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After an opening round loss to Flandreau in the BEC, the boys take on Beresford tonight at 6:00 before finishing the tourney Saturday in Sioux Valley.

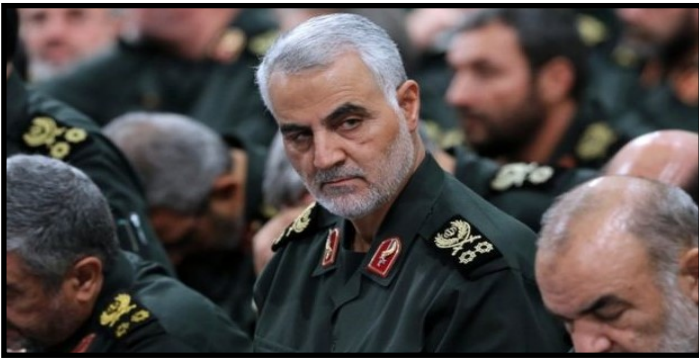
Blue Ink



Tensions rising in the Middle East

by **Mason Hofer**
senior writer

Last week on January 3rd, Donald Trump ordered an attack that led to the death of a very dangerous Iranian War General, Qasem Soleimani. The United States confirmed the death of Soleimani in the early hours of the day after an attack on two vehicles at Baghdad's international airport.



The death of Iranian war general, Qasem Soleimani, has caused much uproar and tension among the US and Iran including attacks on US bases and an inadvertent missile strike on a passenger jet. Picture from the BBC: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-50979463>

U.S. President Donald Trump informed the media that Soleimani had "killed or badly wounded thousands of Americans over an extended period of time, and was plotting to kill many more...but got caught." U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told Fox News that his attack on Soleimani put a halt to imminent attack on the United States and added there is no doubt that it saved American lives. The attack resulted in 10 fatalities, five of which were members of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC), which helps oversee the Quds Force. The Quds Force specializes in unconventional warfare and military intelligence, Soleimani was the commander of this branch; it was categorized as a FTO (Foreign Terrorist Organization) by the U.S. Military.

Iranian leader responded to the assassination with a statement where he threatened "severe retaliation" to the "criminals" who took out Qasem Soleimani.

Iran retaliated on Tuesday, by firing 15 ballistic missiles from Iran into Iraq at two bases where U.S. troops were stationed. Ten missiles hit the Ain al-Asad Air Base, and one missile hit a military base in Erbil, four of the 15 failed to hit their targets. Iran stated (without evidence) that their missiles resulted in 80 terrorist United States soldiers' death. President Donald Trump assured U.S. citizens Tuesday night that there were in fact zero casualties, as they knew about the strikes long before they had hit. Iran's recklessness continued just hours later, as they accidentally shot down a Ukrainian passenger plane killing all 176 citizens on board. There were 82 Iranians, at least 63 from Canada, and 11 from Ukraine according to officials.

Gen. Abolfazl Shekarchi, a spokesman for the Iran military, denied that a missile had hit the airplane, he dismissed the allegations as "psychological warfare."

Trump held a press conference, on Wednesday, regarding the attacks on the military bases in Iraq, that were intended to kill American soldiers. He stated that Iran "appears to

be standing down," after their missile strikes that resulted in no casualties. Trump also stated that the United States will not be seeking to go to war but will do what is needed to protect the American people. Trump stated that Iran used the funds given to them by the United States in 2015, to not pursue nuclear power, to pay for the creation of their now 2,000 ballistic missiles. The deal was called the JCPOA, the United States paid Iran upwards of \$150 Billion to give up almost all of its uranium and abilities to research nuclear weapons, Iran has now broken that promise and used the money we gave them against us. Donald Trump stated that "As long as I a president of the United States, Iran will never be allowed to have a nuclear weapon."

Five years after Iraq requested a U.S. military presence within the country, Iraqi lawmakers passed a measure on Jan 5th that called for the removal of all foreign military troops in the country, after their bases were attacked. This was very surprising to the United States, because last time American troops were pulled from Iraq, Isis took over most of the country with ease. President Trump has sent a response back and insists that the military presence remains, as it could be "the worst thing to happen to Iraq" if troops were pulled. Iraq believes that having United States troops present puts their country at risk, but the Trump Administration and Military officials believe Iran would take over in Iraq and turn it into a war zone without a strong military presence. A response from Iraq is still pending.

Australian wildfires

by **Nika Sapunar**
staff writer

Since September Australia has been battling devastating wildfires which have burned more than six million hectares of land. More than 25 people have lost their lives and about half a billion animals have been killed in New South (south part of Australia).

This weekend saw some of the worst days of the crisis so far, with hundreds of properties left destroyed by the blazes and air quality diminished to dangerous levels. Fires are driven by Temperatures above 40C and strong winds. Poor air quality has also impacted some areas which has provoke respiratory conditions for some. In December, the smoke in Sydney was so bad that air

quality measures 11 times the "hazardous" level.

Australia is one of the great biodiversity hotspots in the world. The island was isolated from the rest of the world for millions of years. Before the fires, its great diversity was already threatened due to invading species and climate change. The prime minister, Scott Morrison, has been attacked by people because he took a vacation to Hawaii last month, while trying to keep it quiet Australia was in the early attacks of one of its devastating fire season ever.

Animals like wallabies, kangaroos and koalas and some other unique species exist nowhere else in the world and now, because of fires, they are close to extinction.



The worst-hit state in Australia is New South Wales, where fires have affected more than four million hectares, destroying more than 1,300 houses and forcing thousands to seek shelter elsewhere. Now, NASA has revealed that the devastating fires are so vast that they can actually be seen from space.

Many famous people like Selena Gomez, Chris Hemsworth, and many others donated money to help Australia. If you want to help, you can donate to the WWF, Australians Red Cross Disaster relief and recovery fund.

This Week's Need to Know

FACT OF THE WEEK: According to a poll of 11,000 Americans, 84% of vegetarians and vegans return to eating meat.

LIFE HACK OF THE WEEK: To brighten the colors of your clothes, add a pinch of salt to your load of laundry.

CROATIAN WORD OF THE WEEK: Snow = snijeg (snee-yeg)

JOKE OF THE WEEK: Where do snowmen love to dance?

BRAINTEASER OF THE WEEK: What question can never be answered "yes"?

Answers to joke and brainteaser are on the bottom.

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 10

- BBB @ BEC in Flandreau v. Beresford (6:00)

Saturday, January 11

- Wrestling @ Dan Pansch-Jesse James Tourney in Brandon (9:00)
- BBB @ BEC in Sioux Valley v. TBD (TBD)
- GBB @ Dakota State Classic in Madison (TBD)

Monday, January 13

- JHBBB v. Dell Rapids (4:00/5:00)
- JH/JV Wrestling @ Dell Rapids (4:30)

Tuesday, January 14

- JHBBB @ Canton (4:00)
- JH GBB v. Flandreau (4:00/5:00)
- GBB v. Flandreau (6:15/7:15)

Thursday, January 16

- JHBBB v. West Central (4:00/5:00)
- BBB v. West Central (6:15/7:15)
- Wrestling @ Freeman Academy v. Marion/Freeman & Viborg/Hurley (6:00)

Worth Mentioning

COUNTDOWN TO BREAK: 7 Days
We get a three day weekend January 18-20. Monday, January 20 is Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday.

Wrestling finally gets back in action tomorrow as they co-host the tourney in Brandon starting at 9:00 tomorrow morning. Go big blue!

Exciting end of the decade for the

by Hayden Olofson
staff writer

Going into the 2019 playoffs the top 4 teams that had a first bye were the Baltimore Ravens (14-2), Kansas City Chiefs (12-4), San Francisco 49ers (13-3), and the Green Bay Packers (13-3). This year Super Bowl 54 will be held in Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, Florida.

Seattle Seahawks vs Philadelphia Eagles

Going into the game, the Seattle Seahawks had the better record of 11-5 compared to the Eagles 9-8. But, Philly had home field advantage, and the last bird vs. bird games have favored the home team. For the second time this season the Seahawks went to Philly to match up against the eagles. The first time they met Seattle came out with a win if 17-9.



Some people say Jadeveon Clowney's hit on Carson Wentz that took him out for the rest of the game was a reason the Eagles didn't win. But while Wentz was in he struggled again and the offense just wasn't clicking. The backup running back for the Seahawks was just waiting to get his chance to show what he can do, and RaShaad Penny did just that. Penny ran for a career best of 129 yards including one for a 58 yard touchdown. Russell Wilson threw one touchdown pass and still Seattle beat the eagles with the same score as during regular season



17-9.

Minnesota Vikings vs New Orleans Saints

Drew Brees and the saints in some people's eye have been really unlucky the past 3 seasons in the playoffs. First the Minneapolis Miracle, last year when the rams had an uncalled pass interference, and this year it was missed opportunities, which lead to Kirk Cousins pass that sent the saints back out of the playoffs. Even though the saints were picked to win this game they are 1-4 all time ago the Vikings in the postseason. Dalvin Cook was a big factor in this game by rushing for 130 yards with 2 touchdowns.

Heading into overtime after the saints kicked the field goal to tie, they did not touch the ball in overtime. Kirk Cousins would led the Vikings right down the field on the first drive of OT, during this drive coving 75 yards in 9 plays, the play that really got them going was what I think was Cousins best pass of the season. A 43 yard throw right of the money to Adam Thielen which brought the Vikings within 2 yards from the touchdown. The Vikings tried to run the ball into the touchdown but the saints were shutting that down. On 3rd down Cousins threw it up to TE Rudolph catching the walk off touchdown. Final score was 26-20.

Wild card weekend ran out some upsets, sets stage for this week



Tennessee Titans vs New England Patriots

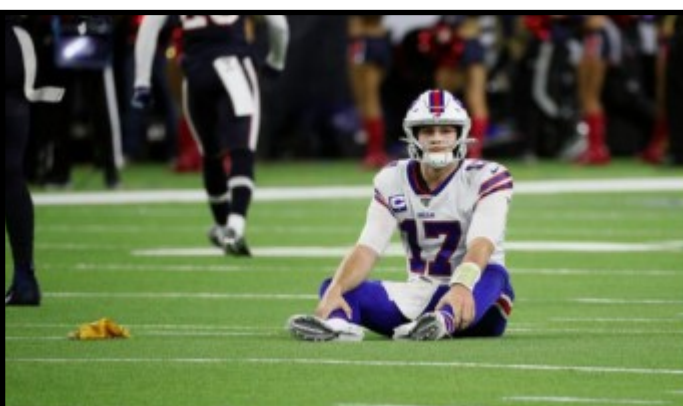
This year was the Patriots earliest playoff knockout since 2009. New England has the first round bye coming into the last week of the regular season until the 5-11 Miami Dolphins beat them 27-24. Tom Brady is 42 year old free agent with few weapons around him on offense, many people are not sure if he's going to retire or stay another year in the NFL with a different team or stay with the patriots.

A big factor in the game was Derrick Henry. Celebrating his 26th birthday with 2 touch downs and a franchise record of 204 rushing yards. Which is the most ever against Bill Belichick and the patriots in a playoff game. New England had multiple chances at the end of the game, they ended up with 3 unproductive plays. One of the last drive New England had was heartbreaking for the fans, Tom Brady dropped back to pass and threw an interception which was returned for a touchdown which sealed the game at Titans 20-13.

Buffalo Bills vs Houston Texans

The Bills started the game strong with a 42 yard run from Josh's Allen and the John Brown pass the Allen for the touchdown. The Texans offense just wasn't working out the 1st half of the game with lead to the bills having a 13-0 lead at half. To start the second half the opening kickoff to the bills that resulted in a Bills touchdown. Watson instead of throwing tucks it and runs for the 20 yard touchdown. Staying on the field Watson kept it again and scored the two point conversion. Finally the Texans got going and they responded with their first scoring drive of the game. To start the 4th quarter the bills moved the ball to midfield only for Allen attempting to scramble and fumble which got recovered by the Texans. Texans didn't do much after getting the fumble recovery, Watson was sacked on 3rd down for the third time tonight. Houston settled for the field goal.

Buffalo took over down by 3 with 1:16 to go with no timeouts. The bills moved the ball into field goal range and Hauschka connected from 47 to tie and game and force OT. In overtime the Texans won the coin toss and chose to receive. Both teams didn't score on there first drives so Houston only needed a field goal to win the game. Fairbairn's kick was good from 28 yards winning the 16 point comeback. Final score Texans over the Bills 22-19.



Coming up this weekend is the divisional round. On Saturday the Vikings take on the 49ers in San Francisco, Titans at Baltimore, and in Sunday the Texans at Kansas City, and Seattle at Green Bay.

Get to know your journalists

New Year's Edition
Nika Sapunar

by Kylie Uhl

Q: What is your favorite topic to write about?

A: Sports or worldwide news

Q: What is your favorite part of journalism?

A: Writing

Q: What is your New Year's resolution?

A: This question is hard...I guess not to worry about things I cannot control.

Q: What's your favorite New Year's tradition/part about New Year's?

A: Hanging out with my family and going out with friends and just having some free time from school.

Q: Do you think many people stick to their resolutions? Why or why not?

A: I don't think many people stick with their new year's resolutions because they give themselves too big of expectations and then they just don't do it.



Senior Spotlight

Kara Knebel Koster

SENIOR PROJECT:

Pocket full of herbs (gardening and cooking with spices and herbs)

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:

Band, NHS, HOSA, Oral Interp, Choir

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:

Band, definitely marching band and quite a few teachers

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Move to South Carolina and work as an EMT



Series of earthquakes devastate Puerto Rico

Strongest earthquake seen in over a century

by **Preston Bohl**
staff writer

Many Puerto Ricans slept outside in fear and woke up to an island almost completely without power on Wednesday after a string of earthquakes rocked the island. The strongest and most damaging of the tremors hit early Tuesday, with a 6.4 magnitude that struck just off Puerto Rico's southern coast. This left one dead, nine injured, half a million without power in U.S. territory, and 250,000 remain without water.

The powerful earthquake that hit on Tuesday was the strongest the island has seen in more than a century. These events come more than two years after Hurricane Maria devastated the U.S. territory in September 2017. Many southerners on the island say the earthquakes damage had been worse than Maria, because you can't prepare for events like this.

Several aftershocks followed the quake, including a magnitude 5.6 temblor strike. Hundreds of buildings have been damaged or are close to crumbling. Nearly 700 homes are close to collapsing and 150 have already been affected. On



Puerto Rico suffered severe damage from the multiple earthquakes including structural issue to many buildings and businesses including the power grid. Picture caption: https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/i-dont-feel-safe-in-my-home-puerto-ricans-flee-damaged-structures-fear-more-earthquakes/2020/01/08/b980097c-3263-11ea-a053-dc6d944ba776_story.html

top of that, over 950 quakes and aftershocks have been recorded in the area since December 31, though most were very weak and not felt.

Although it's unclear what the full extent of the damages in Puerto Rico may be, experts say the island could need hundreds of millions of dollars in aid. The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced aid has already been made available to supplement local response efforts

authorized by President Donald Trump.

Schools have been closed since these tremors, and won't resume until crews inspect the buildings and confirm they are safe for students. Also, three major power plants are idle, but expected to return to service by no later than Saturday. Power is expected to return in a day or two though, barring no other large aftershocks or quakes.

Five days in, five people dead



The turnpike was the site of deadly accidents, multiple vehicular damages including jackknifes.

by **Noel Johnson**
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Five days into the new year and already a bad start for around 65 people in Pennsylvania. At about 3:30 Monday morning a deadly turnpike pile up killed five injuring the other 60 on interstate 76. Three tractor trailers, a charter bus, and a Mercedes were involved in the deadly crash.

The vehicles were heading east toward different cities for different purposes. Until that early morning when the pile up occurred people were just on a trip or daily commute when the worst had to strike. The accident had so much force causing three of the five killed to be ejected onto the road way. The FedEx trailer crashed first causing a pile up sending the bus into a median and wedging a Mercedes in between the other two trailers that had piled up after the bus.

As of now the crash is still being investigated but it is known that the two drivers of the tractor trailers, the bus driver, a passenger, and a nine year old girl were the five killed that morning.

Along with not knowing how the crash happened or factors the played into it the crash has not been the only major accident on the turn research has showed. In 2018 a tractor trailer was involved in a crash at the same turnpike. Just like the latest crash every car was heading eastbound in these accidents.

Many questions still need an answer but the National Traffic Safety Board is trying to solve the unknown puzzle. Was it the road conditions, speed, distractions, malfunctions, maybe all of these options or possibly none?

Fill in the bubbles or make time

Debate still continues on which option is better: tests or projects

by **Kylie Uhl**
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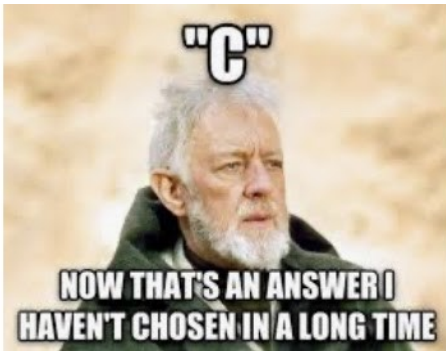
You may begin.

And with that the nerves go through your body thinking about how important this grade is for you. Semester tests and projects have been on the minds of many students this past week. However some students get more nerves from test than a project as for others it's the other way around.

When it comes to choosing the semester assignment teacher Mr. Hughes let's his students decide sometimes and other times he makes the decision.

Some schools however let students opt out of taking semester tests because of factors such as attendance, their grades, the effort they put in etc. New semester test taker Freshman Raegan Altman thinks that many students would try harder in classes if they were given the choice to opt out of tests.

Previously Garretson has given the privilege of letting students leave two days before winter break began if they passed all their tests or projects, If they did not, they had



to stay until winter break began. "I think that if we brought this back that students would definitely take the tests and projects more seriously because it seems like a pretty good reward. And who doesn't love a couple

extra days away from school." Said sophomore Chloe Schleuter.

Seeing the stress with his students Mr. Hughes has also made this observation: "testing seems to invoke more anxiety on students. Projects tend to give more of a freedom aspect and that's why some prefer them."

According to the American test association about 16 to 20% of students have high test anxiety while another 18% have minor test anxiety. However over 70% of test takers have reported to "freezing up" or "blanking" during a test.

"I think it depends on the class if you should take a test or do a pro-



ject. Personally I think some classes if your project is over the stuff you covered that semester then why not do a project but like if it's just random project then I'd rather do a test over the things I learned." Stated senior Austin Top

Many students think, "This won't even help me in real life." Semester tests may not be classified as a real life problem but according to past

When your friends are arguing about whether the answer was 44 or 45 and your answer was South Africa



2017 GHS student Alex Uhl, thinks that being exposed to semester test helps. "I think that if it's relevant to what you've covered in class then yes it's a good experience to the pressure and importance of mid-terms in college."

Multimedia at it again

The multimedia class has stayed busy with their YouTube channel even over the winter break. Three new videos just opened up this week: Winter Boredom Busters, Christmas Karaoke, and The Tetris Tournament.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCv5zIYEMx3z6tcLF4_SttkQ



Kicking off the decade with a CRUNCH *Committing to taking on resolutions*

by **Nobel Nothstine**
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According to Inc.com, people have three main New Year's resolutions at the beginning of each year: diet/eat healthier (71%), exercise more (65%), and lose weight (54%). But, over half of people who make these resolutions also fail them before January 31st.

Why do we set the same New Year's resolutions every single year and then... never really stick to them? "You can do anything you set your mind to" is how the saying goes, right? Well, you can't. Regardless of what January 1st-you thought, there ARE limits to what you can do based on your willpower, circumstances, and available time.

I've found that the key to resolutions is setting more realistic short-term goals, ones that fit you and your current situation. If you make a goal too unrealistic, chances are you will get frustrated and just quit.

For example, my resolution this year is to "try new things", and I was inspired by a YouTube channel I ran across a few months ago, titled "Unus Annus"-which means "one year" in Latin. Comprised of two guys, Mark Fischbach and Ethan Nestor, this channel focuses on the imminence and inescapability of death. They do so by trying weird, crazy things each day, (one of which included eating a variety of bugs)...just to say they have. The channel will be on YouTube for one year, and then it will be deleted.

One of the first implementations of this seemingly common resolution of mine is to mimic the Unus Annus video, and try entomophagy. Entomophagy is, simply put, eating bugs. Gross, right? Well, anything's chow if you're brave enough.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United

Nations estimates that two billion people, more than a quarter of the world's population, eat bugs as part of their standard diet. They're high in protein, low in cost, eco-friendly and tasty. Furthermore, by using insects as food, we are able to raise an alternative food source that uses less space, and has a reduced environmental impact when compared to other protein sources such as chicken, pigs, and beef (which are becoming less viable options for the future).



tortilla chip, with a little umami flavor (covered in cheddar seasoning).

· **Level two** is chocolate covered bugs, including vanilla ant wafers, a chocolate covered scorpion, and chocolate covered crickets and worms. I set this as level two because I still won't be able to see the bugs, and if I tell myself its a chocolate covered pretzel...I'm sure I'll be fine.



So, I designed a level system to ease myself into entomophagy.

· **Level one** is "Chirps", a chip brand that uses cricket flour in its ingredients. I put this first because I don't have to LOOK at any bugs, and it should be just like eating a

· **Level three** is bug-suckers, with a scorpion, a cricket, ants, and a worm. This is set as the third level since I can visually see the insects,



but they're still covered in fruit flavored candy, which eases the blow.

· **Level four** is a salted insect mix, including diving beetles, sago (silk) worms, big crickets, and giant water bugs. I put this fourth as the insects are bigger than the last categories, I'll have to see the insects, and they're not



covered by any sweet coating, or disguised by other ingredients (save the seasoning).

· Lastly, for **level five**, I bought a barbecue-seasoned zebra tarantula. This is level five as its the largest of the mix, and just simply seasoned.

Some of my other plans this year include trying acupuncture, a sensory deprivation tank, and a rage/smash room-all of which are in Sioux Falls, but that you may have never heard of, or attempted. Now that you've heard of my resolution plans, what are you doing? Will you let fear or sensibility rule your life this year? Or will you try new things, no matter how obscure they may seem from an outside view? It's the beginning of a new decade, and one in which I will take more risks, and truly live.

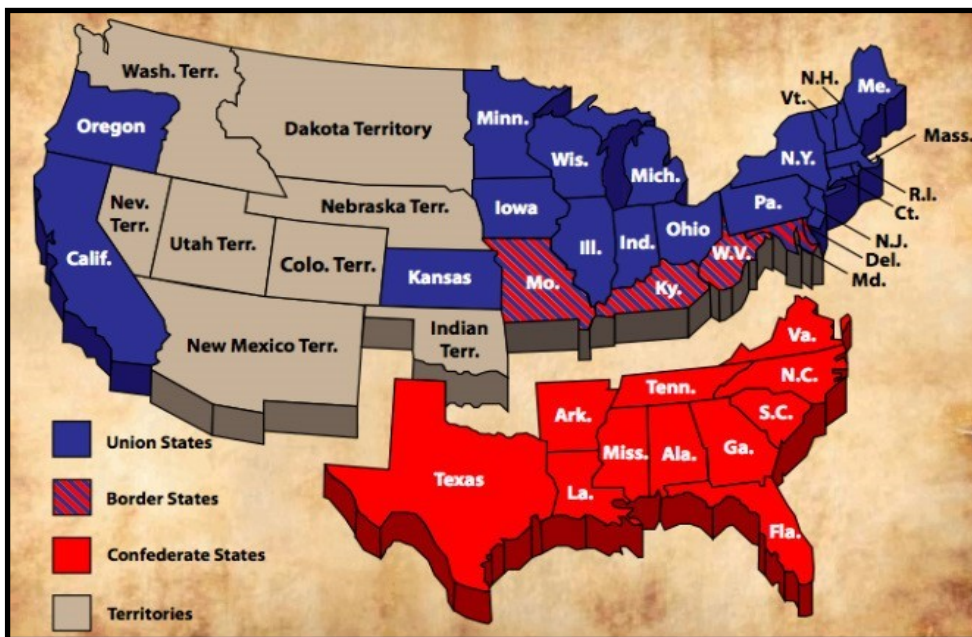
Breaking news: Florida secedes from United States

This day in history: 159 years ago marked the start of the Civil War

by **Oliviyah Thornton**
staff writer

Every day marks an important event in the world's history but January 10 brings a whole other level of importance in America's history. 159 years ago marks the start of the Civil War where families were split between fighting for the South or the North. A nation split between what they thought was right.

On April 12, 1861, a war began on American soil with Southern states against the Northern states. The disagreement between the two sides quickly turned into war after Confederates attacked Union soldiers at Fort Sumter, South Carolina. But that's a jumping a little too far ahead. Today, this date marks the day Florida seceded from the Union.



Map illustrates the break in beliefs, the arbitrary lines drawn in the Civil War. While Florida tried to secede from the Union in 1861, there were many other southern states that also had issues with this still young independent country.

On January 10, 1861 in Tallahassee, Florida Convention delegates voted about seceding from the Union do to the issue about slavery. Slavery was the backbone of the southern states, Florida is one of them. Getting rid of slavery would greatly impact the South's economy. These issues lead to the

delegates voting to secede from the Union.

Florida was one of the six original Southern states to form the Confederate States of America but eventually, all 11 states would leave the union. Florida may have had the smallest population compared to the other Southern states but it played a very active role in the Civil War. Between 16,000-17,000 Floridians fought in the war. This might have been a small number compared to other southern states but it was the highest percentage of available men of military age for the Confederate side.

Florida also offered valuable resources such as its coastline had important harbors and its products, such as salt, sugar, and pork helped to feed many of the Southern soldiers. Overall very little military action took place in Florida except for some coastal cities.

Moving ahead, on April 9, 1865, marked the day when the Civil War ended. Northern states winning and the southern states soon joined the Union again. The war ended due to General Robert E. Lee who surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia at the McLean House in the village of Appomattox Court House.

Every day has its history and today, for America, marks the day Florida seceded from America.



Golden Globes starring 2020

by Grace Panning
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The 77th Golden Globe Awards, honoring the best in film and American television of 2019, were broadcast live from The Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, California on January 5, 2020, by NBC. Ricky Gervais hosted the ceremony for the fifth and final time.

Best Performance by an Actress in a Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television

- Kaitlyn Dever ("Unbelievable")
- Joey King ("The Act")
- Helen Mirren ("Catherine the Great")
- Merritt Wever ("Unbelievable")
- Michelle Williams ("Fosse/Verdon") - WINNER

Best Television Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television

- "Catch-22"
- "Chernobyl" - WINNER
- "Fosse/Verdon"
- The Loudest Voice
- "Unbelievable"

Best Performance by an Actress in a Supporting Role in a Series, Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television

- Patricia Arquette ("The Act") - WINNER
- Helena Bonham Carter ("The Crown")
- Toni Collette ("Unbelievable")
- Meryl Streep ("Big Little Lies")
- Emily Watson ("Chernobyl")

Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television

- Alan Arkin ("The Kominsky Method")
- Kieran Culkin ("Succession")
- Andrew Scott ("Fleabag")
- Stellan Skarsgård ("Chernobyl") - WINNER
- Henry Winkler ("Barry")

Best Television Series -- Drama

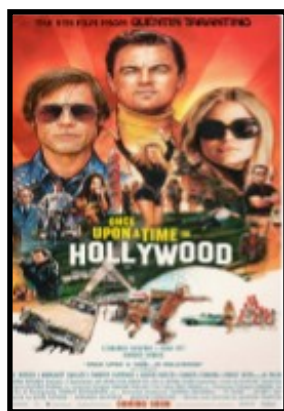
- "Big Little Lies"
- "The Crown"
- "Killing Eve"
- "The Morning Show"
- "Succession" - WINNER

Best Television Series -- Musical or Comedy

- "Barry"
- "Fleabag" - WINNER
- "The Kominsky Method"
- "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
- "The Politician"



BEST MOTION PICTURE—DRAMA:
Brief summary: During World War I, two British soldiers receive seemingly impossible orders. In a race against time, they must cross over into enemy territory to deliver a message that could potentially save 1,600 of their fellow comrade including A soldier's own brother.



BEST MOTION PICTURE—COMEDY:
Brief summary: Actor Rick Dalton gained fame and fortune by starring in a 1950s television Western, but is now struggling to find meaningful work in a Hollywood that he doesn't recognize anymore. He spends most of his time drinking and palling around with Cliff Booth, his easygoing best friend and longtime stunt double.



BEST MOTION PICTURE ACTRESS:
Renee Zellweger won best motion picture actress form her role in the movie Judy. Brief summary: Thirty years after starring in "The Wizard of Oz," beloved actress and singer Judy Garland arrives in London to perform sold-out shows at the Talk of the Town nightclub. While there, she reminisces with friends and fans and begins a whirlwind romance with musician Mickey Deans.



BEST PERFORMANCE ACTOR:
Joaquin Phoenix won best performance actor from his role as Joker. Brief summary: Forever alone in a crowd, failed comedian Arthur Fleck seeks connection as he walks the streets of Gotham City. Arthur wears two masks -- the one he paints for his day job as a clown, and the guise he projects in a futile attempt to feel like he's part of the world around him. Isolated, bullied and disregarded by society, Fleck begins a slow descent into madness as he transforms into the criminal mastermind known as the Joker.

Senior spotlight

Ashlyn Andersen

SENIOR PROJECT:
Making blankets for the Linus Project

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN:
Softball
National Honor Society

WHO/WHAT WILL YOU MISS MOST:
Mrs. Buchholz and Ms. Sands

PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

Attend SDSU for Radiology Technology



Kenya attack

by Parker Schlenker
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Sunday January 5, 2020 three American soldiers were killed in a terrorist attack against the Kenya Defense Force Base in Manda Bay. The attack was carried out by the terrorist group Harakat al-Shabaab al-Mujahideen, or more commonly know as just al-Shabaab.

Al-Shabaab is a jihadist fundamentalist group located in Eastern Africa. Back in February of 2012 al-Shabaab made and alliance with the militant Islamic group know as Al-Qaeda which quickly made al-Shabaab substantially more powerful.

Although three were pronounced dead, many others were injured in the attack on the base. The soldiers that lost their lives were U.S. Special Force workers who were deployed of the Kenyan base to provide help to the Kenyan military.

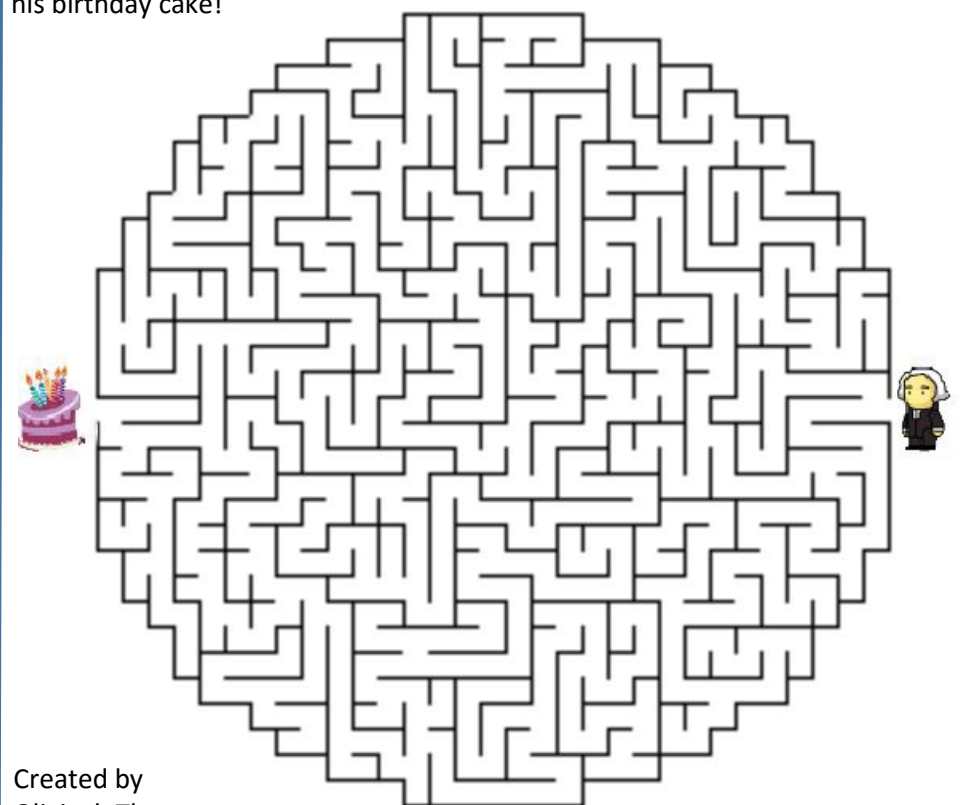
African Command announced that the U.S. Special Force branch uses the airfield for missions such as providing the right training to the Kenyan militants, responding to crises and other attacks, and protecting U.S. interests in the region.

U.S. Army General Stephen Townsend has publicly spoken and stated "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of out teammates who lost their lives today." He also announced that they will be pursuing those responsible for the deaths and injuries inflicted on the U.S. soldiers.

CNN also reported that both a helicopter and plane were damaged in the attack, and African Command now says that six contractor-operated civilian aircraft were damaged to some degree.

A presidential puzzle

Help one of our nation's forefathers make it through this tricky maze to get to his birthday cake!



Created by Oliviyah Thornton