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By BILL McCLELLAN

A half-million-dollar grant

could have McMahon-Wrin-

kle Airpark closer to playing

with the big boys, and have a

direct impact on Big Spring

Airpark Manager Jim Lit-

tle confirmed that the Texas

and the Crossroads area.

Managing Editor

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Fuel farm \$500,000 grant to help airpark seek contracts

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Improvements such as the airport terminal building above, enlarged runway and a proposed fuel farm are enhancing the **McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.**

accommodate general aviation fuel and jet fuel.

It's another step in the right direction for Big Spring, Little believes.

of the runway and have a really nice terminal now. Every



Weather classes here Thursday

□ 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Think you have what it takes to be a storm spotter?

Area residents can find out Thursday night, as the National Weather Service will present its annual Skywarn class at 7 p.m. at the City Council Chambers — located at 307 E. Fourth St.

While the Crossroads area enjoyed a rather tame severe weather season last year, officials with the National Weather Service say the Boy Scout mantra is one to live by: Always be prepared.

"We had a pretty easy year last year," Pat Vesper, warning coordination meteorologist for the NWS Midland office, said. "However, we have to be prepared for severe weather at all times. We live in an area of the state where the weather can become dangerous in the blink of an eye, and these Sky-Warn classes give us a chance to train weather spotters, as well as offer training and advice for your average family. No matter who you are, knowing what to do in these types of severe weather situations is absolutely vital," he added.

"We recently had 51 people turn out for the Snyder training and 42 attended the Seminole training. I am hoping we will see a

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Little

Transportation Division has awarded a \$500,000 grant to construct a fuel farm at the airpark.

"We have fuel tanks servicing the airpark that are well over 30

years old. We will replace them with tanks that will be updated to modern specifications," said Little. "Currently, we do some work with the military, but this will allow us to pursue contracts, including military contracts."

The fuel farm will consist of a pad and two large tanks to

"We've increased the size

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Williams returning to Big Spring

By BILL McCLELLAN

Managing Editor

It wouldn't be fair to say "We've Only Just Begun," because this is not Grammy award winner Paul Williams' first trip to Big Spring. But like any other "Old Fashioned Love Song," you can bet he'll be performing it during an 8 p.m. March 31 concert at the Municipal Auditorium.

Williams is well-known as the author of some of American's best-loved music, including "Rainy Days and Mondays," "Evergreen, "Rainbow Connection" and the aforementioned "We've Only Just Begun" and "Old Fashioned Love Song." Numerous artists have recorded his songs. including Elvis, Willie Nelson and Barbra Streisand. He's also known as the author of the theme from the popular "Love Boat" television series.

He will be performing with the Big Spring Orchestra in the newly remodeled auditorium.

Williams appeared with the orchestra two years ago and

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Paul Williams will perform in concert March 31 at the Municipal Auditorium.

Routine items on agenda for BSISD board

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

A fairly short and routine agenda is waiting for Big Spring Independent School board trustees at 5:15 p.m. Thursday.

The biggest action item on the agenda is the expenditure of more than \$75,000 for new technology for the four new elementaries.

"It is still fairly routine. It

is just the stage we are at in the construction cycle," Business Manager Debbie Green said.

Another popular topic to be discussed during the meeting will be an update regarding the Early College High School program. At this point, the application has yet to be released and the planning committee continues to meet in order to prepare.

A report will also be given financial reports

on the most recent county wide meeting.

"The meeting includes representatives from the city, county, college, economic development board and a few other entities," Green said. "The report will just update the board on what's on the forefront from that meeting."

Other items on the agenda include:

• approval of minutes and

• nominations for the TASB media honor roll

 approval considerations of employment recommendations

enrollment

Trustees meet in the high school board room. The public is invited.

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Obituaries

Ioma Shaw

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home.

Ioma Shaw, 82, of Big Spring died Monday, March 5, 2012, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 9, 2012, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2012, at the funeral

Ioma was born to Tom and Leona Tatum on Dec. 20, 1929, in Sweetwater, Texas. She married Vernon P. Heard on May 22, 1950, in Fort Worth. They moved to Big Spring in 1956 from Midland and owned Colonial Beauty Shop for many years. Vernon preceded her in death in June of 1973. She then married Verl D. Shaw on Aug. 7, 1976, in Midland. They lived in the Knott community for 20 years and moved to Big Spring in 1997.

She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Verl D. Shaw of Big Spring; five children, Marsha McHan and husband Mark of Abilene, Brenda Keith and husband Lynn of Arlington, Dero Shaw and wife Jeanine of Knott, Angela Gillespie and husband Tony of Knott and Sheree Denny and husband LeRoy of Midland; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; three nephews and two nieces.

She was also preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

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

Sammie Estelle Meeks

Sammie Estelle Meeks, 72, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 3, 2012, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, March 9, 2012, at the funeral home.

Survivors include two daughters, Tamara Gray and husband Tim of Artesia, N.M., and Tracy Watson and husband Mike of Big Spring, Texas; one son, Tony Meeks of Big Spring; one sister, Carylon Miller of Abilene; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert "Buddy" Meeks; her parents, Robert Herbert Andy and Ethlene (Hogg) Cox; and two sisters, Cathlele Williams and Johnie Gary.

The family suggests memorials be made to the American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121.

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

Police blotter

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

• FRANCISCO GENE REYES, 20, of 125 Jonesboro Rd., was arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.

• THEFT was reported in the 3200 block of Avenue C.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

In the 600 block of E. 12th Street.

In the 900 block of Nolan Street.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 63 inmates at the time of this report.

• MARISA OLIVAS, 29, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a judgment/sentence for driving while intoxicated - open container.

• JOSE RAMON RUIZ-RAMON, 35, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of fugitive - theft (more than \$1,000 and less than \$20,000).

• JOE STEWART JACKSON JR., 41, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• FRANCISCO GENE REYES, 20, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• MICHAEL RAY LLANEZ, 25, was booked into the county jail Tuesday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

 TRAUMA was reported in the 900 block of Debra Lane. Service refused.

MEDICAL was reported in the 4100 block of Dixon. Service refused.

• MEDICAL was reported in the area of Howard College. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL was reported in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place. One person was transported to SMMC.

 MEDICAL was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane. One person was transported to SMMC.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1

Today's Weather

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Mickie Sue Haynes

Mickie Sue Haynes, 66, of Big Spring died Tuesday, March 6, 2012, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

sion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and



The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 11 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater 3 11 skin protection.	

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discus- continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY

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

 Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY

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

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• A benefit for the oldest Harley shop in Texas, owned by the Walker family, will be held March 17 at the Xiled Clubhouse. There will be food, fun and games with a special auction. Gates open at noon and charge is \$10 at the door. Contact 432-270-1212 for more information.

• An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

• As the 8th annual Powwow is coming near, organizers are seeking people interested in native American culture. The group is a family oriented organization that is looking to expand. You do not have to be native American to join. For comments, questions and answers, call Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125 or Connie Lesser at 432-816-6772.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

• American Cancer Society will have its board meetings at noon on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.

• Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

• Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The re-registration period began Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.

• Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5

p.m.

 The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA. org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

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

 HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for checkout by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915. or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

FUEL

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body likes this terminal. The more we can provide, the better off we will be and Big Spring will be," he said.

"The fuel farm will be a defi-



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similar group in Big Spring on Thursday composed of firefighters, law enforcement, amateur radio operators, other county/community stakeholders and the general public," Vesper said. "Big Spring has had a long tradition of outstanding service when it comes to protecting their citizens from the dangers of severe weather. I have personally been at Skywarn talks where we had 75 people and standing room only. I would love to see interest revived again this year," he said. According to Vesper, the class will include information on tracking

nite plus; a lot of people don't realize how much business the airport handles. We have a lot of medivac traffic and the airport does a sizable business with corporate planes," Little added, including transportation necessitated by both the wind energy industry and the oil industry.

and classifying storms and various weather conditions, but it's not limited to emergency management officials and storm chasers.

"While the class is designed for storm chasers and those participating in the SkyWarn program, it has a lot to offer everyone," said Vesper. "We offer a lot of information on safety during storms and bad weather that the average person can use to protect themselves and their family. "Our main focus for these classes is safety. We'll also look at supercell thunderstorms and the type of weather that can arise out of them. We want our spotters prepared for the kinds of conditions they may see out in the field." According to local

Also in the works, is improvement of the airport apron on the runway side of the terminal. It is showing some age and beginning to crack in areas. The improvements will also allow the airport to accommodate larger planes.

Project costs are funded

emergency response officials, the course will cover the most common sever weather situations for Howard County and the surrounding areas in hopes of preparing residents for the worst case scenario.

"It's really a lot of good information for people to have," said Big Spring Police Department Lt. Terry Chamness. "It gives people a basic knowledge of what severe weather is like in our area. Since we're getting ready to head into the severe weather season, which begins in March and lasts until October, this is really important information to have. Spring time is when we really get a lot of the severe weather things like hail and possible tornadoes."

There's no charge for the classes and the public is welcome. Those who sign up will receive a certificate from the National Weather Service. Those in law enforcement or emergency services can get credit for the class.

through the Texas Department of Transportations Aviation Facilities Grant Program. The funds come from a matching grant, ranging from 90/10 to 72/25, with Tx-DOT paying the lion's share.

"We're delighted with the support we are getting from Austin, TxDOT aviation and

> satellites, gives us the ability to provide better information to the public," Vesper said.

"Even if someone doesn't want to become a spotter, I think these classes go a long way to prepare them and their families for a sev-

the local economic development corporation," said Little. "We hope this will open the door for multiple opportunities for us."

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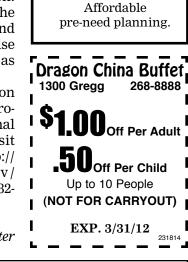
Vesper said the Sky-Warn program — and, most importantly, the weather spotters who participate each year — are very important parts of the weather service's ability to accurately report and track the weather when severe conditions hit the area.

"We rely on the spotters greatly. They provide what we call 'ground truth,' which, when combined with the information we get from our radar and

er weather situation. We're preparing for the storm season now, and we hope everyone else in the area will do so as well."

For more information on the SkyWarn program and the National Weather Service, visit them online at http:// www.nws.noaa.gov/ skywarn/, or call 432-563-5006.

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WILLIAMS

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quickly said "yes" when asked if he would return this year. It will be the wrapup to the orchestra's 30th season, including the 10th with Dr. Keith Graumann as director.

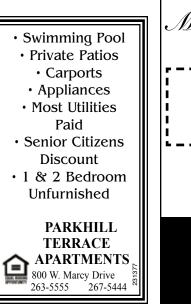
Williams grew up in Nebraska and had jobs as a skydiver and motorcycle racer before going to Hollywood. He went there to be an actor, but ended up writing songs.

He also appeared in more than 15 movies,



including "The Chase," "Battle for the Planet of the Apes," Smokey and the Bandit" and "Stone Cold Dead," as well as a number of TV series — "Baretta," "Police Woman," Love Boat," "Hawaii Five-O" and "BJ and the Bear" — among them.

Tickets for the concert are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5



for students. Ticket outlets are the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, KBST, KBYG, the *Big Spring Herald*, Heritage Museum, Blum's Jewelry, Faye's Flowers and Western Banks. They will also be available at the door.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Time to hit the greens for a good cause

ring your clubs and get ready to compete at a round of golf in a three-man scramble.

The third annual United Way Golf Tournament is fast approaching and teams are still needed to show what they are made of, on the green that is.

The tournament will take place at the Big Spring Country Club Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25. Both days will start with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Registration for the event is \$70 per person and will be accepted until the day before the tournament. For those wanting to get in a little practice, stop by the golf course and play a practice round.

The tournament has been a success the past few years and has provided an opportunity for the community to get involved on a new level and support the 15 local agencies supported by the United Way.

The United Way will show their appreciation for the participants' support by providing a barbecue lunch Saturday for all teams involved. There will also be a party on the patio Saturday at 6:30 p.m. on the 19th hole for those playing in the tournament. During the party on the 19th hole, Justin Kaczyk will be the featured entertainment and snacks and beverages will be provided.

Of course, playing a supportive round of golf that weekend isn't the only way to show support for the agencies. For those wanting to take advantage of the opportunity, there will be a chance to take home an electric or gas powered golf cart. Even if you aren't a golf buff, you can still put the golf cart to use as a form of transportation, considering it is street legal.

Here come the 'know-it-alls'

nce again the self-proclaimed know-it-alls, those exasperating pollsters, have given me intellectual indigestion, although this time their project did at least put a wry smile

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broad-brush opinion as well be-

cause of significant factors that

aren't always calculable. Vari-

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cal location, cross cultural and

socio-economic factors, educa-

tion, religion and social environ-

ment are difficult to statistically

However, back to the catalyst

for my most recent journey into

polling cynicism, which hap-

pens to be an extensive report

released this week rating the

happiness of Americans based

on which state they call home.

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are slightly more miserable.

This poll reports that Ameri-

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At least, that's what the recent

Gallup-Healthways Well-Being

Index shows. The annual index

measures six areas of well-being,

including life evaluation, physi-

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being score declined slightly

from 2010 and was the lowest

since the survey began in 2008.

surprise to me that people are

It certainly doesn't come as a

unhappier today than they were

last year, or a dozen years before

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tions of the populace.

point out that they are amaz-

on my lips. My disdain for the statistical validity of polls is well documented and my frustration level elevates every time I read where a few people were questioned and they want us to believe their answers reflect an accurate percentage of the mindset of 300 million Americans.



Eddy **P**RINCE that. Life is tough all over and not likely to get much better because, as this poll reflects, people still don't have a handle on this whole happiness thing.

To satisfy your curiosity, the state where people are the happiest is Hawaii and the most miserable is West Virginia. Texas didn't make the list of happiest or most miserable so I guess we are nestled somewhere in the middle.

But it wasn't the list of states that captured my interest in this poll. What put that aforementioned cynical smile on my lips was when I read the criteria these brilliant pollsters used for establishing the report. It is reflective of how misguided people are in their understanding of happiness and their analysis of what it takes to capture this elusive emotion.

Money, weight, education level = Happiness? Pretty specious argument if you ask me, and ridiculously shallow. According to this poll's criteria it seems one would need to be a healthy, well-dressed, wine drinking, Mercedes owner with a Master's Degree in Art and have less that 10% body fat to be happy.

Happiness is an emotion, and like all emotions, is subject to change in a moment's time. If a man knocked on my door tomorrow and said he was representing an anonymous benefactor and that I was the recipient of a million dollars, I would be instantly happy. If while I was dancing a jig he looked again at his paper and informed me that he had made a mistake and it was, in fact, for the people next door, my euphoria would evaporate in the blink of an eye.

In other words, the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle was wrong when he declared "Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of life, the whole aim and end of human existence." Yet people still buy that foolish concept today.

Of course we all desire happiness and there is certainly nothing wrong with that. I have

never once started my day hoping for misery or tragedy. The problem is not the naturally desirable pursuit of happiness but the delusion of its origin and value in the theater of human existence called life.

I submit that genuine happiness comes from sources often overlooked by the seeker. Many people who have fame and fortune are far from happy even though their smiles in public could fool us. Happiness is contentment that cannot be defined or enhanced by a bulging checkbook, a fancy car, or a full agenda of parties and social events.

Happiness is derived from an inner wellspring that produces peace even when things aren't perfect and learns to accept the good with the bad with unshaken resolve to turn obstacles into opportunities and mourning into dancing. It is found in a relationship with God and our fellow man that looks beyond the shallow measurements of society's definition of happiness and sees the true value of life in the simple priceless pleasures of family, friends, and making every minute of every day special and fulfilling.

Henry David Thoreau said, "Happiness is like a butterfly. The more you chase it, the more it eludes you. But if you turn your attention to other things, it comes and sits softly on your shoulder."

My poll says that 100% of us would be wise to heed the words of Paul the Apostle who said, "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see'em.

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It comes from a plea for choice

hough the Obama administration's decision of the Dark Ages.

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away the choice of dissenters to opt out.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, our long terms goals will be successful.

Amen

to force church-based institutions to provide "access" to contraception as part of their health plans was intolerant and unconstitutional and gratuitously divisive, events have proved the move to be brilliant politics.

The White House later came up with a phony

compromise one that allows church-affiliated employers to opt out of contraception but requires their health care providers to provide birth control to plan members. In the meantime, one act of raw power unleashed a cascade of stupid Republican tricks. In February, House Oversight

Committee Chairman Darrell

invited to discuss the adminis-

tration's trampling of religious

liberty. "Where are the women?"

asked Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-

N.Y. Democrats unsuccessfully

Fluke, a third-year student of the

Jesuit Georgetown University's

law school. Issa is a very smart

man, and a second panel that

day included two women, but

that first panel was bad optics.

Rick Santorum lamely recalled

aspirin between their knees. The

the days when birth control

involved women putting an

controversy enabled media to

unearth old quotes from Santo-

monition about "the dangers of

contraception in this country."

To Republican women who see

family planning as a virtue, San-

torum's views, though consistent

with his religious beliefs, smack

rum, such as his October ad-

A top supporter of GOP hopeful

tried to add a woman, Sandra

Issa questioned an all-male panel

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by Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., which not only promised to restore the conscience clause for churchbased institutions but also expanded the exemption for any employer with moral objections and not just for reproductive issues but possibly even for treatments such as vaccinations. The Senate killed the amendment in a 51-48 vote Thursday.

Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine was the only Republican to vote against the measure. The vote came after Snowe announced she will not run for re-election because she is fed up with Washington's atmosphere of partisanship and polarization. To the casual observer, Snowe's "no' vote could be seen as support for President Barack Obama's move against church groups.

But it wasn't.

Snowe told MSNBC that she disagrees with Obama and wants a "valid conscience clause," but she objected to the Blunt amendment because it was "broader" than necessary.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., dismissed the measure as "men telling women what their rights should be." The Democratic Party clearly plans to parlay this controversy into a bumper harvest of young female voters.

But for the right, this is an issue of the Obama administration's telling church-based groups that they must act against their deeply held beliefs. As House Majority Whip Kevin McCarthy told me, the argument did not start with Congress. It was a response to Obama. "It wasn't about birth control. It's about religious freedom.

The tables have turned. Abortion used to be a matter of choice. Ditto birth control. But now that they have considerable political power, the erstwhile choice advocates want to take

Choice is gone. Tolerance is musty memory. "Access" is the new buzzword — and access means free. Under Obamacare, employer-paid health plans can charge women copayments for necessary and vital medical services if they are seriously ill, but birth control is free.

Fluke did address Congress. She observed: "Conservative Catholic organizations have been asking (us) what did we expect when we enrolled at a Catholic school. We can only answer that we expected women to be treated equally, to not have our school create untenable bur dens that impede our academic success."

I cannot imagine how a Georgetown law student could expect the Catholic Church to treat women equally. It doesn't let women be priests.

What is more, Fluke asserted that if students have to go out and get their own birth control because they chose to attend a Catholic institution — that hurts their grades. Therefore, Washington must force religious institutions to go against their deeply held beliefs and hand out birth control, if indirectly.

Washington has accomplished a great leap, from a plea for choice to a roar of entitlement.

No doubt, this approach works well with intolerant liberals who want to impose their views on others. But it is enough to cause some of us social moderates, who worry about the encroachment on religious and personal liberty, to go into the loving arms of social conservatives.

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News in brief

GOP rivals share Super Tuesday glow: Romney takes Ohio and 5 other states, Santorum wins 3

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum are trying to make the most of a mixed Super Tuesday, each claiming a measure of victory but unable to settle the most tumultuous race for the GOP presidential nomination in decades.

Romney narrowly won in pivotal Ohio, seized a home-state victory in Massachusetts, triumphed in Idaho, Vermont and Alaska, and won easily in Virginia — where neither Santorum nor Newt Gingrich was on the ballot.

Romney was forced to share the attention with Santorum, who won contests in Oklahoma, Tennessee and North Dakota.

"This was a big night tonight," Santorum said. 'We have won in the West, the Midwest and the South, and we're ready to win across this country."

The results padded Romney's delegate lead in the nomination fight, but they also refreshed questions about his appeal to conservatives in some of the most Republican states in the nation. The bestfunded and best-organized of the four Republican candidates, Romney vowed to press on.

Dow falls more than 200, but rally has survived dips before

Is the stock market rally of 2012 already over? Nobody knows. But investors might be glad to know that the strong gain in stocks that began last Oct. 4 has survived six other 200-point drops in the Dow Jones industrial average like the one investors endured Tuesday.

On Nov. 21, the Dow fell 248 points after a congressional committee failed to reach a deal to reduce federal spending. Two days later, it fell 236 points because of worries about the European debt crisis.

But the Dow is still up almost 20 percent since its close on Oct. 3, 2011, and 4.4 percent this year even after Tuesday's sell-off, driven by concerns about Europe and slower economic growth in Chi-

"We had one pullback," said Frank Fantozzi, CEO of Planned Financial Services, a Cleveland wealth management firm. "I think it's not indicative of anything, that all the sudden we're going to jump off a cliff, or that the market is going to go in a different direction."

6 UK troops missing, presumed dead after blast hits their patrol in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) – Six British soldiers were believed killed after an explosion hit their armored vehicle in southwestern Afghanistan, Britain's Ministry of Defense said Wednesday. If confirmed, it would be the biggest loss of life for British forces in the country since a plane crash in 2006.

The soldiers were on patrol in Helmand province at the time of the blast on Tuesday evening. The military did not explain why they are unable to confirm whether the soldiers were killed.

"This tragic incident brings home to us the dan gers that are faced on a daily basis by the men and women of our armed Forces deployed in Afghanistan," said Defense Secretary Philip Hammond said. "My thoughts are with the families and friends of the six soldiers who are missing, believed killed and also with their colleagues, both in Afghanistan and the UK, whose brave work continues or is about to start."

Life with invisible enemy: Small but uncertain radiation risks torment Japanese in nuke zone

FUKUSHIMA, Japan (AP) — Yoshiko Ota keeps her windows shut. She never hangs her laundry outdoors. Fearful of birth defects, she warns her daughters: Never have children.

This is life with radiation, nearly one year after a tsunami-hit nuclear power plant began spewing it into Ota's neighborhood, 40 miles (60 kilometers) away. She's so worried that she has broken out in hives.

'The government spokesman keeps saying there are no IMMEDIATE health effects," the 48-yearold nursery school worker says. "He's not talking about 10 years or 20 years later. He must think the people of Fukushima are fools.

"It's not really OK to live here," she says. "But we live here."

Ota takes metabolism-enhancing pills in hopes of flushing radiation out of her body. To limit her exposure, she goes out of her way to buy vegetables that are not grown locally. She spends 10,000 yen (\$125) a month on bottled water to avoid the tap water.

New iPad expected with faster chip, sharper screen; competing tablets struggle

NEW YORK (AP) — Apple is holding an event Wednesday in San Francisco, and has hinted that it will reveal a new iPad model. Rumors speak of an updated tablet with a speedier processor, a sharper screen and an option for faster wireless broadband access.

If last year's launch of the iPad 2 is any guide, the new iPad model will go on sale in the U.S. next week, likely on Friday.

The upgrade from the iPad 2 to the iPad 3 will be less significant than the upgrade from the original iPad to the iPad 2, which added two cameras while cutting both the thickness and the weight of the device.

One big unknown is whether Apple will keep the iPad 2 in production and offer it at a lower price, like it kept the iPhone 3GS after the launch of the iPhone 4.

Another big question is whether Apple will reveal its rumored foray into making TV sets. Some have speculated that the invite to the Apple event, which said "We have something you really have to see," points in that direction.

Mystery looms after reclusive 73-year-old twins die within hours, without signs of foul play

When they were young, Patricia and Joan Miller sang and danced for Bing Crosby, troops and their friends

But as the identical twins grew older, they became less interested in socializing. When people called, the sisters came up with excuses to get off the phone. Without explanation, they stopped sending birthday cards to a childhood friend. And on the rare occasion when they left their home, the two women didn't chat up the neighbors. Never married and without children or pets, the Miller sisters withdrew into their four-bedroom home in California's South Lake Tahoe, where they were found dead last week at the age of 73. One was in a downstairs bedroom and the other was in the hallway just outside. It was as if the two sisters, long each other's only companion, could not live without each other, said Detective Matt Harwood with the El Dorado Coun-

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ty sheriff's office.

"My perception is one died and the other couldn't handle it," said Harwood, who has been unable to identify any close friends or family members to inform of the sisters' deaths. "It appears purely natural, but we are still trying to piece it all together."

Attorneys for Paula Deen:

Accusations made are false

SAVANNAH, Georgia (AP) — Attorneys for Paula Deen said Tuesday that a former worker who claimed she was sexually harassed and subjected to a hostile work environment at a restaurant coowned by Deen and her brother made false claims after the celebrity chef refused to pay her to keep quiet.

A lawsuit filed Monday by Lisa Jackson "makes false allegations against Paula Deen and they will be proven false in court," said a statement from the Oliver Maner law firm, representing Deen. The law firm said the suit was filed in a local court after the Southern cooking star refused to pay the woman to "address false claims."

Attorneys for Jackson, a former general manager at the restaurant, didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

Jackson said in the lawsuit that her doctor encouraged her to quit her post at Uncle Bubba's Seafood and Oyster House in Savannah because she suffered from panic attacks and other stress. The restaurant is owned by Deen and her brother Bubba Hiers.

Jackson, who is white, was hired at the restaurant in February 2005 and within months was promoted to general manager.

Mass. dad faces charges for disrupting hockey game

WINTHROP, Mass. (AP) – A Massachusetts man accused of aiming a laser pointer into the eyes of the opposing goalie at his daughter's high school hockey game is facing criminal charges.

Authorities announced Tuesday that 42-year-old Joseph Cordes will be summoned to East Boston District Court to face a charge of disturbing the peace.

Police say Cordes pointed the light at the Medway/Ashland goalie during a Feb. 29 tournament game in Winthrop, north of Boston. He was ordered out of the arena by a school official.

Winthrop won 3-1, prompting a protest from the Medway/Ashland parents who asked that the game be replayed. The governing body of high school sports in Massachusetts denied the appeal.

Cordes hasn't been arrested. He tells WBZ-TV he feels "like a complete jerk" and humiliated his daughter.

Couple charged with having sex at ice arena

DANBURY, Conn. (AP) — Danbury police say they arrested a homeless couple for having sex on an ice arena stage in the middle of the day.

The News-Times of Danbury reports 41-year-old Jonathan Price and 38-year-old Shannon McClung

The deaths would be the biggest loss of life for Britain in a single incident in Afghanistan since a

Nimrod aircraft crashed in 2006, killing 14 service members. It would be the largest number of casualties in a ground operation for Britain in the country.

It would also be the deadliest single incident for NATO since Jan. 19, when six U.S. Marines died in a helicopter crash in Helmand province. Last August, insurgents shot down a Chinook helicopter, killing 30 American troops.

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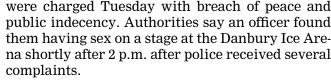
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Mike Eggleston was born and raised in Big Spring, Texas. His life centered on cattle and cattle trucks before becoming a police officer. On four different

occasions while he was a patrolman with the Big Spring police Department he captured burglars

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Hollis **McCright**

glary. He advanced to the lead of the major crimes task force, where he was very successful in solving crimes and making drug busts (sometimes as many as three per day). Eggleston received several letters of commendation, including one from the government of Texas,. Also, he was assigned to help protect President Ford when he visited Big Spring to turn Webb Air Force base over to the city.

Mike will be at Howard County Library on March 14 to sign his latest book, "The True Story of the Sharpest Ever," from 1:30 to 4. Please come meet Mike and buy his latest book. He will have his other books available for sale as well. New AUCDs that

have just come in: Tami Hoag's "Down the Darkest Road" (AUCD F HOA T) is the story of

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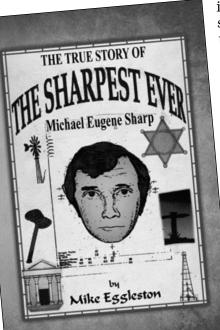
DENTURES

a good reason to smile

Lauren Lawton and the loss of her 16-year-old daughter to an unholy predator. Now her younger daughter is nearing 16 and will he strike again?

Detective Tony Mendez of the Oak Knoll Police Department and investigators sift through evidence of a disturbing case and an answer to a stunning question will change the whole equation. "The Innocent" (AUCD F TAY S), written by Steven Taylor, begins with survivors of the Chosen asking Vanessa Munroe for help in retrieving an 8-year-old girl from that closed and increasingly violent world. There is a small window of opportunity and time is limited; will Vanessa succeed?

Our third AUCD is "The Fear Index" (AUCD F HAR R) by Robert Harris. Dr. Alex Hoffman is a brilliant man whose programs can predict the markets and make millions of dollars for the ultrarich. Someone has bro-



ken into his lakeside mansion and is stalking him, trying to destroy him. Who is it? Listen and find out.

Is it time a loved one come live with you? Perhaps not within the same roof, but you would consider an attached apartment or even a cabana-type building? From Michael Litchfield comes "In-Laws, Outlaws and Granny Flats" (643.7 LIT M), a book of plans, examples of turning one house or city lot into two homes. You could even carve unused space (attic, garage or basement)



By Steve Becker The Slam-Double Convention

North dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH

through the years to increase the chance of defeating an enemy slam. One of the most important of these understandings is that when a defender not on lead doubles a slam voluntarily reached by the opposition, he is asking partner to lead, or

into a compact living space for a loved one to live in. There are many examples and plans to look at and consider.

Depending upon if we get rain for gardens or perhaps use produce from H-E-B or Wal-Mart, "Farm Fresh Flavor" (641.563 SMI) is a cookbook that has all sorts of recipes to tempt us with something new. The cover has a quiche-looking dish with fresh tomatoes, cauli-

flower and broccoli and maybe shallots that looks absolutely great. Doggone it all those dandelions I just uprooted in the yard on Sunday, I could have used them in a recipe.

Many of our DVDs are donated and here are some that have just been processed into the system. Angelina Jolie and Edward Burns star in "Life or Something Like It." Jolie is a newscaster who thinks that having the perfect hair, jobs, boyfriend and apartments means that her life is perfect. Burns, a street psychic, soon throws her life into chaos. See what happens.

Any comedy movie with Robin Williams in it will crack you up. "RV" is no exception. Watch how he and his family cope with an RV and a reluctant family on vacation in Colorado.

How about a Jack Black movie? In "Nacho Libre" there will be laughs aplenty with Jack as a wrestling hero.

Emma Roberts as "Nancy Drew;" it will be interesting to see the small town Nancy deal with Hollywood girls in this up to date movie.

Jennifer Anniston and Aaron Eckhart star in "Love Happens." Eckhart, a self-help author, meets florist Anniston. But is this the right time for them?

We also have Steve Irwin in "The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course." Steve and his wife Terri, in order to save a very large crocodile from poachers, set out on a death-defying journey to nab the big guy and relocate him. But the croc had swallowed a top-secret satel lite beacon making him a target of all American special agents.

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'Bigfoot' Bob

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Opening lead — five of clubs.

When a small slam is bid, the difference between making it and losing it ordinarily ranges from 1,000 to 1,800 points, depending mostly on vulnerability. Slams are therefore deemed worthy of the closest possible attention by both sides.

Consistent with the importance of slam hands, several special defensive weapons have been developed

sometimes not to lead, a specific suit. The advantage of this convention can be seen in the accompanying deal. South makes the slam if West leads a heart, the suit East has bid. But East's double forbids the normal heart lead and calls instead for an unusual lead.

In this case, it is not difficult for West, with six cards in the suit North opened, to deduce that East's reason for forbidding a heart lead is that he can ruff a club. So West leads a club, and East ruffs and cashes a heart to put the contract down one - 200 points. With a heart lead, South would score 1,660 points at Chicago or duplicate scoring.

It must be granted that on some occasions, declarer might make the doubled slam despite the opening lead (if North or South were void of hearts in the actual deal, for example). But this occasional small loss is a very cheap price to pay for bringing about the defeat of many slams that would otherwise succeed.

Tomorrow: The moment of truth. D2012 King Features Syndicate In-

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: "Bill" and I have been married for 43 years. He retired three years ago. We didn't socialize with any of his co-workers, so I didn't know them well.

Last Christmas, Bill got a card with no return address. It only had Bill's name on it. I handed it to him so he had to open it in front of me. It was a really nice card from "Betty" and a note telling him how much she missed him, their talks, their lunches and their personal conversations. She suggested they get together for a holiday lunch.

When I asked Bill why he never mentioned Betty to me, he said the lunches didn't mean anything and he probably forgot because they were so insignificant.

I don't believe him. We have always told each other everything. He put Betty's card on display with the others, but I asked him to take it down since it wasn't sent to us as a couple.

He said he'd throw it away because it made unhappy. me But, Annie, my instincts said he was lying, so I checked the trash. No card.

The other day, I saw his old briefcase, and inside was Betty's card. He had written her

phone number on it. If this card meant nothing to him, why keep it? Why lie to me? I love my husband. I want to trust him. I've never had reason not to, but

I'm shaken to the core. Now I pay close attention when he leaves the house and keep track of how long he's gone. Last week, he said he needed to run some errands and was gone for nearly two hours.

He claims he ran into "Dave," a former coworker, but I wonder if this was Betty's holiday lunch.

I hate feeling this way. My kids say to forget about it before I make

myself sick. Are they right? Am I just paranoid? — Card Woes

Dear Card: No. Your husband is not being totally truthful about Betty, and this creates suspicion and distrust, both of which undermine your relationship. You need to have a long talk with him and explain why his behavior is hurting you. If he cannot reassure you sufficiently, the next step is counseling.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.

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Better get your plate in shape

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March is National Nutrition Month and the theme for this year is " Get Your Plate in Shape." Take this theme and develop a menu for you and your family to follow. Go to http://usda.gov/wps/ portal/usda/usdahome and use this as your guide to get your plate in shape for you and the family. The core of the community is the family so "lets get moving" and get those plates into shape.

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emyplate.gov/ Chow Ms. Diva RD

Iris McDuffie is a registered dietitian with the West Texas VA.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The zaftig Virgo moon flirts with Jupiter then with Pluto and finally with Mars, as if to round up a cosmic audience on this eve of the full moon. What show does the lunar lady have in store? With Venus newly in the harmonious realm of fellow earth sign Taurus, the theme will be beauty, health and vitality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your will is strong, and what you want may indeed be what is best for everyone. However, you must be careful not to overpower others with the intensity of your passion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The games you choose are hard enough on their own, so there's no need to put up with team members who drag you down. Seek those who are warm, supportive and positive.

HOLIDAY

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).Multitasking will prove to be gener-

ally a rotten idea except in the instances of listening to audio books while traveling or making phone calls while you walk an unpopulated stretch of track or sidewalk.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll act in a vigorous and determined way to exert your authority and have a meaningful impact on how things turn out. You may spend a good deal of time working out how you might alter the behavior and thinking of others.

leave the house. Call a peppy friend.

ner's mindset is unstoppable, though you should be warned that some will try.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As much as you may try to avoid being the center of attention today, the eyeballs will still be trained on you. It has to be this way because you know what you're doing and you need to teach others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll be aware of how social conditioning shapes behavior. The one who is trying hard to live up to an image of independence may really need your help. Your compassion helps you see the truth.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You won't have time to be very self-conscious, because you're so focused on experiencing all you can in one day. You may even dare to sing solo in public or dance for no reason.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're likely to put more emphasis on substance than form, though not immediately. A lovely package will draw you in. But you won't stay "in" if there's nothing compelling inside it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be inspired by

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). Though a



bers are: 7, 20, 1, 50 and 19.

FYI — Wednesday,

March 14, is National

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Happy birthday to the "Happy Birthday" weatherman Willard Scott. Perhaps best known for his jovial birthday wishes to centenarians on the "Today" show, Scott is also an author of fiction and nonfiction books. The compassionate Pisces was born when Mercury, Venus and Jupiter were all in the friendly sign of Aquarius.

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State briefs

Arrests put big dent in La., Texas meth supply

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MANSFIELD, La. (AP) — The sheriffs of DeSoto Parish in Louisiana and Shelby County, Texas, say the arrest of a 37-year-old Joaquin, Texas man suspected of trafficking millions of dollars in methamphetamine into East Texas and northwest Louisiana will put a big dent into the local drug trade.

DeSoto Parish Sheriff Rodney Arbuckle and Shelby County Sheriff Newton Johnson say the arrest of David Shane Adkinson, culminates an eight-month investigation that spanned a half-dozen Louisiana parishes and Texas counties.

Along with Adkinson, the Times reported Wednesday that 13 alleged accomplices have been jailed and another 15 are expected to be indicted soon by a federal grand jury.

Investors: Stanford verdict won't restore \$7B loss

HOUSTON (AP) — Investors taken in by Texas tycoon R. Allen Stanford expressed relief and a sense of vindication after a federal jury convicted the jet-setting financier of swindling them out of more than \$7 billion. But they said the verdict will never replace the loss of their life savings.

"He sentenced them to a life of hardship and poverty, and they have no chance to ever recover from what has happened to them," British retiree Kate Freeman said in a telephone interview from her home in Antigua. She lost \$820,000 in Stanford's Ponzi scheme. "I don't think (the verdict) will make a lot of difference with regard to victims seeing any money any sooner."

Prosecutors hope to seize about \$300 million from more than 30 Stanford-controlled accounts in countries including Switzerland, Britain and Canada in a civil trial that will resume Wednesday. The civil trial is being heard by the same jury that convicted Stanford Tuesday on 13 of 14 charges, including conspiracy, wire and mail fraud. He was acquitted on a single count of wire fraud that accused him of bribing a regulator with Super Bowl tickets.

Angela Shaw, who founded the Stanford Victims Coalition after she and her husband lost \$2 million in the scheme, called the verdict "bittersweet."

"Of course we wanted him to be convicted," she said. "In an ideal world, that would mean we would get some of our money back. But it doesn't work that way."

The most serious charges against Stanford carry up to 20 years in prison, and if he is ordered to serve his sentences consecutively, the 61-year-old could spend the rest of his life behind bars. In a similar but unrelated case, disgraced financier Bernard Madoff was sentenced to 150 years in prison for orchestrating the largest Ponzi scheme in history.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner will likely set Stanford's sentencing date after the civil trial, which started after the verdict Tuesday and could



last as little as a full day.

exas man to die for killing wife, her boyfriend HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Convicted killer Keith Thurmond hopes the U.S. Supreme Court keeps him from the Texas death chamber for the shooting deaths of his estranged wife and her boyfriend more than 10 years ago outside Houston.

Thurmond faced lethal injection Wednesday evening in Huntsville for fatally shooting his 32-yearold wife, Sharon, and neighbor Guy Fernandez. They were living together down the street from Thurmond near Magnolia in Montgomery County.

Attorneys for the 52-year-old Thurmond are arguing lawyers earlier in his appeals process were "grossly deficient" in failing to track down background about the former mechanic's abusive childhood.

The execution would be the third this year in Texas.

Drought delays moving pronghorn to West Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Researchers studying the decline of the pronghorn population in West Texas will wait until at least next year to relocate more of the animals to the area because of the ongoing drought.

"We will not make any headway until that drought is reversed," researcher Louis Harveson said Tuesday. Harveson is director of the Borderlands Research Institute for Natural Resource Management at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, which is working with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to study the drop.

Researchers had hoped that studying pronghorn transplanted last spring from the Panhandle where there's a thriving population — would both bolster the population and provide some clues about what was wrong among West Texas pronghorn.

But a year of harsh conditions including freezes, drought, extreme heat and wildfires took a toll on the transplanted animals. Harveson said once rains return, researchers are hopeful they can bring around 500 of the animals to the area.

Pronghorn have a body type somewhat like a deer, with distinctive white stripes on their faces and necks and white markings that come halfway up their sides.

In the mid-1980s, West Texas had about 17,000 of the animals, but since then the population has mostly been on the decline to a 30-year low of 3,745 animals recorded last year. Researchers say that while the animals have been affected by drought at times, that alone can't explain the decline.

For instance, following drought in the 1990s, pronghorn populations showed an initial recovery before continuing a decline even after good rainfalls.

Among possible culprits is a type of parasitic worm that has been found in high numbers in West Texas pronghorn. But it is possible the worms are simply taking advantage of pronghorn weakened by something else.

Eighty of the about 200 pronghorn that were transplanted to West Texas in February 2011 were fitted with radio collars. Of those, 63 died: 11 died in transport or from effects of the transport; 15 were killed by predators; two were killed by vehicles; two died from the parasitic worm and 33 died of unknown causes.

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New Mexico town elects mayor who called Obama evil

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — Unofficial results show that a former New Mexico mayor who called President Barack Obama "the carnal manifestation of evil" and said Obama's election was part of a CIA conspiracy has been elected to his former job.

The Clovis News Journal reports that former Clovis mayor David Lansford won his old job back Tuesday by defeating Mayor Gayla Brumfield with almost 63 percent of the votes.

The 53-year-old Lansford recently gained national attention after the newspaper reported his ties to a fringe group ATLAH Media Network in New York. Lansford participated in ATLAH's mock treason trial of Obama.

The city clerk says Lansford will be sworn in Monday.

The eastern New Mexico city of 38,000 is located along the Texas border.

Motorcyclist dies in crash on airway

EL PASO — A motorcyclist was killed Tuesday evening when he crashed into a light pole on Airway Boulevard near El Paso International Airport, an El Paso police spokesman said.

Shortly before 6 p.m., the man was riding the motorcycle south in the 2000 block of Airway when he hit a curb and crashed into a light pole, police spokesman Darrel Petry said. The man was taken to University Medical Center of El Paso where he died.

A section of Airway between Airport Road and Convair Road was closed for a few hours while the crash was under investigation. A helmet was found at the scene, but it had yet to be confirmed whether the rider was wearing it at the time of the crash.

School bus crashes

EL PASO —Three children were taken to a hospital after a school bus accident Tuesday afternoon near Bassett Middle School, said a spokeswoman for the El Paso Independent School District.

The bus driver failed to yield the right of way and hit a Jeep at Tyler and Piedras streets in Central El Paso, officials said. Seventeen students from Bassett Middle School were on the bus.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call at 263-7331, Ext. 235. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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BSHS earns all-district honors

Sports



Chazzell Robertson

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

A quartet of Big Spring High School basketball players received first team recognition on the All-District 5-3A team which was announced this week.

Seniors Cerbi Ritchey and Bridgette Tuitt were named to the girls first team, while senior Marc Segundo and junior Chazzell Robertson were named to the boys first team.

Ritchey and Tuitt were mainstays on a BSHS squad that finished third in District 5-3A and advanced to the second round of the state playoffs.

"Cerbi was probably the best post player in the district," Big Spring Coach Mike Warren said. "She averaged a double-double for us this year -11 points a game and 11 rebounds a game. She had a great season.

"With Bridgette, it was probably her defense that got her on the (all-district) team," Warren said. "Defense was definitely her strength. We'd always put her on the other team's best player ... and she did a great job for us this season."

Making the girls all-district squad as a second-team selection was senior guard Ambra Hill.

Warren said Hill, a transfer from Forsan High School, did a good job adapting to a new program this season.

"The team really accepted her, and she just jumped in there and did a great job," Warren said. "Offense was her strength. If people played a zone defense against us, we'd rely on her and McKenzie (Stone) to hit from the

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Cerbi Ritchev





Calvin Godfrey, shown battling for a loose ball earlier this season,

and the Howard College Hawks will face Weatherford College at the

Region V men's basketball tournament at 2 p.m. Thursday at the

Rip Griffin Center on the Lubbock Christian University campus.

Howard to open Reg. V play Thursday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Howard College's "second season" has arrived.

The HC men's basketball team, which finished second in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference this season, will open play in the Region V tournament Thursday in Lubbock.

The Hawks will face Weatherford College, the third seed from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference, in a first-round game at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Rip Griffin Center on

Courtesy photo

Big Spring powerlifter Karina Alvarado, left, qualified for the state meet to be held March 17 in Corpus Christi. Vanessa Alvarado, right, will attend the meet as an alternate.

BSHS' Alvarado qualifies for state

Big Spring High School powerlifter Karina Alvarado qualified for the Texas High School State Powerlifting Meet to be held later this month in Corpus Christi.

Alvarado qualified for the state meet by placing second in her weight class at the regional meet this past weekend in Monahans.

Vanessa Alvarado of BSHS placed third in her weight class and will attend the state meet as an alternate, Coach Reg Mc-Connell said.

The state powerlifting meet will be held March 17.

Tuitt to sign with Texas Tech

Big Spring High School senior Bridgette Tuitt will sign a track and field letter of intent with Texas Tech University Thursday.

The signing ceremony will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

For more information, call 264-3662.

Grady to open tourney play Fridav

The Grady Wildcats will face Graford in the University Interscholastic League Boys State Basketball Tournament semifinals Friday, according to information released by the UIL.

The Wildcats (30-5) will face Graford (27-9) in the first Class 1A, Div. II semifinal at 2 p.m. Friday at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Roxton (26-9) will face Calvert (25-7) in the Class 1A Div. II semifinal at 7 p.m.

If Grady wins Friday, the 'Cats will face the Roxton-Calvert winner at 7 p.m. Sat-

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the Lubbock Christian University campus.

The winner of the regional tournament advances to the National Junior College Athletic Association national tournament in Hutchinson, Kan. later this month.

Howard (21-7) finished tied for second in conference play with New Mexico Junior College, but won a higher tournament seeding based on league tiebreakers. Other WJCAC representatives at the tournament are league champion and No. 1-ranked South Plains College and Odessa College, which finished fourth.

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Colts, Manning expected to part ways

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS - Peyton Manning forever will be thought of around these parts as No. 18, the quarterback who led the Indianapolis Colts to an NFL championship.

He'll be remembered, too, for his record four MVP awards, his 50,000 yards passing and his 200 consecutive starts. Most of all, Manning will be the guy in the horseshoe helmet who turned around a franchise and transformed a basketball-loving city into a football hotbed that hosted the Super Bowl.

Despite all of that and barring a last-minute change of heart, the Colts planned to release the 35-yearold Manning rather than pay him a \$28 million bonus. The Colts scheduled a noon news conference for Wednesday without saying why, but a person with knowledge of the decision said the team was preparing to announce it will part ways with its QB, who missed all of last season after a series of operations on his neck

The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday night because no official announcement had been made. Manning's impending departure was first reported by ESPN earlier Tuesday.

While the Colts are widely expected to begin moving on by taking Stanford quarterback Andrew Luck with the No. 1 overall pick in April's draft, Manning will become a free agent — and, if healthy, certainly will draw interest from other teams.

Arizona, Miami, Tennessee, Washington and the New York Jets all have been rumored as possible destinations; Manning's former offensive coordinator in Indianapolis, Tom Moore, worked for the Jets as a consultant last season.

It's still possible, however unlikely, that Manning could return to Indy at a lower price.

"This isn't an ankle, it isn't a shoulder. Oftentimes the NFL is criticized for putting someone out there at risk, and I'm not going to doing that." Colts owner Jim Irsay said in January. "I think he and I just need to see where his health is, because this isn't about money or anything else. It's about his life and his long-term health."

When Manning and Irsay flew to Indianapolis together late Tuesday, the player declined to address questions about his future with the team.

Word of the breakup — though not unexpected — still caught one of Manning's closest friends, Colts center Jeff Saturday, off guard.

Manning has said his goal was to play his entire career with the Colts, but a damaged nerve that forced him to have neck surgery kept him out of action for all of 2011, and not coincidentally, his team's record plummeted to 2-14.

"I can't tell you what an honor it is to go start-to-finish with the same organization here in Indianapolis. That is something I have always wanted to do as a rookie coming out," Manning said in July, after signing a five-year, \$90 million contract. "Of course, you never know if that is possible."

SPORTS

Nowitzki leads Mavs past Knicks

DALLAS(AP) – While Linsanity is already simmering down a bit in New York. Dirk Nowitzki keeps having big games for the Dallas Mavericks like he has for so long.

Nowitzki scored nine of his 28 points in a game-clinching run after the Mavericks had lost the lead by going scoreless the first $7\frac{1}{2}$ minutes of the fourth quarter, and Dallas beat the Knicks 95-85 on Tuesday night.

"This was a much-needed win. It was a big character win," Mavericks guard Jason Kidd said. "We responded with some stops and Dirk made some big shots."

Nowitzki made a 14-foot fadeaway jumper with 4:34 left, starting a 14-0 run when the 11-time All-Star forward scored nine points.

That was right after the Knicks, who had trailed by as many as 19, scored the first 15 points of the fourth quarter and went ahead 78-77 when Amare Stoudemire penetrated to make a shot with about 5 minutes left. It was their first lead since scoring the game's first four points, and didn't last long.

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Peyton Little of Class

Abilene Wylie, who was

named most valuable

player at last weekend's

Class 3A girls state bas-

was named the district

MVP as well, while Pa-

tricia Wilson of Brown-

wood was named defen-

champion

tournament,

only half of what he had nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks ago when the Knicks won at home against Dallas. He had 28 points and 14 assists in that game before the All-Star break that ended a six-game winning streak for the Mavericks, and started a stretch of six losses in eight games before Tuesday night.

The Knicks are 2-4 since then, and have consecutive losses for the first time since Lin became a starter a month ago.

Stoudemire had 26 points. Tyson Chandler, who got his NBA championship ring from the Mavericks before the game, had six points, eight rebounds and a technical foul.

When Nowitzki made a short baseline shot with 2:27 left to stretch the lead to 88-78, Chandler was standing at the scorer's table waiting to get back into the game. He was motioning for a travel call against his former teammate, and even tapped an official running by before Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni called timeout.

Chandler got called for the Jeremy Lin had 14 points and technical during the stoppage

Freeman of Snyder was named newcomer of the year.

Segundo and Robertson were a 1-2 scoring punch for the Steers, who finished third in district and advanced to the first round of the state basketball playoffs. Segundo was Big Spring's main outside scoring threat, while Robertson shined in the paint.

Junior guard Ty'ral Menefield was selected to the boys all-district coach of the year.

second team, while guards Tavaris Walker, Tyler Graves and Richard Lewis were honorable mention selections.

Abilene Wylie's Mike Lopez was named boys all-district MVP, while Marqous Barnes was selected defensive MVP and Sweetwater's Kaleb Hoover was the district's newcomer of the vear.

Russell Perkins of Wylie was named boys



seven assists, solid numbers but in play, and Nowitzki made the free throw.

Rodrigue Beaubois added 18 points for the Mavericks, while Kidd had 15 points and six assists.

Dallas, which lost at Oklahoma City on Monday night, wraps up a stretch of nine games in 12 days with three road games in three nights, starting Thursday in Phoenix.

Mavericks fans were cheering loudly with 13 seconds left in the third quarter when Nowitzki, with JR Smith pushing against him, finally moved around and drew the foul while driving toward the basket. Nowitzki made both free throws to make it 77-63, but the Mavericks didn't score again until he dominated in the game-turning spurt.

Lin wasn't even on the court the first 8 minutes of the fourth quarter when the Knicks briefly took the lead.

"We made a run with our second team," Lin said. "We couldn't close this game out and they obviously did a great job of getting defensive stops. Those stops led to quick easy buckets and Dirk is a clutch player."

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Aside from Weatherford, other NTJCAC representatives at the tournament will be league champion Ranger College, number two seed McLennan Community College, and fourth seed Temple College.

In other first-round games Thursday, NMJC

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urday for the state championship.

State tournament games will be televised on FOX Sports Southwest.

Coahoma softball sign-ups Saturday

COAHOMA - Registration for the Coahoma Girls Softball League will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Coahoma City Hall.

Registration fee for the league, which is open to girls ages 3-18, is \$60.

For more information, contact Billy Newton at 325-207-2640 or Amy Overton at 432-816-1968.

All District Girls Basketball District 5-3A MVP — Peyton Little (Senior, Wylie) Defensive MVP — Patricia Wilson (Senior, Brownwood) Newcomer — Kandyce Free- man (Freshman, Snyder)	Keeta Vaccaro (Sophomore, Brownwood) Zoi Malone (Senior, Snyder) Bailey Turner (Sophomore, Wylie) Brittany McPherson (Junior, Wylie) Kendra Crosson (Junior, Sweetwater) Ambra Hill (Senior, Big Spring)	Bryant McDaniel (Junior Brownwood) Bryce Vickers (Junior, Brown wood) Marc Segundo (Senior, Big Spring) Chazzell Robertson (Junior Big Spring) Robbie Rinehart (Senior, Sny der)
First Team Sara Byrd (Senior, Brown- wood) Bridgette Tuitt (Senior, Big Spring) Cerbi Ritchey (Senior, Big Spring) Hailey Brown (Junior, Wylie) Kylie Jenkins (Junior, Wylie) Alicia Finn (Senior, Wylie) Alicia Finn (Senior, Sweetwa- ter) Sydnie Darden (Senior, Brown- wood) Punkin Mack (Sophomore, Wylie)	All District Boys Basketball District 5-3A MVP — Mike Lopez (Sopho- more, Wylie) Defensive MVP — Marqous Barnes (Senior, Brownwood) Newcoming of the Year — Ka- leb Hoover (Sophomore, Sweet- water) Coach of the Year — Russell Perkins, Wylie First Team	Second Team Patrick Walker (Junior, Wylie) Tyler Hicks (Junior, Wylie) Ty'Ral Menefield (Junior, Big Spring) Kaimon Ontiveros (Sopho more, Brownwood) Derrick Johnson (Senior Brownwood) Malik Davis (Sophomore, Sny der) Taylor Jones (Senior, Sweet water) BSHS Honorable Mention Se lections
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will face McLennan at noon, Odessa and Ranger square off at 5 p.m. and South Plains takes on Temple at 7 p.m.

If the Hawks win, they face the Odessa-Ranger winner Saturday.

The Region V tournament championship game is scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday.

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THE COLORADO River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following applications following position in the Big Spring Area. Maintenance Operations Technician- Responsible for maintaining the District's raw water pipelines, pump stations, and wells in the Big Spring Area. Entry to Intermediate level position.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by calling (432)267-6341 or our website www.crmwd.org

THE COLORADO River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following position for Lake Thomas area.

Park Maintenance Technician- Responsible for general maintenance of park and facilities. Entry to intermediate level position.

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BLAST MASTERS has positions available for:

* Crew Tech Must have valid Texas Drivers License, will train, Come by 1711 Snyder Hwy., Pick up application. No phone calls please.

DAY'S INN needs Front Desk person. Apply at Front Office @ 2701 South Gregg Street.

DRIVERS NEEDED Class A/B CDL Required. Call 432-267-5122.



Globe Energy Services is seeking Motivated and Hard Working Vacuum & Kill Truck Operators.

Seeking full time Class A CDL drivers with a clean record that have experience, or willing to learn vacuum or pump truck skills in the oil and gas industry. Competitive pay, health insurance, vacation and retirement benefits are all included. Hiring immediately, training provided. Apply at 3112 N Hwy 87, Big Spring, TX 79720. 231938

Drivers:

\$1000 Sign-On Bonus for Experienced Drivers!!!

GROUND FLOOR OPPORTUNITY to drive LOCAL & GET HOME EVERY DAY Supporting the Oil Industry!

- Up to \$22/hour hauling Water to Oil Rigs
- Great quality of life with daily hometime!
- 10 hr shifts. Great benefits!
- Late model tractors
- Requires CDL-A, safe driving record & tanker endorsement

No CDL-No Problem. Ask about our student program. You could be working this ground floor opportunity in 5 weeks!

CALL 855-289-2221 Or apply at: www.driveffe.com



ENGINEERING SERVICES

Apartments, 1 Courtney Place

Great Horn Carriers, Inc. Tanker Driver Needed **REQUIRES:** Class A CDL with Haz-Mat 2 years Tanker/ Fuel Preferred Local Hauling, No Nights. Good Pay with Benefits \$500.00 Sign-On Bonus. FMI:

(432)683-2868, (432)288-3761

HELP WANTED: Independent Oil & Gas Company in Big Spring looking for experienced Roustabouts. Work close to home for competitive pay & benefits. Must be able to pass test. Please drug call 9432)238-7650 or (432)813-7376 to apply.



HIRING PRODUCTION welders and welders helpers in Big Spring, TX direct inquiries to (432)263-3725.

HIRING PROVIDERS in Big Spring, TX. Bilingual Preferred. Call (432)684-5858 ask for Jacob Duran.

NEED Backhoe Operator with CDL. Must pass drug test. Call 432-394-4161.

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KITCHEN HELP & CARHOP. Must be Neat in Appearance. Honest & Dependable. No experience necessary will train. Inquire at Wagon Wheel, 2010 Scurry St. No phone call Please!

LOCAL PLUMBER looking to hire. Will train. Needs good background, must pass drug test. For more information call 264-0285



MARSH TRUCKING

Hiring Class A CDL Vacuum Drivers with tanker Truck endorsement. Must have One year experience. Benefits include: Insurance, uniforms, 401k & paid vacation. Top Pay. Call 325-574-3639.

NEED ACCOUNTANT for Independent Oil and Gas Company in Big Spring. Prefer experience and degree. Competitive pay & benefits. Please send resume to P.O. Box 1888 Big Spring, TX 79721.

NEED CDL Driver- Home Nightly, Local Run, Full-time. Call (432)267-4700.

405-381-3402

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Saturday March 10th ~ 10 A.M. Sharp! LAMESA, TEX

Dawson County Community Building 910 S. Houston Ave.

Rare Authentic Antique 1855 "Colt" Revolving Rifle ~ Must See

To Believe! Authentic Antique Matching Pair Highly Engraved

"Colt" Single Action Pistols with Engraving Fail Highly Engraved Rare Authentic Antique "Whitney" "S" Lever Rifle ~ Must See! Authentic Antique "Colt Lightning" Rifle. All Guns in Excellent Original Working Condition. And Many Other Antique Guns. A Very Rare Antique "Regina" Metal Disc Music Box. Rare Antique "New Haven" Edison Regulator and other Antique Clocks. Antique Oak Lawerer Staking Bookasee. Antique "Mills" Liberthy

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Slot Machine ~ Unique Size. Rare Old West Leather U.S. Calvary **Saddle Bags**". Fantastic Gold & Silver Coin Collection. A Very Rare 1849-C (Charlotte) \$5 Gold Coin and other Rare Gold Coins. Over 200 Silver Dollars and *Many More Coins*. Large

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Doors Open at 8A.M. Day of Sale for Viewing. Everything Must be Moved Day of Sale. Bring Cash or Check with proper I.D. Dealers must bring

Rare Antique Firearms To Be Auctioned! A Very

PART-TIME MAINT Tech needed for property in Big Spring. Applicant must have strong organizational skills and enjoy working outdoors. 20 hrs/week plus Vacation. Fax resume to (432)264-1761.

PART-TIME OFFICE help needed. Must be knowledgeable in computer programs. Previous office experience required. Must pass a criminal history check & FBI fingerprint check. Hours 2-6 pm. Monday-Friday. Apply in per-son at New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Rd..

TECHNICIAN PHARMACY Opening. Wal-Mart Pharmacy is currently looking for Certified Pharmacy Technician. Apply in person or call Yalla or Jim at . (432)267-1585.

TEACHING POSITION- \$14/hr. Mon.-Fri. CDA required. Apply at Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan.

PREMIER NEWSPAPER Seeking qualified bookkeeper, knowledge in quickens, payroll and AR.

Some travel. Vacation, sick leave, 401k, health insurance available. Salary based on experience.

Contact Heritage Publications 432-263-7331 attention Ron.

PRIVATE DRIVER needed for local errands, rides to Midland and occasional road trips. References & drivers license required. Call (432)270-0741.

THE SALVATION Army boys & girls club is seeking Program Coordinator Monday-Friday. Child development experience necessary. Apply at 811 West 5th.

RUSTY'S OILFIELD Service In Stanton has immediate openings for Mechanic, CDL Driver, Roustabout Pushers and Helpers. Must have valid drivers license. Apply in person at 3327 W I20 in Stanton. 432-756-2821.



\$300 cash bonus after first 2 weeks of training and another \$200 when vou go solo on route!

Southern Star, Inc. has a job for you! We are a regional service provider for Dish Network and are looking for new team members in your area.

Requirements:		
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*Dental	*Paid Training	
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*401K	*Customer Referral	Big Springs
		And Other Surrounding Areas

You May also fax your resume to 214-989-3438 or visit southernstarjobs.com to view a complete job description and apply on-line At southernstarjobs.com

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Help Wanted



RUSSELL CELLULAR in Big Spring Texas is hiring for a store manager and wireless sales representatives. To learn more about Russell Cellular and to apply please go to: www.careerbuilder.com Keyword Search: Russell Cellular

TRUCK DRIVER

Helena Chemical Company, a agricultural-chemical national company, has an immediate opening for an experienced truck driver. This position will make deliveries, load and unload product, utilize a forklift, perform general wareand house duties. The position requires high school diploma or equivalent, CDL with HAZMAT endorsement. We offer an excellent working environment and outstanding compensation and benefits package. For consideration, please apply in person:

Helena Chemical Company 100 S. St. Peter, Stanton, Texas Pre-employment drug screen required. EOE M/F/V/H

T N C NEEDS LVN'S, RN'S, CNA'S. Must be willing to travel. (325)670-0090. texasnurseconnection.com

Help Wanted

SECURITY **OFFICERS** Needed for Hospital Federal Inmate Protection detail. All positions are Part-time and PRN.

Physical Requirements: Must be in general good health and vision must be correctable to 20/30 (SNELLEN) in one eye. The ability to distinguish basic colors is required. Emotional and mental stability is required. Other Requirements: Must be able to pass State and Federal Backgrounds and Credit Checks.

Requirements: Experience One year (2040) hours of experience in the armed forces or coast guard which involved significant performance of guard duty of detainees or prisoners; or the equivalent experience in a federal, state, or local government, or private organization which involved protecting/police duties, or college level training in courses such as corrections or police science may be substituted for experience at the ratio of two hours of instructions for one hour of experience.

Apply at Workforce Center (1001 Birdwell Ln., Howard College- Charles Warren Bld. 106), KEYWORD: PARAGON. EOE.

VAN DRIVER/CAREGIVER-Apply in person at Jack & Jill, 1708 Nolan.

Let Classified Work for You! Call 263-7331 Today!

Help Wanted

SEEKING LINE walker for gas processing natural plant NE of Big Spring, TX. Must have valid Texas driver's license and be able to pass drug screening. Must be physically able to walk long distances following natural gas lines. Send resume to: Plant Supervisor, 11703 E. FM 846, Coahoma, 79511 TX or email mwcol@wtggas.com or fax (432)399-4290.



TOT STOP Learning Center is now hiring for experienced classroom workers. Must be at least 18 yrs old and have a GED or High School Diploma. Apply in person at 2009 S. Main St.



Help Wanted

WAREHOUSE/ DELIVERY Wanted for local Rental Store. Benefits include paid vacation, retirement & health insurance. Requirements are background check, drug screening, good driving record and be at least 19 years old. Starting pay \$8.50 per hour. Apply in person, Credit World, 1611 Gregg.

Items for Sale

FOR SALE Mesquite Firewood. \$160.00 for half cord. 50 pound sacks-\$20.00. Call Terry Jenkins at 432-270-3122.

Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: Electric Roping Buford. Call 432-816-1713 for more info or to see.

On the Farm

FREE NONTECHNOLOGY Cotton Seed **FREE** Pallet Quantities ONLY !!! No Guarantees. \$5 per pallet loading fee Distributors Plainview Ag (806)296-7566.

Pets

HOT ITEMS RUSSIAN BLUE Kitten, Pure Breed, Has papers. All shots & neutered. Great with all ages. Litter box trained. Has litter box, food bowl and scratching post/toy. Call Aaron 432-517-5397. \$700 firm.





Real Estate for Rent

NOW LEASING 1, 2 & 3 Bdrm Apts. Built in microwave, full-size Washer & Dryer included, private patio/balcony w/storage area, playground area, fitness center, and community center. Open Monday-Friday 9am-6pm. Call Knollwood Heights (432)264-1735.

PONDEROSA APARTMENT Now Leasing 1 & 2 Bdrms

Pools & covered parking No application fees Senior Discounts 1425 East 6th Street (432)263-6319



RV COURT has Spaces for Rent, also have RV trailers on lots for Rent. All Bills Paid. Call (432)263-3461- Irma.

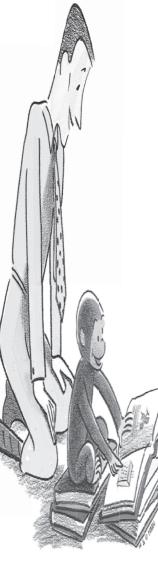
Real Estate for Sale

3/2 PLUS Bonus Room. 2403 Carleton. Under Remodel. Owner will Finance. \$15,000.00 Down. WILL NOT RENT. Call (432)264-9907 or 517-0062.

BY OWNER/ No Owner Finance. 1202 Buena Vista. 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, shop, 1 acre of land. Coahoma ISD. Call 432-413-7400.

DUPLEX FOR Sale: Good Income Property 809 Runnels.





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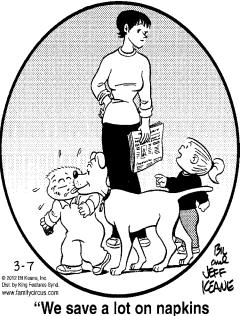
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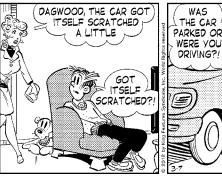


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This Date

In History

Today is Wednesday, March

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explorer Roald Amundsen

arrived in Hobart, Australia,

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announcing his success in lead-

ing the first expedition to the

South Pole the previous

In 1793, during the French

In 1850, in a three-hour

Webster

speech to the U.S. Senate,

Massachusetts endorsed the

Compromise of 1850 as a means

In 1876, Alexander Graham

In 1911, President William

Bell received a patent for his

Howard Taft ordered 20.000

troops to patrol the U.S.-Mexico

Revolutionary Wars, France

declared war on Spain.

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are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

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Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles (vehr-SY') and the Locarno Pact. In 1945, during World War II,

U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1960, Jack Paar returned as host of NBC's "Tonight Show" nearly a month after walking off in a censorship dispute with the network.

In 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

In 1975, the U.S. Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required 2/3 of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Bitterman, whom they'd accused of being a CIA agent.

in Campbell v. Acuff-Rose Music, Inc., ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder. (The ruling concerned a parody of the song "Pretty Woman" by the rap group 2 Live Crew.)

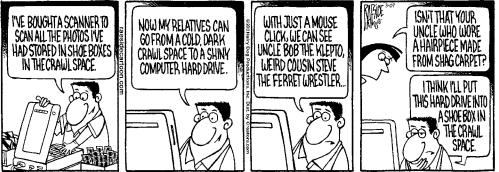
Today's Birthdays: Photographer Lord Snowdon is 82. TV personality Willard Scott is 78. Auto racer Janet Guthrie is 74. Actor Daniel J. Travanti is 72. Former Walt Disney Co. chief executive officer Michael Eisner is 70. Rock musician Chris White (The Zombies) is 69. Actor John Heard is 66. Rock singer Peter Wolf is 66.

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