

DAILY
PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Tuesday, June 16, the 168th day of 2020. There are 198 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On June 16, 1996, Russian voters went to the polls in their first independent presidential election; the result was a runoff between President Boris Yeltsin (the eventual winner) and Communist challenger Gennady Zyuganov.

ON THIS DATE

In 1567, Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in Lochleven Castle in Scotland. (She escaped almost a year later but ended up imprisoned again.)

In 1858, accepting the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

In 1883, baseball's first "Ladies' Day" took place as the New York Gothams offered women free admission to a game against the Cleveland Spiders.

In 1911, IBM had its beginnings as the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. in New York State.

In 1933, the National Industrial Recovery Act became law with President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signature.

In 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, 26, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6.

In 1970, Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, N.J., became the first black politician elected mayor of a major Northeast city.

In 1987, a jury in New York acquitted Bernhard Goetz of attempted murder in the subway shooting of four youths he said were going to rob him; however, Goetz was convicted of illegal weapons possession. (In 1996, a civil jury ordered Goetz to pay \$43 million to one of the persons he had shot.)

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$2.6 million
4-7-11-32-33-35

Mega Millions: \$20 million
9-14-57-67-70-2 x3

Powerball: \$20 million
2-12-32-50-65-PB-5 x3

Win for Life: June 13
12-23-66-75

Pick 4: June 14

• **1 p.m.:** 7-9-6-4; • **4 p.m.:** 2-9-8-9

• **7 p.m.:** 7-9-0-1; • **10 p.m.:** 8-4-3-9

Pick 4: June 13

• **1 p.m.:** 0-7-2-0; • **4 p.m.:** 3-7-6-8

• **7 p.m.:** 8-7-2-3; • **10 p.m.:** 9-4-9-7

Pick 4: June 12

• **1 p.m.:** 5-3-0-9; • **4 p.m.:** 6-8-7-1

• **7 p.m.:** 3-0-1-1; • **10 p.m.:** 4-3-6-5

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Our memories are card indexes consulted and then returned in disorder by authorities whom we do not control."

— Cyril Connolly, British critic (1903-1974)

Enterprise school board begins planning bond measure

By Ellen Morris Bishop
EO Media Group

ENTERPRISE — The Enterprise School District Board of Directors recently made tentative plans for a bond measure to appear on the November ballot.

The board also learned the city of Enterprise received a grant to provide a school resource officer, discussed getting new LED lighting throughout the school and heard about preliminary guidelines for opening school in the fall.

The board on June 8 reviewed a recent public

opinion survey of school facilities improvements recommended through the TAP grant consultants. The survey indicated that repair of the roof, eliminating storm water damage to buildings and foundations, and upgrade of middle school science labs were among the public's highest priorities.

Replacing the circa-1953 bleachers in the gym and improving the athletic field irrigation system were among the lowest. While the survey only had 54 respondents, the

board decided it provided a helpful picture of public opinion.

To make these improvements, the school district has been approved for a matching grant of up to \$4 million from the state, said Superintendent Erika Pinkerton. The state will match the amount of funding the district can raise through a bond. While the total cost of recommended improvements (including the bleachers and irrigation system) is estimated at more than \$9 million, the board's discussion

focused on optimizing their matching funds.

"I think a \$4 million bond to match the \$4 million from the state would be the best way to go," said board member Adrian Harguess.

Most board members agreed with him. The board will make a final decision in July regarding specific improvements, the amount of a bond needed and whether to put a bond measure on the November 2020 ballot.

In other developments, the board agreed to use

state funds to match Energy Trust funds in an Energy Trust program that would provide new LED lights throughout the building. Specific costs were not yet available.

Pinkerton announced the city of Enterprise had been awarded a grant of \$125,000 from the Community Oriented Policing Services Office, the Cops Hiring Program grant. The funds will provide a school resource officer. The grant would allow Enterprise to hire the officer for three years.

EOU honors grads in virtual ceremony

■ University confers degrees to more than 800 students

By Sabrina Thompson
The Observer

LA GRANDE — Eastern Oregon University held its graduation ceremony virtually Saturday at 10 a.m. A livestream of speeches and the conferring of degrees honored the class of 2020, which due to coronavirus restrictions could not have a traditional commencement.

About 15 minutes before the livestream of the graduation began, a slideshow of videos and photos showcasing the university and Eastern Oregon played over a piano version of "Pomp & Circumstance." University President Tom Insko

addressed the graduates.

"We have experienced great disruption and challenge in the last few months of the 2020 academic year," Insko said. "Graduates, your perseverance and resilience is a testament to the Mountaineer spirit, and we could not be prouder to call you our own."

Insko introduced 2020 President's Scholar Mariah Meyerholz. Her speech addressed the effect the outbreak has had on people directly and indirectly.

"Take today to reflect on the accomplishment of graduating," Meyerholz said. "If someone had told me five years ago I would be sitting here today in my pajama pants, speaking in front of my graduating class, I would not have believed them."

Meyerholz acknowledged the disappointment over not being able to graduate together in person, and she encouraged the graduates to continue to work hard as they face future challenges.

During the speeches, the names of the more than 800 graduates were displayed, noting where each graduate is from and the degree he or she earned.

Deans and faculty from each department congratulated their graduates. Professor of music Paul Wordelman sang the EOU anthem, professor of English and writing Nancy Knowles sang the name of the graduates in her department, and others across departments and colleges wished students the best and offered bits of wisdom.

Sheriff's office rescues woman stuck on cliff at Harris Park

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MILTON-FREEWATER — The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office rescued a Walla Walla woman the night of June 10 after she got stuck on a 40-foot cliff while hiking at Harris Park near Milton-Freewater, according to a press release from the sheriff's office.

Sheriff's deputy John Reitz and five search and rescue volunteers responded to the park around 9:30 p.m. after Eduardo Hazleton, of Portland, reported his sister, Alana Riggle, 29, hadn't returned from a hike.

According to the release, Hazleton told authorities he and two friends were hiking with Riggle that morning to a scenic overlook of the park when they decided to return to their campsite around 11 a.m.

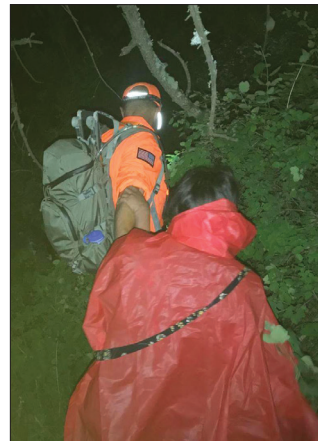


Photo courtesy of the Umatilla County Sheriff's Office

The Umatilla County Sheriff's Office rescues Walla Walla resident Alana Riggle, foreground, after she did not return to a campsite June 10 at Harris Park near Milton-Freewater after hiking with friends.

Riggle opted to stay on the trail, but the group couldn't find her after returning to and searching

the area of the overlook.

The group found a blanket but Hazleton called 911 after the sun began to set and there was no sign of his sister.

Around 11 p.m., Daniel Andros, a Walla Walla search and rescue volunteer, heard yelling. He followed the sound and spotted Riggle "at the top of an approximate 40-foot vertical cliff directly below a rock escarpment," the release stated.

By free climbing up and then rappelling down to Riggle, the search and rescue team secured a rope around her, and then safely brought her up the slope of the rock escarpment.

Riggle was cold but uninjured and declined medical aid at the scene, the release stated.

She was returned to her family's campsite around 1 a.m.

Police ID Hermiston gunshot victim, homicide investigation underway

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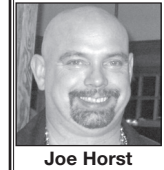
HERMISTON — The Hermiston man found dead from a gunshot wound at an East Francolin residence on June 9 has been identified as Jesus Eli Lopez, 21, according to a press release from the Umatilla County District Attorney's Office.

The Umatilla/Morrow Major Crime Team is investigating Lopez's death as a homicide, the release stated.

Hermiston police were initially dispatched to a residence on the 300 block of East Francolin Avenue at 8:16 a.m. June 9 for a report of an unresponsive male. After arriving, officers determined the man had been killed by a gunshot.

"There is little information available concerning the motive or the identity of the person(s) responsible for the shooting," a June 9 press release about the incident stated. The release added that there will be no additional updates at this time.

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