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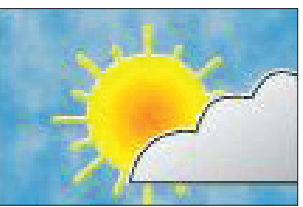
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Firefighters with the Big Spring Fire Department deal with this blaze at 2506 W. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Wednesday afternoon. Officials with the BSFD said no one was home at the time the fire started and no injuries were reported as a result. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

## Sweet sixty-fifth Howard College to celebrate key anniversary

By CINDY SMITH  
 Special to the Herald

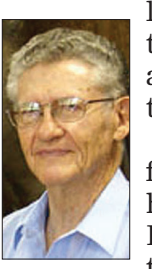
On a county-wide ballot Nov. 17, 1945, Howard County citizens voted to create the Howard County Junior College District and elected seven representatives to serve on the school's first board of trustees. Now, 65 years later, Howard College officials are taking a walk down memory lane as they begin a year-long recognition of the school's 65th birthday.

The college has come a long way from its humble beginnings in the hospital area of the old Army Air Force Bombardier School and, thanks to the continued support and encouragement from the Howard County community, Howard College has grown into one of the leading institutions of higher education in West Texas.

Looking back over the years, one of the key components to the school's success has been the leadership from the board of trustees. One distinguished member, Dr. Charles Warren, is well known to the Howard College family. After all, he has almost 50 years of service to the school, including both his time as a student as well as his years as a member of the board of trustees.

As a young high school student, Warren did not see college as an option. In fact, his father encouraged him to get a job at the filling station to pump gas, as money was tight. But young Warren had other things in mind and so did then Howard College men's basketball coach, Harold Davis.

"It just so happened I had started to play basketball in my junior year at Big Spring High



Warren

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## Holidays bring festivities but safety issues as well

By THOMAS JENKINS  
 Staff Writer

While the Thanksgiving holiday means plenty of turkey, dressing and all the other trimmings, many area residents will look to trim something slightly taller and greener — their Christmas tree.

And while it offers the opportunity for kids young and old to enjoy the change in weather and seasonal cheer, it's not a time to forget about safety, cautions Big Spring Fire Marshall Carl Condray.

"Try to select a fresh tree by



Condray

looking for one that is green. The needles of pines and spruces should bend and not break and should be hard to pull off the branches," said Condray. "On fir species, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent, much like a fresh carrot. Also, look for a trunk sticky with sap.

"Cut off about two inches of the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water so the tree

does not dry out quickly. Stand your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure the tree does not block foot traffic or doorways. If you use an artificial tree, choose one that tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with built-in electrical systems should have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label."

Picking your Christmas tree is just the beginning, according to Condray, as what you put on it can be just as important.

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## NKorea warns region is on brink of war

YEONPYEONG ISLAND, South Korea (AP) — North Korea warned Friday that U.S.-South Korean plans for military maneuvers put the peninsula on the brink of war, and appeared to launch its own artillery drills within sight of an island it showered with a deadly barrage this week.

The fresh artillery blasts were especially defiant because they came as the U.S. commander in South Korea, Gen. Walter Sharp, toured the South Korean island to survey damage from Tuesday's hail of North Korean artillery fire that killed four people.

None of the latest rounds hit the South's territory, and U.S. military officials said Sharp did not even hear the concussions, though residents on other parts of the island panicked and ran back to the air raid shelters where they huddled earlier in the week as white smoke rose from North Korean territory.

Tensions have soared between the Koreas since the North's strike Tuesday de-

stroyed large parts of this island, killing two civilians as well as two marines in a major escalation of their sporadic skirmishes along the sea border.

The attack — eight months after a torpedo sank a South Korean warship further west, killing 46 sailors — has also laid bare weaknesses in South Korea's defense 60 years after the Korean War. The skirmish forced South Korea's beleaguered defense minister to resign Thursday, and President Lee Myung-bak on Friday named a former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to the post.

The heightened animosity between the Koreas is taking place as the North undergoes a delicate transition of power from leader Kim Jong Il to his young, inexperienced son Kim Jong Un, who is in his late 20s and is expected to eventually succeed his ailing father.

Washington and Seoul have pressed China to use its influence on Pyongyang to ease tensions amid worries of all-out war, and a dispatch from Chinese state media on Friday — saying Beijing's foreign minister had met with the North Korean ambassador — appeared to be

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### New Orleans holds off Cowboys' upset bid in thriller

ARLINGTON (AP) — Saints safety Malcolm Jenkins admittedly took a bad angle at the same time one of the cornerbacks slipped. That left Roy Williams wide open and sprinting down the field seemingly about the seal an incredible Thanksgiving comeback for the Dallas Cowboys.

"Honestly, it could have been a catastrophe," Jenkins said. "A bad play turned good for us."

Jenkins caught Williams from behind, stripping the ball away so forcefully at the 11-yard line that it wound up in the defender's arms. Five plays later, Drew Brees threw

a touchdown pass to Lance Moore that gave New Orleans a 30-27 victory.

So aware that cornerback Tracy Porter was in pursuit, Williams switched the ball from his right to left hand. But Jenkins was charging hard from that side.

"I lost the ballgame," Williams said. "I let my teammates down. I need to fall down. We run the clock down and win the game. I was trying to make a play and they did a good job. ... We had the momentum going our way. We were there. That was a W."

Until Jenkins snatched the

ball away.

"It is an effort play and a heart play," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "One of those plays that inspires everybody on the team."

After Brees' 12-yard TD pass with 1:55 left put New Orleans (8-3) ahead, the Cowboys had one more chance after twice trailing by 17 points.

With a series of short passes, Jon Kitna got the Cowboys (3-8) to the New Orleans 41 before three consecutive incompletions. David Buehler then tried a game-tying 59-yard field goal — his kick had the distance, but sailed just wide left with 25 seconds left.

The Cowboys came in 2-0 under interim coach Jason Garrett, playing like the Super Bowl contenders they were supposed to be instead of the 1-7 squad they became under coach Wade Phillips. They fell behind 17-0 less than 11 minutes into the game, but showed poise and toughness by fighting back.

Dallas scored touchdowns after Reggie Bush fumbled on a punt return and Gerald Sensabaugh intercepted a pass by Brees that deflected off the hands of a receiver. The Cowboys led 27-23 on Tashard Choice's 1-yard TD run with 5:51 left.

New Orleans then went three-and-out, and Williams was streaking down the field soon after that.

"It really looked like he made a very conscious effort to lock it up, even get the other hand on it," Garrett said. "It's one of those things you preach and you drill all the time: Don't turn a great play into a disastrous play."

The Saints won their fourth straight game. The defending Super Bowl champions played on Thanksgiving for the first time, and hope to be back at Cowboys Stadium in

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### Ira up next for Bearkats

BY ADAM COLEMAN  
Sports Editor

GARDEN CITY — On Monday, all the hoopla from the Garden City Bearkats' emotional playoff win against Borden County was over. Head coach Vance Jones made sure of that.

"We're already past that. We've already celebrated that," Jones said. "We're focused on the next challenge."

The players have apparently heard Jones' message and should take it seriously, considering another undefeated team will be across the field at 6 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring.

The Bearkats face Ira in the quarterfinals of the University Interscholastic League state six-man football playoffs and a 26-game winning streak is on the line for Garden City. Ira is 12-0.

The Borden County game in the regional round was nothing short of a classic, just like the regular-season meeting between the two teams. Both squads went back and forth and a fumbled snap on a conversion attempt to tie the game at 44 with 22 seconds left gave Garden City the win.

While the Bearkats are putting that game behind them and focusing on Ira, they do admit going through games like the one against Borden

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Garden City's Josh Colunga (25) follows the blocking of Blayne Batla during the Bearkats' playoff victory against Borden County last Friday. The 'Kats face Ira at 6 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Big Spring.

HERALD file photo

### Aggies take down Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — After a season of miserable losses, Texas had one last chance to do something right.

Beat No. 17 Texas A&M and the Longhorns could avoid their first losing season since 1997, end the regular season on a winning streak and qualify for a bowl game.

Cyrus Gray and the Aggies weren't about to let any of that happen.

Gray ran for 223 yards and two long touchdowns and Von Miller snagged a key interception in the final minutes to carry the Aggies to a 24-17 win Thursday night that left Texas with its first losing season under coach Mack Brown.

Gray's first touchdown covered 84 yards and pulled the Aggies out of an early 7-0 hole. The second, a 48-yarder, put them up 24-14 in the third quarter. Miller's interception of a tipped pass ended a potential game-tying drive at the Texas A&M 11 with less than 3 minutes left.

Jeff Fuller also caught a touchdown pass and Randy Bullock kicked a 50-yard field goal for Texas A&M. The Aggies (9-3, 6-2 Big 12) won their sixth in a row in their best season under third-year coach Mike Sherman.

"We set out at the beginning of the season to do this," Texas A&M senior center Matt Allen said. "Beat Texas and win in November."

Texas finished last in the Big 12 South and didn't get the six wins needed to qualify for a bowl just one season after playing for the national championship.

"It is a lot of pain and a lot of agony," offensive lineman David Snow said.

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### 'Bama-Auburn rivalry one of college football's best

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — They start early in this part of the country.

Not long after one learns to stand upright and babble a few coherent words, it's time to pick a side.

Alabama or Auburn.

"You got to declare when you're a youngster," said Gene Stallings, the former Alabama coach. "Certainly by the time you get to first grade, you're for one of 'em."

Roll Tide!

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There's no other rivalry quite like it in college football.

"I'm prejudiced," said Pat Dye, who coached at Auburn for a dozen years, "but I don't think there's any other game in the country that's talked about on a daily basis as much as this one is by the folks in the state of Alabama."

Oh sure, there's plenty of passion stirred up in every nook and cranny of this vast, pigskin-obsessed nation, whether

it's the Civil War, Backyard Brawl, Bedlam or simply The Game.

But the series known as the Iron Bowl has a couple of things going for it that the others don't:

— Dueling programs in the same state that are, for all the inevitable ebbs and flows, evenly matched and traditionally among the best in the country. Alabama won the national title a year ago. Auburn is ranked second this season

and could wind up playing for a championship of its own, but first it must get by the No. 9 Crimson Tide on Friday.

— No big league teams to steal away the spotlight, leaving everyone to devote his or her full attention to the Tigers or the Tide. With a population estimated at 4.7 million, Alabama is the largest state other than Virginia that's never had a Major League Baseball,

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## Michael Angel Sarmiento

Michael Angel Sarmiento, 47, of Austin died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, in Austin. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 26, 1963, in Big Spring to Manuela and Salvador Sarmiento. He was an auto mechanic and a Catholic. He had lived in Austin for 34 years.

He is survived by his father, Salvador Sarmiento of Austin; one sister, Danette Propes and husband Barry of Richardson; one niece, Alexandra Propes of Richardson; and several aunts and uncles, including Eva Gonzales, Santiago Valencia, Melecio Sarmiento, Esperanza Trejo, Teresa Trevino, Margaret Vargas and Socorro Talamantes.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Pallbearers will be Melecio Sarmiento, Manuel "Baby" Gonzales, Luis Trejo, Stephen Gonzales, Barry Propes and Robert Franco.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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## Harlan E. (Gene) Welsh

Harlan E. (Gene) Welsh passed away at 1:59 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, in Scottsdale, Ariz., after a long illness.

He was born to Gilbert and Sabra Welsh on Oct. 23, 1930, in Topeka, Kan. He served in the U.S. Army from 1949 until 1952, first in Japan and then in Korea during the Korean conflict. He married Carolyn Cronant in 1952 in Tacoma, Wash.

He graduated from the University of Puget Sound with a B.S. in geology, then from Seabury Western Theological Seminary and was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church. He also graduated from the University of Maryland with a M.A. in psychology. He served as a chaplain at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring from 1970 to 1972. He served in the U.S. Air Force as a chaplain until his retirement in 1985.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn of Scottsdale, Ariz.; his daughters, Leslie Johnson of Midland, Claudia Orhman of Yuma, Ariz., and Jennifer and Forrest Ashley of Phoenix, Ariz.; grandchildren, Brandon and Courtnee Johnson and Brian and Carrie Johnson, all of Big Spring, Jacob Wilson, Joshua Wilson and Isaac Wilson, all of Reno, Nev., and Amanda and Danny Tuller of Yuma, Ariz. He is also survived by three great-granddaughters, Emma Johnson, Kennedy Johnson and Katelyn Johnson, all of Big Spring; his brothers, Don Welsh of Florida and Russell Welsh of Missouri; and one sister, Barbara Welsh of Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one great-granddaughter, Gracie May Johnson.

Services will be held at St. Anthony's Episcopal Church Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Interment will be at the St. Anthony's Columbarium.

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## Karol Ann Smith

Karol Ann Smith, 74, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2010, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring. Burial will be at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Alpine.

## Maxine Teague

Maxine Teague, 74, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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## Obituaries

### Ray Franklin White

Ray Franklin White, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010, at his residence with his wife by his side. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 8, 1925, in Hamilton County to Emma Elvira Mullican White and Cade Washington White, who owned White's Dairy in Big Spring. He married Marilyn Faye Garrett on July 1, 1983, in Big Spring.

Ray served in the United States Navy during World War II and was employed by Cosden Oil & Chemical for almost 40 years. Upon retirement he worked in Yellowstone National Park for two years and then became a guard, as he liked to call himself "Keeper of the Gate" for Big Spring High School. He loved life, family and friends, as shown by his generous heart, great wit and a booming voice filled with laughter.

He took great pride in being a 50-plus year member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598, A.F. & A.M., a member of the Suez Shrine, the Big Spring Commandery No. 31 Knights Templar and the Lubbock Consistory of the Scottish Rite.

He treasured his many friends who met at the Dairy Queen every Wednesday. When the Alzheimer's disease prevented him from attending, they came weekly to visit him, especially his dear friend, Roland Beal, who came everyday.

During his long illness, he received excellent care from the devoted and loving workers of In Home Care, the physical therapy department of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Sterling City Nursing Home staff and PT department, and the faithful and loyal support from Compass Hospice and Dr. Praveen Reddy. Thank you.

God sends Angels in many forms in times of need, and ours was Jana Slaughter, who loaded Ray from wheelchair to car and back for every doctor's appointment. God bless you

Ray is survived by his wife, Marilyn White of Big Spring; and other living relatives, including one son, Kristofer; one brother, Dalton White; one sister, Christine Kauffman; many cousins, nieces and nephews, and his life long brother in Christ, Hank Brooks.

Ray's enjoyment came with each new day, his time with friends playing dominoes, his love to cruise with the Oklahoma group and the special love he gave to his girls, Jana and Morgan.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and served faithfully for many years.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 2222, Big Spring 79721-2222; or to Shriners Children's Hospital, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, Fla. 33607.

Honorary pallbearers are the Dairy Queen Coffee Club.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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### Ross Beck

Ross Beck, 47, of Maryland died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, in a Burtonsville, Md., nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Barbara Arceneaux

Barbara Arceneaux, 61, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Reginald Wayne Robertson

Reginald Wayne Robertson, 60, of Weatherford, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2010, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Bishop Don Connell of Christ The King Covenant Church of Weatherford officiating.



The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at the funeral home. He was born Feb. 26, 1950, in Big Spring and was the son of Morris and Jimmie Robertson. He grew up and lived most of his life in Big Spring, graduating from Big Spring High School in 1968 and attending Howard College. Mr. Robertson worked as a territorial director for the Kirby Vacuum Company for more than 20 years.

He was a member of Christ The King Covenant Church in Weatherford.

Survivors include two sons, Jody Robertson and Cody Robertson, both of Stanton; two daughters, Wendy Murdock of Midland and Julie Luna of Stanton; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Robby and Dani Robertson of Weatherford, Roddy and Lynn Robertson and Randy and Vicki Robertson, all of Big Spring; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Morris and Jimmie Robertson; one brother, Richard Robertson; and one nephew.

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## Elizabeth E. Williamson Miller

Elizabeth E. Williamson Miller, 76, of Big Spring died Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters officiating.



Funeral services in Seymour will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Red Springs with interment to follow at the Masonic Cemetery in Seymour.

She was born March 16, 1934, in Stephens County, Okla., and married Bobby J. Miller on March 21, 1990. Elizabeth worked at the VA Canteen, the Rainbow Project as housemother and the State Hospital on the MD Unit, retiring in 1991.

She is survived by her husband, Bobby J. Miller of Big Spring; six children and stepchildren, Jana and Frank Morphis, Patty and Bob Brewer and Michael Lockhart, all of Big Spring, Robby and Angel Miller of Abilene and Christi Miller and Misti Miller, both of Midland; her sister, Janice and Tom Reeves of Christoval; 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Danny Lockhart; her parents, Hattie and Ernest Williamson; two brothers, Russell and Hank Williamson; and one granddaughter.

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NFL, NBA or NHL franchise.

"It's not like we have the Falcons or the Braves," said Dye, looking eastward to the big city of Atlanta. "The people over here, this is their culture and mentality. You know there's one day out of the year when the poorest people in Alabama and the richest people in Alabama are on the same team."

This year, that falls one day after Thanksgiving. More than 101,000 people will cram into Bryant-Denny Stadium on Friday and, over the course of some three-plus hours, become the fifth-largest city in the state. Never doubt for a second just how much this game means to every last one of them.

Auburn (11-0) is trying to stay on track for a shot at the title, even while star quarterback Cam Newton is under fire over allegations that illegal payments were sought during his recruitment. Alabama (9-2) would like nothing more than to knock off Newton and the Tigers in a game that, for the first time since 1994, features both teams in the Top 10.

"It's a fun game," Stallings said, "but the thing I'm telling you is, people talk about it the ENTIRE year. That's what makes it so important."

Against that backdrop, it's

downright laughable to think these teams could go more than four decades without facing each other. But that's just what happened after they tied 6-6 in 1907, when a dispute over money (and not, as legend would have it, a huge brawl) led to a hiatus that lasted until 1948. Even then, it took a resolution by the Alabama House of Representatives to end the cold war.

The rivalry resumed with the Crimson Tide romping to a 55-0 rout, still the largest margin of victory for either side. The next year, Alabama was heavily favored to win again.

"When the Auburn team got on the bus at its hotel, a bunch of Alabama people were yelling, 'Hey, Auburn boys, here's a hundred (dollars) that says we're going for 56 today,'" said David Housel, the longtime sports information and athletic director at Auburn and still the school's unofficial historian even as he enjoys retirement.

The Tigers pulled off a 14-13 upset.

"There are older Auburn people that will tell you, to this day, that was Auburn's greatest victory," Housel said.

Just like that, the rivalry had been restored to its rightful luster, the animosity building with each passing year. It was a series of streaks — Alabama winning four in a row, Auburn taking five straight — until that guy in the houndstooth cap put his unmistakable stamp on the

series.

With Bear Bryant prowling the sidelines, the Tide won 19 out of 23 meetings from 1959-81. There was the occasional Auburn highlight, most notably the "Punt, Bama, Punt" game of 1972, when the Tigers blocked two punts in the fourth quarter and returned them both for touchdowns to hand undefeated Alabama its first loss, 17-16.

But for the most part, Auburn watched enviously as Alabama piled up win after win, championship after championship. From Housel's point of view, that period really took tensions to a new level.

At the start of the 1980s, the Iron Bowl went through a changing of the guard. Bryant retired (and died shortly afterward), while Dye took over at Auburn, a brash young coach who saw no reason to bow down to the mighty Crimson Tide.

"The biggest thing he did for Auburn was not all the championships and the bowl games and the Heisman and Lombardi winners," Housel said. "The biggest thing he did was change Auburn's attitude. He knew that Auburn wasted too much time worrying about what was going on at Alabama. They needed to start worrying about what was going on at Auburn."

Dye's bravado helped put the rivalry on equal footing and launched a glorious era featuring one classic game after another.

AGGIES

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Like other teams that beat Texas, the Aggies forced turnovers and hit the defense for big plays and big yards on the ground. Texas A&M scored 17 points off three Longhorns turnovers.

"From the first scrimmage of the year, I didn't see what I wanted," Brown said. "I learned I don't like losing. It's been 20 years since I haven't been to a bowl."

Cody Johnson rushed for 107 yards for Texas. Garrett Gilbert was 20 of 37 passing for 219 yards and one touchdown.

Texas A&M seemed to have put the game away after Gray's second touchdown. But Texas kicked a field goal after a blocked punt and was driving when Gilbert's pass was tipped at the line of scrimmage. Miller, a defensive end who drifted back into coverage, leaped high to grab it.

Texas A&M punted the ball back to Texas with about 10 seconds left and Ken Wood had to pick the snap off the ground to get it away.

Texas tried to block it and freshman returner Adrian Phillips let the ball bounce on the ground.

That mistake let the final seconds run out, a fitting end to Texas' awful season. Several players threw up their hands in frustration.

"I just feel bad for the seniors," Texas junior safety Blake Gideon said. "We always talk about that ... let's do it for the seniors."

Texas had won at least 10 games nine seasons in a row but completely fell apart after star quarterback Colt McCoy and a host of other accomplished players ended their careers.

Gilbert's seven losses this season are one fewer than McCoy had during his entire four-year career.

The losses have intensified speculation among fans that Brown will replace one or more assistant coaches, including longtime offensive coordinator Greg Davis.

"There's a lot of evaluation that has to be done on players, on coaches and staff," Brown said. "I've got a lot of work to do here."

DALLAS

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February for another Super Bowl.

Brees finished 23 of 39 for 352 yards, getting the Saints started with a game-opening, four-play drive that ended on Chris Ivory's 3-yard run and never had a second-down play.

Defensive lineman Will Smith intercepted a screen to set up Garrett Hartley's 50-yard field goal, then Ivory scored on a 6-yard run.

New Orleans led 20-3 before Buehler kicked a 53-yard field

goal as the first half ended and Miles Austin went 60 yards on an end around on the second play of the second half.

If the ending had been slightly different, Garrett would've been the face of two of the greatest Thanksgiving rallies in Dallas Cowboy history.

In 1994, he made a rare start at quarterback in place of an injured Troy Aikman and took the Cowboys from a 17-3 deficit against Brett Favre and the Packers to a 42-31 victory.

Instead, this game might go down with Leon Lett's snowy gaffe in 1993 as another one that got away.

"I think we demonstrated again what we've done the last few weeks — battle and fight," Garrett said.

"There were a lot of things to be proud of. Guys played with a lot of passion, energy and enthusiasm. ... But you've got to get the bottom line right. We didn't get it done."

Bush was back after missing eight games because of a broken leg, and he looked a bit rusty in limited action.

The first pass thrown to him bounced off his shoulder pads and helmet.

He dropped a likely touchdown and had the fumble.

"I don't like to think of myself as rusty at all, but maybe

it is," Bush said.

"That was just a mental error on my part. ... Those are things that we can't have and that they can get you beat. Next week, we'll get better."

Bush had practiced only on a limited basis during a short week of light team workouts. He got hurt Sept. 20, the second week of the season, while recovering his muffed punt at San Francisco.

Though Bush started, he carried only once for a yard and caught only one of the three passes thrown his way for 12 yards.

Trying to extend a 20-13 lead after halftime, the Saints had third-and-7 from the Cowboys

10 when Brees threw a pass to Bush wide open over the middle. Catch the ball, and he likely walks into the end zone. Instead, they settled for a field goal.

The bigger mistake came a few minutes later when Bush fumbled after being hit from behind.

"With the turnover, you just can't have those type of mistakes in a crucial situation like that in the game, when the game is on the line," Bush said. "I've got to clean it up and I've got to play better. But it did feel good to get back out there and get my feet wet. ... The important thing was we got a win."

'KATS

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County help make this group better.

"The emotion from last week, a lot of it carries over," Ian Schaefer said. "Whenever we win a big game like that, we just want to keep on going. You can't let all the

emotion and shock from last week effect how you play the following week. You have to take it just as serious."

Not everything was perfect in the Borden County game. Brian Hirt said the Bearkats have room for improvement as the Ira game approaches.

"Coming off that game," he said, "it was

real close, so it makes us want to try harder for the next one."

Some might think the Borden County-Garden City game had the feel of a state championship. The Bearkats' stand-out running back Josh Colunga said it felt like it was nothing short of that.

The players said they don't believe it gets

easier from here on out just because they got past Borden County. Ira may not be the type of team to sling the ball relentlessly, but that's because they have Morris.

Jones said Ira's Lance Morris is the type of back his players have to keep an eye. He has the ability to still be effective even when there are six defenders in the box. The Bulldogs aren't a prolific passing team, but when they do put the ball in the air, they do it well, Jones said.

Garden City has a few

things working in its favor heading into this matchup. An abundance of players are contributing, making the offense well-rounded.

Besides Colunga, Blayne Batla and Brett Chudej, Reggie Halfmann, Hirt and Aaron Long consistently make plays for the Bearkats, Jones said.

Jones wouldn't have it any other way.

"That's what I think makes us hard for teams to defend against," he said. "We've got five guys who can catch the

ball. They're not bad receivers. We have outstanding blockers so our run game is good. If they bring six in the box, we're going to throw on them and they're going to have a hard time. If they play back in pass coverage then we run on them."

The defense is playing a factor, too. In the Robert Lee and Borden County games, Garden City's defense was instrumental at one point or another. Jones hopes that continues in the playoffs.



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School," said Warren. "Luckily for me, Harold Davis, who later became a college trustee and long-time friend, picked me up and gave me a basketball scholarship and suddenly I had a way to go to college."

After finishing his associate of arts degree at Howard College, Warren went on to spend some time in the military, obtained a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas in Austin and earned his doctor of dental surgery from the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston in 1961. He then returned to his home of Big Spring and opened his dental practice, embarking on the first of many ways he has served the Howard

County community.

In 1963, Warren was appointed to the Howard College Board of Trustees and has been a stable fixture on the board since that time. He has certainly seen the school through both good times as well as some more difficult times but only sees a bright future ahead for Howard College.

"We've been on a steady course since I've been on the board," said Warren. "It's been going forward under the leadership of our presidents, who have each been a turning point, bringing exactly what the school needed at just the right time for us to continue advancing."

He has known and worked with every president for Howard College, and, by his own admission, has been amazed at some of the

things the school has been able to accomplish along the way.

One of the main things Warren sees as a major benefit for the college is the overwhelming generosity of the school's supporters and benefactors. "Their infusion of money, kindness and love for Howard College is amazing and we wouldn't be where we are today without them."

A lot of things can happen in 65 years and Warren has been in the middle of some of the larger events that have helped shape Howard College, including the creation of the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID), the creation and growth of the foundations, and the addition and expansion of the San Angelo campus.

But above all else, Warren says, "the people of

Howard College are really what have made the most difference. It's the students, the faculty, the staff, and other board members, everyone doing their part to get Howard College where it is today."

Pillars of strength from days gone by have combined with fresh new faces to keep the college jumping ahead. "Dr. Malone would be proud of us today," said Warren. "And so would Harold Davis and Don McKinney, two great men I have served with and miss very much. And I am very proud of our board, staff and faculty we have today because they, too, are doing an outstanding job."

Although many great things have transpired over the last 65 years, many more are yet to come, Warren said. He is optimistic about the

role of community colleges in Texas as well as the nation and is confident that Howard College will continue to respond to the changing needs of all learners.

"Our future is bright," added Warren. "I only hope I can be on this board long enough so that I can see all these plans come to fruition." And in words of advice from Dr. Warren, "Remain committed to your goal, persevere through everything. There will always be obstacles that come up in your way but you have to stay focused on your studies and you will have rewards at the end of the journey."

"Howard College would like to thank Dr. Charles Warren for his commitment to the vision and mission of this institution and for serving as such a strong role model for our students,

faculty and staff," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College. "We will continue celebrating 65 years of education throughout the coming year, highlighting people, places and events that have been instrumental in our growth and development."

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Michael Angel Sarmiento, 47, died Tuesday. Vigil Service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Karol Ann Smith, 74, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with burial at the Elm Grove Cemetery in Alpine.

Maxine Teague, 74, died Wednesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Wayne Burns, 79, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends in the Parish Hall following the interment.

**SAFETY**

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"Only use indoor lights indoors and outdoor lights outdoors. Again, look for the UL label," Condray advised. "Check lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. You should check them by setting them on a non-flammable surface and leaving them plugged in for 10 to 15 minutes to make sure they don't melt or smoke. Turn off all the lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house."

"When you're hanging the lights, be sure to keep them away from flammable materials such as curtains, and make sure the cords aren't near any sources of water. Never connect more than three sets of light to an extension cord, and to prevent

overheating, pinching and fraying cords, avoid running lights under rugs or behind furniture."

Condray said another holiday favorite — candles — can also pose a considerable risk if not handled with extreme care.

"Candles are one of the largest causes of house fires in the nation, especially toward this time of the year," he said. "Historically, December has twice the number of candle fires than any other month because of all the decorative candles."

"The main thing people need to remember is to keep a good clear space around the candle, put them in a proper holder and never leave a candle burning unattended. If you're going to leave the room and not be there to enjoy it, put it out. Also, keep them off combustible surfaces such as table cloths."

Condray said many candles come in their own "holder," which may present

their own kinds of danger.

"Some of the candles you can buy these days are inside glass jars and such," he said. "Some of them aren't exactly the best quality and they can get really hot, especially as the candle burns down, and fracture the glass or jar. We've seen quite a few cases like that."

"Some people also like to put table decorations around them, some of which are made from dry fabrics or actual dried leaves, which makes for an excellent wick to help the flame spread. There are newer, battery operated ornaments that look like candles but don't use an open flame. While they may not provide the most classic look, they are certainly the safest option."

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**NKOREA**

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an effort to trumpet China's role as a responsible actor and placate the U.S. and the South.

The U.S., meanwhile, is preparing to send a nuclear-powered aircraft carrier to South Korean waters for joint military drills in the Yellow Sea starting Sunday.

The North, which sees the drills as a major military provocation, unleashed its anger over the planned exercises in a dispatch earlier Friday.

"The situation on the Korean peninsula is inching closer to the brink of war," the report in the North's official Korean Central News Agency said.

A North Korean official boasted that Pyongyang's military "precisely aimed and hit the enemy artillery base" as punishment for South Korean military drills — a reference to Tuesday's attack — and warned of another "shower of dreadful fire," KCNA reported in a separate dispatch.

China also expressed concern over any war games in waters within its exclusive economic zone, though the statement on the Foreign Ministry website didn't mention the drills starting Sunday. That zone includes areas south of Yeonpyeong cited for possible maneuvers, though the exact location of the drills is not known.

China strongly protested an earlier round of drills in the region but has been largely mute over the upcoming exercises. Beijing could be withholding direct criticism to avoid roiling ties with South Korea and the U.S. and to

register its displeasure with ally North Korea.

The North Korean government does not recognize the maritime border drawn by the U.N. in 1953, and considers the waters around Yeonpyeong Island its territory.

Yeonpyeong Island, home to South Korean military bases as well as a civilian population of about 1,300 people, lies only 7 miles (11 kilometers) from North Korean shores and is not far from the spot where the South Korean warship sank in an explosion in March.

Gen. Sharp said during his visit to the island that Tuesday's attack was a clear violation of an armistice signed in 1953 at the end of the three-year Korean War.

"We at United Nations Command will investigate this completely and call on North Korea to stop any future attacks," he said Friday.

Washington keeps

more than 28,000 troops in South Korea to protect its ally from aggression — a legacy of the Korean War that is a sore point for North Korea, which cites the U.S. presence as the main reason behind its need for nuclear weapons.

Dressed in a heavy camouflage jacket, army fatigues and a black beret, Sharp walked down a heavily damaged street strewn with debris from buildings. Around him were charred bicycles and shattered bottles of soju, Korean rice liquor.

AP photographers at an observation point on the northwest side

of Yeonpyeong heard explosions and saw at least one flash of light on the North Korean mainland.

There were no immediate reports of damage. Only a few dozen residents remain on Yeonpyeong, with most of the population of 1,300 fleeing in the hours and days after the attack as authorities urged them to evacuate.

Many houses were blackened, half-collapsed or flattened, the streets littered with shattered windows, bent metal and other charred wreckage. Several stray dogs barked as they sat near destroyed houses.

A group of South Korean marines carrying M-16 rifles patrolled along a seawall as the sun rose from the ocean.

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# 'Shoeless' Smith leads Jets past Cincy

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Brad Smith's left shoe popped off and he just kept running.

There was no way the New York Jets' Mr. Do-It-All was going to slow down. Not with a clear path to the end zone ahead.

"I was running and trying to stick my shoe back on," Smith said with a big grin, "but after a while, I just said, 'Forget it.'"

Who needs two anyway, right?

Smith's one-shoed, 89-yard kickoff return sparked New York to a 26-10 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Thursday night that sent the Jets to the second-best start in team history. The versatile

wide receiver, a converted college quarterback, also had a 53-yard touchdown run.

"He's a phenomenal athlete," coach Rex Ryan said. "Everything we ask him to do, he does."

With or without all of his footwear.

"I think all that running in the backyard with no shoes on with my brother," Smith said, "that helped."

Hours after New England beat Detroit to improve to 9-2, New York matched the Patriots with its fourth straight victory to set up a meaty Monday night matchup Dec. 6 in Foxborough, Mass., for first place in the AFC East.

"The NFL couldn't have scripted it better," Jets safety

Jim Leonhard said.

New York's impressive start is eclipsed only by the 1986 squad that won 10 of its first 11. And the Jets did it by overcoming a sluggish first half and sending the struggling Bengals (2-9) to their eighth straight loss.

"We're trying to make the most of it," Bengals receiver Terrell Owens said. "It's something different in every phase of the game every week. We find ways to put ourselves in the hole. I'm out of answers."

It looked as though New York was headed for yet another frenzied finish. The Jets had consecutive road overtime victories followed by a nail-biter Sunday, when

they scored the winning touchdown with 10 seconds left against Houston.

But it took New York only two plays to go ahead after halftime in this one. Mark Sanchez hit Antonio Holmes for 16 yards, then Smith used superb blocks by Dustin Keller and D'Brickashaw Ferguson to speed down the left sideline untouched for a 53-yard TD run.

"I would've felt sick if I didn't score because of how well it was executed," Smith said.

The Jets' defense followed with a three-and-out, but Sanchez gave the ball back on an interception by Rey Mauluga.

"A terrible decision," San-

chez said. "I should have sailed that into the stands and hit Fireman Ed."

Mauluga's 11-yard return to the Jets 37 put the Bengals in good shape, and they were aided by a 15-yard roughing-the-passer call against James Ihdigbo on fourth down.

Faced with another fourth down moments later, Cincinnati sent Aaron Pettrey out for a tying 27-yard field goal, but he was wide left.

Ihdigbo made up for his penalty on the Jets' next drive when Steve Weatherford punted and officials ruled the ball hit Cincinnati's Andre Caldwell. Ihdigbo recovered at the 14. Bengals coach Marvin Lewis surprisingly did not challenge the play.

# Brady too much for Lions; Patriots roll

DETROIT (AP) — Tom Brady looks as sharp as ever for the New England Patriots — just in time for one of the biggest games of this NFL season.

Brady threw for 341 yards and four touchdowns, two each to Deion Branch and Wes Welker, in New England's 45-24 win over the Detroit Lions on Thursday. It was the third victory in 12 days for the Patriots, who now enjoy a long layoff before hosting the New York Jets on Dec. 6 in a Monday night matchup between the two AFC East leaders.

New England and New York both won Thursday to improve to 9-2, a half-game ahead of Atlanta for the league's

best record.

"I really appreciate what these guys have done so far to be where we're at," Patriots coach Bill Belichick said. "It hasn't always been perfect or good, but we have a good opportunity here ahead of us."

Brady went 21 of 27 with no interceptions, earning a perfect quarterback rating of 158.3 for the second time in his career. The Patriots traded Randy Moss in early October, but they don't seem to have lost any explosiveness. Branch caught touchdown passes of 79 and 22 yards Thursday, and Welker caught eight passes for 90 yards. New England scored at least 31 points for the third straight week.

Brady's first touchdown pass to Branch — the 79-yarder — was a jaw-dropper. Branch was wide open behind Alphonso Smith, and although Smith caught up with him around the 25-yard line, Branch slipped free of the Detroit defensive back twice en route to the end zone.

"He was supposed to run an in-cut and the guy was sitting on it," Brady said. "He threw his hand up and I laid it out there for him. He made a great run after catch. Certainly it's not how we drew it up, but it's just a great play by a great player."

That touchdown tied the game at 24 in the third quarter. Branch beat Smith again for a

touchdown early in the fourth to make it 31-24.

"I think these last three games we've been preparing very well," Branch said. "We have a big weekend ahead of us. We have a little off time, but I think mentally the guys need to focus on what we're trying to get accomplished."

The Lions (2-9) are headed toward another losing season after dropping their seventh straight Thanksgiving game. Detroit has actually been pretty competitive this year, and the Lions took an early 14-3 lead against New England. But they couldn't hold off Brady, even after pressuring the quarterback early on.

"We got after him, got him a little rattled,"

defensive lineman Ndumukong Suh said. "Obviously he settled back down like the veteran quarterback, got his offense under control and made plays."

Brady became the first player to have a perfect passer rating this season with a minimum of five attempts, according to STATS LLC. His first perfect game was Oct. 21, 2007, when he threw six touchdown passes in a victory over Miami.

In addition to Branch and Welker, Brady had

help from running back BenJarvus Green-Ellis, who ran for two touchdowns. His second one finished the scoring with 3:14 left and led to some pushing and shoving.

The frustrated Lions bookended the extra point with two unsportsmanlike conduct penalties, meaning New England's ensuing kickoff was taken from the Detroit 40.

Maurice Morris ran for two 1-yard touchdowns for the Lions.

# Tech seeks payback vs. Houston Cougars

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas Tech players who lost to Houston last year circled Saturday on their calendars at the beginning of this season.

Cougars quarterback Case Keenum scored on a 4-yard run with 49 seconds left in last year's game to beat the Red Raiders, 29-28.

Houston was playing as a ranked team for the first time in 18 years after knocking off then-No. 5 Oklahoma State two weeks earlier.

"We walked away from that game last year feeling like we should have won," said Texas Tech quarterback Taylor Potts, whose desperation, play-pass to Lyle Leong in Houston was broken up. "A couple of plays here and there and the game would have turned out different, but it didn't."

Keenum won't be a factor this year, though. He went out with a season-ending knee injury in September.

Instead, true freshman David Piland will lead the Cougars (5-6, 4-4 C-USA) who are need a win to become bowl eligible. Piland has started the

last seven games and threw for four touchdowns and a career-best 467 yards in Houston's 59-41 loss at Southern Mississippi last week.

Cougars coach Kevin Sumlin said Piland is young and has handled well the pressure of stepping in for Keenum.

Houston is 8-5 against the Red Raiders (6-5, 3-5 Big 12) in Lubbock.

Texas Tech coach Tommy Tuberville said getting bowl eligible after last week's 64-21 win over Weber State will help this week.

"I think the biggest thing for us is there is no pressure now, and if they have to win this one to get to six I am sure we will get their best effort," he said.

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**EAST**  
♠ 9  
♥ K Q J 7 5  
♦ K Q 10 6 3  
♣ 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q J 10 7 2  
♥ 6  
♦ J 2  
♣ 10 9 5 2

This is a double-dummy problem. The contract is Seven Spades, and West leads the ten of hearts. You are permitted to look at all four hands in attempting to make the contract. How do you proceed?  
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It might appear that you must lose a diamond come what may, but obviously the diamond loser can be avoided, since otherwise the hand would not be presented here. As usual when you have all the remaining tricks but one, the first thought to pop into your mind should be the possibility of a squeeze. For a squeeze to be effective, one opponent or the other must have two suits to guard. As it is also necessary that the clubs break favorably, the two

suits one of the defenders will have to guard are hearts and diamonds. This presupposes that the hearts are divided 5-3 or 6-2, so that only one of the defenders can guard hearts. Accordingly, you win the heart lead with the ace, ruff a heart and then draw four rounds of trumps to produce this position:

**North**  
♥ 4 3  
♦ A  
♣ A K Q 3

**West**  
♥ 9  
♦ 8 7 5  
♣ J 8 6

**East**  
♥ K Q  
♦ K Q 10  
♣ 7 4

**South**  
♠ 7  
♦ J 2  
♣ 10 9 5 2

You now cash the A-K-Q of clubs, being careful to drop your 10-9-5, and then lead the three of clubs. East, who is down to a pair of K-Q's, cannot withstand the pressure of the fourth club lead. If he discards a heart, you ruff the three of hearts, establishing dummy's four; if he discards a diamond instead, you cash the ace of diamonds before ruffing a heart and score the last trick with the diamond jack. Either way, East is a deceased pigeon.

Tomorrow: A precautionary measure.  
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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEW

# We salute:

*Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.*

*We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play*

### This week we salute:

- Gary Sleight of Big Spring, who was honored with a reception Tuesday, as the Hangar 25 Air Museum's November Veteran of the Month. An Air Force veteran of both the Vietnam War and the first Gulf War, Sleight was a K-9 handler with the 377th Security Police Squadron. He retired in 1993 as a chief master sergeant.

- All the volunteers and Big Spring Salvation Army personnel that made Thanksgiving Day's annual holiday meal possible.

- Members of the Caboose Watercolor Society, whose words debuted Tuesday as the Heritage Museum unveiled its "Angels We Have Heard On High" exhibit, as well as its annual Christmas Tree Forest.

- The men and women of the Big Spring Police Department and Fire Department, as well as the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, who sacrificed their time during the Thanksgiving holiday to keep the citizens of Big Spring and the surrounding areas safe.

- Brenda Franklin and her army of volunteers that helped make this year's Operation Christmas Child program a huge success. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, a project of international Christian relief organization Samaritan's Purse headed by Franklin Graham, has delivered more than 61 million gift-filled shoe boxes to needy children in some 130 countries.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we accept the challenge to improve ourselves, Lord, through the study of Your word.

Amen

# A newsman's 'record' life

Joined at the hip with his profession and at the heart with humanity, Phil Record signed "30" to a life of benediction, succumbing to a massive heart attack recently at age 81.

He had a 43-year career at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram; it spanned pre-college copy boy chores that later included police beats, editorships and eventual ombudsman duties until retirement 13 years ago.

Influenced by two uncles who were recognized Star-Telegram figures during the first half of the 20th century (James R. Record and James North), Phil had early exposure to fairness, the work ethic and "getting it right." Such was the foundation of his newspapering during the golden years.

He was a mentor to many and a friend to multitudes more who gathered to remember him at St. Bartholomew Catholic Church, where he was an active lay leader.

For decades he took the lead in numerous church-related roles, particularly details of funerals. Ever the good listener and comforter, he guided hundreds of people through times of hurt, disappointment and loss.

In retirement, he taught two media ethics classes each semester as a professional-in-residence in the Schieffer School of Journalism at Texas Christian University.

At the memorial service, Bob Schieffer masterfully encapsulated Record's life. A TCU alumnus and respected CBS news figure for more than four decades, Schieffer described his mentor in superlatives.

Phil was already a well-known police reporter when Schieffer began his career with on-the-scene radio reports on what he

called the "three R's" — wrecks, riots and robberies, or something close to that. The 20-year-old's "Yes, I can type" response to a KXOL hiring prerequisite helped him land the job. (Turning to the row of priests behind him, he asked forgiveness, since "home keys" were foreign to him at the time.)

He soon learned the importance of typing skills, watching his mentor persuade detectives to let him type the statements at crime or accident scenes, thus saving them time — and providing important quotes for his stories.

Schieffer also learned the value of wearing hats. Crime scene witnesses, Record believed, assumed that guys wearing hats were detectives to whom they spoke far more freely than to reporters. So Schieffer bought a hat.

After Air Force service, he succeeded Record on the police beat, a hire his mentor had recommended.

Record's confidence in Schieffer was well placed. Soon, his mentee was writing award-winning pieces, including coverage of Vietnam and President Kennedy's assassination.

The CBS icon spent just 15 minutes painting the picture of a grand friendship. He said he "owed as much to Phil as to any other person on earth," and called him his "best friend for more than 50 years."

Schieffer, for whom the TCU School of Journalism is named, believes that reporters like Record "are the reason journalism evolved into what it became in modern America — the crucial source of independently-gathered, accurate information that citizens can compare to the government's version of events. We can no more have democracy without that than we could have it without the right to vote."

Two days later on his Face the Nation TV program, Schieffer offered another misty-eyed tribute, claiming that Record "taught me

everything I know about being a reporter and a lot of what I know about life."

Record was a rock in the lives of generations. That's why a total of more than 1,200 mourners from all walks of life attended the Vigil and the Mass of Christian Burial.

He met deadlines for decades, but still found time daily to serve others, play tennis, converse and above all, provide encouragement with the good news of Jesus Christ. Phil also championed his alma mater, the University of Notre Dame, whose victory song was played on the organ during the Vigil.

Peers throughout the nation admired Record, a former national president of Sigma Delta Chi, society of professional journalists.

Nearing age 70, when most others opted for retirement, he "switched gears" to teach at TCU. His classes filled quickly, and his student evaluations glowed. Ever the champion of ethics and integrity, his regard for truth parallels Supreme Court Justice Joseph Story's quote some 200 years ago: "Here shall the press the people's right maintain, unaw'd by influence and unbrib'd by gain."

At the burial, dozens of white balloons rose skyward. Someone said it was so God would know Phil was coming. Truth to tell, so organized was this newsman that he wrote detailed instructions for his funeral. The balloon release was last on his checklist filed away a decade ago, well ahead of his final deadline.

He was the epitome of attention to details, and he lived life right. The song lyric fit him to a "T":

"On his dying day, that was all he really needed to do."

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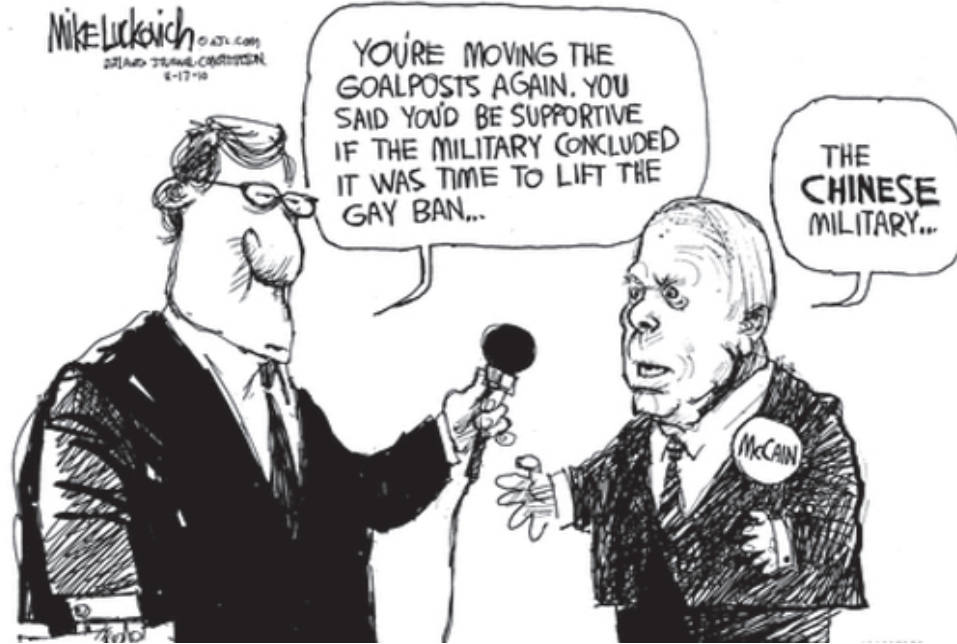
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# Allergic reaction warning

The weather has changed. All of us fat people rejoice at cooler temperatures — my angelic weather vane points north from the roof of my house. While the digits on the thermometer fall, I also become aware of my nasal cavity like no other time of year.

The wind is blowing and so is my nose.

I don't know what has happened. I used to not be allergic to anything. I turned 40 about four years ago, and now I have to reach for my glasses as I fumble down the hall to the bathroom several times in the night while having a sneezing fit.

What the heck? When I was a kid I used to make fun of my good friend, Robert Copeland, because he would have these horrific allergy attacks. He would sneeze for 10 minutes without stopping. I would laugh my head off.

Today, I cry as I sneeze my head off and repent for laughing at my life-long friend.

The Mayo clinic, which has nothing to do with mayonnaise, says an allergy is "an exaggerated immune response or reaction to substances that are generally

not harmful."

It's the whole, "generally not harmful" thing that gets me. This week's cup of Jehovah java comes brewing with an allergic reaction warning.

We are being conditioned in our culture to generally take in things we never would have tolerated before.

The point and click nature of porn, for example, is teaching an entire generation to have no respect for intimacy and to see anything sexual as selfish, controlling and hateful.

Rape scenes are becoming common in mainstream entertainment and the masses have no allergic reaction because it's nothing compared to what they are privately watching.

When I went to the Department of Public Safety website and found the map for registered sex offenders, there were no less than 35 within a three-mile radius of my house — one labeled as "high risk" three houses down from my own.

These are not people molesting their kids and preying on teenagers who no one knows about, these are people who have been caught and convicted of sexual deviancy.

The actual number is much higher.

I don't think for one second that any of these people grew up wanting to be child molesters or pedophiles.

I just think they slowly conditioned themselves to consider those things "generally not harmful" — things that make the rest of us have a terrible reaction.

You can not tell me pornography didn't have a huge part of that desensitizing process.

There are people right now, who after long term exposure to that kind of filth, will cease to have a terrible reaction at the thought of abusing a woman or exploiting a child.

Porn is getting into our heads and being shoved down our throats like the alien did John Hurt back in 1980 — meanwhile America yawns.

If you are someone struggling with this kind of issue, I want to encourage you to seek help now.

Whatever level pornography has you, there is a level of grace from God to overcome that mess. Make a stand for your family, yourself and your walk with God and turn away while you still can.

"But sin didn't, and doesn't, have a chance in competition with the aggressive forgiveness we call grace." — Romans 5:20 (The Message)

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**► Church News**

**First United Methodist Church**

Holiday greetings from First Methodist Church. We hope that the blessing of your Thanksgiving Day continues as we prepare for the glorious season of Advent beginning at our church Sunday. Our pastor, the Rev. Sharon Wiese, will be bringing the good news message at both services of worship, 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Sunday school classes will be on their regular schedule at 9:45 a.m. There will be no Sunday night Family Fun Night this weekend.

Saturday is Decoration Day for the Living Christmas Tree. Come one, come all to add your own special magic to that bigger than life tree. It's lots of work and even more fun and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. You don't have to be one of the kings, a choir member or even Santa to be an important part of our gift to the community — The Living Christmas Tree. And remember the free tickets are here already and available in the church office. Rehearsals for this, the 32nd annual performance of the "Tree" will be each night next week.

Remember to place your order for poinsettias by this coming Sunday. The blooming plants are \$16.50 each and can be given in memory or honor of someone special.

It's also time to select a child or children from the Angel Tree. These children have parents who are currently in prison and these gifts let them know that they are not forgotten and are loved. The tree with angel names is located in Garrett Hall.

The deadline nears for gifts for our service men and women. Our troop box is located in the foyer of the sanctuary and is about three quarters full. Let's make it overflow with gifts of love and appreciation.

There will be many activities and events at our church during the season of Advent. Please check our website for a complete listing. Go to [www.fum-cbs.com](http://www.fum-cbs.com). Catch our Sunday broadcasts at 8:30 a.m. on KBYG-AM 1400 and at 10:50 a.m. on KBST-FM 95.7.

Looking forward into the new year, mark your calendars for "Sweet Life Cafe," a special women's retreat at Camp Butman on Feb. 4-5.

Come join us down at Fourth and Scurry and help us as we worship and celebrate this special season of Christian love and fellowship. We're First Methodist in the heart of downtown Big Spring.

**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

Greetings from the congregation of St. Paul Lutheran Church! We invite you to worship with us on this Sunday at 9 a.m. in our sanctuary at 810 Scurry with Pastor Don Rosentreter. Sunday school follows in the parish hall.

Ladies, our Wednesday noon luncheon study is studying the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians in our parish hall. Lunch is served, followed by a lively discussion.

St. Paul is a drop-off point for "Christmas For Our Troops." Should you need information about this wonderful ministry, contact our office Monday through Thursday from 9a.m. to 3 p.m.

We hope you will join us in spirit as we pray throughout the week for safety for our servicemen, comfort for those in need, wisdom for our leaders, good stewardship for our environment, seasonable rain and joy in the message of the Jesus Christ.

**First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma**

The friendly folks at First Presbyterian Church, Coahoma, invite anyone to come and worship with us. We meet at 11 on Sunday morning to share the Scriptures, sing, pray and worship, led by Commissioned Lay Pastor Tom Koger.

The weekly Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom and the Rev. Craig Holstedt, did not meet at FPC Big Spring at 5:17 p.m. this Wednesday. We will resume next week.

We will have a called Congregational Meeting immediately following worship Sunday to elect three members from the congregation to serve on the Nominating Committee for election of elders.

The lectionary for the first Sunday of Advent is Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; and Matthew 24:36-44.

**First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring**

The Lectionary Bible study, choir practice and Youth Group did not meet this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Monday evening there was an ecumenical Thanksgiving service in our sanctuary, with First Presbyterian, First Christian and St. Mary's Episcopal churches and their choirs participating.

The annual Hanging of the Greens took place on Tuesday, to prepare the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

The Youth are selling poinsettias to decorate our church for the Christmas season. Each plant is \$17 and the members of the group will call to offer each family in the church a chance to participate and to help fund mission trips and youth events.

Beginning Sunday, the children's Sunday school classes will be on the computers for a three-session unit, "Fluffy and God's Amazing Christmas Adventure," which takes them from the Old Testament prophets through the birth of Jesus and the visit of the Magi.

The Adult Video Class begins a new eight-session study from the Efir Bible Studies on The Birth Narrative this Sunday. Dr. Mickey Efir is an ordained Presbyterian minister and professor emeritus at Duke University Divinity, teaching Greek and Biblical Studies.

Please set aside time on Sunday, Dec. 5, for a special Advent program called "Nativity," which is for the whole congregation. We will begin the program at 4 p.m. and follow with a soup/cornbread supper.

Ellen Austin will provide refreshments for "Take Ten" Sunday morning; ushers for the month are James F. Little, Don Boling, Pat Fleming and Monika Robinson; and Janie Conley is liturgist for the month.

The lectionary for the First Sunday of Advent is Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; and Matthew 24:36-44. The Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be collected this Sunday during worship.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST-AM 1490, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: [www.fpcbs.org](http://www.fpcbs.org). On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Holstedt.

**Signal Mountain Emmaus Community**

The Signal Mountain Emmaus Community meets at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, on the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. The Babe Chick meeting is at 6:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Dec. 9. Please mark your calendar.

At this month's meeting we will honor the 2010 Walks: Women's Walk, Lorinda Herrod, and Men's Walk, Terry Nichols. Please plan to attend. Bring a dish and join us at 6 p.m. for a potluck fellowship.

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**Chapel of Faith**

You are invited to attend Chapel of Faith church, located at the corner of E. 14th and Goliad streets, as we learn more about God's Word and His love for each of us. Sunday services are at 10:30 a.m. each week and 5 on Sunday evenings, when we sing the old favorites and continue a Bible study of Genesis.

The Rev. Scott Willis will be preaching this Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. The title of his sermon, "Truly I Tell You," is based on Matthew 24:36-44.

Encouraging words: "Give your troubles to God; He will be up all night anyway." — Author Unknown

We encourage you to attend the church of your choice. However, if you are looking for a church home, we invite you to visit the Chapel of Faith. You will be warmly welcomed!

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**North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church**

The North Birdwell Lane United Methodist church meets each Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Billy Bates leads each worship service.

Sunday school for all ages meets at 9:30 a.m. with Lucy Williams as the Elementary Group leader and Nancy Wagner as the Youth Group leader. The Adult Class discussion, "God is All-Knowing," taken from Psalm 139, will be led by Linda Hall.

Bible study is held the first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and the United Methodist Women meet the second and fourth Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Angel Food orders will be taken Friday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Orders for the Christmas box must be in by Dec. 4. Orders will also be taken at the same times Dec. 10-11. December delivery date is Dec. 18.

Also on Dec. 4, we will decorate the church and have a sandwich and chip lunch. The United Methodist Women will be helping with the Christmas party at the Big Spring State Hospital on Dec. 9.

Our Christmas luncheon will be Dec. 12, immediately following the worship service.

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**The greatest pardon**

Thanksgiving has come and gone, and once again a turkey has received a presidential pardon. According to an internet source, this year's bird will not get the free trip to Disneyland that the fowls pardoned in the past few years have received since there is no need for a grand-marshal turkey in Disney's Thanksgiving Day parade this year. Instead, this year's winning gobbler is destined to spend the rest of his natural life roaming the grounds at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate.



**BONNIE WHEAT**

The tradition of granting a presidential pardon to a turkey on the day before Thanksgiving has a debatable origin. Many believe that President Harry Truman

was the first president to grant a pardon to an over-sized bird the day before Thanksgiving in 1947 because the National Turkey Foundation has been supplying a turkey to the White House at Thanksgiving since that date. However, the diligent staff at the Truman Library has not been able to produce documents to substantiate this rumor. It is more likely that the Truman's and their guest gobbled up the first presidential turkey.

Another myth identifies Abraham Lincoln as the first president to pardon a turkey. According to this tale, the president's 10-year-old son Tad pleaded for the life of a turkey named Jack that had been given to the Lincoln family. Whether Jack actually received a presidential pardon or just a reprieve from the cook will always be a mystery.

Yet another story, gives President John F. Kennedy credit for being the first president to pardon a turkey. When the Thanksgiving turkey was presented to President Kennedy, he said, "Let's just keep him."

According to those who pursue turkey trivia, it was President George H.W. Bush who officially pardoned a turkey for the first time in 1989. Since that time, it has become an American tradition for the president to pardon a turkey the day before Thanksgiving.

In the Bible, the apostle John tells of a pardon greater than that of any turkey. He writes, "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16 NASB).

Although the pardon of a Thanksgiving turkey may generate much good will, it takes someone with more power and more authority than an American president to grant pardon from sin. It takes a loving God.

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is [www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx](http://www.lutheransonline.com/aliveinchristbstx).

We would love to have you join us for church on Sundays at 9 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15.

Pastor Bob Boyce will be preaching this Sunday. The sermon title will be "The Advent of Advent" and we will celebrate the "Hanging of the Greens." Our Christmas tree will be decorated during this service. If you have an ornament you would like to hang on the tree, bring it or you may hang one of the many ornaments that have already been donated for the tree.

If you are interested in donating flowers, sign up on the flower chart. Flowers are \$50 for both vases. The flowers for this Sunday are given by the Vizcaino family in celebration of Bo Vizcaino's birthday on Nov. 24.

Angela Newton is our organist. This week's acolyte will be Hannah Alsobrooks. Our elders for this week are Bobby Roever and Darren Byrd.

This week, the liturgy will be read by Bo Vizcaino. The readings for this week are Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14; and Matthew 21:1-11 or 24:36-44. Anyone interested in reading, contact Doline Budke.

The Sunday School lesson for this Sunday is over the Evangelists, Apostles and their symbols within the church. The youth will study Jacob's Dream (Genesis 27:41-28:22).

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# Priest sought riches online as 'Jerry from Philly'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest suspended after federal agents seized a computer from his inner-city rectory has long sought riches online, where he sports a tuxedo and calls himself "Jerry from Philly."

The Rev. Geraldo Pinero endorses several so-called multilevel marketing companies on Facebook, blogs and other online posts that include his real name, photo and parish address.

The 46-year-old pastor also appears, sans religious collar, wearing a sweater or velvet blazer and talking about his goal of earning "extra income on the side."

He promises recruits they can make thousands of dollars a month selling candles or life coaching or other services.

"Many folks are struggling financially during these very



Rev. Geraldo Pinero

difficult economic times. This is why I have gotten involved in some unique, legit and effective money making programs — to help us get out of this awful financial rut," Pinero said in hawking the

candles.

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia bans priests from such secular work, spokeswoman Donna Farrell said. Officials at the archdiocese were unaware of Pinero's online activities, she said.

The Federal Communications Commission has warned that some multilevel or "network" marketing plans, which offer commissions for signing up other sellers, are dubious pyramid schemes.

None of the companies that Pinero endorsed have been charged with wrongdoing by the FCC, spokeswoman Elizabeth Lordan said Tuesday.

Pinero leads the Incarnation of Our Lord parish in North Philadelphia, where Masses are said in English, Spanish, Creole and Portuguese, and the welcome sign boasts: "where the world meets."

Parishioners, many elderly,

speak warmly of Pinero as a hardworking, devoted pastor known as Father Jerry. The church's ministries include a busy food pantry, outreach to Haitian Catholics and nursing and senior services.

"I am looking forward to great things in 2010," Pinero wrote on his blog, endorsing one of the get-rich strategies, "along with good people to share them with."

On Nov. 16, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents descended on the church rectory, leaving with a computer. To thwart fears of a parish-related immigration raid, ICE spokesman Mark Medvesky disclosed that the investigation was a criminal matter unrelated to anyone's immigration status.

The enforcement division's work includes drug crimes, cybercrimes, overseas sex tourism, child pornography

and child exploitation.

Pinero stepped down after the raid "for the good of the parish pending the outcome of this investigation," the archdiocese said in a statement. Parishioners were told at Mass that he is on a "much-needed spiritual retreat."

Pinero, a U.S. citizen, was born into a Puerto Rican family in Brooklyn and raised in Philadelphia.

He worked at Incarnation from 1991 to 1997 before taking a three-year leave of absence, residing during the break at church facilities in Philadelphia.

Farrell declined to comment Tuesday on the reason for the leave, calling it a personnel matter.

Pinero went to a suburban parish in 2000 and returned to Incarnation in 2003, where he became pastor the following year.

## Ex-priest accused of plotting complainant's death

SAN ANTONIO — A former Roman Catholic priest charged with sexually abusing a teenage boy in 2008 in his rural Texas parish is now accused of plotting the alleged victim's murder, authorities said.

John M. Fiala, 52, is being in the Dallas County jail with bonds totaling \$700,000, according to online jail records. He was already charged with sexual abuse of a child, and now faces a count of murder solicitation, records show.

Fiala was arrested last Thursday at his home in Garland, a Dallas suburb, after meeting with an undercover officer to arrange the alleged victim's death, Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger told the San Antonio Express-

News. Vinger said the investigation began Nov. 11 when Fiala's neighbor tipped off Edwards County Sheriff Don Letsinger.

The informant reported that Fiala had offered him \$5,000 to kill the sexual abuse complainant, who is now 18, Letsinger said.

The informant "had been solicited himself, and he didn't want anything to do with that," Letsinger told the Express-News.

Fiala's attorney, Rex Gunter of Dallas, did not return a telephone message Monday from The Associated Press.

The teenager filed a lawsuit on April against the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of San Antonio and then-Archbishop Jose Gomez, who is

now co-adjutor archbishop of the Los Angeles archdiocese. The lawsuit alleged Fiala of repeatedly sexually assaulted the teen in 2007 and 2008.

According to the lawsuit, Fiala twice forced the youth to have sex at gunpoint when Fiala was the pastor at Sacred Heart of Mary Parish in the remote West Texas community of Rocksprings, about 110 miles west of San Antonio.

The lawsuit alleges the incidents occurred in 2007 and 2008.

The lawsuit also alleged officials of the archdiocese knew of serious issues with Fiala.

"Fiala had threatened him with physical violence and threatened to kill him before, and he was very afraid of that," said Dallas lawyer

Tom Rhodes, who is representing the alleged victim in the lawsuit.

"My client wasn't happy that Fiala was trying to recruit someone to kill him, but he's happy Fiala is in jail now," Rhodes told the Express-News.

Fiala went before a magistrate last Friday for a bond hearing, but jail records don't indicate when his next court hearing will be held.

When Edwards County authorities told the Archdiocese of San Antonio in 2008 that they were investigating accusations of custodial interference — not sexual abuse — by Fiala, the priest was removed from ministry and the parish was told about the investigation, the archdiocese has said.

## Canadian court mulls banning of polygamy

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A lawyer for the provincial British Columbia government warned a judge that declaring polygamy a protected religious practice would make Canada the only Western country to allow multiple marriages.

The British Columbia Supreme Court is examining whether banning polygamy violates Canada's version of the bill of rights in a case that will focus on the small polygamous community of Bountiful, British Columbia.

Craig Jones, a lawyer for the province, said all forms of polygamy contribute to the discrimination of women and the sexualization of young girls.

Jones said the court will hear evidence that polygamy in Bountiful and other fundamentalist Mormon communities in the U.S. leads to child brides, teen pregnancies and the trafficking of young girls.

The B.C. government asked the court last year to decide whether Canada's polygamy laws are constitutional after repeated failures to prosecute the two leaders of Bountiful.

Winston Blackmore and James Oler were charged last year with one count each of practicing polygamy, but the court threw out those charges on technical grounds.

Police have alleged Blackmore has at least 19 wives and more than 100 children. Oler was accused of having three wives.

The two maintain their polygamous practices are covered by Canada's protection of freedom of religion.

Blackmore, long known as "the Bishop of Bountiful," runs an independent sect of about 400 members in the town of Bountiful. He once ran the Canadian arm of the Utah-based Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, but was ejected in 2003 by that group's leader, Warren Jeffs.

Oler is the bishop of Bountiful's FLDS community loyal to Jeffs.

## CHURCH NEWS

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On Wednesday, Mid Week School begins at 5:45 p.m. The focus for the next few weeks will be on Daniel. The meals are served at 6:30 p.m. Thank you, Jill Alsobrooks, for providing this Wednesday's meal.

Thank you to the Board of Evangelism for our Thanksgiving celebration. Thank you, also, to Fuller Foods of Colorado City for providing the turkeys.

The LWML is helping Debbie Burrows with support for the CFOT (Christmas for OUR Troops). Donations of items and money (for shipping costs) can be made at the church. Remember, this Wednesday is the deadline for helping the CFOT program.

Mark your calendars for the Advent season which will begin Sunday. Advent services will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday. On December 1, 8 and 15, Pastor Carroll Kohl will be preaching. The Advent theme is "God's Love at Christmas."

On Dec. 9, the LWML Salad/Christmas Ornament Exchange will be hosted by Kathy Laning at 7 p.m. Come join us at her lovely home at 4214 Theo. Remember to bring both your salad and your Christmas ornament.

The LWML will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the church. The LWML will serve coffee/juice/refreshments at the VA on Monday, Dec. 13. The Board of Education will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the church. The Elders meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, at the church.

### Templo Belen Assemblies of God

We invite you to join us this Sunday, to gather with us as we worship God and learn what God's Word says. We are a church that believes in you! No matter where you have come from, what ethnic background you are from, or what language you speak we have a place for you. Pastor Maria S. Rios and the church fellowship welcome you with open and loving arms.

Our Sunday school classes begin at 9:30 a.m. Our Celebration service, is a bi-lingual service and follows after our Sunday school classes at 11 a.m. We sing, pray and preach in both English and Spanish. Our evening Celebration service begins at 5 and is bi-lingual as well.

There are several opportunities for ministry. Our children have Children's Church during both morning and evening Celebration services. The children also meet weekly for Royal Rangers or Girls Ministries. Both of these children's clubs meet Wednesday nights at 7 at the church. Our youth have an evening for a time of praise and worship and a teaching from God's Word. The youth meet on Tuesday nights at 7. Our Drama Ministry meets on Monday nights from 6 to 8. On Wednesday evening, while the kids are in their clubs, there is a time for intercessory prayer at 7 in the sanctuary.

On Wednesday we will be having a special service. at 7 p.m. We would like to invite you to join

us for this special service. There will be no Royal Rangers or Girl's Ministries this Wednesday. On Saturday, Dec. 4, we are having a youth conference. The conference will begin at 2:30 p.m. We would like to invite all youth to join us for this conference. Our youth are attending a convention in San Antonio this holiday weekend, Please keep them in your prayers.

We are located at 2205 Goliad. We also provide transportation if you are in need of a ride. If you have any questions, need a ride to our church services or need prayer, call 267-2111.

### College Baptist Church

College Baptist Church came together to give thanks to God on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. No one seems to have made a count but we have a very large fellowship hall and it was full and many of the Sunday School rooms became dining areas. Our kitchen staff did an amazing job in keeping everything running smoothly. They are a hard-working group of our members. This was a fun time for our members and guests with plenty of good food and the noise of many people visiting and the children running around after the meal. We have so much to be thankful for.

This past Sunday, pastor Ken McMeans preached on the 10 lepers that Jesus healed. In Luke 17:11-19. Only one of them came back to to thank Him. Can you imagine being a leper in that day and time?

You would be an outcast of society, having to shout out to people to not come near you as you were unclean. No one would knowingly come near or touch you for fear of this terrible disease. When Jesus healed them, He told them to show themselves to the priests so they would be declared clean and be a part of society again. After doing this, they all went their own way except for one who came back to kneel at Jesus feet and Thank Him. They were like the walking dead and now they were alive again. Did they not have something to be thankful for? We were reminded this past Sunday that being thankful is God's will for our lives. In 1st Thessalonians 5:18, It says: In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and that we all remember to to give thanks daily.

### First Church of the Nazarene

Sunday service begins at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and donuts in the commons at 9:30. Adventure Bay sets sail in the fellowship hall for grades 2 through 6 and Critter Land lifts off for those in the second grade to 4 years old with class in the kindergarten room. The Critter Land Nursery for ages 3 and under starts at 8:45 a.m.

Join us on Wednesday evening for Small Groups. A meal is served from 5:30 to 6:30 with groups meeting in various classrooms at 6:30. Children and youth classes are offered for all ages. Children sixth grade to nursery all meet in the sanctuary for opening with 10 minutes of praise and worship prior to going to class rooms.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Sagittarius sun and the Leo moon are complementary fire sign influences, intent on pushing us to new heights of action and accomplishment. This doesn't have to be about

work, though. Fun tasks, such as making one another laugh, seem just as important (if not more important) than any other bit of business on the agenda.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Remember when you first fell for a certain love? There was something that lured you in, but you didn't know what it was or why you felt the way you did. Well, you're doing the same thing to someone else now.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You have a strong sense of direction and purpose. That is to say, you know

where you want to go and why. Even so, you'll enter a territory that can't be logically mapped out. None of the usual rules will apply.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You want to make a difference, and you know that you can. The confidence will propel you forward. It's a good feeling, knowing that the world is a better place because of what you put into it.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It would be unreasonable to chase a person and expect that person not to run away. It's animal instinct you're dealing with, and humans can be basic in that regard. So stop chasing and start lurking.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll learn a tool that you can put to use right away. You'll up your game, and that's fun, even if you're technically doing something that happens to be related to work.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept.

22). Brainy conversations will be enjoyable, helping you either to open your mind or sharpen your arguments — or both. But you should be aware that the way to a person's heart is not through his or her brain.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are crazy about your love, and you want this person all to yourself. This might be the kind of fact you keep to yourself, though. You wouldn't want anyone to feel that you are trying to control him or her.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Recognizing how quickly you tire of a person who doesn't treat you the way you like to be treated, you'll make an effort to treat others in the manner they prefer. This requires some research.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have many options, which can be quite distracting. Therefore, you need to put stronger boundaries

in place to keep you focused on your chosen track.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll try something new. You may be shocked at how good you are at this and amazed by how easy it is for you. In fact, it comes so naturally to you that you'll wonder whether you've done it in another life.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It will be effortless for you to communicate well. Situations you would have avoided before are now easily handled. It's like someone wrote you a script and all you have to do is repeat the lines.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You will shine in an intellectual setting. And when it's time to show your talent, you'll get applause that others will envy. This is, overall, a very productive and exciting day.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Nov. 26). You'll love the meaningful

connections you make with others this year. January brings fulfilling work. There's an important realization in February that causes you to change your course. You'll purchase a new car or some other big-ticket item in June. August brings uplifting new people into your realm. Leo and Aquarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 32, 35, 11 and 17.

**WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:** **ARIES:** You will accurately interpret another person's behavior without having to ask where he or she is coming from. **TAURUS:** Your sign rules the throat, and you have a truly magical power in your voice. Use it! **GEMINI:** Do you really want the other person to pursue you? If you're sure, you'll make it happen with your mind. **CANCER:** You can exist in a state of happiness without needing worldly trappings to do so. **LEO:** You'll attune yourself to what others want and get what you want in return. **VIRGO:**

You can be powerful and tenderhearted all at once — an astounding talent. **LIBRA:** Instead of telling your loved ones how you want them to behave, you'll show them. **SCORPIO:** You'll stop arguing and start understanding — and being understood by the other person. **SAGITTARIUS:** Move into a new relationship phase so you don't have to constantly talk things over — which, of course, is the opposite of fun. **CAPRICORN:** Do what it takes to make yourself feel loved and treasured as you should be. **AQUARIUS:** You take care of yourself in a way that inspires others to take care of you. **PISCES:** You'll warm the heart of another person just by being you.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

# Dear Margo

by Margo Howard

## A Man and His Pantyhose

**Dear Margo:** I am a 28-year-old woman. I've never been married, and I have no children.

For the past four months, I have enjoyed a great relationship with a truly wonderful guy. Yesterday, he confided to me that he has a pantyhose fetish.

He explained that he gets extremely turned on by seeing women wearing pantyhose and by wearing pantyhose himself.

He occasionally wears them under his clothes while he is out in public.

He feels very strongly

that I should know about his fetish, and that I should know his feelings about pantyhose are not likely to change.

He hopes I can accept him just the way he is, but he will understand if I want to end the relationship. Do you think this is a big enough deal to break up over? — "Wanda"

**Dear Wan:** Oh, no. This is more common than you think, and some guys go for the whole deal ... high heels, wigs, makeup. And they are straight.

I salute him for fessing up, and you should regard this as merely a little kink.

If it turns him on to see you in pantyhose and to wear them himself, have a ball. Look at it as so much better than needing porn or a third for bridge.

And perhaps suggest to him my two favorite brands: L'eggs and Wolford. — *Margo, playfully*

## When Caution = Wisdom

**Dear Margo:** I am utterly humiliated! I'm 32, the mother of a 14-year-old daughter, "Sarah," and a general supermom: intelligent, athletic, attractive and competent.

My daughter worships me, and her friends think I'm terrific. I've taught Sarah to be independent and assertive, and I always try to set the example.

A few days ago, Sarah and I came home from shopping and walked in on a couple of young punks burglarizing our home. Assertive me froze!

I put my arms around Sarah and told the guys

to take what they want and not hurt us. Thankfully, we were not harmed, but we were left on a bathroom floor bound and gagged with duct tape — safe but feeling helpless and humiliated.

Neither of us could get loose, and we had to lie there squirming for hours until my husband came home and found us.

Never during the time we spent bound did Sarah cry, and her fierce efforts to get loose long after I had given up made me feel proud.

But her first words when our gags were removed were, "Mom, we could have taken them. Why did you let them tape us up?"

Those words punished me more than being confronted by robbers, more than spending hours tied up and gagged.

I felt I had let my daughter down. I don't think I'll ever recover from the feeling that I gave in without fighting.

How do I make this up to her and regain my sense of competence and authority? — *Virginia*

**Dear Vir:** I beg to differ. Unless your teenage daughter has a black belt in karate, there's no way the two of you could have "taken them."

And even if you thought you had a chance, it wouldn't have been a wise thing — or a sure thing. In such a situation, law enforcement people stress that you acquiesce to avoid the robbers becoming rattled and harming you.

The things they took are only things. Your instincts were right, and your daughter's were immature. (Or

she's been watching too much television.)

This experience was an extreme version of a teachable moment, and rather than feel humiliated or that you've failed, make the lesson to your daughter be that the correct response is not to get into a physical altercation with two men — even "young punks" — intent on criminal activity. You in no way let her down, and I hope you will reinforce the wisdom of behaving as you did. — Margo, sensibly

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to [dearmargo@creators.com](mailto:dearmargo@creators.com). Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.*

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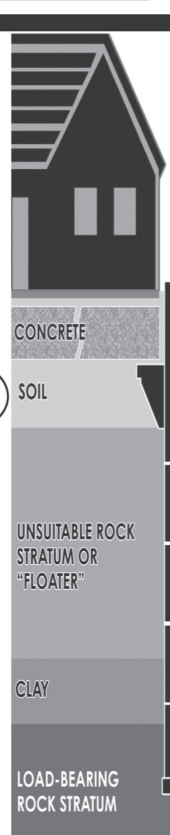
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# News in brief

## Retailers draw big lines among shopping die-hards

(AP) — After weeks of “Black Friday” sales pitches, the real thing is finally here.

Retailers are ushering in the traditional kickoff of the U.S. holiday shopping season on Friday with expanded hours, deep discounts and online deals. Bargain-hungry shoppers are giving them a strong early turnout.

The crescendo follows a weeks-long push to get shoppers to open their wallets with early deals. Many stores had trotted out the “Black Friday” label on sales as far back as October.

In a bid to grab shoppers earlier, a number of stores including Old Navy, Toys R Us and Sears opened on Thanksgiving Day. Toys R Us was counting on getting an extra boost by opening 24 hours straight, starting at 10 p.m. on Thanksgiving.

Patricial Lopez, 32, a receptionist from Queens, said she was in line at Toys R Us in New York’s Times Square Thursday night to “burn off the Turkey.” The earlier hours were an enticement.

## Russia opens its largest plant to destroy chemical weapons

POCHEP, Russia (AP) — Russia has inaugurated a plant designed to destroy the country’s largest stockpile of chemical weapons.

The facility at Pochep in western Russia will tackle one of the deadliest legacies of the Cold War. The country still possesses the world’s largest amount of weapons of mass destruction.

As a signatory of the international Chemical Weapons Convention, Russia already has destroyed about half of its chemical weapons, according to

Russian officials. It is now facing the final deadline in 2012 to destroy all of its chemical weapons.

Pochep is home to a stockpile of 7,500 tons of nerve agent, or nearly 19 percent of the chemical weapons Russia is committed to destroy.

## Officials say a 3rd blast rocks New Zealand mine where 29 died

GREYMOUTH, New Zealand (AP) — Another underground blast ripped through a New Zealand coal mine on Friday almost a week to the minute after an earlier explosion caused the country’s worst mining disaster in decades, with 29 killed.

No one was injured in the latest explosion at the Pike River Coal mine, which is filled with potentially explosive methane gas leaking from the coal seam.

The gas, plus a suspected fire smoldering deep underground that is a likely ignition source, has kept anyone from entering the mine since the first blast on Nov. 19 caught the 29 men inside. Hope that they had survived were dashed by a second huge explosion on Wednesday.

Pike River Coal chairman John Dow said the third explosion happened at 3:39 p.m. on Friday. The first explosion was recorded at 3:44 p.m. a week earlier.

Dow said the third blast was smaller than the

earlier two, and that no one was near the mine entrance when it happened.

## Japan island election to show opposition to U.S. air base deal, causing headache in relations

TOKYO (AP) — An election Sunday for the governor of a southern Japanese island where a controversial U.S. Marine base is located is likely to cause more problems for Japan’s relations with key ally the United States, as both leading candidates want the facility off the island.

Marine Air Station Futenma has been located on Okinawa island since 1945, and residents have long complained it produces aircraft noise and pollution and contributes to crime in the area.

A 2006 deal between the U.S. and Japan to relocate the base to a less crowded location on Okinawa has sunk into stalemate. Public opinion in Okinawa remains opposed to the plan. The controversy even toppled a prime minister, Yukio Hatoyama, earlier this year. Hatoyama quit after failing to keep a promise to move the base off Okinawa.

The two candidates for governor have both run on a platform that opposes the relocation plan, signaling that Sunday’s vote is likely to deal another blow to the already unpopular administration of Hatoyama’s successor, Prime Minister Naoto Kan.

## Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today:

- ROBERT WILLY MILLER, 24, of 1704 Austin, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- PAUL EUGENE MERRELL, 57, of 1105 Stanford, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 46, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CHAD DANIEL DEAX, 37, of Gatesville, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated – second offense.
- JOSE LUIS RIVERA, 23, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.
- JEREMY RAY HERNANDEZ, 22, of 710 Douglas, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency and a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid with a previous conviction.
- RUBEN LOPEZ CASTANEDA, 26, of 710 Douglas, was arrested Thursday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (three counts), no safety seat system for child and failure to report change of address or name.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 1300 block of Wood Street. In the 1600 block of S. Main Street.
- THEFT was reported: In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street. In the 400 block of E. Fourth Street. In the 1200 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place. In the 1800 block of S. Gregg Street.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Hillside Drive.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported: In the 1600 block of S. Lancaster. In the 1700 block of Harvard. In the 1000 block of E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

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