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Public hearing on proposed park is Tuesday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Public hearings on proposed zoning changes will highlight the Tuesday meeting of the Big Spring City Council, which will be gavelled to order at 5:30 p.m. in

council chambers located at 307 E. Fourth St.

The council will hold the second of two public hearings on plans to develop the area between the Hotel Settles and the Municipal Auditorium into a park which would be

used for both public and private uses.

Brint Ryan, owner of the Hotel Settles, presented his proposal for the development of a park to the council during its December meeting, and the idea was met with general approval from those

in attendance.

City Manager Todd Darden said the development fits into the city's master plan to help revitalize the downtown area, and he encourages public input from the citizenry. According to draw-

ings advertised by the developer, Cap Rock Holdings, the Cap Rock Plaza will be built between the two buildings. That would also mean the permanent closure of Johnson Street between Fourth and Third streets. See **CITY**, Page 3

CMTA to hold spring registration

Spring registration for the Children's Miracle Theater for the Arts (CMTA) will begin Tuesday, Jan. 17.

CMTA is a nonprofit organization open to children ages 6-12 years old and teaches a number of aspects of theater from acting to back stage work, set design, and more. According to Program Director Sharon Rich, CMTA also teaches many life lessons from improving self confidence, team work, concentration, self discipline, cooperation, memory skills, social awareness, and a general appreciation of the arts.

However, enrollment is limited. The cost is \$80. Student will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each Tuesday night through April. The program will wrap up with a one-act play performed on April 29-30.

For more information or to register, contact Rich at 432-517-0723. Space is limited.

— *Lyndel Moody*

BSFD responds to scene



Big Spring first responders deal with smoke coming from a the garage of a residence in the 600 block of Dallas Street about 10:30 Saturday morning.

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Floods force hundreds of evacuations in California, Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Hundreds fled homes as a massive winter storm packing heavy rain, damaging winds and lightning caused mudslides and widespread flooding in Northern California and Nevada.

The Russian River in California's Sonoma County and the Truckee River near Reno, Nevada, overflowed their banks late Sunday and officials said both waterways could stay at the flood stage for days. Forecasters warned a second storm is expected to hit the already drenched area Monday night.

Schools were canceled in hard-hit Sonoma, where homes were evacuated, thou-

sands were without power and many roads were unpassable.

Fears of avalanches were growing in the northern Sierra Nevada as rain soaked the snowpack.

Heavy downpours also moved into Southern California early Monday, where commuters were warned of flooding along Los Angeles-area highways and possible mudslides along hillsides scarred by wildfires.

Crews across Northern California cleared trees and debris following mudslides caused by the steady rain accompanying the system that could dump 15 inches in the

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State sales tax revenue totaled \$2.4 billion in December

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar said Wednesday that state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.44 billion in December, 4.9 percent more than in December 2015.

"Sales tax revenue growth was led by collections from sectors driven by consumer spending — retail trade and information services," Hegar said. "Tax receipts from oil — and natural gas — related sectors continued to decline relative to the previous year."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in December 2016 was up by 0.6 percent compared with the same period a year ago.



Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections. Motor vehicle

sales and rental taxes, motor fuel taxes and oil and natural gas production taxes also are large revenue sources for the state.

In December 2016, Texas collected the following revenue from those taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$357 million, down 1.3 percent from December 2015;
- motor fuels taxes — \$289.5 million, up 7.5 percent from December 2015; and
- oil and natural gas production taxes — \$228.5 million, down 4.4 percent from December 2015.

For details on all monthly collections, visit the Comptroller's Monthly State Revenue Watch.

GasBuddy forecasts highest gas prices in three years for 2017

Special to the Herald

BOSTON — Motorists may get some sticker shock in 2017 and will shell out \$52 billion more over the course of the year compared to 2016 as the national yearly average rises to \$2.49 per gallon, according to GasBuddy's 2017 Fuel Price Outlook.

Aside from gasoline prices that are forecast to be higher than 2016, highlights include:

- \$355 billion will be spent on gasoline in the U.S. over the course of the year, \$52 billion more than last year. That's a considerable jump given that motorists saved \$39 billion on gasoline in 2016 versus 2015.

- The seasonal switch from 'winter-blend' to 'summer-blend' as mandated by EPA and the Clean Air Act will bring a spike at the

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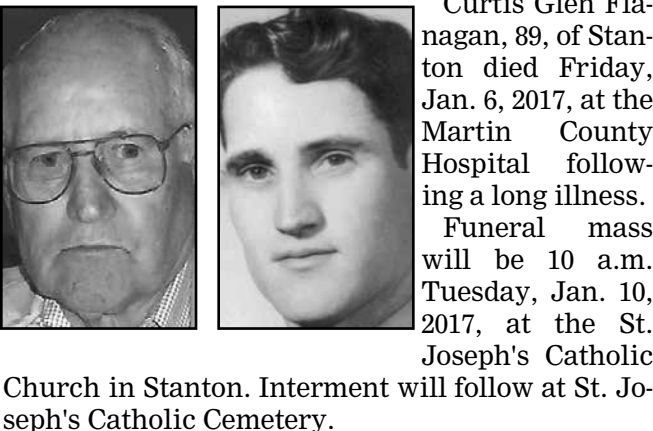
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Obituaries

Curtis Glen Flanagan



Curtis Glen Flanagan, 89, of Stanton died Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, at the Martin County Hospital following a long illness. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017, at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Curtis's family dates back to the first settlement in Martin County and the establishment of the Catholic Church in Marienfeld (later Stanton) in 1881. He was born on July 22, 1927, to the late Walter Curtis "Curt" and Annie Mary (Peters) Flanagan.

Curtis graduated from Stanton High School and enlisted in the United States Navy on Aug. 1, 1945, serving in World War II for 11 months until the dismissal of troops in June 1946. He was drafted into the United States Army in September 1950 at the beginning of the Korean War. He married Billie Lorine Tucker of originally of Coahoma, Texas, on March 27, 1951, in Colorado Springs, Colo., while serving in the United States Army. They were later stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, where their two eldest children were born. Upon his honorable dis-

charge from the U.S. Army in September 1957, he and Billie moved back to Martin County, Texas, where he worked as a mechanic for White Motor Company. In 1966, Curtis started his long career as a cotton farmer on the family land.

Curtis is survived by his wife of almost 66 years, Billie Flanagan of Stanton; one son, William Curtis Flanagan and wife Betty of Stanton; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann Cook and husband Mike of Dumas, and Leah Susan Flanagan of Stanton; four grandchildren, Kara Leann Ulibarri and husband Monty, William Coryn Flanagan and wife Katherine, Jared Glenn Cook and wife Rachel, and Sean David Flanagan and wife Hali; three great-granddaughters, Marlee Elizabeth Ulibarri, Leena Rose Flanagan, and Victoria Ann Flanagan; and two sisters, Annie L. Fox of Big Spring, and Margaret Franks of Stanton.

In addition to his parents, Curtis was preceded in death by a grandson, Matthew Wayne Cook.

The family gives heartfelt thanks to Mary Ann Leal, Teresa Booth, and Adela Cantu for their dedicated and loving care over the last three years.

The family also thanks the staff of Home Hospice of Big Spring for their care and attention, as well as the nursing staff of the Martin County Hospital for their care during his final days. Memorials may be made in Curtis' name to the charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences may be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Frances I. Patterson

Frances I. Patterson, 90, went to be with her Lord and Savior Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017.

Visitation will be held all day Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, at the funeral home with family present 5 to 7 p.m. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017, at Belvedere Memorial Park. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way of San Angelo.

Frances was born on March 24, 1926, to Frank and Doris Webb in Amherst, Texas. She was a very compassionate person and loved everyone. Frances was the perfect mother, grandmother, and homemaker. Her whole world revolved around her

family, being sure that their house was not just a house, but a "home".

She was preceded in death by her husband, T.D. Patterson; daughters, Karen Hamm and Helen Jones; grandson, Derek Totedo; granddaughters, Sarah Hood and Kea Miller; parents, Frank and Doris Webb; brother and sister-in-law, Gordon Webb and Myrna; sister, Billie Borkgren; brother, George Webb.

Frances is survived by her daughters, Shirley Hoadley and Sandra Butler; son-in-law, John Hamm; sister-in-law, Willie Webb; grandchildren, Kelli Riley, Robin Livers, Wendi Eversole, Melissa Cannon, April Robinson, and Nicole Richards; 13 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be made at www.shaffer-pioneer.com.

Paid obituary

Amelia Perez Saldivar

Amelia Perez Saldivar went to be with the Lord on Jan. 5, 2017, at the age of 84.

Vigil service was held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017, at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass was at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment followed at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Amelia was born on Sept. 22, 1932, in Yorktown, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents Alberto and Petra Silva Perez. Mrs. Saldivar was a dedicated employee at Holiday Inn, having worked 31 years as laundry supervisor. She received numerous awards for her outstanding work and her supervisory skills. She was well respected by all staff.

Mrs. Saldivar is survived by her loving husband Adolfo G. Saldivar of 62 years. She is loved and will be missed by her two daughters, Irene Ortiz and husband Abel Ortiz of Big Spring, and Mary Lou Solis and husband Martin Solis of San Antonio. She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Joey Gutierrez of San Antonio, Jeremy Gutierrez of St.

Augustine, Fla., Laura Ortiz of Big Spring, Emilio Ortiz of Big Spring, Gabriel Solis of San Antonio, Ariem Solis of Alice, and Sarah Solis of San Antonio; and two great-grandchildren, Matthew Gutierrez of Big Spring and Richard Villa Junior of Big Spring. Amelia also leaves behind her beloved siblings, Pete Perez of San Antonio, Andrea Silva of Big Spring, and Maria Perez of Big Spring.

She will be greatly missed by her extended family and countless friends. Amelia was a devoted daughter, loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

The family knew her as a loving, beautiful, generous, and caring woman. She was a model of faith and virtue. She dedicated her life lovingly caring for her family, praying and attending mass. May she rest in the loving arms of God now and forever. Pallbearers will be her grandsons.

The family would like to say "Thank You" to the Compass Hospice Nurses and Staff, as well as the many coworkers throughout the years.

The family suggests memorials to Compass Hospice at 602 S. Main, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

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Police & Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **VICTORIA LYNN CASTILLO**, 24, of 1604 Lincoln Ave. Apt. A was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.), and on another outstanding warrant.
- **KARISSA KAY DANIELS**, 30, of 7805 N. Service Rd. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **MARK MATTHEW LINDEM**, 39, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt #112 was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended or invalid license, possession of a dangerous drug, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and wrong/altered/obscured registration insignia.
- **JOSHUA NATHANAEL SPIVEY**, 20, of 1207 Harding St. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **CALEB JAMES CHAVEZ**, 23, of 216 Wilson Rd. was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place, the 800 block of East Interstate 20, and the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1000 block of South Scurry Street, the 800

block of West FM 700, and the 1300 block of Mesquite Street.

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 15th and Scurry streets.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1800 block of South Main Street.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3000 block of Collins Road.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Madison Street.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 83 inmates at the time of this report.

- **ARMANDO ALANIZ III**, 22, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **HOLSTON BANKS III**, 25, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.
- **VICTORIA LYNN CASTILLO**, 21, was booked by BSPD on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear and possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **CALEB JAMES CHAVEZ**,

23, was booked by HCSO on warrants for violation of promise to appear and speeding.

- **KARISSA KAY DANIELS**, 30, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for criminal mischief.
- **JUAN EDUARDO DIAZ GAMBLE**, 27, was booked by HCSO on warrants for bondsman off bond/aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, criminal mischief (\$100 to \$750), and theft of service (\$750 to \$2,500).
- **BRAD WAYNE DUGAN JR.**, 33, was booked by HCSO on a motion to adjudicate for possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram).
- **MISTY JO LASATER**, 32, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).
- **MOBEY CORDELL LEWIS**, 39, was booked by BSPD on charges of driving with an invalid license, possession of a dangerous drug, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and wrong/altered/obscured registration insignia.
- **JASON CESARIO LUERA**, 32, was booked by HCSO on warrants for burglary of a habitation and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **MONICA MARTINEZ**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property (\$100 to \$750).

Dale Kirkpatrick

Dale Kirkpatrick, 81, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017, at his home. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Sharon "KK" Shelton

Sharon "KK" Shelton, 68, of Big Spring, formerly of Brady, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, in Midland. Private family services will be at a later date.

She was born Dec. 23, 1948, in Quemado, Texas, to Floravida Helms Shaw and Omer Alfred Shaw. She was a resident of Brady for the majority of her life, only living in Big Spring for the past four years. She married Jackie Neil Shelton, and together they worked as pipefitters until his death on Jan. 20, 1993.

She is survived by two sons, Jimmy Hayman and wife Sandra of Big Spring and Billy Hunter of Sherman; seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; sister, Pat Mason and husband Doc of Gonzales; and brother Jimmy Kile of El Paso.

In addition to her parents and husband she was preceded in death by an infant grandson.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com.

- **ASHLEY RAE MIRAMONTES**, 22, was booked by BSPD on charges of criminal trespassing and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **JEFFREY COLIN RAINES**, 39, was booked by HCSO on warrants for credit card or debit card abuse.
- **ANDREA MARY SILVA**, 22, was booked by HCSO on warrants for credit card or debit card abuse.
- **BRIAN KEITH SIMMONS**, 23, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **EMILIE NIKOLE SMITH**, 20, was booked by DPS on a warrant for possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **JOSHUA NATHANAEL SPIVEY**, 20, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, disregarding a stop sign, and violation of promise to appear.
- **JAMES ANTHONY TORRENCE**, 51, was booked by BSPD on a parole violation.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 7000 block of South Service Road.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of Hunter.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of Vicki Rd.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 5200 block of Dawson Drive.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of West Interstate 20.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of Westover.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of South Birdwell.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Avondale.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Johnson.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of Pine St.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of 15th and Scurry.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1600 block of Cardinal.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 400 block of West Fifth St.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2600 block of South Andrews.

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- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of West Interstate 20.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1500 block of Avion.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1200 block of Dogwood.
- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of North Highway 87 and Ranch Road 1584.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of West Interstate 20.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Muleshoe.
- SMOKE REMOVAL was reported in the 4600 block of Wasson Road.
- BUILDING FIRE was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville.
- TRASH FIRE was reported in the 1000 block of Lamesa.
- SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION – NO FIRE was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster.
- GRASS FIRE was reported near mile marker 176 on Interstate 20.

Trump and his cabinet picks prepare for grilling

NEW YORK (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump and his Cabinet picks are preparing to face public questioning over their business conflicts, their approach to Russia and other issues during a crucial week that will including a slew of confirmation hearings and Trump’s first news conference in nearly three months.

Trump is less than two weeks away from taking office, but has yet to lay out how he intends to disengage himself from his global business interests. Questions also remain about whether the president-elect will accept the conclusion of U.S. intelligence officials that Russia meddled in the U.S. election to help him win the White House. Aides say he’ll decide how to respond to their efforts after his inauguration.

Trump’s incoming chief of staff, Reince Priebus, said Sunday that Trump indeed has accepted that Russia was responsible for the hacking, which targeted the Democratic National Committee and a top aide to former rival Hillary Clinton.

sia were behind this particular campaign,” Priebus said in an appearance on a Sunday television news show.

Intelligence officials allege that Moscow directed a series of hacks in order to help Trump win the White House in the race against Clinton. Trump has expressed skepticism about Russia’s role and declined to say whether he agrees that the meddling was done on his behalf. He’s also said improving relations with Russia would be a good thing and that only “stupid” people would disagree.

Hope, Trump upstage ‘La La Land’s’ moment in the sun

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The sunny musical “La La Land” may have danced its way to a Golden Globes record Sunday night, but the film’s seven accolades were a mere sideshow to the eloquence of honoree Meryl Streep, whose speech encapsulated the evening’s prevailing themes of hope, inclusivity and action over anger about the imminent presidency of Donald Trump.

“You and all of us in this room really belong to the most vilified segments in

American society right now,” Streep said. “Think about it, Hollywood, foreigners, and the press.”

Without even mentioning Trump by name, Streep, in accepting the year’s Cecil B. DeMille Award, eviscerated the President-elect’s use of his power and rank in the mocking of a disabled reporter on the campaign trail this year.

“When the powerful use their position to bully others, we all lose,” Streep said, imploring those in the room to remember “the privilege and the responsibility of the act of empathy” and also the vital role of the press in holding “power to account.”

It’s the kind of show-stopping moment that could make an audience forget that they’re watching what is generally a booze-soaked, star-studded party of irreverence and a few inevitable left-field winners in the annual Awards season stop on the way to the Oscars. The only true shocker there was Aaron Taylor-Johnson’s supporting actor win for his performance in Tom Ford’s “Nocturnal Animals” over favorites Mahershala Ali from “Moonlight” and Jeff Bridges from “Hell or High Water.”

CITY

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Other public hearings will cover the following proposals:

- Rezoning of slightly more than 16 acres of land in the vicinity of FM 700 and Baylor Boulevard from Light Commercial to Heavy Commercial.
- Rezoning of 1704 Wasson Drive from Planned Development to Agriculture.

In other business, the council will consider:

- An ordinance amending fees and facility

rentals at Dora Roberts Community Center.

- A joint election agreement with Big Spring Independent School District for the May municipal and school board elections.
- The appointment of Robert Kennedy to the local Civil Service Commission.
- Bids for dumpsters and street crack seal material.

GAS

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pump later this winter and spring, with the national average gas price rising between 35-60 cents between mid-February and a peak, likely to occur in May.

- \$3 a gallon gasoline will be seen in at least the nation’s largest cities: Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Washington, D.C. and Seattle, with a strong possibility of such prices also appearing in a majority of the nation’s twenty largest metros.

“The list of factors being mixed into the yearly forecast has never

been larger. This year will see a new administration take over, perhaps the most oil-friendly in some time, and with so many unknowns in regards to policy changes, we’ll be keeping a keen eye on such along with taxation changes. But forecasting fuel prices, especially this year, remains a challenging balance of science and art,” says Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.

Additional components that have the potential to weigh on retail gasoline prices include federal and/or state tax changes, Middle East volatility, currency fluctuations, refinery maintenance and/or unscheduled outages, weather events, and shipping / transportation snafus.

“In recent years the ‘price at the pump’ continues to garner more media attention serving as an economic barometer on Main Street that stirs opinions from a broad swath of consumers from coast to coast,” said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst. “Forecasting the direction of that ‘barometer’, the potential trouble-spots and how the trends are likely to translate into dollars and cents affords us the opportunity to share insights that help everyone save money, even when prices are climbing.”

FLOODING

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foothills of the Sierra and several feet of snow on the mountain tops before it’s expected to move east Monday.

In Nevada, emergency officials voluntarily evacuated 400 homes affecting about 1,300 residents in a south Reno neighborhood Sunday afternoon as the Truckee River began to leave its banks and drainage ditches started to overflow south of U.S. Interstate 80.

“This is a serious flood situation,” the National Weather Service said in a special flood statement late Sunday night. Flood warnings are expected along much of the Sierra’s eastern front and western Nevada into Tuesday

No injuries had been reported, but high waters forced the closure of numerous area roads, a series of bridges in downtown Reno and a pair of Interstate 80 off-ramps in neighboring Sparks, where the worst flooding is expected to send several feet of water early Monday into an industrial area where 25,000 people work.

Schools were ordered closed Monday throughout the Reno-Sparks area. Gov. Brian Sandoval — who declared a state of emergency Saturday — told all non-essential state employees to stay home Monday.

“All first responders are all hands on deck,” Washoe County Emergency Manager Aaron Keneston told reporters at a briefing in Reno on Sunday afternoon.

The storm surge stretching all the way from Hawaii — called an atmospheric river — comes as California enters its sixth year of drought. Each drop of rain is welcomed, but officials said several big storms are needed to replenish depleted groundwater supplies.

Toppled trees crashed against cars and homes or blocked roads in the San Francisco Bay Area, and officials rescued stranded motorists from cars stuck on flooded roads. A giant tree fell across the southbound lanes of Interstate 230 in Hillsborough, injuring one driver who couldn’t break in time and drove into the tree. A woman was killed Saturday by a falling tree while she took a walk on a golf course.

A well-known giant sequoia tree known for the huge tunnel carved through it that was once used by cars toppled in Calaveras Big Trees State Park in Calaveras County. The San Francisco Chronicle reported the historic Pioneer Cabin tree came down during heavy rains.

In California’s famed wine country, the Napa River jumped its banks and flooded vineyards.

Farther north, the U.S. 395 highway was temporarily closed in both directions in Mono County because of flooding and two major highways across the Sierra Nevada were partially closed because of mudslides. Interstate 80 Donner Lake and Highway 50 near Kyburz were blocked for a time by mud and debris.

All roads leading to Yosemite National Park’s valley floor remained closed amid fears that the Merced River could overflow its banks and cause major flooding.

Relatively mild temperatures were driving up the snowline to above 9,000 feet throughout the Sierra Nevada, causing runoff in the lower elevations, where the ground is saturated. Forecasters said Sunday it was tracking pretty much as they expected.

“For forecasters who’ve been here a decade or more, this is one of the most impressive atmospheric setups that we have seen in a long time for potential flooding in the region,” said Chris Smallcomb, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Reno. “If you had to write a textbook on how to get a flood in the region, you would use a scenario just like this.”

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Conference play resumes for Howard men, women

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Enough with the tuneups — now the games really count.

Having shaken off the dust from Christmas break with a few tuneup games, the Howard College men's and women's basketball teams jump head-first into Western Junior College Athletic Conference action tonight when they host Western Texas College at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The HC women tip off against Western Texas at 5:45 p.m., followed by the Howard-WTC men's game at 7:30 p.m.

Howard's women sport a 5-10 overall record so far this season, including a victory over Clarendon College in their lone conference game to date. HC's men, meanwhile, are 11-4 overall and 0-1 in conference play.

Both Howard teams had relatively easy final tuneups in their last games — the women blasted Victoria College by a 75-29 score, while the men dominated Southwest Texas Junior College, 94-51.

"We played them the last game of the fall semester, and beat them by 14, so I thought we did a lot better this game," Men's Coach Scott Raines said. "We needed to get the cobwebs from Christmas break out."

Raines has a lot of new faces

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KJ Riley (33) and the Howard College Hawks play when they host Western Junior College Athletic Conference play when they host Western Texas College tonight at Garrett Coliseum.

File photo

Texans' defense thrives without Watt in 27-14 win



AP photo

Houston Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler (17) scrambles for a first down against Oakland Raiders defensive end Mario Edwards (97) during the first half of an AFC Wild Card NFL football game Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Jadeveon Clowney and Whitney Mercilus helped the Houston Texans to a dominant defensive performance in the first playoff game in franchise history without J.J. Watt.

Clowney had an interception that set up Houston's first touchdown and Mercilus had two sacks to help the Texans to a 27-14 wild-card win over the Oakland Raiders on Saturday.

The Texans (10-7) overcame losing last season's Defensive Player of the Year after just three games to finish with the NFL's top-ranked defense in the regular season. And the unit didn't slow down on Saturday.

"We aren't just here for the playoffs," Clowney said. "We are here trying to win games and move forward ... no matter what the outside or critics said,

we know what we have. We are going to keep fighting all season."

The Texans rebounded after an embarrassing 30-0 wild-card loss to Kansas City last season to advance to face either the Chiefs or New England in the divisional round next weekend.

DeAndre Hopkins had a touchdown reception for the Texans and Lamar Miller gave Houston a 10-0 lead in the first quarter on a TD run one play after Clowney's interception.

Clowney batted a pass by rookie Connor Cook with one hand, then tipped it with his other one before pulling it down for the interception. He probably would have scored on the play, but in the time it took him to grab the ball, Raiders running back Latavius Murray had latched on to one of his ankles and was pulling him down.

Clowney's interception was

the first of three Houston got off the rookie third-string quarterback. Cornerback A.J. Bouye grabbed the third one.

"I've heard things like we have the No. 1 defense but the Raiders have better playmakers," he said. "They do have playmakers, but we just wanted to show the world that we're just as good. Even though we don't have J.J., we have plenty of other guys on our defense that are ready to make a play, and that's what we did today."

Houston limited the Raiders (12-5) to just 203 yards and allowed them to convert 2 of 16 third-down attempts. The Texans were proud of their performance Saturday, but are looking to do much more as they try to win a divisional playoff game for the first time in franchise history after dropping their

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Steelers drum Dolphins, set up rematch with Chiefs

By WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers spent the better part of three months stewing over that miserable October afternoon in Miami, when their hot start wilted in the South Florida sun and their swagger went right along with it in a stunningly one-sided loss to the Dolphins.

Redemption arrived Sunday in the form of Le'Veon Bell's relentlessly churning legs, Antonio Brown's quicksilver feet and James Harrison's ageless tenacity.

The result — an emphatic 30-12 beatdown in the wild-card round at arctic Heinz Field — showcased what could make the streaking AFC North champions a difficult out the rest of the way.

Yet the most pivotal moment might not have come during either of Bell's two touchdowns and 167 yards rushing or the two short passes from Ben Roethlisberger that Brown turned into long scores of his own. It might have come on Roethlisberger's ultimately meaningless interception late in the fourth quarter with the game well in hand.

Roethlisberger ended up face down on the turf underneath Miami's Cameron Wake during Xavien Howard's short return. And while he sprinted off the field in the giddy if frigid aftermath, Roethlisberger was wearing a boot on his right ankle as he talked about his team's eighth straight victory.

"You're always worried about being hurt, but I'll be out there next week," Roethlisberger said.

If Pittsburgh (12-5) wants to reach the AFC title game for the first time in six years, the Steelers don't have much of a choice. A visit to AFC West champion Kansas City (12-4) awaits next weekend, a place that hasn't exactly been hospitable to Pittsburgh through the years regardless of the stakes.

Other takeaways as the Steelers (12-5) extended Miami's playoff victory drought to 17 years and counting.

ANOTHER REMATCH

Pittsburgh's eighth straight victory earned them a chance to be on the other side of a shot at redemption.

Pittsburgh embarrassed the Chiefs 43-14 at Heinz Field on Oct. 2. Kansas City responded by going 10-2 the rest of the way to chase down Oakland and claim the division title. As if the Chiefs needed more motivation, here comes the team that handed them one of the worst losses of coach Andy Reid's long career. And the Steelers know it.

"We have to understand that the same passion and dedication that we put in this week to beat Miami, that's how Kansas City is going to try to beat us," Bell said.

Pittsburgh's clinical thumping of the Dolphins (10-7) followed a formula that's become familiar over the last two months. Roethlisberger looked for Brown early to open things up then relied heavily on Bell to control the

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Alabama vs. Clemson II: Tide goes for 5th title in 8 seasons

By The Associated Press

The national championship and a chance for Alabama's dynasty to reach another new level of unprecedented achievement. The Tide would become the first major college team to win five championships in eight years during the poll era (since 1936). Clemson is trying to win its first national title since 1981 and check the only box left for a program that has become one of the elite in college football under coach Dabo Swinney.

Alabama's offensive line against Clemson's defensive line. Much is made, deservedly so, of the Crimson Tide's talented and tenacious front seven. All-America DL Jonathan Allen leads the way. Clemson's defensive line is packed with future NFL players, too. Freshman Dexter Lawrence is a 340-pound immovable object in the middle. DT Carlos Watkins is a second-team All-American. DE Christian Wilkins has

the versatility and athleticism to play inside and out. Redshirt freshman Clelin Ferrell was defensive player of the game against Ohio State last week. With a freshman quarterback in Jalen Hurts, the Tide's offensive line must contain Clemson's pass rush (49 sacks on the season) and open holes for RBs Bo Scarbrough and Damien Harris.

Clemson: QB Deshaun Watson. The Tigers probably can't win unless the Heisman Trophy runner-up plays well. The junior, likely playing his last college game, has thrown for 4,173 yards and 38 touchdowns and run for another eight TDs. Alabama: WR Calvin Ridley. The sophomore receiver has had a relatively quiet season compared his breakout freshman year. He is capable of great things, and remember in last season's title game it was Alabama tight end O.J. Howard who broke free for a career-best 208 yards receiving and two touchdowns against Clemson.

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Manhattan Petroleum, Inc., P.O. Box 11211, Midland, TX 79702, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Montoya and Ellenburger formations, Pipeline SWD Lease, Well Number 1. The proposed disposal well is located 3.25 miles northeast of Big Spring, TX in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Howard County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 9,850 to 11,000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:
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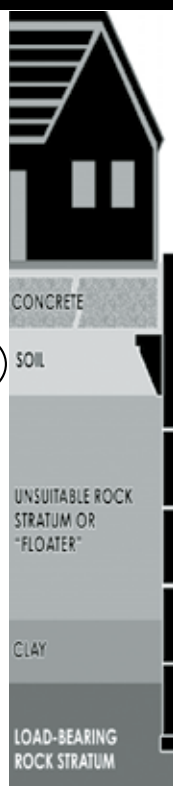
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Moon of Breezy Social Mores

Through the years, you've made many friends. Some you no longer know, and some are loose connections; others have a more constant presence in your life. This is as it should be. Being OK with different levels of closeness makes life easier. The lunar trip through breezy Gemini helps us keep a healthy perspective. Codependent no more!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't assume that you know a person inside and out. You're experiencing only what this individual wants to show you, after all. Yet your intuition is deep. You're getting more insight than others would guess.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a danger in being too micro-focused today. Your efforts are better spent on big-picture fixes. So what are some ways you might reduce your overall stress level?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know

Tomorrow's Horoscope

that you can't preserve the peace by publicly shaming people who are disturbing it. Try a light touch; try empathy; try humor. It may not work, but you won't regret giving it a whirl.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're tougher than the challenge at hand, but that, in and of itself, isn't a good reason to take it on. You have nothing to prove and no one to prove it to today. Make sure there's something good in it for you before you agree to play.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Give positive focus proactively and a certain needy someone may back off and give you the space and peace you need. If this doesn't work, consider reacting to this person's attention-getting antics with no reaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It seems they want a piece of you, but not a piece of your mind. You don't have to give anything you don't want to give. There are people around you who will ask for more than is healthy for either of you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Greatness requires that you push past the part of you that doesn't feel like making an effort (let alone making extra efforts). This is the time to work harder,

be kinder and extend more generosity than you feel.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You respect all. Respect isn't something you give because the other person has good character; it's something you give because you have good character. Is respect deserved? That's beside the point, in your book.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's a pretty good show you're putting on today, and your audience will eat it up. Probably this has to do with a role you're still growing into. Keep it up and it will be more comfortable (with less effort needed) in the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's so much to be excited about. First of all, you're experiencing something you dreamed of long ago, which is evidence of the likelihood that you'll build the thing you're dreaming of now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your full focus is needed to execute the next step. Get rid of all distractions. Along those lines, maybe it's time to wipe the slate clean, because it's not worth it to you to give one iota of attention to the debt that's owed to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You

wouldn't expect a valiant effort from one who has never behaved nobly before, yet you wouldn't rule it out, either. You'll leave your mind open so that if people change, you're ready to catch, acknowledge and build on it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 9). Love is fanciful and whimsical and will take you new places. When it comes to business, you're not messing around. The world gets the picture, moves over and makes room for what you offer. In March, old conflicts will be resolved; new dreams will be born. An April investment opportunity will require a quick response. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 4, 28, 5 and 16.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "When my boyfriend, a Libra, and I first started dating, everything we did together was exciting. He could show me a new shirt he bought and I would be thrilled. I was just happy to drive with him to the grocery or anywhere. Being near him made me feel as if I was the luckiest person on earth. And I couldn't believe how much he seemed to like me. He wrote me notes. He bought me funny presents. We made out for hours. Then he went on a trip to Holland, and when he

came back, everything seemed different. He started to withdraw from me. And then one day, he called to break it off. I'm devastated. I will never love another person as I loved him. I feel forever broken. Signed, Heartbroken Leo."

You're right. You won't love another person the way you loved him. But you're not "forever broken," just wiser. It's an innocent love you gave him, and that innocence is lost now. Ouch. And though the pain will take time to heal, in the future you will not be so apt to base your self-esteem on one person's attention. You're the winner here. Don't forget it.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge -- aka Kate Middleton -- exemplifies the power of her Capricorn sun when she makes lists such as Time magazine's "100 Most Influential People." There's even a name for Middleton's impact on fashion: the "Kate Middleton effect." With Mercury and Venus in philanthropic Aquarius, Middleton uses her royal pull for the good of humanity.

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Annie's Mailbox

A Shining Example

Dear Annie: I have a rare child, one who asks nothing for herself and gives generously to others. Each year for her birthday and Christmas, I try to find something, anything, my daughter might like as a gift. She smiles

sweetly and says nothing or says, "I'm good."

Yet she works hard to make other lives easier and happier every day. When her dad had a stroke, she was my assistant, no matter how messy and how hard the task. When her dad passed away, she and I clung to each other

for comfort. Then we got the news that her uncle was very ill. We moved from our home in Florida to Alabama to help him. She lost her school, her friends, a community to walk in without fear and so much more.

Once again, she gave her all, helping to bring her uncle back from barely being able to get out of bed to being able to plant in his beloved garden once more. If he made any noise, she ran to his room to see whether she could help. Her room was next to his, and mine was at the other end of the

house.

She smiles at everyone and makes no judgments regarding color, sex, religion, wealth or anything else others notice. She accepts one and all. At church breakfasts every Sunday, she proudly says the prayer of thanks, and before every sermon, she raises her voice in song.

This rare and beautiful young woman is 38 years old, and although often hurt by other people, she holds no hate in her heart. She was born with Down syndrome. That she holds

no bias in her heart makes me wonder: Are the rest of us "normal," or is she? I think she is, because she acts the way all humans should instead of as they do. If you want to print my real name, that works for me, for I am so proud of my generous, loving child. -- Proud of My Daughter

Dear Proud: Thank you for sharing your daughter's generosity with the world. May we all learn from her example.

Dear Annie: I am decent friends with a couple who are currently in a long-distance relationship. They have a great relationship, and our group of friends has been tight for a long time. A few weeks ago, I walked in on the girl with another guy. It was during a house party, and upon walking in on them, I quickly removed myself from the situation.

The girl called me the next day super upset. She said that she was drunk and that it was a mistake that she regrets and would never do again. She is afraid that it would destroy her relationship if her boyfriend found out. I am decent friends with both and am stuck

deciding what I should do. Should I let the guy know what I saw or just mind my own business? -- What Do I Do?

Dear WDID: That ugly truth will out itself in time. Keep your hands clean.

Dear Annie: You could not be more wrong in your answer to "Scratching My Head in NH," whose husband's family stays in touch with his ex-wife but does not include the ex in family affairs that this new wife attends. This is perfectly acceptable. Many people who have formed deep, loving bonds of friendship with an ex's family should not be expected to drop the ex because two people find they cannot live together. Many people in the position of ending a marriage also stay in touch for the sake of children and other family members. You really need to rethink your answer. -- Remaining a Friend

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 5
♥ Q 8 4 2
♦ A J 6 4
♣ 7 6

WEST
♠ J 10 8 6 3
♥ J 10 7 5
♦ Q
♣ A J 3

EAST
♠ Q 7 4 2
♥ 9 3
♦ 9 5
♣ Q 10 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A K 6
♦ K 10 8 7 3 2
♣ K 9 2

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass Pass Pass 1 ♦
Dble Redble Pass Pass
1 ♠ 2 ♦ 2 ♠ 3 ♠
Pass 4 ♥ Pass 6 ♦

Opening lead — jack of spades.

The opponents' bidding often helps declarer make a contract that might otherwise fail. Consider this spectacular example from the match between the United States and France in the 1969 world championship. The American North-South pair (Bobby Goldman and Billy Eisenberg) reached six diamonds as shown, and West led a spade.

Eisenberg won with the ace,

played three rounds of trumps, cashed the king of spades, discarding a club, and ruffed a spade. He then played two more rounds of trumps to produce the following position:

North
♥ Q 8 4 2
♣ 7

West
♥ J 10 7 5
♣ A

East
♥ 9 3
♣ Q 10 8

South
♥ A K 6
♣ K 9

West had been forced to discard the jack of clubs on the previous trick in order to keep four hearts, and declarer's sole task at this point was to decide whether West had started with three hearts or four. It was virtually certain that West had the ace of clubs to justify his double of one diamond.

Exercising his customary good judgment, Eisenberg concluded that West was far more likely to have four hearts and the lone ace of clubs at this point than three hearts and the ace and another club.

Accordingly, Eisenberg cashed the heart ace, led a low heart to the queen and returned a club. When East produced the ten, South backed his conviction by playing the nine and so brought home the slam.

Tomorrow: The bidding points the way.
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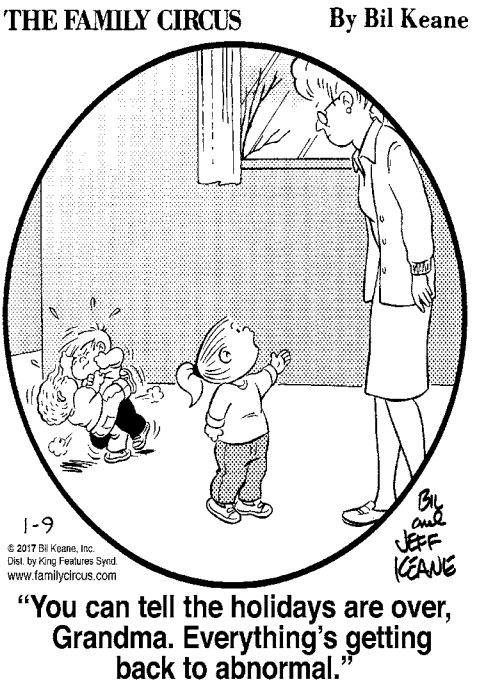
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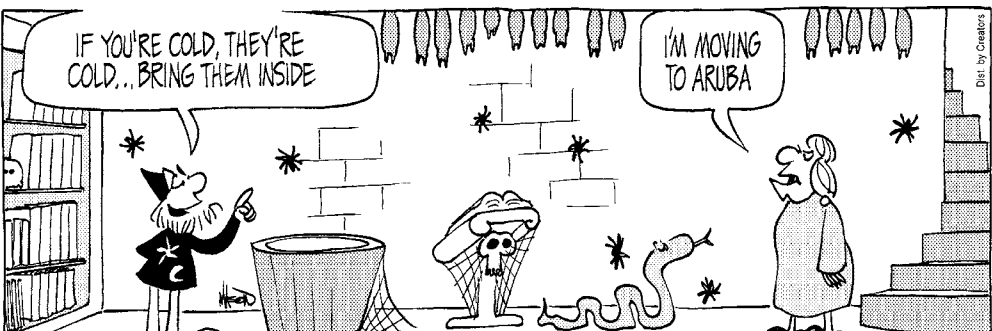
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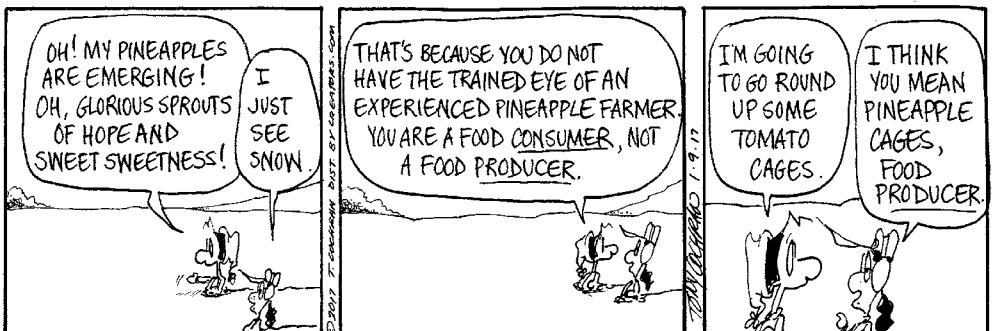
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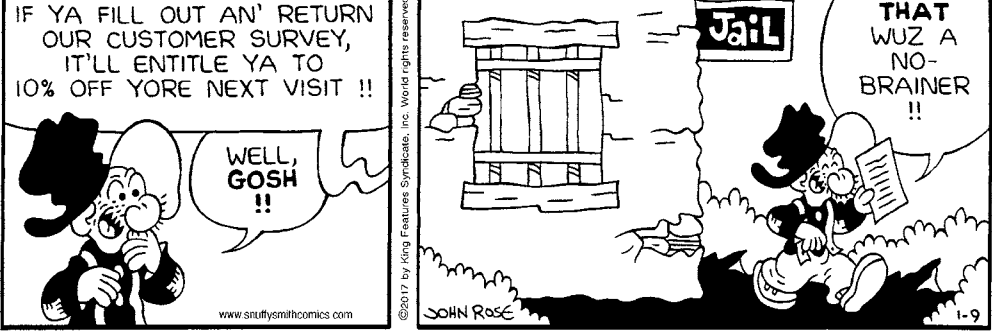
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2017. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

On this date:

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, New Jersey.

In 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.

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. The fraternity Phi Beta Sigma was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C.

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 1957, Anthony Eden resigned as British prime minister for health reasons; he was succeeded by Harold Macmillan.

In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

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.

In 1987, the White House released a Jan. 1986 memorandum prepared for President Ronald Reagan by Lt. Col. Oliver L. North showing a link between U.S. arms sales to Iran and the release of American hostages in Lebanon.

In 1997, a Comair commuter

plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

Ten years ago: U.S. forces continued to stage airstrikes against suspected al-Qaida fighters in Somalia in the first offensive there since 18 American soldiers were killed in 1993. Apple Computer CEO Steve Jobs unveiled the iPhone, which went on sale the following June. Tony Gwynn and Cal Ripken Jr. were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame. Carlo Ponti, the Italian movie producer who discovered — and married — actress Sophia Loren, died in Geneva at age 94.

Five years ago: Iranian state radio reported that a court had convicted former U.S. Marine Amir Mirzaei Hekmati of working for the CIA and sentenced him to death.

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Answer to previous puzzle

CAFF	SAMBA	BAKE
LULU	OBIES	REIN
ALAS	DUST	STORMS
CAGEMATCH	ALONE	
KIOWA	EDISON	
STNICHOLAS	NOVA	
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Newsday Crossword

BITS OF AN HOUR by Sandy Fein

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Berets and derbies
 - 5 No longer sleeping
 - 10 Give off, as light
 - 14 Hand-cream additive
 - 15 Clothing tag
 - 16 Toe the ___ (do as told)
 - 17 Very hard to find
 - 18 Invoices to pay
 - 19 "Author unknown," for short
 - 20 Bourbon cocktail
 - 22 Pay out
 - 23 Shortens a skirt, say
 - 24 Lowest choir voices
 - 25 Owns up to
 - 28 Eggs-and-ham brunch entree
 - 30 Totally wrecks
 - 31 Lessen in intensity
 - 32 Steal from
 - 35 King ___ (big ape of films)
 - 36 Staircase parts
 - 37 Took a cab or bus
 - 38 Point opposite NNW
 - 39 Gives the go-ahead to
 - 40 Provides temporarily
 - 41 Whitewater rafting challenge
 - 43 Most pleasant
 - 44 Trapped by routine
 - 46 Hindu woman's garment
 - 47 ___ out (gives sparingly)
 - 48 Tiny, as doll-house furniture
- DOWN**
- 1 Do damage to
 - 2 Jai ___
 - 3 Needing repair, as paper
 - 4 Bubbling over with anger
 - 5 Scrapbooks
 - 6 Cries loudly
 - 7 Up to the task
 - 8 Brown sushi seaweed
 - 9 Letters after keys
 - 10 Slip by, as time
 - 11 Italian vegetable soup
 - 12 Hole ___ (golfer's dream shot)
 - 13 ___ bar (mixes drinks)
 - 21 Fast-flying planes
 - 22 Price-reduction event
 - 24 Makes a wager
 - 25 Vessels like Noah's
 - 26 Twosomes
 - 27 Wood-finishing liquid
 - 28 Follows the rules
 - 29 Atlas illustrations
 - 31 Just slightly
 - 33 ___ and ends (miscellany)
 - 34 Most desirable
 - 36 Short comedic play
 - 37 Shows with student dancers
 - 39 Major musical work
 - 40 Former Italian money
 - 42 Sports stadiums
 - 43 Fastened with a hammer
 - 44 Luggage attachment with your name
 - 45 Lariat loop
 - 46 Slithery reptile
 - 48 Rooster or bull
 - 49 Monogram component: Abbr.
 - 50 "Here comes trouble!"
 - 51 After-bath garment
 - 52 Gazed upon
 - 54 Video recorder, for short

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DOLPHINS

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clock and wear down Miami. "Any time he's playing like that, we're going to be a hard team to beat," Brown said. One that could be a tough out this month. And maybe next, too. **MOORE'S METTLE** Miami quarterback Matt Moore has spent a decade hanging around the league. Finally given a chance to start a play-off game with Ryan Tannehill out, Moore's postseason debut was a mixed bag. He threw for 289 yards with a touchdown and an interception while also fumbling twice. He also - somewhat improbably - missed just one play after getting drilled by Pittsburgh linebacker Bud Dupree in the second quarter. "I just got popped," Moore said.

"I just needed a second there. I got checked out. I felt fine. It was more of my jaw than anything else. I felt good. I came back in and I was fine. He got me pretty good." **SACK MASTER** The 38-year-old Harrison, the oldest starting linebacker in the league, finished with 1 1/2 sacks. He chased down Moore late in the first half - ripping the ball from Moore's hands in the process - to preserve Pittsburgh's 20-6 lead. Harrison now has 10 career sacks in the playoff, the second-highest total in franchise history. "He's a peculiar leader because he's somewhat unassuming and he doesn't have a lot to say, but his actions speak volumes," Tomlin said. Miami's rollicking victory over Pittsburgh on Oct. 16 was fueled by running back Jay Ajayi, who bulldozed his way to 204 yards

to kickstart a breakout season. The sledding was far tougher this time around. It took Ajayi a quarter just to get into positive yardage and he finished with 33 yards on 16 carries, his longest run of the day going for all of 8 yards. "They made it an effort that the run game was not going to beat them today," Ajayi said. "They stacked the box and we didn't execute like we should have." Players on both sides tried to downplay the 17-degree temperature or the single-digit wind chill. The Dolphins ran around in shirt sleeves while Pittsburgh linebacker Ryan Shazier went shirtless. Make no mistake however, it was miserable. "I still can't feel my fingers," Miami offensive tackle Jermon Bushrod said 30 minutes after the final gun.



AP photo
Pittsburgh Steelers running back Le'Veon Bell (26) runs through a tackle by Miami Dolphins free safety Bacarri Rambo during the first half of an AFC wild-card NFL football game in Pittsburgh, Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017.

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on this year's squad, but said the lineup should be pretty settled for the start of conference play. "I knew we had a lot of guys who were capable of playing for us, but it took us awhile to figure out who the guys are who will get it done come game time," he said. Two players of note for the Hawks in the first half of the season were guards Marcel Cherry and KJ Riley, Raines noted. "I was really pleased with their play," he said. "I feel like, with their competitive spirit, we can lean on them a lot ... And having (Dante) Scott back (after missing time with injury) adds a lot of versatility for us." Forecasting the

race for one of the conference's four spots at March's Region V tournament is kind of easy, and kind of difficult, he added. "The conference is definitely South Plains' to win, more so this year than any other," Raines said of the top-ranked team in the National Junior College Athletic Conference. "Beyond that ... I think it's really wide open. A lot of us in the conference could finish as high as second or as low or sixth or seventh." For Howard to be one of those four regional tournament teams, the Hawks need to be both mentally tough, Raines added. "We've got to find a way to perform in tight ball games and figure out a way to come out on the right end of them," he said.

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first two. "It means a lot, but it doesn't mean squat at the end of the day because we have to go out and do it again next week," Mercilus said. Some things to know about the Raiders-Texans wild-card game: **KEEPING THE JOB:** Houston quarterback Brock Osweiler will remain Houston's starter after playing well in his return after being benched for two games. He threw for one touchdown and ran for another. After the game, coach Bill O'Brien said he'd stick with Osweiler next week, too. "Each individual player during the year faces some type of adversity, whether it's an injury or maybe not seeing as much playing time or whatever it is," O'Brien said. "So I think he handled it like a pro and he went out there today and played well." **LEARNING EXPERIENCE:** The Raiders were hoping for a deep postseason run after winning 12 games in the regular season. Instead, injuries to quarterback Derek Carr and left tackle Donald Penn had them heading home early after their first playoff appear-

ance since the 2002 season, when they lost in the Super Bowl. Coach Jack Del Rio hopes his team can build on what happened this year and be better next season. "You go forward, you believe and you teach and you grow and you continue to add and you grow stronger, and you know what you want it to look like and you keep pushing for it," he said. "Do you end up having some growing pains? Typically, I would say probably, yes. But does that mean I'm going to sit here and feel good about it? No." **HEALTHY MILLER:** Miller was healthy on Saturday for the first time in weeks after dealing with various injuries for most of the season. He sat out the last two weeks before returning against the Raiders and finished with 73 yards rushing and a touchdown. It was the first career playoff game for Miller, who is in his first

season with the Texans after four years with the Dolphins. "It feels good just to get a win in the playoffs," Miller said. "Having the opportunity to play next week is always great." **ONE-SIDED?** Oakland cornerback David Amerson ranted about the officiating after the game. He received a holding penalty and one for pass interference while spending much of the day matched up against Hopkins. "He can get away with everything, but as soon as I do anything, they call something," Amerson said. "I feel like it was big points in the game where it happened."

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