

Today in History: by the Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2018. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On Jan. 17, 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Lili'uokalani (lee-LEE'-oo-oh-kah-LAH'-nee) to abdicate. The 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70.

On this date:

In 1781, during the Revolutionary War, American forces

defeated the British in the Battle of Cowpens, South Carolina.

In 1806, Thomas Jefferson's daughter, Martha, gave birth to James Madison Randolph, the first child born in the White House.

In 1917, Denmark ceded the Virgin Islands to the United States for \$25 million.

In 1929, the cartoon character Popeye the Sailor made his debut in the "Thimble Theatre" comic strip.

In 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II; Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in

Soviet custody.

In 1953, a prototype of the Chevrolet Corvette was unveiled during the General Motors Motorama at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York.

In 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower delivered his farewell address in which he warned against "the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't

recovered until April.) The Simon & Garfunkel album "Sounds of Silence" was released by Columbia Records.

In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1984, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Sony Corp. of America v. Universal City Studios, Inc., ruled 5-4 that the use of home video cassette recorders to tape television programs for private viewing did not violate federal copyright laws.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2

devastated the city of Kobe (koh-bay), Japan.

In 1998, the Drudge Report said Newsweek magazine had killed a story about an affair between President Bill Clinton and an unidentified White House intern, the same day Clinton gave a deposition in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him in which he denied having had a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Ten years ago: Bobby Fischer, the chess grandmaster who became a Cold War icon when he dethroned the Soviet Union's Boris Spassky as world champion in 1972, died in Reykjavik, Iceland, at age 64.

Letters to the editor

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(Editor's Note: Views and commentary, including statements made as fact are strictly those of the letter writers.)

Reader questions marshal's tactics

The U.S. Marshals office has a very unsafe habit of apprehending fugitives in dense urban parking lots. The recent shooting of Jeffrey Alan Burlesque in the Dairy Queen parking lot is the most recent unsafe law enforcement methods we have seen from the U.S. Marshals office.

The killing of fugitives in a highly populated area with women and children civilians - is inexcusable.

A traffic stop on a rural road would seem much more appropriate.

If you read face book posts and other social media, you will see that some of the civilian population has been traumatized by the U.S. Marshal/OSP/Josephine County Sheriff method. The need for 24 law enforcement troop is also suspect, and probably doing more harm to the public than good.

We saw the U.S. Marshals in years past at the Grants Pass and Medford Albertsons parking lots, again, risking the lives of civilians.

I think I speak for everybody that we appreciate the service, but we would like a little better protection from stray bullets

fired by the law enforcement agencies.

**Mark Johnson
Grants Pass**

Reader questions integrity of White House

Neither crooks nor the corrupt care, but integrity is something most of us value. Without integrity, which can be assessed many ways, one cannot be trusted. For politicians, a good measure is to evaluate whether they do what they promised, whether they serve themselves and special interests or serve their constituents, and whether

they accept evidence when it indicates their opinions are based on misinformation.

There can be no doubt, since they have readily admitted it, that the occupants of this White House don't care about, integrity. Repeatedly, they tell us they make up their own facts to justify opinions and proposals - and then they call contrary evidence-based information 'fake.'

Major problems result when we elect representatives who lack integrity and their equally hypocritical colleagues protect them. In Trump's case, serious political

scrutiny is avoided because the Congressional GOP doesn't have integrity enough to reject Trump's idiotic and unsupportable nonsense or his ignorant, unqualified nominees. And so, with Trump supporters blindly accepting this nonsense, insanity and corruption continue.

When confronted with individuals lacking integrity, rational debate is impossible since they reject known science or simply make up their own supporting evidence. Middle ground cannot be found.

**Trisha Vigil
Medford**

Obituaries

Mary Lucille Schiffiler

March 22, 1929 – Dec. 24, 2017

Mary Lucille Schiffiler, 88, died in Grants Pass. She was born in Stilwell, Okla. March 22, 1929. She was raised in Oklahoma until her family moved to California about 1941. She attended and graduated from Huntington Park High School in Calif. On Sept. 9, 1951 Mary married Joseph Schiffiler. Together they raised a son, Tony, and two daughters, Susan and Janice. Mom would say her greatest accomplishments were her three children.

She considered herself fortunate to have a wonderful family and friends. She worked for various companies including U.S. Steel, Century 21 Real Estate, and the Greater Los Angeles County School District. Upon

retirement, she and her husband Joe moved to Oregon. Her passions over the years were traveling, Tole painting, singing, and playing the piano. She was quite an accomplished singer and pianist and loved to play ragtime. She was also very active in her local church volunteering her time, reading to young children, and singing in the choir.

Mary is survived by her husband, Joseph Schiffiler, a WWII veteran; her daughter, Susan O'Rourke and husband Ed; her son, Tony Schiffiler and wife Rosie; her daughter, Janice Meador and partner Billy; grandchildren, Shane Meador and Trajan Dering; and great-grandchildren, Cayden Meador and Cameron Meador. She is also survived by her sister, Margaret "Tincy" Bowers and her husband

Richard. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer R. Pugh and Bernice Williams and brothers, Edwin, Jack and Harry.

A funeral service in memory of Mary will be held on Friday, Feb. 2, 2018 at 10 a.m. at the Community Bible Church, 113 Caves Avenue in Cave Junction.

Mary's final resting place will be at Eagle Point National Cemetery, 2763 Riley Road, Eagle Point. There will be a smaller non-graveside service held at the commemorative shelter at this cemetery at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Mary's name to the Community Bible Church in Cave Junction.

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Save the date

Jan. 20

Please join us for the Dome School's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, 9367 Takilma Rd. at 5 p.m. honoring Dr. King as well as other social justice heroes of the past, present, and future. This year we'll focus on (a) youth activists, particularly young people working to save the oceans, to emphasize that people of any age can make a difference; (b) self-esteem and self-love, which are at the heart of social justice; (c) current local activism, to remind ourselves that Martin Luther King Jr and the civil rights activists of the 1950s and 60s didn't solve our social justice and environmental problems forevermore – the work continues and it continues here; and (d) portraits and biographies of social justice heroes. Please note that 50% of profits will be donated to Nhimbe for Progress (www.ancientways.org/projects/nhimbe-for-progress/)

Jan. 21

"Fostering Family Morale & Support," Trauma-Informed Self-Care and Family Care class, Led by Jerry Allen, LMFT, SEP, MPH, Anishinaabe Medicine Man & Coach, Date/Time: Sunday, Jan. 21, 2018, 1-3 p.m., Place: Unitarian Universalist Hall, 129 NW E St, Grants Pass. Cost: \$25 - 15 sliding scale per

family, no one turned away, bring whole family, friends, grandparents, teens & tweens welcome, singles \$12 (a portion of proceeds goes to saving the old growth forests.) For more information email jerryallengitfiddler@gmail.com.

Jan. 23

Freddy & Francine, Americana – Soul duo will perform live at the Takilma Community Building, 9367 Takilma Rd. for a KXCJ Fundraiser, Tuesday, Jan. 23, Doors: 6 p.m., Show: 7 p.m. Tickets \$10 - \$20 sliding scale, light dinner & desserts. For more info call 541-592-4112.

Feb. 3

Oregon Humanities presents "Talking about Dying" a community conversation Feb. 3, 2018 starting at 10 a.m. at the I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E. River Street, Cave Junction, 541-592-6139. This Conversation Project program provides an opportunity for participants to reflect on what stories and influences shape their thinking about death and dying and to hear perspectives and ideas from fellow community members. Sponsored by Illinois Valley Family Coalition and Clear Creek Family Practice. Refreshments will be provided.

Continuing

*Illinois Valley Community Watch Meeting every Monday from 5 - 6 p.m. at Wild River Pizza, 249 Redwood Hwy. – Cave Junction. A Public Safety Outreach Campaign effort with all I.V. Neighborhood Watch Groups – representatives, including businesses and churches, and support for anyone wishing to start a neighborhood watch. Includes a 2-way hand held radio program briefing from 4:20 - 4:50 p.m. Contact Guenter - 541-415-1929 / ivwatch541@gmail.com.

*The I.V. Senior Thrift Store: Join the crew and make new friends. You don't need to be a senior citizen to volunteer at the store. Call us at 541-592-6630. Open Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*Your public library has activities happening every week! New Storytime reader, Melanie, has crafts and stories for kids of all ages Saturdays at 12 noon. Families at Play baby-parent group is for babies the first Wednesday of the month from 1-2 p.m. Early literacy skills are taught within a thirty-minute storytime of songs, bounces, and reading, followed by a half-hour of play and chat time. For more information contact Roberta Lee at 541-592-4770.

IV Branch, Josephine Community Libraries, 209 W Palmer St, CJ

*The Sheriff's Office Substation in Cave Junction is now open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 10 to 2. Volunteers are still needed to staff additional days. Applications are available at the substation or on line at <http://www.co.josephine.or.us/Files/Volunteer%20Application.Mar%202014.pdf>.

*Cave Junction Patrol, LLC is looking for volunteers. CJ Patrol is a private citizen volunteer organization dedicated to effectively addressing heretofore-unchecked property crime in our city and neighborhoods. The primary mission of CJ Patrol is to prevent, interrupt, report and decrease property crime in the city of Cave Junction. Call 541-592-9665 or visit cjpgatrol.org.

*Committee Meeting STATE OF JEFFERSON Josephine County 1st Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Black Forest Restaurant, Grants Pass and 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m., Wild River Pizza in Cave Junction.

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