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## BSISD food service employees voice concerns

District officials are researching cost savings of outsourcing food service program to private contractor

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
 Staff Writer

It was standing room only at the Big Spring ISD board of trustees meeting Thursday night as a crowd showed up to voice their concerns on the possibility the district could outsource its food service program to a private contractor.

"Six years ago when I went to work for the food service, we had a staff of 70. In order to save money, the decision was made not to fill the vacancies that occurred. Now we have a staff of 49," said Anna, a food service employee who addressed the board. "After learning of this cutback, we didn't riot, strike, or threaten. We just took a deep breath, tightened our belt, and went back to work to produce a quality product in a safe, clean, sanitary, welcoming, friendly atmosphere because we love our jobs, need our paychecks, care about the kids, and care about the district."

"Our hours were cut to 5 ¼ less than a year later," Anna continued. "Again we didn't strike or threaten, we just tightened our belts another notch and went back to work to continue to produce a quality product... because we still love our jobs, still need our smaller paycheck than ever, and we still care about the children and the district."

Anna said the food service department seems to bear the largest burden when it comes to cuts in the budget. Workers are worried about cuts in wages, loss of sick time, built up retirement funds, and hours.

"If you vote to bring in one of these companies to operate our food service, it will be at the food service workers' expense. It's wrong," she said. "This company will not care about us the workers, the students, the district, or the city of Big Spring. They have nothing invested. The only thing that will concern them is the bottom line."

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*HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody*  
**Big Spring ISD food service employee Joyce Wilson addresses trustees during Thursday night's meeting.**



*HERALD photo/Roger Cline*  
**Dr. Jody and Tessa Reid were presented with the Good Scout Award by the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America Thursday at a luncheon at the Hotel Settles. In this photo, Jody Reid addresses those present for the event, as Tessa holds the award they had just been given.**

## Reids honored with Good Scout Award

By **ROGER CLINE**  
 Staff Writer

Dr. Jody and Tessa Reid were honored Thursday by the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts with the organization's Good Scout Award. The presentation took place before about 60 people over a luncheon at the Hotel Settles.

"The Good Scout Award, presented by the Buffalo Trail Council, is given to outstanding citizens and leaders of our com-

munity," said Shiela Abusaab, a previous recipient of the award along with her husband Mike. "Jody and Tessa continue to lead their lives with the same ethics and values that are upheld by the Scouts. They are outstanding individuals that model the principles and values found in the Scout Oath and Law."

The Reids are the owners of Back in Motion Chiropractic, West Texas Injury Prevention, and Serenity Spa in Big Spring.

"Today their mission is to love, serve, and uplift our community," said Mark Richardson, chairman of the Council's local Lone Star District. "They do this through God, using a positive, energetic, and trustworthy team. Each of the members has a uniquely diverse background, all

using state-of-the-art technology. Jody and Tessa have a passion for healing. If you find that you need help whether emotionally, spiritually, or physically, these are the two individuals that you need to work on your side."

The Reids accepted the award graciously.

"It's a very humbling experience to hear some of the previous award winners and to be recognized by this group," Dr. Reid said. "It's just very humbling."

Lone Star District Executive Zack Mullins said the couple are ideal recipients for the award.

"It's because they are just outstanding people in our community. They're involved in everything," Mullins said.

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## Street smarts

Coahoma, Forsan students learn lesson on dangers of distracted driving

By **SANDRENA KONING**

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Fire Department and Scenic Mountain Center co-hosted the first annual distracted driving presentation given by SAFE (Stay Alive From Education) Straight Talk. The presentation was given at Coahoma and Forsan high schools on Wednesday.

"The SAFE group actually puts on the presentation," said Big Spring Fire Chief Craig Ferguson. "It will be annual. This is the first time we've brought it here to Howard County."

Big Spring High School was unable to participate due to scheduling conflicts, he said.

"They couldn't fit us into their schedule this time around," Ferguson said. "We're hoping to get them next year."

Local high school students participated in the nationwide program aimed to educate students about the facts and hazards of distracted driving.

"Basically this group comes in and they do a straightforward presentation about distracted driving," Ferguson said. "Why it's important to put your cell phone down and wear a seatbelt. They don't only talk about it, they show examples of what can happen if you don't wear a seatbelt, if you drink and drive and impaired judgement. What it does and how it impacts families. How it affects you directly and your friends at school. It's pretty straightforward."

"They show some graphic pictures of accidents that have happened with distracted driving. They do a pretty thorough job," Ferguson continued. "The SAFE group actually puts on the presentation."

A few students are pulled from the audience to participate in realistic situations.

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*Courtesy photo*  
**Members of SAFE Straight Talk give a presentation on the dangers of distracted driving for students at Coahoma and Forsan high schools Thursday.**



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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JODY WAYNE DAWDY**, 52, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #39 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **DARIN FRANK WITTEN**, 29, of 1106 Stanford Ave. was arrested on a charge of theft of property (less than \$100)/shoplifting.
- **JANAE VERNELL GREEN**, 22, of 1002 N. Main St. Apt. #49 was arrested on an outstanding warrant.
- **CHARLIE JAKE TURNER**

**JR.**, 37, of 910 W. Fourth St. Apt. A was arrested on a warrant for possession of drug paraphernalia; and on another outstanding warrant.

- **MITCHELL WAYNE MCCORMACK**, 34, of 1306 Dixie Ave. was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1700 block of East FM 700, the 100 block of Northeast 10th Street,

the 3600 block of West Highway 80, the 200 block of West FM 700, and the 400 block of South Birdwell Lane.

- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 500 block of Northwest 12th Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of South Main Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1400 block of Lexington Avenue.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of Dixie Avenue.

## Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **TORREY DANNIE'LE HOLDMAN BAUM**, 30, was booked by BSPD on warrants for theft of property \$750 to \$2,500, failure to appear, expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- **JESSICA FAYE BROOKS**,

29, was booked by BSPD on a charge of failure to identify/fugitive giving false information; and on a warrant for speeding.

- **REBECCA LYNN COMSTOCK**, 33, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for criminal trespassing.
- **LUZ DE LOS SANTOS**, 17, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
- **THERESA GALBRAITH**, 34, was booked by HCSO for sentencing for accident involving damage to a vehicle.

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- **JAYNE MARTINEZ JORDAN**, 50, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JEFFREY COLIN RAINES**, 39, was booked by HCSO on warrants for burglary of a vehicle and theft of property (less than \$1,500).
- **DOMINGO LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, 28, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

## Take Note

Forsan Elementary School has scheduled Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Monday, April 3, through Friday, April 7 in the elementary office located at 500 West Main in Forsan, Texas. The school office will be open for registration between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

In order to be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten, the student must be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2017, and meet at least one of the following criteria: Must be unable to speak or comprehend English; the household fully qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches; the family is homeless; one or more parents are on active-duty military service or have been injured or killed while serving on active duty; or the child is in foster care

If your child meets one of the above criteria, please bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, proof of residency (utility bill with name and physical address), proof of income (paycheck stub for ALL household income), and enrolling parent/guardian driver's license.

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 <https://westexags.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 20 and 21 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 at 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 Balsdua 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.

## Obituaries

### Ruth Nicholson

Ruth Nicholson, 89, of Big Spring died Thursday, March 9, 2017, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 13, 2017, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel.

## Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 200 block of West FM 700. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3700 block of Wasson Road. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 15th and Benton streets.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Birdwell. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 11th and Scurry.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of East 17th Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1200 block of South Gregg Street. One person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of Marcy.
- **FALSE FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 700 block of East 11th Place.
- **SMOKE DETECTOR ACTIVATION - NO FIRE** was reported in the 800 block of West Interstate 20.

## 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.

A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will start Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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**Superintendent Chris Wigington addresses the crowd attending Thursday's board of trustees meeting. In a cost saving measure, Big Spring ISD is considering outsourcing its food service program to a private company.**

## BSISD

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They want it to be as profitable as they can make it without a care about the ones that are financially crippled to achieve it. There are so many ways to balance a budget without one department carrying the largest budget."

Following the public address by food service workers at the meeting, Superintendent Chris Wigington addressed the crowd.

"We are in the initial stage of looking at this. The questions that you are asking are questions that we have as well," he said. "We do not by any means want you to lose hours. We don't want you to lose pay. We don't want you to lose your job. Those questions that you asked us tonight are questions that we are going to get answers to."

Food service programs are paid through state monies and are set up to be self-sustaining in theory, however, that is not usually the case, Wigington said. Over the last eight years, the district has subsidized the program by \$2 million of local tax payer dollars.

"As stewards of the tax payers money, we have to look at other options," Wigington said to the crowd. "At food service there is a hundred moving parts. I get that. I completely understand that. We are going to look at every part. We're not going to say we are opening up and you're out and they are in. That is not what this is about. This is about doing what is right by you, by the school district, and by the

tax payers."

No decision on the issue has been made Wigington added.

"We had two companies show up this morning," he said. "They are the only two companies interested in here. Both those companies and I think told some of you on campus today you will not lose your job...We know you do a great job. We know you love our kids, and we would never trade that for anything, but we are going to make sure you are taken care of. You have my word on that."

In other business trustees:

- Canceled the May 6 board of trustee elections because all three positions were unopposed. Incumbents Julie Harris and Manny Chavira will return to serve in District 3 and District 6 respectively. Thomas Olague will step into his first term serving in the District 1 position when he takes the oath of office in May.
- Approved the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Heard the steep decline in student enrollment has slackened a little. Wigington reported the district is down 144 student from this time last year. Previous monthly reports put the student enrollment report as 200 students down from this time last year. Enrollment numbers figure into state funding allocations.
- Earmarked \$6,000 to start a foundation which will allow donors to the district to receive tax dedication on their donations, according to Wigington.

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## AWARD

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"They're supporting our kids and our youth, they're supporting the schools. They're involved in just about anything you can think of. They've got a hand in it, and they're doing outstanding things."

Richardson listed some of the couple's achievements before the presentation.

"Jody has served on the Coahoma School Board for 15 years. He has coached Little League ball for several years, and is a deacon and Sunday school teacher at Trinity Baptist Church," he said. "Tessa has served on the Chamber Board for four years. She was also a Coahoma Baseball Little League board member.

"Jody and Tessa founded Haven of Hope school supply drive four years ago to help decrease the burden on teachers. Teachers of-

ten struggle to supply underprivileged students with necessary supplies. Annually this drive has evolved into giving somewhere between - listen - 600 to 800 backpacks. These backpacks are equipped with core supplies that each student needs to be successful during the school year.

"Together they started the Howard County Scholarship Bowl with Mike Abusaab, Linda Flenniken, and Dale Coates. The dream was to bring the Coahoma vs. Forsan football game back to Big Spring. Amen. Prior to bringing the game back to Big Spring, each school received one scholarship for \$1,000 for a football player. Now, our football players, cheerleaders, trainers, and band members are eligible to win a scholarship. In 2014, \$12,000 in scholarships were provided. In 2015, \$30,000. And in 2016, \$27,000 was provided.

"With all of these activities, it's not surprising to know that the values they have built their business on are integrity, urgency, teamwork, personal growth, and attention to detail. Jody and Tessa are devoted to becoming brilliant in the basics, and they commit to doing ordinary things extraordinarily well. They strive to make the most of every moment and always improve."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com

## Court unanimously ousts South Korea's leader for corruption

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's Constitutional Court removed impeached President Park Geun-hye from office in a unanimous ruling Friday over a corruption scandal that has plunged the country into political turmoil and worsened an already-serious national divide.

The decision capped a stunning fall for the country's first female leader, who rode a wave of lingering conservative nostalgia for her late dictator father to victory in 2012, only to see her presidency crumble as millions of furious protesters filled the nation's streets.

Two people died during protests that followed the ruling. Police and hospital officials said about 30 protesters and police officers were injured in the violent clashes near the court, which prompted Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, the country's acting head of state, to plead for peace and urge Park's angry supporters to move on.

The ruling opens Park up to possible criminal proceedings — prosecutors have already named her a criminal suspect — and makes her South Korea's first democratically elected leader to be removed from office since democracy replaced dictatorship in the late 1980s.

It also deepens South Korea's political and security uncertainty as the country faces existential threats from North Korea, reported economic retaliation from a China furious about Seoul's cooperation with the U.S. on an anti-missile system, and questions in Seoul about the new Trump administration's commitment to the countries' security alliance.

## Women's health services face cuts in Republican bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Women seeking abortions and some basic health services, including prenatal care, contraception and cancer screenings, would face restrictions and struggle to pay for some of that medical care under the House Repub-

licans' proposed bill.

The legislation, which would replace much of former President Barack Obama's health law, was approved by two House committees on Thursday. Republicans are hoping to move quickly to pass it, despite unified opposition from Democrats, criticism from some conservatives who don't think it goes far enough and several health groups who fear millions of Americans would lose coverage and benefits.

The bill would prohibit for a year any funding to Planned Parenthood, a major provider of women's health services, restrict abortion access in covered plans on the health exchange and scale back Medicaid services used by many low-income women, among other changes.

Washington Sen. Patty Murray, the top Democrat on the Health, Labor, Education and Pensions Committee, said the legislation is a "slap in the face" to women. She said it would shift more decisions to insurance companies.

"You buy it thinking you will be covered, but there is no guarantee," Murray said.

## Democratic AGs mount fight against Trump travel ban

SEATTLE (AP) — In stepping up legal challenges to President Donald Trump's revised travel ban, Democratic attorneys general are trying to use the court system to thwart the executive branch in the same way their GOP counterparts did under President Barack Obama.

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson said Thursday he was asking a federal judge to find that his order last month halting the old travel ban applies to the new one, too.

Ferguson's action came a day after Hawaii launched its own lawsuit. Washington, Minnesota, Oregon, New York and Massachusetts planned to file a new complaint challenging the revised travel ban Monday.

"My message to President Trump is: Not so fast," Ferguson said.

## SAFE

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"They pull a couple of students up on stage and use them within a presentation," Ferguson said. "They go through a real-life scenerio. If there was an accident and they use these two students in that scenerio."

The SAFE group presents the nationwide distracted driving demonstration annually with participation in all 50 states.

"The group come out of Florida," Ferguson said. "They were formed back in the late 70s. They have been doing it in Florida in the late 90s. In the 2000s they spread across the country and have started presenting it nationwide probably about eight or 10 years ago. They've been to all 50 states."

Sponsorship from area businesses completely funded the distracted

driving presentation. There was no cost to local schools.

"It's completely by the generosity of local businesses," Ferguson said. "The schools were not out any money at all. Sponsors like Alon USA, SM Energy, Encana Energy, and Boyd's Auto Glass. All of them were very generous in helping us bring this program to Howard County."

According to Ferguson, they seek out programs similar to the distracted driving presentation to present to high school students on a yearly basis.

"We try to do something every year," Ferguson said. "Whether it be a program like this or Shattered Dreams. We try to bring it to the local high school, especially this time of the year with prom and the end of school and graduation parties. We just want to drive home the message that distracted driving of any kind and impaired driving it is bad."

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**Big Spring Symphony "Spring Pops Concert":**  
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Municipal Auditorium.

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# Did you ever wonder?

## Samson's wedding feast

At the time of Samson, the Philistines ruled Israel. Let's review who the Philistines were. When we first learn of the Philistines, they were a seafaring people of Aegean and Greek descent. They had settled on the Mediterranean coast of what is now Israel. They were a very fierce tribe of people.

The names Philistine and Palestine are probably a combination of Egyptian and Hebrew. It means "rolling or migratory," from their seafaring origin. The land the Philistines had conquered is roughly modern Gaza, and adjoins Egypt's northern border.

When we hear of them next, they soundly whipped some of the Hebrew people who tried to escape the slavery of Egypt before God arranged the Exodus.

By the time of the Judges of Israel, the Philistines had grown into a large and powerful body of people. They became more or less grouped with the Canaanite tribes.

As a young man, Samson traveled to the Philistine city of Timnah, and he was attracted to a young Philistine woman. He asked his parents to make the necessary wedding arrangements for him.

At that time, brides were more or less purchased from the father. Remember that Jacob worked for

seven years for each of his wives, Leah and Rachael?

Samson's parents understood that he was to be a man of God. They tried to dissuade him from marrying outside the Hebrew family. But Samson was determined.

His parents did not realize that God was stirring up Samson to be a fierce warrior and leader of the Hebrews.

As Samson and his parents traveled to Timnah, Samson was alone by a vineyard. A young lion sprang out from the vines and attacked Samson.

The Spirit of the Lord came upon Samson, and he tore the lion apart with his bare hands. But he did not mention this even to his parents.

In Timnah the bride price was settled and arrangements were made for the wedding to take place the next year.

When he went back the next year for the wedding, Samson turned aside to look at the lion's carcass. Bees had built a nest in the carcass and there was honey.

Samson scooped out some honey with his hands and shared it with his parents, but he still did not tell about the lion.

Samson arranged a seven-day feast before the wedding. Thirty Philistine men were his honored guests. As they ate and drank, Samson boasted that he had a riddle which none could answer. "If you

can't answer, you must give me 30 linen garments and 30 sets of clothes." The Philistines agreed.

He replied, "Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the strong, something sweet."

When they had not solved the riddle in three days, the Philistines said to Samson's bride-to-be, "Coax the answer from Samson or we will burn you and your father's household to death."

She cried and begged Samson to trust her and confide the answer to the riddle. Finally on the seventh day he told her the answer.

On the seventh night of the feast, the Philistine men were able to answer, "What is sweeter than honey? What is stronger than a lion?"

Immediately Samson knew he was betrayed, "If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have solved my riddle" (Judges 14:14-18 paraphrased).

The Spirit of the Lord came upon him giving him strength. He went to nearby Ashkelon and killed thirty Philistines. Samson gave the garments to the Philistines and left Timnah. His intended wife was given to one of the Philistines who had attended the party.

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## Church News

### Birdwell Lane

#### Church of Christ

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

Each Sunday, Bible Study starts at 9 a.m. followed by Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday evening Worship is at 5 p.m.

On Wednesdays, Ladies Class starts at 9:30 a.m., while Bible Study and Devotional begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

### Alive in Christ Lutheran Church LCMS

"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love and Grace in our lives."

Alive in Christ will begin a new Wednesday Evening Bible Study soon. More information will be coming.

Bible Study and Sunday School begin at 9:30 a.m., and 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, You're invited to join them this Sunday.

Jill Alsobrooks will present the scripture readings this week.

The church will host a meal that will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by Lenten Services at 7 p.m., for the next four Wednesdays. The public is invited.

Tune in to KBYG on 106.3 FM or 1400 AM between 6:45 and 6:50 each morn-

ing for a devotional entitled "Morning Meditation Thoughts" sponsored in part by the Lutheran Hour. Also tune in every Sunday morning at 8:30 to listen to the Lutheran Hour.

Alive in Christ is located at 2805 Lynn Drive in the Kentwood neighborhood in Big Spring. For more information call 432-264-7818, or e-mail aliveinchristtx@gmail.com.

### First Christian Church

First Christian Church is located at 911 Goliad St. Big Spring. Each Sunday begins with fellowship at 9:15 a.m., followed by Sunday School at 9:45, then Worship at 10:50 a.m.

This Sunday, March 12, guest minister the Rev. Joel Miller will be preaching a sermon called "When the Spirit Comes," which is taken from John 16:5-16. Assisting Rev. Miller will be Linda Miracle who will serve as Liturgist, and Erma Dunne and Dan Miracle will serve at the Lord's Table.

Lending their talents as always are Choir Director Tara Trowbridge and Music Director Lawrence Thibeault, who are preparing hymns such as "Down By The Riverside," "More About Jesus Would I Know," and "Just As I Am," to name a few.

First Christian Church is having their monthly Fellowship Luncheon this Sunday as well. The theme of the lunch is "Spring Forward Pancake

Brunch"; everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish that will go with pancakes and enjoy some fellowship time.

### First Church of the Nazarene

NazFamily had a great Revival this past week. If you missed speaker Jeremiah Bolich, be sure and visit the website to view his sermons. This week, Pastor Cal will begin speaking on Lent and the having grace. Services can be viewed at either campus on Sunday mornings. Visit either the 118 Cedar Road Campus inside the New Hope Christian School cafeteria, or the 1400 Lancaster campus. There are many small groups throughout the week.

Visit the church Facebook page or the website to see them at Nazfamily.org.

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, meets at 5 p.m., and the Chancel Choir rehearses at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

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 p.m. in the Youth Room.

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.

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

- 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 Calvary Calendar

Lucy Odom is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday. Danny Kennemur is Lector. Ushers for March are Gordon and Susan McDaniel, and Lynn and Helen Glass.

The lectionary for the Second Sunday in Lent is Genesis 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17. 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. The anthem will be "What a Friend We Have

## Night of Praise inspires FBC



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During the recent "Night of Praise" concert at First Baptist Church, guest musician Heather Sorensen of Dallas delights listeners with her original composition "You Sing Over Me" drawn from Zephaniah 3:17.

in Jesus," arranged by Gilbert Martin. 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, beginning at 11 a.m. If you would like a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You can also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. On our website is a link to audio of several recent sermons by the Rev. Craig Holstedt.

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church encourage you to gather with them in worship of 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 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.

### First Baptist Church

The people of First Baptist Church invite you to "spring forward" with them Sunday morning at 10:50 a.m. as they gather to worship and give thanks to God for His creative beauty and faithfulness throughout the changing seasons.

The message from Scripture will continue the 2017 church-wide focus of being "All In." Each listener will be



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# Reflections: No longer ashamed

Last week Casey Affleck won the Best Actor Oscar for his performance in "Manchester By The Sea." When the movie received numerous Oscar nominations, we decided to watch it. The movie looked romantic. What could be more romantic than sunrise over the bay, New England houses lining the shore and boats gently resting in the harbor?

But "Manchester By the Sea" is no romance. It is a tragedy that slowly unfolds through flashbacks in the mind of Lee Chandler, the main character played by Affleck, as he wrestles with his brother's death and guardianship of his brother's son. To fulfill his brother's dying wish, he must move back to Manchester-by-the-Sea, the site of his shame.

As the movie unfolds we eventually learn the depth of Lee Chandler's shame, a shame so deep that he despises himself. His personal sense of shame prevents him from receiving love, acceptance and forgiveness from others. Lee Chandler is incapable of loving or being loved. He is a tortured soul.

The Bible has 198 references to "shame" and to being "ashamed." We first see evidences of shame after Adam and Eve willfully disobey God's command. When God created man and woman, the Bible says, "Adam and his wife were both naked and they felt no shame" (Genesis 2:24). But, after their



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sin, they are ashamed and hide themselves from one another and from God.

This is what sin does. We not only feel guilt for our sins, we also experience shame, guilt's more devastating accomplice. This is what happened to Lee Chandler. His shame causes him to hide in Boston, bitter, alone, cynical, and angry. Sadly, in Lee's case, he is not able to overcome his shame to receive the love of others or of God.

God comes looking for us, just as He searched for Adam and Eve who trembled with shame in their hiding place. He comes to remove our shame and restore our relationship to God and to one another. God gently and tenderly clothed them as we clothe our children.

For this reason, God sent His son to search for us and to die for us. Jesus said, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost." And Hebrews exhorts us to fix our eyes upon Jesus, "the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

All our guilt and all our shame can be removed when we accept God's redemptive love through His Son, Jesus Christ. His sacrifice is greater than our sin. We can again love God, ourselves, and others.

*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).*

# The Lord's desire

Matthew 8:1-4, "When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.' And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, 'I will; be clean.' And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them'" (ESV).

This short episode recorded by Matthew does not go into great detail, but it does present great principles that can be expounded upon through further studies in Scripture. We will consider these principles under the following headings – the leper's need, the Lord's desire, and the cleansing.

## The Leper's Need

Leprosy was a general term used to describe all sorts of skin conditions and diseases. You can read all the details about in Leviticus 13 and 14. The hardest part for someone afflicted with this, in my opinion, would be the isolation. Until your skin cleared up, you were considered unclean and required to quarantine yourself so that no one else would be affected. If someone came into contact with you during this period, then they would be unclean also. Therefore most people purposefully avoided lepers.

We are not told how long this man had been afflicted. How long had it been since he had physically felt the touch of another person? What kind of despair would that bring about in someone's life? This man had a need, and he definitely recognized that fact.

We have a need as well. We may all have various physical needs, but everyone has the same spiritual need – to be cleansed from our sins. The Bible uses the metaphor of sin being a stain or blemish, even a dark, crimson blood stain. Romans 3:23, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (ESV). Romans 6:23a, "For the wages of sin is death" (ESV). Do you realize your need to be cleansed? Do you ignore the Bible's teaching concerning sin? Do you try to cover up sin in your life? You might be able to hide it from others for a while, but you cannot hide it from God!

## The Lord's Desire

The leper makes the statement, "If you will." That word can be translated as "to wish, desire, or will." Jesus does not hesitate. He expresses his desire that the man be healed. What a wonderful thought! We deserve God's wrath, however his desire is to heal us, to deliver us, to save us. 1 Timothy 2:3-6, "This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time" (ESV). God has extended his grace in the person of Jesus. Have you come to him like that leper did?

## The Cleansing

If you recognize your need and you understand the Lord's desire, then what are you waiting for? Saul of Tarsus, after being confronted by Jesus and brought to the realization of his disobedience to God, was told in Acts 22:16, "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name" (ESV). Jesus promised that those who put their trust in him and are baptized will be saved (Mark 16:16). Jesus said that is how disciples are made – through baptism and teaching (Matthew 28:19-20).

Just like the old hymn asks – Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

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

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reminded that to be "All In" requires a complete commitment to Jesus Christ and one's relationship with Him. Worshipers will honor God in song through a blend of contemporary praise and worship tunes and foundational hymns of the faith led by Music Minister Alan Schantz. If you are unable to attend, you can join the service through the live stream on the website at [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org).

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

Evening service starts at 6, and is a time of worship and Bible study. Due to Spring Break, there will be no Sunday evening children's or youth activities this week.

Also, the regular Wednesday night schedule will not meet March 15.

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent concert featuring musician-composer Heather Sorensen. If you were unable to attend, you may view the concert through the church website at [fbcbigspring.org](http://fbcbigspring.org).

FBC Women's Ministry invites all area ladies to attend the "Women of Joy" conference in San Antonio Sept. 22 to 24. Cost per person is \$254 and you can sign up with a \$25 deposit. Balance is due Aug. 1. For more information call 267-8223.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700. There is always a place for you at First Baptist Church.

## Spring Creek Fellowship

Wednesday Night Kid's Activities are back in session from 6 to 8 p.m. in the children's areas. Wednesday night starts with activities, games, arts and crafts, etc.; at 6:30 will be a time of learning. This week kids will be learning about the traditions of Ash Wednesday and start learning the Lord's Prayer. A small snack will be served at 7:30. Then comes clean up and play time. The schedule is designed with consideration for parents that are participating in Missional Communities or youth. Drop off is at 5:45. We will be including babies through 5th grade. Keep in mind the babies will likely be in the children's department; if enough come, the nursery may be opened and the children divided by age.

Extra hands to help out with the nursery would be greatly appreciated! Only requirement is to love to color, make things, and be able to let your hair down! Loving kids helps too. Please let Donna Wennik know if you are interested in bring your kids or helping out.

Spring Creek is starting a Food Pantry Ministry called "Our Daily Bread". If you are interested in participating in this ministry or need more information, please contact Kay Pittman.

The next Men's Warrior Weekend is scheduled for March 31 to April 2. The cost is \$30. Contact Michael McGuffey for more information.

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

"People Caring for People" is a ministry serving local widows with small projects and "honey do" kinds of things. This ministry has no operating budget, so repairs are made with donations.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact Bob Abendshan at 432-528-7397.

Youth and Family Camp will head back to Colorado this summer. If you are interested in this camp, contact Lloyd Wells.

"Let the Morning Bring", a downloadable song as well as a few other songs written and performed by the Spring Creek Fellowship Worship Team, is now on iTunes. If you would like to get these songs, go to <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/let-the-morning-bring-single/id1176877429>

The Connect Four class meets once a month immediately after service on Sundays. This class is for new members and those who want to know more about the church and its beliefs. It is a two-hour session. Lunch and childcare will be provided for those attending.

Men's Bible Study meets on Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. The title of the study is "Ephesians".

The Spring Creek App lets you make tithes/donations, leave messages, send prayer requests, follow prayer chains and learn about upcoming events from your smartphone. Go to the app store on your smart phone and search for Spring Creek Fellowship and download. Be sure to allow notifications, those messages are generated by the church office so it keeps you updated about upcoming events and much more.

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- 6:30 p.m.-Pain Management Group
- 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study, "Damaged Goods"
- Wednesday-
- Community Groups-various times and places
- Thursday
- 7 p.m.-Study of Ephesians Men's Bible Study
- Friday-
- 7-8 p.m.- Narcotics Anonymous
- Saturday-
- 7:30 a.m.-Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship
- 10 a.m.-"Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

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

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

Cornerstone Covenant Church

The people of Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to Connect with you. You're invited to join with the congregation this week at any of the following events:

Sunday, March 12: Find out how your life is impacted when you become radical in your prayer, radical in your praise, and radical in your generosity. Join in at 10:30 a.m. for morning Worship Service

Spring Break March 15: Just a friendly reminder that there will be no Mid-week Worship Service/Bible study; Wednesday, March 15. Enjoy your Spring Break and be safe in your travels.

Tuesday, March 14: 50 And Over Small group will gather at 7 p.m. for game night and potluck. So bring your favorite dish and game face and join the fun at Steve and Faye Flowers residence, located at 2405 E. 25th Street. For more information contact Faye Flowers @ 432-213-3883.

Monday, April 10: Far Above Rubies Women's Ministry. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to connect with other women for Food, Fun & Fellowship. The group will gather in the East Wing downstairs in the Chosen Generation youth area at 6 p.m. Each lady is asked to bring a favorite dish to share. For more information contact Debbie Rieger at 432-935-1257.

Cornerstone Covenant Church invites you to join them every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for worship.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th

Street. For office hours or other questions contact the Administrative Office at 432-264-0015 or email us Info@cccbigspring.org. You can also visit facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or visit us at www.cccbigspring.org if you would like more information.

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. The church is located at, 6200 S Service Rd. We have fellowship and Bible study programs. Refreshments are provided and children are welcome.

First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Gregg Street at the corner of Fourth and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring.

Each Sunday morning, the 9 a.m. Traditions service features the church's pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and classic hymns of the faith. The Bridge service at 11 a.m. is led by the church's worship band and includes contemporary, upbeat music. Worship at The Bridge is led by Adrian Calvio, and many others. The Bridge service is broadcast live each Sunday on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, Pastor Bill Ivins kicks off a Lenten sermon series entitled "The Quest for Paradise." Since the fall of man in the Garden of Eden, humanity has been on a quest to regain paradise.

This Sunday begins the journey with a message entitled "Paradise Found" and answers the question regarding how persons can discover paradise again. The message comes from John 3:1-17.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study is on a short hiatus during Lent in order to allow attendees to participate in the Lenten Lunch Series.

The second of the Lenten Lunches is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 15 at noon. The March 15 luncheon will take place at the First Presbyterian Church. Lieutenants Josh and Rachel McKain of the Salvation Army are slated to speak.

First Methodist will be on its regular Wednesday night schedule next week. Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. with groups for every age starting at 6 p.m. The Bridge Worship Band also rehearses on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The Celebration Choir will rehearse in the upstairs Music Suite at 7:30 p.m.

Don't forget to spring forward to Daylight Savings Time by moving clocks ahead by one hour on Saturday night.

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

Pope open to studying ordination of married men as priests



AP photo

Pope Francis waves to faithful during the Angelus prayer delivered by Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, March 5, 2017. The pontiff has called on the faithful to consult the Bible with the same frequency as they might consult their smart phones for messages. (AP Photo/Gregorio Borgia)

BERLIN (AP) — Pope Francis says the church must study whether it's possible to ordain married men to minister in remote communities facing priest shortages.

In an interview published Thursday with Germany's Die Zeit, Francis stressed that removing the celibacy rule is not the answer to the Catholic Church's priest shortage. But he expressed an openness to studying whether so-called "viri probati" — or married men of proven faith — could be ordained.

"We must consider if viri probati is a possibility. Then we must determine what tasks they can perform, for example, in remote communities," he was quoted as saying.

The "viri probati" proposal has been around for decades, but it has drawn fresh attention under history's first Latin American pope thanks in part to his appreciation of the challenges facing the church in places like Brazil, a huge Catholic country with an acute shortage of priests.

Brazilian Cardinal Claudio Hummes, a longtime friend of Francis and former head of the Vatican's office for clergy, is reportedly pressing to allow viri probati in the Amazon, where the church counts around one priest for every 10,000 Catholics.

Francis has shown particular openness to receiving concrete proposals for ordaining married men as well as his own pastoral concern for men who have left ministry to marry.

He has maintained friendship with the Argentine widow of a friend who left the priesthood to marry, and he spent one of his Friday mercy missions last year visiting with men who had left ministry to start families. He has also said that while he favors a celibate priesthood, celibacy technically can be up for discussion since it's a discipline of the church, not a dogma.

The church allows some exceptions to the rule. Priests in the eastern rite Catholic Church are allowed to

be married, as are married Anglican priests who convert to Catholicism.

In the first major interview that Francis has given a German newspaper, the pope was asked whether he experienced moments in which he doubted the existence of God. He responded: "I, too, know moments of emptiness."

But, he pointed out that periods of crisis are an opportunity to grow, saying a believer who doesn't experience that remains "infantile."

Francis also repeated his warning of the dangers of rising populism in western democracies, saying "populism is evil and ends badly as the past century showed."

In the interview, Francis also confirmed Colombia was on his travel itinerary for 2017, as well as India and Bangladesh. He ruled out Congo, which had been rumored, but mentioned Egypt as a possibility. Francis also recently said he hoped to visit South Sudan.



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# Hawks upset Highlanders 62-59 in regional tournament victory



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The Howard College men's basketball team celebrates following their win over the McLennan Highlanders in the first round of the Region V tournament on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Howard College men's basketball team made their way to Wolfforth, Texas where they met up with the McLennan Highlanders last night to battle for a win in the first round of the Region V Tournament.

With the Highlanders entering this game with a 29-1 record and averaging 90 points per game, the Hawks knew that they needed to play solid defense against the high-scoring McLennan team in order to keep the game under their control. So, that is exactly what they did.

Howard College came out on the court with an intense defensive presence and was able to hold the Highlanders scoreless for the first five minutes of the first half, setting the tone of the game right off the bat.

With under 13 minutes remaining until halftime, Srdjan Budimir knocked down a three pointer to bring the score to 10-2, Hawks lead.

Despite the high momentum and energy the Hawks maintained, the Highlanders would not go down without a fight. In retaliation, McLennan would sink three shots in a row from beyond the arc and just like that, Howard College led by only one point.

McLennan's defense began to wake up late in the

half, and they were able to stay on the Hawks' heels.

Jake Hutchings, forward for the Hawks, went off scoring five unanswered points to bring the half-time score to 26-22, Hawks.

"They are playing lights out basketball," said Howard College athletic director Jerry Hanson. "Of course, McLennan is a great team and their record speaks for itself this year, but the Hawks have risen to the challenge."

The Hawks came into the second half unafraid and fought to bring themselves up by six with less than 16 minutes remaining.

This lit a fire under McLennan as they became more aggressive on defense and started to get into an offensive rhythm, sinking most of the shots they took.

As both teams fought their way through the second half, neck-and-neck the majority of the way, the Highlanders would knock down a jumper, tying the game at 57 with under one minute remaining.

Hutchings would put the Hawks up by two, followed by a bonus foul against McLennan. This brought Dante Scott, Hawks guard, to the free throw line for two shots with only four seconds remaining in the game.

Scott would miss his first shot, but sank the second to ensure the victory over McLennan and advance the Hawks to the second round of the Region



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Howard College's Srdjan Budimir is fouled while shooting a layup during the Hawk's win over McLennan in the first round of the Region V tournament on Thursday, March 9, 2017.

V Tournament.

"I'm just really proud of our guys. These guys are some soldiers," said head coach Scott Raines. "We got a great contribution off the bench from Jake Hutchings. He made some huge shots and played fearless tonight."

Since their win last night, the Hawks have been preparing for their next regional game, which will also be held at Frenship High School tonight at 6:00 p.m.

"It's a tournament. We get to be happy for about an hour, and then we have to get right back into the next game," said Raines. "The next thing we can do is take care of our bodies, watch this game, get them hydrated, and get really to play tomorrow."

The Hawks will face off against Odessa College, who are 2-0 against Howard College this season. But you know what they say, it's very hard to beat a team three times in a row.

## Coahoma Bulldog Relays

By **STEVE BELVIN**

Sports Writer

Alex Biddison was a tired man Thursday night. And rightly so as he pulled double duty. First he played two baseball games at the Reagan County baseball tournament, then he trekked back to Coahoma, to help lead the Coahoma boys to a second place finish at the Coahoma Relays.

The Bulldogs scored 135 points to finish behind winner Iraan's 166 points. In the girls division, the Coahoma girls scored 106 points for third place. Grape Creek won the meet with 166 points.

Biddison, who pitches and plays shortstop on the baseball team ran on the second place 400 meter relay team, the second place 16000 relay team and also won the 400 meters in a time of .53.40. He also won the long jump (19-4) and placed third in the high jump (5-8). "I got back from Reagan County at 12:30 just in time for the meet," he said. "In fact it was 10 minutes before the field events started. I really wasn't that tired. The only time I got tired was at the end of the 400."

Biddison has his sights set on making it to state in the 400, his specialty. Last year he finished fifth at regional with a best time of 51.00.

The Coahoma boys also got good performances from Joe Manning who finished third in the triple jump, won the 110 hurdles, and finished second in the 300 hurdles. Braden Pearson won the 100 meter dash in 11.58 and Justin Cuellar was second in the 110 hurdles behind Biddison and finished third in the 300 hurdles. Kaigen Howard had a stellar performance for the Coahoma girls with a shot put throw of 38 feet, 1 inch. Chole Starr finished in the triple jump (30-10) and Courtney Coker was third in the 100 hurdles.

Coahoma coach Matt Eubanks was pleased with his team's results. "This is the first meet we had with our baseball and softball players here. It was really a good meet for us," he said. "I was very pleased with our relays and our 400 runners."

## Lady Steers compete in Wylie Invitational



Courtesy Photo

Pictured left to right: Abbey Bryan, Alison Flores, Coach Ariel Falcon, Mariah Chavarria, and Karleigh Moore.

By **MARISSA LOFTIN**

Sports Editor

The Lady Steers varsity golf team competed in the Wylie Girls Golf Invitational in Abilene, Texas, on Wednesday, March 8.

The girls competed on the extremely difficult Diamondback Golf Club, and combined for a team score of 400.

Weather conditions were favorable, and the girls had a great showing. The Lady Steers finished in 4th place, but did not medal. Abbey Bryan led the Lady Steers shooting an 84.

"Abbey Bryan is a staple amongst the top girls in the district, and her round proved it, but equally as impressive are the breakthroughs my other girls are having," said head golf coach Ariel Falcon.

The non-district tournament schedule is over, but district rounds will begin March 29, back in Abilene, Texas, at Diamondback Golf Club. All of the Lady Steer golfers will be in action.

"I'm so proud of the progress these girls are making, and I say it time and time again, their progression is evident," said Falcon. "I can't wait to see how we do in district. We are definitely trending in the right direction."



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## HOLIDAY MATHS

### Split Moon

It's funny about comfort zones: The very word "comfort" brings up a cozy, warm feeling -- and yet people are usually most comfortable in the busy and stressful zones that make up their daily lives. As the moon changes from playful Leo to hardworking Virgo, our ideas about comfort will change, too.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It is common among the superstitious to, when on a lucky streak, disallow any change of behavior. And even if you're not superstitious, it's logical to take this approach: Whatever worked, keeping working it.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Don't plan the minutiae; plan the broad strokes

so you're free to improvise between the lines. This will keep you from boxing yourself into a future that is smaller than it could have been -- or, worse, overly influenced by others.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Love isn't always magical and exciting. Furthermore, a partner doesn't have to be perfect to be perfect for you. You'll gladly trade the lightning bolts and fireworks for mutual support that you can trust for the long haul.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** People acting out of a sense of duty do not expect to be appreciated as you appreciate them, but this will be a nice perk to their jobs and one of the many ways you make the world better by just being you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** This day is for practicing and getting good at your craft. It starts with you, alone in a room, repeating the motions, honing your skill. Then you get to summon your courage and test what you know by sharing it more widely.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll

## Tomorrow's Horoscope

set out with the best of intentions and very little control over environmental factors and other circumstances. There will be something awesome about absolutely any place you wind up.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Just because you think it, hear it, see it or feel it doesn't make it true. Use doubt as an instrument to question your own thoughts, and you will save yourself from the inconvenience and drama that comes from making incorrect assumptions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll have more confidence going into an endeavor or if you allow for every possible outcome in your mind, including dismal failure or wild success. Deem it all acceptable and, suddenly, you're fearless.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Before the high-pressure situation of the day (and there will be one), go be alone; breathe; get centered; calm your mind to as close to nothingness as you can get.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Get the tedious stuff over and done as soon as

possible. The work may stay at a fun level of zero, but the freedom you'll feel when it's complete is the first ingredient for the level-10 fun that follows.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Even when you're not trying to reach out and connect with people, you accidentally start up excellent relationships. It's a function of your curious mind and unassuming charm.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Should you invest your attention and money in tiny details (like you want to)? There's no reason (SET ITAL) not to (END ITAL) yield to the temptation. Your belief that the beauty of life is in little things mirrors the beliefs of many artists before you.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 10).** To sum it up in three words: You got this. When you think you don't, it's like looking for glasses that are on your head. Stop; adjust; see. Follow through with the ideas you have in April: There is a destiny to be released inside one. The people you meet in June will enhance existing rela-

tionships. Get training in October. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 10, 44, 11 and 36.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST: ARIES:** You may be overlooking the one person who will make you the happiest. **TAURUS:** Subconscious desires and core needs will not be addressed through logic. Open yourself to the illogical. **GEMINI:** You'll take part in a kind of dance, moving in reaction to another person and to the impulse of the moment. **CANCER:** Your smile can win, steal or slay hearts. **LEO:** You can't get back what was lost in a relationship, but you can build something new and different. **VIRGO:** What you give is unique, original and will never be duplicated, so there is nothing to be jealous of. **LIBRA:** Don't forget about the innocent magic of holding hands. **SCORPIO:** The one who impresses you without effort also has something valuable to teach you. **SAGITTARIUS:** It's wonderful to be understood without having

to explain yourself. It means you are loved and loved well. **CAPRICORN:** You both want different things. Doesn't everyone? It's nothing that can't be sorted out with good communication. **AQUARIUS:** Whatever you do to move your body will move your personal life along as well. **PISCES:** You know what you want, how to get it, and, most importantly, why. What are you waiting for?

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** The full moon in Virgo plays tug of war across the sky from the Pisces sun, supercharging the attraction between these two polar opposites of the zodiac and highlighting their complementary strengths. Pisces is a feeler; Virgo is a doer. These two can help each other in rather obvious ways. Pisces can help Virgo choose the right things to do, and Virgo can help Pisces actually do the things that are right.

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## Annie's Mailbox

### Spreading Germs Around

**Dear Annie:** We have an "open office" format, so during cold and flu season, we're pretty much always passing around something or other. My co-worker "Dana" keeps getting sick with colds, the flu, sinus infections, etc., and I've noticed that Dana seems to be patient zero for the rest of us. She comes in with the sniffles, and a week

later, we're all dropping like flies.

Another thing I've noticed is that she doesn't wash her hands after using the restroom at work. I've also seen her sneeze into her hands. She uses hand sanitizer at her desk, but I don't see how that can get rid of all the germs properly. I'm so grossed out. I want to say something to her, but I don't want to sound judgmental. Is there any tactful way to encourage her to

be more hygienic and more careful about not spreading germs? Or should I just start wearing surgical masks? I'd appreciate some help here. -- Sanitizing My Desk

**Dear Sanitizing:** There are some solutions short of wearing a hazmat suit to work. For one, talk to someone in your human resources department. If people are constantly out sick, it's no good for your employer's bottom line. The company should promote workplace cleanliness and employee health, perhaps by sending out a companywide memo with tips on how not to spread illness. If Dana keeps up her germ-factory

ways, I do not think it would be out of line for you to talk to her privately. Perhaps lead in by giving her the benefit of the doubt. Say, for example, "I've noticed you often use hand sanitizer at your desk. I didn't know this myself until recently, but that doesn't actually eliminate a lot of the germs." Though you really shouldn't have to tell her how to properly wash her hands, it wouldn't hurt to mention that she should use clean running water and lather, scrub and rinse her hands thoroughly. With any luck, you'll be able to wash your hands of this situation.

**Dear Annie:** "Slapped in the Face"

wrote to you about how her husband had wanted her to meet his new sweetie. You told her that he must be "miserable" to try to bring her down that way, because "the happier a person is the more he or she wants others to be happy."

He isn't necessarily "miserable." He's probably just egotistical, self-centered and clueless. My ex wanted me and the children to congratulate him on the wonderful new life he was going to have and was actually surprised and angry when we didn't.

Though "Slapped" won't believe it yet, she's the one who will have the wonder-

ful new life she can't imagine now. She's learning something valuable about herself. Meanwhile, he's going to make the same old mistakes because he won't have to learn. -- Burlington, Vt.

**Dear Burlington:** Congratulations on the fact that your louse of an ex is no longer in your life. "Slapped" is indeed better off, too.

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## Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

### Bidding quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♥	Pass
1 ♣	Pass	1 NT	Pass
?			

What would you now bid with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ KQ87 ♥ AK ♦ 64 ♣ KQ762
2. ♠ KQ952 ♥ K7 ♦ 6 ♣ AQ874
3. ♠ AK82 ♥ Q95 ♦ J ♣ AKJ93
4. ♠ AQJ6 ♥ — ♦ K963 ♣ AK853

**1. Two notrump.** In this sequence, partner's one-notrump bid is somewhat ambiguous. It might range from a six-point hand that cannot play one spade to a hand of around 10 points. Your two-notrump bid indicates a semibalanced hand of about 16 to 18 high-card points (with a balanced hand you might have opened one notrump originally). It invites partner to continue to three notrump with suitable values.

A two-club bid over one notrump would misrepresent both your distribution and high-card values.

**2. Two spades.** You must let partner know that you have five spades rather than just four. At the same time, by rebidding your spades, you tell partner that you also have at least five clubs, since you would not have opened one club initially with more spades than clubs. Once partner becomes aware of your distribution,

he has numerous options available to him, including bidding or trying for a game in spades or clubs, passing two spades or taking a simple preference back to three clubs.

**3. Three hearts.** Despite your having only three hearts, you want to urge partner to continue on to game in either hearts or notrump. A two-heart bid would be proper if you had, say, two or three points less. Your substantial extra values have to be shown in some manner.

A jump to three clubs would fail to show your moderate heart support and would also fail to pinpoint your singleton diamond.

**4. Two diamonds.** Although your diamond holding is not particularly strong, your distribution calls for clarification. Since you bid clubs first, partner should assume that suit is longer than your diamonds; hence your distribution must be read as 4-0-4-5.

The very fact that you bother to show all three suits implies a fairly strong hand. In cases of this type, it is important to give partner as much accurate information as possible so that he can make the proper decision for the partnership.

No jump-bid is made because, after partner's initial heart response, it is possible that there are not enough values in the combined hands to produce a game.

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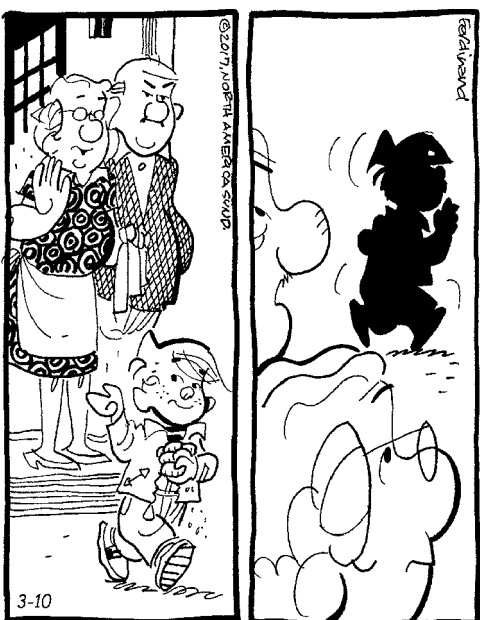
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"DENNIS GURE HAS A SWEET TOOTH."  
"A MOUTHFUL!"

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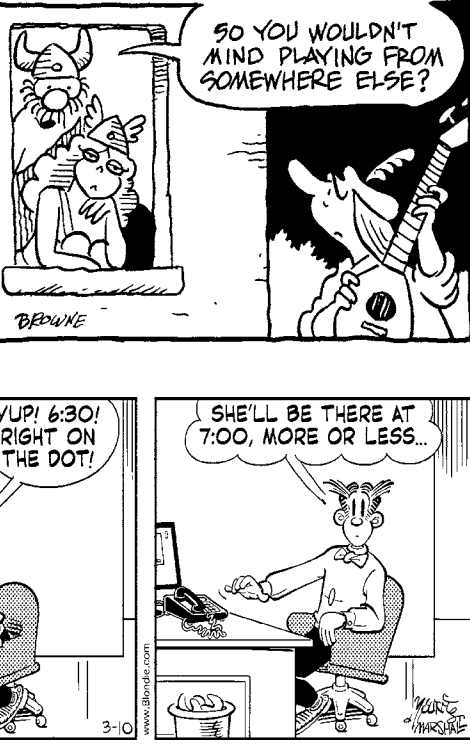
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"YOU GOT A D IN MATH."  
"WE got a D in math."

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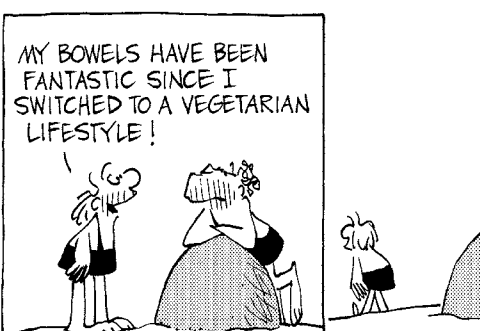
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"EXCUSE ME, LUTE... DO YOU KNOW ANY TRAVELER'S SONGS?"  
"SURE!"  
"SO YOU WOULDN'T MIND PLAYING FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE?"

**BLONDIE**



3-10  
"IT'S A DATE, HONEY! I'LL SEE YOU AT THE RESTAURANT AT 6:30 SHARP!"  
"YOU GOT IT, SWEETHEART! 6:30 ON THE NOSE!"  
"PERFECT! 6:30 ON THE BUTTON, DEAR"  
"YUP! 6:30! RIGHT ON THE DOT!"  
"SHE'LL BE THERE AT 7:00, MORE OR LESS..."

**BC**



3-10-17  
"MY BOWELS HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC SINCE I SWITCHED TO A VEGETARIAN LIFESTYLE!"  
"CAN YOU WAIT FOR ME TO ASK NEXT TIME?!"

**WIZARD OF ID**



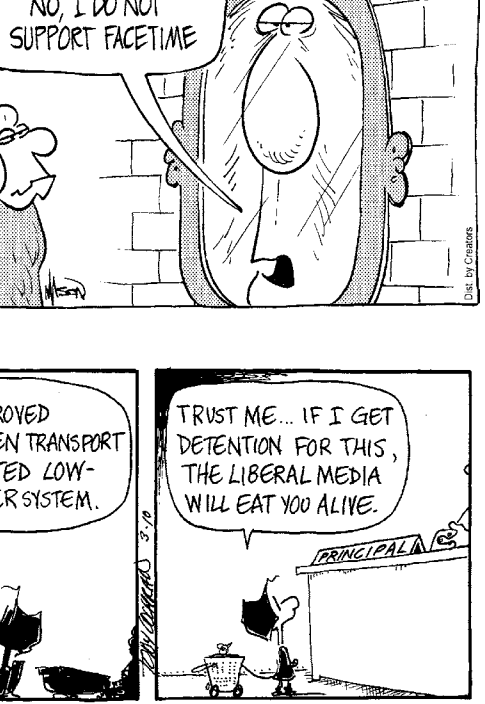
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"NO, I DO NOT SUPPORT FACETIME"

**AGNES**



3-10-17  
"AGNES, DO YOU HAVE FISH BAIT IN SCHOOL?"  
"THIS? THIS IS NOT A MINNOW BUCKET."  
"THIS IS AN OSHA-APPROVED CHALLENGED-CHICKEN TRANSPORT POD WITH A PATENTED LOW-VIBRATION CASTER SYSTEM."  
"TRUST ME... IF I GET DETENTION FOR THIS, THE LIBERAL MEDIA WILL EAT YOU ALIVE."

**HI AND LOIS**



3-10  
"GUESS WHO WANTS YOU TO ASK HER TO THE DANCE?"  
"CATHY? MAGGIE? LORI? MARGIE? POLLY? ABBY?"  
"PRISCILLA? JILL? KATIE? KRISTIN? CHARLOTTE? ISOBEL? LIZ? MARY?..."  
"OBVIOUSLY, SOMEONE NOT AT THE TOP OF YOUR LIST."  
"EVA? ROBYN? CAROL? CHRIS?..."

**THE OTHER COAST**



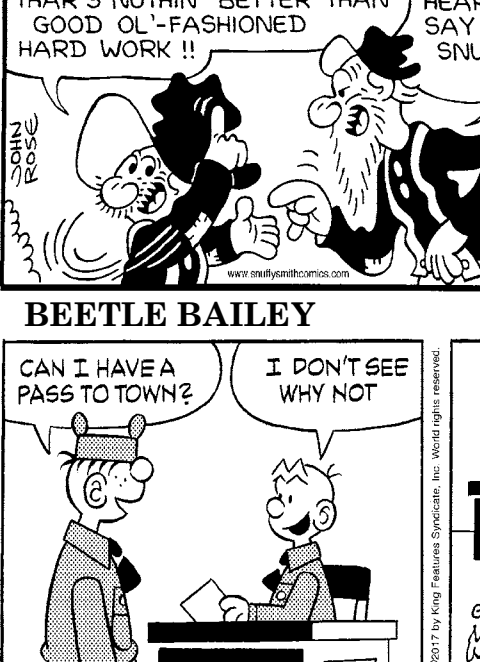
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"IF DOGS STARTED TAKING PHOTOS OF THEIR FOOD BEFORE EATING IT:"  
"THIS IS A GREAT PHOTO OF MY... HEY!"

**SNUFFY SMITH**



3-10  
"LIKE I ALWAYS SAY, LUKEY, THAR'S NUTHIN' BETTER THAN GOOD OL'-FASHIONED HARD WORK !!"  
"I NEVER HEARD YOU SAY THAT, SNUFFY !!"  
"HESH, I'M PRACTICIN' TO CLEAN UP AT TH' LIARS CLUB !!"

**BETLE BAILEY**



3-10  
"CAN I HAVE A PASS TO TOWN?"  
"I DON'T SEE WHY NOT"  
"NEXT TIME YOU GO OVER MY HEAD GO BEHIND MY BACK"

**This Date In History**

Today is Friday, March 10, the 69th day of 2017. There are 296 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On March 10, 1848, the U.S. Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War.

**On this date:**  
In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament; he did not call it back for 11 years.  
In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.  
In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell's assistant, Thomas Watson, heard Bell say over his experimental telephone: "Mr. Watson — come here — I want to see you" from the next room of Bell's Boston laboratory.  
In 1927, the Sinclair Lewis novel "Elmer Gantry" was published by Harcourt, Brace & Co.  
In 1933, a magnitude 6.4 earthquake centered off Long Beach, California, resulted in 120 deaths.  
In 1949, Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred E. Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in Washington, D.C., of treason. (She served 12 years in

prison.)  
In 1952, Fulgencio Batista once again became leader of Cuba in a bloodless coup that deposed President Carlos Piro Socarras.  
In 1969, James Earl Ray pleaded guilty in Memphis, Tennessee, to assassinating civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. (Ray later repudiated that plea, maintaining his innocence until his death.)  
In 1973, the Pink Floyd album "The Dark Side of the Moon" was first released in the U.S. by Capitol Records (the British release came nearly two weeks later).  
In 1985, Konstantin U. Chernenko, who was the Soviet Union's leader for 13 months, died at age 73; he was succeeded by Mikhail Gorbachev.  
In 1987, the Vatican issued a 40-page document on scientific techniques involving procreation, condemning such practices as surrogate motherhood, test-tube births and cloning.  
In 1993, Dr. David Gunn was shot to death outside a Pensacola, Florida, abortion clinic. (Shooter Michael Griffin is serving a life sentence.)  
Ten years ago: In their first direct talks since the Iraq war began, U.S. and Iranian envoys traded harsh words and blamed each other for Iraq's crisis at a one-day international conference in Baghdad. President

George W. Bush, in Uruguay as part of his Latin America tour, asked Congress for \$3.2 billion to pay for 8,200 more U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq on top of the 21,500-troop buildup he had announced in Jan. 2007. Standup comedian Richard Jeni, 49, died at a Los Angeles hospital of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.  
Five years ago: Rick Santorum won the Kansas caucuses in a rout and Republican presidential front-runner Mitt Romney countered in Wyoming. Israel pounded Gaza for a second day, trading airstrikes and rocket fire with Palestinian militants, killing 15 of them. F. Sherwood Rowland, 84, the Nobel prize-winning chemist who sounded the alarm on the thinning of the Earth's ozone layer, died in Corona del Mar, California.

Answer to previous puzzle

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**Newsday Crossword**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bit of 45 Across
  - 7 21st-century pres.
  - 10 Ready for putting pros
  - 14 Closest capital to Miami
  - 15 Shoe spec
  - 16 Have \_\_\_ (get to participate)
  - 17 Start of a quote
  - 20 What a catcher might catch
  - 21 Part 2 of quote
  - 22 Route
  - 24 Fondue feature
  - 29 Narrator of *Evita*
  - 30 Raven remark
  - 33 Source of quote
  - 36 Thin bread
  - 37 Half a pint
  - 38 Every May, say
  - 40 Goalie venue
  - 41 Part 3 of quote
  - 45 Forensic evidence
  - 46 Ore. neighbor
  - 47 Scrub off
  - 48 Where *Madama Butterfly* premiered
  - 52 Part 4 of quote
  - 55 Real estate, to a local government
  - 61 End of quote
  - 63 Monica Seles, e.g.
  - 64 Sub designation
  - 65 Tribeca Film Festival cofounder
  - 66 Threesome
  - 67 Alphabetic
  - 68 Have to involve
- DOWN**
- 1 Pipsqueak
  - 2 Polynesian staple
  - 3 Write back as requested
  - 4 What "quasi-" means
  - 5 Second starter
  - 6 Unearthed
  - 7 "That's something!"
  - 8 Big name in NASA's early history
  - 9 Nautical direction
  - 10 Macho
  - 11 Labor Dept. unit
  - 12 WWII female enlistee
  - 13 Trading ctr. since 1792
  - 18 Poe title color
  - 19 Microbrewery letters
  - 23 "What \_\_\_ . . ."
  - 24 Glacial erosion product
  - 25 1910s revolutionary
  - 26 Circus venue
  - 27 Deride
  - 28 Symbol of Australia
  - 30 Historian's hedge
  - 31 Brother of Prometheus
  - 32 Gotham City VIP
  - 34 Center starter
  - 35 Scientist on *Dancing with the Stars*
  - 36 *Dancing with the Stars* team
  - 39 What you may see before long
  - 42 Somewhat pleasing
  - 43 Mouthrinse seal awarder
  - 44 Island south of Sicily
  - 48 Transitional state
  - 49 Virtuoso
  - 50 Trapezium-working exercise
  - 51 *Duck Dynasty* ailer
  - 52 Metaphor for old memories
  - 53 Manipulator
  - 54 *Slumdog Millionaire* costume
  - 56 Marvel Comics mutants
  - 57 What a catcher might catch
  - 58 48-nation region
  - 59 Amazon Alexa rival
  - 60 Biodiversity sci.
  - 62 Series with a *Cyber* spin-off

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## Thunder beats Spurs, 102-92



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**San Antonio Spurs center Pau Gasol (16) grabs a rebound in front of Oklahoma City Thunder center Steven Adams during the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Thursday, March 9, 2017.**

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oscar Robertson is the only player ever to have more triple-doubles in a season than Russell Westbrook.

Westbrook had his 31st triple-double of the season to help the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the San Antonio Spurs 102-92 on Thursday night. He had 23 points, 13 rebounds and 13 assists to match Wilt Chamberlain's 1967-68 campaign for the second-most in a season.

Robertson had 41 during the 1961-62 season. Westbrook said he is honored to be among the greats.

"It's a blessing, man," he said. "You come out every night and compete and try to compete at a high level. Whenever you are mentioned with guys like that, it's always a blessing. I don't take it for granted."

Victor Oladipo scored 20 points, and Enes Kanter added 14 points and 10 rebounds to help the Thunder snap a four-game losing streak.

"It means that we're on the right track," Westbrook said. "Obviously, throughout seasons, there's times when you go through adversity. The strongest teams stick together through adversity, and tonight, we were able to stick together."

Kawhi Leonard scored 19 points for the Spurs, but he took a hit in the head and neck area on a drive to the hoop by Oladipo in the third quarter, and he didn't play in the fourth quarter. Spurs coach Gregg Popovich was unsure how serious the injury was.

"He got hit in the mouth, or in the cheek, or in the head or something," Popovich said. "I'm not sure which. So the trainer thought he should sit."

Popovich wouldn't Leonard's injury for his team's winning streak ending at nine games.

"They beat us anyway," he said. "If Kawhi would have played in the fourth, if they would have continued to do what they were doing and we continued to do what we were doing, they would have won anyway. We never make excuses. We got our butts kicked."

Tony Parker, Manu Ginobili and Kyle Anderson sat out for the Spurs. Ginobili rested, Parker had back stiffness and Anderson had a sprained right knee.

San Antonio dropped two games behind the Golden State Warriors in the race for the best record in the NBA. The Spurs host the Warriors on Saturday.

Westbrook scored 15 points in the first half, and the Thunder led 56-49 at the break. Pau Gasol had 16 points in the half for the Spurs.

Oladipo hit two 3-pointers and converted a 3-point play during a run that helped the Thunder take a 73-63 lead. Oklahoma City led 82-71 at the end of the third quarter.

Westbrook clinched the triple-double on a rebound with 7:17 to play. He made a 3-pointer with just under six minutes remaining to push the lead to 96-80. An alley-oop pass from Westbrook to Oladipo put the Thunder up 18 with just over three minutes left.

### TIP INS

Spurs: G Danny Green went scoreless in the first half and didn't take a shot in 17:31. He finished with nine points. ... Green and Thunder center Steven Adams were called for double technical fouls after exchanging shoves in the third quarter.

Thunder: Domantas Sabonis, a rookie, came off the bench for the first time in his NBA career. He gave the team a spark with a poster dunk over Dewayne Dedmon in the second quarter. ... Semaj Christon regained his No. 2 point guard spot from Norris Cole. ... F Taj Gibson got his first start as a Thunder player in Sabonis' place.

### STAT LINES

The Thunder are 25-6 this season when Westbrook gets a triple-double, and 43-6 the past two seasons.

### QUOTABLE

Popovich, on why the Spurs lost: "In general, they were the most aggressive team, and nine out of 10 times, that's what wins basketball games, besides making shots and not making mistakes."

### UP NEXT

The Spurs host Golden State on Saturday.

The Thunder host Utah on Saturday.

## Romo says farewell to fans, but stays with Cowboys for now



AP Photo/Matt Rourke

**In this Jan. 1, 2017, file photo, Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo smiles on the bench during the second half of an NFL football game against the Philadelphia Eagles in Philadelphia.**

DALLAS (AP) — Tony Romo remained with the Cowboys as the first day of free agency wrapped up Thursday, although the quarterback essentially said goodbye to Dallas fans in a video posted on Twitter.

Romo wasn't released when the NFL opened for business after being told he would be, with reports surfacing hours before players could officially join other teams that the Cowboys were seeking a trade to try to get something for their former 10-year starter.

Not long after news broke that Houston had traded Brock Osweiler to Cleveland, which led to instant speculation that the Texans would target Romo, Dallas' franchise leader in passing yards and touchdowns posted the video from the workout room in his house.

"I just wanted to come to tell you it's been a crazy 48 hours here," Romo said as Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'" played in the background. "Me and my family felt the outpouring of support and love from all of you."

"It's been overwhelming and it doesn't go unnoticed. I want to say thank you and we have a lot to think about going forward, but we'll see what happens."

Romo, who turns 37 next month and missed most of the past two seasons with injuries, lost the starting job to rookie Dak Prescott while recovering from a back injury sustained in the preseason.

The four-time Pro Bowler conceded the job to Prescott in November when the Cowboys were on a franchise-record 11-game winning streak, Romo

played just one series in a meaningless regular-season finale at Philadelphia, throwing a 3-yard touchdown pass to Terrance Williams.

The Cowboys were the top seed in the NFC at 13-3, but lost to Green Bay in the divisional round despite a fourth-quarter rally that cemented Prescott as the quarterback of the present and future.

Osweiler's departure leaves fourth-year pro Tom Savage atop the depth chart in Houston. He's followed by Brandon Weeden, one of the backups who couldn't get the job done in Dallas in 2015 when Romo missed 12 games with a twice-broken left collarbone and the Cowboys finished 4-12.

If the Cowboys trade Romo, they take the full \$19.6 million salary cap hit this season, but won't have any dead money next year. With a release, they can spread the cap hit just about in half over two seasons.

Romo was 78-49 as the starter in Dallas, but couldn't match the playoff success of Hall of Famers and multiple Super Bowl winners Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman. He was 2-4 in the post-season, winless on the road and never got the Cowboys to the NFC championship game.

The Cowboys have already started looking for another backup, hosting 15-year veteran Josh McCown on a free-agent visit Wednesday. Vice president of personnel Stephen Jones has said Dallas is interested in re-signing Kellen Moore, who was Romo's backup when he broke his right ankle in a training camp practice and missed the season. Prescott was the No. 3 quarterback before Moore's injury.

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