

DAILY
PLANNER

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Saturday, March 21, the 81st day of 2020. There are 285 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On March 21, 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

ON THIS DATE

In 1871, journalist Henry M. Stanley began his famous expedition in Africa to locate the missing Scottish missionary David Livingstone.

In 1918, during World War I, Germany launched its Spring Offensive on the Western Front, hoping to break through the Allied lines before American reinforcements could arrive. (The Spring Offensive ultimately failed.)

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1963, the Alcatraz federal prison island in San Francisco Bay was emptied of its last inmates and closed at the order of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

In 1972, the Supreme Court, in *Dunn v. Blumstein*, ruled that states may not require at least a year's residency for voting eligibility.

In 1976, champion skier Vladimir "Spider" Sabich was shot and killed by his girlfriend, actress-singer Claudine Longet, in the home they had shared in Aspen, Colorado; Longet, who maintained the shooting was an accident, served 30 days in jail for negligent homicide.

In 1981, Michael Donald, a black teenager in Alabama, was abducted, tortured and killed by members of the Ku Klux Klan. (A lawsuit brought by Donald's mother later resulted in a landmark judgment that bankrupted one Klan organization.)

In 2006, the social media website Twitter was established with the sending of the first "tweet" by co-founder Jack Dorsey, who wrote: "just setting up my twtr."

In 2007, former Vice President Al Gore made an emotional return to Congress as he pleaded with House and Senate committees to fight global warming; Republicans questioned the science behind his climate-change documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth."

LOTTERY

MegaBucks: \$6.2 million
5-15-33-35-40-41

Mega Millions: \$96 million
20-27-28-58-59-25 x3

Powerball: \$140 million
15-27-44-59-63—PB-8 x4

Win for Life: March 18
1-35-56-60

Pick 4: March 19

• 1 p.m.: 4-5-8-5

• 4 p.m.: 7-5-7-1

• 7 p.m.: 8-7-7-2

• 10 p.m.: 6-5-7-9

Pick 4: March 18

• 1 p.m.: 8-7-7-6

• 4 p.m.: 8-6-1-8

• 7 p.m.: 9-4-0-9

• 10 p.m.: 7-9-2-1

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Is it worse to be scared than to be bored, that is the question."

— Gertrude Stein,
American writer
(1874-1946)

Washington coronavirus deaths up to 83

■ Gov. Jay Inslee orders eviction moratorium

By Rachel La Corte and Martha Bellise
Associated Press

OLYMPIA — Washington state health officials Friday reported deaths from the coronavirus brought the state tally of fatalities to 83 — the highest in the country.

Also, Gov. Jay Inslee announced a 30-day statewide moratorium on evictions of residential tenants as the state continues to grapple with containing the spread of COVID-19 and the impact it is having on the state's economy as businesses are forced to temporarily close and employees are laid off.

"We recognize we are in extraordinary times, and it is necessary to do what we can to help Washingtonians weather this storm," he said.

Ten of the newly announced deaths were in King County and five were associated with the Life Care Center, a nursing home in Kirkland, Washington. To date, 35 of the state's deaths were linked



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

Medical personnel wait for a driver to pull up at a drive-through COVID-19 testing station for University of Washington Medicine patients on Tuesday in Seattle.

to that facility. Overall, 56 deaths have been reported in King County. Clark County also reported a death Wednesday — the county's third. Pierce County reported its first fatality from the disease and Snohomish County has reported six deaths. Grant County has reported one death.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and

cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

The vast majority of people recover from the new virus.

Inslee's move to help people facing housing issues came as the Federal Housing Finance Agency directed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to suspend foreclosures and

evictions for at least 60 days due to the outbreak. The state moratorium was among several policies announced Wednesday that are intended to offer relief to businesses and their employees as the number of coronavirus cases topped 1,100.

For workers who have been laid off after the statewide order that closed restaurants, bars, gyms and other facilities through at least the end of the month,

Inslee announced a waiver of the one-week waiting period to receive unemployment insurance. The order is retroactive for claims filed up to March 8, the day of the governor's first emergency rule expanding unemployment insurance criteria to cover more workers impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. The governor is still seeking a major disaster declaration in the state so that residents otherwise not eligible for unemployment insurance could get help under the Disaster Unemployment Assistance program.

Up to \$5 million will be made available as micro-grants to small businesses across the state to help prevent permanent closure.

The measures were announced hours after the Employment Security Department released its monthly unemployment rate update, showing the rate for February was 3.8%.

In a written statement, Paul Turek, economist for the department, said hiring in the state was strong last month, but noted the numbers reflected a time before the recent concerns and actions in response to COVID-19.

Baker County crash kills one, injures two

Observer staff

BAKER CITY — A crash Thursday morning about 35 miles southeast of Baker City claimed the life of an Idaho man.

Oregon State Police reported that Michael Maddox, 55, of Weiser, Idaho, parked a Pontiac Grand Am on the eastbound shoulder of Interstate 84 near milepost 342. Debra Archer, 37, of Kelso, Washington, was driving east in a Ford Explorer and at 6:50 a.m. hit the Pontiac.

OSP troopers and other emergency personnel responded to the crash. State police reported Maddox was in the driver's seat and died at the scene.

Archer suffered injuries, and an ambulance took her to a hospital.

Jimmy Padilla, 48, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, was the passenger in the Ford Explorer. He also suffered injuries, and an emergency helicopter flew him to a hospital.

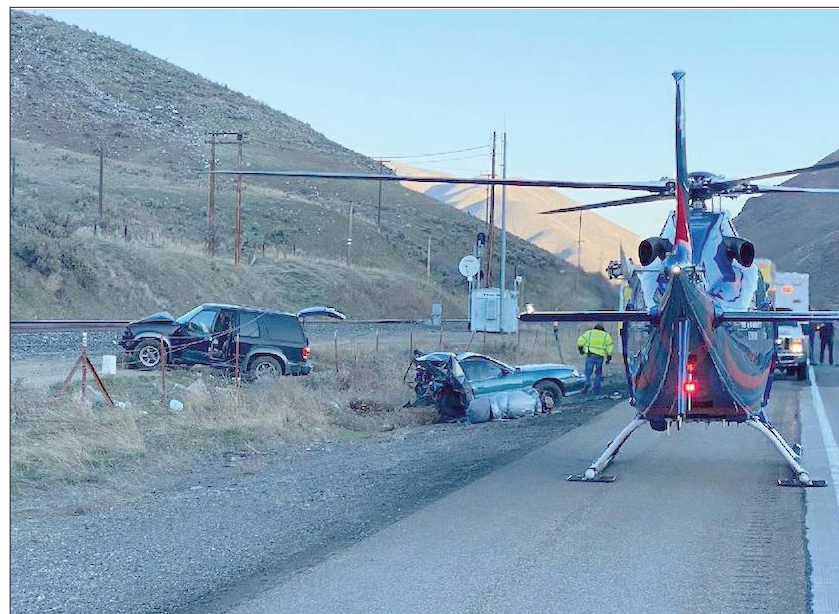


Photo contributed by Oregon State Police

This crash Thursday morning on Interstate 84 in Baker County killed one man and injured two other people.

Autopsy shows Hermiston man killed by gunshot

EO Media Group

HERMISTON — The autopsy of the Hermiston man found dead northeast of the city Wednesday revealed he was killed by a gunshot wound, the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office reported in a news release Friday.

A Umatilla/Morrow County Major Crimes Team is investigating the homicide of Jordan Deloan Crandall, whose body was found by a citizen at about 9:37 a.m. Wednesday approximately 75 feet west of Alpine Drive, north of Punkin Center Road and next to an irrigation ditch.

"At this time, there is no reason to believe the general public is in danger due to the homicide," the press release said. "We will release further information when we are able."

Crandall attended Hermiston High School and competed with the Intermountain High School Rodeo team from 2007 to 2009. He was 28 years old.

Governor seeks virus eviction moratorium

■ Oregon's primary election of May 19 still on schedule

The Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown said Friday that during the coronavirus outbreak she wants a statewide eviction moratorium, as well as to suspend enforcement on expired automobile tags and driver licenses.

While the coronavirus has led to slews of cancellations, postponements and shutdowns, Oregon's primary elections will proceed as scheduled on May 19, the state's top election official said Thursday, though results may be slower to come in because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Ohio, Kentucky, Georgia and other states are moving their primary elections back over COVID-19 concerns.

"Because Oregon votes by mail we do not have to be concerned about social distancing issues at polling places that so many other states are struggling with," Oregon Secretary of State Bev Clarno's office said by email.

Marion County Clerk Bill Burgess noted ballot counters are normally sitting at tables in fairly crowded rooms and are often over 60 years old, and among the vulnerable population to COVID-19.

Burgess, president of the Oregon Association of County Clerks, said to keep proper social distancing, fewer ballot counters will be able to fit in a room, and some might consider it too risky to show up. Plans are to give them gloves to handle the ballots, but for now, no masks, he said.

Holding the closed

Republican and Democratic primaries on May 19 is a realistic goal, Burgess said. However, he added, some lightly populated counties have only two elections officials.

"If one person gets sick, that's a problem," he said.

Ballots that come in over a short span of time — those that arrive on election day or the day

before — through the mail or drop-off boxes might be counted more slowly because they typically account for around 30% of all ballots cast, Burgess said.

Clarno's office said contingency plans are being prepared to deal with any impacts COVID-19 may have on election processes.

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM GRANDE RONDE HOSPITAL & CLINICS

In response to recent statewide developments regarding COVID-19, GRH has made the decision to postpone the following events: Annual Free Community Blood Screenings, Balance Classes, and Parkinson's Support Group. For the latest updates, visit grh.org/covid19. It should be noted that there are NO presumptive or confirmed cases in Union County as of Friday, March 13, 2020.

While we are learning more every day, a clearer picture of COVID-19 and those groups most affected by this disease is emerging, and we continue to refine our responses based on new information. We continue to monitor daily the guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Oregon Health Authority, and will reschedule these public events as soon as it is sensible to do so. We encourage you to remain vigilant with precautionary measures against the spread of all respiratory illness by:

- Washing your hands often and appropriately
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Avoiding contact with sick people
- Staying home if you're sick
- Covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing



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For additional information on those most vulnerable to this disease, what to do if you think you may have COVID-19, and more; please visit healthoregon.org/coronavirus or call 211 for the most up-to-date information. In addition, we have established a Coronavirus News & Updates section on our website for the latest from your care team at GRH.

Get the latest GRH COVID-19 news and updates on our website at grh.org/covid19



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