

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY
Today is Friday, April 19, the 109th day of 2019. There are 256 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On April 19, 1995, a truck bomb destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people. (Bomber Timothy McVeigh, who prosecutors said had planned the attack as revenge for the Waco siege of two years earlier, was convicted of federal murder charges and executed in 2001.)

ON THIS DATE
In 1775, the American Revolutionary War began with the battles of Lexington and Concord.
In 1865, a funeral was held at the White House for President Abraham Lincoln, assassinated five days earlier; his coffin was then taken to the U.S. Capitol for a private memorial service in the Rotunda.
In 1939, Connecticut became the last of the original 13 colonies to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after it took effect.
In 1943, during World War II, tens of thousands of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto began a valiant but ultimately futile battle against Nazi forces.
In 1951, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, relieved of his Far East command by President Harry S. Truman, bade farewell in an address to Congress in which he quoted a line from a ballad: "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."
In 1966, Bobbi Gibb, 23, became the first woman to run the Boston Marathon at a time when only men were allowed to participate. (Gibb jumped into the middle of the pack after the sound of the starting pistol and finished in 3:21:40.)
In 1977, the Supreme Court, in *Ingraham v. Wright*, ruled 5-4 that even severe spanking of schoolchildren by faculty members did not violate the Eighth Amendment ban against cruel and unusual punishment.
In 1989, 47 sailors were killed when a gun turret exploded aboard the USS *Iowa* in the Caribbean.

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$1.8 million
12-13-14-25-37-40

Mega Millions: \$175 million
11-29-34-48-54-10-x2

Powerball: \$136 million
1-15-17-46-66-PB 15-x3

Win for Life: April 15
4-12-23-76

Pick 4: April 18
• 1 p.m.: 2-4-5-0
• 4 p.m.: 7-5-2-5
• 7 p.m.: 0-0-5-4
• 10 p.m.: 3-6-6-1
Pick 4: April 17
• 1 p.m.: 2-0-9-3
• 4 p.m.: 1-5-6-5
• 7 p.m.: 9-3-5-4
• 10 p.m.: 9-9-4-9

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"Never one thing and seldom one person can make for a success. It takes a number of them merging into one perfect whole."
— Marie Dressler, Canadian actress (1869-1934)

Sheriff who gained nat'l attention resigns

By Gillian Flaccus
The Associated Press

PORTLAND — A small-town sheriff who gained national attention for his leadership during a 41-day standoff with armed occupiers at a wildlife refuge in Oregon is resigning, citing chronic underfunding for his department and concerns about liability caused by an outdated and understaffed jail.

Harney County Sheriff Dave Ward announced his decision to resign on Dec. 31 in an opinion piece published Wednesday in the Burns Times-Herald. He said he was not willing to continue operating a jail "that is not funded to meet the minimum standards required" or to stand by while more staffers are laid off.

Ward was sheriff in 2016 when armed protesters angry about federal control of Western lands overtook the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in the remote county and stayed there for weeks. Ward became the face of local government authority.

In the letter, Ward said Harney County faces a serious budget shortfall because of an accounting error — a deficit that he says has worsened the already woeful funding for the sheriff's department.

County workers already work 10 unpaid hours on

furlough each month, he said, and the only way to address budget cuts to the sheriff's department would be layoffs.

The deficit in the general fund is more than \$800,000 in the next fiscal year, according to county budget documents cited by Oregon Public Broadcasting.

"I am no longer willing to accept the civil liability associated with the failure to appropriately fund/staff our jail, search and rescue, or law-enforcement services to our community. These are not frivolous expenditures; they are duties and responsibilities of the sheriff, mandated by law," he wrote.

The jail staffing levels in the county fall below the minimum requirements in Oregon, and the facility is severely outdated, with no hope of making repairs, he added.

Ward did not return a call seeking comment on Thursday.

Harney County Treasurer Bobbi Jo Heany didn't immediately return a call or e-mail seeking comment.

Harney County is about 300 miles southeast of Portland, nestled between three national forests.

Dozens of people, including leader Ammon Bundy, occupied the remote Malheur National Wildlife Refuge from Jan.

2, 2016, to Feb. 11, 2016, to protest federal control of Western lands and the imprisonment of two Oregon ranchers convicted of setting fires on federal land.

Members of the group were allowed to come and go for several weeks as authorities tried to avoid bloodshed seen in past standoffs at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho. But authorities moved in Jan. 26 when key standoff leaders left for a community meeting, pulling over two vehicles and arresting the occupiers inside. Standoff spokesman Robert "Lavoy" Finicum was shot and killed by Oregon State Police.

Most occupiers left the refuge after Finicum's death, though four holdouts stayed an additional 16 days.

Federal prosecutors tried to convict occupation leaders Ammon and Ryan Bundy and five others in a 2016 trial but jurors acquitted them of charges of conspiring to impede federal workers from their jobs.

Federal charges were dropped in 2018 against the Bundy brothers and their father, Cliven Bundy, in a 2014 standoff in Nevada over a roundup of Bundy cattle.

The ranchers whose case sparked the standoff were pardoned by President Trump last year. ■

OREGON IN BRIEF

From wire reports

Man shot to death outside Portland bar

PORTLAND — Authorities say a man was fatally shot outside a Northwest Portland bar.

Portland Police said there was a disturbance outside Shake Bar around 1:20 a.m. Friday.

As officers were responding they learned one person was shot. The man died on the scene. Authorities said there is surveillance video of the fight breaking out. KOIN reported the shooter remains at large.

Man convicted of killing corrections head ordered released

PORTLAND — A federal judge has ruled that a man convicted in the 1989 killing of the Oregon Department of Corrections' director should be released from prison.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports unless prosecutors plan to retry Frank Gable, he should be released from custody within 90 days, according to a Thursday order written by U.S. Magistrate Judge John V. Acosta.

Michael Francke was found dead on Oregon State Hospital grounds in Salem. Gable was indicted in the killing by a Marion County grand jury.

Gable's trial ended in murder convictions. He was sentenced to life in prison without parole in 1991.

In the order, Acosta said he found the trial court made an error in excluding evidence of third-party guilt and that Gable's attorneys provided Gable with "ineffective assistance in failing to assert Gable's federal due process rights in the face of the trial court's error."

Oregon man who police say touched girls sentenced

PORTLAND — An Oregon man who authorities said sexually assaulted girls at stores has been sentenced to 10 years in prison.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reported Thursday that 56-year-old Ricardo Sanchez-Garcia of Portland was sentenced Thursday.

Authorities said Sanchez-Garcia groped a 10-year-old girl at a Safeway store in July 2018 and sexually touched a 6-year-old girl in March 2018 at a Goodwill store.

Sanchez-Garcia pleaded guilty to two counts of sexual abuse involving abuse of the girl at Safeway and a 7-year-old girl in 2006.

The charge concerning the 6-year-old at Goodwill was dismissed as part of a plea deal, although court documents said he told police that he was involved.

A prosecutor said Sanchez-Garcia "disguised" his touching of the girls who were on shopping trips with their parents as inadvertent.

TEEN

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consistently higher than the state level. The survey indicated that 14.4% of eighth-graders reported having at least one alcoholic beverage on one to two days out of the last 30 days, while the state average was 10.7%.

Wortman said 61.2% of Union County 11th-graders think that it would be easy or very easy to get alcoholic beverages. She said this highlights the importance of parents and adults keeping their alcohol locked up.

"If you have alcohol, if you have marijuana or prescription drugs, keeping them locked up is one way to help safeguard the youth," she said.

Sheriff Rasmussen introduced Humphries and encouraged parents to keep an eye on their children to prevent dangerous behavior, suggesting monitoring their cell-phone use.

Humphries is a school resource officer in several Union County schools. He shared a story about a seventh-grade girl who brought alcohol to school. The alcohol belonged to her parents, who didn't know she had taken it.

"There are other sto-



Francisca Benitez/The Observer

Kevin Loveland shares a personal story about drunk driving at the "Parenting is Prevention" town hall.

ries like that from other schools," he said. "Shockingly, kids in seventh grade — even fifth grade — bring alcohol to school, bring marijuana to school, and think that's okay," he said.

He stressed the importance of parents and family members making time to ask students about what goes on at school and with their friends. "I think it's very very important ... to have that family connection," he said. "Ask your children how their day went."

The deputy said that simple efforts can encour-

age teenagers to open up and talk about alcohol and drug use.

Loveland gave an emotional testimony about one of his best friends who was killed in a drunk driving accident.

"That event changed my life forever," he said as he shared several photos of his longtime friend Brett Marten and himself.

Loveland said it is difficult to get students to take the dangers of drinking and driving seriously.

"When I give these talks, most kids are listening but some aren't. I was one of those kids, and so

was he," he said, motioning to another photo of Marten.

Loveland described the impact the accident had on his and Marten's families,

he said it haunted Marten's parents until they themselves passed away.

He explained the safe ride service that Loveland Funeral Chapel & Crematory provides at many events where drinking occurs is dedicated to his friend. He said the service will not hesitate to provide rides to someone who may be drinking underage.

"We don't care as long as we can get kids home safely," he said.

Loveland highlighted how important it is for parents to be diligent in advising their children not to drink.

The town hall was concluded with questions from the audience and a short survey. ■

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SAFETY

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seat belt, it flew out.

The children seemed to get the message. At the end of the presentation Tibbetts asked, "So, not wearing our seat belts at all — good idea or bad idea?" The children enthusiastically said together, "bad idea!"

Community Connections presented on pedestrian safety on the first day, and Oregon State Police ran the presentation on the second day. A representative from Operation Lifesaver, a national rail safety organization led a presentation on railroad safety.

All of the agencies involved funded the hours for the presenters, and volunteers helped coordinate

and organize the event. Grande Ronde Hospital donated breakfast and lunch for the volunteers. Community partners donate items for goody bags full of stickers, information sheets for children

and their parents, and small toys.

Deal said the children have a lot of fun at the fair. "They love it," she said. "We get feedback from teachers each year and we have really great reviews." ■

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