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Fifth annual Christmas in Boomtown to bring holiday spirit to Forsan



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In this photo from 2015, the Forsan High School Band marches in the annual Christmas in Boomtown parade. This year's parade will be at 10 a.m. Dec. 1, and will start from the football field in Forsan, spiraling in to Forsan Baptist Church.

By **ROGER CLINE**
 Staff Writer

December 1 is going to be a big, Christmasy day in Howard County. Before you head out to the Big Spring Herald Christmas Parade that evening, you can celebrate the fifth annual Christmas In Boomtown that morning.

The event is on tap in Forsan at 10 a.m. "It's Dec. 1 at 10 a.m.," said Christmas in Boomtown organizer Jenny Sayles. "We start up at the football field, and we make a big walk around town and we end up at Forsan Church. That is where we do pictures with Santa, and there's complimentary hot

chocolate and cookies." The parade will head south on Avenue H to First Street, where it will turn left and proceed to Rex Avenue. The string of Christmas marchers and floats will take another left on Rex and head to Main Street, where a final

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Coahoma native Gutierrez missing from Austin area



Courtesy photo

The photo above shows Martin Gutierrez, 25 year old Hispanic male, 5'7" tall, approximately 150lbs. Gutierrez has been reported missing. He was last seen wearing a light teal shirt, a black Patagonia jacket, dark blue jeans and gray Vans. The last sighting of Gutierrez occurred on Rainey Street in Austin, Texas around 1:30 a.m. Monday morning, November 19, 2018. If you have any information on the whereabouts of Martin Gutierrez, please contact the Austin Police Department or Mitchell Gutierrez at 512-550-9078 immediately. There is a \$5,000 reward if found.

Salvation Army's Thanksgiving



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Olivia Rabone, right, waits to accept a plate of Thanksgiving turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, corn and green beans from her father, the Rev. Christian Rabone of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The father and daughter were two of several volunteers who cooked, served, and delivered food during the Salvation Army's annual Thanksgiving Meal. Salvation Army Capt. Josh McKain said that, although the charitable organization served about 100 fewer plates than at last year's meal, that's good news: "It's not a bad thing. It just means people are doing better and they don't need us as much during this time. Praise the Lord!" McKain also thanked SM Energy, who was the primary sponsor for the event this year.

What can you make out of Gingerbread?



HERALD file photo

The photo above shows a gingerbread scene created by Marcy Place in last year's gingerbread building contest.

By **AMBER MANSFIELD**
 Staff Writer

There is still time for all local gingerbread house makers and builders to turn in their registration forms as the Big Spring Heritage Museum gets the community in Christmas mode by hosting their annual Gingerbread Contest. Entrants will get their hands dirty while creating masterpieces out of delicious gingerbread and all of the sweet toppings. "This is just something for

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Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



Rick says
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Quilting for others

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 The Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafters Guild held a Quilt Drawing on Sunday, November 18 for a handmade quilt stitched by the Guild for the Food Bank Ministry Fundraiser. Terry Johansen, the winner of the Quilt contest, stands next to the quilt she won in the contest. For the full story, please see Page 3.



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Obituaries

Rolando S. Garza Sr.



Rolando S. Garza Sr., 71, of Lenorah died Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, in a Stanton nursing home.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

He was born July 31, 1947, in Stanton. He farmed until 1992, then worked for Clariant Oil Services in Midland, Texas, for 15 years. Rolando loved his family and fishing.

Rolando was a member of St. Isidore Catholic Church in Lenorah and loved being a Catholic.

Survivors include the mother of his children, Esperanza "Patsy" Garza of Midland; two daughters, Mary Gloria McClure and husband Matt of

Midland, and Kathey Ann Enriquez and husband Tony of Lenorah; three sons, Rolando Garza Jr., and Kenneth Garza and wife Bobbie, both of Lenorah, and Victor Garza and wife Ronda of Big Spring; two sisters, Olga Gonzales and Mary Mendez, both of Stanton; five brothers, Paladio Garza of Big Spring, Albert Garza, Ricky Garza, Sonny Garza and Lupe Garza Jr., all of Stanton; five granddaughters, Chrissy Reed, Natasha Enriquez, Kimberly Enriquez, Kathryn Franklin and Nicole Swaboda; three grandsons, Matthew McClure Jr., Noah Garza and Jacob Andrew Chappell; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Guadalupe Garza Sr. and Luisa Salas Garza; one brother, Frank Garza Sr.; and a granddaughter, Donna Hope Garza.

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

Paid obituary

Take Note

• 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 Balsaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• 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.

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• Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary is looking for new members. If you have a heart for serving people, have at least four hours a week to spare, SMMC Auxiliary might be the fit for you.

Duties include working in the gift shop, delivering newspapers to inpatients, hospitality services, popcorn and more.

To find out more about opportunities available with the SMMC Auxiliary, contact Amy Miramontes at 268-4809 or April Arms at 268-4907.

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

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

• The Howard County Democrats meet every Monday at 5:30 pm at the Howard County Democratic Headquarters, 1408 C Scurry Street, directly behind Prosperity Bank.

• The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

• Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding

a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade. Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated. Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716.

• Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

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

• Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

• Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

• Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

• The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

• Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

Ernestine D. Day

Ernestine D. Day, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

Helen I Dial

Helen I Dial, 90, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018, at a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Velta Lloyd

Velta Lloyd, 93, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018 in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory.

Support Groups

FRIDAY

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

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

• A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship at the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 and 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at 432-517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Quilting for others



Courtesy photos



By AMBER MANSFIELD

Staff Writer

The Signal Mountain Quilting and Crafting Guild (SMQCG) hosted a couple of events to get the community involved in giving back and helping make the holiday season for others a little more merry and bright. This year, the organization aided two local non profits, the Spring Creek Food Bank Ministry and the Big Spring Life Center. Both are note worthy organizations, as the Food Bank feeds empty bellies in the community and the Life Center is a non-profit, faith-based, alternative-to-abortion organization promoting sexual integrity for life. The Life Center also helps moms cloth newborns and toddlers.

The SMQCG held a Quilt Drawing Sunday, Nov. 18 for the queen/king quilt stitched by the Guild for the Food Bank Ministry Fundraiser.

"The winner from the Quilt Contest was Terry Johansen," said Jeanne Vande Weerd of the Signal Mountain Quilters and Crafters Guild.

They were able to raise \$546.00 from the contest.

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left will take them to the Forsan Baptist Church.

Sayles says pre-registration is preferred, but not required.

"That would be ideal, if they could register in advance," she said. "But if not, they can just show up that morn-

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the community to get together to enjoy, and to get the Christmas season started out right," said Museum Director, Tammy Schrecengost. "You don't have to make anything fancy, but you certainly can if you want."

Tammy suggests the pre-made gingerbread kits at Wal-Mart, Target and H-E-B to help get you started, and if you want to expand from there, you may do so.

"Registration forms are due by Sunday, Dec. 2. People interested in participating can pick up entry forms either at the Heritage Museum or print one off of our Facebook page," said Schrecengost. "Entries must be delivered to the Museum between noon and 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2018."

Gingerbread creations will remain on display at the Museum from

ing and we'll put them in line. The more the merrier."

Sayles said all things Christmas are acceptable.

"We don't usually do a theme," she said. "Just anything Christmas."

For more information or to register, contact Sayles at 432-816-6168.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 235, or by email at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 through Friday, Dec. 21.

"The winner will be chosen by a people's choice vote and announced on Thursday, Dec. 20. The Grand Prize Winner will receive \$100.00," said Schrecengost. "Remember to please call, email or drop off registration forms by Sunday, Dec. 2., And also remember to have fun with this. Let your inner Christmas spirt shine! This sort of event is meant to bring families together to have a good time, and to bring out your inner child."

Even if you don't feel like entering this year, be sure to come see all of the gingerbread creations that will be put on display at the Big Spring Heritage Museum, located at 510 Scurry. For additional information regarding the gingerbread contest, please contact the Museum.

Contact Staff Writer Amber Mansfield at 432-263-7331 ext. 234, or by email at life@bigspringherald.com.

The bottom photo shows the Signal Mountain Quilt and Craft Guild's Christmas tree at the Christmas Tree Forest inside the Big Spring Heritage Museum. The SMQCG is asking the community to donate any baby items to the the Life Center by placing their donations underneath the Christmas tree. The top photo shows some of the Guild members who decorated the Christmas tree earlier this month.

The Foodbank collected donations to buy Turkeys for families and were able to purchase about 129 turkeys with the donations.

"We were able to provide for about 60 families plus other food for Thanksgiving dinner," said Weerd. "We would like to be able to provide Turkeys and additional food for even more families for Christmas dinner this year."

If anyone would like to donate to the food Bank to help them provide more food for those in need, they can go to the "Our Daily Bread" Food Bank located inside the Springtown Plaza shopping center or contact Linda White at (432) 714-4584. The Food bank will be open in December on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays due to Christmas, which is Saturday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 15th.

They also have a tree featured in the Big Spring Heritage Museum Christmas Tree Forest so that anyone can go leave items underneath it such as blankets, baby clothes, etc. to also be presented to the Life Center.

"On Friday, Nov. 9 we decorated a Christmas tree at the museum, and we are also asking the community to help aid us in giving a little this holiday to the newborns

and toddlers of Big Spring," said Weerd. "Anyone who can bring baby blankets, baby clothes, baby hats etc. is more than welcome to go put it under our tree at the Museum. There will even be candy canes attached to the tree for donation cards for the Life Center. Anything extra you may have to donate will be going toward a good cause."

Weerd also stated that if you can't make it to the tree, that you can also take donations directly to the Life Center, or you can contact Weerd for further assistance. The SMQCG will be taking donations until Dec. 21, the day they persent the Life Center with all of the recieved donations and a handmade quilt.

The SMQCG are a group of quilters and crafters from Big Spring, Texas, and anyone else who cares to contribute is more than welcome, stated Weerd. SMQCG meets at 10 a.m. on the second Friday of every month at Spring Creek Church inside the Big Spring Plaza for anyone who is interested in joining, and there is always a potluck. For more information about the Quilt Drawing or the donating to the Life Center, please contact Jeanne Vande Weerd Leader at 432-556-6403.

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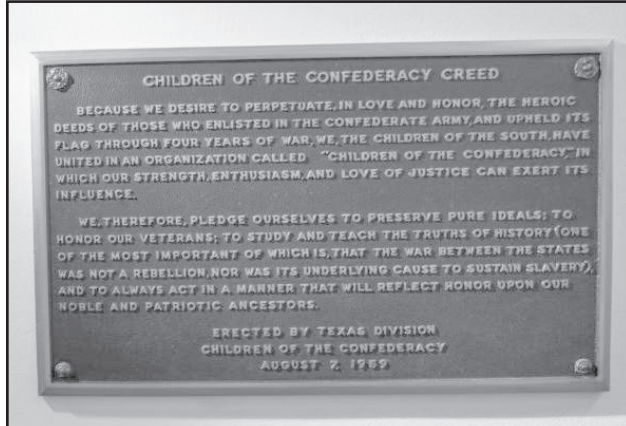
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Black lawmaker renews call against Texas Confederate plaque



AP photo

This Aug. 17, 2017 file photo shows, The Children of the Confederacy Creed plaque at the Capitol in Austin, Texas, on Thursday August 17, 2017.

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — A black Democratic lawmaker called on Texas to immediately remove a Confederate plaque in the state Capitol that rejects slavery as an underlying cause of the Civil War after the state's attorney general said Wednesday that a legislative vote isn't needed.

"We could get out the screwdrivers today," said Eric Johnson, a state representative in Dallas.

The plaque is one of about a dozen Confederate markers in and around the Texas Capitol. It was installed in 1959 but has drawn bipartisan disapproval after attention on confederate symbols intensified following last year's deadly clash at a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

The plaque, which was donated by the Children of the Confederacy, vows to preserve "pure ideals" and "teach the truths of history." Then it adds: "One of the most important of which is that the war between the states was not a rebellion, nor was its underlying cause to sustain slavery."

Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has signaled support from removing the plaque but has said he won't order it taken down.

Instead, Abbott says the decision should rest with the Legislature, arguing that it was lawmakers a half-century ago who voted to put it up in the first place.

But Johnson, who privately met with Abbott last year, said an opinion issued by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton's office makes clear that the state is empowered to act now. He also said that getting approval next year in the Texas Legislature, which Republicans control, is no certainty.

"It could be a slam dunk. It could not be," Johnson said. "But it would get bogged down in politics. There is no need for that."

The opinion from Paxton's office has been long-awaited as frustration over the plaque has simmered. The opinion says the Legislature, the State Preservation Board, which acts as curator for the Capitol, and the Texas Historical Commission all have the authority "to remove or relocate monuments or memorials such as the plaque."

Spokespeople for Abbott and the State Preservation Board did not return messages seeking comment.

Last year, Abbott resisted calls to take down Confederate markers following the clash in Charlottesville, saying at the time that racism and hate-filled violence were unacceptable but that removing monuments won't erase the past.

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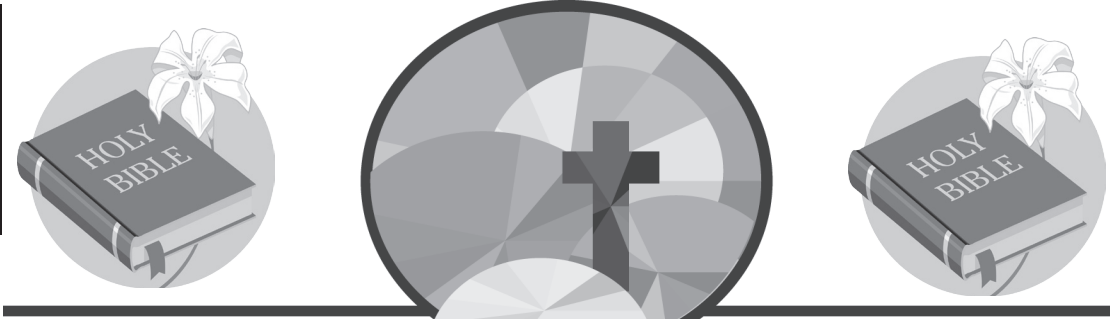
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Reflections: Thanksgiving and Black Friday

I glanced at the magazines on the rack, and there she was, Martha Stewart, promising the "Best Thanksgiving Ever." She was offering a perfect piece of pie while smiling a perfect smile with perfect teeth, wearing a perfect dress with perfect hair, surrounded by a perfect kitchen with an open window that looked out on a perfect garden. Every wrinkle and excess pound had been photo-shopped away so that she looked decades younger than her actual age.

Unlike Martha, when we sit down to Thanksgiving dinner we show up with wrinkles, warts and all. We look our age. The kitchen is a mess with spilled flour on the cabinet and a sink full of dirty dishes. The food, of course, is great because my wife is a great cook: baked turkey, mashed potatoes, giblet gravy, her famous dressing passed down from her mother, green beans, fruit salad, cranberry

sauce, pumpkin and pecan pie.

But, it occurred to me, when I saw Martha Stewart's magazine, that Thanksgiving isn't about the food or the perfect picture. Real Thanksgiving is about the heart. It is difficult for a heart that is not thankful every day to be truly thankful on Thanksgiving Day.

Which brings up a concern about Thanksgiving. This year our tradition of gathering around bountiful tables with family and friends seems more like a brief interruption to the more important business of shopping. We can hardly push back from the table fast enough to hit the stores for Black Friday doorbusters that start on Thursday.

Apparently the earliest "Black Fri-

days" took place in Philadelphia in the 1950s when hordes of shoppers descended on local stores ahead of the Army/Navy football game. The national push started in the 1960s. It gained momentum and became a well-fixed tradition by the 21st century. While most stores still remain closed on Thursday, others will throw open their doors on Thanksgiving. Black Friday has become a 5 day marathon including Cyber Monday.



BILL TINSLEY

Our forefathers knew nothing of this. They hunted and harvested and cleaned and cooked, but they never stood in lines in front of glass doors waiting for the opening bell. They never rushed through aisles searching for treasures that were sure to disappear. They never stood in check-

out lines that stretched to the back of the store. Black Friday seems to symbolize our rush through life, our efforts to get the best deal, to be first in line.

I am nostalgic for the traditional American Thanksgiving we knew when I was a child. All the stores were closed. Workers could spend the day with their families. No one had to shop for presents or send cards. All we had to do was enjoy getting together with those we love and be thankful.

I hope this holiday season we cultivate a thankful heart and grateful spirit and take time to truly "be" with family and friends so that this is "the best Thanksgiving ever." (Colossians 3:15)

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

Church News

College Baptist Church

Thanks to all those who came to our annual Thanksgiving celebration meal last Sunday evening. God is on the move at College Baptist Church, and we would love to meet with you as our visitors and friends on the corner of 11th Place and Birdwell Lane, Sunday Morning at 9:15 for Sunday School, 10:45 for Worship.

Our service Wednesday, King's Kids, Wee singers, and prayer and Bible study for Youth and Adults all meet at 7 p.m. As we move into the Christmas season remember Jesus is the reason for ANY season. The choir will be presenting our musical on Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at 10:45 a.m.

Also we have a SAVE THE DATE event on February 23 and 24th. We are planning a College Baptist Church reunion. All former members are welcome to come and celebrate with us. Please continue in prayer so we can reach our "Jerusalem" and beyond for Jesus.

As a church we are involved in many ministries that come together with those in Howard County to meet the needs of our community. Come celebrate the joy with us in worship as we praise the Mighty God we serve. Please call: 432-267-7429, for more information about this great Church.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

We at Cornerstone Covenant Church would love the opportunity to Connect with YOU! Please join us this week at one of the following events:

Sunday, November 25th- Join us this Sunday at our 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. worship service. Come on out as you can expect biblical teaching & preaching, genuine loving fellowship and live spirit filled praise & worship. We would love the opportunity this Sunday to share what God has for you, and get to know you better.

Fall Breakout Session- Join us each Wednesday for our Mid-Week Breakout Sessions. We will start at 6 p.m. with our Fellowship Meal in our Misfits lounge. Praise & Worship will start promptly at 7 p.m. in the Main Sanctuary followed by our Breakout sessions @7:20 p.m. Breakout session schedules can be picked up at the Front Office or Kiosk station.

Starfish Program- Our STARFISH program is a tutoring program that assists 3rd grade children by offering Christian character building principles; academic tutoring; and remedial & reinforcement assistance. We are still needing volunteers for tutoring. If you are interested in being a part and are willing and available to serve in this powerful ministry to our community we would love to hear from you. Contact Kathryn Lane 512-577-0132 or Stacey Munsell 432-935-1151

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

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

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

First Presbyterian Church

On Wednesday the Lectionary Bible Study, led by Tom Koger and Mike Robinson, meets at 5:00 p.m. in the church library. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The Sunday afternoon Handbell Choir meets at 1:30 p.m., Youth Group at 2:30, and Children's Choir at 3:30 p.m.

The Saturday Prayer Breakfast for this month will be November 24 at 8:30 in Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be another of our Young Heroes, Mia Burch. All are invited to come and bring a friend.

Presbyterian Women are asking for everyone who can to bring a recipe of cookies and join them for lunch at noon on Tuesday, November 27. After lunch, everyone who is there will help package the cookies to send to the college students and to homebound members. PW also provides each college

student a \$10 Sonic gift card. These gifts are intended to reach the students before or during final exams.

It's time to purchase poinsettias to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. These need to be ordered by November 28. Forms for ordering were in the bulletin last Sunday or may be picked up at the church office. The form has a space to list the person or persons to present them "in memory of" or "in honor of." Each plant is \$10.

Nancy Koger will provide refreshments for Take Ten this week. Lector is Danny Kennemur. Ushers last Sunday were Jim Little, Ellen Austin, and Jake and Mason Patterson.

The Service Committee is requesting the congregation to donate turkeys for the Northside Community Center (which has been renamed Howard County Resource Center), Salvation Army, and for the PW Christmas baskets. They are also setting up a "Care Chain" for members of the church. Each month one person will visit any of the members who have been hospitalized. Those interested may sign the Care Chain List placed in the Narthex.

The lectionary passages for Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday are 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-18; Revelation 1:14b-8; John 18:33-37. Bernadette Coffee, Commissioned Ruling Elder from San Angelo, will deliver the sermon. The Chancel Choir opens worship with the introit, "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers" by Johann Cruger. The Choir will present "We Gather Together" based on a

Getting Grace Right

"Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:" Romans 5:20

The subject of "getting grace right" may be the most laughable one I have ever heard. Religion is something we gotta get right, because if we don't hold our mouth just so or dot the I's and cross all the T's as we attempt to follow the endless list of rules and regulations, we risk guilt and shame at the portals of excommunication. But on the other hand, grace is not something God expects us to get right.

As a matter of fact, grace is something that God expects us to let Him get right for us. We do religion, but God does grace. This tells us that religion and grace really have very little, if anything to do with each other. Religion teaches us that if we sin,

God will whack us up side the head. But grace teaches us that - where sin abounds, grace does much more abound.



TOM SLOAN

So, how does a weak, human sinner do grace right? Is this even possible? Scripture teaches us that this never has been nor will it ever be the duty of a mortals. This responsibility lies fully on the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only one who is supposed to get grace right for us because He is the only one who can.

Wait a minute, now that I think about it, there is one thing that we can do to get grace right and that is to say - God be merciful to me a sinner. We get grace right by being brutally honest with ourselves and with God in the truth about our sinful condition.

When God gets grace right, so do we.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM, beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website www.fpcbs.org. Please Like us on Facebook.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church welcomes all to participate in our services. We are located North of the High School on Goliad Street (1001 S. Goliad), and would love to have you visit. Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. followed by brunch in the Parish Hall. On Wednesday's we have Bible study and coffee in the morning at 10:30 a.m. and evening we have Eve-



Netherlands Folk Hymn as the anthem. The Noisy Offering, used to help feed hungry people here and abroad, will be collected during the service. We wish to express appreciation for her service and the sharing of her time and talents to Laura Holleman, our organist and choir director for the past two years and ask God's blessings on her on this her last Sunday with us.

After worship on Sunday, everyone who can is asked to stay and help decorate the sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. The more who stay, the sooner the work will be done!

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

ning prayer, dinner, and book study starting at 5:30 p.m. What a great opportunity to have meaningful fellowship and develop relationships with people who have a common interest, following the steps of Christ. Please come and join us for a time of worship and fellowship in a place that welcomes all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Pastor Jim Walterhouse, wife Debbie, and the congregation of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to worship with them Sunday at 2 p.m. Come

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praise and celebrate the world's Savior, Jesus Christ, and drink from the water of God's Word as Pastor Jim delivers the sermon. Currently, Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For detailed information about BHDC, including Wednesday evening activities and full schedule, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men,..." Titus 2:11

Become part of the family of First Baptist Church, Sunday at 10:50 a.m., as they gather in devoted reverence of the world's Savior, Jesus Christ. Music Minister Alan Schantz will lead worshippers in a blend of classic hymns of the faith, and contemporary praise and worship songs. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message from scripture which encourages and reminds listeners to draw near to God, and He will draw near to them-James 4:8. If you need assistance accessing the sanctuary due to mobility issues, use the west circle drive, and someone will be glad to assist you inside and park your vehicle. If unable to attend, you may join the service through the live stream on the church website at: fbcbigspring.org. (Click on 'MORE' tab, then 'SERMONS')

At 9:30 Sunday School groups meet throughout the building with children gathering in the Good News Garage on the first floor, and teens, college students, and adults meeting in second floor classrooms. Greeters are available to help you find your class.

There will be no regularly scheduled Sunday evening activities Nov. 25.

The 30-Day Gratitude Challenge continues, and it's always okay to start from where you are-(finish the month strong!). To help us train our hearts to be thankful, Pastor Mark is challenging everyone to spend the 30 days of November developing the fruit of thankfulness in our lives. The 30-Day Gratitude Challenge provides each participant with a scripture reading, an action challenge, and a prayer each day. Stop by the church and pick up the printed format, or call 267-8223 to add your email to the 'Gratitude Challenge' group, or go to fbcbigspring.org to obtain a digital copy. Turn to 1 Thessalonians 5:18 to begin your Gratitude Journey!

Men's Bible study will not meet Saturday Nov. 24, but resumes Dec. 1 at 8 a.m. in the Family Life Center.

Plan now to attend, and to bring some friends to this special time of fellowship and encouragement. The study is "The Man God Uses" by Henry and Tim Blackaby. All area men are invited.

Save the date of December 9 for FBC's annual 'Jingle & Mingle'.

At 6 p.m., the Worship Ministry presents 'The Greatest Story Ever Told', followed by a festive time of fellowship and food in the Family Life Center. The entire community is invited.

Mother's Day Out is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9-3. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 to find out about available openings for your little ones. Wednesday evening activities begin at 6 pm, and include adult worship choir practice, adult Bible study and prayer time, children's activities, and youth group. Call 267-8223 or go to fbcbigspring.org for detailed information.

FBC is looking for a secretary/receptionist to work in the church office. If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please call the church at 267-8223, or see Pastor Mark for more information.

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

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

Spring Creek Fellowship

"Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry is taking donations to sponsor turkeys and hams to give to families in need for the holidays. Just \$5 will help! Contact Kay Elder for more information.

Volunteers are needed for "Our Daily Bread" Food Pantry to unload trucks on Wednesdays before they are open on the weekend. Hours are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If you are in need of food, please come see us! We are in the mall. Go in the door where the movie theater is located and we are in the first spot on the left! If you are interested in volunteering with the "Blessing Box" ministry or the "Our Daily Bread Food Pantry" ministry, please contact Kay Elder. Children's Church is a great place for your child to learn and play while you enjoy Worship! We are excited about this new ministry for children ages K through 4th grade! We will be building on our Kid Connect lessons. Please bring your children for the fun and learning!

All men are invited to the weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast on Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at Evita's Restaurant in the mall. Please join us!

There is a new sisterhood for widows in our community. This group is called "PUP" which stands for "Picking Up Pieces." All widows in Big Spring and the surrounding areas are welcome! Meetings will be held the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served. We would love to see you there! For address or more info, please contact the church office.

The Taylor School of Ministry is now in session. This session will address "How to Study the Bible." If you are interested, please contact Derrick Looney or the church office.

The Pain Management Class meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. If you have chronic pain and would like to learn how to manage it, please attend this class. It meets in Room 4 of the Adult Connections Classrooms in the Mall.

Our Van Ministry is growing and needs licensed drivers to help pick up those that need a ride to church. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry, contact the church office.

Donations are needed for our Blessing Box placed outside in front of the church. This ministry is separate from "Our Daily Bread" and is supported completely by donations of nonperishable foods. Please consider donating nonperishable food items on a regular basis if you are able! Everyone is welcome to take what they need and donations are greatly appreciated.

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

What It Really Means

By Dr. Lillian Bohannon

Attitudes of gratitude will make any day a bit brighter. I will ever be grateful to a church I grew up in for their attitude of giving. We were not the wealthiest family in Northern Nevada, but we were not the poorest either. One year at Thanksgiving my little church gave Thanksgiving baskets to the needy. One was brought to my house. My mother told them to please take it to another needy family, that we didn't need it.

I almost laughed because we had a freezer full of turkey and deer meat and trout. Mother always was able to feed her family of six kids plus all our friends. But that experience told me that churches need to care about their flock. Love is a verb and they proved it over and over again.

We live in a very selfish age today. We think with our human mind and heart which the Bible calls desperately wicked. The love of many has waxed cold. We take advantage of our friends, family, and especially our

enemies. Why would we think living like this would please a Holy God?

How do we get out of this attitude of ingratitude? Well, again the Bible says, the Holy Spirit of God is an all-consuming fire. He warms our hearts with His fire. All we need to do is turn to Him in any situation and He will direct our paths into loving our family, friends, and especially our enemies.

This season of the year makes giving so easy. There are all kinds of opportunities to give to family, friends, and even our enemies. It's called the gift of love. We can only have that gift if we know the Giver of Love, Jesus Christ, Who stepped out of Heaven and gave Himself on the cross for our penalty of sin.

When we get that right, we will know the true meaning of what life is really all about.



LILLIAN BOHANNAN

with donations. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, either in a "hands on" way or by donation, please contact the church office. Our Nursery needs workers on Sunday mornings. If you have a heart for children and would like to give some of your time loving on our smallest members, please contact Lauren Bratcher.

We have an "App" for your convenience. It is easy to work with and has many applications. Go to your App Store, search for "The Church App" and download. Then search for "Spring Creek Fellowship Texas." That should take you to our Home Page.

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Sunday-9:15-10:15 a.m.-Sunday School/Connection Groups

10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m.-"Holy Grounds Café" is open with coffee, drinks and fellowship.

10:45 a.m.-noon-Worship Service

10:45 a.m.-noon-Children's Church

5 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Tuesday-

6 p.m.- Pain Management Class-Room 4

7 p.m.-Women's Bible Study-Beautiful Outlaw

Wednesday-

Community Groups-various times and places

Thursday

7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study-Kingdom Disciples

Saturday

7:30 a.m.-Men's Prayer Breakfast. Breakfast at

Evita's Restaurant in the mall.

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

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Cooper, Cowboys join Redskins atop NFC East with 31-23 win

By SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ezekiel Elliott made the \$21 donation after his touchdown. Amari Cooper took the freebie following the first of his two scores.

The bonus for the Dallas Cowboys: They're all the way back in the NFC East race.

Cooper celebrated his first touchdown with a mock free throw before a 90-yard score that sent him to a Dallas Thanksgiving record 180 yards receiving, and the Cowboys pulled even with Washington atop the division with a 31-23 win over the Redskins on Thursday.

Elliott ran for 121 yards with his TD and cash celebration as the Cowboys (6-5) won their third straight game since their first home loss, to Tennessee in the Dallas debut of Cooper. Dallas' eighth win in nine Thanksgiving games against Washington, and second in three years, earned a season split.

"Everyone jumped off the bandwagon, of course, at 3-5," quarterback Dak Prescott said. "You expect that. I can tell you who didn't doubt ourselves. As long as we locked arms, we stayed

tight, we knew we could do this and we can do more. That's the only thing that matters to us."

The Redskins (6-5) lost for the third time in four games in Colt McCoy's first start in four years coming off Alex Smith's season-ending leg injury.

The former Texas Longhorns star threw three interceptions to offset two touchdown passes. McCoy won his two previous starts at the home of the Cowboys, one for the 2009 Big 12 championship and the other his most recent NFL victory with the Redskins in 2014.

"I think I'm encouraged, on a short week like that," said McCoy, who was 24 of 38 for 268 yards. "Losing overshadows everything. But I'll go back and watch it and try to clean up some of my mistakes that are going to help our team win."

Cooper had 105 yards after the catch on his two touchdowns.

First, Cooper ran away from Quinton Dunbar after the Washington cornerback slipped on a short pass, turning it into a 40-yard TD for a 17-13 lead.

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AP photo
Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Amari Cooper (19) runs in for a touchdown against the Washington Redskins during the second half of an NFL football game in Arlington, Texas, Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018.

Kings of the North: Daniel leads Bears to 23-16 win over Lions

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Chase Daniel outplayed Matthew Stafford, proving an NFL journeyman can beat one of the highest-paid players in the league.

Daniel threw a career-high two touchdowns to keep the Chicago Bears rolling with a 23-16 win over the Detroit Lions on Thursday, filling in very well for injured quarterback Mitchell Trubisky.

"You don't know when these opportunities will come," the 32-year-old Daniel said after making the third start of his career and first in nearly four years. "You just have to make the most of them."

He did. Daniel finished 27 of 37 for 230 yards, setting career highs in each category. He threw a go-ahead, 10-yard touchdown pass to Taquan Mizzell in the second quarter and a 14-yard pass to Tarik Cohen in the fourth to give Chicago the lead again at 16-13.

It was quite a performance for Daniel, a player who has been used sparingly since the former Missouri star entered the league in 2010. He barely played for New Orleans, Kansas City, Philadelphia and Chicago, but gained respect from coaches and players for

his preparation.

"Everyone in this locker room knew what he was going to do, and he didn't let us down," Mizzell said. "People forget how long he's been in the NFL and how much talent he has. They talk about the number of games he's started, but the people that practice with him every day that he was going to give us a chance to win this game."

And unlike Stafford, Daniel didn't make any costly mistakes.

Stafford was 28 of 38 for 236 yards with two interceptions late in the fourth, too many Detroit's chances to win. The Lions drafted Stafford No. 1 overall in 2009 and gave him a \$135 million, five-year extension last year.

The NFC North-leading Bears (8-3) sealed their fifth straight victory with Kyle Fuller's interception in the end zone with 1:07 left.

Chicago broke a 16-16 tie on Eddie Jackson's 41-yard pick-6 with six minutes remaining. The safety stepped in front of a pass in the flat intended for tight end Michael Roberts, taking advantage of the fact that Stafford didn't look at another target as he dropped back.

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AP photo
Chicago Bears quarterback Chase Daniel throws during the first half of an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions, Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, in Detroit.

Saints win 10th straight, eliminate Falcons in NFC South

By BRETT MARTEL

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Drew Brees made Atlanta pay for losing track of his inexperienced receivers, and New Orleans' defense halted several promising Falcons drives with forced fumbles they could not afford.

Tommylee Lewis and Austin Carr each caught his second career touchdown pass, rookie tight end Dan Arnold and rookie receiver Keith Kirkwood each grabbed their first, and the Saints won their 10th straight game with a 31-17 victory Thursday night that eliminated Atlanta from contention in the NFC South.

All four players entered the NFL as undrafted free agents within the past three years.

"I love that stat," Brees said. "That's one of my favorite ones."

They also had combined for zero touchdowns this season before Carr caught the first of his career last Sunday.

"It says a lot about taking advantage of the opportunity," Brees said. "It's fun to watch them grow and gain confidence. We're building chemistry, which typically takes time, right? But they've been thrust into this role."

Meanwhile, the Falcons (4-7) lost three fumbles inside the Saints 20 — tough for any team to overcome against streaking New Orleans (10-1) this season.

Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan was stripped by safety Marcus Williams on a third-and-2 from the Saints 3 and Williams recovered to end Atlanta's opening drive. Julio Jones was stripped by linebacker Alex Anzalone after a catch on the New Orleans 17,

and safety Vonn Bell recovered in the final minute of the second quarter to preserve a 17-3 lead going into halftime.

New Orleans' defense, which had a season-high six sacks, continued to come up with big plays in the second half. Anzalone broke up a fourth-down pass in the third quarter and linebacker A.J. Klein intercepted a pass tipped by defensive tackle Tyler Davison in the fourth.

"I do love the way that we played today," said defensive end Cameron Jordan, who had two sacks. "I do love the four turnovers. I do love the sacks. I do love the pressures. I do love the quarterback hits. For all terms and purposes, we had our Thanksgiving."

Klein's interception gave the Saints possession on the Atlanta 22, setting up Kirkwood's diving 4-yard TD catch.

With about four minutes left, cornerback Marshon Lattimore stripped Calvin Ridley on the Saints 1 after a 29-yard completion that looked as though it would end in a touchdown. Defensive back Eli Apple recovered that one.

"When you have one turnover (in the red zone), it feels like a lot," Falcons coach Dan Quinn said. "We had three down there and that was the real story of the game."

KEY STATS

Ryan was under pressure all night from a Saints defense that was bolstered by the return of first-round draft choice Marcus Davenport from a toe injury that sidelined him for three games. Marcus Williams, P.J. Williams, Sheldon Rankins and Demario Davis each had a sack.



AP photo
New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) and wide receiver Austin Carr (80) celebrate with wide receiver Keith Kirkwood (18) after Brees' touchdown pass to Kirkwood in the second half of an NFL football game against the Atlanta Falcons in New Orleans, Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018.

Ryan finished 35 of 47 for 377 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. But little came easy. His first TD pass, to Ridley, came on his fourth down from the 2 late in the third quarter.

Atlanta rushed for just 26 yards. New Orleans finished with 150, led by Alvin Kamara's 89 and Mark Ingram's 52.

Statistically, Brees did not have one of his more impressive games, completing 15 of 22 passes for 171 yards with his second interception of the

season. The pick was snagged by Damontae Kazee, his NFL-leading sixth this year.

NEW TARGETS

Brees' ability to play to the strengths of unheralded receivers allowed the Saints to cash in on scoring opportunities. A week earlier, he found rookie Tre'Quan Smith 10 times for 157 yards and a TD, but Smith was ruled out against Atlanta with a foot injury.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Animal Talk and the Gemini Moon

Did you ever hear a
peacock cry or a squirrel
say "hey"? The call of
unfamiliar animals can be
surprising. You have to
spend time with an animal
to know how it talks. The
human animal is no ex-
ception. Under this social
gadfly of a Gemini moon,
success goes to those
who put the hours in and
give the attention it takes
to really listen.

**ARIES (March
21-April 19).** Beyond
the classic stripes of iron
bars, cages take on all
sorts of material forms;
some look like factories,
some like dinner tables,
nice houses, clean cars,
or bottles or mirrors. In
what way do you need to
get free?

**TAURUS (April 20-
May 20).** Why is it taking
so long? When do we get
there? These questions
are completely natural,

though unhelpful. With
some effort, you'll calm
the restless heart and
see, with clarity, the cur-
rent opportunities.

**GEMINI (May 21-
June 21).** Today is like
an elevator. You get on,
knowing the risk, and
take it because it's time to
leave one reality. When
this ride is done, the
doors open onto another,
slightly different, reality.

**CANCER (June
22-July 22).** Part of the
experience of places is
the expectation being
carried to the entrance
gate. You'll be dealing
with people who are
new to the environment
you know so well. You'll
strongly influence their
reception of it.

**LEO (July 23-Aug.
22).** You strive to be the
best, but "the best" can
be hard to assess. How
is it measured? Not in
popularity or awards.
Those yardsticks can only
measure consensus and

social agree-
ment,
which
often
has little
to do
with the
best.

**VIR-
GO
(Aug.
23-
Sept.
22).** You
don't
believe
that
your
win
has to
come at
somebody else's loss, but
you should be aware that
there are many around
who do have this scarci-
ty-minded approach. For
best results, steer clear of
these types.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23).** The love flowing
through a relationship
is not like it was in the
beginning, or yesterday,

or earlier
this morn-
ing. And
that's
OK.
Love
will con-
tinue to
make
many
forms,
all of
them
enrich-
ing in
their
own
way.

**SCOR-
PIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You
acknowledge people by
listening to them, remem-
bering things about them,
reflecting back to them a
version of themselves that
represents how they'd
like to be seen. Generous
heart, your love boomer-
ang is coming.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21).** It's so easy

to fall in love, or have an
affectionate feeling about
someone, that the reality
of the ongoing work of re-
lationships can come as a
surprise. Expect it and be
ready to embrace it when
it comes.

**CAPRICORN (Dec.
22-Jan. 19).** The great
thing about falling be-
hind is, you never know
how strong, smart and
able you are until you're
tasked with catching up.
Afterward, you no longer
think every small setback
spells disaster. Recovery
is in your nature.

**AQUARIUS (Jan.
20-Feb. 18).** There's not
one way to work. People
at work can be still as the
moon or hummingbird
quick. The action of work
varies. Some stare into
space, some sweat or cry.
Your work, whatever form
it takes, will be deeply
respected.

**PISCES (Feb.
19-March 20).** Some
vestiges of who you were

in your yesteryears might
be holding you back. It
probably has to do with
an old habit or viewpoint.
Getting rid of a material
representation of the era
will provide a magical,
metaphorical release.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(Nov. 23).** You know that
you're incredibly valuable,
and are so secure in that
knowledge that you think
of yourself less and less
often. This is freedom.
A new level of optimism
emerges. More highlights:
the club you're invited to
and an unforgettable date
and the satisfactory resolution
of a conflict that's affect-
ed your family for years.
Aquarius and Cancer
adore you. Your lucky
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Annie's Mailbox

Sister Is Not the Same

Dear Annie: Nearly a
year ago, my sister was
in a devastating accident.
She had been drinking
heavily. Thank goodness,
no one else was involved.
She has a massive brain
injury and will never be
the same. Throughout the
years, we used to discuss
the idea of living in such a
condition. She and I both
expressed the feeling that
we would rather die than
live in such a negatively
altered state. I find myself
praying that she will die. I
feel terrible having these
feelings. Am I a terrible
person? -- Heartbroken
Sibling

**Dear Heartbroken
Sibling:** No, you are not
a terrible person, but you
need to reframe your
prayer. Rather than pray
for your sister's death,
pray for the death of the
condition that your sister
is in. You are a wonderful
sibling who is understand-
ably having a difficult time
seeing her sister with a
massive brain injury. You
must feel very torn about
the fact that you both
previously discussed this
possibility. Keep praying
for a recovery or peaceful
ending, and focus your
prayers on your sister's
not being in pain any-
more.

Dear Annie: I just
read your response to
the gal who wants her
wedding guests to be
dressed properly at her
wedding. While I agree
that she should state her
wishes, I think you should
know that there are many
people in the West and
Midwest who wear jeans
to everything and do not
mean to be disrespect-
ful. Even the groom and
groomsmen often wear
jeans for wedding cere-
monies. Our neighbor and
his groomsmen wore bib
overalls at his wedding.
People who knew them
said it wouldn't have been
right to see them dressed

in tuxedos. -- Ranchin' in
SD

Dear Ranchin': I
stand corrected. When I
said that I didn't believe
anyone would wear jeans
to a wedding, I didn't re-
alize that this is a custom
in the Midwest. I appre-
ciate your bringing that
to my attention, and I'm
sorry for my ignorance.
In that case, if the bride
really wants to be sure
that no one wears jeans
to her wedding, she might
want to specifically say
"No jeans, please" on the
invitation.

Dear Annie: I read
with interest the letter

from "Gift-Giving Guru."
I think that perhaps the
importance is not in the
actual gift but in the
intent. The most romantic
gift I ever received was a
dishwasher! During our
first few married years,
I was a stay-at-home
bread-maker -- till my best
bread board was used
to cover the stopped-up
kitchen sink for almost
a year, at which point
it and the multicolored
mold on it were trashed.
My husband promised
to replace it "someday."
Fast-forward to our 25th
anniversary. I came home
from work to find, com-
plete with a big ribbon, a
dishwasher with a carving

board top in the kitchen.
My honey had remem-
bered his promise! It
doesn't hurt that I haven't
ever had to load it, either.
He still does it, 20 years
later. He was definitely a
keeper! -- Susan

Dear Susan: A
keeper indeed. Thanks
for making me smile, and
congratulations on 45
years of happy marriage.

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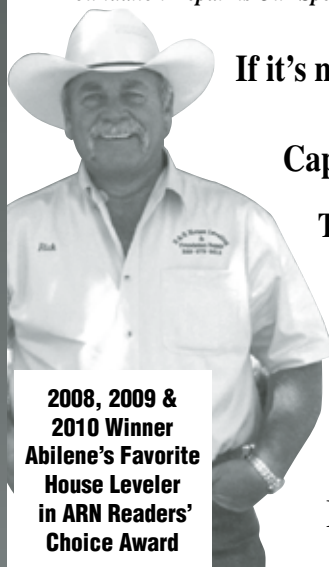
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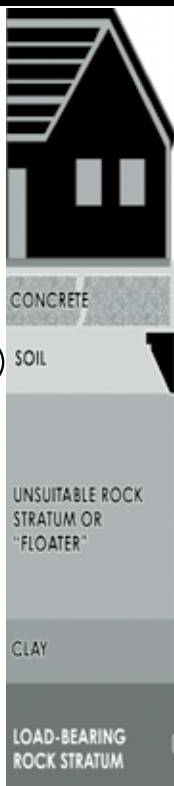
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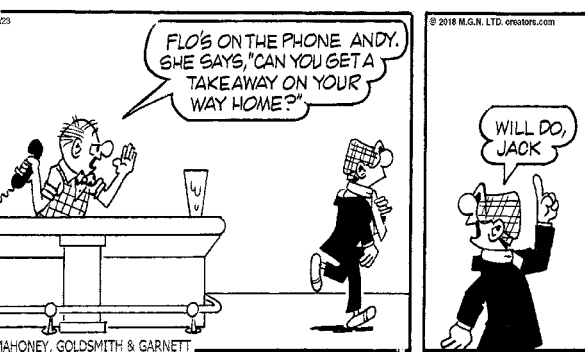
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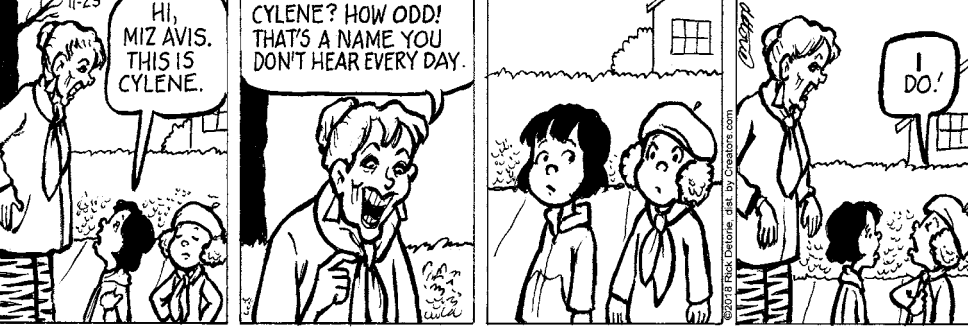
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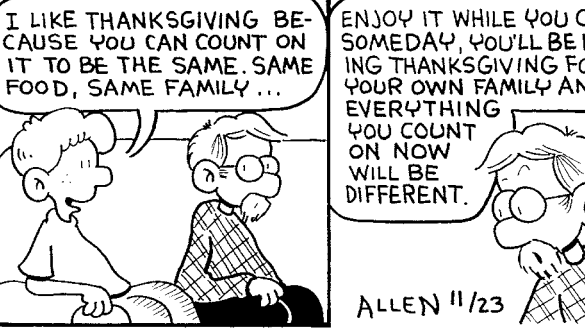
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Ten years ago: The government unveiled a bold plan to rescue Citigroup, injecting a fresh \$20 billion into the troubled firm as well as guaranteeing hundreds of billions of dollars in risky assets. Spain clinched an improbable, come-from-behind Davis Cup victory over Argentina.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama said a nuclear deal reached with Iran during talks in Geneva was an "important first step" toward addressing the world's concerns over the Islamic republic's disputed nuclear program.

One year ago: The holiday shopping season kicked off with some major retailers opening on Thanksgiving afternoon or evening, hoping for a lift from a better economy.

Today's Birthdays: Former Labor Secretary William E. Brock is 88. Actor Franco Nero is 77. Screenwriter Joe Eszterhas is 74. Actor-comedy writer Bruce Vilanch is 71. Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., is 68. Singer Bruce Hornsby is 64. Former Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., is 63. Actor Maxwell Caulfield is 59. Actor John Henton is 58. TV personality Robin Roberts ("Good Morning America") is 58. Rock singer-musician Ken Block (Sister Hazel) is 52. Rock musician Charlie Grover is 52. Actress Salli Richardson-Whitfield is 51. Actor Oded Fehr (OH'-dehd fayr) is 48. Rapper-actor Kurupt (The Dogg Pound) is 46. Actor Page Kennedy is 42. Actress Kelly Brook is 39. Actor Lucas Grabeel (GRAY'-beel) is 34. TV personality Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi is 31. Actress-singer Miley Cyrus is 26. Actor Austin Majors is 23. Actress Olivia Keville (TV: "Splitting Up Together") is 16.

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Texas aims for Big 12 title game in return to Kansas

By **DAVE SKRETTA**

AP Sports Writer

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Tom Herman wasn't on the Texas sideline two years ago, even if a bunch of his players were, when the Longhorns walked out of Memorial Stadium with a head-shaking loss to Kansas.

The defeat ended a string of 13 consecutive wins over the Jayhawks, likely sealed the fate of embattled coach Charlie Strong and ultimately led to Herman's hiring away from Houston.

But when asked whether there is a sense of revenge among the veteran players on the Texas roster as they prepare to return to Lawrence for the first time Friday, the plainspoken Herman responded with what could only be considered an audible shrug.

"I feel like that program that went there, I feel like that was 50 years ago, not two years ago," he said. "We're so far passed that point in our program, no, there's no hidden significance to it."

Especially considering some far more important things are at stake: The No. 11 Longhorns (8-3, 6-2 Big 12, No. 15 CFP) will clinch a spot in the Big 12 title game with a win.

The fact that the Longhorns are in the mix heading into their regular-season finale may be the best evidence of the progress Herman has made. The year they lost to the Jayhawks, they finished 5-7 for the second straight season, and played their finale knowing a bowl game was out of reach.

"We've come a long way but we're far from a finished product," Herman said. "I would argue we're over-achievers at this point, when you look throughout the landscape of our conference. How many first-team all-conference guys do we have on our starting 22? I don't know. I think we have some pretty good players, but



AP photo

Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger (11) throws against Iowa State during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Nov. 17, 2018, in Austin, Texas.

we have a lot of guys that know how to play team football.

"That's the sign of progress," Herman said, "when your culture can take over and win some games."

The Jayhawks (3-8, 1-7) are in the midst of another culture change of their own.

David Beaty will be coaching his final game for Kansas on Friday, having been relieved of duties with two games left in the season but allowed to finish out his fourth season in charge. He only has six wins over that time period, including that monumental high of beating the Longhorns.

The school has already hired national championship-winning coach Les Miles, and he is busy assembling a coaching staff and hitting the ground recruiting.

"I haven't spoken to him and we probably won't speak," Beaty said, "but that's OK. I'm going to be the coach here through the rest of this week and then it's going to be time for a change. Our job is to win this game, to help those (players) that are going to still be here."

Texas is no doubt in a better place than it was two years ago, when the Longhorns lost to the Jayhawks. But the reality is Kansas is in a better place, too, with a competitive roster — even if the positive results have been painfully hard to produce.

"Only the ones who have been inside know where we started and where

we're at today," Beaty said. "At the end of the day it's about production, and production is spelled out with W-I-N. You've got to win. We weren't able to do that at a high enough level fast enough. And I get that."

He has one more chance on Friday.

HAGER APOLOGY
Texas defensive end Breckyn Hager issued a public apology earlier this week after he called out Oklahoma following the Longhorns' win over Iowa State last week. Hager had said that "OU still sucks," and Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby publicly reprimanded him.

POOKA POWER
Kansas freshman Pooka Williams torched the Sooners for 252 yards and two touchdowns on just 15 carries last week.

"He's the real deal," Texas defensive lineman Chris Nelson said. "The biggest thing for this game is just gang-tackling. Everybody has to put a hat on him."

SAM THE MAN
Texas quarterback Sam Ehlinger is expected to play after reinjuring his right shoulder against Iowa State. Shane Buechele finished up the win over the Cyclones and Ehlinger did not throw early in the week, but Herman expressed confidence he would be ready by Friday.

JOHNSON HEALING
Longhorns wide receiver Collin Johnson said he's "close to 100 percent" after hurting his knee in practice early this month. He caught three passes for 55 yards against Iowa State, and said, "It was good to be back out there. At this point, everybody is battling."

BIG 12 TITLE
Texas won three Big 12 title games, the last in 2009, before it went away following the 2010 season. Oklahoma played TCU for the championship last season.

Different modes for Baylor, Texas Tech to get bowl eligible

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas Tech and Baylor have reached the regular-season finale in the same position, needing a win to get bowl eligible.

"It's a playoff game," Baylor coach Matt Rhule said. "Win or go home."

Still, the modes of the two teams couldn't be much more different going into Saturday's game in the NFL stadium where the Big 12 championship game will be played a week later.

For Rhule and the Bears (5-6, 3-5 Big 12), getting to a bowl game a year after winning only once would be quite a boost.

Unfortunately for Kliff Kingsbury and the Red Raiders (5-6, 3-5), this is an all-too familiar position that has their former quarterback on the coaching hot seat again.

A win in their regular-season finale at Texas last season likely saved Kingsbury's job. It is unclear what impact, if any, the outcome of this game might have on Kingsbury's future.

"Dealt with a lot of that last year, and this year the focus has just been on our team and our program and these seniors, and so that's what my focus is this week is, hey, how can we extend this season for these seniors," Kingsbury said. "They deserve to go to a bowl game. It's a very good group that's been through a lot, so you focus on that and focus on what you can control."

Baylor has lost two in a row with a chance to get its sixth win. The Bears lost 16-9 to TCU last week in the home finale for 10 fifth-year seniors who stayed after a sexual assault scandal on campus that led to them playing for three coaches and going through a 1-11 season last year.

"We're obviously not happy that we haven't been able to get it done in the last two weeks, but we're playing a meaningful game in November with it all on the line," Rhule said. "We understand we either get it done or our season is over."

When the Red Raiders started Kingsbury's sixth

season 5-2, his coaching record was 35-35. They have since lost four in a row, with consecutive home losses to No. 6 Oklahoma and No. 11 Texas by a combined 12 points before only 181 total yards without a touchdown in a 21-6 loss at Kansas State.

"That was an anomaly really with how we've played this year," Kingsbury said. "Kind of an outlier game for us."

The Red Raiders know they may be playing for more than a bowl game. This could be for the coaches.

"Yeah. We definitely, for sure, we love them," linebacker Riko Jeffers said. "They put so much into us, so we definitely want to show them that we care and that we will fight for them."

CUE THE NEXT QB
Texas Tech true freshman quarterback Alan Bowman, the nation's leading passer early in the season, has been sidelined for the second time because of a partially deflated lung, and dual-threat Jett Duffey is dealing with a knee and other issues. Carter McLane is also an option to get his first start since the opener, when he suffered an ankle injury in the first half.

"We don't know who's going to play quarterback but we know they're all, when you play against a Kliff Kingsbury team, you know they're all going

to be good quarterbacks," Rhule said. "For us, it's trying to stop (T.J.) Vasher and (Antoine) Wesley. ... Those challenges will be the same no matter who the quarterback is."

The 6-foot-5 Wesley leads the Big 12 with 84 catches for 1,375 yards. The 6-6 Vasher has 48 catches for 626 yards.

JERRY WORLD FINALE
This will be the ninth season in a row the game is played in the Dallas area, the eighth at AT&T Stadium. The series returns to campus next year for the first time since 2008. Baylor is 5-2 against Tech in the home of the Dallas Cowboys. Tech won a 2010 game at Cotton Bowl Stadium.

BLOCK THAT KICK
The Bears have blocked seven kicks, most in the country this season, and the most by Baylor since nine in 1989. BJ Thompson blocked a punt and an extra point last week against TCU. He also had a blocked PAT earlier this season.

EXTRA POINTS
Texas Tech has a 38-37-1 series lead. ... Red Raiders kicker Clayton Hatfield's 49 career field goals are one short of matching Ryan Bustin's program record. Hatfield's 12 consecutive made field goals are a school record.

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TCU needs final win over Oklahoma State to get bowl eligible

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**

AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas — Oklahoma State is still scoring plenty of points with fifth-year senior quarterback Taylor Cornelius, who waited his turn to be the Cowboys starter in his final college season.

Injury-plagued TCU, which has gotten three of its wins when scoring fewer than 20 points, likely will have fifth-year senior quarterback Grayson Muehlstein making his first career start in his final regular season game Saturday night, when the Horned Frogs (5-6, 3-5) have to win to get bowl eligible.

"Grayson has been here a long time. He's the next guy up so we've got to get ready to win and find a way to win," coach Gary Patterson said. "He'll have a chance to prepare as a starter, not as a backup. The other part, they'll also have a chance to prepare for him."

Muehlstein, the third quarterback used this season by the Frogs, finished off their 16-9 win at Baylor last

week to keep their bowl hopes intact.

The Cowboys (6-5, 3-5) got bowl eligible with their 45-41 win over then-No. 7 West Virginia when Cornelius threw his fifth touchdown pass with 42 seconds left, a week after he had 501 yards passing at No. 6 Oklahoma when they lost 48-47 after a failed 2-point conversion with 1:03 left. They beat Texas 38-35 last month.

"Oklahoma State, I think they've shown their potential, two of the top teams in the league, and they've gone after them, both Texas and West Virginia, and they took Oklahoma to the wire," Patterson said.

At the same time they went toe-to-toe with the Big 12 title contenders, the Cowboys had double-digit losses to Texas Tech and Kansas State and blew a 10-point lead in the fourth quarter to lose at Baylor.

"Definitely want to finish strong and end the season with a statement," Cowboys safety Kenneth Edison-McGruder said.

BOWL NOTES

O k l a - homa State will play in

a bowl for the 13th consecutive season, last missing a postseason game with a 4-7 record in former quarterback Mike Gundy's first season as head coach of his alma mater in 2005. "We're not even thinking about a bowl game right now," said Cornelius, who has 3,461 yards passing with 28 TDs and 10 interceptions. "We're thinking about finishing off our schedule strong."

TCU has to win to get bowl eligible for the 16th time in Patterson's 18 seasons — and 19th time in 21 seasons overall, including his three years as defensive coordinator for Dennis Franchione.

CHUBA CHUBA

Oklahoma State redshirt freshman Chuba Hubbard has had consecutive 100-yard games while Justice Hill, the Big 12's third-leading rusher, has dealt with bruised ribs.

"You have to prepare yourself for these types of situations because you never know what could happen," Hubbard said. "I've been working, waiting to see if my name will be called, and

when the time came I was ready."

Hill is 70 yards shy of joining Terry Miller (1975-77) as the only Oklahoma State running backs with three 1,000-yard rushing seasons.

SIX IN A ROW

Jalen Reagor has tied a TCU record with touchdown catches in six consecutive games. The speedy sophomore has 64 catches for 970 yards and eight TDs. In the win at TCU, he turned a screen pass into a 65-yard touchdown had the go-ahead TD when he took a reverse handoff and ran 37 yards on a fourth-and-1 play.

"He's been one of our bright spots," Patterson said.

COWBOY HOMECOMING

Oklahoma State sophomore receiver Tylan Wallace, who went to high school in Fort Worth, has 75 catches for 1,344 yards and 11 TDs. The 1,344 yards are third-most among FBS receivers. He had four consecutive 100-yard games earlier this season. Wallace, Rashaun Woods and Dez Bryant are the only Cowboys ever with two 200-yard games in the same season.

SAINTS

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Another receiver, Ted Ginn Jr., has been out with a knee injury since Week 5.

Lewis, a third-year pro, was in his first game back after nine weeks on injured reserve and had not caught a pass all season before getting wide open for his 28-yard grab that made it 7-0. Carr is a second-year pro who played in only one game without a catch as a rookie. He, too, was wide open after Falcons defenders bit on a fake to Ingram. Kirkwood made his NFL debut three games ago, when

Arnold had his first career catch.

"Obviously, Drew is someone who is very confident in the preparation, confident in players around him. There's a lot that goes into that," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "I'm excited for those guys that got opportunities."

DIRE STRAITS

The Falcons' dimming playoff hopes hang on catching up in the wildcard race, and they trail Minnesota (5-4-1) by two games for the last spot.

"It's rough right now for us. You don't want guys to quit," Jones said. "This is the time you get to see what guys are really like."

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"Got to see (Jackson) a little better than I did," Stafford said.

Jackson, a 2017 fourth-round pick, has turned two of his four interceptions into scores this season and has five total touchdowns in his career.

"He's had an unbelievable season so far, one that I don't know that I've seen," Chicago coach Matt Nagy said.

Jackson said simply picking off passes is not enough for his team, which has scored five times off interceptions this season.

"We are always thinking about putting points on the board," he said. "It is about attacking."

The Lions drove to the Bears 11 on their last possession, but couldn't score because Stafford's pass to Roberts was picked off by Fuller.

Detroit (4-7) has lost four of five, plummeting to last place in the division.

"We're not playing good football," running back LeGarrette Blount said.

The Lions did start relatively well, becoming the first team to lead Chicago in a month when Blount ran for his first of two touchdowns early in the second quarter. Blount had a season-high 88 yards rushing.

The Bears, though, were able to come back and go ahead thanks to a mistake-free quarterback and their defense that leads the NFL with 29 takeaways, including 20 interceptions.

"Our defense stepped up on the last two drives with takeaways and that's why they're the best in the league," Daniel said.

FITTING FUN

The Bears came up with some creative ways to celebrate two touchdowns.

Cohen went down to his side just beyond the end zone, putting his hands under his head as if he was taking a nap like many Americans do on Thanksgiving. After Fuller's interception, Prince Amukamara held the football as if it was a microphone and his teammates played the role of backup dancers and fans in a nod to Motown.

"It's a fun time," Nagy said. "That's who we are right now. Guys are wanting to outdance each other."

COWBOYS

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Cooper celebrated by mimicking a free throw, shooting the football through the goal post.

On the 90-yarder, Cooper made the catch just outside the Dallas 30, spun out of the arms of Fabian Moreau and won the race to the pylon against former Alabama teammate Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, who tried to shove him out of bounds around the 5.

The longest catch of Cooper's career and longest completion in Prescott's three seasons came exactly a month after the Cowboys gave Oakland their first-round pick in the upcoming draft for a new No. 1 receiver.

"I've been putting in extra time with my coaches, with Dak," Cooper said. "For some reason, since I've been here, the chemistry with Dak has phenomenal."

McCoy looked as if he hadn't started a game in a long time early, throwing into double coverage on his first play and fumbling while trying to scramble on his third, with the Redskins recovering and punting.

But McCoy settled in with a couple of third-down passes to Jordan Reed to keep drives going, then hit Vernon Davis in stride on a 53-yard touchdown — the longest Washington completion of the season — for a 7-7 tie.

The Cowboys were having all the fun before the Redskins pulled even, with Elliott scoring on a 16-yard run and dropping \$21 into a giant Salvation Army red kettle behind the end zone. The cash was handed to him by a team photographer.

As a rookie in 2016, Elliott jumped into the kettle on the same part of the field after a touchdown in a 31-26 win over the Redskins. That season's NFL rushing champion, who wears No. 21, was fined for the stunt and later donated \$21,000 to the Salvation Army.

After scoring on a scrambling 5-yard run for the third Dallas touchdown in less than eight minutes and a 31-13 lead, Prescott let Elliott help him into another kettle on the other end of the field, drawing the same unsportsmanlike conduct penalty Elliott did two years ago.

Elliott missed the Thanksgiving game last year on his six-game suspension over domestic violence allegations.

"I didn't have any plans to do that. Zeke did," said

Prescott, who was 22 of 31 for a season-high 289 yards in his third straight game without an interception or a lost fumble. "He showed his strength. Once he had me in the air, I said I've got to own it now and just figured I'd jump in there before I got hurt."

GAME BALL

Cowboys rookie receiver Michael Gallup had two catches for 19 yards less than a week after his brother died by suicide. The team gave him the game ball. He stayed with his family after last weekend's game in Atlanta, and will attend the funeral Friday. Gallup didn't talk to reporters after the game.

"Just so proud of the way he's handled this," Prescott said. "You know he's playing for his brother, he's living for his brother and that's what's most important."

MR. IRREVELANT

Washington receiver Trey Quinn, the final pick of this year's draft at the home of the Cowboys and a former player at nearby SMU, had a 30-yard punt return to the Dallas 25 to set up his own 10-yard touchdown catch for Washington's only lead at 13-10 in the third quarter.

SLOWED PETERSON

Redskins running back Adrian Peterson left briefly in the first quarter with a shoulder injury but returned. Still, he wasn't nearly as effective as in Washington's 20-17 win in the first meeting. The four-time All-Pro finished with 35 yards on 12 carries after going for 99 yards at home.

After the game, Peterson wouldn't discuss his comments in a recent report that he still uses a belt and a switch to discipline his son. In 2014, he faced felony charges of child abuse in his home state of Texas before pleading no contest to a misdemeanor in a settlement.

UP NEXT

Redskins: First of two meetings in the final five games against the defending champion Eagles, at Philadelphia on Monday, Dec. 3.

Cowboys: Face New Orleans in the second of three straight home games next Thursday.

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