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## County Day in Austin deadline nears

**Herald Staff Report**

The deadline to order shirts for Howard County Day at the state Capitol is fast approaching.

The specially-designed, black Howard County shirt costs \$29 and the deadline to order one in time for the biennial event is Jan. 7. Orders are being taken at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce building, 215 W. Third St.

Every two years, when state lawmakers meet for session, a group of Howard County residents and leaders make a day trip to the state Capitol in an effort to leave an impression on the minds of the legislators.

Howard County Day at the state Capitol is set for Feb. 10. Reservations are now being taken for a chartered bus heading to Austin for the event. The cost to reserve a

seat is \$40 and the deadline is Feb. 2.

Also those who attend are asked to wear the Howard County shirt and khaki pants or skirts.

A full day of activities are planned for the Austin trip. The bus will leave at 4:30 a.m. from the east parking lot of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

At 10 a.m., event organizers are hoping to fill the chamber balcony with Howard County supporters when the house reads a resolution making Feb. 10, 2014 Howard County Day at the Capitol. A second resolution is expected to be read at 11 a.m. on the floor of the senate.

At noon, a group photo is schedule to be taken in the rotunda of the state Capitol and then the Big Spring High School choral group, "Rhap-

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State Sen. Kel Seliger, left, and State Rep. Drew Darby talk to a group of Howard County residents during the 2011 Howard County Day in Austin event.



Tourists visit the site near Bracketville where "The Alamo" movie starring John Wayne was filmed.

## 5 things to know

BRACKETTVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Texas businessman wants to revive Alamo Village, the movie set built by John Wayne for his epic film about the historic Alamo siege. It's been closed since 2009. Here are five things to know about the 400-acre park's history:

— Nearly a half-dozen Alamo-themed TV shows or movies were made there, as well as hundreds of other productions. One was the acclaimed 1989 TV miniseries "Lonesome Dove," where Alamo Village served as a stand-in for San Antonio, Fort Worth and Santa Rosa, New Mexico. A cantina used in the series, which also was a restaurant for tourists, has a saloon bar that came from a San Francisco brothel.

— Wayne's 1960 movie was nominated in 1961 for seven Oscars: best picture, supporting actor (Chill Wills), color cinematography, editing, sound and two for music, including the song "The Green Leaves of Summer." It only won for sound.

— "The Alamo" was among the top ten grossing movies in the U.S. in 1960, with nearly \$8 million in box office receipts. But that equaled only two-thirds of its \$12 million budget, a good part of it financed by Wayne himself. TV rights purchased a decade later by NBC put the film in the black, according to IMDb.com.

— Happy and Virginia Shahan owned the 22,000-acre ranch. He was a former mayor of Bracketville and lured Hollywood after the post-World War II deactivation of Fort

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## Will 'The Alamo' fall?

Movie set used by John Wayne fading away

By **MICHAEL GRACZYK**  
 Associated Press

BRACKETTVILLE, Texas — Time and Mother Nature are threatening to dismantle the Alamo. Not the original, but the replica 18th-century Spanish mission and Old West movie set John Wayne built for his Oscar-nominated 1960 movie and that for decades was a tourist mecca and film production site.

"It's not just something that represents history to a movie set — it is now history for sure," says Rich Curilla, the one-man curator and custodian of the now-closed Alamo Village.

Alamo Village, a 400-acre plot of land about 120 miles west of San Antonio, was carved out of a large ranch in the late 1950s for Wayne's directorial debut. Starring Richard Widmark as Jim Bowie and Wayne as Davy Crockett, "The Alamo" had an estimated \$12 million budget, huge for its time.

The 4-foot-thick Alamo facade was modeled off a 1936 map of the historic building — drawn up for the Texas centennial that year — and set construction took nearly two years. Unlike the real Alamo, which is dwarfed by taller buildings in the heart of San Antonio, the view from Wayne's Alamo offered a panorama of iconic Texas and Western images.



John Wayne, front left, and the cast of "The Alamo" are shown in front of the movie set in 1960.

"To Hollywood, a movie set is just a means to an end," said Curilla, a film and Alamo historian who spent his summers in college during the late 1960s at the site and began working there full-time in 1988. "I think Wayne was cognizant of building a monument and not just a movie set."

In its heyday, Wayne's Alamo hosted Jimmy Stewart, Dean Martin, Raquel Welch and even Willie Nelson. It's where James Arness reprised his famous Matt Dillon role in a "Gunsmoke" TV

movie. In all, nearly 40 major film and TV productions, plus hundreds of commercials, documentaries and music videos were shot at Alamo Village. And musical shows, comedy skits and staged gunfights drew hundreds of tourists daily.

"It was magical," said Penny Loewen, who was 18 in 1979 when she arrived from tiny St. Francisville, Illinois. She stayed for three years,

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Sat 12/27	Sun 12/28	Mon 12/29	Tue 12/30	Wed 12/31
<b>68/38</b> Sunshine. High 68F. Winds SW at 15 to 25 mph.	<b>45/31</b> Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the low 30s.	<b>56/37</b> Sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the upper 30s.	<b>59/27</b> Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	<b>32/20</b> Cloudy. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the low 20s.
Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 5:48 PM	Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 5:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 5:49 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 5:50 PM	Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 5:50 PM

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## Texas At A Glance



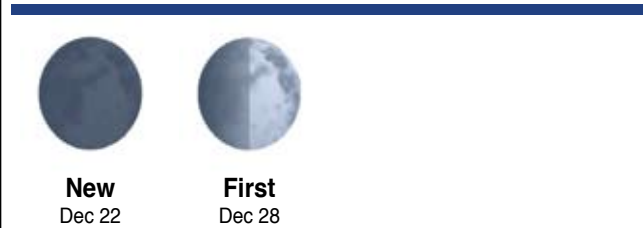
## Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	70	37	sunny	Kingsville	80	64	pt sunny
Amarillo	45	19	pt sunny	Livingston	65	63	t-storm
Austin	68	58	rain	Longview	65	57	rain
Beaumont	66	61	t-storm	Lubbock	60	26	windy
Brownsville	77	67	windy	Lufkin	68	62	t-storm
Brownwood	71	41	pt sunny	Midland	67	38	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	73	65	t-storm	Raymondville	80	66	windy
Corsicana	67	56	rain	Rosenberg	71	66	t-storm
Dallas	67	48	rain	San Antonio	71	58	rain
Del Rio	66	49	pt sunny	San Marcos	70	60	t-storm
El Paso	51	31	rain	Sulphur Springs	63	57	rain
Fort Stockton	71	38	windy	Sweetwater	69	37	sunny
Gainesville	62	41	cloudy	Tyler	65	60	rain
Greenville	63	50	rain	Weatherford	66	41	pt sunny
Houston	70	66	t-storm	Wichita Falls	66	38	pt sunny

## National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	58	38	pt sunny	Minneapolis	33	25	cloudy
Boston	48	35	sunny	New York	48	37	sunny
Chicago	49	40	pt sunny	Phoenix	51	34	sunny
Dallas	67	48	rain	San Francisco	59	44	sunny
Denver	21	7	sn shower	Seattle	44	39	pt sunny
Houston	70	66	t-storm	St. Louis	55	49	pt sunny
Los Angeles	61	43	sunny	Washington, DC	54	35	sunny
Miami	80	70	rain				

## Moon Phases



## UV Index

Sat 12/27	Sun 12/28	Mon 12/29	Tue 12/30	Wed 12/31
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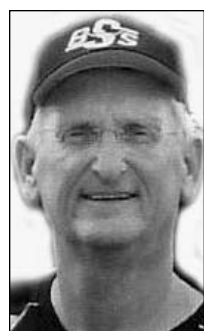
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## SMMC to hosts two forums on Health Insurance Marketplace

Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting two public forums on re-enrollment to the Health Insurance Marketplace. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you might have and to set up appointments for enrollment. The first event will take place at the YMCA at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 and the second event will be at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. Both events are free to attend and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, call Amanda Duforat at 268-4699.

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## James Zachary "Jim" Campbell



James Zachary "Jim" Campbell, 63, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014, in a local hospital.

He was born Dec. 9, 1951, in Lovington, N.M. to Charles and Katherine Campbell. He grew up in Lovington and graduated from Lovington High School in 1970. Jim married Sammie Jo Lewis Dec. 28, 1974. After their marriage, they moved to Portales, N.M., where he attended Eastern New

Mexico University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletic Training. He and his wife, Sammie, are members of Spring Creek Fellowship.

He is survived by his wife and their three children, Samuel Zachary Campbell and his wife, Jes-

## Obituaries

sie; Daniel Nathan Campbell and his wife Kandi and Whitney Saige Campbell; four grandchildren, Bryson Cline, Evan Campbell, Madison Campbell and Reid Campbell, all of Big Spring; his sister, Kathy Foster and her husband, John; and his brother, David Campbell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charlie and Katherine.

Visitation and viewing will be from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel.

A memorial celebration service will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, at Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas. Come and celebrate the life of Jim Campbell and his Jesus, who was the very source of his life.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences may be made at: www.npwelch.com

*Paid obituary*

## Police blotter

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

- CHRISTOPHER AARON SALAZAR, 27, of 1602 Sunset was arrested on charges of criminal mischief, less than \$50 and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- JIMMY FRANKLIN MASSINGILL JR., 47, of 2634 Langley Drive, was arrested on charge of terroristic threat family/household.
- AUSTIN DERROLD HUNT, 19, of 2911 W. Highway 80 204, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than or equal to 2 ounces.
- RICHARDO RODRIGUEZ, 48, of 1217 Lindbergh, was arrested on charges of no driver's license-when not license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- BRANSON MARTIN KENNEDY, 19, of 210 Texas Road, was arrested on a charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.
- THOMAS EUGENE GARLING, 22, of 1305 Barnes was arrested on charges of disregard red light and failure to appear.

- STEVEN TIMONTHY SANFORD, 51, of 1002 Baylor Boulevard, was arrested on a warrant for harassment.

- MONTY SCOTT MAKOWSKY, 30, of 3703 Caroline St., was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid-no insurance.
- HIT AND RUN was reported in the area of Birdwell Lane.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of S. Main St.
- THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Davis Road, in the 200 block of W. FM 700, and the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2000 block of S. Gregg St.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1100 block of Blackmon Avenue.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80 and in the 1300 block of Marijo Avenue.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 500 block of Edwards Voulevard.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Lincoln Ave. and in the 1000 block of Baylor Boulevard.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.

- Calling it "a child safety measure," Scenic Mountain Medical Center will no longer publicize the first baby of the New Year. "Like many hospitals around the country, we've based this decision on guidance provided by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which has cautioned against these kinds of announcements because of the potential risk of abduction or identity theft." said a SMMC spokesperson. "The birth of a baby is a joyous event and we know there is always interest in the first baby of the new year, but our first obligation is to the safety and privacy of our patients, which is why we have made this decision."

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

- Reservations are being taken for shirts and transportation for Howard County Day in Austin. The one-day event is meant to highlight the economic importance of Howard County to Texas law makers. Howard County Day in Austin is set for Feb. 10, 2015. Reservations are now being taken for a seat on a bus leaving from the Dorothy Garret Coliseum to attend the event. The charge is \$40 per person and the deadline to register for a seat is Feb. 2. Shirt order deadline for a Howard County shirt is Jan. 7. The cost is \$29. For more information, contact Teresa Darden at the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032.

- A hungry child can-

- not learn. Food2Kids - Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. Find us on Facebook at www.F a c e b o o k . c o m / Food2Kids

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Thursday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 270-7263.

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

- Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

- The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of

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

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

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in

- court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

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**Caboose-West Texas Winter: Heritage Museum**  
Contact: 432-267-8255

- Dec. 15-31  
**Festival of Lights:**  
Comanche Trail Park  
Nightly 6PM-10PM

- Jan. 10  
**Silver Wings Ball:**  
Hotel Settles  
Contact Hangar 25 Air Museum  
432-264-1999 or hangar25@crcom.net

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# Support groups

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

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

**MONDAY**  
 • VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.

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

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, across from the movie box office, next to Sears). Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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

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

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Clark, a frontier Army post established less than 20 years after the fall of the real Alamo in 1836. Happy Shahan saw Westerns as a way to offset the economic losses from the closing of the fort, whose commanders included a young colonel, George S. Patton.

— Among Alamo Village performance alumni is country singer Linda Davis, who won a Grammy with Reba McEntire for their 1993 duet "Does He Love You." Davis' daughter, Hillary Scott, is lead co-singer in the multiple Grammy-winning group Lady Antebellum.

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getting paid \$350 a month to sing and perform six days a week, 11 hours a day.

"We would do just about anything," the 55-year-old retired Nashville songwriter who remained involved with movie productions

for 20 years said. "That was the most fun I ever had in my life."

Business at Alamo Village began to wane in the 1980s when traffic along the main east-west route through South Texas shifted north with completion of Interstate 10. It closed to the public after the last remaining owner died in 2009 and the property was divided among heirs. The

# State news in brief

## Judge busy with more than Perry case

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Republican judge overseeing the criminal case against Gov. Rick Perry is also preparing to join the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals in January.

That's not all Judge Bert Richardson has on his plate. The 58-year-old San Antonio judge is also juggling a regular docket and high-profile murder cases while Perry's high-powered legal team tries convincing Richardson to dismiss abuse-of-power charges.

Richardson is an avid photographer outside the courtroom and away from his rising national profile. He told the San Antonio Express-News that his taking pictures for a running magazine helps him forget about his day job and blend into the crowd.

Perry is accused of trying to leverage his power to force the resignation of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehberg following her conviction on drunken-driving charges.

## Fast-growing Texas schools still crave bond relief

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Fast-growing Texas school districts that are absorbing the bulk of new enrollment in the state want more financial latitude to build more classrooms.

Nearly three dozen districts last year maxed out a state-mandated cap on local school bond debt. Data from the Texas Education Agency shows that is up from just five districts in 2008 and none in 2003.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Friday that districts will again lobby lawmakers for relief starting in January. But many cast doubt on the chances

of success in the Republican-dominated and debt-loathing Legislature.

Schools say the problem is declining state funding. Conservative analysts say districts are inappropriately financing short-term items such as buses and should re-examine spending.

More than 600 districts sued the state in 2011 over \$5.4 billion in classroom cuts.

## New state building plans vetoed by Perry resurface

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Rising office rent prices in downtown Austin has lawmakers again pushing for two new state buildings after Gov. Rick Perry vetoed those construction plans in 2013.

One proposed 360,000-square-foot addition would be the first new office building in the Capitol complex since 2000. The Texas Facilities Commission says construction would cost \$174 million but also get nearly one-fourth of the state's existing leases in Austin off the books.

Republican state Sen. Kevin Eltife told the Austin American-Statesman that the plans make sense given escalating rent prices as the Austin economy flourishes.

Perry had cited waiting for a new master Capitol complex plan due in 2016 when he vetoed the construction two years ago. Supporters are now hoping for better luck under Gov.-elect Greg Abbott, who takes office in January.

## Texas man kills self after shooting Florida couple

OCALA, Fla. (AP) — A man is dead and his wife is in critical

condition following a Christmas morning shooting at their Ocala home.

Authorities say the Venus, Texas, man suspected of shooting them fatally shot himself a few hours later as he fled from law enforcement in Florida's Panhandle.

The Ocala StarBanner reports 23-year-old Preston Daniel Pollard drove 16 hours from Texas to the home of Richard and Mary Lou Hutson.

Three children and an 18-year-old girl in the home were not injured. Authorities believe Pollard may have been an ex-boyfriend of the teen.

Marion County Sheriff's spokeswoman Lauren Lettelier says 36-year-old Richard Hutson died at the scene. His wife was taken to a hospital in critical condition.

Authorities spotted him on Interstate 10. They say he shot himself while driving.

## 7-vehicle collision on Dallas tollway injures 3

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities say a chain-reaction collision involving seven vehicles on the Dallas North Tollway has sent three people to hospitals.

The Dallas Morning News reports that the accident occurred Thursday evening when the driver of a speeding BMW crashed into another vehicle. Lonny Haschel of the Texas Department of Public Safety said the impact set off a "pingpong" effect of vehicles.

The three people taken to hospitals were the driver of the BMW and a couple in another vehicle. Their injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

Officials were working to clear the wreckage from the tollway.

## AUSTIN

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sody" will perform at 12:15 p.m., also in the Rotunda.

The bus back to Howard County will depart at 1 p.m. with a stop off around 2 p.m. at Opie's

Barbecue for a lunch break. The lunch is dutch treat. The bus is expected to arrive back in Big Spring at 7 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 263-7641.

land now primarily is used for cattle grazing and hunting.

In recent years, a large crack has developed on the front of the Alamo facade. A tree grows inside. Other walls and structures that have been replaced or redone are failing.

At the main entrance to the ranch, only an abandoned ticket booth and a weathered sign telling visitors they're entering the world's largest outdoor movie set hint at its storied past.

"The weather and elements are taking a toll

on it," Texas Film Commission Director Heather Page said. "I think it would be disappointing to lose something like that."

Corpus Christi businessman David Jones, 74, envisions saving Alamo Village as a Texas version of Old Tucson, a thriving Old West theme park in southern Arizona.

Jones, who describes himself as a lifelong friend of the former owners, says he's close to raising the \$8 million he believes is necessary to buy the property and ready it for visitors. The

remote location won't be a deterrent, Jones says, noting that Big Bend National Park, some 200 miles to the west, typically draws more than 300,000 visitors a year.

"The place really needs to be more than preserved," he said. "It needs to be rehabilitated. ... It has two icons, John Wayne and the Alamo, known to everybody all over the world."

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Thelma Banks Manuel Money, 93, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith. 2015 Norman Rockwell Calendars are in!

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## DAILY PRAYER

May we carry the Christmas spirit into the weekend and all year long, oh Lord.

Amen

# Cross was preceded by the cradle

God became a man to save us from our sins, which he did finally and completely on the Cross. We commemorate his death and resurrection on Easter, but his suffering on our behalf began much earlier than that.

Seminary professor Bob Tuttle, in his 2006 book, “Shortening the Leap,” puts that in perspective poignantly: “The Jesus of glory still bears the marks of the Incarnation, and not just in his hands, his side and his feet, but in his navel, because the suffering began in the manger, not on the Cross.”

Tuttle continues: “All of the Incarnation was a passion narrative — cradle to grave. Mel Gibson’s movie *The Passion* doesn’t know the half of it. It hurts God to be squeezed into sperm and implanted in a mama.”

Bishop Fulton Sheen, in his “Life of Christ,” made this very point as he put Christ’s incarnation in terms of a gripping metaphor. “It is hard for a human being to understand the humility that was involved in the Word becoming flesh,” wrote Sheen. “Imagine, if it were possible, a human person divesting himself of his body, and then sending his soul into the body of a serpent. A double humiliation would follow: first, accepting the limitations of a serpentine organism, knowing all the while his mind was superior, and that fangs could not adequately articulate thoughts no serpent ever possessed. The second humiliation would be to be forced as a result of this ‘emptying of self’ to live in the companionship of serpents. But all this is nothing compared to the emptying of God, by which He took on the

form of man and accepted the limitations of humanity, such as hunger and persecution; not trivial either was it for the Wisdom of God to condemn Himself to association with poor fishermen who knew so little. But this humiliation which began ... when He was conceived in the Virgin Mary was only the first of many to counteract the pride of man, until the final humiliation of death on the Cross.”

These great theological thinkers don’t make this stuff up. They’re not fashioning their theology out of whole cloth. God’s revealed Word tells the story.

The writer of Hebrews explains: “Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”

The Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, describes it this way: “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

I think we sometimes forget to emphasize sufficiently that Christ’s selfless, substitutionary death on the Cross so that we could live was preceded by his 30-plus years on this planet as a human being, suffering all the indignities of humanity so that he could fully experience, literally in the flesh, what we created mortals experience — and far worse. (His separation from the Father and his acceptance of

God’s wrath for all of our past, present and future sins were greater suffering than we could imagine, well beyond anything any of us will ever experience.)

Our God is personal and relational. He created us in his image to enjoy fellowship with him and with one another. Our omniscient Creator doesn’t merely understand our suffering intellectually. He doesn’t just comprehend our human relationships by way of analogy in the sense that he has always enjoyed fellowship within the Holy Trinity.

Jesus Christ became and remains not just the Deity but a human being who has related to us and continues to relate to us not just as our God but also as a person.

Among the unspeakable marvels of God is that though he is utterly beyond our comprehension — his perfection, his infinity and his wisdom are unfathomable to us — he is also wholly accessible to us. He not only is available but invites us to have a personal relationship with him.

Because he loves us, he died on the Cross for us. But never forget that years before he completed his work on the Cross, he was born for us — as a little, dependent baby in his earthly mother’s arms — in Bethlehem.

It is the event of his birth that we celebrate at Christmas, without which there would have been no Cross, without which there would be no life everlasting for us.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas.

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# Frightened rulers did scary things

We all have tasks we try to get done before the end of the year, and Kim Jong Un’s is amping up the crazy. Last December, the North Korean despot approved the execution of his uncle for allegedly plotting against him. This December, his agents hacked Sony Pictures computers over a comedy depicting his assassination.

It’s enough to make you forget what he does to his real enemies: the people of North Korea. In February, a United Nations task force found his “crimes against humanity” to be “without any parallel in the contemporary world.”

But he did have serious rivals for that honor in 2014. One of them is the self-proclaimed Islamic State, a radical organization (also known as ISIL and ISIS) that proclaimed a caliphate in territory spanning large swaths of Syria and Iraq. Beheading American journalists was only its most visible atrocity. “The array of violations and abuses perpetrated by ISIL and associated armed groups is staggering,” said Zeid Ra’ad Al Hussein, the U.N. high commissioner for human rights.

The group managed the nearly impossible feat of worsening the human rights environment in Syria. During the civil war, said Human Rights Watch, dictator Bashar Assad has subjected “tens of thousands of people to arbitrary arrests, unlawful detentions, enforced disappearances, ill-treatment, and torture.” He also used poison gas against rebels in 2013 and apparently again this year.

Autocracy showed staying power in conspicuous places. Russia’s Vladimir Putin hosted the Winter Olympics, seized Crimea from Ukraine and launched a

crackdown on dissent unparalleled in his country since Soviet days.

The World Internet Conference somehow chose to convene in China, whose government blocks thousands of websites. In response to protests in Hong Kong, Beijing set a record for the number of social media posts it deleted.

Religious extremism fared well in many places. In Nigeria, the Islamist group Boko Haram — whose name means “Western education is sinful” — kidnapped more than 200 schoolgirls, who have not yet been recovered.

Pakistan’s Taliban massacred 145 people, including 132 children, at a school in Peshawar, the country’s worst terrorist attack. Jihadi militias in Libya captured Tripoli, forcing the elected Parliament to flee the capital.

That was just one reason enemies of the Arab Spring were cheering. Former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was acquitted for his role in the killing of 239 protesters before the 2011 revolution.

The military regime that overturned that revolution took measures to stamp out protests and shut down independent civic organizations. The lone success in the region was Tunisia, where secularist parties won national elections and the presidency and Islamists accepted defeat.

In Afghanistan, where the U.S. has spent 13 years trying to implant democracy, outside election monitors found “highly worrying indications of potentially widespread fraud” in the presidential runoff, such as many polling stations reporting 100 percent of the votes for one candidate.

Botswana, the only African nation to have consistently held free elections ever since gaining independence, had another one. Violent demonstrations in Burkina Faso forced the resignation of Blaise Compaore, who took power in a military coup in 1987. He had been in power even longer than 90-year-old Robert Mugabe

of Zimbabwe, who carried out a mass purge of his government, apparently to ensure that his wife will someday succeed him.

A U.S. Senate committee exposed the CIA’s record of subjecting suspected terrorists to waterboarding, sleep deprivation, “rectal feeding” and other barbarities. But the Obama administration ignored a treaty signed by Ronald Reagan requiring prosecution of those who engage in torture. The only CIA employee involved in the program who has gone to prison is the one who exposed it.

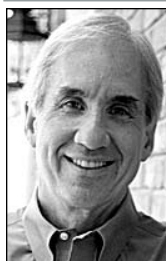
Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff, a former leftist guerrilla who was tortured in prison during the 1970s, wept upon receiving the report of the National Truth Commission about the military junta that was in charge then. Two former Chilean air force officers were sent to prison for the fatal 1974 torture of Alberto Bachelet, whose daughter, Michelle, is now president.

Americans and Cubans who thought they would have to wait for the death of Fidel Castro for normal relations and more commerce saw them happen during his lifetime. The day after announcing the change, President Barack Obama imposed sanctions on Cuba’s closest ally, Venezuela, for human rights violations against protesters, some of whom were killed.

Venezuela’s was just one of the governments that felt beset by dangers requiring brutal methods of self-defense. But there and in many other places, many of the worst dangers are posed by those in power.

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## Church News

### First Church of the Nazarene

At First Church of the Nazarene, we pray you continue to discover the true love of Jesus. We hope you will visit at Revival. This year we welcome Jeremiah Bolich at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 4-7. Visit our facebook page to see Jeremiah's message.

We hope you will join us for all of our other services and classes:

Sunday morning youth, adult and children's classes at 9 a.m. throughout the campus.

Sunday service begins at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with Children's Church at 10 am in the fellowship hall Sunday evening youth activities are at 6:30.

Wednesday night we have church supper, followed by prayer meeting starting at 6:30 in the sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

Unable to come to church on Sunday morning? Listen into KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. and you can hear a live broadcast of our service. You can also view streaming footage inside the sanctuary by going to our webpage at [www.nazfamily.org](http://www.nazfamily.org)

We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at 432-267-7015. We are also on Facebook and Twitter.

### Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday morning we will begin a new series titled "The Process of Forgiveness." Our message this week is called "Undeserved," and comes from Hosea 1:2-11.

Wednesday youth activities are suspended through the holiday break until Jan. 7.

On Wednesday evenings we are currently involved in a Bible study in the Book of Exodus, tracing back the elements of God's plan that got us to this point in history. On Sunday evenings we are doing an Inquiry Study based upon open questions about the Bible. This Sunday evening's topic is "The Significance of Colors in the Bible." Anyone who wishes to ask a question about the Bible or Christianity is welcome to chime in. These questions will be addressed through scripture and can be emailed, called in, asked in person, or sent via Facebook message from our church page. You can even text them to the number at the bottom of this article.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday school begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

### First Christian Church

This Sunday is the first Sunday after Christmas and our pastor, Dr. Ken McIntosh, will focus on the story of Mary and Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56) in his New Year's message titled A Church Full of Elizabeths. Our worship hour begins at 10:50 a.m. and will feature special music by Larry Thiebault and Donnie Green.

Anna Scott will be our worship leader, while Paul Smith and Erma Dunne will preside at the communion table. Laura Sickles will be on hand to provide children's church during the sermon.

If you find yourself alone this coming New Year's Eve, and you don't want to be alone, come join us for a New Year's Eve party at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

The WEGO prayer group will not meet Thursday, Jan. 1, but will resume on its next regularly scheduled day and time on Jan. 15.

### First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study and Chancel Choir rehearsal will not meet on Wednesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve; both will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

The regular youth group meetings will resume the second week of January.

The Christmas Joy Offering, which supports the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions as well as the Racial Ethnic Church Leadership Development and Colleges, was collected on Dec. 21. If anyone wishing to donate to that offering missed

## DID YOU EVER WONDER? The Blessing

When Esau was 40 years old, he was ready to marry. Esau's passions were unbridled and he chose to marry two Hittite women. The Hittites were a clan of the Canaanites (descended from Canaan and having very loose sexual conduct). These women were a source of grief to Isaac and Rebecca.



EUNICE FILLER

Isaac was now one hundred years old. He was blind and weak, and he realized his death was near. Isaac called for Esau and asked him to go find game and fix Isaac's favorite meal. And after Isaac had eaten, he planned to bless Esau... "the blessing of the firstborn."

Remember that they lived in tents; their walls were simply curtains dividing the rooms. Rebecca overheard this, and she had witnessed how Esau deceived his father.

Do you remember the word from God when Rebecca struggled while carrying the twins? Gen 25:23, "Two nations are in your womb; two conflicting ideologies from your insides shall be separated; the might shall

pass from one regime to the other, and the elder shall serve the younger." The might of the "birthright" had indeed passed from Esau to Jacob. Isaac knew none of this, but now Jacob needed the "blessing of the firstborn" in order to carry out the responsibilities of the firstborn.

Rebecca told Jacob to bring her two young goats, and she would prepare the meal that Isaac loved and expected. She said Jacob would take the food to Isaac and receive the blessing.

Since Isaac was blind, Jacob feared that his father would know the difference when he laid his hand on Jacob, because Jacob was smooth-skinned and Esau was hairy. Isaac would know the difference and Jacob would receive a curse instead of a blessing. Rebecca said, "Your curse be upon me, my son."

So, Jacob dressed in Esau's clothes and Rebecca covered his arms and his neck with the goat skins. And Isaac was fooled. He said, "The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are Esau's hands." Isaac asked for a kiss, and when Jacob came near Isaac smelled the smell of the outdoors from Esau's clothes. Perhaps the fresh goat skins also contributed to the expected smell. The sages say these clothes were royal robes that Esau had stolen from Nimrod.

Isaac blessed Jacob, "And may God give you of the dew of the

heavens and of the fatness of the earth, and abundant grain and wine. Peoples will serve you, and regimes will prostrate themselves to you; be a lord to your kinsmen, and your mother's sons will prostrate themselves to you; cursed be they who curse you, and blessed be they who bless you." Wow! What a blessing! Abundant possessions and prosperity, leadership over his kinsmen! And God will bless those who bless him and curse those who curse him!

Then Esau arrived and was expecting his blessing. Isaac said, "Who is the one who brought me the meal and whom I have blessed? Indeed, he shall remain blessed!"

Esau cried out with bitter grief, "Bless me, too, Father!"

So after much thought, Isaac blessed Esau, "Behold, of the fatness of the earth shall be your dwelling and of the dew of the heavens. By your sword shall you live, but your brother you shall serve. Yet, it shall be that when you are aggrieved, you may cast off his yoke from upon your neck."

Do you remember that God said, "The might shall pass from one to the other, and the older shall serve the younger"? But, that does not necessarily mean without confrontation.

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that opportunity, envelopes are still available in the church office.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, with the Rev. Holstedt preaching and officiating at communion. Communion servers were Claudie and Rip Patterson, Jenn Patterson and Susan Holstedt. The choir presented the Polish carol "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" and "Shout the Glad Tidings" by Paul Thomas.

First Presbyterian Church prays everyone had a blessed Christmas on the Nativity of Jesus Christ on Thursday and a wonder-filled New Year, which begins next Thursday!

Vicki McLean is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary for the First Sunday after Christmas Day is Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 148; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40. Rev. Craig Holstedt will deliver the sermon. The choir will present as the offertory anthem "See Amid the Winter's Snow" by John Goss. The Noisy Offering, used to help those in need in our community, will be collected during the worship service.

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

If you cannot attend worship, listen in on KBST 1490 AM., 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) There, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by the Rev. Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to like us on Facebook.

### Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Blessed Hands Deaf Church invites you worship with us Sunday morning at 10:50. BHDC meets in-

side First Baptist Church at 705 W. FM 700. Due to the New Year's holiday, there will be no Wednesday evening Bible study.

For more information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, contact Pastor Jim Walterhouse at [jwalterhouse@gmail.com](mailto:jwalterhouse@gmail.com). Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at Blessed Hands Deaf Church.

### First Baptist Church, Big Spring

Come worship with us Sunday morning at 10:45 as we thank God for the gift of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Pastor Mark Lindsey will deliver the sermon drawn from Matthew 2:13-23 titled "Life After Christmas." Through the sermon, we will explore God's providential and protective hand in the life of the Nativity family, as He divinely orders their steps to Nazareth in fulfillment of prophecy.

At 9:30, Sunday school classes for all age groups meet, and are a great way to get acquainted, make friends, and study God's Word. Greeters are happy to assist you in finding a class.

There will be no Sunday evening service or other activities. Church offices will be closed Dec. 31-Jan. 2 due to the New Year holiday.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W. FM 700; for additional information about FBC go to [fbcbig-spring.org](http://fbcbig-spring.org).

As we look forward to the blessing of a new year, and whatever joys and trials may occur in it, the people of First Baptist Church ask you to join us in praising and seeking God for His continued presence and provision throughout Big Spring and the surrounding communities. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. To God be the Glory in 2015!

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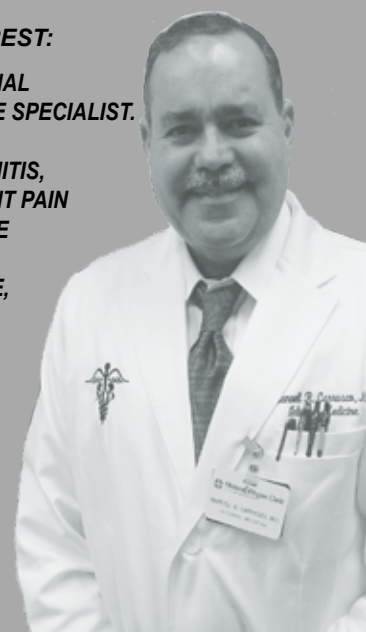
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1 John 4:18

The Lord says, "I will rescue those who love me. I will protect those who trust in my name. When they call on me, I will answer; I will be with them in trouble. I will rescue them and honor them. I will satisfy them with a long life and give them my salvation."  
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# News in brief

## Beachside memorials and prayers across Asia mark 10th anniversary of Indian Ocean tsunami

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — Crying onlookers took part in beachside memorials and religious services across Asia on Friday to mark the 10th anniversary of the Indian Ocean tsunami that left more than a quarter million people dead in one of modern history's worst natural disasters.

The devastating Dec. 26, 2004, tsunami struck a dozen countries around the Indian Ocean rim, killing 230,000 people. It eradicated entire coastal communities, decimated families and crashed over tourist-filled beaches the morning after Christmas. Survivors waded through a horror show of corpse-filled waters.

As part of Friday's solemn commemorations, survivors, government officials, diplomats and families of victims gathered in Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India and elsewhere. Moments of silence were planned in several spots to mark the exact time the tsunami struck, a moment that united the world in grief.

"I cannot forget the smell of the air, the water at that time ... even after 10 years," said Teuku Ahmad Salman, a 51-year-old resident who joined thousands of people in a prayer service in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.

"I cannot forget how I lost hold of my wife, my kids, my house," he said sobbing, recounting that he refused to believe for years that they had died but finally gave up looking for them.

## Sony's 'The Interview' woes highlight struggle to meld gadget, entertainment businesses

TOKYO (AP) — Sony's iconic gadgetry and the star appeal of Hollywood may have appeared to be a perfect match when the electronics giant bought Columbia Pictures in 1989. A quarter century later, it's apparent that Sony Corp. has not attained the magic synergy it was hoping for.

The stolid silence of Sony's Tokyo headquarters over the hoopla surrounding Sony Pictures Entertainment's "The Interview" underscores the longstanding divide between the Japanese parent company and its U.S.-led and -run motion pictures subsidiary, successor to Columbia Pictures.

Marrying the cultures of Sony Corp., a quintessentially Japanese company, and its Hollywood studio was such a challenge that company founder Akio Morita and his successor as chairman, Norio Ohga, never really tried, analysts say.

Instead, they left Sony Pictures to mostly run itself.

"They're separate businesses run by separate management," said Damian Thong, a senior analyst at Macquarie Capital Securities (Japan). "Since the late 1990s it's been run basically as a stand-alone business."

Sony Corp. in Tokyo refused requests for comment on developments related to "The Interview," referring all inquiries to Sony Pictures in the U.S. After first withdrawing the movie from a planned Christmas release on as many as 3,000 screens, Sony Pictures made the movie available on various

digital platforms Wednesday, a day after Sony and independent theaters agreed to release it in over 300 venues on Christmas.

## Wake to be held for Rafael Ramos, 1 of 2 NYPD officers killed in patrol car ambush shooting

NEW YORK (AP) — Mourners of a New York Police Department officer killed with his partner in an ambush shooting will gather at a Queens church for his wake.

Officer Rafael Ramos will be remembered Friday evening at Christ Tabernacle Church, in the Glendale section of Queens, where he was a longstanding and deeply committed member, according to family and friends.

His funeral is scheduled to be held there on Saturday and Vice President Joe Biden has said he will attend it.

Ramos was killed Dec. 20 along with his partner, Officer Wenjian Liu, as they sat in their patrol car on a Brooklyn street.

The shooter, Ismaaiyl Brinsley, later killed himself.

Investigators say Brinsley was an emotionally disturbed loner, who started off his rampage by shooting an ex-girlfriend in Baltimore. He also posted threats to police online, and made references to high-profile cases of unarmed black men killed by white police officers.

## Sanders says he'll decide by March whether to launch 'unique effort' to seek White House

BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP) — Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders says he'll decide by March whether to launch a 2016 presidential campaign and, if so, whether he'll seek the Democratic nomination. Either way, Sanders says he wouldn't run just to nudge the debate to the left.

"I don't want to do it unless I can do it well," he told The Associated Press. "I don't want to do it unless we can win this thing."

Sanders, a socialist, said he grew up "solidly lower middle class" in a Jewish family in Brooklyn — his father, an immigrant from Poland, sold paint for a living —and his views about the distribution of wealth were formed early.

"A lack of money in my family was a very significant aspect of my growing up ... kids in my class would have new jackets, new coats, and I would get hand-me-downs," Sanders said.

After the University of Chicago, Sanders came to Vermont in the 1960s as part of the counterculture, back-to-the-land movement that turned the state from solid Yankee Republican into one of the bluest in the country.

## With Christmas visit to US troops, Obama marks end of combat in Afghanistan, says world safer

KANE OHE BAY, Hawaii (AP) — President Barack Obama marked the end of more than a decade of combat in Afghanistan by paying tribute to America's military, telling troops on Christmas

Day that their sacrifices have allowed for a more peaceful, prosperous world to emerge out of the ashes of 9/11.

At an oceanfront Marine Corps base in Hawaii, Obama told troops that while tough challenges remain for the U.S. military in hotspots like Iraq and West Africa, the world as a whole is better off because American troops put country first and served with distinction.

He said Americans and their president could not be more thankful.

"Because of the extraordinary service of the men and women in the American armed forces, Afghanistan has a chance to rebuild its own country," Obama said to applause from Marines and their families. "We are safer. It's not going to be a source of terrorist attacks again."

Thirteen years and \$1 trillion later, the U.S. is preparing to pull the vast majority of its combat troops out of Afghanistan by year's end, as the U.S. and its partners seek to turn the page on a bloody chapter that started the day that al-Qaida militants struck American soil on Sept. 11, 2011. From a peak 140,000 troops in 2010, the U.S. and NATO plan to leave just 13,500 behind for training and battlefield support.

Although there are reasons for cautious optimism, including a new Afghan president whose seriousness of effort has inspired U.S. confidence, the broader picture still looks grim.

## Ahead of polls, some Israeli ultra-Orthodox women call for greater representation

JERUSALEM (AP) — A struggle for women's rights is brewing within Israel's deeply conservative ultra-Orthodox community, where women, largely shut out of politics, are beginning to demand greater representation in the country's parliament.

More than 20 percent of Israeli lawmakers are female, but not one woman serves from the country's two ultra-Orthodox, or haredi, parties. In haredi communities, women are expected to manage a home, raise children and provide an income for the family, often while the husband studies Torah.

Those beliefs remain firmly entrenched, but in the run-up to the March 17 elections, traditional views of the role of women in haredi politics are being challenged in mainstream and ultra-Orthodox media — a shift that activists say marks a major stride toward more equitable representation.

The two haredi parties in the Knesset, Shas and United Torah Judaism, have long been central players in Israeli coalition governments, often figuring as kingmakers. Each party represents observant Jews who tend to vote based on their rabbis' instructions, and who largely oppose having women as lawmakers because it would be considered immodest.

Only a few haredi women have served in parliament, but never as members of ultra-Orthodox parties, and those who have served usually faced a backlash from their communities.

Women do serve in the Jewish Home party, which mainly represents less conservative Modern Orthodox Jews.

# CHURCH NEWS

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## Spring Creek Fellowship

Come join us for fun and fellowship on the third Sunday of each month. The children will have activities from 2:30 to 4:30 and then everyone is invited to join us for a "pot luck" meal at 5 p.m.

Bring your favorite pot luck dish to share.

A news session of "Grief Share," a grief support group, will begin Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, from 4-6 p.m. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. The number of classes will depend on the number of people who sign up. We hope to have groups for men and youth as well as for women. For more info on "Grief Share, visit [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) or contact the office.

"Sowing Seeds of Hope" fiber crafts and prayer shawl ministry meets at the church Saturdays at 10 a.m. If you are interested in learning a fiber craft (crochet, knitting, weaving, felting, etc.) or have projects you would like to share or just to have some fellowship while crafting, come join us.

Big Spring Classical Academy classes include Junior K through Junior High this coming year. Visit our website at [bigspringclassical.org](http://bigspringclassical.org) for more information or contact Donna Sue Looney.

The Big Spring Christian Academy has started a preschool. It currently is a two-day per week preschool and will eventually move into a full-time preschool for ages 3 months through 4 years old. Times are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more, go to [www.bsccpreschool.org](http://www.bsccpreschool.org).

You can listen to the sermon from the previous Sunday at 9 every Sunday morning on KBYG 106.3 FM and 1400 AM.

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lowed by worship service at 10:45 a.m.

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

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# James hears plenty of cheers in return to Miami

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James was running the gamut of emotions Thursday when he arrived at the arena that he called home for the past four seasons.

So did the Miami Heat fans who were seeing him again.

They booed the four-time NBA MVP when he and the Cleveland Cavaliers took the court for warmups, booed the first few times he touched the ball, gave him plenty of cheers but still a mixed welcome when he was introduced as a starter, then cheered when he turned the ball over on one of his first touches.

But perhaps the truest measure of how James is remem-

bered came during the first timeout of the game, when the Heat unveiled a tribute video for their former star — a minute-long series of clips commemorating his four NBA Finals runs and two titles in Miami, after which he waved to the crowd and got a lengthy standing ovation.

“I’ll look forward to seeing it one day,” Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. “It was an incredible run. He was a major part of it. None of us have forgotten his contribution. I’ll look back on it with incredible pride and perspective that I coached one of the all-time greats.”

No, Miami isn’t happy he

left.

Also, no, Miami hasn’t forgotten what he meant to the Heat.

“I gave everything and more to this city when I was here,” James said before the game, his first time back at the arena since leaving Miami for Cleveland this past summer. “Never disrespected this city or the franchise, or any of my teammates. Everything is professional. I gave it all. That’s all I can do.”

James took a seat on the scorers’ table near midcourt for the last 30 seconds or so of that video, watching it on the giant overhead screen.

“I’ve got a lot of memories

here, man,” James said.

It was predictably an emotional return for James, who acknowledged feeling butterflies when he walked in and headed toward the visitors’ locker room. He scored 30 points, but his Cavaliers lost to the Heat, 101-91.

Many from the nearest seats took pictures when James did his traditional powder toss before taking the court, and he exchanged huge hugs with several Heat players moments later. He also pointed toward the Heat bench and tapped his head.

“What me and my teammates created here while we were here, it’s going to last

forever,” James said. “You can never take that out of the books. You can never take that from anything. Whatever else that comes with it, we’ll deal with it then.”

He said he didn’t “circle” Thursday’s game on his calendar, saying he’s long past things like that.

“LeBron was an enormous figure here,” Cavaliers coach David Blatt said. “He was part of a great run. Obviously, there’s going to be emotion and a lot of feeling and a lot of excitement. You just can’t look past that because you want to. That’s going to happen. You just have to try to roll with it. I thought he handled it well.”

# Spurs fall to Westbrook, Thunder

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Russell Westbrook smiled as he walked off the court in San Antonio, blowing a kiss to a spectator and waving at the few Oklahoma City Thunder fans in attendance.

The joyful tidings were a drastic change from the scowling, screaming, chest-thumping passion Westbrook showed after essentially walking into the Spurs’ home on Christmas and kicking aside their presents.

Westbrook had 34 points and 11 assists, and ignited a decisive run in the fourth quarter to help Oklahoma City beat San Antonio 114-106 on Thursday.

“Regardless of what’s going on, like I said before and I’m going to keep saying it, my job is to attack,” Westbrook said.

He led the Thunder to their sixth straight regular-season victory over the defending NBA champions in the first meeting between the teams since San Antonio topped Oklahoma City in six games on the way to a fifth title.

The Thunder were without reigning MVP Kevin Durant, and the Spurs were missing Finals MVP Kawhi Leonard, but there was still plenty of firepower thanks to Oklahoma City’s emotional point guard.

Westbrook was 14 for 28 from the field and had five rebounds and five steals over 35 minutes.

“You’ve just got to rally behind him,” said Thunder guard Anthony Morrow, who had 15 points. “He’s a leader, natural born. He comes out there, he plays hard.”

Serge Ibaka had 21 points, including going 3 for 4 on 3-pointers for Oklahoma City (14-16).

It was a physical rematch between the rivals, with referees having to separate Kendrick Perkins and Manu Ginobili in the first half, and Westbrook and Cory Joseph in the second.

“I thought they outplayed us almost in every facet of the game,” San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. “When somebody retrieves 50 percent of their shots, you can’t say you’re focused or playing competitive in any way, shape or form.”

# James, Curry lead NBA All-Star voting

(AP) — Cleveland’s LeBron James and Stephen Curry of Golden State are the leading vote-getters in the first returns from NBA All-Star fan voting.

James had about 553,000 votes at the Eastern Conference frontcourt spot, where New York’s Carmelo Anthony ranked second and Chicago’s Pau Gasol was third in the results released Thursday. Washington’s John Wall topped East guards, and No. 2 was James’ former Miami teammate, Dwyane Wade.

Curry had more than 549,000 votes to lead second-place Kobe Bryant among West guards. New Orleans’ Anthony Davis had the most votes in the West frontcourt, followed by the Clippers’ Blake Griffin and Memphis center Marc Gasol.

Voting runs through Jan. 19.

# Cowboys’ Martin making quick impression in Dallas

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Zack Martin’s best test so far of durability as a pro came with a right ankle injury serious enough to keep him out of practice for a week with the Cowboys.

The rookie right guard’s response: I’m playing.

“It certainly fits with everything I know about him,” Dallas coach Jason Garrett said. “He’s a little bit of a Garretts. He reminds you of linemen who played 25 years ago. He just has this way about him.”

Martin is possibly the last first-round piece of a rebuilt offensive line for the Cowboys, a versatile blocker with more starts at Notre Dame than anyone in school history. And now he’s the first rookie lineman named to the Pro Bowl in Dallas franchise history.

“It’s kind of an exclamation point on the season that he’s had,” said center Travis Frederick, another first-time Pro Bowl player. “We talked about it several times throughout the season, how he’s never really come in and played like a rookie. He’s always played like a veteran.”

Tyron Smith, a two-time Pro Bowl pick at left tackle, was Dallas’ top choice from 2011.

Martin’s resolve was tested just weeks after the Cowboys picked him at No. 16. He was already the guy Dallas took instead of Johnny Manziel, who was unexpectedly still on the board. And then he got caught up in a play that ended standout linebacker Sean Lee’s season in the first full squad workout of the offseason.

Lee was about to engage with



AP Photo

Dallas Cowboys’ lineman Zack Martin has made a huge impact with the team in his rookie season.

Martin in a noncontact drill when his left knee gave way, tearing the anterior cruciate ligament. There was video for that to see, and it was easy to forget that Lee’s knee buckled before Martin rolled over the top of him.

Martin stood tall when he was questioned about the play by reporters.

“It sucks to be kind of grouped into that play and him getting hurt,” Martin said at the time. “I think he would say it first over anyone. You’ve got to move forward.”

And that was the message from many of the veterans who pulled Martin aside, including Lee and tight end Jason Witten.

Harry Hiestand, Martin’s line coach at Notre Dame, knew from the outset that his old pupil wouldn’t have trouble getting over the Lee incident, promising that “he’s not

reliving it.”

Martin has spent the last five months proving it as a key component of soon-to-be NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray’s pursuit of all-time league leader Emmitt Smith’s franchise record from 19 years ago. He has 1,745 yards, needing 29 yards to beat Smith’s total of 1,773.

The 24-year-old Martin sprained his right ankle in a win at Philadelphia that gave the Cowboys the NFC East lead, and played without practicing in a division-clinching win over Indianapolis last week.

He came out only after the 42-7 victory was in hand, and now he’s practicing again with Dallas (11-4) visiting Washington (4-11) in the regular-season finale Sunday.

“The trainers did a great job all week getting the swelling and all of that stuff out of there,” Martin said. “So it was really just getting comfortable with it and running around.”

Hiestand’s lasting memory of Martin is the way he would come to meetings every day with a vibe that said, “Hey, coach, don’t worry about this. We got this stuff.”

These days it’s more like “I’m going to keep my mouth shut and work.” He’s sure that’s the best way to make it as a lineman in the NFL.

And he’s well on his way to making it.

“I think you can tell he’s a natural leader,” Witten said. “Obviously, he’s very gifted, very composed for a young player being thrown in the trenches day one. He’s got a bright future.”

And that’s what Witten thought long before Martin made a little Pro Bowl history for the tradition-rich Cowboys.

# Area teams swing back into action on with tournaments

Even though the holiday season is still going strong, there won’t be any shortage of sports for area basketball fans to sink their teeth into beginning Monday. In all, eight area teams will be in action in three tournaments.

The Big Spring Steers and Forsan Buffaloes will be among the 10 teams competing for the 2014 Sandhills Basketball Tournament in Monahans. The two teams are slated to top off the event on Dec. 29.

Big Spring is scheduled to begin its outing with pool play at 9 a.m. on Monday when they face off with Midland Christian. They will face New Way Christian at 3 p.m. On Tuesday, they will play El Paso Riverside at 9 a.m. and then close out pool play at 1 p.m. with a match-

up against Alpine.

Forsan will open with a 9 a.m. game with Levelland on Monday. They will play Midland Classical at 3 p.m., and Monahans at 11 a.m. and Presidio at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

The top two teams from each pool will advance to the finals at 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

The 2014 Sands Invitational Basketball Tournament under way on Dec. 29 with teams from throughout the area competing. Among the local teams set to play in the two-day event are Sands boys and girls and the Forsan Lady Buffaloes.

In other action, the Coahoma boys’ and girls’ teams will be traveling to Big Lake for the Reagan County tournament on Dec. 29-31.

# UCF, NC State ready to play in Bitcoin Bowl

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Central Florida can finish with at least 10 wins for the fourth time in five years, while North Carolina State hopes to take another step forward under second-year coach Dave Doeren.

So for the Knights and Wolfpack, the Bitcoin Bowl on Friday is much more than just another game. They want to make a strong statement about their programs and where they’re headed.

“This is just another opportunity to go out there and prove to everyone that UCF is on the map,” senior offensive lineman Torrian Wilson said. “We are a great team that works hard and fights hard. We

always want to leave an impression on people, and this is just another opportunity to do that.”

UCF is just a year removed from playing in a BCS bowl for the first time.

The Knights (9-3) have won nine of 10 following an 0-2 start, including a thrilling 32-30 victory over East Carolina in the regular-season finale that gave them a share of the American Athletic Conference title.

“It’s important to stay focused amongst one another. ... You want to enjoy the experience, but know in the back of your head it’s a business trip,” UCF receiver Rannell Hall said. “We just want to come out Friday and get the W.”



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**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What good is getting what you want if you don't want what you have? Examine your plate very carefully. There are things on it that weren't meant for you. Be discerning.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are doing it for them. Therefore, they need to be aware of your efforts. They need to know what your intentions are. They need to know your purpose.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll understand something you've known in a new way. What you learn this week will change your life forever. You'll operate differently because of this knowledge.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Emotions flow

from you in a most pleasant way. You are one of a kind, and your talents will never be duplicated. The way to happiness is to be a fountain, not a drain.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Thinking about what goes into your mouth? It's significant. Eating is not just eating. Every meal is a testament to the fathers and mothers before.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). If they expect you to candy coat information and deliver it in a politically correct way, they don't know you well enough. You're in love with the truth. That's what makes you so funny!

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** ARIES: Be wary of the one who says, "I was going to..." Things either happen, or they don't. There is no "try." TAURUS: As long as you're dreaming, dream big. It's the crucial first step to making something happen. GEMINI: Call home. The older you get the more important those

phone calls are. **CANCER:** If you make a mistake, let it go. They will. Drop it like it's hot. **LEO:** Communicate. It may be the most romantic thing you do. **VIRGO:** You will inspire the ones close to you just by being you. **LIBRA:** Love songs inspire you. Share them! **SCORPIO:** Pretty lights are a conversation starter. Hold hands and walk where the scenery is stellar. **SAGITTARIUS:** You'll spend a good amount of your energy on relationship building -- getting to know people, especially the ones you have known for ages. **CAPRICORN:** You are bigger than your various roles in life, such as your job, family position and community standing. **AQUARIUS:** The child within you needs to break out and play. **PISCES:** Reach out; hold hands; all is well.

**COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** Sagittarius and Aquarius are both worldly and sophisticated and yet so different from each other. Sagittarius is the sign of adventure and expansion. Aquarius is the sign of technology and the future. When these signs combine, it's an exciting mixture, but don't expect it to last. Moment-to-moment is the way.

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Bidding Quiz

### 1. The bidding has gone:

You	Partner
1♠	2♣
2♥	2NT
?	

What would you bid now with:

♠AQ984 ♥AK12 ♦7♣J95

### 2. The bidding has gone:

You	Partner
1♠	1♦
?	

What would you bid now with:

♠9762 ♥AJ3 ♦A8♣KQ73

### 3. The bidding has gone:

You	Partner
1♠	1♦
1♥	1♠
1NT	3♦
3NT	4♣

What is partner's most likely distribution?

\*\*\*

1. **Three clubs.** You should continue to paint a picture of your distribution by bidding three clubs. Partner will assume you have a 5-4-1-3 pattern, though he might also allow for the possibility that you are 5-5-0-3 or 5-4-0-4.

Your three-club bid might lead to a superior game or slam in clubs. If partner has something like ♠62

♥Q5 ♦A98 ♣KQ10832, six clubs would be an excellent contract, while three notrump would most likely go down after a diamond lead.

2. **One notrump.** Not all bids are cut-and-dried. In this case, it could be argued that one spade is a better rebid than one notrump. Which bid you make is largely a matter of which school you come from.

The great advantage of the notrump rebid is that it immediately limits the size and shape of your hand to 12 to 14 high-card points and balanced distribution.

The chief advantage of rebidding one spade is that it caters to the possibility that partner has four spades. The drawback is that the one-spade bid could be based on unbalanced distribution and anywhere from 12 to 18 high-card points, and is therefore highly ambiguous.

3. **Partner should have** four spades for his one-spade rebid and six diamonds for his jump-rebid of three diamonds over one notrump. His four-club bid must be based on three-card club support, so partner's distribution is virtually certain to be 4-0-6-3. Your next bid should be based on the high probability that this is his actual pattern.

Tomorrow: The right play at the right time.

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## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** My 50-something sister, "Denise," has turned into a hostile, critical person. I visit my family four times a year and have witnessed her angry outbursts firsthand. My other siblings have become very proficient at pacifying Denise by always agreeing with her and being solicitous toward her.

Denise is not a bad person, so it is shocking to see her act this way. Most of the time, her anger is directed at sales people or drivers on the road. But I also seem to have become the target of her wrath, sometimes in the middle of a conversation. When I ask her what I said to upset her, she cannot tell me. She storms out of the room shouting and cursing. What's worse is

that Denise has managed to sour my relationship with my other siblings. They blame me for upsetting her. Denise has directed these rages at our mother, too.

This has gone on for the past three years. Recently, Denise told me our other siblings do not like me because I upset her. My husband has noticed the change in my sister's temperament and has caught her making fun of me or criticizing me. When he calls her on it, she claims she is only teasing.

Without these outbursts, Denise and I have a great time together. But it rarely lasts. Even after we've had a good day, she'll report to our siblings that I aggravate her and she can't stand being around me. I do not know what to do. I try to limit my contact with her and word our conversations very carefully. I would like to maintain a relationship with my other siblings, but she is making it impossible. Any advice? -- No Name, Please.

**Dear No Name:** Has Denise had a thorough medical checkup recently? She may have a hormonal imbalance or

other condition that is causing these outbursts. Please tell her you are concerned about her and suggest she speak to her doctor. She must be terribly unhappy to have so little control over herself.

**Dear Annie:** I lost both of my parents a couple of years ago, and I would like to impart a very important message to your readers:

Please express your last wishes to your family and loved ones. My family was reluctant to have these discussions, so we were left guessing. As the executrix of my parents' estate, I didn't know what their final wishes were. My brothers and I inherited their estate, but I would have gladly given that back tenfold had my parents been able to enjoy one more year of their hard-earned retirement. Yet, two years later, I am still left forever hoping that I honored what I thought they wanted.

If you feel that this is a subject you cannot broach, just leave a letter or legal document with instructions, and make sure it can be easily found. -- C.B. in New Hampshire

**Dear C.B.:** Thank you for the sage advice. It is often easier to speak to an attorney about one's final wishes, but instructions for a funeral are likely not disclosed until after the fact. Write down what you want, make a couple of copies and leave them where they are most likely to be discovered by those who are looking.

**Dear Annie:** I have an answer for "In a Fog in Kentucky." I have held large parties over the years, and I put up a sign on my front door that reads: "Please come in and have fun. Turn off all cellphones. The only exception is if you are a physician on call, and then your phone has to be on vibrate."

I never had a problem after that, and parties are so much more fun. -- Not Foggy in Texas

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ANSWERS

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4	6	2	7	1	5	8	9	3
7	3	8	9	4	2	1	6	5
3	1	7	5	2	6	9	8	4
6	2	9	4	7	8	3	5	1
5	8	4	1	3	9	2	7	6
1	9	6	3	5	7	4	2	8
8	4	5	2	9	1	6	3	7
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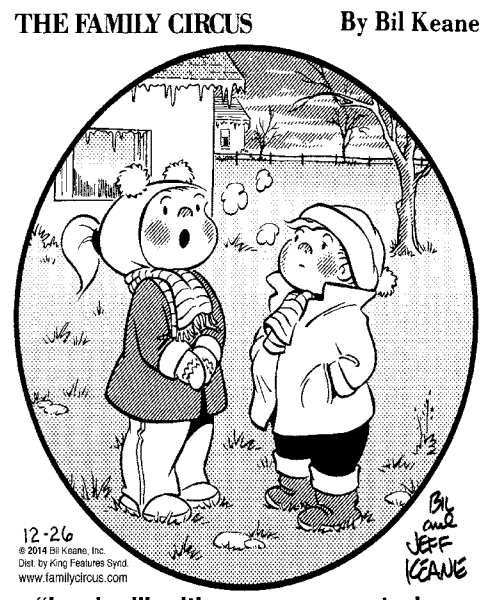
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DENNIS THE MENACE



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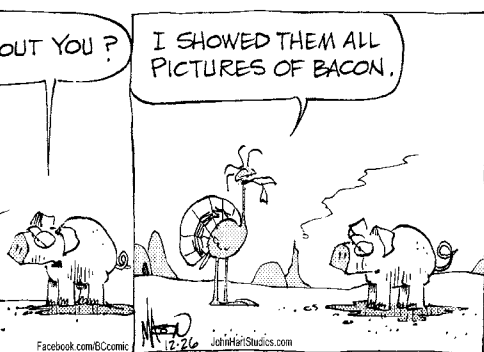
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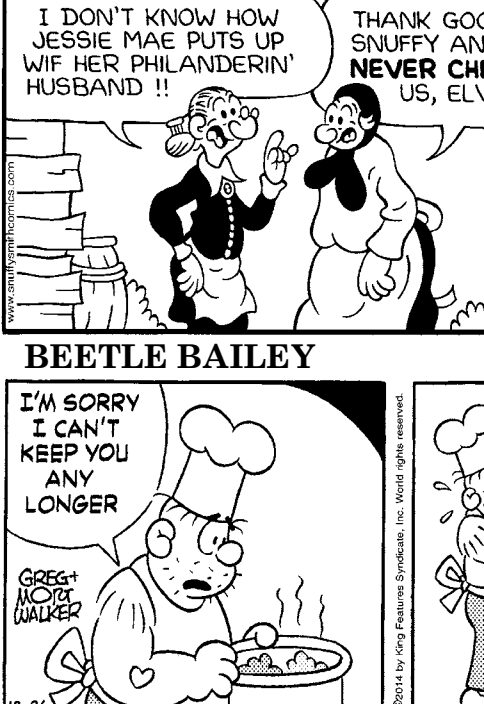
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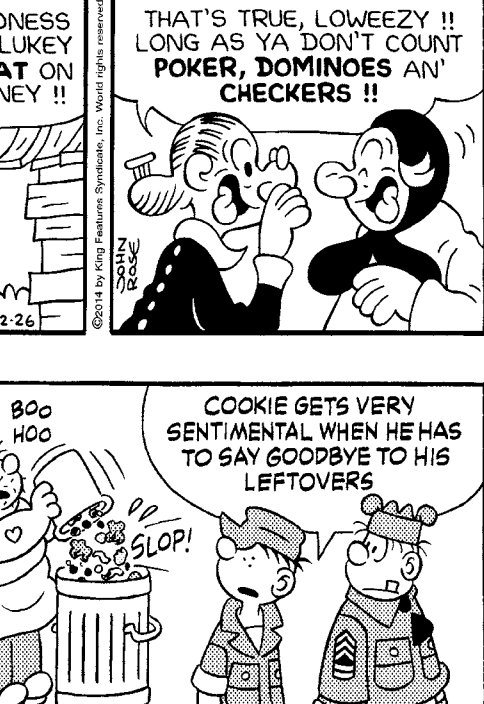
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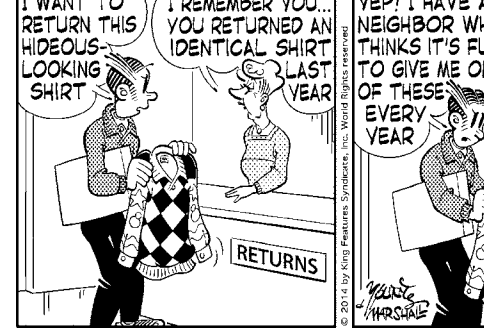
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 2014. There are five days left in the year. The seven-day African-American holiday Kwanzaa begins today. This is Boxing Day. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 26, 2004, more than 230,000 people, mostly in southern Asia, were killed by a 100-foot-high tsunami triggered by a 9.1-magnitude earthquake beneath the Indian Ocean. On this date: In 1776, the British suffered a major defeat

IN THE BATTLE OF TRENTON

during the Revolutionary War. In 1799, former President George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen." In 1908, Jack Johnson became the first African-American boxer to win the world heavy-weight championship as he defeated Canadian Tommy Burns in Sydney, Australia. In 1914, actor Richard Widmark was born in Sunrise Township, Minnesota. In 1933, Nissan Motor Co. was founded in Yokohama, Japan, as the Automobile Manu-

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In 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division in Bastogne, Belgium, was relieved by units of the 4th Armored Division. Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie" was first performed at the Civic Theatre in Chicago.

Answer to previous puzzle

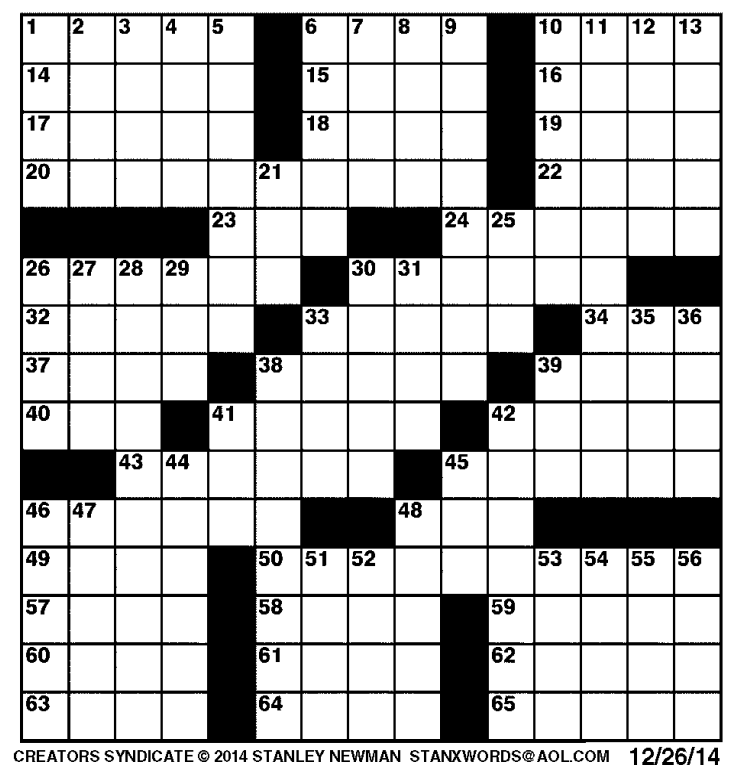
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Newsday Crossword

SHILLING OUT

- ACROSS
- A Sound of Music setting
  - Noisy arguments
  - "Now, about..."
  - Shove off
  - "We're in for it now"
  - P look-alikes
  - Disoriented
  - "See, señor!"
  - Abrupt
  - Slow-selling dessert wine?
  - About 40 million square centimeters
  - Cultural grant org.
  - Sideshow staple
  - Youngster
  - Chinese dominoes game
  - Bypass
  - Check endorser
  - Say "What?"
  - Follower of stale or stable
  - Not as forthright
  - Rubberneck
  - Taking after
  - Unclogs
  - Show annoyance
  - Harsh talk
  - Rough house
  - Well-mannered
  - Bamboozle
  - Window frame
  - Dojo?
  - Greeting from Kermit
  - Unreliable source
  - Star of SeaWorld's "One Ocean" show
  - The Last King of Scotland lead role

- DOWN
- Wistful word
  - Playwright
  - Henley
  - Main ingredient
  - On any occasion
  - Was wistful
  - Common Dancing With the Stars dance
  - "Mother of Presidents" claimant
  - Contemptible one
  - Not as kept
  - Two-time Triple Crown jockey
  - Cornhusker's vehicle?
  - Recent Cooperstown managerial inductee
  - Cuisine competitor
  - "On the other hand..."
  - Era
  - Cry from a crib
  - Orbital path
  - How to transport tubers?
  - Pumpkin product
  - Colonial pamphleteer
  - Responses following "All those in favor"
  - Argued for
  - Trellis piece
  - Card-marking game
  - Diamond
  - Feast-famine filler
  - What a seam may hold
  - Origin
  - Time's 2007 Invention of the Year
  - Parking place
  - Dickensian expletive
  - Spider-Man director
  - Sign of omission
  - Helping hand
  - Dust removers
  - Chase off
  - Kate Hudson's mom
  - Where Sultan Qaboos rules
  - Far from significant





# Illini open Big Ten bowl slate at Heart of Dallas Bowl

DALLAS (AP) — Illinois needed to win its last two games to become bowl eligible, then had to wait another week before finding out if there would be more football.

Louisiana Tech knew after winning six of seven at the end of the regular season that it was going to a bowl. And the Bulldogs have already played an extra week, a tight 26-23 loss to Marshall in the Conference USA championship game.

Now the Illini (6-6) of the Big Ten and the Bulldogs (8-5), both coached by the sons of coaches, meet Friday in the Heart of Dallas Bowl that is played at historic Cotton Bowl Stadium. It's the first of 10 bowl games involving a Big Ten team, and the last of five for Conference USA.

"You want to go into your winter workouts with success and you want your seniors to leave with success," third-year Illinois coach Tim Beckman said. "They have done a great job with this program. I'm proud of them. We have made strides from

COLLEGE FOOTBALL	
<b>FBS BOWL GLANCE</b>	
Friday, Dec. 26	
<b>Heart of Dallas Bowl</b>	
Illinois (6-6) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)	
<b>Quick Lane Bowl</b>	
At Detroit	
Rutgers (7-5) vs. North Carolina (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)	
<b>St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl</b>	
UCF (9-3) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)	
<b>Saturday, Dec. 27</b>	
<b>Military Bowl</b>	
At Annapolis, Md.	
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 1 p.m. (ESPN)	
<b>Sun Bowl</b>	
At El Paso, Texas	
Duke (9-3) vs. Arizona State (9-3), 2 p.m. (CBS)	
<b>Independence Bowl</b>	
At Shreveport, La.	
Miami (6-6) vs. South Carolina (6-6), 4 p.m. (ESPN2)	
<b>Pinstripe Bowl</b>	
At Bronx, N.Y.	
Boston College (7-5) vs. Penn State (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)	
<b>Holiday Bowl</b>	
At San Diego	
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Southern Cal (8-4), 8 p.m. (ESPN)	

went 6-18 in Beckman's first two seasons.

Skip Holtz is wrapping up his second year at Louisiana Tech, which last played in a bowl game in 2011. The Bulldogs overcame a 2-3 start this season that included games against Oklahoma and Auburn, then both top-five teams.

"We knew it was going to be a challenging start," Holtz said. "We talked about we're a work in progress as a young team, and we had to grow and develop as the year went on, and I felt like they really did that."

The Bulldogs got a big boost from two graduate transfers: quarterback Cody Sokol and defensive end Houston Bates, who was a starter at Illinois before returning to his home state to finish his career. There was also the addition of defensive coordinator Manny Diaz.

"Kind of the land of misfit toys, when you look at Manny, myself, Houston Bates, Cody Sokol, that have all come together and gelled to put together something pretty special this season," Holtz said.

Day 1, and we are doing it on and off the football field."

This is the third time in five seasons the Illini go into a bowl 6-6. They won the previous two for a winning record, but that was before they

## Scoreboard

FOOTBALL	
National Football League	
American Conference	
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5	10
West	
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5	10

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
12	3	0	.800	459	296
8	7	0	.533	364	336
8	7	0	.533	326	280
3	12	0	.200	246	377
South					
10	5	0	.667	431	359
8	7	0	.533	349	290
3	12	0	.200	232	389
2	13	0	.133	244	411
North					
10	4	1	.700	348	317
10	5	0	.667	409	351
9	6	0	.600	389	292
7	8	0	.467	289	317
West					
11	4	0	.733	435	340
9	6	0	.600	341	329
8	7	0	.533	334	274
3	12	0	.200	239	405
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W	L	Pct	GB
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19	10	.655	5
16	14	.533	8½
12	16	.429	11½
9	20	.310	15

THURSDAY'S GAMES	
Washington	102, New York 91
Oklahoma City	114, San Antonio 106
Miami	101, Cleveland 91
Chicago	113, L.A. Lakers 93
Golden State	at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
FRIDAY'S GAMES	
Brooklyn	at Boston, 1 p.m.
Cleveland	at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee	at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana	at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio	at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte	at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Houston	at Memphis, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers	at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota	at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia	at Portland, 10 p.m.
Phoenix	at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

BOXING	
Fight Schedule	
Dec. 30	
At Tokyo	Omar Narvaez vs. Naoya Inoue, 12, for Narvaez's WBO super flyweight title; Akira Yaegashi vs. Pedro Guevara, 12, for the vacant WBC World junior flyweight title; Jorge Linares vs. Javier Prieto, 12, for the vacant WBC World lightweight title.
Dec. 31	
At Ota City General Gym, Tokyo	Israel Perez vs. Takashi Uchiyama, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA super featherweight title; Kohei Kono vs. Norberto Jimenez, 12, for Kono's WBA junior bantamweight title; Alberto Rossel vs. Ryoichi Taguchi, 12, for Rossel's WBA ryoichi taguchi title.
Jan. 9, 2015	
At Chumash Casino Resort, Santa Ynez, Calif. (ESPN2)	Darleys Perez vs. Jonathan Maicelo, 12, for Perez's interim WBA lightweight title; Francisco Santana vs. Sebastian Lujan, 10, welterweights.
Jan. 17	
At the MGM Grand, Las Vegas (SHO)	Bernard Stiverne vs. Deontay Wilder, 12, for Stiverne's WBC World heavyweight title.
Jan. 23	
At Manchester, England	Richar Abril vs. Anthony Crolla, 12, for Abril's WBA lightweight title.

NBA LEADERS			
Scoring			
G	FG	FT	PTS
27	216	235	729
27	241	157	685
27	225	175	665
27	258	146	662
27	245	120	649
22	200	96	510
28	231	103	646
30	263	154	687
28	253	119	640
30	222	132	658
27	188	181	584
23	180	102	496

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