

## DAILY PLANNER

### TODAY

Today is Friday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 2019. There are 74 days left in the year.



### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Oct. 18, 1977, West German commandos stormed a hijacked Lufthansa jetliner on the ground in Mogadishu, Somalia, freeing all 86 hostages and killing three of the four hijackers.

### ON THIS DATE

In 1648, Boston shoemakers were authorized to form a guild to protect their interests; it's the first American labor organization on record.

In 1892, the first long-distance telephone line between New York and Chicago was officially opened.

In 1898, the American flag was raised in Puerto Rico shortly before Spain formally relinquished control of the island to the U.S.

In 1912, black boxer Jack Johnson was arrested in Chicago, accused of violating the Mann Act because of his relationship with his white girlfriend, Lucille Cameron. (The case collapsed when Cameron refused to cooperate, but Johnson was later re-arrested and convicted on the testimony of a former mistress, Belle Schreiber.)

In 1931, inventor Thomas Alva Edison died in West Orange, New Jersey, at age 84.

In 1961, the movie musical "West Side Story," starring Natalie Wood and Richard Beymer, premiered in New York, the film's setting.

In 1972, Congress passed the Clean Water Act, overriding President Richard Nixon's veto.

In 1984, actor Jon-Erik Hexum, 26, was taken off life support six days after shooting himself in the head with a pistol loaded with a blank cartridge on the set of his TV show "Cover Up."

### LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$4.4 million  
2-3-23-30-37-47

**Mega Millions:** \$71 million  
4-12-14-35-70-2-x2

**Powerball:** \$110 million  
1-5-25-63-67-3-x2

**Win for Life:** Oct. 16  
32-40-64-65

**Pick 4:** Oct. 17

• 1 p.m.: 4-6-7-6

• 4 p.m.: 5-3-9-8

• 7 p.m.: 8-9-5-1

• 10 p.m.: 1-6-7-8

**Pick 4:** Oct. 16

• 1 p.m.: 9-3-1-2

• 4 p.m.: 5-5-0-2

• 7 p.m.: 8-9-9-7

• 10 p.m.: 7-2-3-5

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Only those ideas that are least truly ours can be adequately expressed in words."

— Henri Bergson,  
French philosopher

## WALLOWA COUNTY



Maeve Waterman hugs her dog before the start of the ECX 100-mile race.

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# HELP WANTED

■ Eagle Cap Extreme Volunteer Fair happens Saturday at the Josephy Center

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**ENTERPRISE** — With snow working its way gradually down the mountainsides, it's time to start thinking about Wallowa County's premier winter event: the Iditarod-qualifying Eagle Cap Extreme (ECX) sled dog race. This all-volunteer event, slated for January, brings hundreds of sled dogs and dozens of elite teams from across the U.S. and Canada to compete in and enjoy Wallowa County.

But this inspiring event needs more than a hundred volunteers to make it run. It's an all-volunteer effort. If you like dogs, or you like people or if you just love Wallowa County, this is a great chance to help contribute to the success of the ECX, and get to know the outstanding mushers and dogs who will be here. You'll also help keep them all safe, and enjoy the unique camaraderie that's become part of the event.

This year's ECX Volunteer Fair will be held at the Josephy Center, Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m. There will be a



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Larry Roxby heads out on another leg of competition in the 2017 Eagle Cap Extreme.

bevy of Susan Paranga's Siberian Husky sled dog team there to greet you. You'll meet race organizers (all volunteers) and learn about the jobs that are available. Some of the premier positions that need to be filled for this year's race to be successful include equipment managers, people to help with public relations, dog handlers for the race start and race finishes, cooks and other volunteers for the overnight check station at Ollokott, and

people to help with the fun education programs that engage schools in Union and Wallowa County in learning about the race, producing art, and coming to Enterprise and Joseph to meet the mushers and their dogs.

You needn't volunteer for the whole time that the race is running. A morning as a dog handler, an afternoon to help with education, some time to check equipment in and out and keep track of things will be fine. Any

time you can spare will be greatly appreciated.

What do you get if you are a volunteer? The friendship of the other 100 or more volunteers and of the mushers. The chance to hug a sled dog(s). The opportunity to learn about the sport of mushing, and about the work that you are doing as a volunteer. And the pride and happiness that come from helping your community and helping others.

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