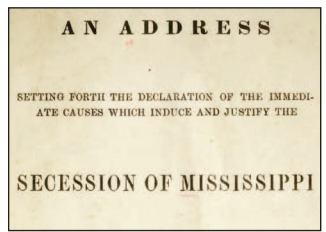


# DAILY PLANNER

## TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2019. There are 356 days left in the year.



## TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Jan. 9, 1861, Mississippi became the second state to secede from the Union, the same day the Star of the West, a merchant vessel bringing reinforcements and supplies to Federal troops at Fort Sumter, South Carolina, retreated because of artillery fire.

## ON THIS DATE

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1908, French philosopher and feminist Simone de Beauvoir was born in Paris.

In 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1914, the County of Los Angeles opened the country's first public defender's office.

In 1916, the World War I Battle of Gallipoli ended after eight months with an Ottoman Empire victory as Allied forces withdrew.

In 1931, Bobbi Trout and Edna May Cooper broke an endurance record for female aviators as they returned to Mines Field in Los Angeles after flying a Curtiss Robin monoplane continuously for 122 hours and 50 minutes.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing on the shores of Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines as the Battle of Luzon got underway, resulting in an Allied victory over Imperial Japanese forces.

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his State of the Union address to Congress, warned of the threat of Communist imperialism.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purported autobiography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

## LOTTERY

**Megabucks:** \$6.6 million  
1-3-19-23-39-41

**Mega Millions:** \$50 million  
13-26-29-38-64-5 x5

**Powerball:** \$82 million  
3-7-15-27-69-PB 19-x2

**Win for Life:** Jan. 7  
7-20-30-43

**Pick 4:** Jan. 8  
• 1 p.m.: 6-5-6-3  
• 4 p.m.: 5-0-2-1  
• 7 p.m.: 2-9-3-3  
• 10 p.m.: 4-3-0-0  
**Pick 4:** Jan. 7  
• 1 p.m.: 8-7-8-7  
• 4 p.m.: 5-9-7-8  
• 7 p.m.: 5-3-7-6  
• 10 p.m.: 4-0-2-7

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"One's lifework, I have learned, grows with the working and the living. Do it as if your life depended on it, and first thing you know, you'll have made a life out of it. A good life, too."

— *Theresa Helburn, American theatrical producer (1887-1959)*

## ELGIN

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has seen in the past 30 years. Of those 23 acres, 19 will become one-acre lots for building new homes in an area named Indian Valley Estates.

As the city limits expanded, so did city hall. Instead of adding on to the old building as the city has done in the past, the Elgin City Council purchased the office building at 790 N. Eighth Ave. from W.C. Construction in December 2018 for \$1.18 million, although it is valued at \$1.6 million, according to Duffy.

Dennis Cross, retired co-owner of W.C. Construction, said he was pleased to sell the property to the city for a fair price.

"We were afraid (the building) would be pieced out, so we're really happy to see the city get it," he said.

The old city hall building will become the new Elgin Museum, and the current museum will be donated to the high school's shop program, so no buildings will sit vacant.

The new council chamber, the largest room in the complex, will also serve as the city courtroom. Data ports on the courtroom bench will allow council members to download information directly from the city's website onto their iPads, establishing an entirely paperless system, Duffy explained.

Along with impressive technological improvements, the interior of the building is bright, clean and open,

giving off a modern and welcoming atmosphere. The circuit-like layout connects all city offices and the council chamber to the lobby, thus creating a sense of flow and unity in the space. City service offices based in the new city hall include the Mayor's Office, Union County Sheriff's Office, Animal Control, City Administrator, Ordinance Officer, Municipal Court and Public Works.

Because the space also features three leasable offices, the rent of which would cover the building payment each month, taxpayers will not feel the impact of this purchase in their own wallets. Duffy said although no one has signed yet, one space may house an optometrist's office. Other savings will come

in the form of utilities. The old public works shop, built in 1918, cost \$2,000 per month to heat in the winter and was expected to last only until 2023. Luckily, the W.C. Construction office building already had its own shop, making the location a perfect fit for all Elgin's city facilities. Because the new shop is insulated, the city expects a 90 percent decrease in monthly heating costs in the winter.

"Everything that we needed — everything that was on our wish list and then some — is right here in this building," Duffy said. "It's exactly what Elgin needed."

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Elgin Mayor Allan Duffy, right, and community members celebrate the opening of the new city hall offices Monday evening with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

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