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TODAY

Today is Friday, Oct. 4, the 277th day of 2019. There are 88 days left in the year.



TODAY’S HIGHLIGHT
On Oct. 4, 2002, “American Taliban,” John Walker Lindh received a 20-year sentence after a sobbing plea for forgiveness before a federal judge.

ON THIS DATE
In 1777, Gen. George Washington’s troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pennsylvania, resulting in heavy American casualties.
In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini conferred at Brenner Pass in the Alps.
In 2004, the SpaceShipOne rocket plane broke through Earth’s atmosphere to the edge of space for the second time in five days.

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$3.2 million
2-13-19-26-37-38

Mega Millions: \$50 million
10-17-39-42-59-3-x2

Powerball: \$70 million
4-8-10-43-53-7-x2

Win for Life: Oct. 2
39-56-67-76

Pick 4: Oct. 3
• 1 p.m.: 8-9-8-4
• 4 p.m.: 1-2-7-7
• 7 p.m.: 3-1-6-5
• 10 p.m.: 2-7-8-1
Pick 4: Oct. 2
• 1 p.m.: 7-8-6-7
• 4 p.m.: 3-4-6-3
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Trying to determine what is going on in the world by reading newspapers is like trying to tell the time by watching the second hand of a clock.”

— Ben Hecht, American screenwriter



Baker County Sheriff’s Office

Searchers in a National Guard helicopter scour the Wallowa Mountains for signs of missing hunter Andy Dennis, who parked his vehicle on Saturday at the East Eagle trailhead, on the edge of the Eagle Cap Wilderness about 32 air miles northeast of Baker City.

SEARCH TURNS UP NO SIGN OF MISSING MAN

By Jayson Jacoby
EO Media Group

BAKER CITY — A comprehensive search that since Sunday has involved people hiking dozens of miles, and a pair of helicopters flying for more than 10 hours, hasn’t turned up a single sign of a Haines man who failed to return from a planned one-day deer-hunting trip in the Wallowa Mountains.

“We’re all kind of stumped right now,” Baker County Sheriff Travis Ash said Thursday morning.

Andrew Dean “Andy” Dennis, 60, parked his vehicle on Saturday at the East Eagle trailhead, on the edge of the Eagle Cap Wilderness about 32 air miles northeast of Baker City.

Ash said Dennis told his wife, Patty, that he planned to return home that day. Dennis also left a map showing the areas he planned to hunt, the sheriff said.

Searchers have focused on that area, which includes Crater Lake, reached by a steep 6-mile trail from East Eagle Creek Road, and the Kettle Creek and Little Kettle Creek drainages, Ash said.

The search perimeter is larger than that, however. Searchers riding ATVs have covered roads along

Sullivan Creek, a tributary to East Eagle Creek, and around the Amalgamated Mine about 4 miles south of where Dennis’ vehicle was parked.

Ash said there are several hunters’ camps in the area, and all have been notified that Dennis was missing.

None of the hunters reported seeing him, or any evidence of where he might have gone, the sheriff said.

There have been no reports, either by searchers or hunters in the area, of the Jack Russell terrier that accompanied Dennis.

Before the search and rescue team was summoned Sunday afternoon someone found a glove in the area, but it’s not clear whether it belonged to Dennis, Ash said.

The sheriff said he talked with another hunter who was camped in the area over the weekend and said the storm that brought heavy snow to the Wallows hit around 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The snow, which was about 8 inches deep earlier this week in the Crater Lake area, which is at about 7,600 feet elevation, has made for treacherous hiking for ground searchers, Ash said.

The terrain is rugged, with many sheer or nearly

sheer cliffs, and the wet, heavy snow falling on shrubs still bearing leaves created mats of slippery vegetation that are all but inaccessible, he said.

The snow-bent shrubs also block views of the ground.

“If you haven’t experienced it, it’s hard to imagine,” Ash said.

The sheriff said two helicopters, one from Baker Aircraft and a Chinook from the National Guard, have combined to fly for more than 10 hours.

Ash said conditions generally have been conducive to air searches, and visibility was good enough at times that he was able to see individual grouse flying when the passing chopper frightened them.

But the aerial searches have so far been as fruitless as the ground effort.

Dennis’ niece, Candy Sturm, said her uncle has often hunted in the East Eagle area and also led guided tours in the mountains.

“He knows that area like the back of his hand,” Sturm said.

Ash said Patty Dennis was expecting her husband to return Saturday.

When he had failed to do so early Sunday, friends and relatives started a search effort. The call to the Sheriff’s Office came in around 1 p.m. on Sunday. Ash said searchers from the Sheriff’s Office made it about 4 miles up the trail to Crater Lake Sunday before turning back due to darkness and snow.

Ash said the group of friends and relatives has continued its efforts.

He said no formal search by the county was planned today, but he intends to have a group of searchers return to the area on Friday.

Ash said he has been in touch with Dennis’ family during the search.

Dennis is a white male, 5-foot-5 and 170 pounds, with light brown hair, blue eyes, and a beard and mustache. He was known to be wearing a camouflage baseball cap and possibly a tan coat.

Anyone with information about Dennis’ location should call the Sheriff’s Office at 541-523-6415.

State senator questions climate

■ Oregon Senate GOP leader questions if human activity is causing global warming

By Jeff Mapes
Oregon Public Broadcasting

GRANTS PASS — Oregon State Sen. Herman Baertschiger Jr., who leads the Senate Republican caucus that staged a walkout this year to help kill a big climate bill, faces new criticism for saying in a social media post that humans have only played a “minor role” in the planet’s warming temperatures.

The Grants Pass legislator wrote a post on his Facebook page this week criticizing the International Panel on Climate Change’s reports on the subject. He said many factors play into global warming, including “the sun, orbital variations, clouds and oceans.”

Baertschiger said there “is no evidence” that man-made carbon emissions are a dominant cause of warming temperatures. “Current science says that human-created CO2 has only played a minor role in the planet’s recent warming,” he wrote.

The GOP lawmaker came under fire from Oregon House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner, D-Portland. She said on Twitter: “Your insistence that you believe ‘climate change is real’ is undercut when you spout #climate-changedenial talking points.”

In an interview, Baertschiger wavered when it came to defending his post, which he wrote in response to last month’s global climate strike by student activists.

He told OPB that he’s “somewhere in the middle” on the issue of whether human activities have anything to do with climate change.

“I’m thinking to myself, we’ve got seven billion people living on the planet, it’s got to have something to do with it,” he said, adding that, “I don’t know if it’s the dominant factor or it’s just amplifying natural changes.”



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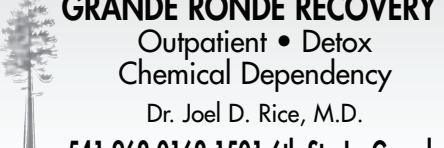
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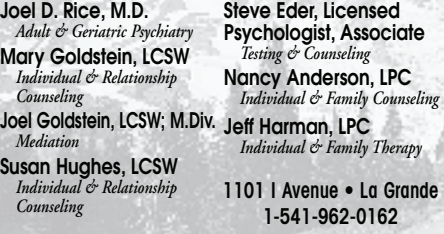
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