

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2019. There are 302 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On March 4, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt took office as America's 32nd president.

ON THIS DATE

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1793, George Washington was sworn in for a second term as president of the United States during a ceremony in Philadelphia.

In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated for a second term of office; with the end of the Civil War in sight, Lincoln declared: "With malice toward none, with charity for all."

In 1913, the "Buffalo nickel" officially went into circulation.

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge's inauguration was broadcast live on 21 radio stations coast-to-coast.

In 1952, Ronald Reagan and Nancy Davis were married in San Fernando Valley, California.

In 1974, the first issue of People magazine, then called People Weekly, was published by Time-Life Inc.; on the cover was actress Mia Farrow.

In 1977, some 1,500 people were killed in an earthquake that shook southern and eastern Europe.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$8.9 million
3-10-20-29-38-43

Mega Millions: \$40 million
29-33-39-60-66-21-x2

Powerball: \$381 million
1-19-25-27-68-PB 21-x2

Win for Life: Mar. 2
1-60-63-70

Pick 4: Mar. 3

• 1 p.m.: 3-0-7-6
• 4 p.m.: 4-8-8-4
• 7 p.m.: 9-9-1-5

• 10 p.m.: 9-6-0-3

Pick 4: Mar. 2

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

• 10 p.m.: 6-2-5-6

Pick 4: Mar. 1

• 1 p.m.: 4-7-1-5
• 4 p.m.: 0-6-5-7
• 7 p.m.: 2-4-8-0

• 10 p.m.: 9-6-3-9

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I do not understand the world, but I watch its progress."

— Katherine Anne Porter, *American author (1894-1980)*

Brown discusses goals for 2019 at Baker City forum

By Casey Crowley
WesCom News Service

Oregon Governor Kate Brown visited Baker City on Friday afternoon to discuss her goals for the state for the upcoming year.

More than 70 people gathered at the Baker Heritage Museum to hear Brown talk for about 15 minutes. She then answered questions from audience members for about 45 minutes.

The question-and-answer part of the event was moderated by Baker City Mayor Loran Joseph.

Before Brown's arrival, a group of about 30 people congregated across Grove Street at the northeast corner of Geiser-Pollman Park to display signs expressing support for President Donald Trump and the 2nd Amendment, and opposing some of Brown's policies.

Inside the Museum, Brown said that although job growth has been high and unemployment rates low in most of the state, economic prosperity hasn't reached all Oregon communities.

"My role as governor is to figure out how we provide all of our communities with the tools you need to thrive," said Brown, a Democrat who was elected to a four-year term in November 2018.

She took over the governorship in February 2015 after John Kitzhaber resigned.

Brown said access to health care and housing will be her two top priorities for 2019.

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Casey Crowley/WesCom News Service

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown told an audience in Baker City Friday that her top priorities for 2019 include access to health care and housing.

94 percent of adults have access to health care coverage the state is working to increase that to 100 percent.

As for housing, that's an issue "impacting every single community around the state," the governor said.

Last week, the Oregon Legislature passed the first statewide rent control bill in the United States, legislation Brown supported and signed into law.

The law went into effect immediately because of an emergency clause in the bill.

Some of the people demonstrating outside the Museum went inside to listen to Brown, while others remained outside during the event.

Tom Van Diepen of Baker City held a sign prior to Brown's arrival, but he went inside to listen to the governor.

"We're just here to let Mrs. Brown know that not everybody in the state feels like they do on the west side," Van Diepen said.

The opposition gathering was organized through social media and intended to show Brown that there is a lack of support in some places for some of the policies she supports, including the controversial carbon emissions limitation, House Bill 2020, also known as a cap-and-trade bill because it would both cap carbon emissions from some industries while allowing businesses that ex-

ceed the limits to buy credits from companies that don't.

"That cap and trade thing could literally wipe us out with killing jobs," Van Diepen said.

Other local residents, as well as Baker County's two representatives in Salem, Rep. Lynn Findley of Vale and Sen. Cliff Bentz of Ontario, both Republicans, contend that the bill, as written, would cost residents in higher fuel and natural gas costs and threaten the future of businesses including Ash Grove Cement's Durkee plant, which employs about 115 people.

But Brown, who supports the bill, also referred to it by its official name, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

She argues the legislation is necessary to reduce carbon emissions and start to deal with the effects of climate change.

"We are seeing the impacts of climate change in communities around the state," Brown said.

The governor toured the Ash Grove plant, about 25 miles southeast of Baker City, before speaking at the Baker Heritage Museum.

During Friday's event, Brown answered questions from the audience ranging from health care premium costs to climate change to the carbon emissions bill.

When asked how the bill would affect Baker County, Brown said her goal is to ensure it doesn't make conditions worse for communities that suffered during the Great Recession. She said the legislation also

has the potential to create good-paying jobs in rural areas.

As to the specific concern about Ash Grove's Durkee plant, Brown said state officials are looking at ways to help the plant succeed if the bill becomes law, including either exemptions from the carbon limits or providing the company with allowances to help it buy credits in the market.

"We're working hard to get throughout the state and talk with these businesses, figure out what makes the most sense to their particular sector," Brown said.

She said she expects the bill will come to a vote in Salem in April or May.

Brown also spoke about the importance of education in the state.

"It's also critically important that our students have the tools they need to succeed in a global economy and that every one of our students graduates from high school with a plan for their future," she said.

Brown last visited Baker in April 2018 to tour the Baker Technical Institute. She also visited Ontario Friday morning.

"I'm very committed to doing what we are doing the Oregon way and that means working across the aisle and around the state to put politics aside and do what is right for Oregonians," Brown said.

After the event, Van Diepen said he was disappointed because in his estimation Brown didn't answer most of the questions she was asked. ■

Norma Paulus remembered as a history-maker, trailblazer

The Associated Press

Pioneering Oregon Republican Norma Paulus, who was the first woman elected to statewide office, died Thursday after spending time in hospice for health problems related to dementia, according to Kerry Tymchuk, a longtime friend of Paulus who succeeded her as director of the Oregon historical society. Paulus was 85.

"She was a pathbreaker and a history-maker," Tymchuk told the Oregonian/OregonLive.

Paulus was a member of the Legislature, Oregon's secretary of state from 1977 to 1985, her party's nominee for governor in 1986 and the state's elected superintendent of schools for two terms in the 1990s.

Fiscally conservative, Paulus was a feminist and environmentalist who crafted bipartisan legislation with Democratic women in the House in the 1970s and championed the auditor's role in the secretary of state's office.

As the state's top elections official, she helped bring about a fair election when the Rajneeshees tried in 1984 to bus in homeless people to hijack a Wasco County election. And she

first instituted vote by mail in Oregon, backing its use in normally low-turnout special elections.

As an environmentalist, she required recycling in state office buildings, wrote legislation to limit the use of off-road vehicles on state lands and, according to her autobiography, played a key role in preserving Cape Kiwanda as a state-owned natural area.

Paulus grew up in Depression-era poverty in Eastern Oregon, didn't go to college but landed a secretary job through a hometown connection and then worked for the chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court.

Eventually she was admitted to law school at Willamette University where she studied part-time while continuing her secretarial job. While in law school, she married William "Bill" Paulus and gave birth to a daughter before graduating with honors in 1962. The couple's son, Fritz, was born the next year.

She won a seat in the Oregon House of Representatives representing Salem in 1970, at a time when the Legislature had only a handful of women.

Republican Sen. Jackie

Winters of Salem said in a statement that Paulus was a role model.

"She paved the way for so many women in Oregon as the first Republican woman elected to statewide office," Winters said. "She was a trailblazer and a true force to be reckoned with. Norma was a neighbor, a dear friend, a mentor, an inspiration, and a true servant to all Oregonians. I will miss her deeply."

Paulus also was a founding member of the Oregon Women's Political Caucus and helped push the Equal Rights Amendment in Oregon.

Paulus' autobiography, written largely by Gail Wills and Pat McCord Amacher after Paulus' health and memory began to fail, is titled "The Only Woman in the Room."

As a legislator and secretary of state, she often literally was the only woman in whatever hall of power she occupied, Tymchuk said.

In 1986, Paulus easily won the Republican nomination for governor. But in the fall, she narrowly lost her campaign battle with Neil Goldschmidt, then one of the most popular politicians to seek the governorship in the modern era. ■

Semi crash spills beams, closes freeway for several hours Sunday night



ODOT photo

A semi crash on Interstate 84 westbound near milepost 253 closed the freeway westbound at around 7 p.m. Sunday night, according to a press release from Oregon Department of Transportation. The release said the crash involved a flatbed trailer carrying steel beams and that they have scattered across the freeway. The closure was eventually extended to Exit 374 in Ontario for trucks and 302 in Baker City for passenger vehicles. The freeway was reopened at about 12:30 a.m. Monday.

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