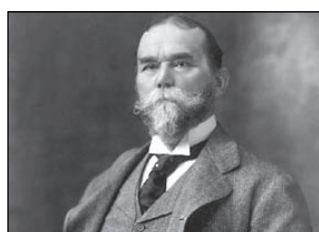


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 2, the second day of 2019. There are 363 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On Jan. 2, 1900, U.S. Secretary of State John Hay announced the "Open Door Policy" to facilitate trade with China.

ON THIS DATE
In 1788, Georgia became the fourth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1792, the first classes began at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

In 1929, the United States and Canada reached agreement on joint action to preserve Niagara Falls.

In 1935, Bruno Hauptmann went on trial in Flemington, New Jersey, on charges of kidnapping and murdering the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was found guilty and executed.)

In 1942, the Philippine capital of Manila was captured by Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1960, Sen. John F. Kennedy of Massachusetts launched his successful bid for the presidency.

In 1967, Republican Ronald Reagan took the oath of office as the new governor of California in a ceremony that took place in Sacramento shortly just after midnight.

In 1983, the original Broadway production of the musical "Annie" closed after a run of 2,377 performances.

LOTTERY
Megabucks: \$6.3 million
1-3-8-15-33-46

Mega Millions: \$40 million
34-44-57-62-70-14 x4

Powerball: \$53 million
12-42-51-53-62-PB 25-x2

Win for Life: Dec. 31
6-11-19-73

Pick 4: Jan. 1
• 1 p.m.: 5-8-0-6
• 4 p.m.: 7-4-0-5
• 7 p.m.: 5-0-7-2
• 10 p.m.: 7-9-8-6
Pick 4: Dec. 31
• 1 p.m.: 9-3-2-7
• 4 p.m.: 4-3-3-4
• 7 p.m.: 2-4-6-7
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QUOTE OF THE DAY
"You are not very good if you are not better than your best friends imagine you to be."
— Johann Kaspar Lavater, Swiss theologian (1741-1801)

Democrats unveil measure to re-open gov't

By Zeke Miller and Lisa Mascaro
The Associated Press

House Democrats unveiled a package of bills Monday that would re-open the federal government without approving funding for President Donald Trump's border wall with Mexico, establishing an early confrontation that will test the new power dynamic in Washington.

Democrats under Nancy Pelosi are all but certain to swiftly approve the two bills, making good on their pledge to try to quickly resolve the partial government shutdown that's now in its second week. What's unclear is whether the Republican-led Senate, under Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., will consider either measure — or if Trump would sign them into law.

"It would be the height of irresponsibility and political cynicism for Senate Republicans to now reject the same legislation they have already supported," Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said in a statement late Monday.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The package does not include the \$5 billion Trump wants for the wall on the southern border.

The president told Fox News Channel in an interview Monday he was "ready, willing and able" to negotiate. He added: "No, we are not giving up. We have to have border security and the wall is a big part of border security."

McConnell spokesman Donald Stewart made it clear Senate Republicans will not take action without Trump's backing. "It's simple: The Senate is not going to send something to the president that he won't sign," he said.

Republican senators are refusing to vote on any bills until all sides, including Trump, are in agreement. Senators were frustrated that Trump had dismissed their earlier legislation to avert the shutdown.



Jose Luis Magana/The Associated Press

A closed sign is displayed at The National Archives entrance in Washington, D.C., Tuesday as a partial government shutdown stretches into its third week.

House Democrats did not confer with Senate Republicans on the package, but the bills are expected to have some bipartisan support because they reflect earlier spending measures already hashed out between the parties and chambers.

One bill will temporarily fund the Department of Homeland Security at current levels, with \$1.3 billion for border security, through Feb. 8, while talks continue.

The other will be on a measure made up of six other bipartisan bills — some that have already passed the Senate — to fund the departments of Agriculture, Interior, Housing and Urban Development and others closed by the partial shutdown. They would provide money through the remainder of the fiscal year, to Sept. 30.

The House is planning two separate votes for Thursday. If approved, the bills would go to the Senate.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-N.C., the chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus, tweeted

without funding for Trump's wall, the package is a "non-starter." He said it "will not be a legitimate answer to this impasse."

But as the shutdown drags on, pressure is expected to build on all sides for a resolution, as public parks and museums close, and some 800,000 federal workers are going without pay.

Trump could accept or reject either bill, and it's unclear how he would respond. The president continued to insist Monday he wants to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, despite assertions otherwise of three confidants.

"An all concrete Wall was NEVER ABANDONED," Trump tweeted Monday. "Some areas will be all concrete but the experts at Border Patrol prefer a Wall that is see through (thereby making it possible to see what is happening on both sides)."

Later Monday, Trump tweeted, "The Democrats will probably submit a Bill, being cute as always, which gives everything away but

gives NOTHING to Border Security, namely the Wall."

Trump's comments came after officials, including his departing chief of staff, indicated the president's signature campaign pledge to build the wall would not be fulfilled as advertised. White House chief of staff John Kelly told the Los Angeles Times in an interview published Sunday that Trump abandoned the notion of "a solid concrete wall early on in the administration."

"To be honest, it's not a wall," Kelly said, adding that the mix of technological enhancements and "steel slat" barriers the president now wants along the border resulted from conversations with law enforcement professionals.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., emerged from a Sunday lunch at the White House to tell reporters "the wall has become a metaphor for border security" and re-

ferred to "a physical barrier along the border."

Graham said Trump was "open-minded" about a broader immigration agreement, saying the budget impasse presented an opportunity to address issues beyond the border wall. But a previous attempt to reach a compromise that addressed the status of "Dreamers" — young immigrants brought to the U.S. illegally as children — broke down last year as a result of escalating White House demands.

Graham told CNN before his lunch with Trump that "there will never be a deal without wall funding."

The partial government shutdown began Dec. 22, 2018, after Trump bowed to conservative demands that he fight to make good on his vow and secure funding for the wall before Republicans lose control of the House today Democrats have remained committed to blocking any funding for the wall, and with neither side engaging in substantive negotiation, the effect of the partial shutdown has spread and to extended into the new year.

New Baker County YMCA director starts end of January

By Casey Crowley
WesCom News Service

Luke Gibson will start work Jan. 28 as executive director of the Baker County YMCA. Gibson, 39, of Sheridan, Wyoming, has been the youth and adult sports director for the YMCA in Sheridan for the past 14 years.

His experience and emphasis on fundraising were part of the reason he was chosen for the Baker County position, said Lindy Petrik, who has served as interim director for the Baker County YMCA since early October 2018.

Petrik replaced Heidi Dalton, who served as CEO for six years.

Petrik will return to her role on the YMCA board of directors when Gibson takes over.

Gibson, who earned a bachelor's degree in business administration, also served as a city councilor in Sheridan, which has a population of about 17,000.

Prior to interviewing for the Baker County YMCA position, Gibson had never visited Baker City. He grew up in Gooding, Idaho, about a four-hour drive from Baker City.

Gibson said he decided to leave Sheridan because there was not much opportunity for upward mobility within the local YMCA, which had recently hired a new, young executive director.

Gibson said he knew he wanted to continue to work with the YMCA, and he learned about the opening in Baker City on YMCA Exchange, a database that shows all the openings at YMCAs around the country.

Gibson said he hopes to be involved with the Baker School District while he's running the Baker County YMCA.

He started working for the YMCA after the small lumber store where he was employed closed.

Gibson said he enjoys working for the YMCA because he feels that he can make a profound difference with the organization.

He will be moving to Baker City with his wife and their three children.



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