

50 MSC Film Society presents

**Trainspotting** Feb 2

Tickets: \$3.50 at the door or \$3.00 in advance at the MSCBox Office (845-1234). Or avoid long lines and buy a season pass for \$15. All films shown in Rudder Theatre Complex.

Persons with disabilities please call 845-1515 to inform us of your special needs. Questions? Call the Aggie Cinema Hotline - 847-8478. Website: <http://films.tamu.edu>

# Worship Directory

## Assembly of God

**Bethel Temple Assembly of God**  
2608 Villa Maria, Bryan 776-4835  
Sunday Worship 10:15, 6:00 pm  
Sunday School 9:00  
[www.startel.net/bethel](http://www.startel.net/bethel)

## Baptist

**Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church**  
**College & Career Class**  
You are invited to a Bible study especially for students. Sunday mornings at 9:45  
1228 W. Villa Maria 779-2297  
For more information contact Marcus Brewer: 696-6558  
[m-brewer@tamu.edu](mailto:m-brewer@tamu.edu)  
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• Friendly people 11:00 a.m....Worship  
• Practical messages 6:00 p.m....Worship

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**St. Mary's Catholic Center**  
603 Church Avenue in Northgate (979)846-5717  
[www.aggiecatholic.org](http://www.aggiecatholic.org)  
Pastoral Team  
Rev. Michael J. Sis, Pastor  
Rev. David A. Konderla, Associate Pastor  
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**Daily Masses**  
Mon.-Fri.: 5:30 p.m. in the Church  
Tues. & Thurs. 12:05 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel  
Sat.: 10:30 a.m. (Korean)  
**Weekend Masses**  
Sat.: 5:30 p.m. (English), 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)  
Sun.: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.  
**Confessions**  
Wed. 8:30-9:30 p.m., Sat. 4:00-5:15 p.m. or by appointment.

## Christian

**First Christian Church**  
900 South Ennis, Bryan 823-5451  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Robert D. Chandler, Minister

## Church of Christ

**A&M Church of Christ**  
1901 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy. (979)693-0400  
Sunday Morning Services: 8 a.m. & 10:30  
Sunday Night: 6 p.m.  
Aggie Class: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.  
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Worship 10:15 a.m.

## Non-Denominational

**Covenant Family Church**  
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**Community Church**  
260-1163  
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see [www.comchurch.com](http://www.comchurch.com) for more info

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## United Methodist

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College Sunday School 9:45  
Sr. Pastor Dr. Jerry Neff  
[am-umc.org](http://am-umc.org)

**First United Methodist Church**  
28th & Houston St., 1 block E. of Texas Ave., in Bryan 779-1324  
Sunday Worship 8:40 & 10:55 a.m., 6:00 p.m.  
[www.gbmg-umc.org/fumbryan](http://www.gbmg-umc.org/fumbryan)  
Rev. Haral Dunnam, Senior Pastor Rev. David Henry, Music Ministries

# What a life...

Phil proves to be active holiday character, prepares to determine coming of spring today

By BROOKE HOLBERT  
The Battalion

"There is no way this winter is ever going to end as long as that groundhog keeps seeing his shadow. I don't see any way out of it. He's got to be stopped. And I have to stop him."

Before Bill Murray played the cynical, sarcastic weatherman in the 1993 movie *Groundhog Day*, most of America had never paid much attention to this little northeastern holiday. Celebrated festively in the small town of Punxsutawney, Penn., the now-famous groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil and his unusual methods of predicting the weather have been a secret known only to their own community.

Today Groundhog Day is a holiday recognized on most calendars, the subject of many Web pages and an enormous attraction for the locals of Punxsutawney. Phil has even appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show.

Despite lacking the glittery excitement of holidays like Christmas and Halloween, Ground-

hog Day has grown into an event that draws as many as 30,000 people to Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney. It is a week-long agenda of events the community delights in planning and hosting. It is an opportunity for Punxsutawney to showcase to the world all the charming local features that have escaped the growing age of technology.

This unique holiday originated in Germany, where Candlemas Day, commemorating the purification of the Virgin Mary, was celebrated on Feb. 2. The Germans believed that, if a hedgehog saw his shadow on Candlemas Day, winter would last for six more weeks. When

German settlers brought the tradition to America in the 18th century, weather-forecasting animals changed to the more predominant groundhog.

Groundhog Day has become nationally recognized and Phil has come a politically involved, socially responsible citizen, using his popularity to draw attention to various causes. Phil met with President Reagan in 1986, wore a yellow sash in honor of the American hostages in Iran in 1981 and threatened to impose 60 weeks of winter during Prohibition if he was not granted a drink.

This year, Phil will cover uncharted territory as the 2002 prediction will be announced in the Square and televised live on the internet. Phil makes it clear that he has no name Easter Bunny type, he sits back and be a mere mascot holiday. He is an active and involved groundhog and revered by those of Punxsutawney as a local hero.

No one seems to mind that there is very little correlation between forecasting groundhog and the purification of the Virgin Mary. The problem that Feb. 2 memorializes is very little, save a limited weather-forecasting. Not that it reveals winter, but it continues to forecast more weeks of shadow.

Despite Bill Murray's movie, which asserted that the holiday is the worst, nevertheless, the year Groundhog Day is enjoyed by many more elaborate festivities every year.

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As one Groundhog Day ends, said, "If a rodent can bring us a ly spring, more power to him."

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