

DAILY
PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Thursday, May 28, the 149th day of 2020. There are 217 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On May 28, 1912, the Senate Commerce Committee issued its report on the Titanic disaster that cited a "state of absolute unpreparedness," improperly tested safety equipment and an "indifference to danger" as some of the causes of an "unnecessary tragedy."

ON THIS DATE

In 1533, the Archbishop of Canterbury declared the marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn valid.

In 1863, the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, made up of freed blacks, left Boston to fight for the Union in the Civil War.

In 1908, British author Ian Fleming, the creator of James Bond as well as "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang," was born in London.

In 1918, American troops fought their first major battle during World War I as they launched an offensive against the German-held French village of Cantigny; the Americans succeeded in capturing the village.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt pushed a button in Washington signaling that vehicular traffic could begin crossing the just-opened Golden Gate Bridge in California.

In 1940, during World War II, the Belgian army surrendered to invading German forces.

In 1957, National League owners gave permission for the Brooklyn Dodgers and New York Giants to move to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In 1959, the U.S. Army launched two monkeys aboard a Jupiter missile for a suborbital flight which both primates survived.

In 2003, President George W. Bush signed a 10-year, \$350 billion package of tax cuts, saying they already were "adding fuel to an economic recovery."

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$1.9 million
1-2-11-20-30-35

Mega Millions: \$336 million
34-52-58-59-62-4 x3

Powerball: \$114 million
2-8-18-21-23—PB-16 x4

Win for Life: May 25
56-59-61-76

Pick 4: May 26

• **1 p.m.:** 1-7-3-3; • **4 p.m.:** 0-6-9-4

• **7 p.m.:** 4-0-2-7; • **10 p.m.:** 8-8-3-3

Pick 4: May 25

• **1 p.m.:** 0-4-7-9; • **4 p.m.:** 8-7-8-2

• **7 p.m.:** 6-8-8-2; • **10 p.m.:** 6-6-1-0

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"The bravest thing you can do when you are not brave is to profess courage and act accordingly."

— Corra May Harris,
American writer (1869-1935)

Man faces attempted murder charge after hatchet attack

EO Media Group

ENTERPRISE —

Phillip Milton Evans of Enterprise faces second-degree attempted murder and related charges stemming from an attack Sunday night.

Enterprise police arrested Evans after his roommate, Michael Zanello, reported Evans attacked him with an ax.

Passers-by about 9 p.m. Sunday found the injured Zanello on West North Street and called 911. The



Evans

witnesses said Zanello was bleeding and collapsed onto the grass but gave them his name and details of the attack. His most obvious wounds, they said, were to his head.

Enterprise police, Walla Walla County sheriff deputies and a Walla Walla Memorial Hospital ambulance arrived minutes later. Zanello, who was bleeding

from multiple wounds, according to police, said his roommate attacked him with an ax.

An ambulance took Zanello to Walla Walla Memorial Hospital, where an air ambulance flew him to a Boise hospital, according to Enterprise Chief Joel Fish.

Walla Walla County District Attorney Rebecca Frolander said Zanello remains in the hospital. She said Wednesday afternoon she was waiting on confirmation of his medical condition.

Evans retreated to his residence at 509 W. North St., about 100 yards from the scene of the assault, where Enterprise police and Walla Walla County sheriff deputies broke down the dead-bolt-locked front door, entered the building and about 10 minutes later emerged with Evans in handcuffs.

Frolander's office on Tuesday filed preliminary charges against Evans, 42, for attempted murder, assault, unlawful use of a

weapon, all felonies, and menacing, a misdemeanor. The charging documents refer to the weapon as a hatchet.

Evans' next court appearance is June 24.

State court records also show Evans has several criminal convictions in Walla Walla County, including in 2016 and 2019 for felon in possession of a restricted weapon. He remains in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, in lieu of a \$165,000 bail.

State makes pandemic emergency unemployment compensation available

The Observer

SALEM — The Oregon Employment Department recently announced it is providing unemployment benefits through the CARES Act Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program.

PEUC is a 13-week extension of Unemployment Insurance benefits for claimants who have run out of regular benefits and provides the same weekly amount as a claimant's regular benefit amount, according to the department's recent press release.

Individuals receiving PEUC also are eligible to receive the \$600 weekly Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation benefit for each eligible week between March 29

and July 25. PEUC is retroactive to March 29, the first payable week of the program, and lasts for up to 13 eligible weeks of benefits through Dec. 26.

There are two ways to be eligible for PEUC benefits.

The first is if someone has used up all benefits from a current claim for regular unemployment benefits, but the period of the claim has not expired, and a person does not have another regular unemployment claim available to them in another state.

The second is if someone was unemployed, ran out of regular unemployment benefits after July 1, 2019, and a person does not have another regular unemployment claim available to

them in another state.

Those eligible for regular unemployment benefits are not eligible for PEUC until those other benefits are exhausted.

The state employment department cannot accept applications for PEUC until someone has run out of benefits or their claim is expired. There are three ways to apply for PEUC:

Online Claim System

— If you have exhausted your regular unemployment benefits, your claim has not expired, and you file weekly using our Online Claims System, you will be presented with an option to file for PEUC when you submit your weekly claim for the first week with a \$0 balance. If you select this option, you will automat-

ically be placed into the PEUC program. Make sure you continue filing a claim for benefits each week.

Secure Upload — If your claim for regular unemployment benefits already expired and you are eligible for PEUC, you will receive a letter from ODE telling you how to complete the PEUC application and how to restart your claim. You can apply using the secure upload.

Mail — If you are eligible for PEUC but cannot access our electronic systems you can mail your application. The application is available here on the CARES Act page of our website or by calling 503-947-1563 and leaving a message requesting an application.

Two more churches sue over gathering restrictions

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Two additional churches are suing Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, claiming her social gathering restrictions because of the coronavirus pandemic violate their constitutional right to the freedom of religion and assembly.

The Edgewater Christian Fellowship in Grants Pass and the Church of God of Prophecy in Roseburg on Tuesday filed a federal suit in U.S. District Court in Eugene against Brown, the Oregon Health Authority director, Oregon state police superintendent and the Josephine and Douglas county sheriffs, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

Both churches say they are "called" to resume in-person worship services after suspending them in compliance with the state's "Stay Home Save Lives" orders, according to the suit. They want to resume in-person worship services on May 31 with social distancing, hand-washing and other sanitary protocol, their lawyer Steve Elzinga wrote in the suit.

Attorneys from Alliance Defending Freedom, a conservative Christian non-profit organization, are representing the two churches and their pastors.

It comes as the state Supreme Court prepares to decide whether a Baker County judge's May 18 preliminary injunction, which found the governor's emergency coronavirus order restrictions "null and void," should stand or be dismissed.

EOU announces reopening plans in development

EO Media Group

LA GRANDE — As universities wrap up spring term, Eastern Oregon University announced that it is developing campus reopening plans.

Oregon's public universities are working with state leaders and have developed a framework with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for review by the Oregon Health Authority.

"We are looking forward to the gradual reopening of our main campus in preparation for fall term and a new academic year," Vice President for University Advancement Tim Seydel said. "Our planning will be in alignment with public health guidance and with students and our employees at the forefront."

To develop the oper-



The lawn in front of Inlow Hall at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande sits empty on May 7.

Photo by Ben Lonergan/EO Media Group

ational details, EOU has created teams to work on specific resumption plans for each area of the university. These teams include employees and students who will help build out resumption plans for in-person classes, labs, office spaces, building access, athletics and residence halls. More specifics will be available over the

next few weeks.

While Union County was approved by the state to begin Phase 1 of the reopening process on May 15, EOU will continue to operate through remote access for the remainder of spring term. Campus offices and buildings also remain closed to the public during this time.

"We continue our com-

mitment to the health and well-being of our students and the continuation of their academic progress," Seydel said. "Everyone, including the local community, has made an incredible effort to serve our students, not only academically, but also by reaching out to make sure students have the support they need during this time."

Former Bend lawmaker Knute Buehler rules out bid for governor

■ He backs Trump's reelection despite earlier criticism

By Gary A. Warner

For the Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — Knute Buehler said he will not run for governor in 2022 and endorses President Donald Trump's reelection this November.

Buehler, the former two-term state representative from Bend, lost the Republican primary for the 2nd Congressional District on May 19. It was his third loss at the polls for a major office, following unsuccessful bids for secretary of state in 2012 and governor in 2018.

In an exchange of emails, Buehler said Thursday that he wouldn't run again for the state's top job in two years.

"No, I am not consid-



Buehler

ering a run for governor in 2022," Buehler said. "But I will support a candidate who can help restore fiscal responsibility and bring government accountability to the state I love so dearly."

Buehler didn't specifically rule out a run for some office someday, but spoke of his personal political career in past tense.

"Politics and public service has been an exhilarating experience made possible by family, friends, and tremendous supporters," he said. "I'll never forget it, but it is time to change my focus to other pursuits."

Buehler said he supports Trump's bid for a second term. Buehler has said he did not vote for Trump in 2016 and has been critical at times of Trump's actions.

But now Buehler says Trump is his choice for the White House in 2020.

"The President's policies have been good for Oregon and good for the U.S.," Buehler said. "I will support his election in November."

Buehler was critical of former Vice President Joe Biden, the likely 2020 Democratic presidential nominee.

"The policies being supported by Joe Biden, like the 'Green New Deal,' open borders, and government takeover of our health care system, are deeply concerning," Buehler said.

In 2012, Buehler decided to make his first bid for public office a run for a statewide office, secretary of state. He won the GOP nomination but lost that November to Democrat Kate Brown. Buehler ran successfully for the House District 54 seat

in 2014, despite a Democratic voter registration edge over Republicans. He was reelected in 2016, then launched his campaign for governor in 2018.

Buehler won the GOP primary to face Brown, now governor.

The pair raised and spent nearly \$40 million, a state campaign record. Despite some polls showing the race too close to call near the end, Brown won with a 6 percentage margin over Buehler.

Despite the loss, Buehler was seen as a top contender to run again in 2022, when Brown wouldn't be on the ballot because of term limits.

"Knute Buehler certainly has the name recognition and fundraising ability," said Jim Moore, a political analyst at Pacific University's Tom McCall Center for Civic Engagement, in

an interview soon after the 2018 election.

But when U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, announced last fall that he would retire from Congress after 22 years, Buehler immediately jumped into the race.

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