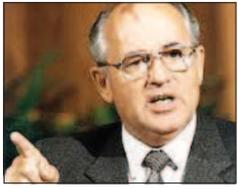


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, March 11, the 70th day of 2019. There are 295 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On March 11, 1985, Mikhail S. Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Konstantin U. Chernenko as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.

ON THIS DATE

In 1513, Giovanni de' Medici was proclaimed pope, succeeding Julius II; he took the name Leo X.
 In 1888, the Blizzard of '88, also known as the "Great White Hurricane," began inundating the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.
 In 1918, what are believed to be the first confirmed U.S. cases of a deadly global flu pandemic were reported among U.S. Army soldiers stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas; 46 would die. (The worldwide outbreak of influenza claimed an estimated 20 to 40 million lives.)
 In 1935, the Bank of Canada began operations, issuing its first series of bank notes.
 In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.
 In 1993, Janet Reno was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be U.S. attorney general.

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$9.2 million
 3-9-10-30-36-46
Mega Millions: \$50 million
 4-9-42-62-68-7-x4
Powerball: \$448 million
 5-6-45-55-59-1B 14-x3
Win for Life: Mar. 9
 41-57-64-67
Pick 4: Mar. 10
 • 1 p.m.: 8-6-6-0
 • 4 p.m.: 5-2-8-6
 • 7 p.m.: 3-2-7-6
 • 10 p.m.: 8-5-4-0
Pick 4: Mar. 9
 • 1 p.m.: 6-7-6-3
 • 4 p.m.: 7-8-2-3
 • 7 p.m.: 7-8-5-3
 • 10 p.m.: 8-5-5-1
Pick 4: Mar. 8
 • 1 p.m.: 6-3-1-6
 • 4 p.m.: 1-9-0-3
 • 7 p.m.: 1-9-8-1
 • 10 p.m.: 7-3-4-3

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NORTHEAST OREGON HISTORY

Spring forward? For a brief time, La Grande was the only Oregon city to recognize daylight savings

By Dick Mason
 The Observer

The switch to daylight saving time on Sunday, which moved clocks ahead an hour, undoubtedly has left many people in La Grande and throughout the state feeling a bit tired and stressed.

Imagine, however, how much worse La Grande residents felt in late May almost 89 years ago — when La Grande became the only city in the state to be on daylight saving time.

The stage for this curious chapter was set on May 15, 1930, when the La Grande City Council voted to put the city on daylight saving time beginning May 19. All clocks in the city that day were to be moved up one hour at 6 a.m. Although no Oregon cities observed daylight saving time, many in the East and Midwest had adopted making the change.

The La Grande council, then known as the city commission, approved the time change after receiving a petition from the local

chamber of commerce requesting the switch, according to the May 16, 1930, Observer. The members of the chamber apparently believed that more daylight in the late afternoon and early evening would be good for business.

The ordinance passed by the city commission called for La Grande to remain on daylight saving time through Sept. 7, 1930.

Articles in The Observer prior to the start of the time change indicated many did not anticipate major problems.

An article in the May 16, 1930, Observer noted soon people will be able to "quit work at the same time but instead have three and a half hours of daylight at their disposal."

Another story in the same edition stated: "To the average person living inside the La Grande city limits there will be little confusion, other than adjusting himself to train and bus schedules, radio programs, etc., which must operate on Pacific Standard Time."

Unfortunately this feeling of optimism proved to be unwarranted.

"As it enters the third day in La Grande, daylight saving time has grown rather than decreased in confusion according to general reports in the city," a story in the May 21, 1930, Observer reported.

A big reason people were perplexed was that many city residents and businesses remained on standard time while others were observing daylight saving time.

"There is a ton of confusion," a May 21 Observer editorial stated. "Half the town is on, half is off. The month is May, the day is Wednesday, but the hour is your own."

People working for the railroad and businesses involved in intercity travel remained on standard time as a matter of economic necessity. This affected many families because a large percentage of La Grande residents worked for the railroad.

Many children went to school on daylight saving time but their parents operated on standard time because of their jobs. This

was just one of many confusing scenarios, according to May 1930 editions of The Observer.

Such scenarios made people angry.

"Most opponents want to shove the daylight plan's foot into the grave with as much force as possible," The Observer reported.

Four days after daylight saving time took effect, the city council met to return La Grande to standard time.

The council's May 23, 1930, meeting lasted just four minutes. The Observer's front page headline the next day read: "Time Saving Plan Killed In 4 Minutes. Commission Meets at 7:30 p.m. Daylight Time, Adjourns At 6:34 p.m. Standard Time."

An editorial in the May 22, 1930, Observer addressed the failed attempt in conciliatory fashion.

"Nobody anticipated the confusion or objections that resulted. No great damage has been done by making the trial," the editorial stated. ■

Book battle in Baker

By Lisa Britton
 For WesCom News Service

As soon as the question is read, four blonde heads nearly collide as the girls lean in to whisper and debate until they come up with an answer.

As they confer, the opposing team members wait in anticipation of getting their chance to answer.

And so it goes, back and forth, as avid young readers wrack their brains to remember some of the most minute details of 16 books they read for Oregon Battle of the Books.

Saturday brought 23 teams to Baker High School for the regional competition of OBOB's District 6, which encompasses the Northeast corner of Oregon stretching as far west as Arlington.

Battle of the Books is divided into three age groups: elementary (grades 3-5); middle school (grades 6-8); and high school (grades 9-12).

Books are selected each year based on community recommendations and final approval by a state committee. The high school list includes 12 titles; elementary and middle school divisions have 16 books.

Students spend the good part of year reading the books. Once the school year starts, most divide into teams and attend practices to answer questions that test their memories.

Saturday morning, just minutes before their battle started, the team from Willowcreek Elementary (grades 1-8) furiously paged through books for last-minute cramming.

"This is our third year," said Lainey Cummings, an eighth-grader.

At Willowcreek, students interested in OBOB try out for the team through mock battles. Once determined, team members study at lunch, after school, on Fridays (they have a four-day school week), and quiz each other on sports trips.

"They read, they come up

with their own questions. They're a self-motivated team," said Jamie Dotson, whose daughter, Jessica, is an eighth-grader on the team.

For competition, teams cannot be larger than four.

But teams can be smaller.

Cadi Corn, a sixth-grader from Nyssa, was a team of one.

"There were other kids who signed up, but they didn't read the books," Corn said.

Most teams wore matching shirts, and quite a few featured clever sayings. The back of Corn's shirt read "The only thing you absolutely have to know in life is the location of the library."

The team from Hermiston's Sandstone Middle School sported the saying "Never underestimate the power of a girl with a book."

Several teams arrived in Baker City on Friday due to the 8 a.m. registration for middle school teams.

Regional winners from Saturday's competition were:

- Grades 3-5: McKay Creek Elementary
- Grades 6-8: La Grande Middle School
- Grades 9-12: Hermiston High School. Imbler High School placed second, and is also going to state.

The state competition is April 6 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

The book lists for 2019-2020 are already posted online at www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org/2019-2020-obob-book-titles/. ■

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