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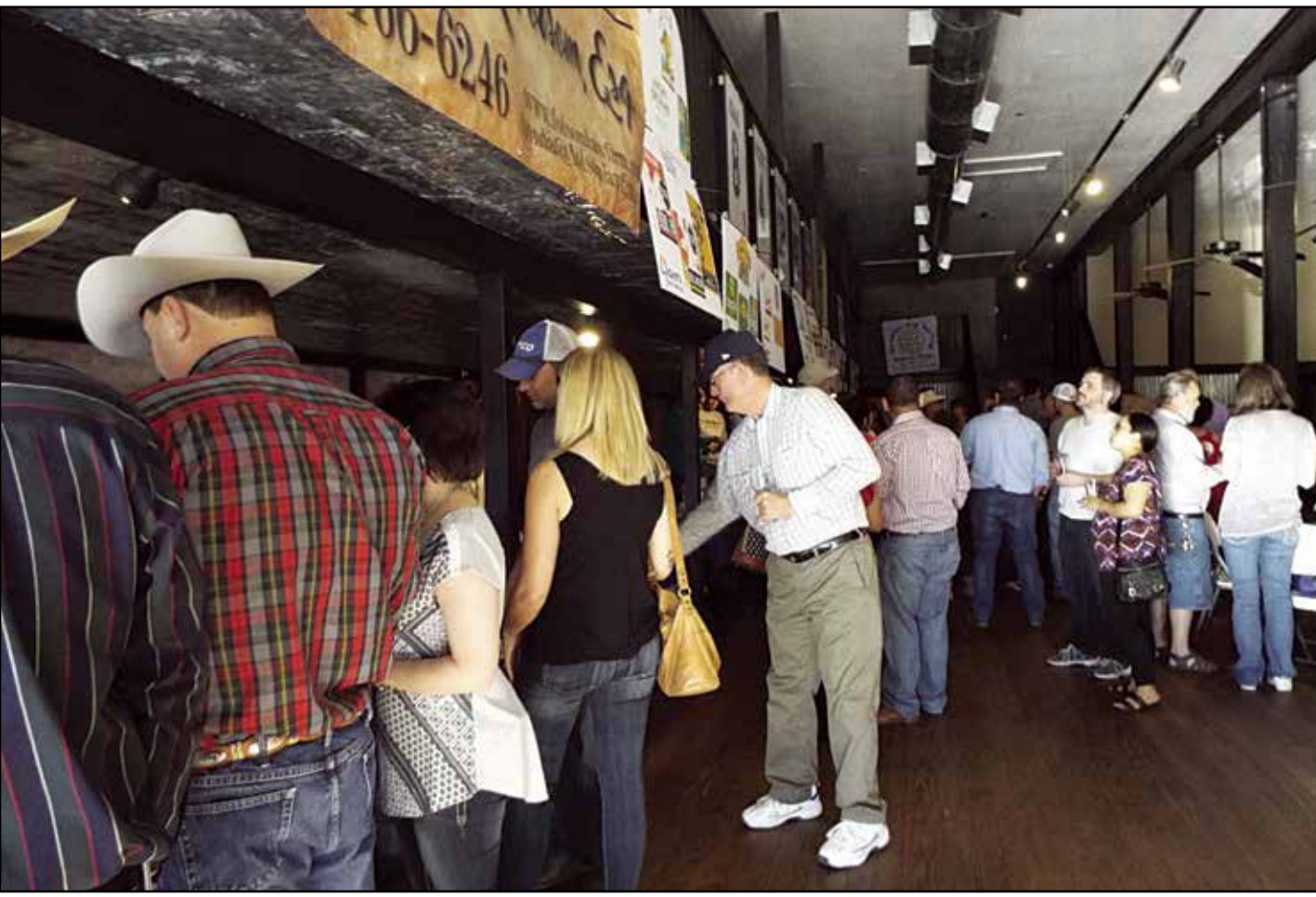


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Planning begins for 'Pints'



File photo

Visitors at the 2017 Greater Big Spring Rotary Club event Pints for Polio enjoy beer, wine, and socializing. This year will be the third time the club hosts the event. The club is currently looking for sponsors to help put on the event.

Rotary's 'Pints for Polio' campaign seeks sponsors

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Polio. For those with a long memory, the word conjures up images of crippled children, FDR, and Jonas Salk, inventor of the polio vaccine. That vaccine, and others based upon it, helped eliminate polio as a serious concern in much of the world. Unfortunately, there are places where the disease still exists.

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club is working to change that.

The club is planning its third annual Pints for Polio event, scheduled Saturday, March 24, as a fundraiser for the international Rotary Club's "End Polio Now" campaign. The event will be held at the Courtyard Downtown Event Center (the old hardware store) at 119 S. Main St.

"It's a beer and wine tasting, along with food and entertainment," said

local Rotarian Chuck Bagwell. "We're going to have a lot of sports memorabilia that we already are accumulating for live auctions. I know (local musicians) George Bancroft and Adrian Calvio are performing. I don't know who else."

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club is looking for sponsors for the event.

"We're looking for sponsors. We don't have a whole lot of them quite yet, but we'd love to have all we can get," Bagwell said. "We have different levels of sponsorship, and they'll get different gifts and what have you. We go from \$250 all the way to \$5,000. If we can get somebody to do the \$5,000, they get to be considered to be presenting the Pints for Polio."

Companies and individuals who want to sponsor Pints for Polio can contact Brent Strande at 432-213-2647, or Chuck Bagwell at 432-213-

0467, or any member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club.

Bagwell said that sponsors and donors for the event have the chance to multiply their impact on polio.

"The nice thing about all of this is, for every dollar we raise for End Polio Now, Bill and Linda Gates (Foundation) matches it two to one," he said. "If we get \$5, their going to give us \$10 to go with it and make it a \$15 donation."

Polio was a huge concern in past decades. In 1988 when Rotary's campaign against the disease began, there were 350,000 cases of polio reported worldwide. In 2016, there were only 37 cases reported worldwide. There are only three countries – Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan – where cases of polio still exist.

"Rotary stepped up and started

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UBS blood drive to be held Jan. 10

By **ERIN STEPHENS**

Staff Writer

Kick off the New Year by giving the gift of life. January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month, and marks the annual celebration of blood donors. It's a time to raise awareness and honor those caring individuals who touch the lives of patients through the selfless act of blood donation.

The United Blood Services bloodmobile will in the parking lot of Scenic Mountain Medical Center located at 1601 W. 11th Place on Jan. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Donors can expect to receive 700 "Hero in Me" Points that may be redeemed online in the form of an Amazon Gift Card or Movie Pass, or a free car wash from Mighty Car Wash.

"National Blood Donor month started back in 1970 and it's a way to recognize how important blood donors are to the nation's blood supply, because it's the blood from those donors that save patient's lives in the hospital," said Senior Donor Recruitment Representative Linda Grace. "A person can donate up to one pint of whole blood every 56 days and those with O-negative blood are known as 'universal donors' because their blood can be transfused to anyone. We're low on O-negative blood right now because supplies begin to dip around the holidays due to people being away on vacation."

Donor appointments are strongly encouraged, but full registration can also be completed at the drive. To make an appointment prior to the drive, potential donors may call 877-827-4376 and use code: smmc, visit www.bloodhero.com using the same code, or download the United Blood Services app. The app and website both allow you to make an

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Federal pot policy change sparks crackdown fears

By **BRIAN MELLEY and SADIE GURMAN**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The buzz kill long dreaded in the mari-

juana industry came just days after California opened what is expected to be the world's largest legal pot market.

The Trump administration announced Thursday that it was ending an Obama-era

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Two vehicle accident on South Gregg

HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Emergency Medical Services personnel treat a person involved in a two-vehicle accident around 2:30 p.m. Thursday on South Gregg Street near the intersection with Seventh Street. Personnel from EMS, Big Spring Fire Department, Big Spring Police Department, and Howard County Sheriff's Department responded to the accident. Extent of injuries caused by the wreck is unknown at this time.



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Obituaries

Paul Mize



Paul Mize, 73, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2018, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Tony Aguilar and Lloyd Wells, officiating. Burial with Fire Department Honor Guard will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Paul was born Sept. 16, 1944, in Poplar Bluff, Mo., to Arborette Tolbert Mize and Fred Forrest Mize. He married Sue Lockhart on March 13, 1966, in Luther, Texas, and she preceded him in death on July 27, 2008. Paul was a veteran of the United States Air Force and came to Big Spring in 1964 while stationed at Webb Air Force Base. He was an aircraft mechanic and served for 28 years. He was affiliated with the Staked Plains 598 Lodge AF & AM for 25 years. He retired in 1995 from the Big Spring Fire

Department. He also worked for an additional 15 years at the Big Spring State Hospital. He was a member of Vincent Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sons, Jason Mize and wife Krysha, and Jeremy Mize and wife Vicki, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Melissa Mize of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren, Shawna Mize, Brent Riffe, Haley Mize, Wesley Mize, J.T. Mize, Austin Mize, C.J. Mize, Isaac Ortega, Ian Morelion, Isaiah Morelion, Valori Mize, and J.C. Mize; and two great-grandsons, Ellis Mize and Raiden Mize.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Bill Mize, Tommy Mize, and Bobby Mize.

Pallbearers will be James Dubose, Mike Mize, Cecil Cevallos, John Dorton, Chuck Guidry, J.T. Mize, Austin Mize, and Wesley Mize. Honorary pallbearers will be Albert Smith and Brent Riffe.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Paid Obituary

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 66 inmates at the time of this report.

- **STEVEN ALVAREZ**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of assault family violence, possession of drug paraphernalia, and a charge of possession of controlled substance.

- **CHASITY ANN ARGUIJO**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of theft less than \$100.

- **TYLER W IRVIN**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated, and on failure to report change address.

- **OSCAR MIER**, 43, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of service less than or equal to \$100 to \$750, and on a charge of driving while license invalid

with previous convictions

- **DELILAH LIBRADA MONCADA**, 45, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of parent contributing to to non-attend, and on a charge of evading arrest detention.

- **JENNIFER ANGELICA RAMIREZ**, 27, was arrested by BSPD on warrants on two counts of driving while license invalid, speeding 66 MPH in a 50 MPH zone,

and on a safety seat system child.

- **KIMBERLY ALCANTAR RIOS**, 36, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of display expired registration.

- **ZACKARY BENNETT WATKINS**, 32, was arrested by HCSO on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than or equal to 400 grams.

Take Note

- Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

- Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

- Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food.

It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact

your child's school.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.
- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big

Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program.

Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 800 block of W 16th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Calvin. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 600 block of Ridgeliea. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2300 block of Wasson Rd. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported on 7th and Gregg St. No transport.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 700 block of S Gregg St. Two person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of Settles. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DELILAH LIBRADA MONCADA**, 45, of 1302 Sycamore St., was arrested on a warrant of parent contributing to to non-attend, and on a charge of evading arrest detention.

- **JENNIFER ANGELICA RAMIREZ**, 27, of 3509 E I Hwy 20, was arrested on warrants on two counts of driving while license invalid, speeding 66 MPH in a 50 MPH zone, and on a safety seat system child.

- **LATANE ALICIA ROBERTS**, of 304 N. Avenue, was arrested on a charge of theft of property less than 100 shoplifting.

- **TYLER W IRVIN**, 29, of 1303 Michael Ave., was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated, and on failure to report change address.

- **CHASITY ANN ARGUIJO**, 18, of 611 S Nolan St., was arrested on a charge of theft less than \$100 shoplifting.

- **OSCAR MIER**, 43, of 606 E 12th St. was arrested on a warrant of theft of service less than or equal to \$100 to \$750, and on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions

- **KIMBERLY ALCANTAR RIOS**, 36, 107 NW 9th, was arrested on a warrant of display expired registration.

- **ZACKARY BENNETT WATKINS**, 32, 908 Mountain Park Dr., was arrested on a charge of possession of controlled substance less than or equal to 400 grams.

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of S Lancaster St.

- **BURGLARY OF HABITATION** was reported in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 400 block of S Main St.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of S Second, and the 200 block of W FM 700.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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policy to tread lightly on enforcing U.S. marijuana laws. The declaration renewed anxiety, confusion and uncertainty that has long shadowed the bright green leafy drug still forbidden under federal law but now legal in a majority of states as medicine and in a handful of those for recreational purposes.

"Everybody is super worried. My phone has been going off the hook," said Terry Blevins, who runs a security firm and is part-owner of a marijuana distribution company in Southern California. "They are all, 'What does this mean? ... Is the federal government going to come into California' to raid businesses?"

Officials wouldn't say if federal prosecutors would target pot shops and legal growers, nor would they speculate on whether pot prosecutions would increase.

The action by Attorney General Jeff Sessions was not unexpected given his longtime opposition to pot, but comes at a heady time for the industry as retail pot sales rolled out New Year's Day in California.

In 2013, President Barack Obama's attorney general advised prosecutors not to waste money targeting pot growers and sellers that were abiding by state laws, but to go after flagrant violations such as trafficking across state lines or selling to minors. Under this policy, several states legalized recreational pot, growers and sellers had begun to drop their guard over fears of a federal crackdown and the business blossomed into a sophisticated, multimillion-dollar industry feeding state government programs with tax dollars.

Sessions and some law enforcement officials blame legalization for a number of problems, including trafficking black market weed. Authorities are also concerned about stoned drivers and fear that widespread acceptance of the drug could increase its youth appeal.

Advocates for the drug that is classified in federal law in the same category as heroin have argued that it has medicinal qualities and causes less harm than alcohol. They have said the government needs to focus on rampant opioid abuse and allow a regulated marijuana market that will reduce crime by eliminating the need for a black market.

Pot proponents along with some members of Congress, including Sessions' fellow Republicans, roundly condemned the change in direction Thursday and said it was an intrusion upon the rights of states whose voters had approved use of the drug.

"If ... Congress allows the Department (of Justice) to crack down on individuals and state governments, it will be one of the biggest derelictions of duty I will have witnessed," said U.S. Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska. "Congress is the voice of the people and we have a duty to do what is right by the states."

Some sheriffs in California welcomed the news, particularly in the northern part of the state where the majority of weed has been grown illegally for decades and enforcement of laws largely falls to rural authorities with limited budgets.

Yuba County Sheriff Steve Durfor said he's hopeful Sessions' actions signal a new willingness of federal authorities to help the impoverished region enforce marijuana laws. His department outside Sacramento has struggled to slow a large and growing

influx of illegal operations setting up shop in the region. Officers destroyed a record 30,000 plants last year, surpassing the previous record of 8,800 plants destroyed in 2016.

Colorado's U.S. attorney, Bob Troyer, said his office won't change its approach to prosecution, despite Sessions' guidance. Prosecutors there have always focused on marijuana crimes that "create the greatest safety threats" and will continue to be guided by that, he said. In Oregon, U.S. Attorney Billy J. Williams said he would maintain the same level of enforcement and focus on unlicensed production of marijuana and smuggling out of state.

Before the Obama administration put the policy in place, the feds sent shivers through the medical marijuana community by threatening landlords and operators with property seizure notices, resulting in many shops shutting down in cities where they were considered a nuisance.

Federal prosecutors also sued and prosecuted some nonprofit dispensaries that were raking in money or dealing to people with no medical need, though the latter was hard to prove in a state like California, where regulations were loose at best.

It was not clear how Thursday's announcement might affect states where marijuana is legal for medical purposes. A congressional amendment blocks the Justice Department from interfering with medical marijuana programs in states where it is allowed. Justice officials said they would follow the law, but would not preclude the possibility of medical-marijuana related prosecutions.

Sessions' decision led to a skid in prices for marijuana-related stocks that had surged for weeks surrounding California pot sales.

Officials denied the timing of the announcement was connected to California sales, which are projected to bring in \$1 billion annually in tax revenue within several years.

In addition to stock market losses, the change in policy in the short-term could chill investments in a burgeoning industry that will also see Canada and Massachusetts begin to allow recreational sales in July, experts said. However, many suggested that a large-scale crackdown was unlikely given the industry's size.

"Legal marijuana has become so entrenched in the U.S. — it's a multi-billion-dollar industry," said Don Morse, director of the Oregon Cannabis Business Council. "I don't see the people who are behind this, people like myself, rolling over for the Justice Department."

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee said the state, which along with Colorado in 2012 were the first to allow retail pot sales, would continue marijuana operations.

"We should, in my book, not push the panic button on either your individual lives or your businesses," Inslee said.

At Harborside in Oakland, one of California's largest shops, founder and CEO Steve DeAngelo said it was business as usual and he wanted to assure customers not to fear shopping there.

"We've been targeted by the federal government before and we stand up and we fight for our rights," DeAngelo said. "Six months from now if U.S. attorneys have not taken Jeff Sessions up on this crazy offer, then I think that it absolutely makes no difference to anybody."

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giving away vaccinations, especially throughout third-world countries," Bagwell said. "We're working, trying to just eliminate it totally, kind of like smallpox."

Bagwell said polio has person-

al memories for him.

"I still remember having friends who had polio. I have an uncle who had polio; he walked with limp all his life," he said. "I have a good friend who had polio. He got through it, but it was because of polio. I remember getting injections and then finally the drops."

Keep an eye on the Big Spring

Herald between now and March for more information about Pints for Polio and the Rotary Club's End Polio Now campaign.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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appointment and complete the fast track health screening to see if you're a candidate for donation or not.

"You only have to be 16 years old, weigh 110 lbs, and be in good health to donate," said Grace. "The short health screening will ask questions about what medications you use, if you've traveled outside of the country, dental health questions, etc."

All blood types and ethnicities are welcome to donate and are critical to maintaining the diversity of the blood supply.

"Every two seconds, someone needs blood," said Grace. "Car accident and trauma victims may need 50 or more blood transfusions."

United Blood Services has been this area's non-profit community blood provider since 1956, and serves patients in 10 hospitals in 11 counties. The United Blood Services network is one of the nation's oldest and largest non-profit blood service organizations.

Contact Staff Writer Erin Stephens at 432-263-7331 ext. 232.

US employers add modest 148,000 jobs

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

— U.S. employers added 148,000 jobs in December, a modest gain but still enough to suggest that the economy entered the new year with solid momentum.

The unemployment rate remained 4.1 percent for a third straight month, the lowest level since 2000, the Labor Department said Friday.

For all of 2017, employers added nearly 2.1 million jobs, enough to lower the unemployment rate from 4.7 percent a year ago.

Still, the data indicates that job gains are slowing, which typically happens when unemployment falls to ultra-low levels and fewer people are available to be hired. Average job

gains have declined to 171,000 this year from a peak of 250,000 in 2014. Last year's job gains were the fewest since 2010.

Despite the low unemployment and the difficulty some employers face in finding enough qualified workers, pay gains remain sluggish. Average hourly earnings rose 2.5 percent in December from a year earlier — about a full percentage point lower than is typical in a healthy economy.

Still, the December job growth, while modest, underscores the economy's continued health in its ninth year of recovery. Last month's pace of hiring is enough, over time, to lower the unemployment rate.

The unemployment rate for African-Americans reached a record

low of 6.8 percent in December. And the jobless rate for veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq fell to 3.3 percent, also a record low.

Solid economic growth in both the United States and major countries overseas is supporting more hiring. Factory managers received the most new orders in December than in any month since 2004. Retailers have reported strong holiday sales. Builders are ramping up home construction to meet growing demand.

Sales of existing homes reached their fastest pace in nearly 11 years in November. Consumer confidence is at nearly a 17-year high. And the Dow Jones industrial average reached 25,000 for the first time on Thursday.

Manufacturing and construction reported strong job gains in December, adding 25,000 and 30,000 jobs, respectively. A category that includes hotels and restaurants gained 29,200.

Retailers cut 20,300 jobs, mostly in department store chains such as Macy's, which announced this week that it would close 11 additional stores. That suggests that stores hired fewer seasonal workers for the winter holidays, a sign of the impact of e-commerce.

Transportation and warehousing, a category that has grown substantially this year to keep up with online deliveries, added just 1,800 positions in December.

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the blessing of new beginnings. Amen.

Underestimating Trump supporters

It is disheartening to see the ongoing rift between those conservatives supporting President Donald Trump and those opposing him — a rift that began before Trump and may survive his presidency.

Many conservatives opposed Trump's nomination because they believed he was not a true conservative — not even really a bona fide Republican — but rather a narcissistic opportunist who wanted to take his game show hosting and self-promotional platform to a grander stage.

Many also thought that a Trump presidency, even if it would somewhat forestall the Obama-Clinton agenda, would not be worth the long-term damage it would do to the conservative movement. They believed a Trump victory would embolden the so-called alt-right movement, which they saw as Trump's main base. They saw a mob-like mentality among many of his supporters, saying they were fueled by rage and would rubber-stamp every crazy idea Trump might pursue and also push him to pursue even nuttier ideas.

Admittedly, in the red-hot contentiousness of the primary campaigns, some of the alt-right types did surface as among the most vocal of Trump supporters. Trump supporters seemed to defend anything Trump said or did, even if indefensible.

I admit that during the primaries, I was concerned about Trump's commitment to conservatism and worried that the justifiable outrage of many of his most ardent supporters at the direction the country was headed under Obama was clouding their judgment. Trump was not the answer to the quintessentially anti-conservative and fundamentally leftist Obama.

Then two things happened. The first was that Trump won the GOP nomination fairly and squarely. This meant that he would be facing off against Hillary Clinton, the most corrupt, self-serving and politically opportunistic presidential candidate in decades — someone who had tied herself to the far left and who promised to double down on the Obama agenda.

There is nothing to blunt one's concerns about flaws in a GOP presidential candidate like the

sober realization that unless he wins, the abominable Hillary Clinton will be the next president and drive America past the point of returning to anything resembling its founding principles. Only conservatives who didn't view America's trajectory with similar urgency could rationalize their refusal to vote for Trump against Clinton.

This same obliviousness to the urgency of our situation also led to GOP establishment inertia regarding the Obama agenda. The establishment's insufficient energy and willingness to oppose him sowed the seeds of Trump's rise to power. How ironic that the people who remain most opposed to Trump today are to some extent responsible for the emergence of such an unorthodox character to fill the void they helped to create.

The second thing is that I came to realize that I had misunderstood much of Trump's grass-roots support. Yes, grass-roots voters were convinced that there was no difference between the two parties and that only an outsider like Trump could break the mold and inaugurate a new paradigm in Washington. But they were not a mob, and they saw something that others may not have seen.

This epiphany came to me when I was debating a longtime friend who is respected in the community and every bit as conservative as I am but had supported Trump from the beginning. I saw that he was not the exceptional Trump supporter but the typical one, someone who had not given over his critical faculties to runaway emotions but who genuinely believed that Trump, flaws and all, was the answer for these unusual times. As time passed, my epiphany was repeatedly confirmed: Trump supporters are patriotic Americans — not bigots, not political illiterates, not overreacting zealots — who just wanted our country and culture back. It's that simple.

Based on my observation of those on the right who continue to oppose, even revile, Trump at almost every turn, I conclude that their ongoing opposition can largely be traced to disagreement on the two factors I describe — not to mention a healthy dose of stubborn pride, in some cases.

Many of them still deny the urgency in the Obama-Clinton agenda and seem to hold the average Trump supporter in contempt. Another irony emerges as to their willful blindness when it comes to the imminent dangers to America from the Obama-Clinton

left. While they claim to have a monopoly on pure conservatism, they frequently hold hands in shared disgust with the leftists still pushing that agenda, and they often diminish the strides Trump has made toward rolling back Obama-era "progress" and advancing conservatism. Their opposition also goes beyond policy, as evidenced by their reflexive sympathy for Trump's Democratic Russia-collusion accusers and their revulsion at conservatives pointing to Obama and Clinton corruption. To them, even to utter criticism against Obama and Clinton is "whataboutism" — an alleged effort to divert attention from Trump's supposed corruption. What they don't realize is their cries of "whataboutism" reveal their own version of the malady; when you point out a Trump success, they say, "What about his character?"

The Trump opponents have a variety of excuses to deny Trump credit for advancing this agenda and discredit those who foresaw the landscape better than they. They can't stand his tone, his manners or his tweets. They view him as temperamentally and mentally unfit for office. Even when he achieves policy success after policy success, they childishly huff that it is only because other people besides Trump are running the White House — that he has delegated foreign policy matters and "outsourced" his legislative agenda. Come on, people.

Well, I don't know whether Trump has morphed into a full-blown ideological conservative but I do know that he's largely governing as one — and an effective one at that, accomplishing some bold things that few other conservative presidents would have even tried.

Why are some never-Trumper obsessively bogged down in evaluating Trump's character and competence and preoccupied with sanctimoniously judging Trump's supporters instead of admitting that Trump's supporters are just rooting for America and that Trump's policies are — to this point — moving us back toward the direction of the American dream?

This shouldn't be a contest over who's more conservative; it should be about what's best for the United States. I'm pleased with how things are going. If the conservative movement doesn't come together in the future, I don't think it will be primarily the fault of the Trump supporters.

When parents can know everything

Arkangel, an episode of the Netflix show "Black Mirror" directed by Jodie Foster, had me cheering — which is a little odd, seeing as it is an incredibly horrifying tale of what can happen when parents get what some think they want: the chance to watch what their children are doing every minute and shield them from all misery and harm.

Sara is a little girl whose mom (played by Rosemarie DeWitt) implants an "Arkangel" chip in her, which allows Sara's mom, whenever she tunes in on her tablet, to see what Sara sees. The chip also allows parents to pixelate any disturbing things they do not want their kids to see, including violence, blood — even two people arguing. So when the girl's grandpa has a heart attack right in front of her, the girl can't see him; she sees only pixels. As the trailer for the episode ominously puts it, "the key to good parenting is control."

What could possibly go wrong? Well, basically the same problems we're seeing creeping up today in real life. As we try to shield kids from all risk, frustration and unhappiness, we are depriving them of the chance to develop some street smarts and

resilience. Nobody wants kids to be mercilessly bullied, but kids need a bit of exposure to the imperfect world. In fact, that's why therapy for highly fearful people is called exposure therapy. By being gradually exposed to the thing they worry about or fear, people grow less sensitive to it and thus can go about their normal lives. It is the opposite of giving those fears control over your life.

The Arkangel device gives parents just a little more power than tech is actually giving parents today. Already there are apps that let you watch on a map where your child is walking, see what they're looking at online, hear what's going on around them in real time, read their texts, scan their Snapchat photos and even tell their temperature and heart rate from afar. A new app being developed by a company called Kiddo promises to compare the food your children eat with the exercise their Fitbits show them getting. If calories consumed are greater than calories burned, the app then lets parents prescribe certain amounts of extra exertion: "That sundae means you have to do 23 more jumping jacks, Olivia!" We are told we can and must control everything our children do, see, think, worry about and, apparently, eat.

Parents are just starting to understand that with great power — in fact, with superpowers never before afforded to human beings

— comes great angst. After all, if we can watch everything our kids do, must we? What about our relationships with the children? What about privacy? Are our kids our prisoners, to be constantly supervised? Our patients, to be constantly monitored? Or our pets, to be chipped?

That all feels wrong. Yet: What if something "bad" happens and we could have prevented it with more vigilance?

That's the push the marketers are giving parents. Now that you can see all and prevent all, why wouldn't you?

If you watch the "Black Mirror" episode, you'll see, in Gothic detail, exactly where that could lead. But if you skip the show, all you have to do is try imagining what it would have been like if your mom could have seen everything you were doing from toddlerhood through adolescence and what that would have done to you — and her.

Then be strong when the tech folks insist that this or that child surveillance device will give parents "peace of mind."

Ha.

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On Sunday, Jan. 7, Pastor Derrell's message is "TAKING INVENTORY," and the scripture is from Hebrews 4: 12-13. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the services live streamed on our Facebook page, at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship services on that Facebook page, including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior."

Wednesday activities resume on January 10 after the Christmas and New Year's break.

The Wednesday Noon Bible Study meets for lunch and a study in Garrett Hall on Wednesdays. The meal is served at 11:50 a.m. for \$5.

The Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. You may contact Dan Kiley for more information at 214-883-1868.

Evening Adult Bible Study, Real Life, meets Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Besides children and youth programs, an adult Bible study is also offered. The adult Bible study is led by Pastor Derrell, and is entitled "Sunday Sermon 2.0." Questions and group discussion help those who attend dig deeper into the scripture and sermon from the previous Sunday.

For more information on any activity, please visit the website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church office at 432-267-6394.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, January 7th - Join us this Sunday as we enter 2018 with our New Year Service. We offer both a 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship service so come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Tuesday, Jan. 9th- Join us each Tuesday for 8 weeks, Starting January 9th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the ARC as we study and learn with Natasha Bailey on the book

Made to Crave by Lysa Terkeurst. For this class You will need to purchase your book. The journal & Study guide are NOT needed for this class.

Tuesday, Jan. 9th- Join us at 7 p.m. as 50 & over small group will be gathering for a potluck and game night. Bring your game face and see you at the Flower's Residence 2405 E. 25th St. For more info please contact Faye Flowers @ 432-213-3883.

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Monday, February 12th- Join Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry in the ARC from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. As we encourage and equip each other in God's word. Bring your favorite dish to share for food, fun and fellowship. For more info contact Debbie Reiger @432-935-1257

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We will be back to our regular times starting this next Sunday and hope to see you there!

The Women's Bible Study (previously Cheeze Nips) will meet Tuesday January 9th at 7 p.m. and will have a new name!! For info call Jen Hollingsworth at 432-425-5141.

We have a new "App" for your use this year. It should be easier to work with have more applications.

KID CONNECTION: The Ethiopian Official Believed Acts 8:26-40, check the Bible lesson under the Kid Connect tab, Winter 2017-18, at springcreekfellowship.org. Better yet, join us in the "yellow room" at Spring Creek this Sunday.

As Kids On A Mission, we have learned that our 126 shoeboxes sent for Operation Christmas Child are headed to Panama and Ecuador to bless children with the message of Jesus' and His love!

New Connection Groups will be starting up in January. More info to come!!

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What's the difference?

Why do people react so differently when they are in the same situation? Why is it that different people will have such a variety of responses when given the exact same information?

An ancient teacher told an excellent story to illustrate this point. A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

What was the difference? Why was there such a variety in the outcomes from the sowing, or planting, process? It's plain to see that the difference was with the soils.

Of course, many of you probably know that the ancient teacher who

told this story was Jesus. You can find it in Matthew 13:3-8. As we continue to study through Matthew's gospel, we will look more closely at this story.

You also are probably aware that this story is known as a parable. The idea behind this word is "to throw (or cast) alongside." Think of parallel lines - one lying alongside the other. A parable is a story used to point to, or illustrate, a deeper truth. Jesus told many parables during his earthly ministry, and we will be looking at several of them in this section of Matthew.

For now, I would like for us to think about this story. In upcoming articles, we will get into the purpose of parables and even the underlying meaning of this particular parable. So, until then, keep reading this parable until you know it by heart. Meditate on it. Ask yourself, "What is the main point Jesus is making with this story?"

What was the difference? What was the same in the story? Why was there such different reactions and outcomes to the same process?

May God bless us as we strive to know him through his word and follow the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles.

Greg Surles is the preacher of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.



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area with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office.

The Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is meeting Monday through Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Adult Connect area. Spring of Siloam provides job skills training for women in a Christian environment. For more information about serving or participating in this ministry, contact Nancy Escalante at 268-3992.

The Taylor School of Ministry is meeting in the room across from Evita's Restaurant in Spring Town Plaza. A two-year Associates Degree is offered through TSM. For more information, contact the church office.

Community Groups meet during the week in various homes and locations. These groups promote fellowship, discipleship, and service. Contact the church office for times and locations.

Our Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Donna Wennik.

Our Worship Team is fundraising for 8 wireless/in-ear monitors. If you would be interested in donating to this fundraiser, please contact Clint Bratcher.

"Let the Morning Bring," a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by our own Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. We hope and pray these songs will speak to you and draw you into His presence. We are so very proud of our Spring Creek worship team for stepping out and using their gifts for God and to witness to others! If you would like to get these songs, go to iTunes and look for the download at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

Weekly Happenings: Sunday 8:15 a.m.-Classical Worship Service. Between 9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups. In between 10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. the "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship. Between 10:45 a.m.-12 p.m. is the Worship Service. 5:00 p.m. will be Prayer Meeting. Tuesday at noon is the Narcotics Anonymous





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meeting. At 7 p.m. is the Women's Bible Study. Wednesday-Community Groups-various times and places. Thursday at 7 p.m. is the Men's Bible Study. Friday In between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. is the Narcotics Anonymous. Saturday at 7:30 a.m. is the Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship.

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at springcreekfellowship.org

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the Spring Town Plaza at 1801 E. FM 700 in Big Spring, Texas. Contact us at (432)714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

"Every Member a Minister"-1 Peter 4:10 NKJV

Blessed Hand Deaf Church

Happy New Year from Blessed Hand Deaf Church! Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of BHDC invite you to worship the God who "makes all things new"(Revelation 21:5) as they gather Sunday at 2:00 pm. Join this vibrant group in praising and thanking God for His infinite mercy, love, and grace. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." 1 Peter 1:3

Sunday morning at 10:50, you're invited to welcome in 2018 with the people of First Baptist Church as they gather to worship God Almighty, El Shaddai. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a selection of music which will include classic hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship songs.

Pastor Mark Lindsey will begin the sermon series "Fruit of the Spirit" based on Galatians 5:22-23. Sunday's message is titled "Love: Seeking the Good of Others," and reminds listeners that through faith in Christ, His Spirit resides in and compels believers to make the decision to love and serve others, both in response to, and accordance with, His love for them. If you have mobility issues use the west circle drive, and someone will be happy to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy a time of fellowship and hot coffee.

Sunday evening Bible study starts at 5:30, and is open to all ages; there will be no other evening activities this week. Beginning January 21, the new selection of Winter Semester Discipleship classes begin. More details will be available soon.

Thursday January 11, the Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open at 9 a.m. It is located on Lancaster at Iglesias Central, one block behind HEB.

FBC Mother's Day Out program resumes its regular schedule January 9. The MDO program is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 for information about available openings for your little ones.

Wednesday evening Jan. 10, activities begin at 6 pm and include: Adult Bible Study and prayer time, Adult choir practice, 'Saturate' youth group for teens, and Real LYF for children. Real LYF attendees will bowl and skate in the Family Life Center January 10.

Upward Basketball games begin Saturday January 13. For additional information about how to support this fun Bible based sports program, call 432-267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church. Happy 2018!, and "...may the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ...guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:7

Forsan Baptist Church

Since services were canceled last week due to weather conditions, the message from last week will be moved to this Sunday. It comes from Revelation 21:5-7 and is called All Things Made New.

Wednesday youth and children's activities will resume the week school starts back on January 10. Students from pre-k to 6th grade are provided a light snack right after school, with age-appropriate classes beginning at 4 p.m. Van rides are available at 5 p.m. IMPACT youth begins with a meal at 5:30, followed by class at 6p.m. Van rides are available at 7 p.m.

Wednesday adult Bible study class begins at 6 p.m.

If anyone needs a ride to or from Wednesday evening activities, please call Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir will resume regular rehearsals at 6 p.m. on Wednesday.

On Saturday, the Session will hold its annual Planning Meeting at 10:30 a.m. The Youth Group will have a bowling and pizza party at 4 p.m. to kick off the New Year.

Kay Kennemur is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary passages for the Second Sunday after Christmas are Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11.

Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. Newly elected elders John Brode, Katie Grimes, Susan McDaniel and Paschal Odom, will be installed during the worship service and will serve communion. Derek and Amber Wilson are bringing their daughter Kaley Christine Wilson to be baptized. Susan and David Wilson are Kaley's grandparents.

Children's music programs will resume on Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m., followed by youth group dinner and handbell practice at 6 p.m.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211.

You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.



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NFL Playoffs: Plenty of teams with not-so-Super pedigrees



In this Dec. 31, 2017, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles' Nick Foles (9) throws a pass over Dallas Cowboys' DeMarcus Lawrence (90) during the first half of an NFL football game in Philadelphia. The Eagles earned the top seed in the NFC playoffs for the first time since 2004.

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Atlanta Falcons' claim to fame is the crushing way they lost a Super Bowl.

They're hardly alone in these playoffs.

Seven of the 12 teams still alive have never celebrated in the big game, matching the largest group of playoff-bound squads with not-so-Super pedigrees since the 1999 season.

Will that lack of championship experience prove costly?

If you're on a team that hasn't won a ring, it's only natural to just shrug it off as a meaningless anomaly.

"It's right here, right now," Falcons defensive end Adrian Clayborn said Thursday. "What's in the past doesn't matter."

But there's no denying that six-time champion Pittsburgh and five-time winner New England — the defending champ, as

well — are the only true blue bloods in this field.

The Falcons have lost both of their Super Bowl appearances, including last season's 34-28 overtime defeat in which Tom Brady and the Patriots stunningly rallied from a 25-point deficit in the second half. The NFC's top seed, the Philadelphia Eagles, is also 0-2 in the Super Bowl, as are the Carolina Panthers.

Buffalo and Minnesota are the only franchises to lose four times in the big game without a title, and the Bills, of course, are the lone team to suffer that fate in four straight years. The Tennessee Titans (who began their existence as the Houston Oilers) came up short in their lone Super Bowl try. Jacksonville has never been to the title game at all.

Jaguars owner Shad Khan said it's good to have a bunch of teams

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Curry, Thompson help Warriors over Rockets 124-114



Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry, left, drives toward the basket as Houston Rockets' Gerald Green (14) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, in Houston.

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Stephen Curry is well aware that Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey has crafted his team specifically to try and beat the Golden State Warriors.

"As much as he talks about it, yeah it's hard not to," Curry said. "It's pretty ... clear."

But on Thursday night with the Rockets missing the most important piece on their team in James Harden, Chris Paul and his supporting cast were not enough to overcome the defending champions.

Curry scored 29 points, Klay Thompson had 28 and the Warriors pulled away late in the fourth quarter for a 124-

114 victory.

Draymond Green added a triple-double with 17 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists to become the franchise career leader in triple-doubles with 21. It was his second this season to move him past Tom Gola.

The Warriors extended their road winning streak to nine games and have won an NBA-best 16 road games this season.

The teams stayed close through most of the game, but the Warriors had a seven-point lead with about 3 1/2 minutes left. They scored the next five points, highlighted by a 3 from Curry, to make it 120-109 and send many of the home fans streaming for the exits.

The Rockets got 30 points from Eric Gordon, and Gerald Green came off the bench to score 29 and tie a career high with eight 3-pointers as they played their second game without Harden, who is out for at least two weeks with a hamstring strain.

"We've got to get better as a team," Houston coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We're just not quite there yet, communication, all the stuff we can control we're not doing."

The Warriors were short-handed, too, playing without Kevin Durant, who missed the game with strained right calf. But Andre Iguodala returned after

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Seguin, Stars send Devils to 4th straight loss with 4-3 win



New Jersey Devils goaltender Cory Schneider (35) defends the goal against Dallas Stars right wing Brett Ritchie (25) during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Dallas, Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018.

By SCHUYLER DIXON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Tyler Seguin's short-handed goal was more than just his first in the NHL.

The high-scoring Dallas forward said it was the first one of his life, which makes sense because Seguin said this season is the first time in his career he's part of the penalty-kill unit.

Seguin's short-handed tally was his team-leading 20th, Alexander Radulov had a goal and two assists and the Stars beat the New Jersey Devils 4-3 on Thursday night.

"I love being on the PK," Seguin said. "I've felt that extra responsibility since training camp and since we first talked when (Ken Hitchcock) first got named coach here. He said I was going to get that opportunity. Happy I got one."

Brett Ritchie had the tiebreaking goal on a power play after a second straight penalty against Sami Vatanen, and the Devils matched their season high with a fourth

straight loss. The skid follows a season-best five-game winning streak that started with a win at home over the Stars.

Taylor Hall had a goal and two assists for the Devils, but his diving attempt was stopped in the final seconds of 6-on-5 against Ben Bishop. The Dallas goalie stopped 39 of a season-high 42 shots faced for his fifth win in a season-high ninth straight start.

Radulov's 15th goal got Dallas even early in the second period when Devils captain Andy Greene's blind, backhand pass from behind his own net went right to the Russian forward.

"I was trying to make a play there," Greene said. "I thought I saw we had a guy in front there. Obviously we didn't and they made us pay. It was kind of the theme of the night. It's too hard in this league to win by doing that."

Seguin had a breakaway with Miles Wood chasing him and decided to send the puck backward to Jamie

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR OIL & GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

SM ENERGY COMPANY;
6301 HOLIDAY HILL RD,
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(Company Name/Address)

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 which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Fusselman, Montoya, and Ellenburger formations. Neptune SWD Well Number 1.

The proposed disposal well is located 12.4 Miles in a Northwest direction from Big Spring, Texas, in the Spraberry (Trend Area), field, in Section 8, Block 34, T-1-N, W.C. Robertson Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas.

The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 10,665' to 12,500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil

and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 18, 2018
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the CALLON PETROLEUM OPERATING CO, [RRC Operator No. 124828] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 33, Bk. 33 T3N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-350, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 18.63 miles NW direction

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from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Ryan Emery, at (281) 589-5200.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Test your play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds, and North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

WEST	EAST
♠ A K	♠ 3
♥ 7	♥ A K 6 4 3
♦ A K Q J 10 9	♦ 7 5
♣ 7 5 4 3	♣ A 10 9 8 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Clubs, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

WEST	EAST
♠ A K	♠ J 9
♥ A K 9 7 3	♥ J 6 4
♦ A	♦ K 8 7 5
♣ A Q J 8 4	♦ 10 9 7 2

1. To draw trumps and rely entirely on a 2-2 club break — a 40 percent probability — would be pushing your luck too far. You can improve your chances greatly by playing for a 4-3 division in hearts, a 62 percent probability.

Accordingly, you win the opening spade lead with the ace, cash the ace of trumps and, assuming everyone follows suit, next cash the A-K of

hearts and ruff a heart. If the opponents follow to all three rounds of hearts, ruff the king of spades in dummy, ruff another heart, draw trumps and claim six, scoring your 12th trick with dummy's six of hearts.

If the hearts do not divide 4-3, you can still make the contract if the clubs are 2-2 and the trumps break normally. Testing the hearts before touching the club suit gives you two chances to make the slam instead of just one.

2. Since there is no quick way to get to dummy to attempt a trump finesse, you should try to force your way into dummy by taking the ace of diamonds and then playing the A-K of spades and A-K of hearts, in that order. Assuming both opponents follow suit in hearts and the queen has not fallen, you exit with a heart.

Whether the opponent who has the heart queen returns a spade or a diamond, you finally reach dummy to take the trump finesse. There is no assurance that this line of play will make the slam, but it offers by far the best chance.

Tomorrow: Dangerous waters ahead.
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6	1	3	9	4	8	7	5	2
5	4	7	2	1	3	9	6	8
8	9	2	6	5	7	3	4	1

ANSWER:

Cosmic Agenda: In With the New

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS



It's said that people are the sum of the five individuals they hang out with most often. With Mars and Jupiter moving closer together, we gravitate toward people we admire, and we're also aware of the negative influences around us. Gaining distance from negativity can be tricky. Adding awesome people to your life solves the problem naturally.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Observation is your cosmic gift of the day. No one will accuse you of missing the forest for the trees. You'll see the trees, the forest, the continent, the curve of the planet...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). How far should you take an idea? Should you put your money behind it? Test the concept first. See what you can do without investing much. If it's a good idea, you'll get a sign.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). All subtlety will be lost, and you're not in that kind of mood anyway. Use your loud, clear voice; write in big letters. You'll be dealing with people who can take anything you have to give, so give is straight.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Like an athlete building toward being a contender, you'll dedicate yourself to consistent, daily work. You'll sweat through the discomfort, through the inconvenience, through whatever mood descends. This is what it takes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When facts come to light or memories resurface, there's a reason. Don't discount anything. If you don't know the purpose, make a detective note of what happened. It might help you later. This is all part of the case.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You love your people, but you don't always want to talk to them. You need time to yourself. If you don't get enough alone time you'll feel resentful of those who "stole" it from you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). An extroverted introvert is a person who is proactively outgoing to avoid being rude though they prefer plenty of time to themselves to recharge and enjoy the hours however they please. Can you

relate? **SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The pile of paperwork needs your attention. Same with a pile of emotions. There's nothing too awful in either pile, so reach in and deal with it one item at a time. In a few concentrated hours you'll be free.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you know it's for you, you really know. You dive right in. You commit yourself without an ounce of regret or reservation. Your confidence will attract friends and followers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Oddly enough, knowing what needs doing is more important than doing it today. You're wise not to start on anything without a plan. It may take several hours to plot out the journey ahead, and this will be time well spent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Empathy has no words. It's receptive. It holds open an emotional catcher's mitt. It receives with eyes of kindness, an encouraging face and open body language.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've been the frequent recipient of spontaneous kindness, and now you'll be paying it forward. It feels good to be the mastermind of someone else's kismet. You might even prefer to do this anonymously.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 5). The big, beautiful life that's unfolding is something you couldn't have predicted or controlled. Your interests will multiply, which will have a similar impact on your social life. In February, your trust and friendship change a life. Your work will be immersive and fascinating in April beginning a financially bountiful trend. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 27, 9, 33 and 40.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES: You'll build mutual trust -- not as boring as it sounds. What do

you want to trust each other to be? (SET ITAL)Fun.(END ITAL) **TAURUS:** When someone over-promises, it makes the other person skeptical or maybe even fearful. Avoid promises altogether. **GEMINI:** The sound of your voice makes another person feel calm, safe and warm. **CANCER:** Cute puppies are perfect wingmen, but if you don't have a dog, carry a book; that's an excellent icebreaker, too. **LEO:** Reach out; joke around; dance. Years from now you'll

look back and realize that these are the good old days. **VIRGO:** You'll bring people comfortably together even though they may seem at first to have nothing in common. **LIBRA:** Your heart wants something your brain doesn't agree with. **SCORPIO:** People have come to expect a certain thing from you, but you'll change it up or add a new twist now. **SAGITTARIUS:** Selfishness is repellant. Even the hottest person can turn ugly to you if a selfish heart is revealed. **CAPRICORN:** When you get to know someone, you learn what all the buttons on the panel do, from joy to pleasure to irritation to anger. **AQUARIUS:** It's natural to feel trepidation in love, but it's also not very fun for the other person to watch. **PISCES:** Your secret desire will come to life.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Virgo and Capricorn are two earth signs that lock into one another's lives with minimal muss or fuss. These are enormously capable people who can appreciate the drive they see in one another. Virgo keeps Capricorn centered on what's healthy and wholesome, and Capricorn keeps Virgo from thinking too small. Truly their lifestyle compatibility matches the natural simpatico of their hearts.

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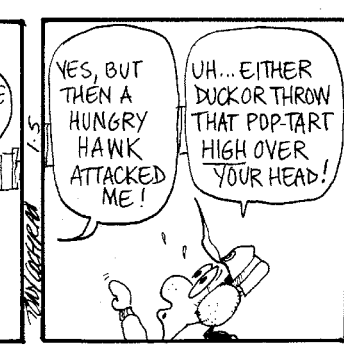
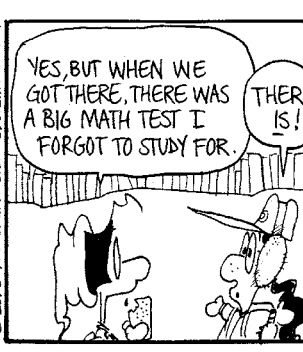
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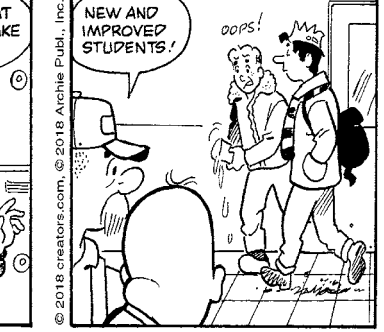
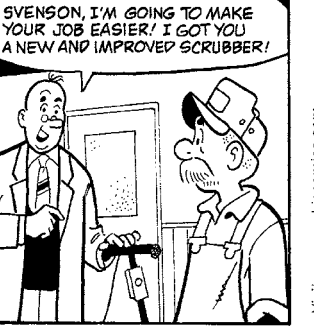
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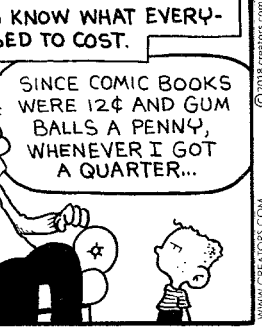
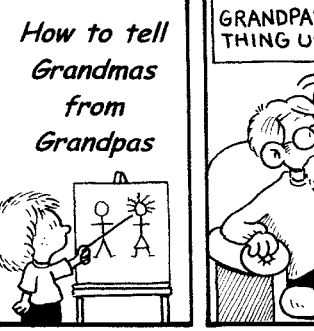
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2018. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 5, 1953, Samuel Beckett's two-act tragicomedy "Waiting for Godot," considered a classic of the Theater of the Absurd, premiered in Paris.

On this date:

In 1066, Edward the Confessor, King of England, died after a reign of nearly 24 years.

In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Virginia.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1905, the National Association of Audubon Societies for the Protection of Wild Birds and Animals was incorporated in New York State.

In 1925, Democrat Nellie Taylor Ross of Wyoming took office as America's first female governor, succeeding her late husband, William, following a special election.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton, Massachusetts, at age 60. Construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. (Work was completed four years later.)

In 1943, educator and scientist George Washington Carver died in Tuskegee, Alabama, at about age 80.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proposed assistance to countries to help them resist Communist aggression in what became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

In 1964, during a visit to the Holy Land, Pope Paul VI met with Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople in Jerusalem.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pennsylvania, home. (UMWA President Tony Boyle and seven others were convicted of, or pleaded guilty to, the killings). "All My Children" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan announced he was

nominating Elizabeth Dole to succeed Drew Lewis as secretary of transportation; Dole became the first woman to head a Cabinet department in Reagan's administration, and the first to head the DOT.

In 1998, Sonny Bono, the 1960s pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing at the Heavenly Ski Resort on the Nevada-California state line; he was 62.

Ten years ago: Republican Mitt Romney won the Wyoming caucuses, picking up eight delegates; in a debate three days before the New Hampshire primary, Romney clashed with Mike Huckabee on foreign policy and John McCain on immigration. In a Democratic faceoff, Hillary Rodham Clinton accused campaign rival Barack Obama of changing his positions on health care and "a number of issues"; Obama replied that he'd been "entirely consistent" in his position. New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady won The Associated Press 2007 NFL MVP award.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama hailed a last-minute deal with Congress that pulled the country back from the "fiscal cliff," but warned in his Saturday radio and Internet address that he would not compromise over his insistence that lawmakers lift the federal debt ceiling.

One year ago: President-elect Donald Trump, in a series of tweets, urged Republicans and Democrats to "get together" to design a replacement for President Barack Obama's health care law. Four black people in Chicago were charged with hate crimes in connection with a video broadcast live on Facebook that showed a mentally disabled white man being tortured. Friends and family members gathered at the next-door homes of Debbie Reynolds and daughter Carrie Fisher in the Hollywood Hills for an intimate memorial to mourn the late actresses.

Today's Birthdays: Former

Vice President Walter F. Mondale is 90. Actor Robert Duvall is 87. Juan Carlos, former King of Spain, is 80. Singer-musician Athol Guy (The Seekers) is 78. Former talk show host Charlie Rose is 76. Actress-director Diane Keaton is 72. Actor Ted Lange (lanj) is 70. Rhythm-and-blues musician George "Funky" Brown (Kool and the Gang) is 69. Rock musician

Chris Stein (Blondie) is 68. Former CIA Director George Tenet is 65. Actress Pamela Sue Martin is 65. Actor Singer-musician Iris Dement is 57. Actress Suzy Amis is 56. Actor Ricky Paul (correct) Goldin is 53. Actor Vinnie Jones is 53. Rock musician Kate Schellenbach (Luscious Jackson) is 52. Actor Joe Flanigan is 51. Dancer-

choreographer Carrie Ann Inaba is 50. Rock musician Troy Van Leeuwen (Queens of the Stone Age) is 50. Actress Heather Paige Kent is 49. Rock singer Marilyn Manson is 49. Actor Shea Whigham is 49. Actor Derek Cecil is 45. Actress-comedian Jessica Chaffin is 44. Actor Bradley Cooper is 43. Actress January Jones is 40. Actress Brooklyn Sudano is 37. Actor

Franz Drameh is 25.

Thought for Today: "Wisdom is divided into two parts: (a) having a great deal to say, and (b) not saying it." Author unknown.

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Newsday Crossword

VOWEL PLAY by Mark McClain Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS
- 1 "Not a chance"
 - 5 Queeg's creator
 - 9 Inspected closely
 - 13 Family nickname
 - 14 Köln coin
 - 15 Bar graph element
 - 17 Take advantage of the
 - 19 The nearest ones
 - 20 In Search of Lost Time author
 - 22 Green cooler
 - 25 West African currency
 - 26 Territory
 - 27 Densest natural element
 - 30 Air marshals' org.
 - 31 College beginner
 - 33 Basketball great Baylor
 - 35 Produced like some olive oil
 - 39 Misty-eyed
 - 40 Temple scroll
 - 43 Largest US union
 - 46 Treats for horses
 - 49 Roman moon goddess
 - 50 Off the track
 - 52 Hostile acquisitiveness
 - 54 Leader of a flock
 - 57 Stage play device
 - 58 With humility
 - 62 Slot machine arm, e.g.
 - 63 "Count on me!"

- DOWN
- 1 Tennis "out" caller
 - 2 Evil computer of sci-fi
 - 3 Ethan Hawke ex
 - 4 Fodder source
 - 5 Eccentric one
 - 6 Parts of a cup
 - 7 Press strongly
 - 8 "With it," in rapper names
 - 9 Zealot
 - 10 Verizon buy of 2017
 - 11 Shakespearean stage direction
 - 12 Puts down

- 16 __ precedent
- 18 Barnyard noise
- 21 Power connections
- 22 __-di-dah
- 23 Credit union offering
- 24 Former Ford make, for short
- 28 Oscar winner as Margaret
- 29 Castaway's residence
- 32 Housekeeping solutions
- 34 Stone Age period
- 36 Poolside number
- 37 Extremely softly
- 38 Medicinal formulation
- 41 Lee of the Shakers

- 42 Grasps
- 43 Everest sharer
- 44 School supply with felt strips
- 45 Become successful
- 47 Add to a draft
- 48 Start of a "show me" maxim
- 51 Made oneself useful
- 53 Certain ID
- 55 Frat letters
- 56 Arthur C. Clarke's Rendezvous With __
- 59 Tumult
- 60 __ Percé Tribe
- 61 Word before trip or trader

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Answer to previous puzzle

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COOL	OMAN	ASIDE
TWO	CLOCK	BINGE
SET	POINT	XRAYED
	POI	SBA
GROPE	TACOTRUCK	
LAREDO	LAX	ASHE
UZIS	BRINE	DUEL
TOOT	TUB	SPIRAL
ERNOR	UBIK	LIPPY
	ASS	UFO
NOZZLE	SNOWPEAS	
ETAILE	POGOSTICK	
SONNY	RAFT	ANDY
THESE	OPUS	SECY

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STARS

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Benn. After Benn's shot went across the crease to Seguin, his shot caromed in off Wood's skate as the defenseman tried to close his feet with goalie Cory Schneider out of position.

"Great pass," Seguin said, smiling when it was suggested Benn was clearly trying to score. "We talked about it on the ice and said that was a pass."

The Devils scored in the final minute of each of the first two periods, starting with Brian Boyle on a power play with 14 seconds left in the first.

New Jersey pulled to 3-2 with 28 seconds left in the second when Bishop stopped Hall's shot but had the puck go over him when the rebound caromed off defenseman Greg Pateryn.

Martin Hanzal assisted on Mattias Janmark's goal after missing three games with a lower-body injury. Hanzal has missed 15 games with various injuries.

New Jersey had another power-play goal when Kyle Palmieri sent a shot from the boards through the legs of Bishop late in the third period. Hall got credit for his team-leading 26th assist.

Ritchie redirected a shot from John Klingberg and the puck bounced over Schneider, who stopped 29 shots.

Vatnen touched the puck as he was coming out of the penalty box for cross-checking, and the interference call put the Stars right back on the power play midway through the second period. It was Vatnen's third straight penalty for the Devils.

"We have the game in control and we come out and play a totally different game in the second period," New Jersey coach John Hynes said. "The worst way you can lose is when you beat yourself."

NOTES: Three Dallas-area natives have played in the past two games against the Stars. Seth Jones, son of former Dallas Mavericks player Pop-eye Jones, had an assist in the Blue Jackets' 2-1 win. Plano natives Blake Coleman and Stefan Noesen are forwards for the Devils. ... Stars D Marc Methot had two shots and three hits in 16 minutes after missing 26 games following arthroscopic knee surgery. ... There were nine penalties two nights after Dallas and Columbus combined for just one in the Blue Jackets' 2-1 win that ended the Stars' four-game home winning streak.

UP NEXT

Devils: At the New York Islanders on Sunday afternoon before a week-long break.

Stars: Home against the Edmonton Oilers on Saturday afternoon before a weeklong break.

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sitting out Wednesday night with back and hip strains and had 10 points and eight assists.

"Obviously they were missing their best player without James so we felt like there was an opportunity for us," Thompson said.

Curry added nine rebounds and five assists and a steal in his third game back after missing 11 with a sprained right ankle.

Golden State led by 10 after a dunk by David West with about 7 1/2 minutes remaining. The Rockets scored the next five points, with a 3-pointer from Gerald Green, to get to 108-103, but the Warriors scored the next five points to go up by 10 again.

The Warriors were up by 3 after three and opened the fourth quarter with an 8-1 run to make it 101-91 with about 10 minutes left.

Chris Paul re-entered the game after that and he helped get things going when he found Gordon for a 3-pointer which started a 7-2 run that cut the lead to 103-98. Paul finished with 28 points, nine assists and seven rebounds.

Gerald Green's second 3-pointer in less than a minute put Houston up by two midway through the third quarter. The Warriors scored the next seven points, with a 3-pointer from Thompson, to take a 79-74 lead about a minute later.

They didn't stay on top for long though as the Rockets scored the next 11 points to go up 85-79. Gerald Green delighted the crowd when he knocked down a 3 from the corner before being fouled Iguodala and crashing to the ground. He also made the free throw.

The Warriors ended a 2 1/2 minute scoring drought on a dunk by Kevon Looney before Curry added a layup.

But Gerald Green pushed the lead to 88-83 when he banked in another 3-pointer.

The Warriors closed out the quarter with a 10-2 spurt, capped by 3s from Nick Young and Curry, to take a 93-90 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Rockets led 63-62 at halftime.

TIP-INS

Warriors: Omri Casspi missed his second straight game with a strained back. ... Curry played in his 600th career game with the Warriors, making him the 10th player in franchise history to reach that mark.

Rockets: Nene normally doesn't play the second game of back-to-back games but was also dealing with a bruised right knee that coach Mike D'Antoni could cause him to miss more time. ... Paul received a technical foul in the fourth quarter.

NICE CATCH



AP photo

Houston Rockets' Eric Gordon (10) goes up for a shot as Golden State Warriors' Nick Young defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Jan. 4, 2018, in Houston.

R&B singer Usher watched the game from a courtside seat next to Golden State's bench and got involved in the action when he caught Trevor Ariza and Curry as they sailed out of bounds and into his seat chasing a loose ball in the third quarter. Usher put his hands up to protect himself as they barreled his way and laughed as he collected himself after the two players got up.

"I think he made it out of that collision all right," Curry said. "I just wanted to make sure his voice was fine. I didn't want to mess with that, that's his moneymaker."

GREEN'S SHOT

Gerald Green became the first player in franchise history to make

seven or more 3-pointers in consecutive games after he made seven on Wednesday night against Orlando. Golden State coach Steve Kerr raved about the work of Green, who was signed on Dec. 28.

"Gerald Green just kept them in the game almost singlehandedly," Kerr said. "He's one of those guys it seems like you should just leave him open because it's all of the challenged ones that he makes. He makes all these crazy, difficult shots when you're flying at him and then there's some that are open that he misses."

UP NEXT

Warriors: At Los Angeles Clippers on Saturday.

Rockets: At Detroit on Saturday.

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chasing their first crown.

He noted the huge demand for tickets in attendance-challenged Jacksonville, where the Jags are hosting the Bills in a matchup of teams that broke long playoff droughts this season.

"Could you imagine the hottest ticket in football is right here, selling for five, six times face value?" Khan said. "Our cheapest ticket is 300 bucks, standing room. Could you believe that happening in freaking Jacksonville?"

Kansas City, New Orleans and the Los Angeles Rams have only one title apiece, though the latter's came during their two-decade-long stint in St. Louis. The Chiefs reached two of the first four Super Bowls, winning it all in 1970, but they haven't been back since. The Saints won their lone Super Bowl appearance during the 2009 season.

"Once you get in, it's wide open for anybody," insisted Tennessee linebacker Brian Orakpo, a nine-year veteran who will play his first playoff game Saturday against the Chiefs. "Yeah, the Patriots and Steelers have a lot of pedigree, a lot of tradition, and you've got some young up-and-comers like ourselves that are hungry."

Since the NFL went to a 12-team postseason format in 1990, the largest group of playoff teams without a Super Bowl title on their resume came 18 seasons ago. Kurt Warner and the high-flying Rams were among eight squads that had never won the championship until they held off Tennessee in the title game, memorably stopping the Titans' final play at the 1-yard line.

The only other times that the current playoff structure included as many as seven non-Super Bowl-winning teams were 2008 and 1996.

When it comes to postseason neophytes, the Bills are drawing much of the attention after reaching the playoffs for the first time since 1999, snapping the longest dry spell in any of the four major professional sports. But Buffalo it still known for that unprecedented four-year run of futility in the Super Bowl, which began in 1991 with Scott Norwood missing a potential game-winning field goal in the final seconds and was followed by three straight double-digit blowouts.

"It's time to create some other memories of the Bills," Thurman Thomas, the Hall of Fame running back on those Super Bowl-losing teams, told The Associated Press. "It's not the squad that went to the four straight Super Bowls. It's somebody else."

The Vikings were the first franchise to lose four Super Bowls, accomplishing that ignominious feat in an eight-year span that ended in 1976. They haven't gotten that far again, losing five times in the NFC championship game, most recently during the 2000 season.

Coach Mike Zimmer said it's important to take advantage of a season such as this, when the Vikings defied expectations by claiming a first-round bye behind a dominant defense journeyman quarterback Case Keenum.

"A lot of young guys come in and they expect it's going to happen every single year," Zimmer said. "Really, you never know. The last time I won the Super Bowl was 1995 (as a Dallas assistant coach), so it's been awhile."

Receiver Adam Thielen isn't fretting over all those Super Bowls the Vikings lost so many years ago.

He's only concerned with the next one, which will be held at Minnesota's home stadium.

"We're not really focusing on what's happened in the past," Thielen said. "Every year is a totally different situation: different team, different types of players. Honestly, for us, we just know that we have a lot of confidence in the way that we're playing football."

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