy will allow the company to reduce debt and strengthen the newspapers it owns.

"This will give us time to further restructure our organization for a changing media world, a process we have been undergoing, as most newspapers have," he said. "That restructure is critical to continuing to serve our local communities in California and Oregon."



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The 1966 Goss Community printing press broke on Monday. The Observer newspaper will not be printed in Pendleton.

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