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## Volunteer firefighters tackle five fires

RV on fire causes DPS to shut down both lanes of I-20 Thursday afternoon temporarily

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Thursday was a hot, brutal day for Howard County volunteer firefighters as they tackled multiple 9-1-1 fire calls all within the span of the afternoon.

The work began early in the afternoon after 9-1-1 received many calls of an RV on fire west of Big Spring near Inter-

state 20 and Cauble Road.

"He (the driver of the RV) was driving down the road in the fast lane, and he blew the left, front tire," Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan said.

The RV traveled some distance while the driver found an opportunity to maneuver into the right lane at the same time decreasing the vehicle's

speed while keeping the RV from flipping, Sullivan reported. The driver was able to bring the RV to a halt off the shoulder of I-20's east bound lanes.

"Once he did that, the tire was so hot it burst into flames and then the flames just moved through the RV," he said.

Department of Public Safety

(DPS) troopers closed off part of Interstate 20 near the scene of the fire as a safety precaution, Sullivan said.

"The line feeding the propane bottles on it melted out and it was shooting propane horizontally across the interstate into the east bound lanes and part of the west bound lanes," he said.

Sullivan said firefighters

were able to knock down the flames without coming close to the vehicle by using the fleet's newest pumper truck equipped with a water gun.

"We pulled probably about 80 feet past it, fired up that big gun, and used about 2,000 gallons of water out of that big water can and knocked down

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## 2017 Health Fair plans underway

Deadline to sign up as a corporate sponsor is 5 p.m. Monday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

Corporate sponsors are still being sought for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair, but the deadline to sign up is Monday.

The annual health fair, set for April 8 this year at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, draws an average of 1,000 people. Corporate sponsorship helps to underwrite the cost of the fair allowing the chamber to offer the event free to the community, said Chamber Executive Assistant Nancy Davenport.

"We have been very blessed with our corporate sponsors," Davenport said. "Our deadline to sign up to be a cooperate sponsor will be Monday, March 6, at 5 p.m."

On average, the annual fair has around 50 informational booths featuring area health businesses such as Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Howard College's dental and nursing programs, and non-profit agencies like the YMCA, Davenport said.

Free health screenings will be available including blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose checks during the fair, scheduled from 8 a.m. until noon.

"Outside we will once again have the bicycle rodeo and child car seat checks," Davenport said. During the rodeo, which is sponsored by Star Chrysler Dodge, youths will be taught bicycle road rules and safety tips from hand signals to how to properly put on a bicycle helmet.

"The parents need to be with their own child," said Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde. "When they are talking to them about all the rules and safety tips, we want the parent to learn it as well."

Six children's bikes and helmets will be given away during the rodeo, Davenport said. Other activities include exercise

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Deanna Foresyth looks over several pieces of jewelry designed by Rosemary Siems of Sherman at the 2016 Big Spring Prospectors Club's annual gem and mineral show. This year's show will be at the Howard County Fair Barn, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

## Gem and mineral show to shine this weekend

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

If you like jewelry, arts and crafts, or if you're looking for a fabulous gift for someone special, you should check out the Big Spring Prospectors Club Gem and Mineral Show this weekend at the Howard County Fair Barn. The show runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The 48th annual installment of the Gem and Mineral show will feature a lot of activities, said Prospectors Club Secretary/Treasurer Lola Lamb.

"We have displays from our neighboring clubs in Midland and Lubbock, and then of course our own local club members display some of the stuff they make," Lamb said. "We have the displays for people to look at and

we give them a ticket and ask them to vote for their favorite, and whichever display gets the most votes gets a plaque at the end of the show. Dealers have anything from jewelry to rough rocks, slabs, minerals, fossils, beads, geodes. There's a guy there, you buy your geode and then he cracks it open for you. We have 12 dealers that will be selling stuff anywhere from Sherman, Dallas, two from New Mexico, Amarillo, El Paso."

Other activities include a demonstration of glass bead making, silent auctions, and door prizes. A barbecue food vendor will also be present, she said.

"Double D Barbecue," she said. "She'll be set up there by the back door there with her turkey legs and typical barbecue food."

The Gem and Mineral Show is the Prospectors Club's only fundraiser for the year, Lamb added.

"We're totally self-contained, and this show is our way of making money to pay for our utilities and what have you," she said. "The merchants here in town are our supporters because they have a book that we publish, and their ad is in that book, and then everybody that goes to the show gets one of the books to keep. That's how we can have the free admission to the show."

The club offers monthly meetings, scheduled work days, and classes for those interested in working with rocks or making jewelry, Lamb said.

"We welcome people to come down and meet with us and see if they'd be interested in it," she said.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **DONALD DWAYNE SCOTT**, 36, of 1003 Rosemont St. was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 oz.).
- **RAFAEL JESUS HERNANDEZ JR.**, 19, of 1519 Wood St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **ASHLEY SHAWN CROSSMAN**, 37, of 1605 S. Johnson St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **LACI RENEE ISSEL**, 42, of 4800 S. Maryland Parkway in Las Vegas, Nev., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **RINNIE JONES**, 34, of 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #67 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **JAVIER LOREDO**, 36, of 1102 Highway 176 Apt. #6 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RESHELL DEANNE TIMBERLAKE**, 36, of 1102 Highway 176 Apt. #6 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MATTHEW CORY FOWLER**, 33, of 800 W. Marcy was arrested on outstanding warrants.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported on Highway 176 approximately two miles outside the city limits.

- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore Street.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1400 block of Dixie Avenue.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Northwest 11th Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1700 block of Yale.

## Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.
- **TERESA KAY GASTON**, 54, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JAVIER LOREDO**, 36, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BILLY LEAL MATA**, 44, was booked by BSPD on charges of theft of firearm, possession of a controlled substance (less than 1 gram), possession of a dangerous drug, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ASHLEY RAE MIRAMONTES**, 23, was booked by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for burglary of a habitation.
- **ATHEA RYANNE NALL**, 32, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of a controlled substance (less than 28 grams) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **ADRIAN VILLALPANDO SANDOVAL**, 41, was booked by BSPD on warrants for expired driver's license and violation of promise to appear; and on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **RESHELL DEANNE TIMBERLAKE**, 36, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

## Take Note

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from high school students who are graduating this May and have been accepted to Texas A&M University for fall 2017. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. Deadline for applications is April 3, 2017. For more information and to find the application, visit [www.westexasags.com](http://www.westexasags.com). Deadline for applications for current A&M students is June 1, 2017.

• The Howard County Fair needs volunteers to cross stitch squares for the annual quilt fundraiser. The theme for this year's quilt is "It's a Jungle Out There." You can pick up a square from Cheryl Joy at the Heritage Museum during regular hours Tuesday through Saturday. Call Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674 for more information.

• 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.

The next sacking session will be at 5:30 p.m. March 6 and 7 at the old Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 N.W. Seventh St. To get there, take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney, which is the block just past the Salvation Army retail store. Delaney turns into Seventh Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• 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 is \$8 per person.

### Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

• 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 Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• 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,

### Volunteer opportunities

• The Scenic Mountain Medical Center volunteer program is in need of volunteers. A variety of opportunities are open for members of the community. For more information, call Anita Cline at 268-4721.

• 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](mailto:danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us)

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit [www.BecomeaCASA.org](http://www.BecomeaCASA.org) or [www.casawtx.org](http://www.casawtx.org).

### Youth activities

• The Crossroads Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

### Need help?

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop mortgage foreclosure and are in need of help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. For free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of South Johnson Street.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of Grafa. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3200 block of Calvin. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2400 block of East 25th Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1400 block of North Highway 87. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **FIRE IN A STRUCTURE OTHER THAN A BUILDING** was reported in the 1800 block of Mittel.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 200 block of East Third Street.

## 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.

### MONDAY

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

• Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

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## High school makes \$24 million from Snap IPO

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California high school has made millions of dollars from the initial public offering of shares in Snap Inc., the company behind the Snapchat photo messaging application. The board of the Saint Francis high school in Mountain View agreed to invest \$15,000 in seed money in Snap in 2012, when the company was just getting started.

They had been invited to do so by one of the student's parents, a venture capital investor, the high school president says in a letter issued to the school community Thursday.

The school held onto the investment until this week, when Snap shares sold for \$17 each in an IPO. The share price rocketed another 44 percent higher when trading began Thursday.

The school was quoted by media including website Quartz as saying they sold two-thirds of their shares at \$17 each, to raise \$24 million.

"The school's investment in Snap — which this morning announced the completion of its IPO — has matured and given us a significant boost," said the high school president, Simon Chiu, in the letter.

## Hundreds chant 'Coward!' amid Paul Ryan's Rhode Island visit

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Around 200 people chanted "Coward!" and booed as Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan attended an event in the heavily Democratic state.

A strong police presence kept the crowd across the street from a Providence office building, where Ryan was meeting Thursday with Year Up, a non-profit career training organization.

Ryan was not seen entering the building, but a motorcade carrying him pulled into an alley, where there's a back entrance, away from protesters.

"We want him to hear loud and clear that his values are Wall Street values, they're not Rhode Island values," said Georgia Hollister Isman, the state director of Rhode Island Working Families. "We're also here in solidarity with our friends in Wisconsin who've been trying for months to get a town hall meeting with him."

Ryan spokesman Zack Roday said "it is unfortunate protesters chose to demonstrate at Year Up,"

where Ryan toured the facilities and took questions from students.

A Republican state lawmaker called the protests "shameful" and said they could hurt the tiny state's chances of fostering better relations with the White House.

The demonstrators said they were protesting the policies of Republicans including Ryan and President Donald Trump, especially their plans to repeal and replace the 2010 Affordable Care Act. People also carried signs that said, "No Ban No Wall" and "Hey! Wisconsin we found him!"

"No matter where he goes, wherever he takes his radically dangerous Ryan-Trump agenda, the resistance will be there to meet him," said state Rep. Aaron Regunberg, a Providence Democrat, who spoke to the crowd through a megaphone.

## Harvard seeks to confront historical ties to slavery

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Harvard University is taking new steps to confront its past ties to slavery.

The Ivy League school is hosting a conference Friday exploring the historical ties between slavery and early universities, including Harvard.

Scholars will present research on the topic and discuss how other colleges have confronted their connections to slavery. Writer Ta-Nehisi Coates is scheduled to speak.

Harvard unveiled a plaque last year honoring four slaves who lived and worked on campus in the 1700s. Harvard Law also has dropped an emblem that was tied to a slave-owning family.

University President Drew Faust, a historian, has called for more exploration of the school's slavery ties.

Other universities have similarly sought to acknowledge their roles in slavery, including Georgetown and Columbia.

Harvard's conference will be streamed online.

## SXSW caught in immigration debate after artist rips contract

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A New York musician tweeted Thursday he will no longer perform at the SXSW Music Festival over a contract provision stating that U.S. immigration agents may be contacted if an international artist violates the perfor-

mance agreement.

SXSW organizers responded by saying that Felix Walworth, who goes by the stage name Told Slant, had misunderstood their policies and that no artist in the festival's 30-plus-year history had been reported to federal immigration agents.

Walworth's tweet drew swift reaction on social media and comes amid heightened fears of immigration crackdowns under President Donald Trump. Walworth singled out a portion of the event contract that states "SXSW will notify the appropriate U.S. immigration authorities" if organizers determine an artist acts in ways that "adversely affect the viability of their official SXSW showcase."

SXSW co-founder Roland Swenson said in a statement the contract clause was merely a safeguard in case an artist does "something truly egregious" such as disobeying rules about pyrotechnics, starting a brawl or causing safety issues.

SXSW envelops Austin each year with hundreds of "unofficial" events around the city in addition to the official showcases that require festival credentials. Swenson said the contract warns artists that U.S. immigration authorities "can create trouble" for international artists who don't obtain a work visa and perform at an unofficial SXSW event.

"We understand that given the current political climate surrounding immigration, the language that was published seems strong. Violating U.S. immigration law has always carried potentially severe consequences, and we would be remiss not to warn our participating acts of the likely repercussions," Swenson said.

Walworth had tweeted a picture of the contract language and seemed to encourage other invited bands to also boycott the festival.

"Can our first step toward coalition as artists with radical politics be to cancel all our official showcases at sxsw? I'm serious just do it," Walworth tweeted. He did not immediately respond to an email seeking further comment.

## Immigrant woman arrested in courthouse formally charged

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A federal grand jury has formally charged an immigrant woman who was arrested by authorities in an El Paso courthouse last month while obtaining a protection order against an abusive boyfriend.

Thirty-three-year-old Irvin Gonzalez was indicted on Wednesday afternoon on one count of illegal re-entry into the U.S.

Gonzalez was arrested on Feb. 9 by an immigration task force. She had just obtained a protective order against her alleged abuser when agents took her into custody.

Domestic abuse victim advocates criticized the arrest, saying it would dissuade other crime victims from reporting their abusers for fear of being deported. Her attorney has said Gonzalez is afraid and traumatized. Federal authorities say Gonzalez has been deported several times and has a criminal record. She was most recently deported to Mexico on Jan. 23.

## EPA withdraws Obama-era request for data on oil, natural gas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday it is withdrawing an Obama-era request that oil and natural gas companies provide information on methane emissions at oil and gas operations. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said the withdrawal is effective immediately, adding that he wants to assess the need for the information the agency has been collecting under a directive issued in November.

Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and eight other states had questioned the reporting request as overly burdensome.

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demonstrations by the YMCA to how to prepare certain healthy snacks by Sandy Taylor of the Howard County Agricultural Extension Office.

"These are snacks that can be made by kids or by moms ahead of time. The recipes will be passed out as well," ValVerde said.

Healthy living will be the focus of this year's fair.

"This year we are going to focus more on wellness," ValVerde said. "We know every health organization as well as businesses themselves have a wellness program. We want people to get used to being healthy whether it is walking 30 minutes day...there

are different things to do to stay healthy. You just don't have to go to the gym. There are some things you can do at home."

Besides providing information on how to live a healthier life, the fair also offers a forum for these health organizations to inform the public about their various services, ValVerde added.

"They may be offering a service that you may need or possibly need in the future," ValVerde said.

Davenport said booths are still available for interested businesses. To register for a booth, the cost is \$90 if registered by March 24 and \$110 through March 31. No registrations will be taken after that date. The cost includes a back drop, table, two chairs, a table cloth, and skirt along with a trash can.

Current corporate sponsors for the event are: Alon, Big Spring Center for Skilled Care, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, HEB, Kindred Homes, KBST, KBYG, Park Place Rehabilitation, Park Place Retirement Center, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and Shannon Clinic - Big Spring.

For more information call Davenport at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641 or come by the office during business hours, Monday through Friday.

The office is located at 215 W. Third St.

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those big flames," Sullivan said. "By that time, the smaller fire trucks showed up."

Sullivan said the man driving the RV and his wife were not injured in the blaze. The two were traveling in the RV but were also towing a smaller car behind the large vehicle. That car was not damaged in the fire, Sullivan reported.

However, the firefighters' day had just begun as a call came in about 1 p.m. of structure fire in the 15,000 block of County Road 41 in northern Howard County.

"Evidently somebody dropped some smoking material outside by the porch, and it started a small fire there and moved up into the walls," Sullivan said.

One of the residents called 9-1-1 and a friend who lived nearby, he said.

"He got over there and by using a two-gallon tea pitcher throwing water on it held it down until we got there," Sullivan said.

Because of the quick action of the neighbor, Sullivan said by the time firefighters showed up, the blaze was essentially out. Firefighters

used their thermal imaging camera to search for smoldering spots in the walls

"I thanked him a bunch," he said.

Firefighters spent the rest of the afternoon tackling three grass fires, one right after the other. The first began on the Bill Crooker Memorial Highway near Martha May Road, the second in east County Road 42, and the last in the Forsan area, he said.

All three fires are classified as suspicious and follow the pattern of more than a dozen wild-fires occurring in the past month, Sullivan

said. The U.S. Forest Service has been called in to investigate.

"In the past three-and-half-weeks, we've had about 14 to 15 suspicious fires," he said.

Sullivan said it looks as if the fires are being started by someone using projectiles such as fireworks.

However, the weather has been very cooperative lately to help keep the damage to a minimum, Sullivan added.

"One thing that is working for us is all this hot weather and the moisture that we've had," he said. "Right now we are actually get-

ting some green coming up. That green is slowing the movement of the fires."

Sullivan asked residents to take proper fire safety caution around their homes.

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# Reflections: Good news!

There was a day when we assumed that our elected officials told the truth. All that changed when Richard Nixon lied about the Watergate break in and proclaimed, "I'm no crook." Our confidence took another major hit when Bill Clinton told us, with passion, that he never had sex with that woman. Today the truth is highly elusive.

We once depended upon journalists to tell the truth. If Walter Cronkite said it, it had to be so. He guided us through John F. Kennedy's assassination like a wise father encouraging his children. The news media have always served as a check on those in power, ferreting out the truth when government and corporations tried to sweep unseemly actions under the rug. Today much of their reporting is dismissed as "fake news."

There is one source, tested and tried, that provides a framework for discerning the truth and living our lives above reproach. It is sometimes referred to as the "Good News."

This "Good News" is documented from the first century and proven in the global context of 2,000 years. In every generation it has caused men and women to turn from greed, lust, and destructive addictions to embrace sacrifice and love for their fellow man.

Peter testified, "For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty" (1 Peter 1:16). John wrote, "What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— and the life was mani-

fest, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us— what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also" (1 John 1:1-3).

Jesus grew up in the obscure village of Nazareth, never held an office, never wrote a book, but His life changed the world. We date our calendars by His birth. If we consider those who verified the truth of His transforming power over the last 2,000 years, our considerations would fill a library.

St. Augustine was born in North Africa in 354. He fathered a child out of wedlock when he was 18 and began a quest for the truth that led him to Christ when he was 42. He became the leading theologian of the early church and later wrote, "The precious things that came from the mouth of the Lord were written down for us and kept for us and read aloud for us, and will be read by our children too, until the end of the world. The Lord is above, but the Lord of truth is here!"

Francis of Assisi was born 800 years later to a wealthy merchant family in Italy. He lived a life of luxury and had a reputation for drinking and partying in his youth. A desperate illness following his experience as a mercenary soldier led to his conversion to Christ when he was 20. He refused his father's wealth and devoted himself to serving the poor and preaching love for God, nature, and others. The current Pope, Francis, chose his name in honor of Francis of Assisi.

This is the "Good News": that God has loved us in His Son, Jesus, and continues to transform men and women in every generation on every continent.

*Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit [www.tinsleycenter.com](http://www.tinsleycenter.com). Email [bill@tinsleycenter.com](mailto:bill@tinsleycenter.com).*



BILL TINSLEY

# Just good sayings?

We have been looking at the Sermon on the Mount in recent articles. At the conclusion of his teachings and admonitions on that occasion, Matthew records the initial reaction of the crowd to what they had heard. Matthew 7:28-29, "And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes" (ESV).

Here's the problem, or at least one problem, that you or I may have. Do I merely view what Jesus taught as a collection of good sayings, or do I fully recognize his authority to say such things and fully submit to his authority? To do the former without the latter is to place Jesus as one among many of the world's teachers who have lived – Confucius, Buddha, Rabbis, et al.

If we just like some of the things that Jesus said (usually the stuff that we agree with), then the Bible will tend to be treated like another "self-help" book. We will rummage through looking for "inspirational" tidbits and disregard, or discard, the rest. We may even take those little Biblical "nuggets" and paste them onto beautiful backgrounds and post them on our Facebook or Instagram feed, but if we have not fallen on our face in submission to the authority of Jesus, it is ultimately of no value.

C.S. Lewis gave an excellent, and probably familiar, illustration in his writings. He, in essence, said that Jesus does not allow us the option of simply thinking of him as a good man. He claimed to be the Son of God – God in the flesh. He claimed to be the only means of access to the God of heaven. So to claim that he was a good man without acknowledging him as Lord and submitting to his authority, we either make him into a liar or a madman.

Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20, "...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (ESV).

On the Day of Pentecost, Peter told the crowd that was gathered in Acts 2:36, "Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (ESV). Lord (or master) and Christ (or anointed one) are both titles or designations of authority!

I pray that we will not merely look at the Bible as an old book that contains some good things, but that we will honor it as the inspired word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Don't just see Jesus as a good man who said some good things. Rather, fall down before him in submission and trusting obedience as the King of kings and the Lord of lords!

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



GREG SURLES

# Church News



## Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

Birdwell Lane Church of Christ is located at the southwest corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane.

Sunday services start at 9 a.m. with Bible study, followed by Worship at 10 a.m. Evening worship is at 5 p.m.

On Wednesdays, Ladies Class starts at 9:30 a.m. and Bible study and Devotional is at 7 that evening.

## First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. in Big Spring.

A fellowship hour begins at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and Worship at 10:50 a.m. All are welcome to join.

This Sunday, March 5, the Rev. Joel Miller, guest minister, will preach a sermon called "I Am the Messiah," taken from John 4:21-26. Assisting Rev. Miller will be Shirley Burgess as Liturgist. Serving at the Lord's Table will be Wanda Brock and Shelane Roberts. Greeters will be Deniece Walker and Larry Oster.

As usual, Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault will provide music for the service. Some selections are "God of Grace and God of Glory," "Take My Life," and "God Be with you Till we Met Again."

If you have any questions regarding their services or any goings on, please call 432-517-4821.

## Cornerstone Covenant Church

The people at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to connect with you. You're invited to join them this week at any of the following events:

Sunday, March 5: At the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, the congregation will seek to discover what it truly means to be radical in love. Find out how your life is impacted when you become radical in your prayer, radical in your praise, and radical in your generosity.

Monday, April 10: All ladies are welcome to the Far Above Rubies

Women's Ministry. The group will gather in the youth area at 6 p.m. Expect food, fun, fellowship, and lots of laughter. Each lady is asked to bring a favorite dish to share. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

CCC is located at 706 E. 12th St. For office hours or other questions please contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015, or email [Info@cccbigspring.org](mailto:Info@cccbigspring.org). You can also visit [facebook.com/CCCBigSpring](http://facebook.com/CCCBigSpring) or [www.cccbigspring.org](http://www.cccbigspring.org) if you would like more information.

## Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church encourage you to gather with them in worship of The Living Hope, Jesus Christ, Sunday at 10:50 a.m. or 2 p.m. Select the time that is best for you, and join BHDC in a blessed time of praising God and learning from His Word. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com).

## First Baptist Church

Sunday evening at 6, you're invited to "A Night of Praise" featuring the music of gifted composer Heather Sorenson of Dallas. Concert selections will include "I Am Not Alone," "You Sing Over Me," "God of Heaven," "Home," and "This I Pray." Her music will also be highlighted during the morning worship service. FBC Music Ministry encourages the community to attend this special time of praise and worship.

Sunday morning service starts at 10:50, and Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the sermon titled "Called to Serve." Drawn from Mark 9:33-35, the passage implores listeners to ponder this teaching of Jesus Christ, and follow His Divine example to live to serve others rather than to be served. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of tra-

ditional hymns and contemporary praise and worship songs. If you have mobility issues, use the west circle drive and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If you are unable to attend, you can join the service through the live stream on the website at [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org).

Starting at 9:30 a.m. each week, Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor; and youth, college students, and adults coming together in second-floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class. Come early to enjoy some coffee and a time of fellowship.

There will be no children or youth activities Sunday evening so that all may attend the concert in the sanctuary at 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 4, is the Upward Basketball end of season celebration. It will be held at Trinity Baptist Church at 2 p.m.

FBC Triple LLL (Living Longer and Loving It) group invites you to join them at noon Tuesday, March 7, in the church dining room. Bring a friend, enter through the east kitchen doors, and enjoy a delicious lunch and some great company.

The Mission Center/Food Pantry will be open Thursday, March 9, at 9 a.m. It is located one block behind H-E-B on Lancaster.

Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 p.m. and include Adult Bible Study and prayer time, Adult Worship Choir practice, Real LYF for

children, and Saturate Youth group for teens. For additional information call the church at 267-8223 or go the website [fcbigspring.org](http://fcbigspring.org).

## First Church of the Nazarene

Its Revival time, and at NazFamily Jeremiah Bolich will be leading starting Sunday morning at 10 a.m., then continuing revival services will be held Sunday evening through Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. each night. Jeremiah is a dynamic evangelist that brings a passion for the bible and teaching of Jesus to every person no matter what level of faith they are at. You can view his website and podcast by going to [www.jeremiahbolich.com](http://www.jeremiahbolich.com).

NazFamily also offers two different types of campuses you can visit on Sunday mornings. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the

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# Do you ever wonder? The birth of Samson

The next judge of Israel who earned lasting acclaim was indeed renowned! Samson's birth and his appointment as a servant of God were foretold by an angel.

In the tribe of Dan there was a man named Manoah. He and his wife had been childless. At this time in history, a wife who could produce many children, especially many sons, was greatly valued and acclaimed. If a wife produced no children, she was scorned, especially by the other women.

One day while Manoah's wife was in the field, the angel of the Lord appeared to her. He said, "You have been childless, but you are going to conceive and have a son. He will be very special to the Lord. Therefore you must not drink wine or any fermented drink and you must not eat anything that is unclean.

"No razor may be used on his head because the child will be a Nazirite to the Lord, and he will be set apart from birth until his death. He will begin the deliverance of Israel from the hands of the Philistines" (Judges 13:3-5 paraphrased).

This phrase, "No razor" does not only mean

shaved to the scalp. It was the ancient way of saying that his hair may not be cut, period.

The woman hurried to tell her husband what the angel had said. Manoah prayed to the Lord, "Please let the man of God come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born." And the angel of God came to them again.

Manoah and his wife were so honored. Manoah wanted to prepare a young goat to serve the angel. So he asked the angel's name.

"Why do you ask my name? It is Wonderful." Some English Bibles translate this "beyond understanding." The Hebrew-English Tanakh, which has the Hebrew and English printed in side-by-side columns, translates it "unknowable."

In listing the names of the future Savior, Isaiah 9:6 uses the same Hebrew phrase. There it is translated "Wonder."

Obviously, the name is more wonderful than human minds can understand. And, I think just as obvious, this "angel of God" was the angel form of our Savior before his birth and death on earth. Consider that and let me know what you think, please.

Manoah sacrificed the kid on the rock where the angel had appeared. As the sacrifice went up in flames, the angel ascended into heaven.

Manoah and his wife suddenly understood that

they had truly seen the angel of the Lord, and they fell on their faces in awe and fear. Manoah said, "We shall surely die, because we have seen God!"

His wife replied, "If Adonai had wanted to kill us, He wouldn't have accepted a burnt offering from us, and He wouldn't have told us such things at this time."

At the proper time, Manoah's wife bore a son and called him Samson. This may be a reference to a heavenly blessing, or a celestial being like a bright star.

As the boy grew, the spirit of the Lord led him. The Lord had instructed Manoah to teach Samson carefully in the Hebrew ways and laws. And when he became a man he was a fearless leader of Israel.

God had forbidden this man who was a Nazirite and a Judge in Israel to mix with the Philistines. However, Samson was drawn to the Philistine women, and this would be his downfall. However, eventually, this brought him to his greatest victory.

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## CHURCH

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New Hope Christian School cafeteria or the 1400 Lancaster campus. There are many small groups throughout the week. Visit the church Facebook or website to see them at Nazfamily.org.

A ministry of the NazFamily Church is the Nazarene Christian Academy for K-6 grades at 118 Cedar Road. The Academy is fully accredited. Contact Alyssa Clark by calling the main church number.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of the service. For more information contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

### First Presbyterian Church

The Wednesday Lectionary Bible Study, led by Craig Holstedt, will meet at 5 p.m. and the Chancel Choir will rehearse at 6 p.m.

The Children's Choir practice is at 5:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon. Also on Sunday, the Youth has the following schedule: dinner, 6 p.m.; handbells, 6:30; and Confirmation Class at 7:15 in the Youth Room.

The Covenant Class begins a new study called "God Loves Us". Unit 1 for March, "God's Eternal, Preserving, Renewing Love" had four sessions from I John, Ephesians, John, and Joel. These sessions show that God's love overflows, redeems, unites, and renews.

The Discovery Class turns again to Adam Hamilton, author of a study on

the Apostles Creed for Lent. In this study Hamilton not only explains Christian beliefs with clarity, but also engages contemporary questions about atheism, science, disparity, violence, and life – and explains why belief matters.

Presbyterian Women met Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. in the library. Since Marj Carpenter was sick, a DVD by the study author was used for Lessons 5 and 6. The women are in charge of preparing and serving the Lenten Luncheon on March 15; plans were finalized for that event. Anyone willing to help with the meal should contact Patti Horton or Helen Glass. All help will be appreciated.

The next meeting of Presbyterian Women is slated for Tuesday, March 28, at 2 p.m. in the Library. Patti Horton will lead Lesson 7, which addresses the question "Who is Jesus?" according to the non-canonical gospels.

Ash Wednesday Service was March 1 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel to usher in the season of Lent.

Once again we will join with other local churches for a series of Lenten Luncheons. The schedule for those luncheons follows:

March 8, Host: Catholic Church, Preacher: Calvary Calendar.

March 15, Host: First Presbyterian, Preacher: from Salvation Army.

March 22, Host: First Methodist, Preacher: from Catholic Church.

March 29, Host: Salvation Army, Preacher: Sam Segundo.

April 5, Host: First Baptist, Preacher: Craig Holstedt.

Paula Farquhar is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary for the First Sun-

day in Lent is Genesis 2:15-17,3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11. The Chancel Choir will lead the service with the Introit "Blessed Jesus, At Your Word" by Johann Rudolph Ahle. The Rev. Craig Holstedt, minister, will present the sermon and officiate at Communion. The anthem will be "Prayer of St. Francis" by Helen Litz, and the Communion Anthem will be "Feed Us, Lord" by Greg Scheer. Offertory will be an instrumental arrangement of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Larry Shackley.

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

If you cannot attend worship, you can listen in on KBST 1490 AM, be-

ginning at 11 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting the website [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On our website is a link to audio of several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

### Midway Baptist Church

The Midway Baptist Church Women's Prayer and Share Group meets every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall at Midway Baptist Church, 6200 South Service Rd. The group features fellowship and Bible study programs. Refreshments are provided and children are welcome.

## Pope gets ashes in Rome to start Lent



AP photo

ROME (AP) — Pope Francis bowed his forehead to receive a dab of ashes, then smudged ashes in turn on the heads of other faithful during an Ash Wednesday service in an ancient Roman basilica.

Ash Wednesday begins the Catholic Church's annual Lenten period of reflection in preparation for Easter. The day's rituals include rubbing ashes on the head of faithful in a reminder of mortality.

Cloaked in purple vestments, Francis clutched his pastoral staff as he walked in a procession between two churches in the fading afternoon sun on the Aventine Hill. Then Francis strode into St. Sabina's Basilica, a 5th-century church that is considered

among the most beautiful in Rome.

Lent is a time in which many faithful strive to go without something, like sweets or liquor, or do more of something, like donate to charity.

In his homily, Francis suggested his own approach to Lent, which he described as "the time for saying no." He urged faithful to swear off indifference, "harsh and hasty criticism" of others and "simplistic analyses that fail to grasp the complexity of problems, especially the problems of those who suffer the most."

He also advised faithful to "say no" to "prayer that soothes our conscience" as well as "almsgiving that leaves us self-satisfied."



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**Texas 'Sandra Bland' bill has police reforms but tough road**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The first sweeping police reforms proposed in Texas following a black woman's 2015 death in a rural jail after a confrontational traffic stop would revamp racial profiling laws and officer training.

But the "Sandra Bland Act" filed Thursday faces a difficult road in the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature. One police association has already criticized the bill as misguided.

Authorities say Bland killed herself in jail days after being stopped by a white state trooper over a lane change. Her death became a flashpoint in the Black Lives Matter movement.

Supporters of the bill include an organizer of a Dallas march last summer that began as a protest of fatal police shootings of black men, but ended with a sniper killing five officers. Following that ambush, some top Republicans criticized police protesters.

**Trans-Pecos Pipeline protester found wanted in California**

PRESIDIO, Texas (AP) — A protest organizer at the Trans-Pecos Pipeline in western Texas has been arrested after investigators confirmed he was wanted in California.

KOSA-TV reports that Presidio County sheriff's officials say the man initially provided fake social security cards indicating he was Pete Hefflin. But after fingerprinting, authorities discovered the man was 56-year-old Pedro Rabago Gutierrez.

Gutierrez has been wanted in California since 2007 for a parole violation. He was on parole for several charges, including rape.

The Houston Chronicle reports that Gutierrez has fought against pipeline companies and helped open the largest protest camp in West Texas aimed at blocking the Trans-Pecos pipeline.

Protesters at the camp were stunned after Gutierrez's arrest. Frankie Orona, executive director of the Society of Native Nations, says Gutierrez was part of their circle and family.

**Briles says he didn't cover up sexual assaults at Baylor**

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Former Baylor coach Art Briles says he didn't cover up sexual violence by his players or try to obstruct any investigations in the scandal at the nation's largest Baptist university.

Briles, who was fired in May 2016, released a one-page letter Thursday defending himself against allegations that he ignored incidents of assault and operated a program that considered itself above the rules.

Briles insists that when alerted to incidents his response was that victims should report details to the police.

Briles' letter was issued one day after the Texas Rangers, the state's top criminal investigations unit, said it had opened a preliminary investigation into how Baylor handled assault allegations over several years. Baylor faces several federal lawsuits from women who say their assault claims were ignored or mishandled.

**Larry McMurtry selling typewriters used for "Lonesome Dove"**

DALLAS (AP) — Larry McMurtry is selling the two typewriters he used to write his Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "Lonesome Dove."

Heritage Auctions is offering up the typewriters in New York City next week. The Dallas-based auction house expects them to sell Wednesday for about \$20,000.

McMurtry told The Associated Press he "just decided that it would be fun" to sell them at auction, "and I actually have too many typewriters."

The author and screenwriter said he still writes on a typewriter and has about 15 of them.

While writing "Lonesome Dove," a tale of a cattle drive in the 1870s, he kept one typewriter in his hometown of Archer City, Texas, and the other in Washington, D.C. The 80-year-old now splits his time between Tucson, Arizona, and Archer City.

**Survey: Texas retail gasoline prices up 4 cents this week**

COPPELL, Texas (AP) — Retail gasoline prices across Texas rose 4 cents this week to reach an average \$2.12 per gallon.

AAA Texas on Thursday reported nationwide prices at the pump are up 3 cents this week to reach an average \$2.31 per gallon.

The association survey found that San Antonio has the cheapest gasoline in Texas this week at an average \$2.03 per gallon. Drivers in Dallas face the highest retail gasoline prices statewide at an average \$2.19 per gallon.

**Historic homes in Galveston being restored, moved**

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Moving isn't a simple process.

Especially when you plan to take the whole house with you.

The Galveston County Daily News reports to move an entire house in Galveston, a property owner needs a signed letter from all of the utility companies that have lines in Galveston; you have to find a company that has the equipment to lift and move the house; you have to get the city to agree to help with traffic control; and depending on which island streets you use, you might have to get the Texas Department of Transportation involved as well.

"It's coordinating between several different entities, which means that it can take a little while, said Michael Guillot, the Project Manager for Revolving Fund and Community Programs for the Galveston Historical Foundation

Fortunately, the foundation has the process down pat, and is getting a lot of practice performing it thanks to a partnership with the University of Texas Medical Branch to move five historic houses off medical branch property to other locations on the island.

Since 2014, the foundation has moved four of the houses on truck beds to new address, including some memorable rides down Seawall Boulevard.

The process of moving a house takes months of coordination, Guillot said. Along with the technical procedures of moving big structures, the foundation has to work with the city and the utility companies to clear a safe route to their new locations.

The partnership make sense for the medical branch which was seeking a way to remove the unused buildings without demolishing them, said Bob Brown, the program director for facilities and planning at the medical branch.

"It was a real win-win for us," Brown said. "We're avoiding any of these houses having to go to a landfill. We're able to put the houses back into the housing stock in Galveston, somebody will eventually pay taxes on it, and we're helping GHF with their



*AP photo*  
**In this Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017 photo, a vacant house rests atop a moving trailer in Galveston, Texas. The house will be moved to M 1/2 Avenue and restored. (Stuart Villanueva/The Galveston County Daily News via AP)**

revolving fund projects." The medical branch is building its new health education center at one of the houses, and has plans for student housing on the site of the other two. The fifth house is next to the Ronald McDonald House of Galveston, and there are no specific plans for the lot that will be emptied there.

The historic foundation has bought, stabilized and resold endangered historic homes since 1983. The projects with the medical branch homes is a little different, because the foundation will complete full renovations before selling the properties. The saved homes are historic.

**Federal judge tosses SEC suit against Texas attorney general**

By **PAUL J. WEBER**

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday dismissed claims by the U.S. government that Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton fraudulently duped wealthy investors before taking office, giving the Republican a key victory two months ahead of his criminal trial that carries a possible prison sentence.

Paxton, who has spent most of his two years as attorney general under felony indictment, has now twice prevailed over accusations by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that he had a duty to tell investors he was being paid by a high-tech Texas startup while recruiting more than \$840,000 from them.

The dismissal of the civil lawsuit brought by federal regulators has no bearing on Paxton's criminal trial that is scheduled to begin in May near Dallas.

But the cases are nearly identical, and the decision Thursday by U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant may hint at hurdles special prosecutors will have to over-

come against a jury.

Mazzant last year tentatively dismissed the SEC's case but gave the agency another chance to strengthen its arguments. He wasn't swayed by the second try.

"I have maintained all along this whole saga is a political witch hunt," Paxton said in a statement.

"Today's ruling to dismiss the charges with prejudice confirms that these charges were baseless when the SEC initially brought them and they were without merit when SEC re-filed them," he said. "Someone needs to hold the SEC accountable for this travesty."

Brian Wice, one of the special prosecutors who will try the criminal case against Paxton, declined comment Thursday.

Paxton was indicted in July 2015 — just six months after being sworn in — and weathered a tumultuous first year as Texas' top law enforcement official under the weight of being charged with two counts of felony securities fraud. He has pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he would

face between five and 99 years in prison.

But Paxton, who was elected in 2014 behind an endorsement from Republican U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, has since embarked on an aggressive campaign to raise his national and public profile. He led lawsuits against efforts by former President Barack Obama's administration to expand transgender rights and, earlier this week, joined other state attorneys generals for a meeting with President Donald Trump.

At the heart of the case against Paxton are allegations that he was required to tell investors that Servery Inc., a data storage startup, was paying him in the form of 100,000 stock shares to bring in money for the company. Paxton paid a state fine in 2014 over failure to register as an investment adviser representative. But he has maintained he was under no duty to disclose his relationship to investors.

Mazzant agreed. "Paxton's conduct simply does not give rise to liability under the federal securities laws as they exist to-

day," Mazzant said in his ruling Thursday.

Paxton, however, has not been successful in convincing criminal courts to also grant a dismissal. His criminal trial is scheduled to take place in Collin County, a conservative Dallas suburb where Paxton lives and where a grand jury indicted him.

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# Hawks prevail over Thunderbirds, advance to Region V tournament

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College men's basketball team defeated New Mexico Junior College 71-61 in last night's exciting home game, ensuring their slot in the Region V tournament.

The Hawks came out with a strong offensive start, going on a 6-0 run within the first two minutes of the game. The Thunderbirds were able to stay on the Hawks' heels, keeping the score very close for the majority of the first half.

With a little over seven minutes left until halftime, New Mexico started to fall behind little by little. They found themselves down to the Hawks by 14 with a little over a minute to go in the half.

Feeding off of Howard College's high energy, #14 Nic Thomas knocked down a dramatic three pointer at the buzzer to bring the halftime score to 38-24.

Although the Hawks came back into the game with great defense, they racked up six fouls within the first four minutes of the half, bringing some of the players' foul counts to a premature high.

Howard College would now have to play smart to avoid any key players from fouling out of the intense game.

This gave the Thunderbirds some momentum as they began an offensive run and turned what was a 13 point lead by the Hawks with 17 minutes remaining in the game, to a two point lead with a little over 12 minutes to go.

"Rebounding was really poor early in the second half," said head coach Scott Raines. "But we were able to get the right guys on the floor and hold them off."

The Hawks turned it on and answered with some key three point shots that brought the team back to life. They put the pressure on New Mexico defensively, and with a lot of smart play and hustle they were able to pull out a victory against a scrappy Thunderbird team, with a final score of 71-61.

Howard College showed exceptional free throw shooting, which played a crucial role in this tight game.

With this win, the Hawks can take with them their momentum and put it to use in their first game of the Region V tournament this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. at Frenship High School.

The Hawks were conference co-champions two years ago and lost in the Region Tournament Championship. Looking to pick up where they left off, they



Courtesy photo by Cindy Smith

**#3, Srdjan Budamir, takes a shot beyond the arc over a New Mexico Junior College defender in last night's home game.**



Courtesy photo by Cindy Smith

**#30, Marcelle Cherry, drives through his opponent to take the ball in for a layup in last night's victory over the NMJC Thunderbirds.**

will now go to work to get themselves fully ready to compete.

"We will begin mental preparation for McLennan

tomorrow and will have our next practice on Saturday," said Raines. "McLennan is a great team, and hopefully we are up for the challenge."

## Lady Thunderbirds triumph over Lady Hawks, 73-43



Courtesy Photo by Cindy Smith

**Sophomore for the Lady Hawks, Audrey Sutterfield, finds her way around a defender in last night's loss to the NMJC Lady Thunderbirds.**

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks basketball team ended their season with a tough loss at home last night to the New Mexico Junior College Lady Thunderbirds with a final score of 73-43.

As the Lady Hawks did not make the regional tournament this year, the Lady Hawks were in it only to try to end the season with a win.

rhythm the Lady Hawks had diminished, as they were held scoreless for the majority of the quarter. It was not until a little less than three minutes remained that they were able to get some momentum following a steal, to make their first shot of the half.

This caused the lead from New Mexico Junior College to jump from 13 to 18 by the end of the quarter, bringing

"I thought this was a really disappointing loss," said head coach Earl Diddle. "Especially with the sophomores coming out and trying to end on a good note."

The game started out slow-paced offensively as Howard College was only able to sink four baskets the entire first period giving New Mexico a seven point lead to end the first quarter at 16-9.

The Lady Hawks had a little more success making shots for the remainder of the half, but still couldn't manage to keep up with the Lady Thunderbirds.

New Mexico was able to start the second quarter out with easy shots under the basket, as Howard College was falling short at getting down court to cover the hoop.

While the Lady Hawks did make more baskets in the second quarter, including two three-pointers, they still were outscored by the Lady Thunderbirds 20-14 bringing the score at half time to 36-23, New Mexico lead.

Coming back into the game in the third, what

## Sophomore Night at Howard College



Courtesy Photo by Cindy Smith

**Pictured above are the 2017 Homecoming King, Dustin Lira, and 2017 Homecoming Queen, Cassidi Redlin. They were crowned in last night's home game during the Sophomore Night Ceremony that occurred between the women's and men's games against New Mexico Junior College. Dustin is represented by Hawks Sports Medicine and Hawk Rodeo. Cassidi is represented by the Hawk Cheer Squad, Phi Theta Kappal, and the LVN program.**



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**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It so often happens in life that it's not the best one who wins the prize; rather, the winner is the best fit for the particular prize. This is just one more reason not to take it too personally, win or lose.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Just as a tree crashing in the forest does not count as a sound if there is no ear to hear it, your own creative impulses require a sounding board. Find one, or you won't be motivated to continue.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Because you're inwardly quiet and outwardly observant today you will witness an instance of touching minutiae capable of expanding your heart like a sail to send you floating on the breezes of the day.

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reward you time and again throughout your life. Learn how to better process bodily sensations associated with stress. It will be worth the time and money you put into it.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Your happiness will be the result of following an impulse to explore and learn. Your research will lead you to concepts, next steps and, most importantly, people who can help you take them.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You've seen ravens, maybe hundreds of them, and they've all been black. It suggests, but doesn't prove, the color of all ravens. Use what you learn, but don't assume that all the facts are in yet.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** The people who know you well can anticipate, among other things, your time of arrival, general appearance and the conversational topics you're likely to choose. But today you'll surprise them.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Though it may not be easy or even possible to change today's circumstances, it may very well be possible to change the way you experience them -- a change that will abso-

lutely help you reach your goal.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your closest friends and loved ones are not always your best support system. You are right to cater your sharing to your audience. Let people earn the right to know certain things about you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 3).** Your presence makes hearts grow stronger. You'll never know what a difference you make this year just by showing up! Your powers of imagination are extra strong over the next 10 weeks, so imagine success. A structure around practicing your craft will put you in the running for more money in July and a prize in August. Capricorn and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 44, 48 and 30.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** This personality you live in will be a very stylish vehicle for navigating the social world. **TAURUS:** When they don't respond the way you prefer, you have many choices.

And if you don't take it personally, you have even more. **GEMINI:** You'll get someone on his or her best behavior this weekend -- only part of the whole person, but a great part. **CANCER:** There

will be insights in old photos, cards and tokens. Revisit. **LEO:** Your current options might be described as "an embarrassment of riches" to the younger version of you. **VIRGO:** If you're with your best friend, count yourself lucky. If not, before you get too far into things, ask yourself if you could see yourself becoming best friends with the person. **LIBRA:** Freedom makes tight relationships sane. **SCORPIO:** If you can do your best thinking/talking/behaving around a person, that's a good person to have around. **SAGITTARIUS:** Time away from the overly sensitive person will come as a relief. Or perhaps this person will grow a thicker skin, which will work just as well. **CAPRICORN:** There's no good reason to date a person who doesn't make you feel attractive and interesting. **AQUARIUS:** You've been compromising unconsciously, but that stops now. **PISCES:** You'll fix a youthful mistake.

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## Annie's Mailbox

### Pay Your Way

Dear Annie: I

am here wondering: How many times do you go out to eat and expect a free meal? Never, right? So I am really baffled by how someone could attend a wedding (either single or with a date) and find it acceptable to leave a gift of just

\$100 for two people, let alone \$0.

Sure, there are certain financial circumstances that may hinder someone's ability to contribute. But here is my stance: If you can't afford to cover your plate, why go?

A wedding is intended to be a celebration unifying the new couple's lives

together. It is not a foundation they set up to make donations for their guests and give them free meals. It's expensive; everyone knows this. Regardless of who pays for the event, I find it appalling that so many adults would not properly contribute in any fashion -- and not even feel embarrassed about it! Maybe their parents fell short in the manners department when raising them. After being a part of several weddings, I am seriously perplexed by this lack of etiquette. It's very disappointing.

I'm now planning

my own wedding, and I find myself left with the dilemma of not wanting to invite certain individuals because I know they wouldn't give any sort of gift. The most upsetting part is this happens to be the case with several of my family members (who are in good positions financially). I know I really can't address it among them, but this has happened at two of my siblings' weddings, and I know it would occur for mine. I don't want to cut family members off, but if they wouldn't contribute, then I feel that I am left without a

choice. What do I do? -- Tired of Wedding Freeloaders

**Dear Tired:** Are you planning a wedding or running a business?

It's common courtesy to bring a gift to a wedding, sure. I agree with you 100 percent. But you can't be so concerned with the return on investment. Invite your loved ones because you love them and want them at your wedding, not because you'll get your money's worth. Ultimately, taking the high road will make you feel like a million bucks.

**Dear Annie:** I believe the advice you gave to "Very Disappointed Mother-in-Law," who has concerns about her daughter but feels shut out by her son-in-law, was pretty accurate in terms of what she was looking for. But I feel that you missed one thing in your response. You didn't address the part where she said she believes that her

daughter is manic.

As someone who suffers from bipolar disorder, I know firsthand that if someone is manic -- especially someone who is alone with children -- it needs to be addressed immediately. When you're manic, your behavior can be very erratic and dangerous. If she truly suspects that her daughter is manic, she needs to get her to her physician to be examined and put on medication if necessary. Her daughter may even need to be hospitalized to get this under control and her mental health properly assessed. -- Bipolar in Kentucky

**Dear Bipolar:** Thank you so much for raising that concern. I'd like to echo that sentiment. Anyone experiencing symptoms that indicate the possibility of bipolar disorder should talk to his or her doctor immediately.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding quiz

1. You open the bidding with One Club, and your partner responds with One Heart. You then rebid Two Clubs. Using standard methods of bidding, which of the following three hands best fits your bids?

- a) ♠KQ52 ♥5 ♦72 ♣AQJ953
- b) ♠AK2 ♥K3 ♦74 ♣KQJ752
- c) ♠92 ♥A4 ♦AK6 ♣Q98653

2. The bidding has gone:

Partner	You
1♣	1♥
2♣	2♣

Which of these three hands best fits your bids?

- d) ♠KQ9753 ♥872 ♦84 ♣J5
- e) ♠AQJ843 ♥K5 ♦92 ♣Q73
- f) ♠AKJ43 ♥QJ92 ♦86 ♣95

1. A simple non-jump rebid by the opener in his own suit shows a hand of minimum opening strength (13 to 15 points) containing a rebid-able suit. The suit is usually six or more cards in length but may, in a pinch, be only five cards long. The bid also denies being able to introduce another suit at a cheaper level.

Of the three hands given, only c) fits this description. After opening one club and receiving a one-heart response, the two-club rebid announces the one-suited nature of your hand while at the same time limiting your point count to the minimum range.

With hand a), the proper rebid would be one spade rather than two

clubs — it is nearly always better to show a new suit at the one-level than it is to repeat a suit already mentioned, because the longer suit can be rebid, if necessary, on the next round.

It would be wrong to rebid just two clubs with b), which would misrepresent your point count. The proper bid at your second turn would be three clubs, announcing a six-card or longer suit in a hand of intermediate opening strength (16 to 18 points).

2. A non-jump repeat of responder's suit at his second turn is a signoff, implying lack of interest in game and asking opener to pass unless he holds substantial extra values. Typically, the bid shows a weak hand (six to 10 points) and a long suit (nearly always six or more cards).

Of the choices given, the only hand that matches this description is d). With e), you would jump to three spades on the second round to announce that the combined hands contain sufficient values for game (some partnerships play this bid as merely invitational), while at the same time suggesting that the game be played in spades.

Hand f) is not quite good enough to force to game, but too strong for a signoff. Therefore, you should bid two hearts at your second turn, forcing partner to bid again. He can then raise hearts, show a preference for spades, bid notrump or rebid one of his suits, which should tell you what (if anything) to do next.

# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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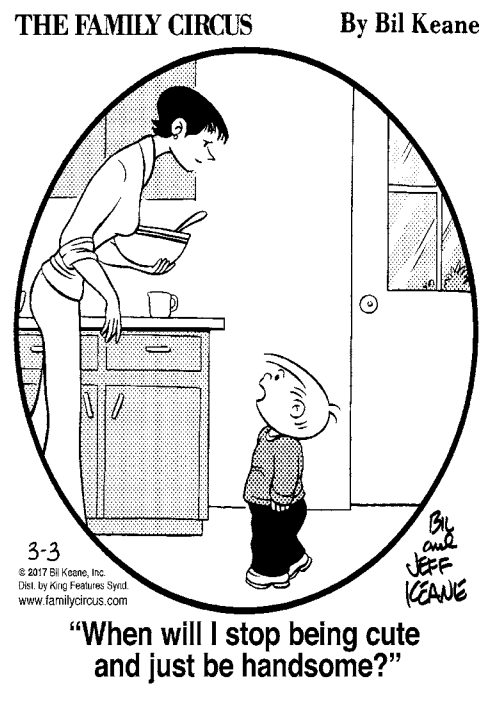


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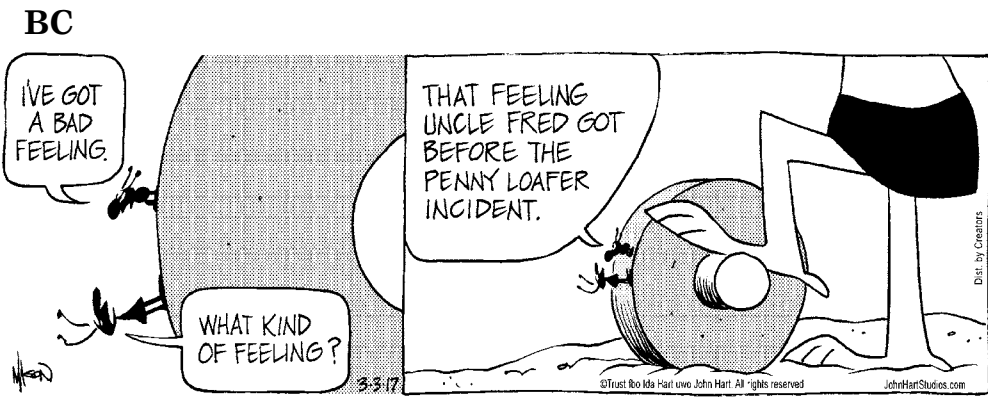
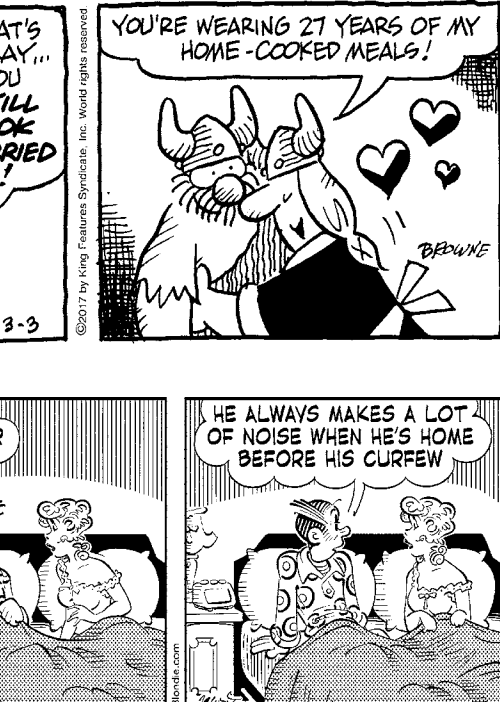
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, March 3, the 62nd day of 2017. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States as President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution.

On this date: In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

In 1887, Anne Sullivan arrived at the Tuscomb, Alabama, home of Captain and Mrs. Arthur H. Keller to become the teacher for their deaf and blind 6-year-old daughter, Helen.

In 1913, more than 5,000 suffragists marched down Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., a day before the presidential inauguration of Woodrow Wilson.

In 1923, Time magazine, founded by Briton Hadden and Henry R. Luce, made its debut.

In 1945, the Allies fully secured the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese forces during World War II.

In 1959, the United States launched the Pioneer 4 spacecraft, which flew by the moon.

Comedian Lou Costello died in East Los Angeles three days before his 53rd birthday.

In 1960, Lucille Ball filed for divorce from her husband, Desi Arnaz, a day after they'd finished filming the last episode of "The Lucille Ball-Desi Arnaz Show" ("Lucy Meets the Mustache") on Arnaz's 43rd birthday.

In 1974, a Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris, killing all 346 people on board.

In 1987, entertainer Danny Kaye died in Los Angeles at age 76.

In 1991, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video. Twenty-five people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

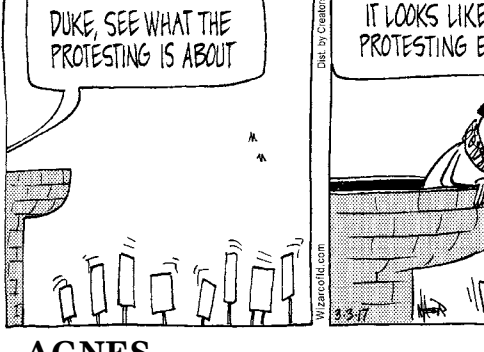
In 2002, voters in Switzerland approved joining the United Nations, abandoning almost 200 years of formal neutrality.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush handed out hugs to residents who survived killer tornadoes that ripped through Alabama and Georgia and offered encouraging words at Enterprise High School, where students were grieving the loss of eight classmates.

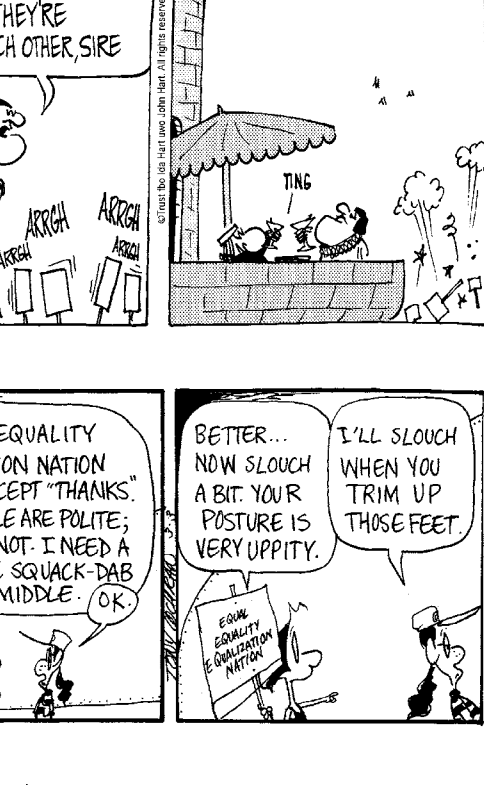
Five years ago: Mitt Romney rolled to a double-digit victory in Washington state's Republican presidential caucuses, his fourth campaign triumph in a row. Conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh apologized on his website to Georgetown University law student Sandra Fluke, whom he had branded a "slut" and "prostitute" after she testified to congressional Democrats that she wanted her college health plan to cover her birth control.

One year ago: Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz leveled withering criticism at Donald Trump's "flexible" policy positions and personal ethics during a Republican presidential debate in Detroit. President Barack Obama visited Milwaukee to highlight how his signature health insurance overhaul had helped millions of Americans gain coverage.

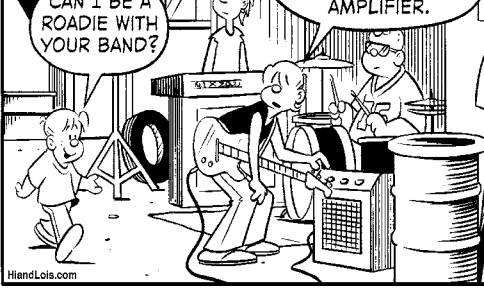
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  - 14 "Fudge" series author
  - 15 Written promise of a sort
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  - 18 Little stock character
  - 20 Mind a Maltese, maybe
  - 21 Meet the Press host
  - 22 Measures smaller than joules
  - 24 Laver contemporary
  - 25 Renée, in Chicago
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  - 30 Present from birth
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  - 33 Expressed displeasure in writing
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Answer to previous puzzle

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# HAWKS

the score to 48-30. It seemed that no matter how many shots the Lady Hawks put up, the Lady Thunderbirds had an answer right after. Even with a great offensive effort from freshman DeAuja Thompson, making four three-point shots for the game, the team still couldn't quite get it done and fell to New Mexico Junior College 43-73. "We played a good team. I thought we couldn't get in a rhythm," said Diddle. "We shot the ball from the perimeter a little bit too much, but outside from that it was a tough game for the Lady Hawks." The team shot 27% from the floor, 31% behind the arc and 83% from the line. A big difference between the two teams came down to rebounding. The Lady Thunderbirds won at the glass with 50 rebounds to the Lady Hawks' 24. Howard College finished with an overall record of 8-20, including four conference wins. Last night's game was Sophomore Night, honoring the ones who will be leaving at the end of the year as they played their last basketball game for Howard College. "They have been tremendous role models in the community and on campus," said Diddle. "Its been a great experience with them." The retiring sophomores include: Marie Tsoungui, Camille Hoover, Madison Brown, Ashlyn Hoover, Aubrie Elliott, Fabrianna Dixon, Aubrey Sutterfield and Ginelle Ifill.



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Freshman Akiya Brown takes the ball to the glass for a Lady Hawk score in last night's game against NMJC.

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# Bubble bursting for TCU after quick start in Dixon's debut

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A week into February, TCU had just pulled out a one-point victory at home and already won six Big 12 games under new coach Jamie Dixon. The Horned Frogs, who had only six conference wins combined the previous three seasons, were then rightly being projected for a return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1998. But that bubble has likely burst for TCU (17-13, 6-11 Big 12), which hasn't won again since beating Texas Tech 62-61 on Feb. 7.



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In this March 1, 2017 photo, TCU's Kenrich Williams (34), Jaylen Fisher (0), Brandon Parrish (11) and Alex Robinson (25) talk with an official and head coach Jamie Dixon, center right, after a foul call during an NCAA college basketball game against Kansas State in Fort Worth, Texas. A week into February, TCU had just pulled out a one-point victory at home and had already won six Big 12 games under new coach Jamie Dixon.

"Certainly we can go win some games in the (Big 12) tournament and that can change everything," Dixon said. "But we're not going to win games playing the way we're playing." Dixon returned to his alma mater after last season, when he led Pittsburgh to its 11th NCAA Tournament appearance in his 13 years as head coach. "Simply put, we just aren't getting it done," Dixon said of his Frogs. "I'm disappointed. I really believe we're better than what we play, and I'm trying to instill that in our players. ... We have good enough players." But without a championship run in next week's Big 12 Tournament, the Frogs will likely have to wait even longer to have a chance to get their first NCAA Tournament victory since Dixon was a player for them 30 years ago. They have made only that one other NCAA appearance since. TCU's current six-game losing streak includes one-point losses at home in each of their last two games. The Frogs trailed Kansas State by 11 points at halftime Wednesday night, then got within a point five times without being able to tie the game or go ahead in a 75-74 loss. That was four days after losing

61-60 to 10th-ranked West Virginia, which got the game-winning free throw with 4.8 seconds left after a questionable foul. That was very similar to how TCU got its last victory with 1.4 seconds left against Texas Tech, when the Frogs had won three consecutive conference games for the first time since 2007-08 when in the Mountain West. "Just not being able to get over the hump," said Brandon Parrish, one of four TCU seniors. "We've been good at times, but in all honesty, over these last five or six games, we haven't been able to put two halves together. ... There's a lot of young guys on this team. It's going to hurt. Sometimes the pain helps to learn."

TCU has a young starting backcourt with true freshman point guard Jaylen Fisher (10.1 points per game) and sophomore Alex Robinson (11.3 ppg), who first went to Texas A&M before transferring to his hometown university and having to sit out last season. Kenrich Williams, a junior who missed all of last season with a knee injury, is averaging 10 points and 9.3 rebounds a game. The other two starters are sophomores, leading scorer Vladimir Brodziansky (13.7 ppg) from Slovakia and JD Miller. Before going to the Big 12 Tournament next week, TCU finishes the regular season Saturday at Texas Tech.

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