

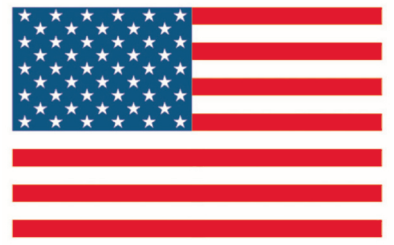
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'Carnage Radio' free screening set Feb. 2



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Local film makers James Fite, left, and Brandon Johnson pose during a test screening of their short film "Carnage Radio." The short suspense film, set in Big Spring, will be screened for the public Feb. 2.

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

Did you know that Big Spring has recently been the filming location of two dif-

ferent movies? While one of those is the award-winning "The Iron Orchard" due for theatrical release in February, the other, the short film "Carnage Radio," will have a

local screening on Saturday, February 2 at 7 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium, 310 E. Third St. After the screening, there will be a Q&A with the cast and crew at the Hotel Settles, 200 E. Third St..

"Carnage Radio" is the story of a serial killer who comes to Big Spring and calls a late night radio DJ. James Fite, writer and director of the movie, said he came up with the idea with Brandon Johnson, another local resident who also has a main role in the film.

"We originally wrote a feature film script, and, to try to get the funding to shoot it, we turned it into a short film," said Fite. "The idea came from how Billy Bob Thornton made a short film out of 'Sling Blade' and shopped it around until he got the funding to shoot the feature length film."

Fite said the entire city pitched in to help him make this movie, including the

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Icy roads contribute to three Big Spring accidents Wednesday



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Motorists travel on an icy Gregg Street Wednesday morning. The Big Spring Fire Department and EMS responded to three motor vehicle accidents during the winter weather Wednesday, while more accidents occurred in the unincorporated areas of Howard County.

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

Icy road conditions can pose a significant danger to drivers. During the recent winter weather, the Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services responded to three vehicle accidents, while the Big Spring Police Department worked two of those.

The first accident occurred on North Highway 87 at 7:42 a.m. Wednesday morning. As a result of that wreck, two people were treated at the scene, while one was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The second accident, at 8:21 a.m. Wednesday near Mile Marker 168 on Interstate 20, resulted in one person being treated at the scene by EMS.

The third accident was Wednesday night at 11:46 p.m. at the intersection of 18th and Donley streets.

One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a result of that accident.

A statement by the Big Spring Police Department indicates there may have been other accidents on Interstate 20 as well.

"We did not work any accidents on I-20, but DPS and the Sheriff's Office responded to several," said the statement. "(Big Spring Police) Chief (Chad) Williams asks for the public to slow down and to ensure you are giving yourself a safe stopping distance."

National Weather Service forecasts show no precipitation and warmer weather in their extended forecast through at least Thursday of next week.

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CASA to hold 'Power of One' Luncheon Feb. 29

By ANNA GUTIERREZ
 Staff Writer

CASA of West Texas will be hosting their Third Annual "Power of One" Luncheon on Thursday, February 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event will be held at the Midland Country Club, 6101 TX-349 in Midland. This event will benefit CASA of West Texas.

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. CASA of West Texas serves approximately 487 foster children in seven West Texas counties, including Howard county. CASA volunteers are court-appointed advocates who act in the best interest of children involved in



Roseberry

court proceedings, both in court and in the community. Every child in foster care needs someone they can count on.

"You can impact the life of a child," said Staci Roseberry, Development Director for CASA. "It just takes one person, one caring adult can impact the lives of these children."

Keynote speaker at the event will be Chris Norton, motivational speaker and author of the book "The Seven Longest Yards," who is also a foster parent. Chris was injured

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Federal employees feel financial pinch as shutdown drags on

By CLAUDIA LAUER and MICHAEL KUNZELMAN

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — As the government's partial shutdown pushed toward a

third week, hundreds of thousands of federal workers are feeling the financial pinch.

They're calling mortgage companies, hoping for a break, and weighing the risks of letting other bills go unpaid. They're reheating leftovers and turning down the thermostat to save a few bucks. They're looking into ap-

plying for loans or unemployment insurance.

Their worries go beyond household budgets. Some are stressed about the unfinished work piling up in their absence while President Donald Trump and Congress clash over a plan for reopening the government. For many furloughed federal employees, the worst part is the uncertainty over how long the shutdown will

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New Year, New You!

By AMBER MANSFIELD
 Staff Writer

One of the most powerful steps you can take to improve your health, boost energy levels, and prevent chronic diseases is to move to a plant-based diet. That's why West Texas Food Bank in Midland, along with Healthy City, are hosting the event, "Plant-Based Cooking Demo: New Year, New You."

Attendees will learn how to cook delicious, plant-based meals using whole food ingredients. The theme for January's cooking dem-

onstration is "New Year, New You!" and it's slated for Thursday, Jan. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the West Texas Food Bank in Midland, 1601 Westcliff Drive.

This plant-based cooking demonstration will also include food tastings and print-outs of the recipes used, but there are only 25 spots available.

Plant-Based Cooking is cooking that uses primarily plants. Rather than meat, poultry, seafood, or dairy, it comprises vegan recipes that are centered around whole grains, beans, rice, lentils, and starchy carbohydrates

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Obituaries

Robert "Rob" Roberson



Robert "Rob" Roberson, 82, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, 2019, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Derrill Patterson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

He was born July 27, 1936, in Big Spring to Wes and Jo Roberson and married Luci Ellen Jacobs Nov. 9, 1956, in Lovington, New Mexico.

Rob graduated from Forsan High School in 1954 and from Texas Tech University in 1961. He worked as the business manager for both Forsan ISD and Stanton ISD for many years before retiring. He then worked part-time at the Eighty-seven Twenty Co-Op. He enjoyed coaching Little League baseball,

carpentry and remodeling work, and being in the mountains.

Rob served with the Texas National Guard 142nd RAOC, retiring as Master Sergeant. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Luci Roberson of Lubbock; two sons, Don Roberson and wife, Dana of Plano and Ron Roberson and wife, Jan of Lubbock; one daughter, Lauri Phillips and husband, Jason of Forsan; six grandchildren, Matt Roberson and wife, Lacy, Katie Roberson, Drew Roberson, Kelsi Roberson, Kendall Phillips and Reagan Phillips; and one brother, David Roberson and wife, Jody.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Bettye Turner.

The family suggests memorials to the Gary "Dodo" Phillips athletic scholarship fund at Forsan, ISD.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid Obituary

Arnold Uribe



Arnold Uribe, 79, of Big Spring died Monday, Dec. 31, 2018. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Arnold was born Nov. 3, 1939, in Big Spring to Beatriz Perez Uribe and Ramon Uribe. He served in the U. S. Navy for 30 years. He went twice to Vietnam. He retired as Sr. Chief Petty Officer. He then went to work at the V. A. Medical Center for 15 years. He and his wife owned La Vadera for 37 years. He served on the Traffic Commission and also the Chamber of Commerce. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, except for 30 years in the Navy. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Arnold is survived by his wife, Libby Uribe of Big Spring; six children, Lynne Ross and her husband David of Columbus, Ohio, Angelika "Olague"

Uribe of Big Spring, Timothy Arnold Uribe of Big Spring, David Anguiano and his wife Sandra of Lewisville, Dimas Anguiano of Big Spring, and Lisa Franco and her husband Gilbert of Ft. Worth; eight grandchildren, Kimberly Rios of Big Spring, Luis Alcantar and his wife Heather of San Antonio, Rachel Shea Mendoza of Columbus, Ohio, Rebekah Neville and her husband Matt of Columbus, Ohio, Aubrielle Anguiano of Lewisville, Allison Anguiano of Lewisville, Amber Anguiano of Lewisville, and Erynn Alcantar of Ft. Worth; four great grandchildren; five sisters and two brothers, Rose Calderon of Ft. Worth, Lilia Uribe of Big Spring, George Uribe of Eagle Pass, Irma Puente of Chula Vista, California, Hilda Uribe of Big Spring, David Uribe of San Antonio, and Irene Nieves of Roanoke.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert Uribe and Rey Uribe; and one sister, Lucy Uribe.

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

Paid Obituary

Natha Jean Mitchell

Natha Jean Mitchell, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, Jan. 4, 2019, in a local nursing home. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Michael "Mike" Spivey



Michael "Mike" Spivey, 42, of Forsan died Tuesday, January 1, 2019. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Elwin Collom and Mike Moates officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mike was born Jan. 29, 1976, in Big Spring to Debra Ray Bates Spivey and Timothy Ray Spivey. He graduated from Forsan High School in 1995. Mike married Lyndi Bankhead on July 18, 1998.

Mike is survived by his wife, Lyndi of Forsan; one daughter, Taryn Spivey of Forsan; one son, Jayce Spivey of Forsan; father, Tim Spivey of Big Spring; brother, Chris Spivey and his wife Jana of Ackerly; sister, Dana Spivey of Edinburg; mother-in-law, Evie Batchelor of Big Spring; father-in-law, Doug Bankhead and his wife Sandy of Refugio; three aunts, Diane McLemore and her husband Jeff of Greenwood, Donna Whetsel and her husband Marty of Big Spring, and Judy Garner and her husband Richard of Abilene; uncle, Roy Lee Spivey of Big Spring; four nephews; and several cousins, including Sammy Spivey.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, D. R. and Helen Bates, Roy Spivey and Emily Spivey Wells.

The family suggests memorials to the Gary "Dodo" Phillips Athletic Scholarship, P. O. Box 689, Forsan, Texas 79733.

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

Clayton William Wigington



Clayton William Wigington, 32, Big Spring, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton and Rev. Scott Kirkland officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Survivors include his parents, Kenda and Tom Land of Midland, and Bill and Sherri Wigington of Big Spring; and four sisters, Hayley Degnan of Midland, Haylea Dooley of Sherman, Faith Forbus of Graham, and Jatynn Bray of Midland.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers and one uncle.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Police, Sheriff Reports

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• **JESUS ORTIZ**, 53, of 1905 Wasson Rd., was arrested on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

• **TRISTAN ROSS GALLOWAY**, 19, of 1609 S Main St., was arrested on a warrant of arson intend damage habitat/place, and by BSPD on a warrant of man del controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams.

• **JIMMY JOE SANCHEZ**, 41, of 1005 E 16th St., was arrested on charges of assault by contact, resist arrest search or transport, or possession of controlled substance.

• **JOHN MICHAEL THOMPSON**, 49, of 950 N Mayhill Rd., was arrested on a charge of tamper with govern record with intent.

• **DAVID ARNULFO GARZA**, 55, of 1900 MKJ 201, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JOE FABIAN ORONA**, 29, of 2302 Alabama St., was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and on possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **SARAH D HEFFINGTON**, 35, of 206 Circle Dr., was arrested on warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear, and burglary of habitation.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Donley St.

• **BURLGARY OF A VEHICLE**

was reported in the 800 block of S Runnels St.

• **FOLLOW UP REPORT** was reported in the City hall Annez, and in the 3600 block of W Hwy 80.

• **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported in the 3400 block of E 11th Place.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 176 Highway.

• **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of E 16th St.

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 78 inmates at the time of this report.

• **DANIEL ELIAH BLACKWELL**, 19, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **TRISTAN ROSS GALLOWAY**, 19, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of arson intend damage habitat/place, and by BSPD on a warrant of man del controlled substance in between 4 to 200 grams.

• **DAVID ARNULFO GARZA**, 55, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• **SARAH D HEFFINGTON**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear, and burglary of habitation.

• **RUBY G HERNANDEZ**, 35, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of secure execution.

• **ANGEL ENRIQUE HINOJO-**

SA, 21, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of arson intend damage habitat/place.

• **DEARIES QUINCY JONES**, 31, was arrested by BSPD on warrants of possession of controlled substance in between 4 to 28 grams, and resist arrest search or transport, and on charges of driving with license invalid with previous conviction, expired registration, fail to maintain financial responsibility, and possession of drug paraphernalia, assault public service.

• **PHILLIP SAMUEL LOZANO JR.**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of burglary of habitation.

• **DAMINA ISMAEL LUJAN**, 34, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of bail jumping and failure to appear.

• **ANGELIZ YZETTE MARTINEZ**, 18, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of possession of controlled substance in between four to 200 grams.

• **JOSE A MORAN JR.**, 24, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of arson intend damage habitation/place.

• **JOE FABIAN ORONA**, 29, was arrested by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces, and on possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **JESUS ORTIZ**, 53, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of driving with license invalid with previous conviction.

• **LORENZO TORRES RAMIREZ**, 33, was arrested by HCSO on a warrant of arson.

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mayor, the fire and police departments, and a local radio station. The entire film was shot on location in Big Spring, and Fite is very proud to say the entire cast and crew are also local

residents. Johnson said the Big Spring setting really contributed to the film as well. "We worked with what we had," he said. "From local landmarks, to the windmills, and interstate outside of town, Big Spring is a living, breathing part of the film." Fite agreed with Johnson's com-

ments. "We wanted to make Big Spring a star," he said. "This is our way of saying thank you to the city of Big Spring." At the screening, which is free to the public, seating is limited to 1,200 guests on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information, visit and

follow the movie's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/carnageradio>; updates will also be posted there.

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COOKING

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like sweet potatoes and corn. Whole Foods Cooking avoids refined flour, sugar, and oil. It uses minimally-processed ingredients in their most natural, whole form.

The West Texas Food Bank is a non-profit, non-governmental hunger relief organization. It is the largest collaborative non-profit agency in the Permian Basin, and distributes donated and purchased food to children, families and seniors through a network of 80-plus partner agencies across 34,000 square miles of West Texas.

The Food Bank serves 19 counties, including the two largest counties (Brewster and Pecos) in the

state. Its service area includes 17 rural counties with many small communities; and the metro area of Midland/Odessa, which constitutes two-thirds of the population they serve. For more information about West Texas Food Bank go to their website www.wtxfoodbank.org.

Healthy City, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was founded in 2016 with a mission to increase education and raise awareness throughout West Texas on how to improve overall health and prevent and reverse the most common disease processes from a scientific and medical research-based perspective.

Healthy City states on their website, www.ourhealthycity.com, that they are committed to increasing the resources and support available in West Texas for those committed to a whole foods, plant-based lifestyle.

"Our mission is to raise awareness about a whole, plant-based foods diet and increase education on how to improve overall health and prevent and reverse the most common disease processes," says the website. "Working with stakeholders, we will increase the resources and support available in West Texas for those committed to a whole, plant-based lifestyle."

For more information about Healthy City go to their website www.ourhealthycity.com. To find out how to attend

this plant based cooking demo or ticket prices contact West Texas Food Bank at 432-697-4003.

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CASA

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playing football in 2010. Doctors told him he would never move from the neck down. Despite what doctors

said, Chris was able to walk the stage at graduation and walked seven yards down the aisle; seven symbolizing the anniversary of his injury. "Adversity is universal, but we all have the power to stand and make a difference

for youth in foster care," said Norton.

Table sponsorships and individual tickets are still available.

"We are also soliciting for items for the silent auction

for anyone who would like to donate," Roseberry said.

If you would like anymore information about table sponsorships, tickets prices or how to donate to the silent auction, please contact CASA

of West Texas at 432-683-1114. Help make a difference in the lives of foster children who may not have a voice.

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last. A look at some of their worries:

SAVING RECEIPTS

This is Nora Brooks' favorite time of the year. Not because of the holidays, but because of her job. The 61-year-old Philadelphia native is a customer service representative for the Internal Revenue Service. She loves helping taxpayers navigate the IRS, including getting their refunds.

"I get to be the person that explains to you what you have to do to make it better," Brooks said.

At 11:30 p.m. Dec. 21, Brooks entered into the system one last concern from a taxpayer whose refund had been held up. "I didn't want the shutdown to further delay this taxpayer I made a commitment to," she said.

For the past 13 days, she's been furloughed, worrying about whether she'll need to seek a second job. The agency requires pre-approval to avoid conflicts of interest, but there's no one in the office to sign off.

She stayed up until 3 a.m. Wednesday figuring out which bills needed to be paid and which could wait. The agency gave employees a letter explaining the furlough to creditors, but "it means absolutely nothing to them," she said.

So Brooks' recent purchases sit in bags, receipts on top, in case she needs money for the electric bill. The thermostat is turned down; she dons a hoodie inside. She spent her health savings account instead of letting it carry over because the reimbursement could pay bills.

"You try not to freak out, but I don't have any control over what's going to happen next month. I'm second guessing. Should I have had a whole nest egg? Well, no, my pay doesn't allow for that," she said.

RAIDING THE FREEZER

Rebecca Maclean, a housing program specialist for the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Pittsburgh, received her last pre-shutdown paycheck over the weekend. She and her husband used it to make their monthly mortgage payment and cover some Christmas expenses for their three children.

Maclean, 41, said her family is trying to cut back on expenses. They stayed home for a movie night instead of going to a theater. Instead of takeout dinners, they eat leftovers and call it the "Freezer Baking Challenge."

The family's financial outlook isn't dire yet — her husband, Dan Thompson, owns a knife-making business and works as an elected constable. But they recently sat down to prioritize which bills must be paid and which can late without dinging their credit.

"We're fine for now," she said. "Missing two paychecks in January might be a little hairy."

Maclean, a local shop steward for the American Federation of Government Employees union, said she's frustrated that federal employees are being used "as a bargaining chip."

"I don't know why they want to use 800,000 government employees to make a point," she said.

FILLING THE DOWNTIME

In a coffee shop offering free drinks to furloughed workers, Amanda Wagner enjoyed a perk of the downtime from the shutdown: She spent a leisurely Thursday morning assembling a digital photo album of her two young children.

Wagner, 37, and 36-year-old husband Nelson are both federal employees. She's a branch chief for the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington. He works for the Justice Department. Neither will draw a paycheck until the government reopens.

"The uncertainty is scary," she said.

For now, Wagner isn't worried about covering their biggest monthly expenses: the mortgage on their Takoma Park, Maryland, home; child care for their two kids; and credit card bills. Her children's daycare centers are allowing parents to defer payments during the shutdown.

She knows some colleagues face tougher choices, such as whether to borrow money from family.

"Frankly, I think it's going to affect us if it lasts much longer. Then I think we will have some cash-flow issues," she said.

A silver lining: The family is catching up on household projects. They built a bed for their daughter, who just grew out of her crib.

LIVING PAYCHECK TO PAYCHECK

Single parent Leisyka Parrott, a Bureau of Land Management employee in Arcata, California, waited until the weekend before Christmas to shop for her 13-year-old son. Her furlough had a sobering effect on their holiday celebration.

"I definitely went really light on it this year," Parrott said. "I explained to my son that our financial future is uncertain."

Parrott, 47, a union steward for the National Federation of Federal Employees, isn't taking it for granted that she and other furloughed workers will get back pay, as they did after previous government shutdowns.



AP photo

Nora Brooks a furloughed customer service representative for the Internal Revenue Service poses for a photograph at her home in Philadelphia, Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019. Brooks has been furloughed, worrying about whether she will need to seek a second job. The agency requires pre-approval to avoid conflicts of interest, but there's no one in the office to sign off.

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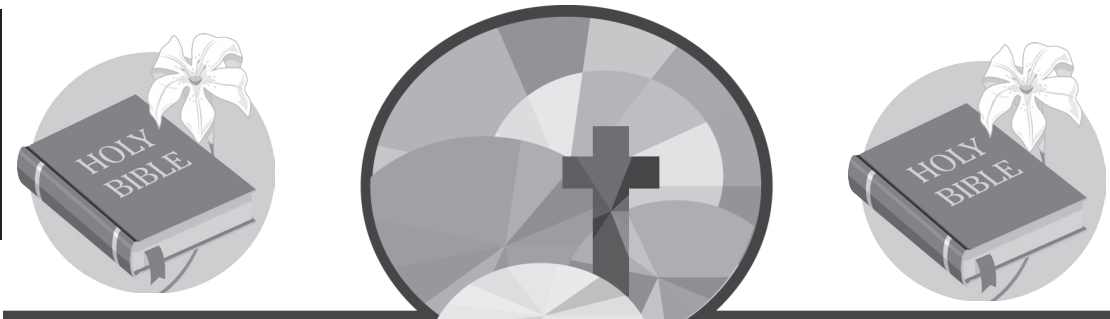
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Church News

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Taylor Todd, meets at 5 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Session members, both returning and newly-elected, are reminded to put Friday evening and Saturday, January 25 and 26, on their calendars for Elder Training sessions. New officers will be installed on Sunday, Jan. 27. Session members are also reminded to come to the next Session meeting, which will be Jan. 21, with suggestions for people to serve on a search committee for an organist/choir director.

Kay Kennemur will provide refreshments for Take Ten this week. Lector is Danny Kennemur. Ushers last Sunday were Dave and Susan Wilson, Jim Little, and John Yater.

The lectionary passages for the Epiphany of the Lord Sunday are Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12. Rev. Taylor Todd will deliver the sermon and celebrate the Lord's Supper. The Chancel Choir opens the service musically with the Introit, "Arise, Your Light Is Come." The choir will present "Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come," arranged by Mark Bender, for the anthem. Gabe Martinez presents "O Perfect Love," arranged by Rob Roy Peery, on the piano during Communion. The Offertory will be "Now I Belong to Jesus," Stewart Landon arranger, performed on the organ by Martinez.

The Session and Congregation and Rev. Taylor Todd wish everyone a Blessed, Healthy, and Happy New Year.

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.fpchs.org. Please Like us on Facebook.

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Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m. and our Sunday Service begins at 10:30 a.m. If you are new to the area or haven't been to church before or in a while, please accept this as an invitation to join us this Sunday.

Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study has started back up this week. We are having a meal. Please come and join us again soon.

Bo Vizcaino will present the scripture readings this week.

Tune in to KBYG every morning for a devotional sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Tune in to 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morning for these wonderful devotions: "Morning Meditation Thoughts". Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

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, Jan. 6th- Join us this Sunday as we welcome in the 2019 New Year. 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.
#21DAYFAST2019- We are believing for great

and wonderful things in the year 2019. As a Kingdom citizen we share in the duties, rights and privileges of our Christian Community. Therefore, as Kingdom citizens we have the privilege and duty of giving, praying and fasting. Join us on Tuesday, Jan. 1st @ 7 p.m. thru Monday, Jan. 21st @ 7 p.m. for a Church-wide Fast. If you are interested stop at our kiosk or contact us for more information. #21DAYFAST2019.

Monday, Jan. 14th- Let's hear it for the girls! Join us for our Women's Far Above Rubies night. We will be gathering in the ARC from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. We welcome women of all ages to join us for an evening of laughter, fun and fellowship with sisters in Christ. Please bring a dish or finger foods to share. If you need more information contact Debbie Reiger @ 432-935-1257.

Van transportation- We have an active Van Ministry that picks-up on Sundays for our 11 a.m. Worship Service. If you are needing a ride please contact the church office.

Cornerstone Covenant Church (CCC) is a unified, spirit-led, purpose-driven church, which cultivates an atmosphere of faith so that lives can be transformed by Jesus Christ. Please join us every Sunday at 9:00am, 11:00am and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours or other questions please contact our Administrative Office at 432.264.0015 or email us at info@cccbigspring.org. You can also find us at [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](https://www.facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

First Baptist Church

Dirty Fingernails

"And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed." Matthew 8:2-3

Under Old Testament Law, touching a leper was forbidden. But Jesus was different in that He physically touched this leprous man. Then there is this verse in the Old Testament where God says – thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow. And yet we see Jesus commending the woman in the city, which was a sinner (a whore), for anointing His feet with ointment (which she possibly purchased with the price of her occupation).

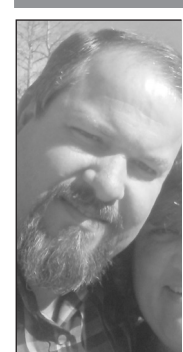
The Old Testament Law required a tedious process in ceremonial cleansing before any "recovering" leper could be touched. But today, Jesus' touch is sufficient for any sinner to be healed without the need for long, drawn-out, embarrassingly painful religious rituals.

There is no sinner that Christ

cannot and will not forgive and cleanse. This is what the marvelously scandalous grace of God is all about. Grace is about the risen Christ, the Messiah of God, who is not afraid of getting dirt under His fingernails as He loves the unlovely, forgives the unforgivable, justifies the ungodly, blesses the unblessables and touches "do-not-touch" sinners.

You see, Christ was not worried about His own standing in the religious community because He made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. He is not out to win some popularity contest as He embraces hard-boiled sinners.

Jesus' fingernails may get dirty when He redeems sinners, but even so, He is not ashamed to call us brethren.



TOM SLOAN

Evening worship service starts at 5:30, and is a wonderful way to prepare one's heart for the upcoming week.

All area women are invited to attend the Ladies First get together Monday Jan. 7 at 6 pm in the church dining room. There will be a waffle bar with all the trimmings, and the program topic is "Faith in The Father: Things Hoped for and Not Seen".

Tuesday January 8 everyone is welcome to join the Triple LLL(Living Longer & Loving It) group at noon in the church dining room. Bring some friends, and come enjoy a tasty lunch and a great time of fellowship.

The Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open Thursday January 10 at 9 a.m. It is located on Lancaster at Iglesias Central one block behind HEB. All area men are invited to the Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Saturday Jan.12 at 8 a.m. The study is "The Man God Uses" by Henry Blackaby. Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to inquire about available openings for your little ones. FBC is looking for a secretary/receptionist to work in the church office. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please call the church at 267-8223, or see Pastor Mark for more information.

To find out more about what's happening at FBC, go to the website: fcbigspring.org or call 267-8223.

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

Blessed Hands 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 United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. The usual Sunday Morning Schedule includes the 9 AM Traditions Service fea-

"... But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13b-14.

Join the family of First Baptist Church Sunday at 10:50 AM, and 5:30 PM as they thank God for His guidance, provision, and presence in this new year. Music Minister Alan Schantz will

lead worshippers in a mix of classic hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship songs. Pastor Mark Lindsey begins 2019 with a new morning message series "A People on Mission." Titled "Called to Follow", this week's sermon is drawn from Matthew 9:9-12, and listeners will contemplate Jesus's compelling invitation to follow Him, noting that His request is never based on a person's 'position or status' in this world; Jesus graciously welcomes everyone to know Him. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad 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: fcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS')

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.

DEUTERONOMY 31:6

"Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the Lord your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

turing the pipe organ, Choir, trumpet, and hymns, followed by Sunday School, and then The Bridge service at 11 AM, which features contemporary music led by a wonderful praise team.

On Sunday January 6 Pastor Derrell's message, "Revealing the Messiah", is from Matthew 2:1-12.



CHURCH

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January 6 is Epiphany Sunday, God's revelation that Christ's coming was for the whole world. Worship services are broadcast live each Sunday at 11 a.m. on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM. You can also find the service live streamed on our Facebook page at First United Methodist Church Big Spring. You can watch previous worship service videos on that Facebook page including recordings of our Christmas program, "Our Savior".

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 Study resumes on January 9.

Real Life Wednesday night sessions include something for almost everyone. Children activities resume on January 16. Other Wednesday activities resume on January 9: Choir Rehearsal at 6 p.m.; a Youth and Parents' Meeting at 6:30 p.m.; Women's Bible Study Group at 6:30 PM; and Praise Team Re-

Reflections: Investments

Everyone, it seems, is thinking about investments, especially since the stock market has started December with its worst performance since the Great Depression. When I was young, I didn't think much about the stock market. It seemed far removed from my day-to-day concerns. After all, I had nothing to invest.

When I asked my wife to marry me I was making \$40 per month. Surprisingly, she said yes. Of course a gallon of gas cost 32 cents, 28 if you found it on sale. Our biggest financial concern when we married was how many ways we could eat a chicken. First she fried it, then we ate chicken salad, and finally she cooked chicken and dumplings. It is surprising how many ways and how many times you can eat a chicken when you are broke.

But across the years we invested in annuities for our retirement. I am glad we did. And now a portion of those savings are invested in stocks. So, I pay attention when the stock market goes into a swoon like it has the last three months. I try to remind myself I need to think in the long term, which is harder to do the older I get. The years are running out.

Benjamin Franklin understood

the power of investments. When he died in 1790 he left \$5,000 to each of his favorite cities, Boston and Philadelphia with the stipulation that the money be invested and the interest compounded for 200 years. By 1990 the initial investment had grown to \$20 million. As Franklin said, "Money makes money, and the money that money makes, makes money."

Jesus used this metaphor to remind us of the importance of investing our lives in the right things. In Matthew 25 Jesus tells the story of a wealthy man who asks three servants to manage portions of his money. To one he gives \$5,000, to another \$2,000 and to the third \$1,000. After a time he asks each to account for their management. The first doubled the \$5,000 and returned \$10,000. The second doubled the \$2,000 and returned \$4,000. But the third buried his \$1,000 because he was afraid he might lose it. He returned the \$1,000 he had been given. The master was furious because the third servant did not invest anything.

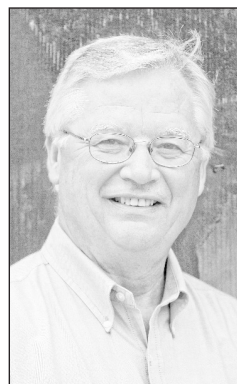
Of course Jesus was never concerned about money. But he was deeply concerned about the way we invest our lives.

Clint Eastwood's new movie, The Mule, was released into theaters De-

ember 14. Eastwood plays the part of Earl Stone who, late in life, is estranged from his family because he chose to invest his time in his career and hobbies rather than his relationships. The movie is based on the life of Leo Sharp, a WW II veteran who became a renowned horticulturalist in day lilies before becoming a drug courier in his 80s.

We all have choices. Whether we have financial investments or not, we are responsible for our time and resources. As we look forward to 2019 we need to ask ourselves the question, "What investments will I make in the lives of those I love and the world around me?"

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com. Email bill@tinsleycenter.com.



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New classes of "Financial Peace University" begin the last week of January 2019. Dave Ramsey's FPU has changed the lives of many families as they find freedom from debt and learn how to handle money God's way. Several classes will be offered on different days of the week and at a variety of times.

On January 9, 2019 "Celebrate Recovery" is offered to the community for individuals and families who seek relief and healing from hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Worship and helpful Bible-based discussions are included. New classes begin on Wednesday January 9 and the public is invited.

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

First Tabernacle Ministries

After having had our doors closed for two years First Tabernacle Ministries are reopening the Church Jan. 6, 2019, at 10 a.m. for our first Sunday morning service.

The Lord has put it in our hearts and by His leading is what we want to do.

First Tabernacle Ministries is located at 1209 Wright St. For more information call 432-263-0544.

Vatican letter undermines US cardinal on abuse

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican blocked U.S. bishops from taking measures to address the clergy sex abuse scandal because U.S. church leaders didn't discuss the legally problematic proposals with the Holy See enough beforehand, according to a letter obtained by The Associated Press.

The Nov. 11 letter from the Vatican's Cardinal Marc Ouellet provides the primary reason that Rome balked at the measures that were to be voted on by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at its Nov. 12-14 meeting. The blocked vote stunned abuse survivors and other Catholics who were demanding action from U.S. bishops to address clergy sex abuse and cover-up.

Ouellet's letter undermines the version of events provided by the conference president, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo. It could also provide fodder for questions during a spiritual retreat of U.S. bishops, dedicated to the abuse crisis, that opens Wednesday in Chicago.

They may want to know why, as Ouellet noted in the letter, the draft proposals only arrived at the Vatican on Nov. 8, four days before the U.S. bishops' meeting began. While the Vatican is known for its slow pace, even the speediest bureaucracy would have found it difficult to review and sign off on sensitive legal documents in that time.

"Considering the nature and scope of the documents being proposed by the (conference), I believe it would have been beneficial to have allowed for more time to consult with this and other congregations with competence over the ministry and discipline of bishops," Ouellet wrote to DiNardo.

Such back-and-forth, he wrote, would have allowed the documents to "properly mature."

The main goal of the U.S. bishops' fall meeting had been to approve a code of conduct for bishops and create a lay-led commission to receive complaints against them. The measures were a crisis response to the scandal over ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, a once-senior American cleric who is now accused of molesting minors and adults, and new revelations of old sex abuse cases in Pennsylvania.

DiNardo stunned the bishops when he opened the assembly Nov. 12 by announcing that "at the insistence of the Holy See" the bishops would not be voting on the measures after all. He said the Vatican wanted them to delay a vote until after Pope Francis hosts a global summit in February on preventing sex abuse by priests.

While DiNardo blamed the Vatican, the letter from Ouellet suggests that the Vatican thought DiNardo had tried to pull a fast one by intentionally withholding legally problematic texts until the last

minute.

It is not surprising that Rome wanted a say in crafting the text, given the Holy See has exclusive authority to investigate and discipline problem bishops.

"While fully aware that a bishops' conference enjoys a rightful autonomy ... to discuss and eventually approve measures that are within the conference's powers, the conference's work must always be integrated within the hierarchical structure and universal law of the church," Ouellet wrote.

In a statement Tuesday to AP, DiNardo characterized the dispute as a misunderstanding. He said he assumed the Vatican would have had a chance to "review and offer adjustments" to the measures after the U.S. bishops approved them, not before. He insisted that U.S. bishops were not trying to appropriate Vatican powers for themselves.

"It is now clear there were different expectations on the bishops conference's part and Rome's part that may have affected the understanding of these proposals," DiNardo said in a statement. "From our perspective, they were designed to stop short of where the authority of the Holy See began."

The U.S. strategy, it seems, was to avoid drawn-out negotiations before the vote so the U.S. bishops could present the Vatican with documents after the fact.

Legally speaking, the U.S. bishops didn't need Vatican approval prior to the vote. But since the Holy See would have to approve the proposals afterward for them to become binding, consultation on the text was necessary and strategically wise to do so beforehand, said Nicholas Cafardi, a U.S. canon lawyer.

DiNardo, in his statement to the AP, said he had shared the "content and direction" of the proposals with multiple Vatican offices in October and draft-

ed the final text after encountering no opposition.

"We had not planned, nor had the Holy See made a request, to share the texts prior to the body of bishops having had an opportunity to amend them," he said.

During a Nov. 12 press conference, DiNardo was asked when the Vatican was actually consulted about the measures. He replied the texts were finalized Oct. 30 and that the delay in finishing them might have been a problem.

"So it's not surprising, on one level, that people would be catching their breath, perhaps even in Rome," he told reporters. DiNardo also acknowledged, when pressed by a reporter, that the texts themselves had some legal problems, though he downplayed the severity of them.

In his statement to AP, DiNardo said he had told Ouellet that failing to vote on the texts "would prove a great disappointment to the faithful, who were expecting their bishops to take just action. Though there were canonical precisions mentioned, the emphasis seemed to be on delaying votes and not wanting to get ahead of the (pope's) February meeting of episcopal conference presidents," he said.

Ouellet did indeed cite the February meeting in his letter, saying any document "should incorporate the input and fruits of the college of bishops' work of common discernment."

But the February summit was announced Sept. 13. If that were the primary reason for Ouellet's demand to scrap the U.S. vote, he could have communicated that to DiNardo a lot sooner.

Instead, as the Nov. 12 deadline loomed for the start of the U.S. meeting and still no text proposals had arrived in Rome, Ouellet wrote DiNardo an initial warning on Nov. 6 not to vote. Five days later, in his Nov. 11 letter, Ouellet reaffirmed that decision after having finally read the text.

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Forsan Lady Buffs begin district 7AA play with a 47 -21 victory over Miles



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Emily Garcia goes up strong and scores over a Miles defender to help lead the Lady Buffs to victory. Garcia led all scorers on Thursday scoring 16 points in the big win to open district play.

By **JORDAN PARR**
Sports Editor

FORSAN - The Lady Buffs started district play Thursday with a bang. Forsan got off to a slow start in their first district action but quickly took control of the game and dominated Miles for the rest of the contest.

The Lady Buffs went back and forth with Miles in the first quarter and finished the period leading by just one with a narrow 9-8 lead. In the second

quarter, Forsan found their range and outscored the Lady Bulldogs 12 to 2 in the quarter. The big second quarter scoring and great team defense increased the Lady Buffs lead to 21-10 heading into the half.

In the second, half Forsan's lock down defense continued as they held Miles to just 4 points in the third quarter and then exploded offensively in the fourth quarter scoring 19 points in the final period to give them the decisive 47-21 win to kick off dis-

trict play. With the win the Lady Buffs improve to 17-5 on the season and 1-0 in district.

Emily Garcia led all scorers with 16 points for the Lady Buffs with Macey Evans adding 15, Mikahaela Willard and Rylee Evans each contributing 5 points and Madison Smith, Mikayla Arzate and Mallory Ezell rounding out the scoring with 2 points each. The Lady Buffs will continue their district play next Tuesday in Eldorado looking to go to 2-0 in district.



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Macey Evans goes up for a jump shot against the Miles Lady Bulldogs. Evans scored 15 points against Miles on Thursday to open district play with a big win.

DeRozan has triple-double, Spurs win in Leonard's return



AP photo

Toronto Raptors forward Kawhi Leonard (2) is blocked as he drives to the basket against San Antonio Spurs guard DeMar DeRozan (10) and guard Derrick White (4) during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, in San Antonio.

By **RAUL DOMINGUEZ**
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — The Spurs' suffocating defense, scoring runs and fans' unrelenting contempt for the opposing team's star player have often overwhelmed the opposition.

Kawhi Leonard has seen it many times in San Antonio, but the Toronto star never experienced it from the opposing bench until Thursday night. It was worse than he expected.

DeMar DeRozan 21 points, 14 rebounds and 11 assists for first career triple-double and San Antonio welcomed back Leonard with thunderous jeers in the Spurs' 125-107 victory over the Raptors.

"You've got to thrive in moments like that," DeRozan said. "You've got to love to play in that type of atmosphere, whether it's at home or on the road. It kind of fuels you, kind of gets you going. That's what made it so fun."

It wasn't much fun for Leonard and the Raptors, who saw a three-game winning streak snapped in inglorious fashion.

Leonard scored 21 points on 8-for-13 shooting, but the anger the Spurs' fans showered on him seemed to impact the MVP candidate. Leonard had to take a step back at the free throw line and compose himself amid chants of "Traitor! Traitor!" and "Quitter! Quitter!" from the capacity crowd that adored him during his seven sea-

sons in San Antonio.

The reaction didn't surprise Leonard.

"No," Leonard said. "Media does a great mind to stir people's minds and to influence them to think a certain way. So, I already knew how that was going to be the way the media was."

Fans were angry that Leonard forced his way out of San Antonio this offseason in a trade that yielded DeRozan and Jakob Poeltl from Toronto for him and Danny Green.

Leonard was booed heavily from the moment he walked onto the court for warmup. The boos continued during a pregame video tribute and player introductions, whenever he touched the ball and as he walked off the court following the lopsided loss.

"I felt badly about it," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Kawhi's a high-character guy. We all make decisions in our lives about what we're going to do with our futures and he has that same right as any of us. So, I felt badly, honestly."

The Spurs gave reason for the fans to constantly cheer, leading by as many as 28 points against a Raptors team that has been atop the Eastern Conference for much of the season.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 23 points for San Antonio, Bryn Forbes added 20, Derrick White 19 and Rudy Gay 13.

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Harden rallies Rockets in OT to edge Warriors 135-134



AP photo

Houston Rockets' James Harden, right, is defended by Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry (30) during the first half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, in Oakland, Calif.

By **JANIE McCAULEY**
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — A defender on either side of him, James Harden let it fly one last time for an improbable game-winner in the waning seconds of overtime before falling backward and hitting the floor.

It took his second triple-double of the week, fifth straight 40-point performance and sheer will to rally the Houston Rockets past the Golden State Warriors 135-134 in a thriller between Western Conference powers Thursday night for their sixth straight victory.

Harden hit a contested 3-pointer with 2.7 seconds left in OT and finished with 44 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds. The reigning MVP's team had trailed by 20.

"I take my shots, I drive to the basket," Harden said. "I shoot my step-backs with confidence and live with the results."

Kevin Durant's long 3-pointer missed as the buzzer sounded in what will go down as one of the best games this regular season — a rematch of the seven-game Western Conference finals won by two-time defending champion Golden State.

Stephen Curry put the Warriors ahead with 23.1 seconds remaining in OT on the way to 35 points, a basket that shouldn't have counted because Durant was clearly out of bounds

when he flung the ball back in.

Durant knew he knew it, too, and "I could believe it because the refs were missing a lot tonight."

Harden, however, had one more incredible, acrobatic moment still in him. He released the ball swarmed by two defenders — Klay Thompson to his left and Draymond Green in front of him.

Harden also hit 3-pointers at the 3:52 and 2:02 marks of OT in a game featuring dazzling displays on both ends by some of the game's biggest stars.

"I don't know where it ranks but I'm just happy to come away with the win," Harden said. "I just had to go out and do my part on the highest level."

Thompson made a go-ahead layup with 40.6 seconds left in the extra period, then Harden tied it at 132 on a pair of free throws with 33.5 seconds left.

"He just did what he does," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "He's the master of the isolation, the step-back 3 and drawing fouls."

Durant added 26 points and seven rebounds.

Harden also had a triple-double Monday against Memphis of 43 points, 10 rebounds and 13 assists, but he was disappointed with nine turnovers he thought gave the Grizzlies too many transition opportunities.

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If being listened to and understood is one of your needs, you might be a human. Alas, quality attention is in short supply, which is one reason why therapists get paid. The good news is that there are still people who are willing to trade. You listen to them, they listen to you, and everyone will be on the same page during this critical Mercury crossing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Is your opinion causing controversy? You could be utterly wrong -- or utterly right. Either way, the winning move is to take a breath and hear the others out. All benefit from the civil airing of ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You find inspiration everywhere you go -- in the grasses underfoot, the clouds overhead, the

hand of the person next to you. Scenery feeds your imagination, love even more so.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The dance of love is a push, pull affair. The tango is on. The trickiest part is keeping the distance between you at the optimum ratio to create strong tension and still maintain freedom of motion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your approval rating is going up. Try not to pay too much attention to that though, just as you didn't give it too much attention when it was going down. It's not their job to like you. That job falls squarely to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're not searching for yourself anymore. You know who exactly who you are, and furthermore you reserve the right to change your mind or even your personality, at any

time because who you are goes much deeper than those things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When your brain is firing on all cylinders, you feel brightly alive. And when your brain is a din of unhelpful chatter, you feel far less so. Rigorous exercise will work wonders to reset your mental energy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Try not to make up reasons why something won't work before you've

even tried it. This is just fear talking because your mind doesn't like uncertainty. That's OK. Let it talk, but walk forward anyway.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you feel secure in your relationship, you're more likely to take risks in other areas, especially in regard to professional advancement. To know you're loved is a beautiful thing to fall back on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While necessity may be the mother of invention, too much need

and hardship can keep a person's mind from working at peak performance. Seek a gentle pace. Take care of yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe life can be easy and still satisfy your need for a challenge. The mountain to climb has more to do with creativity than hardship. It's about finding the stimulus to push your imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a saying that one pound of learning requires 10 pounds of common sense to use it. Truly, theoretical knowledge will pale next to even the most minimal practical experience, so wherever possible, go in person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your self-control will be in strong supply, and that's why you may find yourself mentally bickering

with someone instead of actually bickering, which would be a regrettable move since, ultimately, those details are petty.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 4). The Mercury change on your birthday is a harbinger of empowerment as well as clarity of deed and expression. Never doubt the power of a carefully worded intention. Your work to build a relationship will bring a release of past baggage and a new breath of sweetness to daily life. There's a move in May. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 42, 9, 30 and 1.

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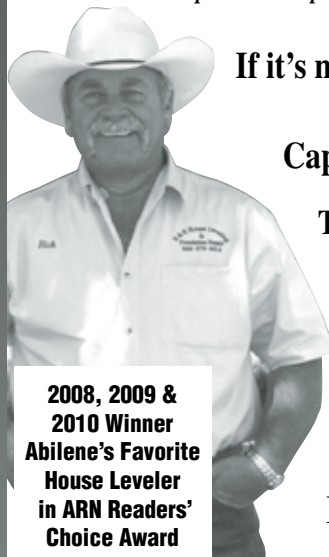
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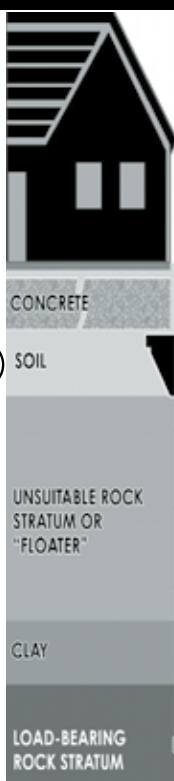
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Annie's Mailbox®

Friction With Brother-in-Law

Dear Annie: My twin sister and brother-in-law visited me for the recent holiday. I love my sister, and we have always gotten along well. As is stereotypical with twins, we grew up inseparable and have remained emotionally close, even as the physical distance between us widens. We now only see each other a few times a year, and I cherish these times.

The difficulty I have is that her husband is insufferable. He is

perpetually in a bad mood and always disagreeable. Neither my husband nor I really like it when he's around, and his demeanor seems to indicate the feeling is mutual. I want to spend time with my sister, but I find it less compelling knowing that her husband will be coming along. Do you have any suggestions on how I could handle this? -- Sad Sister

Dear Sad Sister: To quote the often acerbic but always insightful Oscar Wilde: "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go." Sounds as if your

sister is on the "wherever she goes" end and her husband is in the "when-ever" camp. Given how close you are with your sister, you should feel comfortable addressing the situation with her. Let her know that you sense a lack of interest from him in spending time with you, and ask her what you could do to strengthen the bond between you and him. Empower her to create a solution with her husband, and let her know you want to make it more comfortable for him. If that doesn't work, suggest that you two take sister trips in which you meet at a neutral location

and keep the focus on you two or a small circle of people; no spouses, because that might alienate her husband.

Dear Annie: I have some issues with social anxiety, and my workplace isn't helping. I'm unsure of when to act professionally and when to act more casually. I'm sure there's a balance between the two, but I'm struggling to find that balance. Everyone at my workplace is really nice and friendlier than I would have expected, but it seems there's an invisible line not to be crossed. How can I gain clarity on

this gray area of work-versus-social etiquette? If I'm too professional, I appear cold and distant. If I'm too friendly, I appear out of line and don't appear to take my job seriously. -- Confused in Corporate

Dear Confused: In my experience, it's always better to err on the side of professionalism, even if it feels a bit stilted and unnatural at times. You will never regret being a bit too formal in the workplace, but you may regret being too informal. That being said, you can gradually work toward a more familiar relationship with your co-workers over

time. After you've been there for a few months, you might ask a co-worker who is your peer (i.e., not a supervisor) to grab coffee or dinner. People tend to open up more and behave more casually outside the office, even when with co-workers. Then, having established that rapport outside the office, you'll feel a bit more comfortable at work.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Beginner

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Bidding quiz

You have the following hand, neither side vulnerable:
♠ K94 ♥ 6 ♦ KJ854 ♣ AQ73

1. Your partner opens the bidding with One Club, and you respond One Diamond. Partner rebids Three Clubs. What would you bid now?

2. You open the bidding with One Diamond, and partner responds Two Notrump. When you next bid Three Clubs, partner bids Three Notrump. What would you bid now?

3. Your left-hand opponent opens One Heart, your partner overcalls with One Spade, and your right-hand opponent bids Two Hearts. What would you bid?

4. Your partner opens the bidding with Three Hearts, and the next player passes. What would you bid?
* * *

1. Four notrump. A grand slam is likely if partner has three aces, and the best way of finding this out is via Blackwood. There is little risk attached to the Blackwood bid, since partner is sure to have two or three aces for his jump to three clubs. If he shows only two aces by bidding five hearts, you will have to settle for a small slam in clubs.

2. Pass. Your hand may not be ideal for notrump, but there is nowhere else to go at this point. You have warned partner against notrump

by bidding three clubs, and you have to accept his judgment that a nine-trick game in notrump has a better chance of succeeding than an 11-trick game in a minor.

Partner will not be surprised by your singleton heart, as your three-club bid warned him of this possibility.

3. Four spades. You can't bid less if you have any respect for partner's overcalls. Of course, you'd like to have another spade for the jump to game, but you must bid it nevertheless. You shouldn't worry too much about your trump support because the one-spade overcall virtually guaranteed at least a strong five-card suit.

No good purpose can be served by mentioning either diamonds or clubs. This could easily complicate the issue and lead to the wrong contract. A three-spade bid would also be improper because this would merely invite — but not force — partner to bid again.

4. Pass. While your hand is worth an opening bid and would therefore be strong enough to insist on game opposite an opening one-bid, here partner has a hand of less than opening strength. Your lack of heart support also does not help your cause. The probability is that partner will make three hearts or go down one.

Tomorrow: That's all there is to it.

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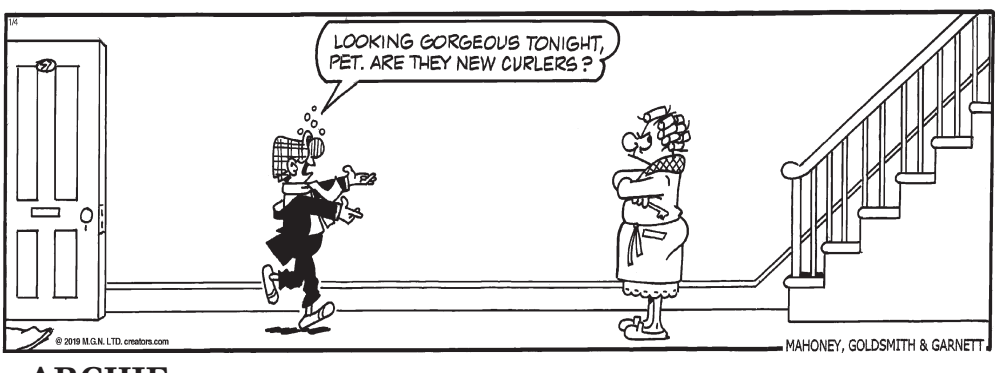
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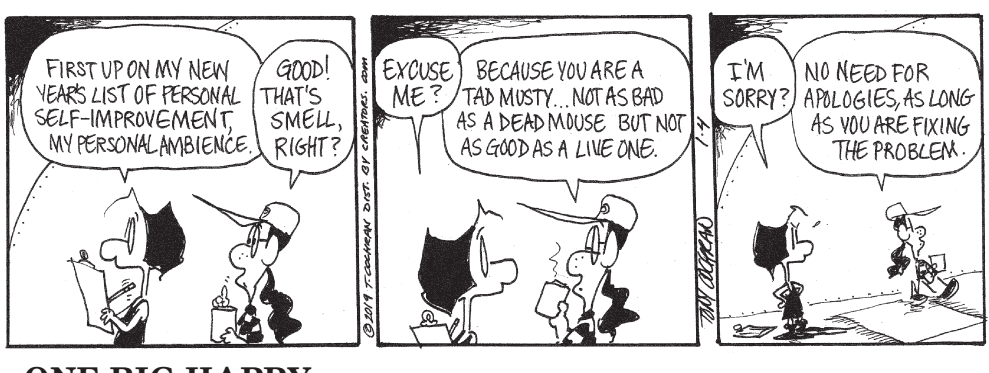
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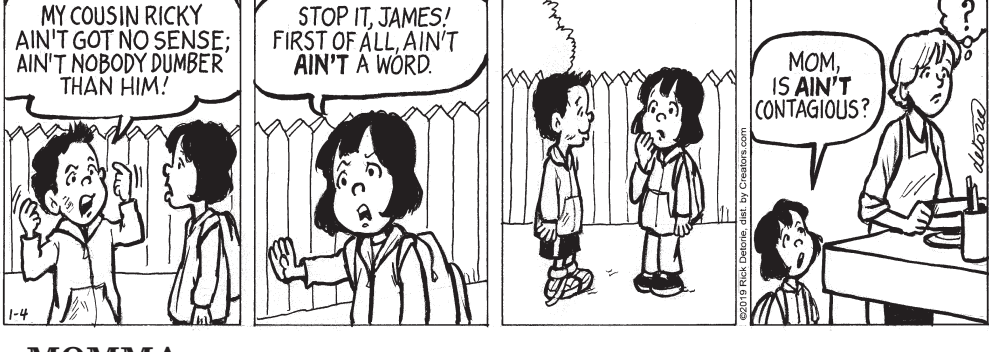
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This Date In History

tary death from enemy fire in the war against terrorism.

In 2006, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed that Jose Padilla (hoh-ZAY' puh-DIL'uh), held for 3 1/2 years as an "enemy combatant," could be transferred to civilian authorities in Miami.

Ten years ago: New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson announced he was withdrawing his nomination to be President-elect Barack Obama's commerce secretary amid a grand jury investigation into how some of his political donors had won a lucrative state contract.

Five years ago: The city center of Iraq's Fallujah fell completely into the hands of fighters from the al-Qaida-linked Islamic State in Iraq and Levant.

One year ago: The Trump administration moved to vastly expand offshore drilling from the Atlantic to the Arctic oceans with a five-year plan that would open up federal waters off of California for the first time in decades and possibly open new areas of oil and gas exploration along the East Coast.

In 1943, for the second time, Soviet dictator Josef Stalin made the cover of TIME as the magazine's 1942 "Man of the Year."

In 1960, author and philosopher Albert Camus (al-BEHR' kah-MOO') died in an automobile accident in Villeblevin, France, at age 46.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI began a visit to the Holy Land, the first papal pilgrimage of its kind.

In 1974, President Richard Nixon refused to hand over tape recordings and documents subpoenaed by the Senate Watergate Committee.

In 1987, 16 people were killed when an Amtrak train bound from Washington, D.C., to Boston collided with Conrail locomotives that had crossed into its path from a side track in Chase, Maryland.

In 1995, the 104th Congress convened, the first entirely under Republican control since the Eisenhower era.

In 2002, Sgt. 1st Class Nathan Ross Chapman, a U.S. Army Special Forces soldier, was killed by small-arms fire during an ambush in eastern Afghanistan; he was the first American mili-

Actress Dyan Cannon is 80. Author-historian Doris Kearns Goodwin is 76. Country singer Kathy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 64.

Country singer Patty Loveless is 62. Actor Julian Sands is 61. Rock singer Michael Stipe is 59. Actor Patrick Cassidy is 57.

Actor Dave Foley is 56. Actress Dot Jones is 55. Actor Rick Hearst is 54. Singer-musician Cait O'Riordan is 54.

Actress Julia Ormond is 54. Tennis player Guy Forget (ghee fohr-ZHAY') is 54. Country singer Deana Carter is 53. Rock musician Benjamin Darvill (Crash Test Dummies) is 52.

Actor Josh Stamberg is 49. Actor Jeremy Licht is 48. Actor Damon Gupton is 46.

Actress-singer Jill Marie Jones is 44. Actress D'Arcy Carden is 39. Alt-country singer Justin Townes Earle is 37.

Christian rock singer Spencer Chamberlain (Underoath) is 36. Actress Lenora Crichlow is 34. Comedian-actress Charlyne Yi is 33.

Actress-singer Coco Jones is 21.

Thought for Today:

"What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from."

T.S. Eliot (1888-1965)

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Newsday Crossword

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No. 1 UConn's 126-game win streak ends 68-57 at No. 8 Baylor

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Basketball Writer

WACO, Texas — Geno Auriemma knew that top-ranked UConn couldn't keep winning every regular-season game it played, even though the Huskies had won 126 in a row.

That winning streak of more than four years ended with a 68-57 loss Thursday night at No. 8 Baylor, which won against a No. 1 team for the first time.

"What is disappointing for me, not that we lost. How long did you think you were going to win every game in the regular season, 10 years?," Auriemma said. "So I'm not surprised that we lost, but it was disappointing that we struggled so much on the offensive end."

The Huskies (11-1) hadn't lost a regular-season game in regulation since a 76-70 home loss to Baylor in a Nos. 1 vs. 2 matchup on Feb. 18, 2013 — a span of 163 games. Their only regular-season loss since then was 88-86 in overtime at Stanford on Nov. 14, 2014.

"Stanford in 2014. Think about that," Auriemma said.

The 11-time national champion Huskies shot only 29 percent (20 of 68) with their lowest point total this season. Their only lead came at 2-0 when Crystal Dangerfield scored in the opening minute of the game.

Kalani Brown had 20 points and 17 rebounds for the Lady Bears (10-1).

UConn is the only No. 1 team Baylor has ever faced in 19 seasons under



Baylor players celebrate after a 68-57 victory over No. 1 Connecticut in an NCAA college basketball game Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, in Waco, Texas.

AP photo

coach Kim Mulkey, who has two national championships coaching the Lady Bears. They had lost each of the previous three such meetings, including UConn's last visit to Waco nearly five years ago.

"Connecticut gets everybody's best shot. They don't lose much, we don't lose much," Mulkey said. "When you can do it year after year after year, taking people's best shots and you have a shot to play each other, it's good for women's basketball."

Chloe Jackson added 13 points, eight assists and seven rebounds for Baylor, while NaLyssa Smith had 12 points. Juicy Landrum scored 11 points while Lauren Cox added nine points and seven rebounds.

Napheesa Collier had 16 points and 11 rebounds for UConn, while Katie Lou Samuelson also had a double-double with 12 points and 11 rebounds. But the two seniors were a combined 10-of-34 shooting. Dangerfield had 11 points and Megan Walker 10.

"It just felt like everyone was kind of stagnant out there. We were all just looking at each other," said Samuelson, who missed her first six shots and finished 4-of-16. "We weren't hitting those difficult shots, and sometimes we do, but we don't always. When we're not getting shots in our offense, we shoot worse than we normally do. That's on us to be able to figure that out."

BIG PICTURE

UConn: Auriemma's team was coming off tough wins at Oklahoma and California, and after both games the coach talked about those kinds of games were how the majority of the world lives. This time, they couldn't pull off a late comeback. The last time UConn had consecutive losses was in 1993 — a span of 937 games going into its conference opener.

Baylor: The Lady Bears have won 28 consecutive home games, and extended their non-conference home winning streak to 45 games since a home loss to UConn on Jan. 13, 2014.

IN AND OUT OF THE PAINT

Baylor outscored UConn 52-10 in the paint. "Are you surprised that they scored 52 points in the paint," Auriemma said. "I would think they would

suck if they didn't score 52 points in the paint. They've got every one of our guys by six inches, so we knew that was going to happen, and we were OK with that. What we weren't OK with was how hard it was for us to get the shots that we wanted. And then when we did get the shots that we wanted, we didn't make any of them."

UP NEXT

UConn, which hasn't lost an American Athletic Conference game in five full seasons in the league, opens conference play Sunday at Houston.

Baylor, which last season won its ninth Big 12 title, opens league play Sunday at Texas Tech.

Cowboys, Seahawks figure to focus on runs of Elliott, Carson

By **SCHUYLER DIXON**

AP Pro Football Writer

FRISCO, Texas — Ezekiel Elliott won his second NFL rushing title in three seasons for a Dallas offense that has been defined by the ground game for several years now.

Seattle takes the league's No. 1 rushing offense into a wild-card playoff against the Cowboys on Saturday night, led by Chris Carson, but with more help from others than your average pro backfield.

While receiver Amari Cooper's impact on the Dallas passing game was dramatic following a mid-season trade, and Seattle's Russell Wilson again finished among the NFL leaders in touchdowns passing, both teams figure to try to control the second postseason meeting between these franchises with their running backs.

"We have a formula here," said Dallas right guard Zack Martin, who has made the Pro Bowl in all five of his seasons. "Usually if we win a game, we kind of stick to that formula. It's always a tough game against those guys. It's kind of a bone-on-bone game. We've got our work cut out for us."

Elliott finished with 1,434 yards while setting a club record for catches by a running back with 77, one more than Herschel Walker 32 years ago. His 2,001 yards from scrimmage were second to New York Giants rookie Saquon Barkley.

The 23-year-old former Ohio State star had the first 40-touch game of his career, a 29-23 overtime win against defending Super Bowl champion Philadelphia that all but wrapped up the NFC East for the Cowboys (10-6).

With the fourth seed in the playoffs locked up, the Cowboys sat Elliott in the regular-season finale against the New York Giants. Dak Prescott showcased his passing game with a rally for a 36-35 win,



Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott (21) attempts to evade a tackle by Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety Jordan Whitehead (31) after Elliott caught a pass in the first half time of an NFL football game in Arlington, Texas. Ezekiel Elliott won his second NFL rushing title in three seasons for a Dallas offense that has been defined by the ground game for several years now.

but that's unlikely to be the way Dallas advances in the postseason.

"Knowing going into these playoffs I'm going to have probably the heaviest workload I've had all season," Elliott said, "so great getting fresh and ready going into this last stretch of the season and ready for what they throw at me."

The Seahawks (10-6) will throw multiple backs at the Cowboys, starting with Carson. With 1,151 yards rushing, Carson became the club's first 1,000-yard rusher since Marshawn Lynch on Seattle's most recent Super Bowl qualifier in 2014.

Throw in Mike Davis (514 yards), Rashaad Penny (419) and Wilson (376), and the Seahawks have the first backfield with a 1,000-yard rusher and three with at least 300 yards since the 2001 Pittsburgh Steelers.

Seattle is averaging 160 yards rushing per game, while Dallas finished the regular season ranked 10th at 123.

"The offensive line has just really come into their own — No. 1 rush team in the NFL for us, which

is something that we really wanted to do is to run the ball this year and also play-action and do our thing," Wilson said. "Those guys have been a big, big thing for us."

Carson, a second-year back drafted in the seventh round, had his first 100-yard game with 102 yards on a career-high 32 carries in the first meeting with Dallas this season, a 24-13 Seattle victory in Week 3 after the Seahawks had started 0-2.

While the Cowboys let Seattle control the game with its rushing attack, they still held Carson to 3.2 yards per carry, his lowest average of the season. Defense kept Dallas in the game despite one of the worst offensive showings of the season.

"So much of this is about us and what we need to do to play good run defense," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "It's about us being fundamentally sound and being physical and being in our gaps and setting edges and running to the ball and being a great tackling team regardless of who they hand it to or what kind of runs they use."

There isn't much mystery in who will get the handoffs for the Cowboys. Elliott carried 304 times, 18 fewer than when he led the league in rushing as a rookie in 2016. Backup Rod Smith had just 44 rushes, 12 of those when Elliott sat against the Giants.

Really, the No. 2 running option for Dallas is quarterback Dak Prescott, who has six rushing TDs in each of his three regular seasons. While the Cowboys have been at their best when Prescott shows the running threat, they will spend plenty of time trying to establish Elliott early.

"The ball is in his hands most of the time," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said. "I don't know him at all, but I am sure he's a great competitor, he just plays like it. It all matters to him and there's an intensity about his play that has made him already a significant player in the league."

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Thursday Sports in Brief

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WACO, Texas (AP) — Kalani Brown had 20 points and 17 rebounds as No. 8 Baylor won over a top-ranked team for the first time, beating UConn 68-57 Thursday night and handing the Huskies their first regular-season loss in more than four years.

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NFL
First-time eligibles Tony Gonzalez, Ed Reed and Champ Bailey are among 15 modern-era finalists for the Pro Football Hall of Fame's class of 2019.

They will be joined in balloting on Feb. 2 by Steve Atwater, Tony Boselli, Isaac Bruce, Don Coryell, Alan Faneca, Tom Flores, Steve Hutchinson, Edgerrin James, Ty Law, John Lynch, Kevin Mawae, and Richard Seymour. Although previously eligible, Flores — who coached two Raiders teams to Super Bowl

titles — and longtime defensive lineman Seymour are finalists for the first time.

Also being considered for induction are senior committee nominee Johnny Robinson, a star safety for Dallas/Kansas City from 1960-71, and contributors finalists Gil Brandt, former personnel director for the Cowboys and now the NFL's top draft consultant, and Broncos owner Pat Bowlen.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — President Donald Trump has signed legislation awarding former New Orleans Saints and Washington State football player Steve Gleason the Congressional Gold Medal, the highest civilian honor awarded by Congress.

The 41-year-old Gleason has ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and Congress sought to honor him for his work as an advocate for people with the paralyzing neuromuscular disease.

Gleason is the first NFL player to receive a Congressional Gold Medal.

He became famous for blocking a punt in 2006 on the night the Superdome reopened after Hurricane Katrina. He retired from the NFL in 2008 and was diagnosed with ALS in 2011.

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)

Prosecutors have decided not to pursue a domestic violence charge against Washington Redskins linebacker Reuben Foster, though the NFL continues to review the matter.

Prosecutors in Tampa, Florida, filed a notice of termination of prosecution on Wednesday. The notice states that the first-degree misdemeanor battery charge is dismissed and there is no need for Foster to appear at any future court hearings.

Prosecutors concluded there was insufficient evidence to file charges against Foster after "a meticulous review of the facts of the case," said Estella Gray, director of communications for the State Attorney's Office.

She didn't elaborate further.

NBA
CLEVELAND (AP) — Cavaliers All-Star forward Kevin Love has been cleared to begin "select basketball activities" following left foot surgery.

Love played in just four games this season before having surgery on Nov. 2 to repair an injury sustained during Cleveland's exhibition opener. He had cartilage removed and fluid drained from the base of his large toe.

The team said Love

visited Dr. Martin O'Malley at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York on Wednesday. The evaluation revealed that Love's foot is healing and he can begin some on-court activities under the direction of the team's medical staff.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Larry Weinberg, one of the founders and original owners of the Portland Trail Blazers, has died. He was 92.

Weinberg's death was announced Wednesday by the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee.

Weinberg was one of four men who got the franchise started as an NBA expansion team in 1970 to the tune of \$3.7 million.

Weinberg, a veteran of World War II, real estate developer, and a pro-Israel activist, sold the team to the late Paul Allen in 1988 for \$70 million.

BASEBALL
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies have agreed to a two-year contract with reliever David Robertson.

Terms of the deal, which also includes a club option for the 2021 season, were not announced Thursday. Robertson, 33, went 8-3 with a 3.23 ERA and five saves in 69 games last season for the New York Yan-

kees.

An 11-year veteran and 2011 All-Star, Robertson has appeared in at least 60 games in nine straight seasons, and the right-hander could compete for the closer's role in Philadelphia, which hasn't made the playoffs since 2011. Searanthy Dominguez led the Phillies with just 16 saves last season.

NHL
BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Buffalo Sabres captain Jack Eichel will miss at least two games with an upper body injury.

Coach Phil Housley didn't reveal the nature of the injury except to list Eichel as day to day ahead of Buffalo's home game against Florida on Thursday. Eichel will miss Buffalo's game at Boston on Saturday before having the injury re-evaluated.

He's been out since aggravating the injury in the first period of a 3-1 loss to the New York Islanders on Monday.

Eichel is the Sabres' All-Star game selection. He leads Buffalo with 49 points and ranks second with 15 goals in 40 games.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Blues acquired goalie Jared Coreau from the Anaheim Ducks on Thursday for future considerations.

Coreau will report to

the San Antonio Rampage of the American Hockey League. The 27-year-old goalie was 3-6-2 with a 3.57 goals-against average this season for the San Diego Gulls season in the AHL. He's 5-9-4 with a 3.74 GAA in 21 career

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

BALTIMORE (AP) — Jim Margraff, the winningest football coach in Johns Hopkins University history, has died at 58.

The Baltimore university said the former Hopkins quarterback, who led his alma mater's football program for 29 years, died suddenly Wednesday at home. University officials didn't release a cause. The Baltimore Sun reported that Margraff had open-heart surgery to correct a congenital defect in 2005.

Margraff guided the Blue Jays to the NCAA Division III semifinals for the first time just a month ago.

With Margraff at the helm, Johns Hopkins posted a 221-89-3 record, won a Centennial Conference-record 14 league championships and made the NCAA playoffs 10 times. That record also made Margraff the winningest coach in Maryland state history.

ROCKETS

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Including his 50-point game Dec. 13 against the Lakers, Harden has scored at least 30 in 11 straight.

Clint Capela contributed 29 points and 21 rebounds for Houston.

Kerr's simple message about defending Harden, who went to the line 27 times Monday: "Don't foul him!"

Harden shot five free throws in the first quarter Thursday and nine in all.

His jumper with 5:37 left in regulation cut Golden State's lead to 112-111. He also got the Rockets close by knocking down two 3-pointers and assisting on another basket in the

final 1:26 of the third as Houston cut its deficit to 98-92 going into the final quarter.

"We had a 20-point lead and lost. It doesn't really matter what happened at that point," Green said.

Thompson scored 26 points and hit consecutive 3-pointers late in the first half. After struggling to find his stroke from deep, Thompson is 10 for 17 on 3-pointers the past three games.

With his first 3 at the 7-minute mark of the opening period, Durant became the 32nd player in NBA history to reach 22,000 points.

Falling backward as he released the ball over Harden, Durant swished a 3 with 59.2 seconds left in the first half.

The cold-shooting Rockets fell behind 70-53 at halftime. Houston was

just 6 of 23 from long range, 3 for 9 by Harden, while the Warriors shot 62.8 percent.

"I don't think we played with that killer instinct in the second half," Thompson said. "I think we relaxed up 17 points."

TIP-INS
Rockets: F James Ennis, who had been questionable with a strained right hamstring, returned after missing the previous 10 games. ... G Eric Gordon sat out a second straight game with a bruised right knee.

Warriors: C Kevon Looney scored in double figures for the ninth time this season. ... Durant is one of six active players in the 22,000-point club, joining LeBron James, Dirk Nowitzki, Carmelo Anthony, Vince Carter

and Dwyane Wade. ... Durant has 12 straight games with 20 or more points. ... Golden State dropped to 10-3 when dishing out 30 or more assists.

RUN TMC

As part of the final season at Oracle Arena, the Warriors honored the "Run TMC" era featuring the trio of Tim Hardaway, Mitch Richmond and Chris Mullin.

They were recognized on the big screen during a first-quarter timeout and Hardaway was shown sitting courtside next to Warriors owner Joe Lacob.

UP NEXT

Rockets: At Portland on Saturday.

Warriors: At Sacramento on Saturday looking for a fourth straight road win vs. the Kings.

SPURS

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"Yeah it was a different kind of game, it was more of a playoff atmosphere, but that's what we live for," Gay said. "It's the NBA, you're going to have times like this, those are times you have to step up."

The night belonged to DeRozan, though, as he became the first San Antonio player with a triple-double at home since Tim Duncan in 2003.

"I told him it was about time," Popovich said.

DeRozan shot 7 for 15 from the field, making 13 defensive rebounds and finishing with just three turnovers in 33 minutes.

DeRozan's 10th assist came on an entry to Aldridge that the Spurs center punctuated with a celebration in honor of his teammate's career milestone.

"He was in high gear tonight," Toronto coach Nick Nurse said. "He was in his fast, athletic gear tonight and when he's in that gear, he's tough to handle, as we all know."

After leading by as many as 26 points in the first half, San Antonio opened the second half on a 12-0 run to take a 79-51 lead.

The crowd erupted during a sequence of plays when Leonard had the ball tipped away, which led to a slam dunk by White. That possession was followed by Leonard being unable to corral an alley-oop pass, which led to DeRozan tossing in a runner and being fouled by Serge Ibaka. DeRozan made the free throw amid chants of "MVP! MVP!" — something Leonard heard during his time in San Antonio.

"We didn't do a good job in transition, defense," Leonard said. "We didn't play well at all defensively. Spurs did a great job pushing the pace and kicking out for wide-open shots."

As the game ended, Popovich and Leonard embraced in a long hug and the Spurs coach led his former star to San Antonio's bench to greet assistant coach Ettore Messina.

TIP-INS

Raptors: The Spurs played a tribute video for Leonard and Green prior to the game that ended with "Thank you Danny and Kawhi." Green ran over to and hugged Popovich prior to tipoff. Green finished with no points on 0-for-7 shooting. ... Lowry missed his fourth straight game due to lower back pain.

Spurs: DeRozan is the first Spurs player to have at least 15 points 10 rebounds and five assists in a half

since Tim Duncan in 2007. DeRozan also recorded his first double-double in a half. ... Gay played 23 minutes to Popovich's surprise, who thought the 13-year veteran would miss the game with a sprained left wrist.

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