

# DAILY PLANNER

## TODAY

Today is Wednesday, March 6, the 65th day of 2019. There are 300 days left in the year.



## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On March 6, 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Dred Scott v. Sandford*, ruled 7-2 that Scott, a slave, was not an American citizen and therefore could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

## ON THIS DATE

In 1475, Italian artist and poet Michelangelo was born in Caprese in the Republic of Florence.

In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell as Mexican forces led by General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna stormed the fortress after a 13-day siege; the battle claimed the lives of all the Texan defenders, nearly 200 strong, including William Travis, James Bowie and Davy Crockett.

In 1912, Oreo sandwich cookies were first introduced by the National Biscuit Co.

In 1933, a national bank holiday declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt aimed at calming panicked depositors went into effect. Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak, wounded in an attempt on Roosevelt's life the previous month, died at a Miami hospital at age 59.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first full-scale American raid on Berlin during World War II.

In 1953, Georgy Malenkov was named premier of the Soviet Union a day after the death of Josef Stalin.

## LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$9 million  
3-5-23-33-35-36

**Mega Millions:** \$45 million  
15-20-32-37-52-6-x3

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

**Win for Life:** Mar. 4  
6-21-42-69

## Pick 4:

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

## 10 p.m.:

4-1-2-3  
**Pick 4:** Mar. 4  
• 1 p.m.: 8-2-8-6  
• 4 p.m.: 3-4-6-6  
• 7 p.m.: 2-9-8-4  
• 10 p.m.: 3-0-3-5

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Le sens commun n'est pas si commun." (Common sense is not so common.)  
— Voltaire, French author and philosopher (1694-1778)

# US wildlife officials announce plans to lift gray wolf protections

By Matthew Brown and John Flesher  
The Associated Press

U.S. wildlife officials plan to lift protections for gray wolves across the Lower 48 states, a move certain to reignite the legal battle over a predator that's rebounding in some regions and running into conflicts with farmers and ranchers, an official told The Associated Press.

Acting Interior Secretary David Bernhardt was expected to announce the proposal today during a speech before a wildlife conference in Denver, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Spokesman Gavin Shire said in an interview with the AP.

The decision to lift protections is based on gray wolves successfully recovering from widespread extermination last century, Shire said. He said further details would be made public during a formal announcement planned in coming days.

Long despised by farmers and ranchers, wolves were shot, trapped and poisoned out of existence in most of the U.S. by the mid-20th century.

They received endangered species protections in

1975, when there were about 1,000 left, only in northern Minnesota. Now more than 5,000 of the animals live in the contiguous U.S.

Most are in the Western Great Lakes and Northern Rockies regions. Protections for the Northern Rockies population were lifted in 2011 and hundreds are now killed annually by hunters.

State officials say wolves have continued to thrive despite pressure from hunting. The animals are prolific breeders and can adapt to a variety of habitats.

Wildlife advocates want federal protections kept in place until wolves repopulate more of their historic range that once stretched across most of North America.

Since being reintroduced in Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho in the mid-1990s, the Northern Rockies population has expanded to parts of Oregon, Washington and California.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has argued for years the gray wolf has recovered in the Lower 48 states, despite occupying only a small frac-

tion of the territory it once roamed. Agency officials insist that recovery of wolves everywhere is not required for the species to no longer be in danger of extinction.

The government first proposed revoking the wolf's protected status across the Lower 48 states in 2013, but backed off after federal courts struck down its plan for "delisting" the species in the western Great Lakes region states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Fish and Wildlife Service officials disclosed to the AP last year that another scientific review of the animal's status had been launched.

Shire declined to disclose the agency's rationale for its decision the species had recovered, but said members of the public would have a chance to comment before a final decision in coming months.

Lawmakers in Congress frustrated with court rulings maintaining protections for wolves have backed legislation to forcibly strip protections for wolves in the Great Lakes region and beyond. A similar effort by lawmakers succeeded in 2011 for Northern Rockies wolves. ■

# Annual sale took place Monday

By Casey Crowley  
WesCom News Service

Cattle ranchers from across the Northwest descended on Baker Valley Monday for the 40th-annual Harrell Hereford Ranch Spring Bull Roundup sale at the ranch along Salmon Creek west of Baker City.

But those who walked through the snow on a chilly late winter day weren't the only ones bidding on the cattle. Ranchers across the nation were also able to submit bids via the phone or the internet.

There were more remote bidders this year, something Bob Harrell attributes to the recent wintry weather across much of the West.

"We've got a good customer base that has been with us for a long time and so we are trying to do everything we can to accommodate them," Harrell said. "What makes a good sale is when you have more buyers than you have bulls."

Up for auction this year were 140 bulls, about 100 heifers and 11 quarter horses.

"If our crowd is good then we should get along all right — we have a really good set of bulls this year, good set of heifers, so it's just kind of up to how bad they are needing them," Harrell said before the sale.

Buyers were able to see live video of every bull when it went on the auction block. The Harrells' website also had pre-recorded video of every bull for sale. Although the ranch added this technology to the spring sale a few years ago, Harrell said he still tries to attract as many potential buyers in person. He said those bidders are more willing to pay more for a bull than those who participate online.

"Our objective is to try to get them to come to the sale and most people do. It's just that weather sometimes is tough," Harrell said. ■

## COVE

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the council and left.

Councilwoman Nate Conrad said she had to side with Mayor Little.

"Maybe he is trying to move a little fast for you," she said to the remaining members of the council, "but I don't think you are giving him the respect that his position asks for."

Councilman Alan Cadinha voiced support for McCowan and said he believes Little was elected because he made promises to citizens even though there was no funding in the budget to accomplish his promises. He said the hostile environment has made city council meetings an unpleasant experience.

Councilwoman Lana Shira spoke next, saying to the mayor, "Since the very first, we have been treated like we know nothing." She said she objected to being asked not to comment and being

lectured about the council's charters calling it "demeaning." She called Little's opening statement a "slap in the face."

The council members and the mayor argued for a few minutes but ultimately decided to move on to the next agenda item.

A vote to pass the Proposed Sidewalk Ordinance over to the League of Oregon Cities for legal review passed with four votes, while Councilman Shawn Parker abstained. The ordinance, if passed, would create stricter rules on sidewalk maintenance.

A vote to pass part of the Snow and Ice Removal Plan passed unanimously. The plan entails if there is a "significant snow event," which is classified as snow accumulation of 20 inches or more, the city would take action to clear the streets.

The council selected a candidate to be chosen for the soon-to-be-vacant Public Works Director position, although the candi-

date will not be named to the public until he or she is notified, and the council also approved a two-year plan.

Tensions rose again during the public comment portion of the meeting when Cove resident Alexis Cannon voiced her concern that Little was responsible for creating a hostile environment in previous meetings. She said she did not appreciate the shortening of the time for public comments in the last council meeting.

Little ended the meeting with a formal apology to the council for his opening statement, saying he did not mean to belittle anyone on the council. This led to a conversation between the council members about how they could work together more effectively. Parker said the council should encourage discussion while Conrad suggested taking one another's feelings into

consideration.

The meeting adjourned on a much more positive

note, with Shira speaking up to accept Little's apology. ■

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## NONPROFIT

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December. Liz Meyer is originally from England, while Grant is from Elgin. Grant is the warehouse manager at Carpet one, and Liz will be working for Community Kindness full time.

"I plan to give it 150 percent," she said. "This community is so amazing, they've accepted this British woman and I just think it's time to pay it back." ■

Community Kindness accepts all kinds of items like books, games

and clothing. A full list of acceptable items can be found on Community Kindness's Facebook page. The nonprofit is also hosting a Krispy Kreme fundraiser. To contact Liz, call 541-805-1410.

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