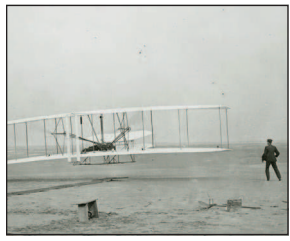


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Monday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 2018. There are 14 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Dec. 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane flights near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

ON THIS DATE

In 1777, France recognized American independence.

In 1865, Franz Schubert's Symphony No. 8, known as the "Unfinished" because only two movements had been completed, was first performed publicly in Vienna 37 years after the composer's death.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$5.6 million
14-20-23-26-27-42

Mega Millions: \$284 million
5-22-26-43-49-23 x4

Powerball: \$262 million
8-38-43-52-55-PB 17-x3

Win for Life: Dec. 15
7-12-24-38

Pick 4:

Dec. 16
• 1 p.m.: 1-8-5-4
• 4 p.m.: 1-1-4-9
• 7 p.m.: 1-4-6-0
• 10 p.m.: 1-7-1-6

Pick 4:

Dec. 15
• 1 p.m.: 2-8-0-2
• 4 p.m.: 3-1-4-2
• 7 p.m.: 6-4-0-6
• 10 p.m.: 3-5-7-3

Pick 4:

Dec. 14
• 1 p.m.: 7-0-3-6
• 4 p.m.: 8-4-4-8
• 7 p.m.: 5-9-4-1
• 10 p.m.: 0-2-4-7

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The man who has done his level best, and who is conscious that he has done his best, is a success, even though the world may write him down a failure."

— B.C. Forbes, *Scottish journalist (1880-1954)*

Wall demand could cause shutdown

The Associated Press

Pushing the government to the brink of a partial shutdown, the White House is insisting that Congress provide \$5 billion to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border despite lawmaker resistance from both parties.

Without a resolution, parts of the federal government will shut down at midnight Friday.

President Donald Trump kept up the pressure on Democrats Monday, tweeting: "Time for us to save billions of dollars a year and have, at the same time, far greater safety and control!"

On Sunday, White House senior adviser Stephen Miller said: "We're going to do whatever is necessary to build the border wall to stop this ongoing crisis of illegal immigration."

Asked if that meant having a government shutdown, he said: "If it comes to it, absolutely."

Trump said last week he would be "proud" to have a shutdown to get Congress to approve a \$5 billion down payment to fulfill his campaign promise to build a border wall. But the president doesn't have the votes from the Republican-controlled Congress to support funding for the wall at that level.

Both major political parties in Congress have suggested that Trump would likely need to make the next move to resolve the impasse. The House is taking an extended weekend break, returning Wednesday night. The Senate returns Monday after a three-day absence.

The Democratic congressional leaders, Sen. Chuck Schumer and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, have proposed no more than \$1.6 billion, as outlined in a bipartisan Senate bill. The money would not go for the wall but for fencing upgrades and other border security. Democrats also offered to simply keep funding at its current level, \$1.3 billion.

Showing no signs of budging, Schumer said Sunday that it was up to Trump to decide whether the federal government will partially shut down, sending thousands of federal employees home without pay during the holidays.

About one-quarter of the government would be affected, including the departments of Homeland Security, Transportation, Agriculture, State and Justice, as well as national parks.

Nativity scene comes to life in La Grande over the weekend



Sharon Magnuson/The Observer

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in La Grande held a Living Nativity event Friday and Saturday. The scene depicted the Town of Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth. Shown above is the village with several booths. At left is Clyde the camel. The 18-year-old camel was a popular attraction at the weekend event.



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