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## Rollback election: Almost 700 cast early votes

By **JULIE BASS**  
 Staff Writer

Close to 700 voters have cast early ballots in the upcoming Howard College tax rollback election, officials said. At the close of the first week of early voting, 672 college district residents had cast votes,



according to information from the office of County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom. Voters are being asked to decide if Howard College will keep its adopted tax rate of 25 cents per \$100 valuation or if it will drop back to 23 cents per \$100 valuation. If the amount drops back to 23 cents, the college district will lose approximately \$630,000 in projected tax revenue, college

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## Friday night scores



**BOYS**  
 Fort Stockton 69, Big Spring 60  
  
 Borden Co. 79, Coahoma 52  
  
 Forsan 73, Eldorado 54  
  
**GIRLS**  
 Big Spring 50, Lamesa 30  
  
 Coahoma 48, Reagan Co. 26  
  
 Forsan 54, Eldorado 22  
  
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HERALD photo/Julie Bass

Early voting in the Howard College tax rollback election continues through next Friday at the Howard County Courthouse.

## BSPD officer placed on leave

Herald Staff Report

A Big Spring Police Department officer has been placed on administrative leave while law enforcement officials investigate an alleged incident between the officer and a teenaged girl. KOSA-TV reported Saturday that the officer, whose name has not been released, is being investigated by the Texas Rangers for his role in the alleged incident. "This is an open investigation being handled by the Texas Rangers, therefore our department cannot speak on their behalf about the criminal investigation," BSPD Chief Chad Williams stated in an email to the TV station. No charges have been filed to date. "The officer is still employed with the department, but remains on administrative leave with pay," Chief Williams stated in the email. "An internal investigation has been initiated and is being worked in conjunction with the criminal investigation."

## Commissioners to discuss firearm ban in courtrooms

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will consider whether to make courtrooms off-limits to firearms when they meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday on the third floor of the county courthouse. Commissioners will hear a request from 118<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge Timothy Yeats to ban firearms from courtrooms. This issue has arisen since

Texas' new "open carry" firearm law took effect at the first of the year. House Bill 910, which was passed in Texas this past June, authorizes licensed individuals to openly carry a handgun in a shoulder or belt holster. It is not permitted "on the premises of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education, on any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway,

parking lot, parking garage or other parking area of an institution of higher education or private or independent institution of higher education, or by an individual who is acting as a personal protection officer under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code and is not wearing a uniform", according to the Texas Department of Public Safety website. According to CNN, this includes certain public places such as churches, hospitals, correctional facilities, and

some places where alcohol is served or sold. In other business Monday, commissioners will consider:  
 • Annual report from the county trapper.  
 • Approval of land application for Morita railpark plat.  
 • Public hearing and possible action to set speed limits on Driver Road in Precinct 2.  
 • Review and accept bids for 2016 seal coating and permission to contract with low bid-

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**What:** Regular meeting, Howard County Commissioners Court.  
  
**Where:** Third floor courtroom, Howard County Courthouse.  
  
**When:** 5:30 p.m. Monday.

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## Refugee program decried after terror-related arrests

By **AMY TAXIN**  
 Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. refugee program came under fresh criticism after federal authorities revealed that two Iraqi-born men arrested on terrorism-related charges had come to America as refugees. While there was no evidence the men intended or planned attacks in the United States, Republican lawmakers already concerned about the federal government's ability to properly vet Syrian refugees said the cases highlight weaknesses in the program that put Americans' safety at risk. "How many ticking time bombs are we going to bring

in in this refugee program without a proper vetting system in place?" Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas and chairman of House Homeland Security Committee, said at a news conference Friday. He and other GOP lawmakers urged the Senate to pass legislation to block refugees from Iraq and Syria until screening is improved. The House passed a bill in November. The uproar comes after weeks of fervent debate in Washington and on the presidential campaign trail about tighter security screens in the wake of attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, California. Immigrant advocates said

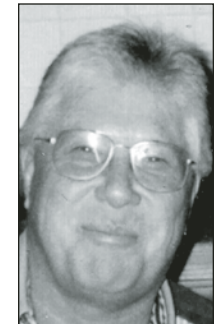
they have full confidence in the vetting process and that tens of thousands of Iraqi refugees have been successfully resettled under the program. On Thursday, federal authorities in California accused 23-year-old Aws Mohammed Younis Al-Jayab of Sacramento of traveling to Syria to fight and lying to U.S. officials about it. Al-Jayab had come to the United States as a refugee in October 2012, and discussed on social media how he fought against the regime in Syria as a teen, authorities said. In Texas, 24-year-old Omar Faraj Saeed Al Hardan of Houston was indicted on charges that he tried to provide materials support to the

extremists. Both suspects are Palestinians born in Iraq, authorities said. The U.S. annually accepts 70,000 refugees from around the world, including people fleeing violence, religious persecution and war, and has announced plans to increase the number to 85,000 this year. Since the 2001 terrorist attacks, about 785,000 refugees have arrived in the country, and fewer than 20 have been arrested or removed over terrorism-related concerns, according to the State Department. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Friday the

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## Dewey Anderson



Dewey Wayne Anderson, 71, of Stanton, passed away Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016 in Midland. The family will receive friends Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016 from 3-5 p.m. at Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Funeral services will be held Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Stanton. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born Nov. 29, 1944, to Dewey and Estell Anderson in Stanton. He was caring and companionate, living

## Amparo Franco



Amparo DeLeon Franco, 85, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born July 29, 1930, in Big Spring to Guadalupe and Rodolfo DeLeon. She was a homemaker, but also worked most of her life in retail. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, except for seven years in California. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sons, Mario de Leon of Big Spring and Bengy DeLeon and his wife, Maryann,

## Mike McGee



Mike “Mikey” McGee, 52, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, in Big Spring. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 21, 1963, in Cortez, Colo. to Kathy and James McGee. He was in the Marines from 1982 until 1991 He came to Big Spring in 2005. He married Inez on Nov. 1, 2008. He

life to the fullest.

He is survived by his wife, Janie Anderson of Stanton; son, Terry Anderson and wife, Kim, of Midland; son, Jerry Anderson of Stanton; son, Tommy Anderson of Stanton; son, Jimmy Anderson and wife, Elizabeth, of Stanton; step-son, Archie Dennis and wife, Amy, of Stanton; step-daughter, Shawna Johnson and husband, Shawn, of Houston; 11 grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

*Paid Obituary*

of Big Spring; one daughter, Viana Porras of Big Spring; four brothers, Rudy DeLeon and his wife, Josie, of Big Spring, Jimmy DeLeon and his wife, Rosalinda, of Sand Springs, Dickie DeLeon of Big Spring and Johnny DeLeon and his wife, Annette, of Big Spring; four sisters, Carmen Banuelos and her husband, Fernando, of San Jose, Calif., Mary Ann Faulkner and her husband, Tom, of Morgan Hill, Calif., Yolanda Mendoza and her husband, Phillip, of Big Spring and Lizzy Rosen and her husband, Russ, of Fremont, Calif.; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Miguel Angel Franco; three brothers, Jimmy Deleon, Eddie DeLeon and Robert Ross DeLeon; and one sister, Mary Ann DeLeon.

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

was a member of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church. He enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Inez McGee of Big Spring; one son, Michael McGee of Atlanta, Ga.; two step-sons, Joe Petty of Big Spring and John Petty of Barns, Ore.; three brothers, Stan McGee and his wife, Diane, of Blanton, Okla., Ed McGee and his wife, Heather, of Cortez, Colo., and Wade McGee and his wife, Christy, of Utah; and his parents, James and Kathy McGee of Cortez, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **AMBER JOANNA STEEN**, 41, of 538 Westover Rd. 249 was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **JOLENE CRISTOL QUICK**, 30, of 811 Lorilla was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram.
- **ANDREA DELGADO**, 22, of 3906 Gail Hwy. was arrested on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.
- **CALEB BROWNING LYLE**, 21, of 1207 Settles St. was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention, fail to identify as a fugitive giving false/fictitious information and theft of property, less than \$100, shoplifting.
- **AARON JASON CALVIO**, 19, of 622 State St. was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **PHILLIP SAMUEL LOZANO JR.**, 26, of 3704

Calvin St. was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport and burglary of a habitation.

- **NATHAN KYLE MILLER**, 32, of 413 S. Adams, Coahoma was arrested on charge of failure to identify as a fugitive giving false/fictitious information and a warrant from another agency.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1500 block of Robin St.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of 3<sup>rd</sup> and Gregg Streets. and at the intersection of Lancaster and 16<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80, the 400 block of E. 8<sup>th</sup> St., the 1800 block of E. FM 700 and the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 300 block of N.W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. and the 1400 block of E. Hwy 350.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main St.

## Support Groups

**MONDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- 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, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). 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. 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
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**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.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don’t have to talk if you don’t want to. Flexible payment options.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.
- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran’s Healing Center.

**FRIDAY**

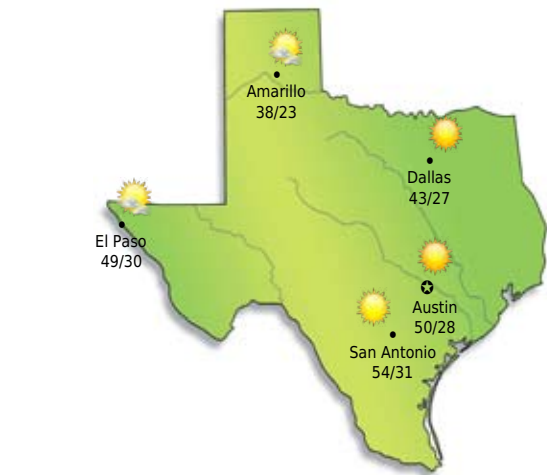
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls).

## Peggy Wilson

Peggy Wilson, 78, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

| Local 5-Day Forecast                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Sun 1/10                                                                                                                                                                                       | Mon 1/11                                                                                                                                                                         | Tue 1/12                                                                                                                                                                | Wed 1/13                                                                                                                                                             | Thu 1/14                                                                                                                                                            |
| <br><b>45/30</b><br>Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. High near 45F. Winds SE at 5 to 10 mph. | <br><b>51/27</b><br>Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s. | <br><b>56/30</b><br>Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s. | <br><b>58/32</b><br>A few clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s. | <br><b>61/34</b><br>Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s. |
| Sunrise: 7:48 AM<br>Sunset: 5:59 PM                                                                                                                                                            | Sunrise: 7:48 AM<br>Sunset: 6:00 PM                                                                                                                                              | Sunrise: 7:48 AM<br>Sunset: 6:00 PM                                                                                                                                     | Sunrise: 7:48 AM<br>Sunset: 6:01 PM                                                                                                                                  | Sunrise: 7:47 AM<br>Sunset: 6:02 PM                                                                                                                                 |

### Texas at a Glance



### Area Cities

| City           | Hi | Lo | Cond.    | City            | Hi | Lo | Cond.    |
|----------------|----|----|----------|-----------------|----|----|----------|
| Abilene        | 41 | 23 | Cloudy   | Kingsville      | 65 | 38 | Sunny    |
| Amarillo       | 29 | 19 | Cloudy   | Livingston      | 52 | 32 | M Cloudy |
| Austin         | 52 | 32 | Sunny    | Longview        | 46 | 27 | Cloudy   |
| Beaumont       | 59 | 36 | Sunny    | Lubbock         | 35 | 20 | P Cloudy |
| Brownsville    | 70 | 44 | Sunny    | Lufkin          | 50 | 29 | Cloudy   |
| Brownwood      | 44 | 24 | P Cloudy | Midland         | 45 | 25 | Cloudy   |
| Corpus Christi | 64 | 39 | Sunny    | Raymondville    | 69 | 42 | Sunny    |
| Corsicana      | 43 | 28 | Cloudy   | Rosenberg       | 56 | 36 | Sunny    |
| Dallas         | 42 | 27 | Cloudy   | San Antonio     | 58 | 33 | Sunny    |
| Del Rio        | 59 | 34 | Sunny    | San Marcos      | 54 | 31 | Sunny    |
| El Paso        | 47 | 27 | Clear    | Sulphur Springs | 43 | 27 | Cloudy   |
| Fort Stockton  | 48 | 29 | P Cloudy | Sweetwater      | 41 | 24 | M Cloudy |
| Gainesville    | 37 | 23 | Cloudy   | Tyler           | 44 | 28 | Cloudy   |
| Greenville     | 41 | 25 | Cloudy   | Weatherford     | 41 | 25 | Cloudy   |
| Houston        | 57 | 36 | P Cloudy | Wichita Falls   | 40 | 24 | Cloudy   |

### National Cities

| City        | Hi | Lo | Cond.        | City          | Hi | Lo | Cond.  |
|-------------|----|----|--------------|---------------|----|----|--------|
| Atlanta     | 51 | 42 | Cloudy       | Miami         | 81 | 71 | Sunny  |
| Boston      | 44 | 41 | Cloudy       | Minneapolis   | 4  | 10 | Cloudy |
| Chicago     | 39 | 19 | Cloudy       | New York      | 49 | 47 | Cloudy |
| Dallas      | 42 | 27 | Cloudy       | Phoenix       | 58 | 42 | Clear  |
| Denver      | 27 | 11 | Cloudy       | San Francisco | 55 | 46 | Cloudy |
| Houston     | 35 | 9  | Snow Showers | Seattle       | 46 | 38 | Cloudy |
| Los Angeles | 60 | 49 | P Cloudy     | Saint Louis   | 41 | 11 | Rain   |

### Moon Phases

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|  |  |  |  |
| <b>First</b><br>Dec 18                                                                | <b>Full</b><br>Dec 25                                                                 | <b>Last</b><br>Jan 2                                                                  | <b>New</b><br>Jan 10                                                                  |

## Lottery

**All or Nothing Day**  
04-05-07-09-11-13-16-18-19-20-21-24

8-0-6-6  
**Daily 4 Night**  
2-2-8-4, Sum It Up: 16

**All or Nothing Evening**  
01-03-04-06-07-08-10-14-16-18-23-24

**Mega Millions**  
11-39-51-57-75, Mega Ball: 2, Megaplier: 5  
Estimated jackpot: \$165 million

**All or Nothing Morning**  
01-02-04-07-11-13-16-18-19-20-22-24

**Pick 3 Day**  
1-9-5, Sum It Up: 15  
**Pick 3 Evening**  
6-7-2

**All or Nothing Night**  
01-03-04-05-10-12-17-18-19-20-22-23

**Pick 3 Morning**  
2-3-1

**Cash 5**  
03-07-11-23-30

**Pick 3 Night**  
6-5-4, Sum It Up: 15

**Daily 4 Day**  
0-6-3-3, Sum It Up: 12

**Powerball**  
Estimated jackpot: \$675 million

**Daily 4 Evening**  
0-6-6-2

**Triple Chance**  
14-19-24-27-29-34-35-45-48-49

**Daily 4 Morning**

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# Take note

## Town Hall Meeting

• Donald May, candidate for congress in Texas 19th district's open seat will be in Big Spring Monday. He will conduct a Town Hall meeting in the Cactus Room, Student Union Building, Howard College from noon to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to hear Dr May's views and visit with him.

## 'Warming up our Community'

• The Holy Trinity Youth group is hosting its 5th annual "Warming up our Community" service project this Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in our church school hall at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn Street. Anyone in need can come and choose jackets and/or blankets that have been generously donated by our church community. This is free to the public.

## MLK Walk

• A march to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan 18 on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The march will commence at the corner of Gregg St. and Martin Luther King Boulevard. Youth organization and other groups are welcome. Please bring your favorite lighting devices to light your path.

## Meetings

• The Big Spring Art Association meets every third Tuesday, September through May at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library. Everyone is welcome to attend. Memberships are available. The annual dues are \$20.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors

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der.

- Permission to exceed purchase authority for sign supplies.
- County clerk's monthly report.
- Personnel considerations, payroll report and treasurer's report.
- Profiling status report from the sheriff's office.
- Request to increase part-time employee at county library to 30 hours.
- Possible action on replacement of fire detection system at the library.
- Monthly financial report.
- Election matters.

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meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• The Kiwanis Club of Big Spring meets at noon every Thursday in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Visitors are welcome.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 ½ Main St. All Masons are welcome.

## Volunteer opportunities

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

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

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or ac-

companiment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed 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.

• 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 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.

Sacking dates are as follows (please note the group starts at 5:30 p.m.) Jan. 4 – 5.

Our sacking location has moved to the Lakeview High School gym located at 1107 NW 7th. To get there take Gregg Street north and turn left on Delaney which is the block just past the Salvation Army Store. Delaney turns into 7th Street, you will go over the railroad tracks and the school is on the left.

Currently we are distributing food at Goliad, Marcy and Moss Elementary Schools. If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

• 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. Contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346.

## VOTE

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officials said.

In August, the college trustees approved a seven cent hike in the tax rate from the previous year which was two cents above the rollback rate.

A petition was signed giving Howard County

residents an opportunity to allow the tax increase to continue or vote to take the rate to 23 cents.

The early election began at the Howard County Courthouse in the elections office on the first floor Monday, Jan. 4 and will continue until Jan. 15.

Voting is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registered voters must

show an acceptable form of photo identification before voting which includes a Texas driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), a Texas election identification certificate issues by DPS, a Texas personal identification card issued by DPS, a Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS, a United States military

identification card with the individual's photograph, a United States citizenship certificate with the individual's photograph, or a United States passport.

Election day is Jan. 19 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, located on the Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Polls will be open on election day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## ARRESTS

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screening of refugees is rigorous and thorough. He repeated the administration's opposition to proposals that would impose a religious test or bar individuals from the U.S. based on their ethnicity.

"That doesn't represent who we are as a country and, most importantly, it's not going to keep us safe," Earnest said.

More than 127,000 Iraqi refugees have arrived in the United States since October 2006, with the largest numbers headed toward California, Michigan and Texas, according to State Department statistics.

Some Iraqis go through the U.N. refugee agency, while some can apply directly to the refugee program in Jordan, Egypt and Iraq.

Melanie Nezer, vice president for policy and

advocacy at the Jewish refugee agency HIAS, said she worries the recent backlash might place law-abiding refugees under suspicion. She said she has confidence in the government's screening measures and that these are continually updated by federal intelligence officials.

"The vast majority of refugees, including Iraqi refugees, have not caused any harm to our country and will not cause any harm to our country," she said.

Federal authorities said Al-Jayab promised to provide weapons training to Al Hardan and advised him on how he would be assigned to the battlefield once he arrived in Syria. While authorities say Al Jayab fought twice in Syria, including with a group eventually linked to Islamic State, there is no indication that Al Hardan actually traveled there.

Al Hardan became a le-

gal permanent resident of the United States in 2011 and applied in 2014 to become a U.S. citizen, authorities said.

Al-Jayab was interviewed by immigration officials in 2014 for his green card and did not disclose his recent travel to Syria, authorities said.

Security screenings for immigrants and travelers have come under increased scrutiny because of recent attacks. Rules have been tight-

- Swimming Pool
- Private Patios
- Carports
- Appliances
- Most Utilities Paid
- Senior Citizens Discount
- 1 & 2 Bedroom Unfurnished

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## DAILY PRAYER

May our heart and mind be with you, Lord.  
Amen

# A weekend in mountain country

I spent a day in Terlingua, the Temple of Chilidom. Got to visit with John Holroyd, the new owner of La Kiva, the well-known watering hole just above Terlingua Creek. He has made some grand improvements to the place, which once used a black pot for a urinal. John hails from Yorkshire, England, originally and migrated to Oklahoma 30 or so years ago. He is retired now and has been a frequent visitor to the desert country.



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He was a friend of the previous owner of La Kiva, Glen Felts, who died last year. La Kiva stayed closed for 6 months and John didn't want to see it turn to dust, so he bought it. He stayed closed another year to do the refurbishing. The bar is open now and the restaurant will open soon with gourmet pizzas, brisket and other menu items. He has a barbeque cooker than can handle 1,000 pounds of meat. All the kitchen equipment is state of the art.

I also interviewed Lauren Stedman who has Menagerie Press in Terlingua. She makes exquisite invitations, business cards and other printed items using old-

fashioned letterpress equipment and high-grade papers. She is a graphic design artist and her creations go all over the country.

I also met a genuine DIVA. Diane Wysocki is a member of Women Outdoors Worldwide, a group of women who shoot guns, slingshots and bows and arrows. They also do fly-fishing. All members are called DIVAs. They promote shooting safety and have worldwide shooting competitions. The organization's headquarters is in Dallas.

The next day I went to Alpine and visited with Dr. Paul Will, chair of the Meat Science department at

Sul Ross who teaches a course called Sausage Manufacturing. It's a two-week course beginning January 4. Students of all disciplines flock to the course, where they can earn 4 semester hours credit. "I give them 25 pounds of meat and some seasoning and teach them how to make sausage," he says. "Then they make their own sausage using family recipes or whatever. At the end of the course we have a contest

to see who has the best sausage according to a panel of judges."

I visited my friend Jim Glendenning who had just returned from a month long 26,000 mile trip around the world. He knows how to travel. His entire transportation bill was \$1,800. He walked to the train station in Alpine, took an overnight train to Los Angeles where he boarded a plane for London. On his circle of the globe he made five stops along the way, then took the train back to Alpine and walked home.

The new managers at the Holland Hotel are Marcus and Nicole Van Winden, who met on a Holland-America cruise ship. He was a chef; she was cruise director. He is from Holland. It was only natural that they end up managing the Holland Hotel.

I went to Marfa and visited with Mayor Dan Dunlap. He told me about the new 4-story hotel being built downtown and a new 5 million dollar art installation due next year at Chinati. Lots of stuff going on in the mountain country along the border.

*Tumbleweed Smith loves to hear stories. Contact: ts@tumbleweedsmith.com*

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Parkview Nursing Center

#### To the Editor:

The family of Patsy Odom, formerly of Stanton, Texas and a recent resident of Parkview Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, would like to say heartfelt thanks to Big Springs and the outstanding facility that goes beyond all requirements for loving concerns to those in their care. Most of our family members live in other areas of Texas; we were treated with upmost kindness and sincere concern in the passing of our loved one. Those living in the Big Springs area can be very proud of the facility, the administration, the Dr's, the sincere love shown by your care givers, and for the attentiveness of Hospice; each and everyone made our heart break easier, because they showed us their compassion, and the kindness, we needed in our loved one's last days.

Thank you so very much,

**The JD Kelly family, Trey and Angie Odom**

# A sporting scout

One doesn't hear much about dares anymore, and rarer still are "double dog dares." Well, Stephenville's Debbie Beverly issued dares to members of Cub Scout Pack 18 in both 2014 and 2015.

They've responded, easily topping the goals she set for annual popcorn sales. The proceeds cushion costs of meetings, outings, awards and such. In '14, Debbie willingly took 19 pies in the face when the 35 members' sales reached \$18,000, easily surpassing the \$15,000 challenge.

In 2015, she upped the goal to \$25,000. It was met midway in the four-month campaign, and early in November, she faced the music again. To honor her promise, she handed hair clippers to hubby Michael-also a scout leader-to render her hairless. During the 10-minute "shearing/cheering session," Michael manned the clippers; the youngsters gleefully "back-slapped and high-fived." Debbie smiled through it all, remembering popcorn sales netted just \$4,000 when the fund-raiser began several years ago.

Two cubs led the way in '15-each with sales of about \$3,500. The campaign netted almost \$29,000, and folks are wondering how she'll challenge the now 85-member pack come August....

Life has been much about scouting for the couple since their son, now 24, was a first-grader. And their daughter, 20, fell right in at age 6 as well. Cheering the scout leaders

on are grateful parents, as well as members of the sponsoring Kiwanis Club and the United Electric Cooperative, whose community room the pack uses monthly.

With five state football championships since 1993, the community is accustomed to backing the Stephenville High School Yellow Jackets on Friday nights. These days, however, Stephenville is abuzz with excitement about youngsters in grades 1-5 "bulldog-determined" to meet sales challenges. Would that such community spirit and generous support of worthy causes rub off on the rest of us....

Debbie and Michael see scouting as growth opportunities for youngsters, and they willingly commit a total of almost 100 hours monthly to their joint passion. It is noted that 19 of their youngsters have gone on to become Eagle Scouts. (Only about 1% of scouts do so.)

"The challenge I made last August came easily," she said. "I know it isn't for everyone, but it was a 'fit' for me. It may seem bizarre to some, and that's okay. I'm careful to emphasize that I mean no disrespect to others, particularly those who are enduring diseases accompanied by loss of hair."

She also figured she could wear a toboggan to conceal her bare noggin, but until recent weeks, it was simply too hot to

do so. One of her scout moms gave her a toboggan now that the weather has turned colder. "When I get repeat 'looks' at the grocery store, I usually get the opportunity to tell my story and the good news of scouting."

Scouting programs have long since been corner posts in the fence rows of life. They give youngsters reason to be excited, despite significant cultural competition. Scouting programs accomplish much "without batteries or gadgets that plug in." (It has been said that in these days, lots of folks wouldn't become excited to see Niagara Falls run backwards.)

Debbie says some parents look to scouting with "I can't do a thing with them" futility. "In a joking manner, I tell them gray hair usually comes along with parenting, and that each of my gray strands is well-earned."

But she also adds that bringing up children in the ways they should go takes time. Clearly, she and her husband are committed to giving big chunks of time to help children find their way....

Hair grows back, of course. And Debbie's hair already is more than stubble, exceeding an inch in growth. She's now got less than three inches to go before desired length is reached.

Of paramount importance to these scout leaders--and to others across the land--is that youngsters grow, too. Life is about growing.

Such growth depends greatly on the oft-repeated Scout Oath: "On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

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# Hold the 16-oz drink, limit salt: Gov’t offers guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP) – Better cut down on sugar, especially those 16-ounce drinks, and limit your salt. But you might not need to worry quite as much about eggs.

The Obama administration’s latest dietary guidelines, released Thursday, seek to help Americans reduce their likelihood of disease and obesity through a more healthful diet. The newest guidance comes down hard on sugar that’s added to food and drinks but says lean meat is a healthy protein and more eggs may be OK, despite years of advice to the contrary.

Released every five years, the guidelines inform everything from food package labels to subsidized school lunches to your doctor’s advice. And the main message hasn’t changed much over time: Eat your fruits and vegetables. Whole grains and seafood, too. And keep sugar, fats and salt in moderation.

The government says people should figure out what healthy eating style works for them while still hewing to the main recommendations. The Agriculture Department, which released the guidelines along with the Department of Health and Human Services, is also putting out a tweaked version of its healthy “My Plate” icon

to include a new slogan: “My Wins.”

“Small changes can add up to big differences,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

**LEAN MEAT IS OK**

After a significant backlash from the meat industry and Congress, the administration ignored several suggestions from a government advisory panel. That panel had suggested calling for an environmentally friendly diet lower in red and processed meats and de-emphasized lean meats in its list of proteins that are part of a healthful diet.

As in previous years, the government says lean meat is part of a more healthful diet. Buried deeper in the report, though, is language that suggests teenage boys and adult men should reduce meat and eat more vegetables. Government data show that males from 14 to 70 consume more than recommended amounts of meat, eggs and poultry, while women are more in line with advised amounts.

Dr. Richard Wender of the American Cancer Society said the report ignores extensive science on a link between cancer and diet.

“By omitting specific diet recommendations, such as eating less red and processed meat, these guidelines

miss a critical and significant opportunity to reduce suffering and death from cancer,” Wender said.

**CUT OUT THE SUGARY SODAS**

One new recommendation is that added sugar should be no more than 10 percent of daily calories.

That’s about 200 calories a day, around the amount in one 16-ounce sugary drink. The recommendation is part of a larger push to help consumers isolate added sugars from naturally occurring ones like those in fruit and milk.

According to the guidelines, sugary drinks comprise 47 percent of the added sugars that Americans drink and eat every day.

**TOO MUCH SALT**

Americans also need to lower salt intake, the government says. New figures from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show around 90 percent of people eat too much. The average person eats 3,400 milligrams of sodium a day, and the guidelines say everyone should lower that to 2,300, or about a teaspoon.

Lowering sodium intake was the major push of the 2010 guidelines, and that document recommended

that those most at risk of heart disease, or about half the population, lower their intake to 1,500 mg. The new guidelines delete that lower amount as part of the top recommendations. Later on, though, the report says those with high blood pressure and prehypertension could benefit from a steeper reduction.

**CHOLESTEROL CONFUSION**

After years of doctors saying that Americans shouldn’t eat too many eggs, recommendations for cholesterol have also shifted.

The 2010 guidelines made a key recommendation that Americans consume less than 300 mg a day of dietary cholesterol, or about two small eggs. That recommendation is gone, following increasing medical research showing the amount of cholesterol in your bloodstream is more complicated than once thought. Several more recent studies have shown little relationship between heart disease and dietary cholesterol, focusing more on the kinds of fats consumed.

Still, egg lovers aren’t completely off the hook. Discussion of cholesterol deeper into the document says “individuals should eat as little dietary cholesterol as possible.

# UK’s new drinking guidelines, alcohol link to cancer

LONDON (AP) – British health officials say drinking alcohol regularly increases the risk of cancer. And they’ve issued tough new guidelines that could prove hard to swallow in a nation where having a pint is a hallowed tradition.

Britain’s chief medical officer says in recommendations published Friday that men and women should not drink more than 14 units of alcohol – about six pints of beer or four large glasses of wine – per week, and consuming below that amount still carries a low risk of liver disease or cancer.

Alcohol is a known carcinogen. In the United States, experts estimate about 3.5 percent of all cancer deaths are alcohol-related.

People who have more than about four drinks daily run up to triple the risk of contracting cancers of the head and neck than non-drinkers.

Here are questions and answers about the British guidelines and their likely effect:

recommending no more than 14 units a week.

Men, however, had previously been told they could drink up to 21 units a week. That now drops to the same limit as for women. The original guidance was published in 1995, before many links between alcohol and cancer were detected.

Friday’s updated guidance clarifies advice to pregnant women, recommending they avoid alcohol “as a precaution.” The recommendations say “the risk of harm to the baby is likely to be low if a woman has drunk only small amounts of alcohol before she knew she was pregnant or during pregnancy.”

In the U.S., the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there is no known safe level of alcohol consumption for women who are trying to get pregnant or already in pregnancy.

which Prime Minister David Cameron once declared a national scandal.

Even the new guidance acknowledges that people are unlikely to give up drinking and does not call for abstinence.

To help Britons avoid binge drinking, the government recommends that people spread their drinking over at least three days a week. It warns that the risk of cancers of the mouth, throat and breast increases with any amount drunk on a more regular basis.

**HOW DOES THIS COMPARE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES?**

Each country measures alcohol consumption differently. Britain’s guidelines are stricter than those of other European countries in Europe, notably Ireland and Spain, but similar to U.S. expert recommendations.

According to American dietary guidelines, women should drink no more than one drink a day and men should have no more than two.

**WHAT’S NEW?**

For women, the guidelines remain unchanged,

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# News in brief

## Extradition for Mexican drug lord not likely to be swift

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican marines had barely faced down .50-caliber sniper guns and a loaded grenade launcher to recapture the world’s most notorious drug lord when the calls started coming: Extradite Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman to the United States. And soon.

Mexico’s leaders avoided talk about extradition following Guzman’s capture early Friday, but even if they decided to send him to the U.S., the process likely would not be fast. For now, they have sent him back to the Altiplano maximum-security prison from which he escaped in July.

Guzman, head of the powerful, international Sinaloa Cartel, was presented late Friday in dark blue athletic clothing. He was frog-marched to a helicopter by marines, who stopped mid-transit and turned his expressionless face toward the media for a clear view.

The calls for his quick extradition were the same as those after the February 2014 capture of Guzman, who faces drug-trafficking charges in several U.S. states. At the time, Mexico’s government insisted it could handle the man who had already broken out of one maximum-security prison, saying he must pay his debt to Mexican society first.

Then Guzman escaped a second time on July 11 under the noses of guards and prison officials at Mexico’s most secure lock-up, slipping out an elaborate tunnel that showed the country’s depth of corruption while thoroughly embarrassing the administration of President Enrique Pena Nieto.

## Koreas slide into Cold War standoff after nuke test by North

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea trumpets a hydrogen bomb test. South Korea responds by cranking up blasts of harsh propaganda from giant green speakers aimed across the world’s most dangerous border. Now Pyongyang warns of war, even as it reportedly has started its own broadcasts.

As the world looked Saturday for ways to punish the North over a nuclear test that pushes Pyongyang closer to its goal of a nuclear-armed missile that can reach the U.S. mainland, the two Koreas have quickly slid into the kind of Cold War-era standoff that has defined their relationship over the past seven decades.

A top North Korean ruling party official’s warning that the South’s broadcasts have pushed the Korean Peninsula “toward the brink of war” is typical of Pyongyang’s over-the-top rhetoric. But it is also indicative of the real fury that the broadcasts, which criticize the country’s revered dictatorship, cause in the North.

Seoul resumed the cross-border broadcasts Friday for the first time in nearly five months. Pyongyang says the broadcasts are tantamount to an act of war. When Seoul Korea briefly resumed propaganda broadcasts in August after an 11-year break, Seoul says the two Koreas exchanged artillery fire.

South Korea’s Yonhap news agency, citing an anonymous military source, reported late Saturday that the North had started its own broadcasts, presumably to keep its soldiers from hearing the South Korean broadcasts. The North’s broadcasts were too weak to hear clearly on the South Korean side of the border. South Korean military officials wouldn’t confirm the Yonhap report.

## Police probe man’s claim he shot officer in Allah’s name

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Officer Jesse Hartnett was slowly patrolling his usual West Philadelphia beat just before midnight when a man appeared out of the darkness, firing a hail of bullets at close range as he charged toward the policeman’s car.

Hours later, police say, Edward Archer confessed to shooting the officer and told investigators he was following Allah, and had pledged his allegiance to the Islamic State group. Archer said he believed the police department defends laws that are contrary to Islam, police said.

Local and federal authorities spent much of Friday trying to verify the motive and executing search warrants at two Philadelphia area properties associated with Archer, hoping for more in-

sight into how and why the shooting happened.

Archer’s mother told The Philadelphia Inquirer her 30-year-old son had been hearing voices recently and had felt targeted by police. She said the family had asked him to get help.

At a news conference, Philadelphia Police Commissioner Richard Ross, who just took office Tuesday, didn’t label the shooting a terrorist attack, though he said Archer “clearly gave us a motive.”

## Sales grow as Powerball jackpot soars to \$800 million

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — With Powerball sales breaking previous records, the odds are growing that someone will win Saturday night’s \$800 million jackpot — but if no one matches all the numbers, the next drawing is expected to soar past \$1 billion.

For this weekend’s record drawing, about 65 percent of the possible number combinations will have been bought, officials with the Multi-State Lottery Association, which runs the Powerball game, said Friday. That percentage could rise if the jackpot estimate is increased — but even lottery officials say they don’t know what to expect.

“You can throw out the logic. You can throw out the statistics,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “We’ve never seen jackpots like this. It’s a new experience for all of us.”

Since Nov. 4, the Powerball jackpot has grown from its \$40 million starting point as no one has won the jackpot. Grief is more certain what will happen if no one matches the numbers on five white balls and the one red Powerball this time.

“It will definitely go past \$1 billion if we roll past this Saturday,” he said.

## Airstrike on north Syria jail run by al-Qaida kills 39

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Activists are reporting that an airstrike on a prison run by al-Qaida’s affiliate in Syria of the country has killed at least 39.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 39 people were killed, including many fighters from the Nusra Front as well as detainees in the northwestern town of Maaret al-Numan.

The Local Coordination Committees, another activist group, said the airstrike killed 51.

Conflicting figures are common in the aftermath of airstrikes in Syria.

The Observatory said the warplanes fired four missiles that hit the Islamic court that includes a jail as well as a nearby road linking the court with a market.

## Merkel’s party calls for tighter laws after Cologne assaults

BERLIN (AP) — Chancellor Angela Merkel’s party on Saturday proposed stricter laws regulating asylum seekers after a string of New Year’s Eve sexual assaults and robberies in Cologne blamed largely on foreigners.

Merkel said the proposal, which will be discussed with her coalition partners and would need parliamentary approval, would help Germany deport “serial offenders” convicted of lesser crimes.

“This is in the interests of the citizens of Germany, but also in the interests of the great majority of the refugees who are here,” Merkel told party members in Mainz.

The reports of the Cologne attacks on women by groups of men described by police as predominantly Arab or North African in origin have fueled calls for tighter controls in Germany, which received nearly 1.1 million migrants in 2015.

“If people act outside the law... naturally there must be consequences,” Merkel said.

## As crunch time nears, the reserved Jeb Bush flashes emotions

MEREDITH, N.H. (AP) — Self-described as a policy nerd and tagged as “low energy” by Donald Trump, Jeb Bush is reaching deeper to show voters the man inside as he fights for his political survival ahead of New Hampshire’s Republican presidential primary.

Bush is speaking more passionately at campaign

stops, and not just in outrage toward Trump, the bombastic billionaire leading the GOP in national polls. He’s offering a closer look inside his heart — chiefly as the father of a former drug addict — than he has over the past year in his unexpectedly difficult campaign for the presidency.

“What I learned was that the pain that you feel when you have a loved one who has addiction challenges and kind of spirals out of control is something that is shared with a whole lot of people,” Bush told about 300 addiction recovery advocates Tuesday at a conference near Manchester. New Hampshire has become a center of the nation’s renewed battle with heroin.

Bush’s elaboration about the ordeal that he says put his family “through hell” came as the one-time front-runner showed renewed confidence campaigning in New Hampshire.

He was talking about his daughter, Noelle, who was arrested in 2002, accused of trying to fill a fraudulent prescription for Xanax, a powerful anti-anxiety medication. The arrest was a public spectacle for Bush, then a first-term governor of Florida planning to seek re-election.

## As Iraq fights Islamic State, violence rises in Shiite south

BAGHDAD (AP) — As the sun sets over Iraq’s southern city of Basra, Ahmed Hilal rushes to lock his door. At night, every knock sends his heart beating faster. In the morning, the father of three or someone he trusts walks his children to school, barely five minutes away.

Fear has become part of daily life amid a surge of violence in Basra, where rampant crime, kidnappings and extortion have become commonplace. Marauding Shiite militiamen drive around in cars with tinted windows and without plates, while local clans wage bloody feuds.

“If someone knocks on the door, I pray to God that nothing bad will happen,” said the 40-year-old Hilal, a school employee. “Any sound of shooting, even if it’s far away, scares us.”

Basra and Iraq’s southern Shiite heartland were spared from the Islamic State group, which seized much of northern and western Iraq in 2014. But as Iraq has struggled to combat the group, security forces have increasingly been redeployed from the south, leaving a security vacuum that has been filled by unruly militias and criminal gangs.

Local officials blame the lack of police for soaring theft, armed robberies, kidnappings for ransom, bloody tribal disputes and an uptick in drug trafficking.

Residents complain that infighting over government posts and the growing influence of Shiite militias have exacerbated the situation.

## Armed group not ready to end wildlife refuge occupation

BURNS, Ore. (AP) — The leader of an armed group occupying a national wildlife refuge to protest federal land management policies said he and his followers are not ready to leave even though the sheriff and many locals say the group has overstayed its welcome.

On Friday, Ammon Bundy, leader of the group that on Jan. 2 seized the headquarters of the refuge in southeastern Oregon, said: “How long will this go on? We say to you, ‘Not a minute too early.’”

Bundy met Thursday with Harney County Sheriff David Ward, who asked Bundy to heed the will of locals and leave the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. Ward also offered to escort Bundy and his group out of the refuge to ensure safe passage.

“We will take that offer,” Bundy said on Friday. “But not yet.”

A few hours later, Ward said via Twitter that because of Bundy’s stance he was calling off plans to have another meeting with him.

“During this morning’s press conference, the people on the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge made it clear that they have no intention of honoring the sheriff’s request to leave. Because of that, there are no planned meetings or calls at this time,” Ward said.

But Ward said he is “keeping all options open.”

About the same time, members of another armed group known as the 3% of Idaho began arriving at the bird sanctuary, The Oregonian reported.

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# Brother of terror suspect shocked by arrest

HOUSTON (AP) — The brother of an Iraqi refugee who had settled in Texas said he is in shock after learning that his sibling — who had come to the U.S. to escape the violence in their homeland — is now facing charges that he tried to help the Islamic State group.

Federal authorities allege 24-year-old Omar Faraj Saeed Al Hardan of Houston was coordinating efforts with another Iraqi refugee living in Sacramento, California, Aws Mohammed Younis Al-Jayab, to get weapons training and eventually sneak into Syria to fight alongside the terrorist group.

Both men remain jailed after initial court appearances on Friday. Al Hardan was indicted on three charges, including attempting to provide material support for terrorists, and faces up to 25 years in prison. Al-Jayab faces up to eight years in prison on charges of traveling to Syria to fight and lying to U.S. authorities about his travels.

Saeed Al Hardan, Omar Al Hardan's older brother, said he was surprised by the charges against his sibling because neither Omar nor anybody in their family had ever expressed any support for the Islamic State.

"Nobody likes ISIS at all. Nobody supports ISIS at all," Saeed Al Hardan, 37, who also lives in Houston, told The Associated Press on Friday. Saeed Al Hardan, who speaks Arabic, spoke in English during the interview but also had a friend translate for him.

Al Hardan said he believes his brother is innocent and that his sibling denied wrongdoing during a Friday telephone call from the Federal Detention Center in Houston.

Authorities say Omar Al Hardan and Al-Jayab used social media to discuss their support of the terrorist group. Al-

Jayab and Al Hardan communicated in April 2013, and Al Hardan expressed interest in fighting in Syria, authorities said.

Saeed Al Hardan said the FBI showed him copies of pages from Facebook in which his brother Omar had made comments but that there was nothing that indicated Omar was talking to someone from the Islamic State.

Omar talked to cousins and friends on Facebook but he didn't talk to them about the Islamic State, Saeed Al Hardan said.

"ISIS is no good," he said. "ISIS is not Muslim."

Omar Al Hardan and his parents came to Houston in 2009, with Saeed Al Hardan and his wife arriving a year later. The family had lived in Baghdad but trace their ancestry to Palestine. The two brothers were born in Iraq.

Saeed Al Hardan, who is Sunni, said his family left Iraq because the country had become too dangerous for them. His family was scared they would be killed and he had several cousins who died because of the violence, Saeed Al Hardan said.

"After Saddam Hussein, no good for anybody in Iraq," he said.

Omar Al Hardan had

worked as a limousine driver for the past year and before that had worked in a mechanic shop. He is married and has an 8-month-old son. His brother works in a hotel performing maintenance, is married and has two children.

Saeed Al Hardan said he and his brother are legal permanent residents and that he's applying for U.S. citizenship.

Saeed Al Hardan said with his brother's arrest, he and his family are afraid for their safety. He said his brother's wife and parents have been threatened with eviction from their apartment complex.

## News in brief

### Cruz says voters have a way of delivering 'spanking'

CHARLES CITY, Iowa (AP) — Texas Sen. Ted Cruz says former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton lied about what she knew about the Benghazi attack and American voters will deliver a "spanking," just like he does to his 5-year-old daughter when she lies.

Cruz made the comments Friday in response to a question from an audience member at a campaign stop in Iowa.

Cruz says Clinton knew the 2012 attack in Benghazi that left an American ambassador dead was a terrorist attack, but she said publicly that it wasn't terrorism.

Cruz says that if his 5-year-old daughter "says something that she knows to be false, she gets a spanking."

He says that in the case of Clinton, the Democratic presidential front-runner, "the voters have a way of administering a spanking."

### Houston surgeon charged with sexually abusing 4 children

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston surgical resident is jailed on first-degree felony charges after four children accused him of sexually abusing them.

Officials say the children ranged in age from 4 to 10 and were not patients of Dr. Ricky Haywood-Watson. The 37-year-old Baylor College of Medicine

surgical resident is in Harris County Jail charged with single counts of super-aggravated assault of a child and continues sexual abuse of a child and two counts of indecency with a child. Bonds total \$400,000.

Jail records list no attorney for Haywood-Watson. A Baylor statement says he has been placed on leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

### 2 killed when police chase ends in head-on crash near Dallas

MIDLOTHIAN, Texas (AP) — A police chase ended in a head-on collision between the pursued van and a pickup truck that left both drivers dead.

Police say officers were pursuing a van stolen Friday from a Waxahachie construction site when it veered across a median on U.S. 287 near Midlothian, slammed head-on into the oncoming truck and burst into flames.

Midlothian police Capt. John Spann says both drivers were killed outright. No identities have been released.

### Federal judge in Dallas says Delta can stay at Love Field

DALLAS (AP) — A federal judge ruled Friday that Southwest Airlines can't kick Delta out of Dallas Love Field while the airlines fight over space at the airport.

U.S. District Court Judge Ed Kinkeade said that

Delta passengers would be inconvenienced if the carrier had to move its flights while the courts handle a lawsuit over the dispute.

Delta Air Lines Inc. has five daily flights at Love Field. Southwest Airlines Co. operates 180 and controls 18 of the airport's 20 gates.

A spokeswoman for Delta said the Atlanta-based airline was pleased with the ruling.

A spokesman for Southwest said the ruling wasn't the end of the case and the company was considering its options.

Southwest, which is headquartered next to the airport, could appeal the judge's injunction. Either way, the case could wind up going to trial.

Delta had used gates leased by United Airlines, but Southwest paid United \$120 million to sublease those gates, then tried to evict Delta. Airport rules allow new competitors to use gates if they are idle long enough for more flights.



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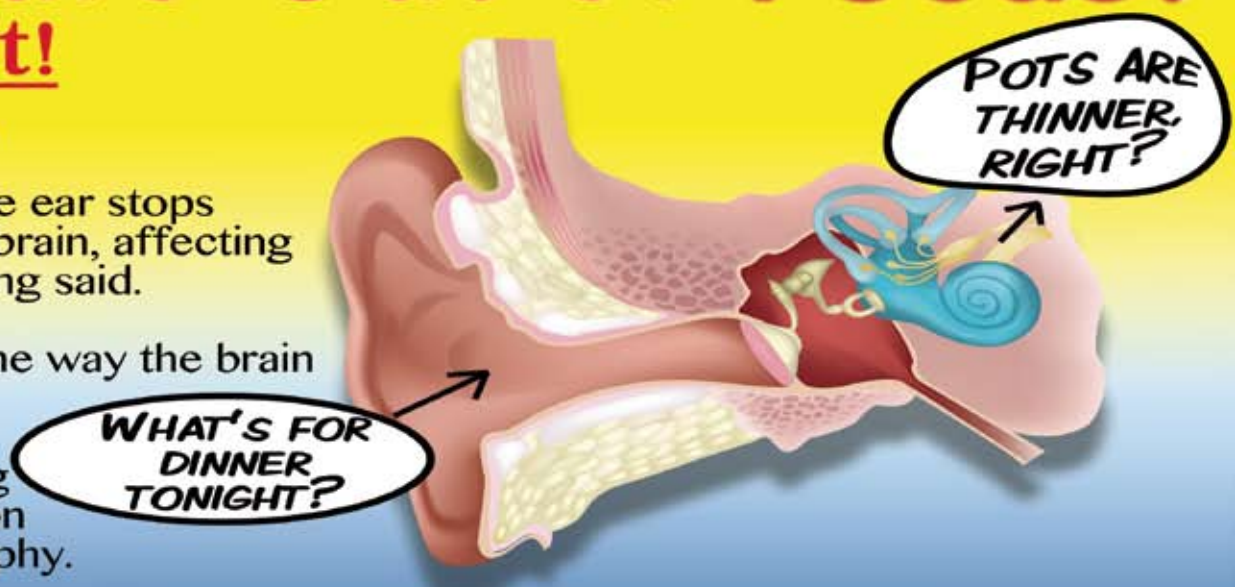
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# U.S. economy: Employers hire at blistering pace

WASHINGTON (AP) — American employers added a robust 292,000 jobs in December, suggesting that the U.S. economy is so far defying global weakness and growing solidly.

The strong hiring underscores the resilience of the United States at a time of financial turmoil stemming from China's slowing economy and plummeting stock market. Most economists expect U.S. consumer spending to continue to offset overseas weakness, though many foresee only modest U.S. growth.

In its monthly jobs report Friday, the Labor Department said the unemployment rate was 5 percent in December for a third straight month. More Americans started looking for jobs and found them.

The government also said employers added a combined 50,000 more jobs in October and November than it had previously estimated. For the July-September quarter, hiring averaged 284,000 a month — the best three-month pace in a year.

Even as many more jobs have been added, the unemployment rate has held at

5 percent for the past three months because nearly 1 million more Americans have begun seeking jobs since September. That influx has kept the number of unemployed nearly unchanged at 7.9 million.

A resilient U.S. economy will likely help some other countries by drawing in more imports, especially as the higher-valued dollar holds down the prices of foreign goods. The World Bank said this week that Mexico and emerging markets in Central America should fare better than the rest of South America because of their proximity to the healthier U.S. economy.

Still, the effect could be limited if Americans' spending remains concentrated in services — from restaurants to health care — rather than factory goods.

At the same time, Friday's solid jobs report could make it more likely that the Federal Reserve will further raise rates after announcing its first increase in nearly a decade last month. Steady hiring would reduce the supply of people seeking jobs, which

could lead to higher pay and possibly help lift inflation closer to the Fed's 2 percent target.

Many economists expect the Fed to raise its benchmark rate three times this year. Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services, says the robust jobs data means the next increase will likely be in March.

Still, the jobs report contained no signs of inflation. That led other economists such as Alan Levenson at T. Rowe Price to say that Fed officials may need to see prices rise further before raising rates again.

U.S. stocks rose modestly after the jobs report was issued. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about 24 points in late morning after falling sharply all week.

For all of 2015, employers added 2.65 million jobs, a monthly average of 221,000. That made 2015 the second-best year for hiring since 1999, after 2014.

"2015 went out with a megabang," says Patrick O'Keefe, director of economic research at the consulting firm CohnR-eznick. "It speaks to the un-

derlying strength of the domestic economy. The United States is intertwined with the international economy but to a far lesser degree than many other countries."

O'Keefe noted that global trade accounts for only about 30 percent of U.S. economic activity, one of the lowest such percentages in the world.

Kevin Logan, chief U.S. economist at HSBC, says U.S. factories remain vulnerable to slowing global growth. But manufacturing makes up less than 9 percent of U.S. employment. Many factories are now highly automated and don't employ as many people as they used to.

"People are consuming things that aren't things, like data plans, restaurant meals, health care and entertainment," Logan said. "The international turmoil can be shrugged off to some extent."

Sam Rothschild, chief operating office for Slim Chickens, a restaurant chain in Fayetteville, Arkansas, with 30 locations, says it plans to open 20 restaurants this year, creating about 800 jobs.

Yet it's become harder to find workers, particularly in

areas where unemployment has fallen as low as 2 percent, as in parts of Nebraska and Oklahoma. The company raised pay as much as 10 percent last year in those areas.

"That's what you need to do to attract employees in these markets," Rothschild says.

Industries that are focused on domestic, rather than overseas, demand also hired robustly in December: Construction added 45,000 jobs, likely in part because of unusually warm weather. Professional and business services, which includes accountants, engineers, and architects as well as lower-paid temporary workers, added 73,000.

That is helping offset weak gains in manufacturing, which added just 8,000 jobs last month and only 30,000 last year, down from 215,000 in 2014.

Even as demand for workers grew, average pay slipped a penny in December to \$25.24 an hour. Still, average pay has risen 2.5 percent in the past year, only the second time since the Great Recession ended in mid-2009 that it's reached that level.



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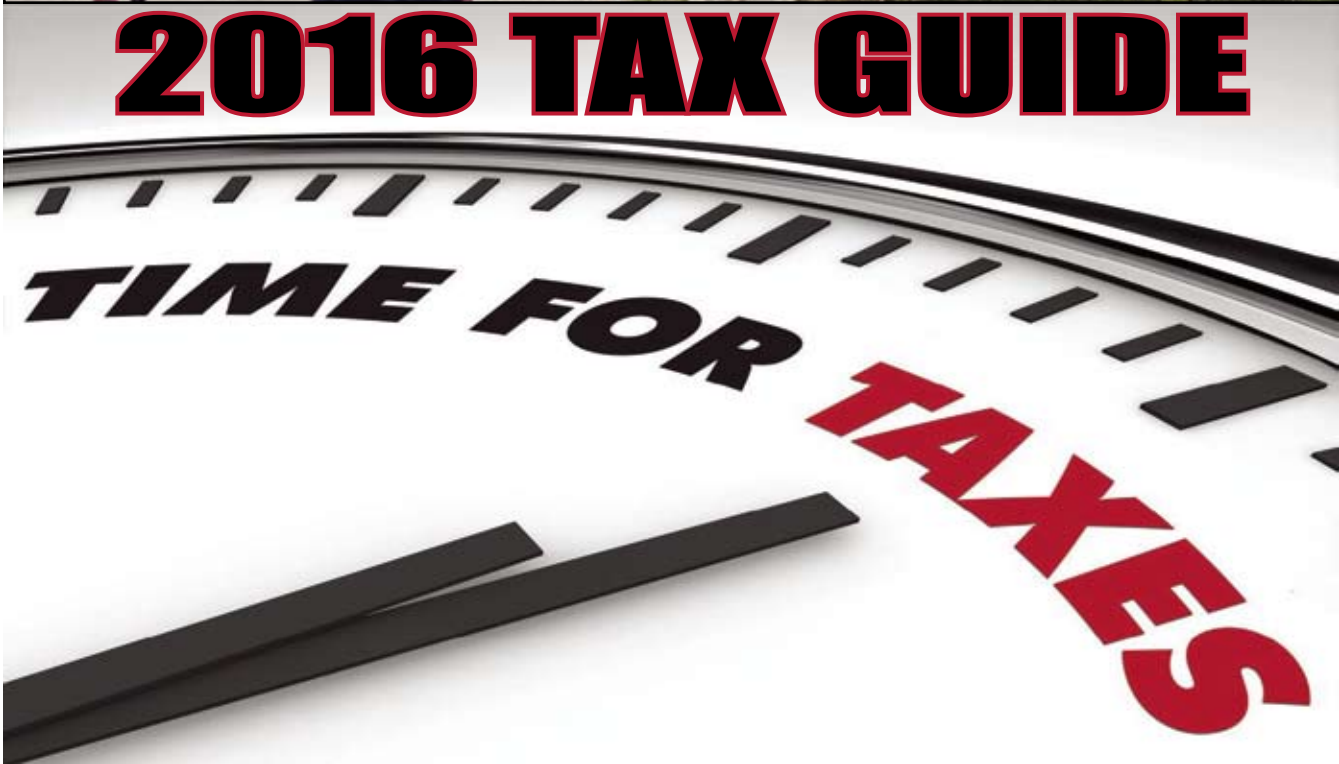
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Top left: Girl Scouts participated in the Keep Big Spring Beautiful Love Our Lakes clean up.

Top right: Big Spring Firefighters help the Salvation Army with the Fill the Truck Toy drive for Christmas.

Middle Left: Two of the winners in the annual Kids Fishing Tournament hosted by the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club.

Middle right: The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts spent a day placing flags on Veterans graves at the Trinity Memorial Cemetary for Veteran's Day.

Bottom left: Anita Swift, the grand-daughter of John Wayne, visited the West Texas VA to visit with veterans.

Bottom right: Participants have a view of the town as they compete in the Master the Mountain 5k/10k race.



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Friday hoops  
roundup**Borden County 79  
Coahoma 52**

COAHOMA — A sluggish first half was too much for the Coahoma Bulldogs to overcome Friday night as they dropped a 79-52 decision to Borden County in non-district boys' basketball action.

Borden County jumped out to a 22-14 lead after one quarter, then expanded that lead even further in the second. Coahoma (9-9) didn't help its cause, either, scoring only a single point in the second quarter.

Coahoma rallied in the second half, but was unable to put much of a dent in its deficit.

The Bulldogs were led by Mason Moore, who scored 22 points, and Jon Bermea and Adam Clark, who tallied 9 points each.

Coahoma returns to action next Friday at Sonora. Game time is 8 p.m.

**Forsan 73  
Eldorado 54**

FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes rallied from a first-half deficit to take a 73-54 district victory over Miles in boys' basketball action here Friday night.

Thanks to cold shooting in the second quarter, the Buffaloes found themselves down, 24-21 at intermission, but came out firing, to the tune of 29 points, in the third quarter to retake the lead and easily hold off Eldorado the rest of the way.

Three Buffaloes scored in double figures — Josh Evans led all scorers with 24 points, while Kobe Richardson and Garrett Evans added 15 and 13 points, respectively.

Forsan returns to action when it travels to Miles. Game time is 8 p.m.

**Other scores: Fort Stockton 69, Big Spring 60; Garden City 57, Robert Lee 42; Stanton 52, Grape Creek 42.**

**Girls' scores: Big Spring 50, Lamesa 30; Coahoma 48, Reagan County 26; Forsan 54, Eldorado 22**



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**Big Spring's Kayleigh Penny puts up a shot during the Lady Steers' game against Lamesa in Steer Gym Friday night. Big Spring won the contest, 50-30.**

CFP national championship  
The Tide train showing no signs of slowing down

By JOHN ZENOR

AP Sports Writer

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — The five-star recruits keep rolling into Alabama, replenishing the roster every time the NFL prospects funnel out.

Sounds simple, right? Alabama's formula for success goes way beyond that revolving door of talent but it's a pretty good starting point. Nick Saban and the Crimson Tide show no signs of slowing down either on the field or on the recruiting trail in a program where anything short of a national title is all but treated as a failure.

"They just have outstanding players and they're supremely coached," said Gene Stallings, who coached Alabama to the 1992 national championship. "That's a tough combination to beat."

It is indeed. Ask Auburn, Michigan State, Notre Dame, LSU and just about anybody else who's had to try since Saban's run of domination began in 2008, his second season in Tuscaloosa.

Look beyond the question of whether Saban can bring a fourth national title back to Tuscaloosa in Monday night's game with Clemson. The more

notable topic might be, when will this annual run of title contention end already? That may depend on how much longer the 64-year-old Saban sticks around.

It's been two years since he won a national championship, after all. It only seems like an eternity for a program that had collected three of four through 2012 while going 97-12 over the last eight seasons, easily the most wins in the FBS during that span. Boise State is second with 90.

Saban does have the task each season of battling the big heads and stamping down any

sense of entitlement among his players. Sometimes, he's more successful — like this season — than others.

"Whatever has been accomplished in the past certainly doesn't have anything to do with what the future holds," Saban said. "The future is really in front of our team and our players all the time."

He sticks to his famed "Process" — a blend of fundamentals, focus and psychology covering everything from recruiting to offseason conditioning. It's worked for three

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## How Clemson Tigers built an undefeated mindset

By PETE IACOBELLI

AP Sports Writer

CLEMSON, S.C. (AP) — Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson had nearly wrapped up a summertime appearance when someone asked if the Tigers could win a national championship.

"No doubt about it," Watson said with a grin. "15-0."

Fifteen? Are there even that many games?

In the College Football Playoff era, the Tigers are trying to break new ground. Watson and the top-ranked Tigers are trying to make history as the

first undefeated team with 15 wins against No. 2 Alabama on Monday night, hoping to finish off a goal set down as the ultimate target long ago.

Sure, there have been other undefeated teams. Clemson's last national championship team in 1981 finished with a 12-0 record. Florida State was 14-0 in its national championship year two years ago. With the playoff in the mix, the Tigers could be the first team to reach 15-0.

The undefeated mindset was set as the team's theme for the season before the Tigers ever

stepped on the field. Swinney put 15 up on the board at an early gathering. He passed out T-shirts with "15 for 15" on the back.

"It's 2015," Swinney told them. "Right now, we've sold every ticket, but there's only 12. We want to make them print 15 tickets."

That part's done. Now, it's up to Clemson to finish off its first perfect season since the 1981 national champions.

"It was not easy to get everyone to buy into this," co-offensive coordinator Jeff Scott said. "It took planning

and preparation."

Swinney regularly worked with a sports psychologist, Milt Lowder, who has consulted with Clemson athletes and coaches since 2005. Lowder said he met with Swinney at least once a week during the season, the coach sharing ideas about techniques on keeping the Tigers focused.

Lowder said none of this season's success would've happened without Clemson's steady success the past several seasons. The Ti-

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NFL playoffs:  
Home  
teams  
facing  
skeptics

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

It's great to make the playoffs and get a home game in the wild-card round. Not so great is being an underdog for that game.

That's the situation for the Redskins, Bengals, Texans and Vikings this weekend.

Considering that the four visitors have never swept in the opening round of the playoffs since the current format was adopted for the 1990 season, one of those teams, at the least, might escape.

Still, the prevailing opinion is that the Chiefs should be favored at Houston, the Steelers at Cincinnati, the Seahawks at Minnesota, and the Packers at Washington.

Doesn't matter, Texans star receiver DeAndre Hopkins said.

"I'm not going to go out there and change the way I play or the way I think because it's a playoff game, honestly," he said.

"I'm going to go out and do what I've been doing. I feel like a lot of guys think like that. It's just the outside people. They put more emphasis on the playoffs. But in the locker room, guys are going to do what they have to do."

Same approach for the guys those "outside people" seem to have more faith in.

"It doesn't matter what we did last week, not to mention four weeks back, five weeks back," Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman said.

"We wiped the slate completely clean. We approach them like a new team, we're going to study them, do what we can, find our indicators, find our adjustments, then go out there and play a ballgame."

Here's a look at all four wild-card ballgames.

**Kansas City (11-5) at  
Houston (9-7), Saturday**

The Chiefs won at Houston in the season opener, then blew a game late to Denver the next week and went into a funk. But after losing five straight, they made one of the greatest turnarounds in NFL history, sweeping the final 10 games.

It only got them the fifth seed, but it also got them an opponent they have defeated.

"They're more patient, they're careful with the ball — no turnovers," Chiefs standout linebacker Justin Houston, who plans to return from a knee injury that cost him the last five games, said of the Texans. "So we've got to create turn-

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gers have won 10 or more games each of the past five years, defeating college powers LSU, Ohio State and Oklahoma — twice — in bowl games.

Older players understood and accepted the work it took to win games. Without that, Lowder said, Swinney's words would ring hollow.

So when the season began, the team forgot about the big goal. They looked at the milestone in increments. They didn't think about 15 anymore. 2-0 became 3-0. Then 4-0, and 5-0. 6-0, then 7-0. The win column kept changing, the loss column never did.

Swinney puts it simply: "You can't be 15-0 unless you're 3-0."

"You've got to have a process on getting there, something that you're confident works with your team," said Brent Walker, president of the Association for Applied Sport Psychology. "It's easier to do that once your players understand your com-

mitment to them."

The players, led by Watson, easily followed along. The sophomore had an injury-plagued first year, and was eager to show the high school promise that made him one of the country's top prospects. He helped the younger Tigers get on board.

Watson says it was an easy sell. To those holdouts, Watson insisted he came to Clemson to win championships and needed everyone to have that focus.

"It's about believing in each other," he said. "That's what we do around here."

That belief as succeeded for Clemson before. The 1981 national champion was No. 1 and 11-0 into a David-vs.-Goliath showing in the Orange Bowl against powerful and pedigreed Nebraska. The result? Tigers 22-15.

"No one except up thought we could win," said Jeff Davis, a linebacker for that championship group. "That sounds like now."

On Monday, on the game's biggest stage, this year's group will get the chance to prove it.

## BAMA

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national titles at Alabama and the 2003 crown at LSU.

With a win over the Tigers, Saban could join fellow Alabama icon Bear Bryant as the only major college coach to win five national titles.

Offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin was on the staff of two national championship teams under Pete Carroll at Southern California, so he has an idea of what it takes even if he so far hasn't been able to translate that as a head coach at USC or Tennessee.

"You can't compete all the time like this without a system, without a process, whatever that is," Kiffin said. "Pete Carroll used to say that anyone can do it one time, but if you're going to have a championship program you have to do it again and again and again. That's the real sign."

"Here we're in the middle of a dynasty because of the process with different players and different coaches. He's had a number of coaching changes. It all goes back to

coach Saban and his philosophy, and the players buy into it."

The latest coaching change comes with defensive coordinator Kirby Smart leaving to take over the Georgia program after the championship game. Saban has already hired Jeremy Pruitt.

The far bigger talent deflection comes on the field.

Once again, the Tide will likely lose a number of high NFL draft picks early, potentially including juniors like Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry and defensive linemen A'Shawn Robinson and Jonathan Allen.

No problem, really. The backups at all three positions include former five-star recruits for a program that has won six of the last eight national recruiting titles according to Rivals.com.

"If there's a catnip for recruits, it's winning national championships," said Mike Farrell, national recruiting director for Rivals. "You can be consistent in recruiting five- and four-star athletes to the program if you're in the discussion every year as a national championship con-

tender.

"And Nick Saban is that guy. A down year is a two-loss season."

NFL offensive lineman Barrett Jones was part of the 2008 recruiting class that really got things rolling for Saban at Alabama. The group included players like wide receiver Julio Jones, tailback Mark Ingram and safety Mark Barron.

Barrett Jones said Saban has been able to create a culture where the focus is on doing the little things and ignoring the scoreboard.

The challenge is sustaining and recreating that each season.

"Now, they expect us to be a national contender every year, and it's pretty amazing in this day and age," said Jones, who was part of all three national championship teams. "I think more and more teams and more and more conferences are starting to catch up to the way we do things and try to replicate it. It's a compliment to us."

"It's definitely competitive, but nobody does it better than coach Saban," Jones concluded.

## NFL

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overs to give us a chance to win."

That's been a Kansas City specialty: The Chiefs led the AFC with a plus-14 turnover margin. Houston was at plus-5.

Key Matchups: Kansas City's secondary against Hopkins; Texans' offensive line against KC's Houston and Tamba Hali.

#### Pittsburgh (10-6) at Cincinnati (12-4), Saturday

One franchise's history is filled with postseason success and Super Bowl triumphs: six

Lombardi Trophy celebrations.

Yep, that would be the Steelers.

The other franchise has a terrific recent regular-season record, making the playoffs for the fifth straight year. It's last postseason victory: Jan. 6, 1991.

Yep, that would be the Bengals.

The numbers are overwhelmingly in Pittsburgh's favor: 18-7 overall against the Bengals since 2004; winning 21 of the past 26 at Riverfront or Paul Brown stadiums; a 33-20 victory in Cincinnati last month.

The QB matchup also favors the Steelers, whether it's Ben Roethlisberger vs. Andy Dalton or AJ McCarron (more

likely). But remember that the Bengals had the stingiest scoring defense in the AFC and are plus-11 in turnover differential, second to Kansas City in the conference.

Key Matchups: Cincinnati trying to slow down WR Antonio Brown; Pittsburgh getting pressure on whoever is at quarterback for the Bengals.

#### Seattle (10-6) at Minnesota (11-5), Sunday

It could be bitter cold in Minneapolis, which Sherman said has never entered his mind. The Seahawks don't appear to be the type of team that lets the elements matter.

What will matter is how effective each team is in the

ground game. The first priority against the Vikings always is to slow down the league's top rusher, Adrian Peterson. That usually is the main challenge against Seattle's offense, but Marshawn Lynch was ruled out late Friday as he recovers from abdominal surgery. But in his absence, Russell Wilson has really cranked up the Seahawks' passing attack.

Both defenses are good enough to turn the game in their team's favor.

Key Matchups: Seattle running the ball on the Vikings; Minnesota running the ball on the Seahawks.

#### Green Bay (10-6) at Washington (9-7), Sunday

Washington won its final four games to take the weak NFC East as its offense came alive and it finally had some road success. Kirk Cousins was among the league's top quarterbacks in December as the offense got dynamic.

Can't say the same for the Packers, who despite the presence of Aaron Rodgers have stagnated with the ball. Their defense isn't good enough to carry a sporadic attack, either.

But the Pack has tons of playoff experience, and the Redskins did not beat a team that finished with a winning record all season.

Key Matchups: Green Bay's sputtering offense against a mediocre, but improving defense.

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# Leonard's double-double leads Spurs to win

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs got the test they were expecting all season at home, and it almost proved too much for them to overcome.

Kawhi Leonard had 19 points and 12 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs held off Kristaps Porzingis and the New York Knicks 100-99 on Friday night to remain unbeaten at home.

San Antonio won its franchise-record 22nd straight home game to open the season and tied the franchise's best start after 38 games at 32-6. But after winning their past three home games by a 25-point average, the Spurs escaped when Jose Calderon's 3-pointer at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

"I was kind of enjoying (the blowouts)," San Antonio guard Manu Ginobili said. "It's not bad to win games like that. Nothing is easy in the NBA, but we knew in facing the Knicks that they were playing great, feeling good about themselves. We had to play much better to get this win. And I think we did."

Porzingis had 28 points and 11 rebounds but was on the bench when the Knicks started a 14-4 run to pull within 96-94 with 1:27 remaining.

New York's Arron Afflalo hit his second 3-pointer in the final 2 minutes to make it 98-97 Spurs. After Tony Parker's layup for San Antonio, Porzingis threw down an alley-oop dunk.

After rebounding Parker's missed 20-foot jumper with 15.9 seconds remaining, Langston Galloway took the ball up court to set up Calderon's miss after seeing New York coach Derrick Fisher did not want to call a timeout.

"I thought it was best to allow the game to finish up as it was going," Fisher said. "Their defense wasn't really set. Everybody was trying to scramble to figure out how they matched up. We made a good basketball play. We got a good shooter an open look, and it just didn't go in."

Anthony had 20 points and 12 rebounds but passed up the final shot after getting Ginobili to help defensively off Calderon. But Calderon missed the 3-pointer from the left corner ahead of a charging Ginobili to end the game and snap New York's three-game winning streak.

"At the end we have to play better defense," Parker said. "That's a good look that we gave away. Calderon is a good shooter. It looked good, I thought it was going in."

Aldridge, Parker and Ginobili each had 16 points for San Antonio, which was won seven straight.

**PORZINGIS' BIG GAME**

The Spurs were bothered by the length of the Knicks' starting frontcourt, especially Porzingis.

The 7-foot-3 rookie was 11 for 21 from the field while being defended primarily by LaMarcus Aldridge.

"I was making shots and they were giving me the ball," Porzingis said. "They wanted me to be aggressive and that's what I tried to do, help the team. Today the shots were falling for me."

Porzingis opened the game with a 3-pointer over Aldridge's outstretched reach. He later drove past the speedy Patty Mills for a short hook that he missed only to follow with a two-handed dunk.

Porzingis also was 3 for 7 on 3-pointers.

**BETTER DOWN LOW**

The Spurs did outscore the Knicks 60-38 in the paint.

"They are a team that always is driving, dropping off," Porzingis said. "They have a lot of post ups for Aldridge and Duncan those are two great players. It was really hard to stop those guys, but even with them scoring in the paint we were able to be in the game."

**SAY WHAT?**

Popovich had his usual fun with the media following the game.

When asked how good Parker was in the final minutes, Popovich said "he was good."

When asked if he liked what he saw out of a smaller lineup, he responded "of course I liked it."

But Popovich saved his best for last when asked what he learned from such a close game.

"I love you man," Popovich said after shaking his head. "Any other incisive, deep questions that make my mind go vertiginous."

Popovich smiled when a reporter asked him to spell vertiginous, which is the effect of being dizzy.

"None of you all even know what that means," Popovich said. "Don't even try, it might explode your head."

**TIP-INS**

Knicks: Porzingis' career high is 29 points against Charlotte on Nov. 17. He has 14 double-doubles this season and has scored in double figures in 28 games, including 18 of his last 24. ... Forward Cleanthony Early missed the game with an injured right knee. Early has played in just 10 games this season. He was inactive for 20 games and did not play in four others.

Spurs: San Antonio's best start in franchise history came in 2011 when it opened 37-6. ... The Chicago Bulls have the longest home winning streak in NBA history, capturing 44 straight from March 1995 to April 1996.

**UP NEXT**

Knicks: Host Milwaukee on Sunday night.

Spurs: At Brooklyn on Monday night.

# Milwaukee rallies to beat Mavericks in final minute

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Khris Middleton executed the winning play just like he wanted.

Middleton's driving layup with less than 10 seconds remaining carried the Milwaukee Bucks to a 96-95 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night.

His last two were set up by a huge defensive stop John Henson made on Dirk Nowitzki.

Nowitzki scored 20 points, including two free throws with 38 seconds left for Dallas' first lead since early in the first quarter. After Giannis Antetokounmpo was called for an offensive foul, Dallas worked the ball to Nowitzki, but Henson blocked his pass and it deflected to Middleton, who raced down the court and scored.

"Dirk kind of threw a low pass and, fortunately, I was there to deflect it," Henson said. "Khris made a great play at the end."

The Bucks scored 20 points off 16 Dallas turnovers, but the last one hurt the most.

"A bad turnover on my part there. We're up one," Nowitzki said. "I saw Zaza (Pachulia) flash in there and thought I could get it to him in the lane. He could swing it maybe for a good shot on the weak side. Henson's long and he got his arm on it."

Deron Williams missed at the buzzer for Dallas.

"We got a good look for the win, in my view," Nowitzki said. "I'll take that all day. It just didn't go."

Henson scored 16 points and Michael Carter-Williams added 15 points and a season-high 12 rebounds as Milwaukee snapped Dallas' six-game winning streak against them.

Devin Harris came off the bench for a season-high 19 for Dallas.

Nowitzki, Williams, Pachulia and Wesley Matthews all returned after sitting out a 100-91 win at New Orleans on Wednesday. They were rested after all had played 40-plus minutes in a 117-116 double-overtime win over Sacramento.

Milwaukee clung to a single-digit lead for most of the fourth quarter until consecutive 3-pointers by Raymond Felton tied it at 90.

Both teams missed several scoring chances down the stretch before Felton fouled Middleton, who made one of two free throws for a 94-93 lead.

Dallas came out with more energy in the third quarter and erased the Bucks' first-half lead that had been as much as 17 points. Nowitzki capped a 12-2 run with a 3-pointer that pulled the Mavericks to 57-51 before the Bucks called time with 9:42 left in the third quarter.

Milwaukee controlled the low post, scoring almost at will and led 55-39 at the half. Dallas had 12 points in the paint, but the Bucks had 34, including an alley-oop dunk by Henson on a perfect pass from O.J. Mayo that pushed the lead to 17 points.

Middleton scored 17 points, making 7 of 11 shots from the floor, in the half.



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For a small town, there are also great parades, block parties, and activities for everyone's enjoyment.

Don't think that just because the town doesn't have a large number of inhabitants that it can't entertain like bigger towns and cities in Texas.



Herald File Photos

Above: Balloon release for child abuse prevention awareness.

Right: Glow run participants

Right bottom: A competitor at the Comanche Warrior Triathlon.

Below: Fireworks from Pops in the Park

Bottom center: Big Spring Fire Department conducting the annual Fill the Boot to fight Muscular Dystrophy.

Bottom Left: Hang Gliding National competition at the Airpark.

Left: A participant in the Master the Mountain 5k/10k.



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# Poll: Most have stayed friends with an ex

WASHINGTON (AP) – Most Americans think making a clean break with an ex helps speed the healing process after a breakup, according to a new Associated Press-WE tv poll. But not all of them are listening to their own advice.

Six in 10 think cutting off contact with an ex is very helpful for getting over a breakup, and about the same percentage say it's usually not worth it to try to stay friends with an ex.

But their actions often tell a different story.

Just over half of those who have ever experienced a breakup say they've personally stayed friends with an ex. Even among those who say they don't think it's usually worth it, 38 percent have remained friends with at least one former flame.

Over 4 in 10 have broken up with someone only to get back together again, and more than a third have slept with an ex. Thirteen percent have continued living with someone they broke up with for financial reasons, and the same percentage have gone on vacation or spent a holiday with their ex.

Many also find themselves doing things that remind them of their former flame. Four in 10 have visited an ex's profile on Facebook or other social media. A quarter have sneaked

a peak at a social media profile of someone their ex was dating. Young Americans are especially likely to look an ex up on social media. Two-thirds of those between age 18 and 34 have visited the social media profile of an ex, and 4 in 10 have scoped out someone an ex was dating.

Forty-five percent of Americans have listened to a song that reminds them of their ex.

Not everyone who tries to remain friends with an ex can make it work. A third have tried unsuccessfully to stay friends post-breakup. And some might be better off cutting the cord. Thirty-two percent say feelings for an ex have prevented them from finding a new relationship.

There are some circumstances when most Americans do agree that it's worthwhile to stay friends with an ex. More than half think it's worth it if a former couple have mutual friends, and 9 in 10 think it's worth it for a couple who have children together.

Among Americans who have been divorced, just 21 percent say they stayed friends with their ex, but another 44 percent say they stayed on speaking terms.

After a breakup, Americans are more likely to turn to family and friends over new flings for help in healing. Nearly two-thirds say support from friends is extremely or very helpful in getting over a breakup, and two-thirds say the same of support from family.

# Does your battery life stink? Try some high-tech workarounds

LAS VEGAS (AP) – It's enough to make you want to drop everything and race for the nearest power outlet: Your workday isn't even done, and your smartphone or laptop battery is already in the red zone.

If you're hoping that techno-progress will dispel that depleted feeling, you may be in for a long wait. Battery life is constrained by limitations in chemistry, and improvements aren't keeping pace with demands from modern gadgets.

We're still dependent on the venerable lithium-ion cell, first commercialized by Sony in 1991; it's light, safe and holds a lot of charge relative to most alternatives, but it isn't getting better fast enough to keep up with our growing electronic demands.

So instead, manufacturers are doing their best to "cheat" their way around lithium-ion's limitations. The CES gadget show in Las Vegas this week featured plenty of workarounds that aim to keep your screen lit longer.

Proceed with caution, though: Manufacturer claims of battery life improvement can fall short of real-world experience.

## NEW CHIPS

Not that long ago, computer-chip makers competed to make their chips ever faster and more capable, with power consumption a secondary consideration. But the boom in energy hungry smartphones and laptops means that companies like Intel need to put much more emphasis on power efficiency these days.

Intel says its sixth-generation Core

chips, known as Skylake, add a little more than an hour to battery life to laptops compared with the previous generation, according to spokesman Scott Massey. The chips utilize a more compact design, hard-wired functions that used to be run via software and fine-tuning how they ramp power use up and down.

## BETTER-DESIGNED LAPTOPS

Laptop manufacturers are smartly sipping power, too.

HP says the Spectre x360 notebook it introduced in March gains up to 72 minutes of battery life, for a total of up to 13 hours, thanks in part to Intel's new chip. Among other tricks, the PC doesn't refresh the screen as often if the image isn't moving. "If we can solve a bunch of small problems, they can add up," HP vice president Mike Nash said.

Similarly, Lenovo's new ThinkPad X1 Yoga tablet turns off its touch screen and keyboard backlight if it senses its owner is walking and has the screen folded back like an open book. Vaio, the computer maker formerly owned by Sony, says its Z Canvas launched in the U.S. in October benefits from shrinking components and efficiently distributing heat to make more room for a bigger battery.

And Dell says it has worked with manufacturers to squeeze more battery capacity into the same space. It says its efforts recently boosted the energy storage of its XPS 13 laptop by 7.7 percent compared to an earlier version of the same model .

## Menus

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#### Tuesday

Breakfast: maple pancakes, grapes, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: Tex-Mex stack, baby carrots, garden salad, fruit cocktail and milk.

#### Wednesday

Breakfast: sausage roll, applesauce cup, assort fruit juice and milk; Lunch: sweet and sour chicken, roll, brown rice, broccoli, twisted applesauce, fresh fruit bowl, chocolate crackers and milk.

#### Thursday

Breakfast: baked cheese stick, banana, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: cheese enchilada, spanish rice, pinto beans, garden salad, mandarin oranges and milk.

#### Friday

Breakfast: french toast, orange smiles, assorted fruit juice and milk; Lunch: pizza dippers, celery sticks, cream cheese, lettuce/tomato topping, potato rounds, peaches and milk.

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Timothy Strain, 1006 Howell St. Res Re-roof; Val: \$4,400 Fee: \$35.  
Boogie Nights, 800 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St. Com Re-roof; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.  
Molly Galan, 901 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Res addition; Val: \$3,000 Fee: \$25.  
Roger Dewayne Cline, 3610 Dixon St. Res gas; Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$32.  
A. Scott, 1212 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St. Res gas; Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$32.  
Edna Fay Johnson, 109 N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> St. Res gas; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$32.  
Silverleaf Communities, 727 Bucknell Ave. Single Family house; Val: \$280,500 Fee: \$1,143. Res elec; Val: \$4,900 Fee: \$88. Res plumb; Val: \$9,000 Fee: \$66.  
Joshua Brian Jones, 1714 Purdue Ave. Res HVAC; Val: \$5,600 Fee: \$45.  
Tommy Eugene Rawls, 800 Lancaster. Res HVAC; Val: \$7,000 Fee: \$45.  
Charles Dean Herring Sr., 1501 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Res elec; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.  
Carol Kilpatrick, 3306 Cornell Ave. Structure; Val: \$2,900 Fee: \$25.

Nicholas Puentes, 2801 Navajo Dr. Res. add; Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$25.  
Paulino Rocha Rivera, 610 S. Lancaster St. Res Re-roof; Val: \$400 Fee: \$25.  
Felix Lugo, 1314 Park St. Res gas; Val: \$500 Fee: \$32.  
Taco Bell, 2403 S. Gregg St. Fence; Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$25.  
Mike Weaver, 201 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Res Re-roof; Val: \$8,500 Fee: \$55.  
A.C. Neighbors, 2612 Albrook Dr. Res elec; Val: \$1,000 Fee: \$25.  
Skateland Reloaded, 2910 W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Signs; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.  
Bruce Allen Helsley, 1222 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Res HVAC; Val: \$2,100 Fee: \$35.  
Anna Belle Burks, 3201 Auburn Ave. Res HVAC; Val: \$1,500 Fee: \$35.  
Karla Gomez, 1600 Indian Hills Dr. Res elec; Val: \$500 Fee: \$25.  
Silverleaf Communities, 3314 Fordham. Single family home; Val: \$192,340 Fee: \$877.02. Res elec; Val: \$4,700 Fee: \$93.10. Res plumb; Val: \$9,000 Fee: \$66. Res sewer tap; Val: \$265 Fee: \$265. Res water tap; Val: \$600 Fee: \$600.

## Watch out for these scams in '16

It's a new year, but unfortunately scams that happen every day are not. Better Business Bureau serving Central, Coastal, Southwest Texas and the Permian Basin serves businesses and consumers, and is a resource for unbiased information on scams and other marketplace issues. BBB also hears from thousands of business owners and consumers about several scams and frauds.



HEATHER  
MASSEY

Scams work because there is a "science" to it. First, scammers gain your trust by building a relationship with you so you won't question their motives. They use a lot of techniques to make themselves look credible and claim to be with a legitimate business by using a website, business cards, email address or phone number, all of which are fake.

Scam artists also use emotions to get you to make quick decisions in an "emergency" scenario, which usually results in a victim giving that scammer money. In some cases, the scammer will pretend to be a family member or friend in need of help immediately.

These were the top 10 scams of 2015 from your BBB:

- **IRS imposter scam** – This scam topped the list with your local BBB and BBB nationally. How this scam works: an imposter, someone claiming to be with the IRS, will call you and tell you that you owe money to the government and if you don't pay now, you will be arrested. Scammers threaten you to send them money via a prepaid debit card or wire transfer, and many people pay out of fear. BBB advises you to hang up – the IRS and other government agencies won't call you to collect money or ask you to make a payment via a prepaid card or wire transfer.
- **Government grants scam** – This scam comes in the form of a phone call, email or letter informing you qualify for a government grant. In order to receive the grant you must first send a processing or delivery fee, usually by wire transfer or a prepaid debit card. BBB advises you to never send money by wire transfer or a prepaid card to someone you don't know or haven't met in person. It's almost impossible to trace this type of payment once it's gone.
- **Debt collections scam** – You receive a phone call from someone claiming that you have an unpaid debt. You are threatened with garnishments, lawsuits, and even jail time if you don't pay right now. The scammer will often use Caller ID spoofing and pretend to be a government agency or law enforcement in order to further invoke fear and make you send money.
- **Sweepstakes, prizes or gifts scam** – With this scam, you receive a phone call, email or letter claiming that you've won a prize in a sweepstakes, perhaps that you've never entered. In order to receive the prize, you're instructed to send a fee to cover expenses associated with processing, insurance or delivery. However, this prize is not real. If you've really won, you should never have to pay money to claim a prize.
- **Phishing scam** – Phishing is an attempt to acquire personal information, such as usernames, passwords and credit card numbers by claiming to be a trustworthy person or business. You may receive an email telling you that you've won a contest or that a business needs to verify your personal information. However, links in the email can take you to a site that downloads malware on your computer to search for your sensitive data. BBB advises you to never open emails or click on links from sources you don't know. Keep in mind that legitimate businesses won't ask you to confirm your personal information through email.
- **Tech support scam** – You get a call or a pop-up on your computer claiming to be from Microsoft (or Norton, or Apple) about a problem on your computer. They say if you give "tech support" access to your hard drive, they can fix it. Instead, they install malware on your computer and start stealing your personal information.
- **Advanced fee loan scam** – An advanced fee loan may seem like an easy way to get cash fast, but may end up being a burden because of high interest rates and unaffordable payment terms. Advanced fee lenders charge an upfront fee and will "guarantee" you a loan despite your credit history, and chances are, you won't get your money back. Also, real lenders, like banks or credit unions, will check your credit history – even if your credit history is good. A lender who isn't interested in your credit history is an immediate red flag.
- **Fake check or money order scam** – This scam can happen any time someone is paying you for goods or services, even when you are selling something online. You receive a check in the mail that is larger than the amount owed and you are asked to deposit the check and wire the difference. However, the check ends up being a fake and when it bounces, you are the one out of the money.
- **Employment scam** – Scammers may say they have a job opening or can guarantee job placement if you first pay a fee to cover the cost it takes



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## Public records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Marcus Joe Anderson, 2621 Chanute Dr., Big Spring  
Steve Antoine, 1425 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. #19, Big Spring  
Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring  
Josephine (Josie) Balcazar, P.O. Box 1123, Big Spring  
Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morningside Way, Canyon Lake  
Vanessa Malu Calderon, 2600 Chanute Dr., Big Spring  
Amber Canales, 612 Drake Rd., Big Spring  
Jason Canales, 612 Drake Rd., Big Spring  
Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring  
Pedro Chavarria, 1404

Wood St., Big Spring  
Tonya Renea Cogburn, 1610 Johnson St., 2000 S. Main St., Big Spring  
Jennifer S. Cook, 2911 N. Hwy 80 Apt. 107, Big spring  
Matilda Cortez, 302 N. Saint Teresa, Stanton  
Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble  
Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder  
Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland  
Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 2521 Chanute Dr., Big Spring  
Jose Enrique Faz, 602 N.W. 7<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring  
Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring  
Michael Dean Fleming, 5216 Tremont Ave Apt 901, Midland  
Leticia Garcia, 1404

Princeton Ave., Big Spring  
William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring  
Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring  
James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta  
Eugene Frank Gulley, 1201 Floydada, P.O. Box 551, Wellington  
Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25<sup>th</sup> St., Snyder  
Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Place, Big Spring  
Matias Hernandez Jr., 620 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., San Angelo  
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Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring  
John Troy Riddle, 3717 Old Howard Co. Airport Road, Big Spring  
George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring  
Linda Eva Rodriguez, 2519 Gunter Circle, Big Spring  
Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring  
Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big spring  
Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City  
Erlinda Ruiz, P.O. Box

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Split Moon

The mood will change mid-day with the moon change from Capricorn to Aquarius. Morning will be most productive in the practical sense, although what gets accomplished in the second part of the day will have far-reaching effects. A lunar square of Mars could produce a battle of the alphas.



HOLIDAY  
MATHIS

How important is it that you're thought of as the leader?  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). When you find yourself wanting too much, try this spiritual exercise: Ignore your desired object completely, actively, even. Detachment is the key to perspective. Perspective often brings answers.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Go on through life the way you normally do, but the others won't see it that way. In fact, as your admirer sees it, an orchestra of heavenly harps seems to be playing with your every

move.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). If you ran from everything that made you feel uneasy or jumpy, it would be a boring life indeed. Your nerves will act as a kind of metal detector, leading you toward the good stuff.  
**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Don't skip steps. It may seem like you have a clear shot between first base and home plate, but if you don't

hit all of the other bases in between you won't get the point.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't look for inspiration from on high. Look for it instead but a few rungs up the ladder you are climbing. Someone with similar abilities and circumstances will motivate you to the next level.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your busy mind is always

checking to make sure you've covered the bases and all is lining up logically. When you're happy (as you will be today), don't ask questions. Just enjoy it!  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're no slave to other people's opinions, and yet you can't help but hear and process their input. You'll owe today's success to your ability to detach and compartmentalize.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not about to wait around for some serendipitous happening to lift you out of a stale mood or a boring scene. Make the first move to put yourself in whimsy's way and the fun will immediately ignite.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's some less-than-exciting energy swirling around, and maybe it's even negative. Don't mirror it. (SET ITAL) You (END ITAL) be the magic mirror. Project the mood you want to live in and the others will get pulled into the world of that.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Let the world push and rush while you move slowly. Slowness is effective. Slowness allows you to savor

what's good in this. Be like the gods who, with the luxury of all the time there is, can't be bothered to hurry up.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When that certain person gives you a compliment you will feel the brilliantly flashing star at the core of you that has always been there, which usually goes unnoticed by you.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You know better than to wait for divine inspiration to strike lightning-like or call thunderously from the heavens with explicit directions. Divine inspiration will come, though, in its usual form: soft, small and bliss-filled.  
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Jan. 10). Because you have a lot of courage this year, you'll have a lot of life this year, with perhaps twice as many adventures and new people inhabiting your days as in years past. Your lucky numbers are: 50, 12, 1, 14 and 32.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker  
Try and Make It

West dealer.  
East-West vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ J 9 8 4  
♥ Q J 6 3  
♦ K 6 2  
♣ Q 5  
**WEST**  
♠ A K Q 10 5 2  
♥ 4  
♦ J 7 5  
♣ K J 6  
**EAST**  
♠ 7  
♥ 7 5  
♦ Q 9 8 4  
♣ 10 9 7 4 3 2  
**SOUTH**  
♠ 6 3  
♥ A K 10 9 8 2  
♦ A 10 3  
♣ A 8

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ Pass Pass 3 ♥  
Pass 4 ♥  
Opening lead — king of spades.  
It's not easy to make four hearts on this deal, even if you see all four hands. But it can be done, and you're welcome to try it if you're so inclined.  
When the deal occurred, West led the king of spades, continued with the queen and then shifted to a trump. South drew two rounds of trumps, ruffed a spade, led a diamond to the king and ruffed dummy's last spade.  
Next he cashed the ace of diamonds and exited with the ten. He

was hoping West would have to win the diamond because, if he did, he would then be forced to return a club from the king or yield a ruff-and-discard — either of which would hand South the contract. But East won the diamond with the queen and returned a club, and that spelled curtains for declarer.  
Actually, South had the right idea about trying to endplay West, but his execution was faulty. After two rounds of spades and two rounds of trumps, he should have ruffed the nine of spades before playing all his trumps to produce the following position:  
**North**  
♠ J  
♦ K 6  
♣ Q 5  
**West**  
♠ A  
♦ J 7  
♣ K J  
**South**  
♠ A 10 3  
♥ A 8  
Now the A-K of diamonds, followed by the jack of spades, would have sealed West's fate. After declarer discarded the ten of diamonds, West would have been forced to return a club, handing South the last two tricks with the queen and ace of clubs.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.  
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ANSWERS

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### Help Wanted

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#8935 January 10, 2016

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE (PERSONAL PROPERTY)

BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of

### Public Notice

Execution issued out of the 118th District Court of Howard County, State of Texas, in a certain cause numbered: 50162 where in Langhny Venture Partners the Plaintiff, and Browning Drilling LLC is the Defendant, in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of damages of \$3,879,500.00 judgments, plus interest of \$125,941.50 plus attorney's fees of \$9,250.00, the amount with interest thereon from May 11, 2015 at the rate of 5% per annum, and the further sum of \$280.00 cost of suit together with legal fees \$100.00 servicing fee, and commissions for collecting the same. I on the 5 of January, 2016 have levied upon, and will on the 15th of January, 2016, at 301 Dickson Road, in Coahoma, Texas with in legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Langhny Venture Partners LLC, in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of the defendant, to wit:

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:  
"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you."

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation the same being Monday February 1, 2015 before the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, at the Courthouse in said County in Big Spring, Texas. Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed in said court on the 30th day of October, 2015 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Issue Of Title To Personal Property as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Big Spring, Texas this 16 day of December, 2015.

Attorney for Plaintiff or Plaintiff:  
Robert Walker  
P.O. Box 1015  
Big Spring, Texas

Clerk of the Court:  
Colleen Barton  
Howard County, Texas

By Colleen Barton Deputy

#8819 December 20, 27, January 3, & 10.

Legals

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LEGAL AUTHORITY:  
Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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#8937 January 10, 2016

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The suit is numbered 6926 and is styled "Plaintiff's Original Petition." The petition in this cause was filed on December 31, 2015 in the 118th Judicial District Court of Martin County, Texas. This lawsuit is requesting a Declaratory Judgement.

Plaintiff's Attorney Name and Address:

JOSHUA HAMBY  
107 W 4th St.  
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Big Spring, TX 79720

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo  
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ACROSS

1 Bank deposit

5 Reps at the gym, e.g.

15 *Chérie femme*

16 Virus carrier, often

17 Word from the Latin for "seized"

18 Any point on one infinite mathematical line

19 Quick-thinking skill

21 Made like NFL footballs

22 Deep blue

24 Constraint

25 String player

28 Comes to

33 What some studio easels are made of

34 Cream, e.g.

36 With 26 Down, tapenade ingredient

38 What Prospero calls Caliban's witch mother

39 Need to get up to speed

40 Stuck

45 Purview

46 Buy for a Cinco de Mayo party

47 Politically significant century

49 Laptop cooler

51 Less fair-weather

52 *Wayne's World* director

57 City of the South's "Petroplex"

60 Syracuse's Big Apple Orange, for one

62 It's made by Mars

63 Outmoded audiophile adjective

64 Outmoded audiophile adjective

65 Like some cookie cutters

66 Experts in assessment and immobilization

DOWN

1 Symbol of Bangladeshi culture

2 Any of 12 of the Fourteen Infallibles

3 Something reviewed at totalbeauty.com

4 Shimmering school

5 Helpful activity

6 It wasn't handled in the Stone Age

7 Matriarch of six of the Twelve Tribes

8 Celebrity

9 Optimistic, vis-à-vis pessimists

10 Ongoing investigator

11 Faculty wear at commencement

12 *Monastère* title

13 Was successful

14 Green Crayola color

20 Twitter political posting

23 14-year-old covered by *Elle*

25 What may be kept under wraps

26 See 36 Across

27 *The \_\_ Bride* (Rimsky-Korsakov opera)

29 Subject of a "You Just Blew \$10,000" billboard

30 Even at the risk of failure

31 Understand

32 Many 4 Down

35 "Great white" flier

37 Romantic, to musicians

41 Suffixes

42 Fearful of a fall

43 In something

44 Talk up

48 What Adam and Eve never did, per Twain

50 Saws

52 Possible grounds for grounding

53 It might be twisted or misted

54 Waves on some beaches, in part

55 One of Muhammad's titles

56 Sound of sails

58 Strain, in a way

59 It's fixed for Mars

61 Brooklynese boy

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