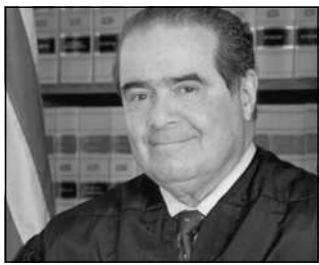


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2019. There are 321 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Feb. 13, 2016, Justice Antonin Scalia, the influential conservative and most provocative member of the U.S. Supreme Court, was found dead at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas; he was 79.

ON THIS DATE

In 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around. (Galileo was found vehemently suspect of heresy, and ended up being sentenced to a form of house arrest.)

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots.

In 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. Marine Corps Women's Reserve was officially established.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied planes began bombing the German city of Dresden. The Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the Germans.

In 1974, Nobel Prize-winning Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was expelled from the Soviet Union.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$8.1 million
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The world has no sympathy with any but positive griefs; it will pity you for what you lose, but never for what you lack"

— Anne Sophie Swetchine, Russian-French author (1782-1857).

Oregon lawmakers debate multiple gun bills

■ Gun locks, a 'do not sell' list, ammunition limits are all up for debate

By Ben Botkin
The Statesman Journal

SALEM — For the Oregon Legislature, it's not a question of whether any firearms legislation will pass this session.

It's really a question about what will pass. Gov. Kate Brown has made firearms legislation a priority. Democratic leadership, in the majority, is backing her up.

Lawmakers also have ideas of their own. So do high school students from Lake Oswego.

The debate runs along a well-worn path for legislators in Oregon and statehouses across the nation in recent years. The nation's wave of mass shootings has heightened public awareness of the consequences of firearms, particularly high-powered rifles, falling into the

wrong hands.

The proposals — like mandatory gun locks, defining assault rifles and limiting ammunition purchases — draw criticism from Oregonians seeking to protect their way of life and fearful that legislation will have unintended consequences that go beyond preventing tragedies.

The debate will extend well beyond one idea or bill. There are a slew of bills, some with a broader impact than others. Oregonians could face limits in the size of magazines and how many rounds of ammunition they can purchase.

"We need to see which ones have the most support before we, I think, make a decision on which ones can move," said Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland. "I think the safe

storage bills have a lot of momentum."

Kotek and lawmakers supporting the move say it's needed to prevent gun violence, including suicides.

"I think the prevailing mood is finding ways that will actually reduce gun violence," said Rep. Paul Evans, D-Monmouth.

"Now, most people, I think, in the building recognize there are things going on that require many different solutions."

In Washington state, similar measures that voters passed into law with a November initiative are meeting strong resistance.

A dozen county sheriffs are promising not to enforce the sweeping new firearms law that raises the age for buying semi-automatic rifles from 18 to 21, expands background checks and mandates gun storage requirements and firearms safety courses for purchasers. The sheriffs

say they are waiting until the courts weigh in on their constitutionality.

Here's a look at some of the firearms-related bills and issues lawmakers are proposing this session:

Governor's gun legislation

Brown requested House Bill 2251, a 17-page bill that is wide-reaching. The legislation defines assault rifles and forbids their sale or transfer to people under 21 years old. Violators face up to 364 days in jail and a \$6,250 fine, or both.

Brown told reporters Thursday that priorities include closing the domestic violence loopholes that allow firearm possession and "making sure our anti-discrimination laws for young people enable us to restrict access to assault weapons for young people."

She added: "I don't think that people under the age of 21 should be able to buy assault weapons."

Current law prohibits selling handguns to people under 21.

Michael Findlay, a lobbyist with the National Shooting Sports Foundation, said his organization has "multiple problems" with the bill. For example, its definition of "assault rifle" is too broad and includes semiautomatic rifles in which "any finger" on the trigger hand besides the trigger finger is below the action when firing, he said.

"I can barely think of any rifle in which some of your fingers don't sit below the receiver," he said, adding it also virtually bans any semiautomatic rifle for "law-abiding citizens from the ages of 18 to 21."

He added: "We're getting dangerously to that point where they're taking cosmetic things about a firearm and suggesting that is what makes it an assault weapon."

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Baker City Search and Rescue looks for family dog

By Jayson Jacoby
WesCom New Service

Lise Madson was just getting to know her new dog when the 2-year-old, 20-pound Sheltie disappeared.

Honey, who could fill in for Lassie in a pinch, is still gone five days later.

But it's not quite accurate to say the diminutive dog — she stands 14 inches at the shoulder — is missing.

Madson has seen Honey a couple of times since the dog displayed a surprising agility, climbing a stack of lawn furniture and leaping from the deck at Madson's home near the Sparta Road, north of Highway 86 about 25 miles east of Baker City.

That happened on Friday. Madson said she was afraid Honey had been severely injured in the drop of about a dozen feet, but the soft snow cushioned her fall.

On Sunday Honey turned near the intersection of Sparta Road and Gem Mine Road.

Madson said she came within 30 feet or so of Honey, but then some other dogs barked and frightened

the Sheltie.

Honey ran into a nearby ravine where she was temporarily stranded, unable to climb through the deep snow in the defile.

Madson sought help and among those who responded on Monday afternoon were Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash, Jason Yencopal, the county's emergency manager, and Trent Luschen, who works for the federal Farm Service Agency in Baker City.

They were unable to coax Honey from the ravine before night fell.

"She's really scared," Madson said of Honey. "She's acting more like a fox than a dog."

Madson said volunteer searchers went out Tuesday morning and found tracks showing that Honey apparently had escaped from the ravine.

But strong winds had erased her tracks from that point.

Madson said volunteers helped her create a "scent trail" using her own clothing and items of Honey's bedding.

The trail leads to a live trap that's baited with food and water and placed inside a tent that will shelter Honey if she finds her way there.

Madson, who bought Honey during the Rose City Classic Dog Show in Portland in January, said she greatly appreciates the efforts of Ash and his deputies and local residents who have volunteered to help her.

"Everybody's been fantastic," she said Tuesday afternoon.

Madson said she bought Honey in part because she had owned a Sheltie about 25 years ago.

There was some confusion with the purchase at the Portland dog show, however.

Madson, a former Baker County Justice of the Peace, brought home not Honey but a different Sheltie from the same breeder.

When the breeder discovered the mistake Madson had already left for a vacation, leaving Honey in Baker County in the care of friends.

The breeder drove to



Courtesy photo

Honey has been missing for five days now and the Baker City community is stepping up to help.

Baker County to drop off Honey and pick up the other dog. Madson said she returned from her vaca-

tion earlier this month and had less than a week with Honey before the dog leaped from the deck.

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SIDEWALKS

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Quinn Coliseum, Alikut Hall and the Hoke Union Building. Buildings with one heated entry include Loso Hall and Ackerman Hall.

Hoke also has heated west- and east-side staircases. A third heated staircase is one connecting the new parking lot where Hunt Hall was before it was torn down in 2017 and the older parking lot which Hunt Hall was just north of.

All but one of the ice-proof sidewalks, entryways and staircases are heated via a system with closed-loop tubing. A mixture of steam and glycol (anti-freeze) is circulated through separate loops. Heat from the steam loop is transferred to the glycol via a transfer device.

This warms the sur-

rounding concrete above the loops, melting snow and ice. The steam for the system is produced by a gas boiler near EOU's physical plant on the south end of campus.

The lone walkway with a non-steam snow-melt system is the one in the old Hunt Hall area referenced earlier, which is heated with electricity. An electric snow-melt system was installed there because there is a transformer nearby.

"It was a matter of convenience," Aldrich said.

The public is welcome to use the sidewalks except when Eastern's campus is closed, as it was Monday due to inclement weather. Tim Seydel, Eastern's vice president for university advancement, said the university closes the campus when it cannot ensure the safety of everyone visiting its campus.

"When it is closed, it is about safety," Seydel said. "We want to limit risk. When it says closed, stay home."

He stressed when Eastern is closed, all of its employees and students, not just community members, are urged to stay off campus unless they have to be there.

The possibility of installing snow-melt systems will continue to be considered in the future every time Eastern adds or replaces sidewalks.

"It is something we will always evaluate," Aldrich said.

He said the benefits provided by safety measures such as ice-proof sidewalk will always weigh more heavily in his mind than the cost when making a decision.

"It is hard to put a value on (preventing) an injury," he said.



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