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PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Friday, Sept. 20, the 263rd day of 2019. There are 102 days left in the year.



TODAY’S HIGHLIGHT
On Sept. 20, 2001, during an address to a joint session of Congress, President George W. Bush announced a new Cabinet-level office to fortify homeland security and named Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge its director.

ON THIS DATE
In 1519, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his crew set out from Spain on five ships to find a western passage to the Spice Islands. (Magellan was killed enroute, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.)
In 1873, panic swept the floor of the New York Stock Exchange in the wake of railroad bond defaults and bank failures.
In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding the assassinated James A. Garfield.

In 1958, Martin Luther King Jr. was seriously wounded during a book signing at a New York City department store when he was stabbed in the chest by Izola Curry. (Curry was later found mentally incompetent; she died at a Queens, New York, nursing home in 2015 at age 98.)
In 1962, James Meredith, a black student, was blocked from enrolling at the University of Mississippi by Democratic Gov. Ross R. Barnett. (Meredith was later admitted.)
In 1976, Playboy magazine released an interview in which Democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter admitted he’d “looked on a lot of women with lust.”
In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing at least 14 people, including two Americans and 12 Lebanese.

- LOTTERY**
Megabucks: \$2 million
11-14-19-29-37-48
- Mega Millions:** \$211 million
12-15-30-50-65-1-x4
- Powerball:** \$80 million
14-19-39-47-51-15-x3
- Win for Life:** Sept. 18
27-40-56-73
- Pick 4:** Sept. 19
• 1 p.m.: 4-4-6-1
• 4 p.m.: 8-1-7-3
• 7 p.m.: 4-4-1-8
• 10 p.m.: 0-3-6-6
Pick 4: Sept. 18
• 1 p.m.: 8-4-4-1
• 4 p.m.: 7-7-8-6
• 7 p.m.: 9-3-4-0
• 10 p.m.: 1-8-9-4

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QUOTE OF THE DAY
“A faith is a necessity to a man. Woe to him who believes in nothing.”
— Victor Hugo, French author

Signs point out link to trail

By Dick Mason
The Observer

More than 150 years ago, the Oregon Trail wound along what is today Foothill Road, which runs for 6 miles along Ladd Marsh from Interstate 84 to south La Grande.

Today more people traveling on this road are becoming aware of its link to history — thanks to Ronnie Allen of La Grande.

Allen recently led an effort to replace three signs on Foothill Road that state its route was part of the Oregon Trail. The original signs have been missing for 15 to 20 years.

Allen worked with Oregon Department of Transportation and Union County to get the new Oregon Trail Route signs



Dick Mason / The Observer

This is one of the three new signs on Foothill Road identifying it as part of the Oregon Trail.

posted. The signs, provided by ODOT, were installed earlier this month by Union County’s road department.

“(ODOT and Union County) did a tremendous job,” Allen said.

The signs are mounted on poles at two sites. One sign, facing west, is posted about 5.8 miles southeast of La Grande near the intersection with I-84. The other two signs stand together



EO Media Group file photo

A decision by Enterprise High School Principal Blake Carlsen, left, and then-Enterprise basketball coach and athletic director Larry Wells in 2018 ultimately led to five members of the Enterprise School District Board of Directors admitting to a Dec. 3, 2018, executive meeting violation regarding the long-running dispute over the sports eligibility of a former EHS student.

School board admits to executive session violations

By Steve Tool
EO Media Group

ENTERPRISE — According to a stipulated final order from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, five members of the Enterprise School District Board admitted to an executive meeting violation regarding the long-running dispute over the sports eligibility of a former EHS student.

The commission conducted the investigation based on an ethics complaint by Ilene Wells, wife of then-Enterprise basketball coach and athletic director Larry Wells. Board members listed in the order are Kate Fent as chair and Position 4 representative, Mandy Decker in Position 1, Adrian Harguess in Position 2, Mike Weideman in Position 2 and Heather Melville, who is vice-chair and holds Posi-

tion 5.

The final order charged thae borard with violating executive session law during a Dec. 3, 2018, meeting in which they voted to send a letter that addressed complaints made by Justus Even’s parents about two school employees — Wells and high school principal Blake Carlsen, who had determined Even was ineligible to participate in school sports because of a mid-year transfer issue. An executive session is a meeting in which a public board discusses information or records exempt from public inspection by law.

ORS 192.660(6) prohibits the board from taking any final action or making any final decision during an executive session. The OGEC found that the entire board violated the law in their actions.

about half a mile outside of La Grande, with one Oregon Trail placard facing east and the other west.

Union County Public Works Department installed the signs at no cost.

“We were just helping out. (The project) was good for everyone. It was good public outreach,” said Union County Public Works Director Doug Wright.

Allen said the efforts of the Union County Public Works Department saved him an enormous amount of time and effort.

ODOT officials were delighted to have the opportunity to provide replacement signs.

“We always want to see the appropriate signs up. We were pleased to see something that is important to the community replaced,” said ODOT spokesman Tom Strandberg.

One of the original signs was taken down because it had been so badly damaged after being shot that it was hard to read, Allen said. No one knows what happened to the two other signs.

The replacement of the lost signs on Foothill Road is

just one of many projects Allen has undertaken to commemorate the Oregon Trail in the Grande Ronde Valley in recent years. In July he led the effort to create the Lower Ladd Canyon Oregon Trail Site along Hot Lake

Lane, which salutes legendary pioneer Ezra Meeker. The site includes a replica of an Oregon Trail stone marker Meeker dedicated there in 1906 while traveling across the United States to promote the historic pathway.

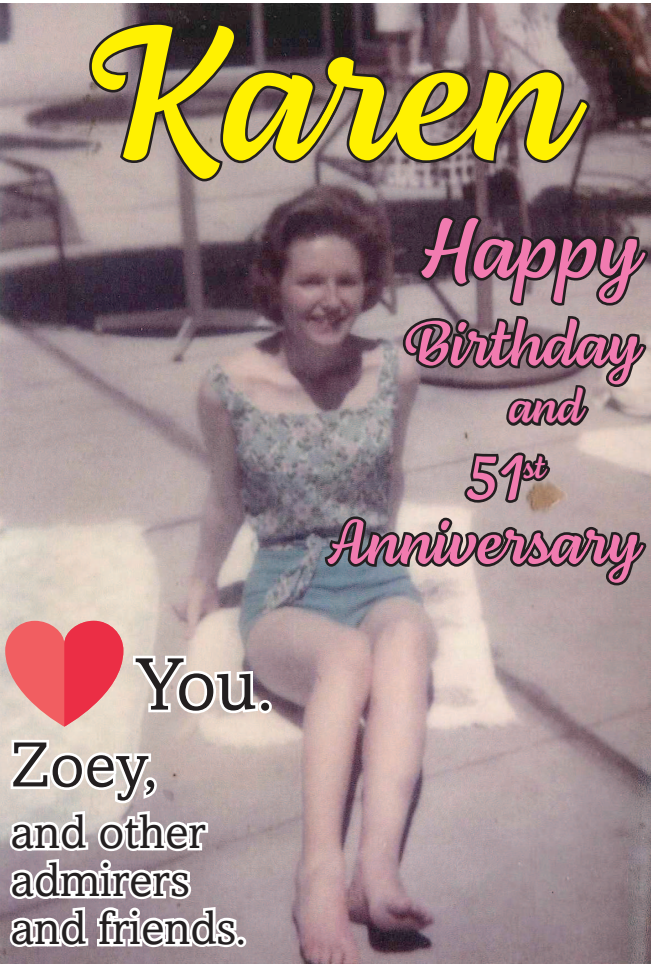
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