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Goats and cattle and sheep, oh my!

Howard County Jr. Livestock show takes stage Wednesday

BY **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

They're ba-aa-ck. The 2015 Howard County Jr. Livestock Show is set to take over the G.C. Broughton Pavilion beginning Wednesday with more than 100 exhibitors showing off more than 250 entries this year.



Raney

"The Junior Livestock Show Association is dedicated to supporting the youth of Howard County," said Nancy Raney, public relations officer for the 2015 show. "By participating in agriculture clubs and stock show, students learn invaluable lessons from showmanship to budgeting and responsibility of taking care of a living animal. This also teaches our students some of the basics of the agriculture industry which provides an indispensable service to our society."

The stock show kicks off Wednesday with the lamb ex-

hibition starting at 3 p.m. and wraps up Saturday at noon with the traditional luncheon and permian sale.

"We not only appreciate the support of each and every one of our buyers, but also hope that you will be able to attend this year's Stock Show and Premium Sale," Raney said. "Early Premium donations are accepted and appreciated and can be sent to: HCJLA, P.O. Box 3594, Big Spring, TX 79721."

Students from Howard County 4-H Club, Coahoma FFA and Sands FFA will participate in the livestock show set at the G.C. Broughton Pavilion located on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

"The association is excited to return to the G.C. Broughton Pavilion for the exhibition," Raney said. "It is an excellent venue for the show and the closed facility will help keep out the cold and provide a warm environment for our exhibitors and their animals."

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A hug for a friend

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Howard County Humane Society worker Estella Craven, hugs one of the 100-plus dogs housed in outside pens at the facilities grounds. See related story about how the Humane Society is helping their wards stay healthy during this cold weather, Page 1B.

France braces for more terror attacks

By **SYLVIE CORBET**

Associated Press

PARIS — France's government urged the nation to remain vigilant Saturday, as thousands of security forces try to thwart new attacks and hunt down a suspected accomplice in a rampage by terrorists linked to al-Qaida in Yemen that scarred the nation and left 20 dead.

Hundreds of thousands of people marched Saturday in cities from Toulouse in the south to Rennes in the west to honor the 17 victims of three attackers, killed by police after three days of bloodshed at the offices of a satirical newspaper, a kosher supermarket and other sites around Paris.

The sense of relief was tinged with sorry and worry. In Paris, security forces guarded places of worship and tourist sites, and prepared for what's likely to be a huge silent march Sunday to show unity against extremists. Two dozen world leaders, including German

In a sign of the tense atmosphere, a security perimeter was briefly imposed at Disneyland Paris on Saturday before being lifted, a spokeswoman said, without elaborating. Movement around the park was back to normal by early afternoon.

Chancellor Angela Merkel and British Prime Minister David Cameron, are among the many expected to join.

French Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said authorities will do everything to ensure security at the event. Speaking after an emergency meeting called by French President Francois Hollande on Saturday morning, Cazeneuve called for "extreme vigilance," saying that "given the context, we are exposed to risks."

Al-Qaida's branch in Yemen said it directed Wednesday's

attack against the publication Charlie Hebdo to avenge the honor of the Prophet Muhammad, a frequent target of the weekly's satire.

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Cazeneuve said the government is maintaining its terror alert system at the highest level in the Paris region, and

said investigators are focusing on determining whether the attackers were part of a larger extremist network.

Five other people are in custody as part of the investigation, and family members of the attackers are among several given preliminary charges so far.

French radio RTL released audio Saturday of the attacker, Amedy Coulibaly, who seized hostages in the kosher supermarket, in which he lashes out over Western military campaigns against extremists in Syria and Mali. He describes Osama bin Laden as an inspiration.

One of his hostages said on France 2 television Saturday that the gunman told them: "Me, I'm not scared of dying. Either I die, or I get a 40-year prison sentence." The woman was identified only as Marie, and didn't show her face.

The focus of the police hunt is on Coulibaly's widow, Hayat Boumeddiene. Police

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Obituaries

Joseph Calvin Schwartz



Joseph Calvin Schwartz, 89, of Garden City passed away Jan. 8, 2015, in Stanton. Rosary will be held Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, at 5 p.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. The funeral mass celebrating Joe's life will be Monday, Jan. 12, 2015, at 10 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery.

Joe was born June 20, 1925, in Miles, Texas to Ida (Klein) and Ernest Schwartz. He attended school at Fairview and later served two years in the Merchant Marines. On Sept. 18, 1950, he married the love of his life, Rose Marie Kadlacek, at St. Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall. They began their family while living in the Paint Rock and Fairview areas before moving west to Garden City in 1967.

Joe served on the school board at Fairview, was on the board of the Glasscock County ASCS office as well as the FHA board, St. Lawrence Men's Society and the Church Committee. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and Gun Club. In 1988 he was named as Glasscock County's Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the year. He was very proud to be a farmer and rancher. He leaves quite a legacy for his children and grandchildren.

Dad loved hunting deer and dove and especially spending time with his hunting friends from Midland. Fishing was also a passion of his. As a young man he enjoyed fishing at Garner Dam in San Angelo and later at his own stock tank not far from his house. Every year he had the biggest garden in St. Lawrence and delighted in sharing it with his family and friends. He and Rose especially enjoyed day trips to the casino in Hobbs.

Another favorite pastime was playing dominoes.

Conseption Viera



Conseption Viera, 69, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015, in Lubbock. Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Primera Iglesia Bautista with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Dec. 9, 1945. She married Meliton A. "Tony" Viera Sr. Dec. 3, 1959 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Aug. 31,

It was not unusual for them to host a spur of the moment domino party with whoever was around. Their home was always open to guests for lunch or for a glass of tea while Joe told his many stories of interest. Married for 64½ years, Joe and Rose were constant companions. He will be missed by many.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Mary Kay Halfmann; his brother, Walter Schwartz; his sister, Beatrice Socha and husband, Laddie; a sister-in-law, Ruby Schwartz; and a brother-in-law, Victor Matthiesen.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Rose Marie of Garden City; sons, Ernie Schwartz and wife, Debra, Floyd Schwartz and wife, Martha and Jody Schwartz and wife, Gail, all of St. Lawrence; daughters, Brenda Holik and husband, Eddie Jr. of Veribest and Lynette Jansa and husband, Mitchell of St. Lawrence; a son-in-law, Lynn Halfmann of San Angelo; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren, with one little blessing on the way. Additional survivors include his brothers, George Schwartz and wife, Doris and Alfred Schwartz and wife, Ann, all of St. Lawrence, Alfonse Schwartz and wife, Betty, John Schwartz and wife, Genieve and Erwin Schwartz and wife, Gloria, all of San Angelo; a sister, Bernice Matthiesen of Miles; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Schwartz of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be grandchildren Galen Schwartz, Nicole Tan, Cole Schwartz, Trey Holik, Marcus Halfmann and Leslie Robbins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to "St. Lawrence Orphanage" in India in care of: Father Raj, 2400 FM 2401, Garden City, Texas 79739.

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

Paid obituary

Lillian Jane Jenkins



Lillian Jane Jenkins, 73, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lillian was born March 10, 1941, in Sand Springs, Howard County,

Texas to Helen Ozell (McCarty) and Milton Thomas Johnson. She married Edward E. Jenkins in Big Spring, Texas. She and her husband lived in South Carolina, Montana, Massachusetts, Okinawa and Midland, before settling back in Big Spring in 1985. She was a "Military Wife." She worked for American Greeting Cards for many years but her most important job was being a mother. She enjoyed gardening and sewing. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by her husband, Edward E. Jenkins of Big Spring; one daughter, Melinda Jenkins of Sand Springs; one son, Thomas Jenkins of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Hayley Jenkins of Big Spring, Christopher Corrick of Midland and Kayla Roberts of Lake Jackson, Texas; and two great-grandchildren, Caiden Roberts and Skyler Roberts, both of Lake Jackson, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Helen Dwan Gillette on April 30, 1995.

Pallbearers will be Rocky Turner, Bill Hallford, Pete Gillette and Christopher Corrick.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Judy McCutchan



Judy McCutchan, 70, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2015, in Midland. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born March 1, 1944, in Seagraves, Texas to Leola and Charles Miller. She received her associate degree from Howard College. She taught at Lakeview Head Start for more than 30 years.

She lived most of her life in Big Spring.

She is survived by one son, Richard David McCutchan of Plainview; two sisters, Sally Nelda Yates and Helen Faye Burchfiel, both of Lubbock; two brothers, Doyle Ray Croft of Colorado and John C. Miller of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two husbands; several brothers and sisters; and one daughter, Christi Foxx.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- GILBERT BUSTAMANTE GONZLES, 25, of 607 W. 9th was arrested on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- RANDY BARRON, 24, of 609 E. 13th St., was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, more than 4 ounces but less than or equal to 5 pounds.
- SHAKARA SHANTE JONES, 22, of 609 E. 13th St. was arrested

on a charge of possession of marijuana, more than 4 ounces but less than or equal to 5 pounds.

- JOE BARRON, 24, of 1401 N. Highway 87 1803 was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- NATHAN HENRY BAKER, 60, of 502 Young St. was arrested on a charge of theft, more than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500-shoplifting.
- THOMAS ANTHONY MORRIS, 63, of 314 Jim Money Road, Biloxi, Miss., was arrested on a

charge of public intoxication.

- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 900 block of W. Third St., the 400 block of E. third St., and the 1700 block of Purdue Avenue
- THEFT was reported in the 400 block of E. 11th St. and the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 300 block of S. Main St.
- DISTURBANCE was reported in the 900 block of N. Lamesa Highway.

Support Groups

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

• Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at

Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

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

Open meeting at 7

p.m.

TUESDAY

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

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and care-

givers.

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.

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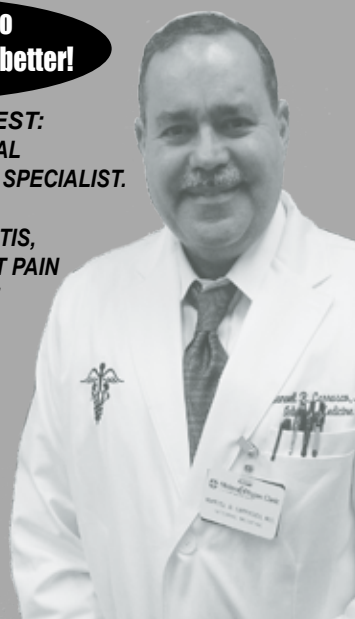
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Take note

- Jury selection in 118th District Court scheduled for Monday has been cancelled.
For more information, call 432-264-2223.
- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.
- Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be hosting two public forums on

re-enrollment to the Health Insurance Marketplace.
Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you might have and to set up appointments for enrollment.
The first event will take place at the YMCA at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 and the second event will be at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club on Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. Both events are free to attend and open to the public. Refreshments

will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, call Amanda Duforat at 268-4699.
• Reservations are being taken for shirts and transportation for Howard County Day in Austin. The one-day event is meant to highlight the economic importance of Howard County to Texas law makers. Howard County Day in Austin is set for Feb. 10, 2015.

Reservations are now being taken for a seat on a bus leaving from the Dorothy Garret Coliseum to attend the event.
The charge is \$40 per person and the deadline to register for a seat is Feb. 2. Shirt order deadline for a Howard County shirt is Jan. 7. The cost is \$29. For more information, contact Teresa Darden at the Big Spring Economic Development at 264-6032.

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named her as an accomplice and think she is armed.
“You must consider her as the companion of a dangerous terrorist who needs to be questioned,” Christophe Crepin, spokesman for UNSA police union, told The Associated Press. “Since 2010, she has had a relationship with an individual whose ideology translates into violence and the execution of poor people who were just doing their shopping in a supermarket.”
Jewish groups planned a vigil after sundown Saturday to mourn the four people killed at the kosher market.
Loyalists of al-Qaida and the Islamic State group extolled the attackers on Charlie Hebdo as “lions of the caliphate.” They described the attack as revenge for the French satirical publication’s mockery of Islam’s Prophet Muhammad and France’s military involvement in Muslim countries.
This week’s drama, played out on live TV and social media, began with brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi methodically massacring 12 people Wednesday at the Charlie Hebdo offices.
They were cornered on Friday at a printing house in Dammartin-en-Goele near Charles de Gaulle Airport on Friday, prompting a daylong standoff with police.
Coulibaly shot a police-woman to death south of Paris on Thursday.
The next day, he attacked the Paris kosher market, threatening more violence unless the police let the Kouachis go.
It all ended at dusk Friday with near-simultaneous raids at the printing plant and the kosher market in eastern Paris.
Four hostages were found dead at the market — killed by Coulibaly, prosecutors said. Sixteen hostages were freed, one from the printing plant and 15 from the store.
Witnesses and family members of survivors struggled Saturday to come to terms with what happened.
The family of a French Muslim police officer killed in the newspaper attack expressed anger at the viral spread of images of his death.
Ahmet Merabet’s partner described seeing the images on television in a restaurant without realizing it was him. Video taken by an onlooker that surfaced on the Internet shows what appears to be a wounded Merabet on the pavement raising a hand as though appealing for mercy before he was fatally shot in the head.
The attack on the kosher market came before sundown on the Jewish Sabbath, when the store would have been crowded with shoppers, and Hollande called it “a terrifying anti-Semitic act.”
Chaimae Bourahmaoui felt her apartment vibrate with bursts of gunfire from the kosher market three floors below her.
“I could no longer breathe. We heard the explosions. We were hostages since we didn’t know if the terrorist had a bomb,” she told AP.

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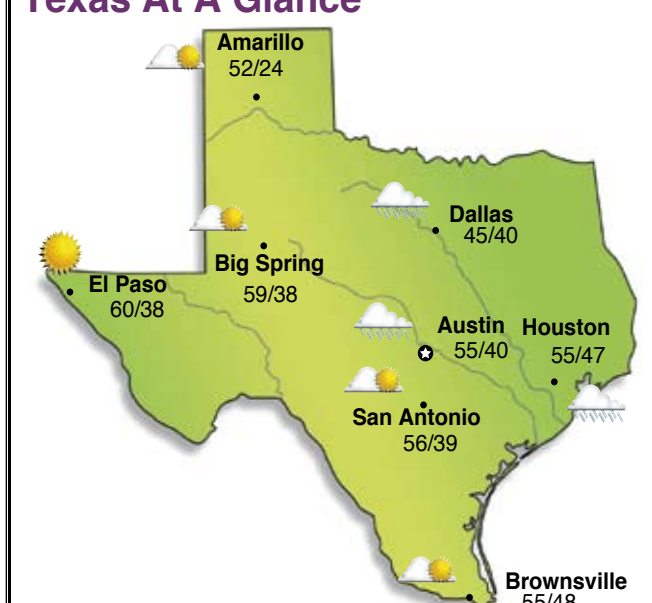
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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast				
Sun 1/11	Mon 1/12	Tue 1/13	Wed 1/14	Thu 1/15
59/38 Some clouds in the morning will give way to mainly sunny skies for the after.	39/29 Cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the upper 20s.	36/30 Cloudy. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the low 30s.	43/30 Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the low 30s.	54/34 More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.
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Schedule of events:
Wednesday, Lamb Show - 3 p.m.
Goat Show Immediate-ly Following

Thursday Rabbit Show - 6:30 p.m.
Friday Steer Show - 9 a.m.
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- Be familiar with where you buy your merchandise. Shop with companies you know and trust. Check for background information if you plan to buy from a third party vendor, or a new or unfamiliar company. The most popular counterfeit products seized each year at this time include headphones, sports jerseys, personal care products, shoes, toys, luxury goods, cell phones and electronic accessories. Reputable websites will have a phone number located on the website that will allow you to call and order products or ask questions.
- Use secure websites for purchases. Look for the icon of a locked padlock at the bottom of the screen or “https” in the address at the top of the screen.
- Before surfing the Internet, secure your personal computers by updating your security software. Everyone’s computer should have anti-virus, anti-spyware, and anti-spam software, as well as a good firewall installed. Here are a few suggestions Norton, Kaspersky, AVG, Webroot and Bitdefender.
- To avoid purchasing counterfeit products, carefully examine the products you want to buy for signs of missing information (manufacturing information, warranty, product codes, etc.), broken or missing safety seals, different or incomplete packaging, and subtle or obvious changes to a company logo.
- Keep your personal information private and your password secure. Do not respond to requests to “verify” your password or credit card information unless you initiated the contact. Legitimate businesses will not contact you in this manner.
- Ask street vendors or discount stores that sell CDs and DVDs at bargain prices where they got the products and how they can sell them for such steeply discounted prices. Some could be pirated copies and are illegal.

The Big Spring Visitor’s Center is now open at 113 E. 3rd Street. Open Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM

Many city employees are furthering their education to better serve the needs of Big Spring:

- Thomas Hodges, Code Enforcement/Inspections and Roxanne Johnston, City Planner have both been to class and passed the testing to become Certified Flood Plain Administrators.
- John Vega, Sanitation dept. passed the testing and received his Class B Solid Waste management license.
- Sean Bailey, Code Enforcement, passed his tests and received his Code Enforcement license.
- Kenneth Yonkers, Wastewater Treatment, passed his test and received his Class D license.

Big Spring Fire Department

The Big Spring Fire Department would like to let everyone know that there is a new stop light in town. Fire Station #5 on Wasson Rd. has a new light for the safety of the firefighters who protect our community. Due to the increased traffic around our town we have noticed a need to alert other drivers of when we are trying to pull out and back up to the station from 911 calls. Please drive courteously to others on the road and obey all traffic signs. The Police Department will also be patrolling the area to find those less courteous

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Opinion

Jeff has a way with animals

I've known Jeff Heinatz of Alpine for a long time and have been a fan of his wildlife photography. I went out with him one morning near Fort Davis and watched him photograph a fox that flashed across an opening in some brush. I'll bet that thing wasn't visible for a tenth of a second and I knew it would be impossible to get a photo of it. But Jeff showed me his camera and there it was. I have a large copy of that photograph on my wall. I also have a picture of coyote pups that Jeff photographed.

Jeff has the patience of Job. And it pays off. Once he was hiking in the Big Bend area and hadn't seen anything all morning. He stopped to have lunch under a large madrone tree. After he got settled, he could hear some breathing nearby.

"I didn't know what it was," says Jeff. "Finally I looked around the trunk of that madrone tree and saw a big black bear that had been under the same tree the whole time. He was asleep.

"So I waited until the sun got to a spot in the sky that allowed some light on the bear's face so I could take a picture of it without using a flash. He heard the camera clicking and woke up and looked at me.

"After a few minutes he walked straight over to me and rubbed his nose back and forth in my hair. I just sat there and let him do it. He didn't seem to be aggressive at all but he was curious. I really didn't want him that close, though."

Jeff said the bear looked to weigh around 400 pounds. "He was taller than I am. He hung around with me for a while, then stood up and broke some branches so he could get to some madrone berries. Those branches were big enough for me to do chin-ups on and he just tore them off like they were nothing. After he ate some berries he put his face next to mine and blew his breath on me. Then he walked off."

Jeff's best day with a camera involved another bear. "I had always wanted to photograph a bear killing something. I was waiting for a bear to come out in the open from some bushes. While I was waiting for that, a herd of javelinas walked into the same brush where the bear was.

It got very quiet for a minute. Then it hit the fan. There was a fight going on that you just wouldn't believe. I didn't have a video camera to get the sound, but it was awesome. Finally I heard a skull crack and the bear came out of there with a half-grown javelin and got on the trail with me, about ten feet away. He looked at me and I got a good picture. Then he went under a tree and just laid down for his javelina dinner.

"While I was watching all this I heard some footsteps behind me. It was a mountain lion. Apparently it had heard all the commotion and came down to check it out. The bear and mountain lion got into a fight. I was so close the hair was raining down on me. The fight lasted about thirty seconds and the bear was the winner. I couldn't get very good pictures because the fight took place in some heavy brush. I was frustrated but at least I got to experience something that not many people get to see. That was my best day in the field."

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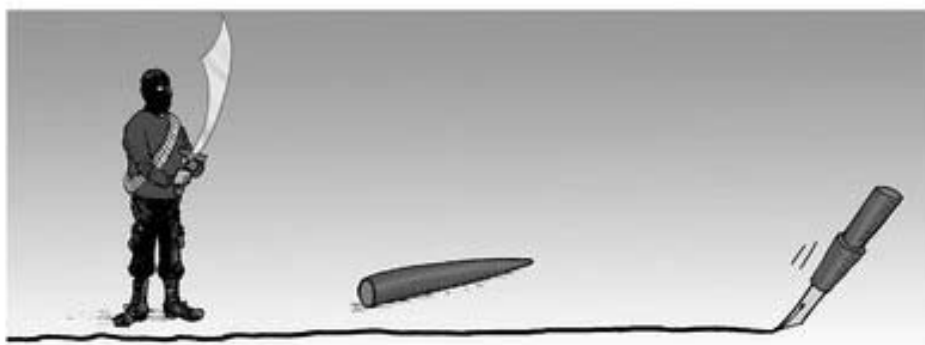
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DAILY PRAYER

May we remember you created the sun as well as the cold.

Amen



Wash day blues on black list

I would never knowingly trivialize, minimize or in any manner denigrate the "trying times" Thomas Paine wrote about in 1776. Americans understandably felt very much on trial.

Our nation was wobbly at best, what with King George

and his fellow Brits thinking ill of us. Symbolically, they were the cat, toying with a mouse. We were the latter, militarily incapable of waging much more than a wiggle. For the Mother Country, it was a matter of when—not if—we'd wiggle no more.

Were Paine alive today, he might feel the same way about trying times — not necessarily about whale-sized military issues, but many other irritants in the sea of life.

He might feel like the guy who wakes each day unafraid of being swallowed up by a whale, but feels chances are good he'll be nibbled to death by a thousand minnows before sundown. This day, I feel limp — greatly diminished by three days of "nibblings." In retrospect, civil conversations are recalled; none seemed ill-spirited.

Most folks on the other end of phone lines were workaday folks—front-line reps for larger fish named Whirlpool and Lowe's, national chains I've long respected.

Do household appliances always fail on weekends? Or in the midst of holidays? Are 11-month old Whirlpool Duet washers likely to stop at mid-cycle, locking the door in the process? Probably such a perfect storm is a rare occurrence.

When one is in that tiny per-

centage of unfortunate households, however, it becomes personal.

I smiled knowingly, realizing that the wheels of any "repair week" don't start until Monday morning, despite our crisis on a Friday night. Still, I was cautiously optimistic, having purchased maximum five-year warranty coverage.

Like the feeble mouse cited earlier, I mustered enough energy to take on Lowe's — the company that trumpets eagerness to "help us build something together"—and Whirlpool, hopeful it would feel committed to "helping us repair something together." (And don't get me started on what constitutes a "timely manner." This depends greatly on whose soggy clothes are locked in a broken washing machine.)

Now, quick gusts and "diss"-gusts: First, repeated Monday morning calls to Whirlpool (multiple prompts, re-dials, etc.)... Finally, live person promises to dispatch repair guy the very next day... Great, but hours later, received call from local repair place saying "no way Tuesday, how about NEXT Monday?"... Not acceptable.... More calls to Whirlpool... even lengthier delays, aggravated by canned message urging visits to Whirlpool Outlet store for next appliance purchase (guess it doesn't matter this might be interpreted as attempt to undermine Lowe's Whirlpool sales)... This time, lady moves repair date up by one business day to Friday ... Still not acceptable ... Wife fears soggy clothes will be smelling soon.

Time to play "I'm-a-member-of-the-press" card ... Calls to Lowe's and Whirlpool corporate wheels ... No help ... Friday still earliest. Whimpering, I call Lowe's sales guy, who says removal of three screws will open

door; he'd call back momentarily with more instructions ... Never heard from him again....

One day later, Hope's soothing voice from Guinco Service in Fort Worth provides welcomed balm. When I sobbed through my story, I could imagine tears rolling down her face, never mind how many lights blink back at her, all foretelling stories that might be equally sad.

"I'm going to work you in Wednesday," she chirped. And she did. Samuel, showing up during the promised three-hour window, was courteous, knowledgeable, cordial, and ... well, my wife says he's the best repair person ever.

I know. We've all been there. Things break. Holidays complicate things. Personnel are stretched. Firms can't always live up to their advertising "come-ons."

Story shortened, I did all I knew to do to get help — high places and otherwise. Some comfort in all of this is that 49 months remain on warranty coverage, and we'll request service from Guinco. There, Hope offered exactly that — "hope" — despite a schedule that called for her to work during a holiday week. And Samuel — toiling away on New Year's Eve — has a wife at home soon to deliver their third son.

So I — toyed with by big fish — am rescued by fellow minnows who understand the need for clean underwear to begin the New Year. Had we been stuck with Whirlpool's proposed repair schedule, this treatise would not have a happy ending.

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News in brief

Decision on Keystone XL pipeline back in Obama's lap after House vote, Nebraska court ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans in Congress and a state supreme court have thrown the political hot potato known as Keystone XL straight back onto President Barack Obama's lap.

So loath is Obama to making a decision about the proposed oil pipeline that deliberations have entered their sixth year — a period nearly as long as Obama's time in office. He's blamed the seemingly endless delays on bureaucratic formalities and parochial issues in Nebraska, even when skeptics claimed that the politics of the next election were giving the president cold feet.

Now the election is over, the Nebraska issue is resolved, and a bipartisan bill forcing the pipeline's approval may soon be heading to Obama's desk. Forces on all sides of the debate, for once, have the same demand for Obama: Just make the call.

"It's time for the State Department and the president to make a decision on the Keystone XL pipeline — however they decide — because six years is beyond long enough," said Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota, part of the minority of Democrats supporting the pipeline.

In April, just as the State Department's review of the pipeline was nearing an end, Obama indefinitely suspended it. Facing a difficult political climate, many Democrats had been anxious about Obama making a decision before the November midterm elections. Still, the White House said it was uncertainty about the pipeline's route, spurred by a Nebraska court challenge, that prompted the delay.

Tail of crashed AirAsia plane lifted from seabed; officials unsure if black boxes are inside

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP) — A tail section from the crashed AirAsia plane became the first major wreckage lifted off the seabed Saturday, two weeks after Flight 8501 went down, killing all 162 people on board.

The red metal chunk, with the word "Asia" written across it, was brought to the surface using inflatable balloons. It was not immediately clear whether the cockpit voice and flight data recorders — located in the plane's rear — were inside this piece or had detached when the Airbus A320 plummeted into the sea Dec. 28. Their recovery is essential to finding out why it crashed.

The debris was hoisted from a depth of about 30 meters (100 feet), and local TV footage showed it resting on a ship.

Intermittent underwater ping-like sounds were picked up Friday about a kilometer (half a mile) from where the tail section was located, but it was unclear whether they were coming from the record-

ers. It was possible the signals were coming from another source.

No metal was detected at the ping location, and Nurcahyo Utomo, a National Commission for Transportation Safety investigator, said the sounds could not be confirmed.

SpaceX launches station supplies for NASA, 'close but no cigar' with rocket landing at sea

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — SpaceX pulled off another launch of supplies to the International Space Station on Saturday, but its revolutionary attempt to land the leftover booster on an ocean barge fared less well.

The company's billionaire founder Elon Musk said the first-stage of the unmanned Falcon rocket made it to the platform floating a couple hundred miles off Florida's northeastern coast. But the booster came down too hard and broke apart, he said.

"Close, but no cigar this time," Musk said via Twitter. He said it bodes well for the future, though.

It was the first time anyone tried anything like this. Musk maintains that recovering and reusing rockets is essential for bringing down launch costs and speeding up operations.

The primary mission for SpaceX was delivering more than 5,000 pounds of supplies ordered up by NASA, including hasty replacements for experiments and equipment lost in the destruction of another company's cargo ship last fall, as well as extra groceries.

Pope's trip to Sri Lanka and Philippines: An election upset and crowds that may break records

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis embarks on his second Asian pilgrimage this coming week, visiting Sri Lanka and the Philippines exactly 20 years after St. John Paul II's record-making visit to two countries with wildly disparate Catholic populations. Francis will make headlines of his own, drawing millions of faithful in the Philippines and treading uncharted political waters following Sri Lanka's remarkable electoral upset this past week.

New Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena, who capitalized on former President Mahinda Rajapaksa's unpopularity among the island nation's ethnic and religious minorities, will be on hand to welcome Francis when he arrives in the capital, Colombo, on Tuesday.

Francis will be bringing a message of reconciliation between the Sinhalese majority and Tamil minority and interfaith harmony after Sri Lanka's quarter-century civil war ended in 2009 with the army's violent crushing of the Tamil Tiger rebels.

It isn't known whether Francis will weigh in on

Sri Lanka's refusal to cooperate with a U.N. investigation into alleged war crimes in the final stages of the war. A 2011 U.N. report said up to 40,000 ethnic Tamil civilians may have been killed during the offensive, and accused both sides of committing serious human rights violations.

Here are five things to look for during Francis' trip, split between two days in Sri Lanka and three in the Philippines.

AP source: Justice Department weighing criminal charges for ex-CIA Director David Petraeus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department is weighing bringing criminal charges against former CIA Director David Petraeus over the handling of classified information, a U.S. official said Friday night. Investigators have presented senior-level Justice Department officials such as Attorney General Eric Holder with information on the case to help inform a decision on charging the former four-star general, the official said.

The official was not authorized to discuss the investigation by name and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Robert Barnett, a lawyer for Petraeus, declined to comment Friday night, as did Marc Raimondi, a spokesman for the Justice Department.

Federal investigators have been looking into whether Petraeus improperly shared classified materials with his biographer, Paula Broadwell, with whom he admitted having an affair when he resigned from his position in November 2012. Agents found a substantial number of classified documents on Broadwell's computer and at her home, a law enforcement official has previously said.

5 years after earthquake, Haiti still faces a grueling, uncertain future with uneven recovery

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Before the earth shook and turned their lives upside down, Rosena Dordor was like millions of poor Haitians, living with her family in a cramped home with no running water or sanitation, struggling to get by and fearing the next rent increase would force them out.

Today, nearly five years after the devastating 7.0 earthquake, Dordor has a new place to live with her husband and five children: a one-room shack with a plastic tarp for a roof and walls made of scrap metal and salvaged wood. It's perched on a cactus- and scrub-covered hillside, a long walk from the nearest source of water, and meals are cooked over fire pits.

Life is still a struggle in Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, but Dordor's new settlement does offer a measure of freedom because there is no landlord for her family or for the tens of thousands of other homesteaders who rushed to stake a claim in arid hills after the government expropriated a barren zone of 18,500 acres (7,500 hectares) just north of Port-au-Prince.

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News in brief

US to allow Mexican trucks in with screening

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The U.S. Department of Transportation says it will soon allow Mexican trucking firms to apply for authorization to make long-haul cross-border runs, potentially ending a longstanding dispute.

It says it expects the move to permanently end Mexico's on-again, off-again retaliatory tariffs on \$2 billion in U.S. imports.

The department said Friday that data from a three-year pilot program that ended in October "showed that companies from Mexico had violation, driver, and vehicle out-of-service rates that met the level of safety as American and Canadian-domiciled motor carriers."

The department did not say when applications would start.

The opening is a long-delayed provision of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement. It has been stalled for years by concerns it could put highway safety at risk.

Residents of fire-damaged high-rise can't return

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — About 250 residents of a senior-living facility near San Antonio must find new housing following the late December fire that killed at least five people and injured more than a dozen.

The 11-story complex is uninhabitable, the management company for the Wedgwood Apartments in Castle Hills said in a letter posted on the facility's website.

Officials are working to move 70 people to new housing, Bexar County fire marshal spokeswoman Laura Jesse said Friday. More than 100 residents are currently in hotels while others have gone to stay with family and friends.

"What we are doing," she said, "is trying to get these residents moved toward a more permanent living situation."

Three residents are still in the hospital, she said. A sixth resident died two days after the Dec. 28 blaze, but officials haven't said if the fire contributed to her death.

Past news reports said 350 people lived at the apartment complex, but

Jesse said that the actual number is about 250. Officials originally had trouble accounting for the residents and their whereabouts because many were away during the holidays.

Since the fire, more than 20 residents have jointly filed a negligence lawsuit against the management company and its owners, seeking at least \$1 million in damages.

Perry unafraid to laugh at 'Oops moment'

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — As he mulls a 2016 presidential run, Texas Gov. Rick Perry is showing he's unafraid to laugh about the "Oops moment" that derailed his 2012 White House bid.

Addressing a conservative forum in Austin on Friday, Perry and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich were asked to name their three top priorities should they become president.

Perry drew laughter and applause when he gently ribbed the moderator, saying "you're picking on me, right?" He then joked that he had used the laughter delay to ensure he could remember three answers.

During a 2011 presidential debate, Perry couldn't remember the third of three federal agencies he had promised to shutter before muttering "Oops."

Perry said Friday he would approve the Keystone XL pipeline, increase business tax incentives and secure the U.S.-Mexico border.

Officer charged with sexual assault killed himself

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas police officer charged with sexual assault after being accused of abusing prostitutes has died a suspected suicide.

Sr. Cpl. David Kattner was found dead Friday morning in Little Elm, about 20 miles north of Dallas. A Little Elm police statement said initial investigations show the 47-year-old officer apparently died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

A Dallas police statement expressed condolences to the family.

Kattner was arrested Dec. 21 and faced allegations that he contacted female prostitutes and compelled them to perform sexual acts with him.

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Canada's Powder Highway: 1 stunning circuit, 8 ski resorts



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Skiers ride the lift at Red Mountain in Rossland, British Columbia, Canada.

Rockies eastern slope around Revelstoke and Golden. Cat skiing is also run through a number of the mountains along the Powder Highway and is a great way to explore off-piste terrain.

If You Go...

POWDER HIGHWAY: www.kootenayrockies.com/cat/ski-snowboard/. The Kootenay region is halfway between Calgary, Alberta, and Vancouver, British Columbia. There are numerous ski resorts in both provinces.

GETTING THERE: Castlegar airport near Rossland, British Columbia, has flights from Vancouver and Calgary. Trail airport, also near Rossland, has flights from Vancouver. Rossland is a 2 -hour drive from the international airport in Spokane, Washington, where you can catch shuttle vans to Rossland.

HELI- AND CAT SKIING: www.hellobc.com/british-columbia/things-to-do/winter-activities/heli-skiing-cat-skiing.aspx.

BY JEREMY HAINSWORTH

Associated Press
 ROSSLAND, British Columbia (AP) — For many in the skiing world, the resorts of Canada's Powder Highway in British Columbia's Kootenay region are secrets they'd rather not share with the public.

The circuit links eight mountain resorts and many times more Nordic, heli- and cat-ski operations across 677 kilometers (420 miles).

"There's very little out there that can rival the quality and terrain in the Kootenays," says Ian Johnston, a Vancouver transplant to Rossland where he skis at Red Mountain.

"If you want powder, you go to the Kootenays," he says. "If you go to party, you go to Whistler," referring to the better-known and massive ski resort that hosted the 2010 Winter Olympics, a nine-hour drive from Rossland.

Like most locals, Johnston grudgingly agrees that those along the Powder Highway need to share their light, airy powder bonanza with the world.

The laid-back resorts offer miles of trails, massive quantities of vertical feet, heli-skiing and communities where skiing is a passion passed from generation to generation by friendly locals.

The gems along the highway through the pristine valleys of the western slope of the Rockies and the Purcell and Selkirk mountain ranges are, starting in the East Kootenay, Fernie Alpine Resort near the mining town of Fernie; Kicking Horse Mountain Resort west of the entrance to Yoho National Park; Kimberley Alpine Resort outside the picturesque city of Kimberley; Panorama Mountain Resort outside Invermere; and Revelstoke Mountain Resort west of Kicking Horse.

Moving into the West Kootenay region, Red Mountain Resort is minutes from the cities of Rossland and Trail, and Whitewater Ski sits above the trendy lakeside city of Nelson.

Fernie averages 37 feet (11 meters) of snow a year and boasts a season from December through April, as do most area mountains. With a vertical rise of 3,550 feet (1,082 meters), it offers 142 runs including five Alpine bowls and tree skiing.

At 4,133 feet (1,260 meters), Kicking Horse boasts the fourth-highest vertical drop in North America. It boasts 120 runs, 60 percent of which are rated at advanced or expert. Right at the edge of the Rockies, the resort offers some of the most stunning mountain views in North America.

For hardcore powder aficionados looking for rides through hefty powder fields, Kicking Horse — aka "The Champagne Powder Capital of Canada" — and Revelstoke are the destinations of choice. Located outside the charming Alpine-themed former mining town from which it takes its name, Kimberley offers 2,465 vertical feet (751 meters) of skiing served by five lifts.

Panorama offers 2,847 acres (1,152 hectares) of terrain covering the spectrum from wide-open fall line cruisers to powder-filled tree lines. The area's Taynton Bowl, once a heli-skiing operation, is avalanche-controlled and no backcountry gear is needed. Get your ski legs warmed up first, though, as the bowl is all black runs, but a great place to find powder stashes days after a dump.

Revelstoke proclaims itself to be the only resort worldwide to offer lift, cat, heli- and backcountry skiing from one village base with a vertical drop of 5,620 feet (1,712 meters). (Cat-skiing uses snowcats or snowmobiles to access off-trail areas.)

Powder Magazine calls Whitewater "one of the best powder mountains on the continent" though some would say it's a toss-up between Whitewater and nearby Red Mountain. Whitewater offers 2,044 vertical feet (623 meters) of riding serviced by four lifts serving 81 Alpine runs and 13 Nordic trails.

Nearby Nelson is a year-round tourist destination in itself. Its downtown streets are lined with art and Alpine equipment stores and fantastic little eateries.

Red Mountain offers 2,919 feet (890 meters) of vertical drop on 110 runs serviced by seven lifts. For the powder-seekers, look no farther than the aptly named Paradise section of Granite Mountain where locals or the mountain's Snow Hosts (look for their jackets) can direct skiers to the runs rich with the deep stuff.

"No crowds, good snow. Red Mountain has some of the best deep-tree skiing I have ever seen in my life," Johnston said, who prefers the powder there to southwestern U.S. offerings at Snowbird, Alta and Sun Valley.

Also on the Powder Highway: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, which offers, in addition to winter skiing, natural hot springs that make it a draw year-round.

And, for the truly powder-crazy looking to shred the deep, there's heli-skiing or cat-skiing to be found throughout the province but mainly on the

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Lamesa rallies past Lady Steers in 2-4A opener

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

LAMESA – For the first 16 minutes of Tuesday night's District 2-4A opener, the Big Spring High School Lady Steers managed to fight their way through a poor shooting performance and turnovers caused by eight days of rust.

In the final 16 minutes, nothing Big Spring head coach Stacy Smalley tried could prevent the rust from allowing the Lamesa Lady Tors from grinding out a stunning 45-34 comeback victory in front of their home fans.

Lamesa put together a 35-16

run in the final two quarters of play en route to erasing an 8-point halftime deficit and claiming a share of the District 2-4A lead. The win tied the Lady Tors with Levelland and Snyder for first in the district standings.

Big Spring struggled to get its offense in gear throughout the contest. The Lady Steers managed to sink just three of their first 13 shots from the field in the contest. For the game, the BSHS squad shot less than 24 percent, including just six baskets in the final two periods.

The Lady Steers' offensive woes didn't hurt them too bad-

District 2-4A Standings Girls

	Dist.	Season
Snyder	1-0	5-14
Levelland	1-0	20-2
Lamesa	1-0	7-9
Big Spring	0-1	10-12
Sweetwater	0-1	4-11
Lubbock Estacado	0-1	3-19

Friday's Games
Snyder 53, Sweetwater 34; Levelland 90, Lubbock Estacado 28; Lamesa 45, Big Spring 34

Tuesday's Games
Lamesa at Snyder, Levelland at Sweetwater, Lubbock Estacado at Big Spring

ly in the first half. Thanks to a stifling defense, Big Spring dominated the first two quarters and carried an 18-10 lead

into the half.

After Lamesa had sank three free throws and opened up a 3-0 lead, Stefanie Diaz gave the Lady Steers a boost. The BSHS ended an 0-for-8 shooting effort to start the game by draining a three-point shot from the corner to tie the game.

Moments later Diamonique Mayes and Julianna Rodriguez both pitched in shots to finish off an 8-0 spree and send the Lady Steers into the second quarter holding an 8-3 cushion.

The Lady Steers didn't let up any early in the second quarter. Jackie Castillo turned a

pair of Lamesa turnovers into two quick baskets in the first 1:05 of the game and stretched Big Spring's lead to 12-3.

Lamesa managed its first shot from the field just over a minute later, ending a 10-minute drought with a short jump shot at the 5:31 mark of the second.

Big Spring continued to push its lead from there. The Lady Steers answered Lamesa's shot with baskets from Castillo and a second three-pointer by Diaz and sprinted to a 17-9 lead with just over 2 minutes left in the opening half.

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Photos courtesy Kim Ware

Sands' Dyllan Tindol hauls in a touchdown pass against Buena Vista during the 2014 season. Tindol and teammate Dayton Eddleman were both names to the TSMCA's Division II all-state football team.

Ogle, Buffaloes run down Eldorado

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Dalton Ogle poured in a game-high 19 points and helped power the Forsan High School Buffaloes to a thrilling 44-34 victory over Eldorado in District 8-2A basketball action on Friday.

With the victory, Forsan ran its record to 7-9 for the season and, more importantly, moved to 2-in district play.

Forsan didn't waste any time in jumping on Eldorado. The Buffaloes pounded out a 17-8 run in the first eight minutes of the contest and never looked back.

Defensively, Forsan all but took the wind out of Eldorado's sails in the second. The Buffaloes held EHS scoreless for the entire period and rolled into the half with a 22-8 advantage.

Eldorado rallied back in the third. They outscored Forsan by a 13-6 clip in the frame and fought to within 28-21 heading into the final stanza.

Forsan, which picked up points from seven different players in the contest, rallied back for a 16-13 run in the final eight minutes of play to salt away the victory.

As a team, Forsan struggled from the free throw line against Eldorado, hitting just 11 of their 24 attempts from the char-

Eldorado stuns Lady Buffs, 49-33

Eldorado threw a wrench into the Forsan Lady Buffaloes' district title hopes on Friday by claiming a tough 49-33 decision.

With the loss, Forsan slipped to 3-2 in District 8-2A action.

Despite the loss, the Lady Buffaloes picked up strong outings from Kaylee Kemper and Mary-Ashley McDaniel. Kemper finished the game with 10 points while McDaniel added nine.

The FHS girls will travel to Miles on Tuesday.

ity tripe. Eldorado hit on just 11 of 20 attempts.

In addition to Ogle, the Buffaloes also picked up a stellar effort from Ian Park, who finished the affair with nine points.

Garrett Evans added to the FHS effort by throwing in five points. Ryan Pearson and Trevor Williams added four and there points, respectively. Ben Mikeska and Walker Park chipped in two.

Forsan will return to play on Tuesday in Miles.

Weather forces Steers to cancel game with FS

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

The Big Spring High School Steers will have to wait a little longer to return to the basketball court, thanks to Mother Nature.

Due to inclement weath-

er conditions, the Steers' home game against Fort Stockton was cancelled by school officials. Icy conditions were predicted on Friday, causing unsafe travel conditions.

Big Spring will return to play on Jan. 16 against Levelland.

Sands places two on TSMCA all-state team

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

ACKERLY – When it comes to duos, Dayton Eddleman and Dyllan Tindol may well be the best tandem since Batman and Robin. Maybe even better because everyone knew who the two Sands High School standouts were ... and still couldn't stop them.

As a result, Tindol and Eddleman helped carry the Mustangs to within two games of the Class A, Division II state championship game.

Both were recognized for the efforts recently when they were among a handful of Texas football players named to the Texas

Six-Man Coaches Association's first-team all-state roster. Overall, more than 50 players in Division I and Division II were honored for their efforts during the 2014 campaign.

Eddleman and Tindol were both big-time performers for Sands this season. The two combined for more than 4,000 total yards and 63 touchdowns.

Eddleman was named to the TSMCA first-team as a Utility Back. Tindol was a first-team selection as a wide receiver.

A junior spreadback, Eddleman was an offensive machine for the Mustangs this season.

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Dayton Eddleman accumulated more than 4,000 all-purpose yards and more than 60 TDs this season for the Sands Mustangs.

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BSHS

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Both teams trade free throws in the closing minutes and sent the game into the half with Big Spring holding an 18-10 cushion.
Defensively, Big Spring held Lamesa to just three shots from the field – and just 4-of-10 from the free throw line – while forcing 11 turnovers in the first two quarters.
The Lady Tors, now 7-9 overall, answered the third quarter with a bang. Alyssa Alcalá reeled off two quick bas-

kets and cut Lamesa's deficit to 18-14.
Rodriguez and Diaz slowed the Lady Tors' attack midway through the third. The BSHS seniors pushed in a pair of three-point shots and built Big Spring's lead to eight, at 24-16 with 3 minutes left.
Unfortunately for the Lady Steers, the wheels came off the BSHS wagon from there.
The Lady Tors erased the momentum generated by the treys in the final 2:31 of the half by reeling off a 10-2 run that sent the game into the fourth quarter with the score knotted at 26-26.

Lamesa outscored Big Spring by a 16-8 margin in the first eight minutes of the second half.
The Lady Tors extended their run to 12-2 just seconds into the final stanza on a layup by Taye Maxwell. Her basket staked Lamesa to its first lead since the 5:10 mark of the first quarter.
Big Spring junior August Alexander ended the Lady Tors' run from there. She pushed in a shot at the 7:18 mark to tie the game at 28-28.
Unfortunately for the Lady Steers, Lamesa had another run left in them. The Lady Tors followed

Alexander's basket with a 10-0 run over the 2:41 and built a stunning 38-28 cushion before Tiffani Ruiz managed to come off the bench and sink a pair of free throws.
Lamesa salted away the win with a 17-6 run in the final 6:32 of the game.
Rodriguez finished the contest as the Lady Steers' top scorer, netting 11 points in the loss. Diaz chalked up nine, all coming via three three-point shots.
Castillo added four, while Mayes and Ruiz both chalked up two.
Alcalá led Lamesa with 11.

Borden Co. hands Coahoma 65-41 loss

The Borden County Coyotes scored at will in the first quarter and cruised to a 65-41 victory over the Coahoma Bulldogs in non-district basketball action in Gail on Friday.
"We dug ourselves a hole early and never recovered," said Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols.
Borden County grabbed the upper hand early. The Coyotes pounded out a 24-6 run in the first eight minutes of the game and never looked back.
BCHS, which had three

players reach double figures offensively, posted a 12-10 run in the second and took a 36-16 lead into the half.
Coahoma came back strong in the third. Braxton Iden and Kyler Franks both hit clutch shots in the period and helped Coahoma put up 16 points and pull to within 51-32 at the start of the fourth.
Iden finished with a team-high 22 points. Franks added 10.
Coahoma will open District 5-3A play on Jan. 16 at home against Sonora.

STATE

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ning back, he rushed for more than 1,700 yards and 30 touchdowns en route to guiding the Mustangs to the Class A state quarterfinals. As Sands' leading passer, he threw for more than 2,000 yards and 30 touchdowns.
Defensively, Eddleman was a force for the Mustangs at safety. During

the 2014 season, he was second among all Class A players in interceptions.
A junior wide receiver, Tindol was among the state's top receivers, finishing with more than 60 receptions and 1,000 yards.
Throckmorton's Hayden Farquhar earned the top honors from the TSMCA, collecting Player of the Year honors after leading the Grey-

hounds to their fourth state title.
Throckmorton defeated Groom in December for the Division II state title, its third championship in the past five years.
Farquhar's teammate Coletun King was selected the Division II Offensive MVP, while Throckmorton head coach Shane Mallory was the Coach of the Year recipient.

Calvert's William Goldens was the Defensive MVP. Mullin's Walker Tippie was chosen the 2014 Newcomer of the Year.
Joining Eddleman and Tindol on the TSMCA first-team offense was player Sands' fans will be familiar with – Loraine spreadback Patrick Tillis. Loraine edged Sands in the quarterfinals.

Wildcats roll over Slaton, 57-41

Braeden Jones scored 19 points and Kyle Garza added 13 more on Friday an led the Grady Wildcats to a 57-41 victory over Slaton in non-district play.
The Wildcats, now 16-2 overall, also garnered 12

points from Beau Lucas. The Wildcats salted away the win with a 35-14 run in the second half.
Grady dominated the contest from the free throw line, hitting 23 of 35 attempts.

Texas Six-Man Coaches Association All-State, Division II

Texas Six-Man Coaches Association Division II All-State
PLAYER OF THE YEAR Hayden Farquhar.....Throckmorton
OFFENSIVE MVP Coletyn King.....Throckmorton
DEFENSIVE MVP William Golden.....Calvert
NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR Walker Tippie.....Mullin
COACH OF THE YEAR Shane Mallory.....Throckmorton

First Team Offense
QB - Lanham Brown, Throckmorton
SB - Patrick Tillis, Loraine
FB - Casey Mitchell, Throckmorton
RB - Thai Robuck, Jonesboro; Trenton Fields, Groom
TE - Derrick Miller, Jonesboro; Wade Allen, Blackwell
C - Graden Garrison, Guthrie; Hayden Ritter, Groom
WR - Dyllan Tindol, Sands; Melvion Pimpton, Mount Calm
UTILITY - Dayton Eddleman, Sands
SPECIAL TEAMS - Victor Diaz,

Balmorhea
K - Ben Hernandez, Throckmorton
First Team Defense
NG - Austin Perryman, Grandfalls-Royalty
DL - Frank Cano, Blackwell; Jadarrian Flentroy, Calvert; Seth Baxter, Motley County
LB - Landon Roberts, Guthrie; Bryan Salinas, Richland Springs
CB - Stetson Chadwick, Follett; Storm Teal, Richland Springs
S - Jaquan Thompson, Calvert; Noah Batts, Throckmorton
UTILITY - Adam Hernandez, Throckmorton
P - Matthew Weaver, Mullin
Second Team Offense
QB - Ethan Evans, Buena Vista
SB - Nicoli Maxwell, Follett
FB - Sebastian Benivamondez, Loraine
RB - Isaiah Mendoza, Balmorhea; Jamikel Fletcher, Calvert; Tucker Brendle, Guthrie
TE - Jacob Smith, Dawson; Ethan Self, Southland
C - Kevin Gomez, Buena Vista; Julian Helms, Grandfalls-Royalty

WR - Sheldon Burchett, Jayton; Brayton Hendricks, Groom
UTILITY - Braden Bigham, Motley County
SPECIAL TEAMS - Oscar Mathis, Paducah
K - Aldo Navarrett, Balmorhea
Second Team Defense
NG - Nick Bohr, Groom
DL - James Valero, Dawson; Ruben Gonzales, Oglesby; Matt Pinkert, Whitharal
LB - Johnathon Taylor, Oglesby; Charlie Cano, Blackwell
CB - Nate Roskens, Groom; Xavier Laury, Calvert
S - PJ Iniguez, Balmorhea; Jake Welch, Harrold
UTILITY - Jacob Cohn, Richland Springs
P - Michael Shoemaker, Sanderson
Honorable Mention Offense
QB - David Alonso, Mount Calm
SB - Cody Hubbard, Lueders-Avoca
RB - Zachary Vizcaino, Southland; Jose Keever, McLean; Lewis Subia, Buena Vista; Denzel

Graves, Chillicothe
C - Holden Born, Follett; Connor Pautsky, Chillicothe; Jared Correll, Mullin
WR - Kyndan Lott, Lefors; Logan Swires, Lefors; Krispin Frosese, Rising Star; Tanner McDonald, Iredell
UTILITY - Fabien Gordillo, Follett; Eddie Hernandez, Blanket
SPECIAL TEAMS - Jason Solis, Lefors; Jovante Hornbuckle, Trinidad
K - Jacob Jennings, Fort Elliott; Jesus Bethancourt, Mount Calm
Honorable Mention Defense
NG - Cannon Dixon, Jonesboro
DL - Brennon Armado, Kress; Aaron Martinez, Blanket; Bob Davis, Blackwell; Colton Hibbits, Harrold
LB - Noe Valle, Blanket
CB - Fabion Gorillo, Follett; Sonny Benivamondez, Loraine; Tyler Moore, Lueders-Avoca
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Estella Craven, a Howard County Humane Society employee, gives a hardy hug to one of the dogs housed at an outside pens at the facility.

When the freezing wind, ice and sleet blew in around the first of the year, employees at Howard County Humane Society went into overdrive to make sure their four-footed wards stayed healthy.

With more than 100 dogs housed in outside kennels on the property, employees took extra precautions to keep the dogs as dry and warm as they could.

"Some of the dogs are afraid to go into the dog house, so they laid on that concrete which was covered with sleet. We brought them inside for a bit, warmed off the ice, and warmed them up," said Jo Stone, local Humane Society director. "We give them extra food, so that helps."

It is a challenge for the folks at the Humane Society and this year's unusually cold weather seems to have decided to stubbornly stay an unwanted house guest in West Texas.

Walk into the main building of the Humane Society lately, the first thing you might notice, beside the immaculately clean pens and floors, are little bundles of fur gathered together for warmth in the cat pens. As a species not known for its social nature, the cats seemed to be getting along quite well lately.

In the main building, several of the pens allow for the dogs and cats housed there to go inside and out. For the past few weeks, there have not been too many takers on the outside option.

In anticipation of the weather, employees have drawn buckets of water for when the pipes freeze to provide drinking water for the animals. They are getting used to driving on frozen ground to check on the animals and provide them daily meals.



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Crafts: Pup needs a second coat? Try making it yourself

BY JENNIFER FORKER

Associated Press

It's that time of year when many dogs need a little extra protection — a coat or a sweater — when going out into the cold. Why not try making it yourself?

Small breeds such as Chihuahuas, pugs and Shih Tzus; several kinds of terriers; and some larger, short-haired breeds such as greyhounds and Doberman Pinschers are among those that need to be dressed for winter.

You can buy cold-weather doggy wear, of course. And websites such as Pinterest or Etsy abound with homemade examples, along with other items of clothing for dogs, including dresses, costumes, even blue jeans with suspenders.

There are do-it-yourself instructions online for repurposing sweaters, long-sleeve turtlenecks and T-shirts into warm dog coats and sweaters. Or start from scratch with a pattern and fabric.

Monica Mansfield, a veterinarian in Medway, Massachusetts, recommends using soft fabrics against a dog's skin — fleece works great — and checking any garment bought or made for hard edges or hurtful places. Make sure clothes aren't too snug.

"We can only guess what feels comfortable to dogs," says Mansfield. But "if you run your hands against everything that's touching the dog's skin to make sure there's nothing poking and no prickly thing on it, the vast majority of dogs will accept them and enjoy wearing them."

Short-haired dogs, especially the little ones, probably need to wear their extra coats outside when temperatures dip below 35 or 40 degrees, says the vet.

"All the smaller dogs deserve a sweater," she says.

The ideal garment has wool on the outside and fleece on the inside, she says, for both warmth and comfort.

Karen Vesk of Erie, Pennsylvania, makes dog coats for her two

Dobermans — partly to provide warmth but also to allay others' concerns about her two big dogs. "It's fun to dress them up, but also people think of Dobermans as big, tough dogs," says Vesk. "You can't take a dog seriously who's wearing a cupcake sweater."

Vesk makes her dogs' coats because large-breed coats are difficult to find, she says, and are often costly. Her dogs have large chests and small waists, so she adapts out-of-print commercial patterns she finds on eBay (find them new at fabric stores). She uses mostly remnant-table fleece and Velcro closures.

Vesk recommends using a simple poncho pattern with strap and Velcro closure. She measures the dog's chest around, and the length from the neck to the base of the tail.

Toby, a 4-month-old standard poodle, wears an elaborately knitted sweater while greeting customers at the Knit Knack yarn shop in Arvada, Colorado. Fashionable dog knits abound at free online pattern-sharing sites — try Knitty or Ravelry — and in books such as "Top Dog Knits" by Jil Eaton (Breckling Press, 2010).

A knit-store dog needs to wear the wares, says Toby's owner, Ruthie Kolb, who works several days at the shop. "I thought he might need a classy, cabled sweater."



(AP Photo/Jennifer Forker)

Toby, a 4-month-old standard poodle, who wears his knitted sweater when he accompanies his owner, Ruthie Kolb, to the Knit Knack shop in Arvada, Colo. When the weather is bitter cold, some of our pets — especially small dogs with short hair, such as Chihuahuas, pugs and several breeds of terrier — need to wear a sweater or coat. Find patterns at fabric stores or search online, such as at Pinterest, for do-it-yourself instructions that repurpose sweaters, turtlenecks and T-shirts into warm doggy wear.

The sweater also comes in handy after Toby's fur is shaved, as it was recently. "When the temperature is minus 1 walking to the shop, as it was this morning, the sweater helps keep him warmer," says Kolb. "He doesn't seem to mind it."

While Vesk's two dogs love the attention they receive while walking in their coats, other dogs may need help becoming accustomed to outerwear.

"Use the old treat method," advises Vesk, "and then they associate putting on their coats with a treat. Eventually, they'll get used to it."

Mansfield advised similarly. "Part

of it is training. It's getting them used to it and having a little food reward," she says. "Sometimes at-home love rewards are good."

Do not clothe furry, winter-loving breeds, the vet warns. Dogs such as huskies, malamutes and golden retrievers with thick coats don't need winter wear.

"The way their fur is — they have triple or quadruple thickness — it's like having four coats on already," Mansfield says.

And don't even think about clothing a cat. "I think they'd just be annoyed," says Mansfield.

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- Tuesday
Breakfast: mini pancakes, yogurt, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, baby carrots, garden salad, pears, sherbet cup.
- Wednesday
Breakfast: sausage roll, cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk; Lunch: chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin.
- Thursday
Breakfast: breakfast burrito, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: meaty pasta bake, garden salad, green peas, grapes, bread stick, chocolate chip cookie.
- Friday
Breakfast: French toast, fruit, juice, milk;

Lunch, pizza, tomato, cucumber cup, baby carrots, Mandarin oranges.

Big Spring ISD

- Monday
Breakfast: apples or cherry frudel, string cheese, grapes, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: corn dog or pizza dippers with sauce, baked beans, crunchy broccoli salad, apples-pineapple d'lite, milk.
- Tuesday
Breakfast: mini maple pancakes, strawberry yogurt, applesauce cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: meaty queso w/tortilla chips or grilled cheese sandwich, garden salad, baby carrots, pears, side kick fruit cup, milk.
- Wednesday
Breakfast, sausage roll, string cheese, peach cup, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch, chicken patty or beef and bean burrito, Mexicali corn, fresh veggie cup, fruity Jell-o, fresh fruit bowl, milk.
- Thursday
Breakfast: cheese stuffed sandwich, banana, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: meaty macaroni or chicken nuggets, breadsticks, garden salad, grapes, mashed potatoes, animal crackers, milk.
- Friday
Breakfast: French toast, mixed fruit cups, assorted fruit juice, milk; Lunch: cheese pizza or pepperoni pizza or ultimate taco salad, tomato/cucumber cup, baby carrots, Mandarin oranges, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

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10 fresh takes on Super Bowl guacamole

BY ALISON LADMAN

Associated Press

Whether or not you like avocados, you really have to admire the way their marketers have totally owned the Super Bowl.

For no particular reason other than force of will, avocados — and the guacamole they produce — are indelibly linked with this major American sporting event. A Super Bowl party without guacamole — and its trusty sidekick chicken wings — in many circles is considered downright unpatriotic.

So to help you better embrace the official fruit of the Super Bowl, we came up with 10 creative ways to make a better guacamole. We suggest starting with our basic recipe — which is pretty darn good just as is — then adding in whichever combination of flavors best gets you in the mood for the big game.

1/2 cup diced tomato
2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
1/4 cup diced red onion
Kosher salt and ground black pepper
Hot sauce, to taste

Slice the avocados in half lengthwise around the pits. Twist to separate the halves and remove the pits. Spoon the flesh into a medium bowl. Use a fork to mash the avocado until as chunky or smooth as you prefer. Stir in the lime juice, cumin, tomato, cilantro and red onion. Season with salt, pepper and hot sauce. Serve immediately.

Nutrition information per serving: 90 calories; 70 calories from fat (78 percent of total calories); 7 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 0 mg cholesterol; 6 g carbohydrate; 4 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 1 g protein; 80 mg sodium.

BASIC GUACAMOLE

Start to finish: 10 minutes
Servings: 8

2 avocados
Juice of 1/2 lime
1 teaspoon ground cumin

10 FRESH IDEAS FOR GUACAMOLE

• **Fast and dirty:** In place of the tomato, cilantro and red onion, stir in 1/2 cup of your favorite jarred salsa, 1

tablespoon olive brine, and 2 tablespoons chopped green olives.

• **Mango-balsamic:** In place of the tomato, stir in the diced flesh of 1 mango. Use scallions in place of the red onion and 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar in place of the lime juice.

• **Chipotle-corn:** Stir in 1 minced chipotle and 1 tablespoon adobo sauce from a can of chipotles in adobo. Add 1/2 cup corn kernels.

• **Tzatziki:** Use 1 cup finely diced seedless cucumber in place of the tomato and red onion. Use dill in place of the cilantro. Stir in 2 minced cloves garlic.

• **Roasted garlic and poblano:** Roast a head of garlic wrapped in foil with a little olive oil until tender and brown, about 30 minutes at 400 F. Roast a poblano pepper under the broiler, turning frequently, until the skin chars. Carefully remove the charred skin from the pepper, then chop the flesh. Squeeze the garlic pulp from the skin and mash. Mix both into the guacamole, omitting the

onion.

• **Minted cotija:** Follow the basic method for guacamole, but use 2 avocados, the lime juice, 3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint, and 2/3 cup crumbled cotija cheese. Season with salt and black pepper.

• **Maple-bacon:** Follow the basic method for guacamole, but use 3 avocados, 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar, 2 tablespoons soy sauce, 2 tablespoons maple syrup, 2 chopped scallions, and 1/2 cup chopped cooked bacon. Season heavily with black pepper.

• **Ginger-hoisin:** Add 2 tablespoons grated fresh ginger and 2 tablespoons hoisin sauce.

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Scholarship contest for area students

STANTON — The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) is sponsoring an essay contest for graduating seniors.

One senior student from each of the High Schools located in the District's coverage area, Forsan, Grady, Sands and Stanton, will be awarded a scholarship. All senior students who are planning to attend college are eligible to enter the essay contest.

Each winner of the contest will receive a \$2,000.00 scholarship to the college of their choice.

The essays are due no later than March 3, 2015. They may be submitted to the student's school counselor or the Permian Basin UWCD office at 708 W St. Peter, Stanton, Tx.

For further criteria and information, please contact your High School Counselor or the PBUWCD office at (432)756-2136 or email pbuwcd.edu@gmail.com.

MENUS

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New Hope Christian School

Monday

Breakfast: cereal, grape juice, milk (peaches and cottage cheese, snack); Lunch: ham and cheese sandwich, tater tots, veggie sticks, milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: cinnamon toast, applesauce, milk, (fruit bar and milk, snack), Lunch: chili mac, carrots, peas, milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: English muffin with jelly, mixed fruit, milk, (animal crackers and yogurt, snack); Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes with gravy, corn, milk.

Thursday:

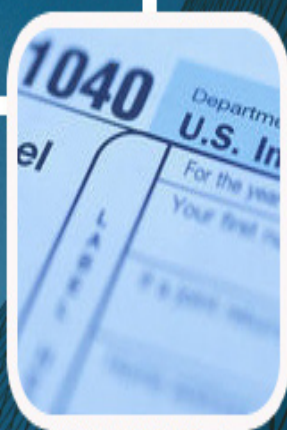
Breakfast: French toast sticks, apricots, milk (wheat crackers and deli meat, snack), Lunch: pizza, salad, black-eyed peas, milk.

Friday

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PBUWCD begins measurements

Special to the Herald

Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) personnel began their annual depth-to-water level measurements after the first of January.

The data collected helps determine the effect of the 2014 pumping on groundwater levels in the aquifers within the district's two county service area. These measurements are made in a network of 120 wells, most privately owned.

After the measurement is made, a blue vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water level measurement, and the date of the measurement is affixed to the well equipment or other appropriate surface near the well site.

PBUWCD personnel measure the same wells in the observation well network each year, as long as the individual wells are accessible and provide satisfactory data. The current depth-to-water measurements in individual wells are compared to that of the

previous years to determine the annual change in water levels of the aquifers within the district. The data collected is put in to a spreadsheet, which lists observation wells in each county within the district and this year's water levels.

Additional information about the observation well and water level measurement programs is available by contacting the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District at (432) 756-2136 or by visiting our website at www.pbuwcd.com.

Shape up the right way

Diets aren't easy – especially after all the great holiday food. But now that those New Year's resolutions are in full swing, it's a good time to find a plan that works for me! I do realize - there is no magic to losing weight. You'll probably have to eat less and exercise more. However, there's no shortage of people trying to sell us "easy" weight loss plans. And some of those plans just don't work.

BBB received more than 6,000 complaints nationwide last year against health and diet products. That's an increase from previous years. These complaints were higher than the previous two years which showed around 5,000 complaints in 2013 and around 4,000 in 2012. Common complaints included advertising issues related to the results claimed by the product marketer or service. Many complaints also alleged being charged unexpected fees, along with refund and exchange issues.

BBB routinely contacts companies with advertisements related to consumer health, fitness and diet products. Locally, your BBB conducted advertising reviews for companies promoting HCG diets as "proven successful" or that "most patients can lose 15 to 40 pounds per month on the treatment." When asked to provide substantiation for these claims, the companies failed to provide it.

Before you invest in diet plans or products, BBB advises you to do the following:

- Consult your doctor or healthcare provider. Certain supplements and ingredients can be potentially dangerous when mixed with medications or if someone is pregnant, nursing or has a pre-existing health condition. Always consult with your doctor first.

- Research the supplement. The Food and Drug Administration is a great resource for researching supplements and their ingredients. You can also go to bbb.org to check out the BBB Business Review of any retailer or manufacturer that makes the supplement you're interested in purchasing. Additional information on product claims, the safety and the effectiveness of the products, as well as any reports of adverse effects can be acquired directly from the product manufacturer or distributor.

- Be cautious of too-good-to-be-true claims. If a product is touting exaggerated claims or instant fixes, this is a red flag.



TYLER PATTON



Obama-GOP alliance on trade raises hopes for new agreements

By CHARLES BABINGTON

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trade pacts create odd politics. That's why advocates hope new trade agreements might advance this year despite tensions between the Republican-run Congress and the Democratic White House on so many other issues.

President Barack Obama, like presidents of both parties before him, wants renewed authority to negotiate complex, multinational trade deals that Congress can approve or reject, but not amend. This "trade promotion" or "fast track" authority is crucial to keep critics on the left and right

from attaching killer amendments.

Many Republicans favor freer trade, while many liberal groups vehemently oppose it, claiming it encourages companies to send U.S. jobs overseas. These fault lines are creating new and rare sniping between Obama and countless activists who

have considered him a political hero.

Dozens of these activists — along with several Democratic lawmakers — crammed a Capitol Hill news conference Thursday to condemn "fast track" authority as a freeway to U.S. job losses, environmental

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2014 best hiring year since 1999

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States capped its best year for hiring in 15 years with a healthy gain in December, and the unemployment rate hit a six-year low. The numbers support expectations that the United States will strengthen further this year even as overseas economies stumble.

Employers added 252,000 jobs last month and 50,000 more in October and November combined than the government had previously estimated, the Labor Department said Friday. The unemployment rate dropped to 5.6 percent from 5.8 percent in November. The rate is now at its lowest point since 2008.

Still, wage growth remains weak. Average hourly pay slipped 5 cents in December. And one reason the unemployment rate fell had nothing to do with more hiring: Many of the jobless gave up looking for work and so were no longer counted as unemployed.

Even so, nearly 3 million more people are earning paychecks than at the start of 2014 — the best annual job gain since 1999. Gas prices have also plunged, which will give consumers — the main driver of the U.S. econ-

omy — a further boost in coming months.

Though December's hiring didn't match November's huge 353,000 gain, monthly job growth in the final three months of 2014 averaged 289,000. That was up sharply from the 239,000 average for the third quarter of 2014.

"We are in a recovery that is accelerating," said Michael Strain, an economist at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

The unemployment rate is now near the 5.2 percent to 5.5 percent range that the Federal Reserve considers consistent with a healthy economy — one reason the Fed has been expected to raise interest rates from record lows by midyear.

Yet for now, the plummeting oil prices and weak pay growth are helping keep inflation even lower than the Fed's 2 percent target rate. Many economists think inflation may fail to reach even 1 percent this year. A result is that the Fed could feel pressure to avoid raising rates anytime soon.

"There is still room for stimulus without having to worry

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wrongdoings by trade partners, riskier imported foods and drugs, and many other woes.

Even “the root causes of Ferguson” — the Missouri suburb where a fatal police shooting led to national angst and protests — “lie in the shutdowns in St. Louis,” which stem from deals like the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement, said Larry Cohen, president of the Communications Workers of America.

“This is the biggest coalition on trade ever,” Cohen said of the combined efforts of groups focused on the environment, food safety, organized labor, generic drugs, religious outreach, world hunger and many other causes.

One target is the long-debated Trans-Pacific Partnership deal involving the United States and 11 other nations, including Japan but not China. The liberal coalition, however, says its main goal is to thwart trade promotion authority, or TPA, for Obama and future presidents. That would make the Pacific plan and all other large U.S. trade proposals nearly impossible.

Obama acknowledges the challenge of persuading a Congress full of Republicans who intensely dislike him and Democrats whose pro-labor, pro-environment constituents don’t want “another NAFTA.”

“Some of those same anti-trade impulses are more ascendant in the Republican Party than they might have been 20 years ago,” the president told the pro-trade Business Roundtable last month.

And many Democrats, he said, “have legitimate complaints about some of the trend lines of inequality, but are barking up the wrong tree” by primarily blaming trade deals for flat wages and lost manufacturing jobs.

Republican Rep. Pat Tiberi of Ohio, who chairs the Ways and Means subcommittee that handles trade, echoes Obama’s point. Big advances in world technology, “not some person in some village in Mexico,” have eliminated huge numbers of U.S. manufacturing jobs, he said in an interview Thursday.

“Ninety-six percent of the people around the world who are buying things are outside the United States. And we need to have access to those

people,” he said.

Some Republican lawmakers say they’re so angry at Obama, especially for acting unilaterally on issues like immigration, that they don’t want to give him a victory on trade. Tiberi says that’s short-sighted.

“I’m very unhappy with the president,” he said, “but I think the greater good here is jobs.” And liberals, he said, “should trust Barack Obama more than any other president.”

Some Democrats indeed seem conflicted about battling Obama over trade. Newly elected Democratic Rep. Debbie Dingell, whose Michigan district has seen big losses in auto-making jobs, attended Thursday’s news conference and demanded that U.S. negotiators crack down on foreign countries that keep their currency artificially low. The tactic makes the country’s products more affordable to other nations, and “currency is the mother of all trade barriers,” she said.

But Dingell declined to say whether she pressed Obama on the matter when they traveled together Wednesday to a Michigan car plant. Obama did not discuss his trade agenda there, which disappointed congressional trade advocates who want him to forcefully make the case.

In the Senate, Republican Rob Portman of Ohio, a former U.S. Trade Representative, is urging both parties to agree on details of a trade promotion authority bill. “This is one area where the president and most Republicans can find common ground: helping American workers, farmers and service providers” achieve better jobs, Portman said in an interview.

Presidents have enjoyed fast track authority off and on for the past 40 years. Obama began seeking renewal of the powers in 2012.

AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, one of 22 speakers at Thursday’s liberal gathering, said trade deals “should be open to the American public and should benefit everybody, not just Wall Street.”

In an interview, Trumka said he thinks Congress will reject Obama’s negotiating request “because the vast majority of Americans — Democrats, Republicans and independents — disagree with it and know it’s bad.”

Tiberi, however, said he thinks the combined efforts of the White House, business interests and Republican leaders will restore the enhanced negotiating powers.

JOB

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about inflation taking off,” Strain said.

Most economists forecast that the U.S. economy will expand more than 3 percent this year. If it does, 2015 would mark the first time in a decade that growth has reached that level for a calendar year.

In December, hiring was widespread across most industries. Construction firms added 48,000 jobs, the most since January. Manufacturers gained 17,000.

One industry where hiring slowed in December was retailing, which cut back after staffing up in November for the holiday shopping season.

Overall, American businesses have been largely shrugging off signs of economic weakness overseas and continuing to hire at solid rates. The U.S. economy’s steady improvement is especially striking compared with the weakness in much of the world.

Europe is barely growing, and its unemployment rate is nearly double the U.S. level. Japan,

the world’s third-largest economy, is in recession. Russia’s economy is cratering as oil prices plummet. China is straining to manage a slowdown. Brazil and others in Latin America are struggling.

Fears about significantly cheaper oil spooked investors earlier this week before financial markets recovered. But most economists remain optimistic that lower energy prices will benefit U.S. consumers and many businesses.

The drop in average hourly pay last month to \$24.57 followed a downward revision to November’s average pay gain. Hourly pay over the past two months has now risen just a penny.

During 2014, average wages rose just 1.7 percent, not much above the inflation rate, which was 1.3 percent. As hiring ramps up and the unemployment rate falls, those pressures should, at least in theory, compel employers to raise pay to attract workers. But that trend has yet to emerge.

“The continued listless performance of hourly earnings is an ongoing frustration,” Richard Moody, an economist at Regions Financial.

The fall in average pay may actually reflect economic strength, said John Silvia, chief economist at Wells Fargo. Silvia suggested that the healthy hiring of recent months means that “many of these new hires are entry-level workers and would be paid less” than experienced employees.

Last month, the number of unemployed fell 383,000 to 8.7 million. Fewer than one-third of people out of work found jobs; the rest stopped looking. The percentage of Americans who are either working or looking for work fell back to a 37-year low last touched in September.

The brightening jobs picture has healed some of the deep scars left by the Great Recession. The number of people who have been unemployed for more than six months fell 27 percent last year. And the number working parttime who would prefer full-time work dropped 12 percent.

Still, to keep up with population growth since the recession began, the economy would need to create 4.9 million additional jobs, according to the Brookings Institution.

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EAST
♠ K Q J 10 8
♥ K 7 5
♦ K 10
♣ J 8 4
SOUTH
♠ A 9 3
♥ A J 10
♦ A 6 5 2
♣ K 10 9

The bidding:
East South West North
1♠ 1NT Pass 3NT
Opening lead — six of spades.

The bidding by the opponents often helps declarer find the winning line of play. Consider this deal where South winds up in three notrump after East opens the bidding with one spade.

West leads the six of spades, and, after dummy appears, declarer knows virtually everything he needs to know about East's hand. To start with, he identifies the six as West's only spade, marking East with the K-

Q-J-10-8.
South also knows that East has both missing red kings, because he would not have had enough to open the bidding without them. Declarer furthermore sees that he has only eight sure tricks (including the heart finesse that the bidding indicates is sure to succeed). South's task, therefore, is to turn dummy's queen of diamonds into a trick even though East is known to hold the king.
Superficially, this seems an impossible assignment, but actually it is not terribly difficult. South ducks East's ten of spades at trick one and wins the spade continuation at trick two. He then leads a club to the queen and returns the heart queen.

After East covers with the king, South takes the ace and cashes the J-10 of hearts and the K-A of clubs. At this point, dummy holds two spades and three diamonds, while East holds three spades and two diamonds.
Declarer now puts East on lead with a spade, intentionally allowing him to cash three spade tricks. But then, with only the K-10 of diamonds remaining, East is forced to lead one of them. Whichever he chooses, South scores the last two tricks with the queen and ace of diamonds to make three notrump.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Last Day of Mars in Aquarius

Mars is energized in Aquarius, focused on making things happen for the greater good. Tomorrow this changes with his transit into Pisces. The land of feelings will not be a comfortable place for the warrior planet. That's why this is prime time for action. Go ahead with your plans and make something happen while your confidence is high.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

An inconvenient experience will prove necessary as the day goes on. Also, someone will admire how strong and able you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Where there is an expectation, there is an opportunity for disappointment. Where there is no expectation, there are no standards. You'll find that sweet spot and expect to a level that life will satisfy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This is no time to stifle the weird and random impulses, because they are precisely the things on which other people will connect with you. You never know who is falling in love with your quirks.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Self-discovery is a perpetuating process. You know yourself, and then

you change, and you have to go through the process of knowing yourself all over again. Keep making the effort. You're worth it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your environment is as lovely as your feelings about it. When the people you enjoy are near you, it makes everything more beautiful, even if it makes it a little messy at the same time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Learning about another person is one of the best things you will learn this week. A slowly developing friendship is happening. This one will be built over years, and there is no reason to rush the process.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Compromise is a necessary part of relationships, which is why this month is so peculiar. You hardly have to budge an inch, and you're still adored. If your loved one knew what to expect, the spell would be broken.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep after what you want. You may change tactics, but don't lose your intention. Your stars dose you with all the determination and tenacity you will need to succeed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your romantic history has caused you to be cautious and protective of your heart. A charismatic someone will melt your resistance. You might not know what makes your action compelling, but someone is hooked.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your love life is a drama, and you're both the director and the star. Revel in this creation of yours. It's masterful and sometimes comedic, just like you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keep finding new ways to take excellent care of yourself. Your self-esteem will make a difference in how things turn out. Having the confidence to go for what you want is a big deal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You know what makes you feel great, so why not do more of it? A walk in the sunshine, a laugh with a friend, enjoying a simple pleasure -- these are the delightful events of the day.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 11). You're serious about advancing yourself and your group. You'll scope out the tangible

advantages to be gained, and you'll do what it takes to make things happen. This month brings a boost to your authority. You'll enjoy a greater measure of control over your environment. February and July are the most romantic. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 42, 6, 19, 40 and 11.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The main game changer this week is Mars moving out of Aquarius (where he was productive and focused on the greater good) and into Pisces (where he and the rest of us will do some growing). This is a time to realize that people are almost never as strong on the inside as they are on the outside. Putting up a good front is something essential to the human experience and often is what is required to function in society. Be sensitive and aware that others are doing their very best to show up in an acceptable way. Most of the problems can be avoided by extending gracious manners or giving others the benefit of the doubt. In other words, now is a time to simply be nice.

This dynamic will be ongoing and will require vigilance all along the

way. Mars in Pisces throws a wrench in the works with a difficult Saturn angle midweek, so it's not like things will magically heal themselves overnight. Look for patterns. Read the room before you start operating inside of it. Be smart about your friendships. Emotional intelligence will bridge gaps when other kinds of intelligence can't.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to Australian pop singer and actor Cody Simpson, who was born when the sun, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Neptune were all in Capricorn, the sign of moguls. Capricorn energy is ambitious, hardworking and driven by impossible challenges. Capricorn enjoys nothing more than disproving the word "impossible."

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sudoku

ANSWERS

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Answer to previous puzzle

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FREE	OKAYS	INFO
WEST	DEWEY	STUN

Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Frank Longo
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS**
- 1 *Necesidad de la vida*
 - 5 People playing in vehicles
 - 15 Vehicle storage site
 - 16 Music to a gossip's ears
 - 17 Bio of a sort
 - 18 Dumping
 - 19 It can't wait
 - 21 Home port of the brigantine *Niagara*
 - 22 With 61 Across, it might make fans louder
 - 23 Town that presents the Robert Burns Humanitarian Award
 - 24 Guitar sequence
 - 25 Over the moon in Mexico
 - 27 Alternates registers very quickly
 - 31 What impatient people don't have
 - 33 Chief proponent
 - 34 Where a toy hits the floor
 - 37 Neither foggy nor windy
 - 40 Summit lengthener
 - 41 What anything can be in front of
 - 42 Some field-hockey fashion
 - 43 Descriptor of two South American countries
 - 45 What flashing or swelling is symptomatic of
 - 46 Putting concern
 - 49 Asian capital-list leader
 - 51 Pivotal point, perhaps
 - 52 Night light sight
 - 53 Traditional origin of rebellion

- 57 Saluting
 - 59 Symbols for reflectivity or resistivity
 - 60 Bestrode precariously
 - 61 See 22 Across
 - 62 Going off a lot
 - 63 Olympians swore oaths on it
- DOWN**
- 1 Major attitude adjustment
 - 2 Xena's sidekick
 - 3 1999 biography subtitled *Magician or Mystic?*
 - 4 What seals the deal?
 - 5 Ill-defined
 - 6 Short-story award eponym
 - 7 The world, figuratively
 - 8 Senseless

- 9 City south-southwest of Wichita
- 10 Most common labor issue
- 11 Fireballs
- 12 Eat up
- 13 Fresh supply
- 14 Places where numbers are dialed
- 20 Citizen of the "Arab capital of Israel"
- 24 Not pass enough, perhaps
- 26 43rd st.
- 28 Name on the cover of *A Bad Parent's Garden of Verse*
- 29 One outranking a *comte*
- 30 Jung's "principle of relationship"
- 32 Bimonthly "Magazine of Southern People"

- 34 It's often felt on Halloween
- 35 Field where Arabic etymologies are common
- 36 Region bordering Greater London
- 38 Fort Meade-based org.
- 39 Baton twirler
- 43 Apple snap importer
- 44 Bond of the '80s
- 46 Buffet, old-style
- 47 Unlikely host
- 48 The ___ day
- 50 How squeakers are typically lost
- 53 *My Darling Clementine* lead
- 54 School-___
- 55 Result of a fashion emergency
- 56 ___ per second (power measure)
- 58 *Loup de ___* (old salt: Fr.)

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Govt considering using Internet, smartphones for 2020 census

BY JESSE J. HOLLAND

Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — The days of the census taker with clipboard in hand may be numbered. The Census Bureau plans to test digital tools in preparation for the 2020 census, a change that could save millions of dollars.

People may be asked to fill out their census forms on the Internet instead of sending them through the mail. Census takers may use smartphones instead of paper to complete their counts.

The once-a-decade count is used to draw congressional maps and helps determine how the government spends \$400 billion on infrastructure, programs and services each year.

Despite outreach and advertising campaigns,

the share of occupied homes that returned a form was 74 percent in 2010, unchanged from 2000 and 1990. The majority of the money the bureau spends during a census goes to getting everyone else to fill out their forms, Census Director John H. Thompson said.

In the Savannah, Georgia, area and in Maricopa County, Arizona, census workers this year will be asking people to respond on the Internet instead of filling out the traditional forms with such questions as age, race and homeownership. During follow-up visits for those who don't answer, census workers will forgo using paper and instead input answers directly



into their smartphones for instantaneous collection and analysis.

In addition, in Savannah and nearby South Carolina, census

officials will test an Internet response system that will only require a person to input a home address to answer questions, instead of using a government-generated identification number.

"All you need to have is an address where you live," Thompson said. "If we do that, it opens up all kinds of new ways to promote the census in targeted ways. If we contact someone at a sporting event and they have a smartphone, we can get them to respond right then and there."

The Census Bureau plans to discuss its upcoming tests in a web-

cast on Friday.

Americans are ready for an Internet-driven census, officials said. During 2014 tests in Washington, D.C., and nearby Montgomery County, Maryland, 55 percent of the families who were asked to fill out their census tests on the Internet responded without major prodding, an "exceptional response," Thompson said. Census workers used iPhones to collect information in follow-up visits.

Census workers will use Android phones during the test this year, Thompson said. "Everything will be on those smartphones. No paper," he said.

For government officials, going digital means they can do real-time analysis on areas to figure out which

households have not responded, and be able to use their workers on the ground more efficiently, he said.

"You now can electronically control the flow of information all the way, from when you get people to self-respond, hopefully by the Internet, to when you give it to the interviewers to when you get it back from the interviewers," he said.

The Census Bureau will also test using electronic records from other government agencies to help fill in gaps in responses, Thompson said.

Online:
Census Bureau: <http://www.census.gov>
Census webcast: <http://www.census.gov/newsroom/census-live.html>



(AP Photo/Matthew Mead)

Maple bacon guacamole in Concord, N.H. There are multiple ways to serve up guacamole for the Super Bowl.

10 THINGS

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• Citrus tabbouleh: Replace the tomato and onion with 3/4 cup purchased tabbouleh and the zests of 1 lemon, 1 lime and 1 orange.

• Shrimp scampi: Use lemon juice in place of the lime juice and basil in place of the cilantro. Omit the cumin, tomato and onion. Stir in 1 cup chopped cooked shrimp, 2 cloves minced garlic and 1/3 cup shredded Parmesan cheese.

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HUMANE

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For many of the more than 150 dogs and cats residing at the facilities, the Humane Society — a not-for-profit, no-kill shelter — not only serves as a refuge of safety from the streets but also as the only home the animals would ever have.

And as their caretakers, Humane Society workers try to provide as much love and care as they possibly can for their long-term wards, Stone said.

“We love them to pieces,” Stone said. “They are just like your kids. We get to know them so well.”

Such was the case of Highway, a mixed-breed dog that passed away last year. The lab-mix was living in the gullies around Interstate 20 near the Humane Society when he came to the attention of the employees. Stone said it took several weeks for her and another employee to gain the wayward dog’s trust.

But once they did, the lab-mix dog spent several years living safe in the care of the workers. For Stone, Highway’s life is a bitter-sweet memory and an example of why the Humane Society exists. Last year, the Humane Society had a great year, adopting out nearly 100 animals; still many of their wards will never find a home. Adult animals and especially senior cats and dogs are more likely to be passed over for puppies, kittens and young, energetic potential pets.

This winter has taken a toll on the number of blankets and towels workers use to help keep the outside dogs warm. As for using straw to keep the canines warm, Stone said the dogs tend to react badly when placed in their pens, so blankets and towels are preferable.

Donations are always needed, Stone said from animal food, dog houses — many of which are in need of replacing — blanket, towels to funds.

And volunteers are always a welcomed addition, Stone added.

The Humane Society is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and is located at 5710 IH 20 West, which is on the north service road of Interstate 20 on the west side of Big Spring, The facility located very close to the construction work on the Highway 87 by-pass turn around.

A closed road sign is posted near the Humane So-



ciety entrance because of the construction and has caused some confusion for would-be adopters, but the organization is still open to the public. Adoption fees for dogs are \$65 and \$40 for cats. The cost includes all shots and to spay or neuter the animals. For more information, call 432-267-7832.

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