

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 30, the 303rd day of 2019. There are 62 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Oct. 30, 1974, Muhammad Ali knocked out George Foreman in the eighth round of a 15-round bout in Kinshasa, Zaire, known as the "Rumble in the Jungle," to regain his world heavyweight title.

ON THIS DATE

In 1735, the second president of the United States, John Adams, was born in Braintree, Massachusetts.

In 1961, the Soviet Party Congress unanimously approved a resolution ordering the removal of Josef Stalin's body from Lenin's tomb.

In 1972, 45 people were killed when an Illinois Central Gulf commuter train was struck from behind by another train on Chicago's South Side.

In 1975, the New York Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead" a day after President Gerald R. Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City.

In 1979, President Carter announced his choice of federal appeals judge Shirley Hufstедler to head the Department of Education.

In 1985, schoolteacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe witnessed the launch of the space shuttle Challenger, the same craft that would carry her and six other crew members to their deaths.

In 2001, Ukraine destroyed its last nuclear missile silo, fulfilling a pledge to give up the vast nuclear arsenal it had inherited after the breakup of the former Soviet Union.

In 2005, the body of Rosa Parks arrived at the U.S. Capitol, where the civil rights icon became the first woman to lie in honor in the Rotunda; President George W. Bush and congressional leaders paused to lay wreaths by her casket.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$5.4 million
1-10-20-21-34-39

Mega Millions: \$118 million
4-9-17-27-39-22-x2

Powerball: \$140 million
3-20-48-54-59-4-x4

Win for Life: Oct. 28
11-38-47-49

Pick 4: Oct. 29
• 1 p.m.: 3-6-4-2
• 4 p.m.: 3-1-6-3
• 7 p.m.: 9-0-2-9
• 10 p.m.: 5-4-5-6

Pick 4: Oct. 28
• 1 p.m.: 5-3-2-3
• 4 p.m.: 0-3-1-8
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are things that are known and things that are unknown; in between are doors."

— William Blake, English poet

Showing off Oregon at EO Film Festival

Two films feature Oregon stories that had not yet been told

By Sabrina Thompson
The Observer

One of the goals of the 2019 Eastern Oregon Film Festival was to showcase the state of Oregon and the beauty and history the area has to offer. An afternoon screening at Beckie's Studio of Dance on Saturday, day three of the festival, showed two films that explored parts of the state and the stories that have been waiting to be told.

In a short documentary, H. Nelson Tracey, an LA-based director and editor, captured the beautiful landscape on the Oregon-Idaho border. His film, titled "Picture Jasper," tells the story of Steve Shultz, who has spent his life mining picture jasper, a rare rock that mirrors the area's landscape.

Tracey went with Shultz and his mining partner, Peter Henry, out to Jackpot, just outside of Marsing, Idaho, to record the difficulty that comes with finding quality specimens of picture jasper. Tracey was happy to see a region he had never been to and took up the opportunity for travel when it presented itself. Tracey was also excited to share the history and hidden gem of the area.

"As a filmmaker the best way to share Shultz's knowledge is to show him in his world, and show him doing what he loves to do," Tracey said.

Though Tracey had never been to La Grande before, he applied to be a part of EOFF because it was the closest festival to the area in which his film takes place.

"The film is about Eastern Oregon, so why not show it at the Eastern Oregon Film Festival?" Tracey said.



Sabrina Thompson/The Observer

Ilana Sol, and H. Nelson Tracey, right, share their inspirations and process Saturday during a Q&A session following their film screening during the Eastern Oregon Film Festival in La Grande.

The full-length feature that was also shown during the afternoon block in the festival took viewers to the southern Oregon Coast. Nineteen miles outside of the town is the only place on the U.S. mainland that was bombed by an air pilot during World War II. "Samurai in the Oregon Sky" tells the story of Nobuo Fujita and the mission that few know about.

On Sept. 9, 1942, Fujita flew over Brookings and dropped a bomb in the forest. The mission was a failure as it caused little physical damage, and many in the United States never heard about the bombing. However, 20 years later, men who were part of Brookings' Junior Chamber of Commerce invited the Japanese pilot back to the

town. This gesture, while controversial, helped in repairing U.S. and Japanese relationships after WWII.

The film, directed by Ilana Sol, combines archival footage, animation and current day interviews with the subjects of the story. It depicts the events leading up to Fujita's missions through the reconciliation and his visits to Oregon. Sol, who works as an archival researcher for other documentary filmmakers, saw this as an opportunity to tell a story about Oregon that few people know.

"There are still people in Brookings who get upset about it all," Sol said. "But the film is about people. It's not about politics, it's about bringing people together."

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