December 4

December 4 is the 338th day of the year (339th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 27 days remaining until the end of the year.

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brother **Charlemagne** King of the now complete **Frankish** Kingdom.

- 963 Pope Leo VIII is elected.
- <u>1110</u> <u>First Crusade</u>: The <u>Crusaders</u> conquer <u>Sidon</u>.
- 1154 Nicholas Breakspear is elected to become <u>Pope Adrian IV</u>, and is the only Englishman to have been <u>Pope</u>.
- 1259 Kings Louis IX of France and Henry III of England agree to the Treaty of Paris, in which Henry renounces his claims to French-controlled territory on continental Europe (including Normandy) in exchange for Louis withdrawing his support for English rebels.
- <u>1563</u> The final session of the <u>Council of Trent</u> is held (it opened on <u>December 13</u>, <u>1545</u>).
- 1619 38 colonists from Berkeley Parish in England disembark in Virginia and give thanks to God (this is considered to be the first Thanksgiving in the Americas).
- <u>1639</u> <u>Jeremiah Horrocks</u> made the first observation of a <u>transit of Venus</u>. (<u>November 24</u> under the <u>Julian calendar</u>.)
- 1674 Father <u>Jacques Marquette</u> founds a mission on the shores of <u>Lake Michigan</u> to minister to the <u>Illiniwek</u> (the mission would later grow into the city of <u>Chicago</u>, <u>Illinois</u>).
- 1676 Battle of Lund: A Danish army under the command of King Christian V of Denmark engages the Swedish army commanded by Field Marshal Simon Grundel-Helmfelt.
- <u>1745</u> <u>Charles Edward Stuart</u>'s <u>army</u> reaches <u>Derby</u>, its furthest point during the second <u>Jacobite</u> Rising.
- <u>1783</u> At Fraunces Tavern in <u>New York City</u>, United States General <u>George Washington</u> formally bids his officers farewell.
- 1791 The first issue of *The Observer*, the world's first Sunday newspaper, is published.
- 1829 In the face of fierce opposition, <u>British</u> governor <u>Lord William Bentinck</u> carries a regulation declaring that all who abetted <u>suttee</u> in <u>India</u> were guilty of culpable <u>homicide</u>.
- 1864 American Civil War: Sherman's March to the Sea At Waynesboro, Georgia, forces under Union General Judson Kilpatrick prevent troops led by Confederate General Joseph Wheeler from interfering with Union General William T. Sherman's campaign

- destroying a wide swath of the South on his march to the <u>Atlantic</u> <u>Ocean</u> from Atlanta (Union forces did suffer more than three times the Confederate casualties, however).
- <u>1867</u> Former <u>Minnesota</u> farmer <u>Oliver Hudson Kelley</u> founds the Order of the Patrons of Husbandry (better known today as the <u>Grange movement</u>).
- <u>1872</u> The crewless <u>American</u> ship <u>Mary Celeste</u> is found by the <u>British</u> brig *Dei Gratia* (the ship was abandoned for 9 days but was only slightly damaged).
- <u>1875</u> Notorious <u>New York City</u> politician <u>Boss Tweed</u> escapes from prison and flees to <u>Cuba</u>, then <u>Spain</u>.
- <u>1881</u> The first edition of the <u>Los Angeles Times</u> is published.
- 1893 First Matabele War: A patrol of 34 British South African company soldiers is ambushed and wiped out by more than 3,000 Matabele warriors on the Shangani River in Matabeleland in present-day Zimbabwe.

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- <u>1906</u> <u>Alpha Phi Alpha</u> Fraternity Inc., the first intercollegiate Greekletter <u>fraternity</u> in the United States established for men of African descent, was founded at <u>Cornell University</u>.
- 1909 The Montreal Canadiens ice hockey team is founded.
- <u>1918</u> <u>United States President Woodrow Wilson</u> sails for the <u>World War</u> I peace talks in <u>Versailles</u>, becoming the first <u>United States President</u> to travel to <u>Europe</u> while in office.
- 1921 The <u>Virginia Rappe manslaughter</u> trial against <u>Roscoe 'Fatty' Arbuckle</u> ends in a hung <u>jury</u>.
- 1934 Daisetzuan National Park is created in Japan.
- <u>1937</u> The first issue of the <u>Dandy</u> is published.
- 1942 Holocaust: In Warsaw, Zofia Kossak-Szczucka and Wanda Filipowicz set up Żegota.
- 1943 World War II: In Yugoslavia, resistance leader Marshal Tito proclaims a provisional democratic Yugoslav government in-exile.
- <u>1943</u> <u>United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt closes the Works Progress Administration.</u>
- 1944 World War II: An Allied air raid on the German city of Heilbronn kills 6,500 people.
- <u>1945</u> By a vote of 65 to 7, the <u>United States Senate</u> approves <u>United States</u> participation in the <u>United Nations</u> (the UN was established on <u>October 24</u>, 1945).

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• <u>1951</u> – Mir Waiz Maulvi Muhammad Yusouf appointed President of <u>Azad Kashmir Government</u>.

- 1952 Great Smog of 1952: A cold fog descends upon London, combining with air pollution and killing up to 12,000 in the weeks and months that follow.
- 1954 The first Burger King opens in Miami, Florida.
- <u>1958</u> <u>Dahomey</u> (present-day <u>Benin</u>) becomes a self-governing country within the <u>French Community</u>.
- <u>1967</u> <u>Vietnam War</u>: <u>US</u> and <u>South Vietnamese</u> forces engage <u>NLF</u> troops in the <u>Mekong Delta</u>.
- 1969 Black Panther members Fred Hampton and Mark Clark are shot and killed in their sleep during a raid by 14 Chicago, Illinois police officers.
- 1969 Surfer Greg Noll rides a 65-foot wave on the North Shore of Oahu, still the highest ever recorded.
- <u>1971</u> <u>UN</u> Security Council calls emergency session to consider deteriorating situation between <u>India</u> and <u>Pakistan</u>.
- 1971 The Montreux Casino in Switzerland is set ablaze by someone wielding a flare gun during a Frank Zappa concert.
- 1974 A Dutch Douglas DC-8 <u>airliner</u>, carrying <u>Indonesian</u> pilgrims to <u>Mecca</u>, crashes in <u>Colombo</u>, <u>Sri Lanka</u>, killing all 191 people on board.
- <u>1975</u> <u>Suriname</u> joins the <u>UN</u>.
- 1977 Jean-Bédel Bokassa, president of the Central African Republic, crowns himself Emperor Bokassa I of the Central African Empire.
- 1977 Malaysia Airlines Flight 653 is hijacked and crashes in Tanjong Kupang, Johor, killing 100.
- 1978 Following the murder of Mayor George Moscone, Dianne Feinstein becomes San Francisco, California's first woman mayor (she served until January 8, 1988).
- 1979 The Hastie fire in Hull, kills three schoolboys and eventually leads police to arrest Bruce George Peter Lee.
- 1980 The rock group Led Zeppelin formally announce their breakup.
- 1981 South Africa grants "homeland" Ciskei independence (not recognized outside South Africa).
- 1982 The People's Republic of China adopts its current constitution.
- 1984 Sri Lankan Civil War: Sri Lankan army soldiers kill between 107 and 150 civilians.
- 1984 Hezbollah militants hijack a <u>Kuwaiti</u> Airlines plane, killing 4 passengers.
- 1991 Journalist Terry Anderson is released after 7 years in captivity as a hostage in Beirut (he was the last and longest-held American hostage in Lebanon).
- 1991 United States airline Pan Am ends operations.
- 1992 Somali Civil War: President George H. W. Bush orders 28,000 US troops to Somalia.
- 1993 A truce is concluded between the government of Angola and UNITA rebels.
- 1994 Pakistan wins World Hockey Championship after 12 years, beating the Netherlands by four goals to three, in Sydney.
- 1998 *Unity*, the second module of the <u>International Space Station</u>, is launched.

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- 2001 Lisa Beamer, wife of <u>Todd Beamer</u>, through the Todd M. Beamer Foundation, registers [1] the trademark "<u>Let's Roll</u>" with the <u>United States Patent and Trademark Office</u> less than three months after his death in the <u>September 11 attacks</u> in the <u>United States</u>.
- 2005 Tens of thousands of people in <u>Hong Kong protested for</u> democracy and called on the <u>Government</u> to allow <u>universal and equal suffrage</u>.
- 2006 An adult giant <u>squid</u> is caught on <u>video</u> for the first time near the Ogasawara Islands of <u>Japan</u>.
- 2009 A fire in a night club in Perm, Russia, kills 113 people.
- 2016 Alexander Van der Bellen defeats Norbert Hofer in the re-run of Austria's presidential election.
- <u>2016</u> <u>Constitutional</u> reform is rejected by a majority in a national referendum in <u>Italy</u>, leading to Prime Minister <u>Matteo Renzi</u>'s announcement that he is to resign from office.

Births

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- <u>34</u> <u>Persius</u>, Roman <u>poet</u> (d. <u>62</u>)
- 1555 Heinrich Meibom, German poet and historian (d. 1625)
- 1585 John Cotton, English clergyman (d. 1652)
- 1595 Jean Chapelain, French poet (d. 1674)
- 1647 Daniel Eberlin, German composer and conductor (d. 1715)
- 1670 John Aislabie, English politician (d. 1742)
- 1711 Barbara of Portugal, Queen of Spain (d. 1758)
- 1713 Gasparo Gozzi, Italian critic and playwright (d. 1785)
- 1791 Jane Franklin, British adventurer (d. 1875)
- <u>1795</u> <u>Thomas Carlyle</u>, Scottish <u>writer</u> and historian (d. <u>1881</u>)
- 1798 Jules Armand Dufaure, 33rd Prime Minister of France (d. 1884)
- 1808 Duke Maximilian Joseph in Bavaria (d. 1888)
- <u>1817</u> <u>Nikoloz Baratashvili</u>, <u>Georgian poet</u> (d. <u>1845</u>)
- 1835 Samuel Butler, English writer (d. 1902)
- 1844 Franz Xavier Wernz, German religious leader (d. 1914)
- 1849 Crazy Horse, Native American leader (d. 1877)
- <u>1852</u> <u>Orest Khvolson</u>, Russian <u>physicist</u> (d. <u>1934</u>)
- 1861 Hannes Hafstein, 1st Prime Minister of Iceland (d. 1922)
- 1861 Lillian Russell, American actress and singer (d. 1922)
- 1865 Edith Cavell, British nurse (d. 1915)
- <u>1875</u> <u>Rainer Maria Rilke</u>, Austrian <u>poet</u> and <u>writer</u> (d. <u>1926</u>)
- 1878 Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich of Russia (d. 1918)

- <u>1881</u> <u>Erwin von Witzleben</u>, German <u>general</u> and Resistance activist (d. 1944)
- 1889 Lloyd Bacon, American actor and director (d. 1955)
- 1892 Liu Bocheng, Chinese military commander (d. 1986)
- 1892 Francisco Franco, dictator of Spain (d. 1975)
- 1893 Herbert Read, English art historian and philosopher (d. 1968)
- 1895 Fung Yu-lan, Chinese philosopher (d. 1990)
- 1899 Charlie Spencer, English footballer and manager (d. 1953)

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- 1908 Alfred Hershey, American bacteriologist (d. 1997)
- 1909 Archduke Karl Pius of Austria, Prince of Tuscany (d. 1953)
- 1910 R. Venkataraman, 8th President of India (d. 2009)
- 1913 Robert Adler, American physicist and inventor (d. 2007)
- 1913 Mark Robson, Canadian-American movie director, producer and editor (d. 1978)
- 1914 Claude Renoir, French cinematographer (d. 1993)
- 1917 Movita Castaneda, American actress and singer (d. 2016)
- <u>1918</u> <u>Robert Ettinger</u>, American <u>academic</u> and pioneer of <u>Cryonics</u> (d. <u>2011</u>)
- 1919 I. K. Gujral, Prime Minister of India (d. 2012)
- 1920 Nadir Afonso, Portuguese painter (d. 2013)
- 1921 Deanna Durbin, Canadian actress (d. 2013)
- 1921 Carlos Franqui, Cuban writer and journalist (d. 2010)
- 1923 Charles Keating, American lawyer, financier and real estate developer (d. 2014)
- 1923 Demmus Hentze, Faroese politician (d. 2016)
- 1923 John Krish, British screenwriter and director (d. 2016)
- 1925 Lino Lacedelli, Italian mountain climber (d. 2009)
- 1926 Shigeo Sugimoto, Japanese footballer (d. 2002)
- 1926 Monty M. Wyche, American judge (d. 2014)
- 1927 Gae Aulenti, Italian architect and designer (d. 2012)
- 1927 Rafael Sánchez Ferlosio, Spanish writer (d. 2019)
- 1930 Ronnie Corbett, Scottish actor and comedian (d. 2016)
- <u>1930</u> <u>Jim Hall</u>, American <u>jazz guitarist</u>, <u>composer</u> and arranger (d. 2013)
- 1931 Alex Delvecchio, Canadian ice hockey player
- 1932 Roh Tae-woo, former President of South Korea
- 1933 Horst Buchholz, German actor (d. 2003)
- 1935 Paul Henry O'Neill, 72nd United States Secretary of the Treasury
- 1939 Freddy Cannon, American rock musician
- 1939 Stephen W. Bosworth, American diplomat (d. 2016)
- 1939 Etienne Mourrut, French politician (d. 2014)
- 1940 Gary Gilmore, American murderer (d. 1977)
- <u>1942</u> <u>Gemma Jones</u>, English actress
- <u>1944</u> <u>Anna McGarrigle</u>, Canadian <u>folk musician</u>, singer and songwriter
- 1944 Dennis Wilson, American musician (d. 1983)

- 1944 Chris Hillman, American singer-songwriter and guitarist
- 1945 Roberta Bondar, Canadian astronaut
- 1949 Jeff Bridges, American actor
- 1949 Pamela Stephenson, New Zealand-born actress and psychologist

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- 1951 Gary Rossington, American musician (Lynyrd Skynyrd)
- 1951 Patricia Wettig, American actress and playwright
- 1953 Jean-Marie Pfaff, Belgian footballer
- 1954 Tony Todd, American actor and movie producer
- <u>1955</u> <u>Philip Hammond</u>, British politician
- 1955 Cassandra Wilson, American singer
- 1956 Bernard King, American basketball player
- <u>1956</u> <u>Nia Griffith</u>, Welsh politician
- 1957 Eric S. Raymond, American computer programmer and author
- 1959 Christa Luding-Rothenburger, German speed skater
- 1960 Glynis Nunn, Australian athlete
- 1962 Nixon Kiprotich, Kenyan middle-distance runner
- 1963 Sergey Bubka, Ukrainian pole vaulter
- 1964 Sertab Erener, Turkish singer
- 1964 Marisa Tomei, American actress
- 1965 Carlos Carvalhal, Portuguese footballer and manager
- 1965 Alex de la Iglesia, Spanish movie director, screenwriter and producer
- <u>1965</u> <u>Ulf Kirsten</u>, German <u>footballer</u>
- 1966 Fred Armisen, American actor, writer, producer, director, musician and comedian
- 1969 Jay-Z, American rapper
- 1970 Kevin Sussman, American actor
- 1972 <u>Jassen Cullimore</u>, Canadian <u>ice hockey</u> player
- <u>1973</u> <u>Tyra Banks</u>, American <u>model</u>
- 1974 Tadahito Iguchi, Japanese baseball player

From 1976

- 1976 Mbo Mpenza, Belgian footballer
- <u>1979</u> <u>Jay DeMerit</u>, American <u>footballer</u>
- 1982 Waldo Ponce, Chilean footballer
- 1984 Lindsay Felton, American actress
- 1984 Lauren London, American actress
- 1984 Brooke Adams, American wrestler and model
- 1985 Krista Siegfrids, Finnish singer
- 1986 Kaija Udras, Estonian skier
- <u>1987</u> <u>Orlando Brown</u>, American actor
- 1988 Andriv Pylyayskyi, Ukrainian footballer
- 1988 Mario Maurer, Thai actor and singer
- 1990 Igor Sjunin, Estonian triple jumper

- 1990 Lukman Haruna, Nigerian footballer
- 1992 Jean-Claude Iranzi, Rwandan footballer
- 1992 Guan Xueting, Chinese ice dancer
- 1995 Dina Asher-Smith, English track-and-field athlete
- <u>1996</u> <u>Diogo Jota</u>, Portuguese <u>footballer</u>

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- 749 John of Damascus, Syrian monk, priest and saint (b. 676)
- 771 Carloman, Frankish ruler
- 1075 Anno II, Archbishop of Cologne (b. 1010)
- 1123 Omar Khayyam, Persian poet, philosopher, astronomer and mathematician (b. 1048)
- 1214 William the Lion, King of Scotland (b. 1143)
- 1334 Pope John XXII (b. 1249)
- 1576 George Joachim Rheticus, Austrian-Slovakian mathematician (b. 1544)
- 1609 Alexander Hume, Scottish poet (b. 1560)
- <u>1642</u> <u>Cardinal Richelieu</u> (b. <u>1885</u>)
- 1679 Thomas Hobbes, English philosopher (b. 1588)
- 1680 Thomas Bartholin, Danish physician, mathematician and theologian (b. 1616)
- <u>1696</u> <u>Empress Meisho</u> of <u>Japan</u> (b. <u>1624</u>)
- 1798 Luigi Galvani, Italian physicist (b. 1737)
- 1828 Robert Jenkinson, 2nd Earl of Liverpool, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (b. 1770)
- 1850 William Sturgeon, British physicist and inventor (b. 1783)
- 1891 Frederick Whitaker, Prime Minister of New Zealand (b. 1812)
- <u>1893</u> <u>John Tyndall</u>, Irish <u>physicist</u> (b. <u>1820</u>)
- 1894 Leon Ribbett, Governor of New Jersey (b. 1836)
- 1897 Griffith Rhys Iones, Welsh conductor (b. 1834)

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- 1902 Charles Dow, American journalist (b. 1851)
- 1916 Preston Lea, Governor of New Jersey (b. 1841)
- 1926 Ivana Kobilca, Slovenian poet (b. 1861)
- 1935 Charles Robert Richet, French physiologist, won the 1913 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (b. 1850)
- 1935 Johan Halvorsen, Norwegian violinist, composer and conductor (b. 1864)
- 1937 Wilbur L. Adams, Governor of Delaware (b. 1884)
- 1938 Tamanishiki San'emon, Japanese sumo wrestler (b. 1903)

- 1942 Juhan Kukk, Estonian politician (b. 1885)
- <u>1945</u> <u>Thomas Hunt Morgan</u>, American <u>geneticist</u> and <u>embryologist</u> (b. <u>1866</u>)
- <u>1967</u> <u>Bert Lahr</u>, American actor and singer (b. <u>1895</u>)
- <u>1971</u> <u>Shunryu Suzuki</u>, Japanese-American spiritual teacher (b. <u>1904</u>)
- <u>1975</u> <u>Hannah Arendt</u>, German <u>philosopher</u> (b. <u>1906</u>)
- <u>1976</u> <u>Benjamin Britten</u>, English <u>composer</u> (b. <u>1913</u>)
- 1976 Tommy Bolin, American guitarist (b. 1951)
- 1980 Francisco Sá Carneiro, Prime Minister of Portugal (b. 1934)
- 1980 Stanislawa Walasiewicz, Polish athlete (b. 1911)
- <u>1984</u> <u>Jack Mercer</u>, American animator, screenwriter, voice actor and singer (b. <u>1910</u>)
- <u>1987</u> <u>Rouben Mamoulian</u>, Armenian-American <u>movie director</u> (b. <u>1897</u>)
- 1993 Frank Zappa, American musician (b. 1940)
- 2000 Henck Arron, 1st Prime Minister of Suriname (b. 1936)

From 2001

- 2004 Elizabeth Azcona Cranwell, Argentine poet and translator (b. 1933)
- <u>2007</u> <u>Pimp C</u>, American <u>rapper</u> (b. <u>1973</u>)
- 2008 Forrest J Ackerman, American science fiction publisher (b. 1916)
- 2009 Eddie Fatu, professional wrestler better known as *Umaga* (b. 1973)
- 2011 Dev Anand, Indian actor, director and producer (b. 1923)
- 2011 Socrates, Brazilian footballer (b. 1954)
- 2011 Hubert Sumlin, American blues guitarist (b. 1931)
- 2011 Matti Yrjana Joensuu, Finnish crime fiction writer (b. 1948)
- 2012 Miguel Calero, Colombian footballer (b. 1971)
- <u>2012</u> <u>Besse Cooper</u>, American <u>supercentenarian</u>, oldest person in the world from June 21, 2011 (b. <u>1896</u>)
- 2013 Joana Raspall i Juanola, Catalan writer (b. 1913)
- 2014 Claudia Emerson, American poet (b. 1957)
- <u>2014</u> <u>V. R. Krishna Iyer</u>, Indian <u>judge</u> (b. <u>1914</u>)
- 2014 Lynne Kosky, Australian politician (b. 1958)
- 2014 <u>Jeremy Thorpe</u>, English politician (b. 1929)
- 2015 Bill Bennett, Canadian politician, <u>Premier</u> of <u>British Columbia</u> (b. 1932)
- 2015 Robert Loggia, American actor (b. 1930)
- 2015 Yossi Sarid, Israeli politician (b. 1940)
- 2015 Dag Skogheim, Norwegian writer (b. 1928)
- 2015 Erik De Vlaeminck, Belgian cyclist (b. 1945)
- <u>2016</u> <u>Gotlib</u>, French comics artist (b. <u>1934</u>)
- 2017 <u>Iimmy Hood</u>, Scottish politician (b. 1948)
- <u>2017</u> <u>Shashi Kapoor</u>, Indian actor (b. <u>1938</u>)
- 2017 Christine Keeler, English model (b. 1942)
- 2017 Manuel Marín, Spanish politician (b. 1949)
- 2017 Ali Abdullah Saleh, President of Yemen (b. 1942)
- 2017 Carles Santos, Spanish pianist (b. 1940)

- 2017 Rudolph G. Wilson, American professor, storyteller, writer and public speaker (b. 1935)
- <u>2018</u> <u>Kadyrzhan Batyrov</u>, Kyrgyz businessman and political activist (b. 1956)
- 2018 Selma Engel-Wijnberg, Dutch Holocaust survivor (b. 1922)
- 2018 Nika Rurua, Georgian politician (b. 1968)
- 2019 Thomas Elsaesser, German film historian and critic (b. 1943)
- 2019 Leonard Goldberg, American film and television producer (b. 1934)
- 2019 Rosa Morena, Spanish flamenco pop singer and actress (b. 1941)
- 2019 Margaret Morgan Lawrence, American psychiatrist and psychoanalyst (b. 1914)
- 2019 Bob Willis, English cricketer (b. 1949)

Observances

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- Navy Day (India and Italy)
- Miners' Day (Poland)
- Thai Environment Day
- Tupou I Day (<u>Tonga</u>)
- St. Barbara Christian Saint

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