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Vocal Trash returning to annual 'Pops'

By **STEVE REAGAN**
 Staff Writer

It's a return engagement five years in the making. A little bit of "Glee," a bit of "Stomp" and a lot of high-octane energy will return to Big Spring's annual Pops in the Park celebration when Vocal Trash performs here for the first time since 2008. The group has been described as "Glee meets Stomp," but its shows defy easy descriptions, even to group members. Mixing a capella vocals, the occasional guitar or trumpet and high-tempo percussion play-

ing on trash cans and whatever else is handy, the group is understandably difficult to label. "Our shows are based on classic oldies combined with industrial instruments," group founder Steve Linder said in a 2008 Herald interview. "I've been trying to describe it to people for the past 10 years and there's not really a good way, except maybe to call it 'controlled chaos.'" Vocal Trash combines uniquely recycled musical instruments, such as their

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Supreme Court term ends with rulings flourish

Major victory for gay rights

By **MARK SHERMAN**
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A historic Supreme Court term ended with a flourish of major rulings that marked a bitter defeat for racial minorities and a groundbreaking victory for gay rights, all in the space of a day. The justices struck down parts of two federal laws — the Voting Rights Act and the Defense of Marriage Act — that were passed with huge bipartisan majorities of Congress. Yet only one justice at the center of this conservative-leaning court, Anthony Kennedy, was on the winning side both times. Kennedy joined the four more conservative justices on voting

rights and he was with his liberal colleagues in the gay marriage case. Just in that 24-hour span, the rulings demonstrated two truths about the court under the leadership of Chief Justice John Roberts. The 58-year-old lawyer who cut his teeth in the Reagan administration put to rest any questions he may have raised about his conservative credentials a year earlier when he cast the deciding vote to uphold President Barack Obama's health care overhaul. Roberts has shown himself to be a skillful judge who can get even ideologically differing colleagues to agree on narrow rulings that help

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Funtastic Fourth was proving to be a large success Saturday morning. Clockwise from top: The Dance Gallery hula dancers entertain the crowd. Locals browse the vendor wares. While some browsed, others chose to relax and enjoy the shade at the Funtastic Fourth; pictured are, left to right, Amy Ogle, Maggie Ogle and Erica Melton holding Raeley Melton. In the background are Kayleigh Gonzales and Sandra Gonzales. Above, Mayvin Beltran won a \$500 Alon card for placing first at the Alon/7-11 hot dog eating contest.



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Obituaries

Esther Leona Myles



Esther Leona (Rudeseal) Myles, 89, a bookkeeper, bank teller and homemaker, died June 13, 2013, in Frederick, Md., from complications of Alzheimer's disease. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at Eastlawn Memorial Park in Early. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at Davis-Morris Funeral Home in

Brownwood.

Mrs. Myles was born Esther Leona Rudeseal on Jan. 26, 1924, in Prescott, Ark., to John and Jessie Rudeseal. She was raised in Ackerly, Texas, where her father was postmaster. After graduating from Ackerly High School, she served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II in North Carolina and Washington, D.C. After her marriage to Thomas Myles in 1946, she worked primarily as a bookkeeper and bank teller throughout the western and southern U.S.

Upon her husband's retirement in 1988, they came to Brownwood where she was active in local organizations. She was an avid supporter of Texas Tech University athletics. In 2005, she moved to Frederick, Md., for medical reasons.

Survivors include her son, Stanley Myles of Laytonsville, Md.; granddaughter, Lee-Ellen Myles of Laytonsville, Md.; and sister-in-law, Iris Rudeseal of Brownwood. Condolences for the family may be left at www.davismorrisfuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Elma Eltine Vines



Elma Eltine Vines age 82 of Midland, Texas, died Thursday, June 27, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland, after a lengthy illness.

Services for Eltine Vines will be held Monday, July 1, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Hillside Memorial Gardens Cemetery with John Patrick officiating. Services are under the direction of

Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vines was born Oct. 2, 1931, in Big Spring, Texas, to Raymond and Leta (Gray) Lloyd. She was married to Horace Davis in 1949. She later married Truett Vines on Dec. 3, 1982, in Midland. He died in 2008. Mrs. Vines was raised in Scurry County, where she attended school in Dunn, Hermligh, Lloyd Mountain and Snyder. She was an office clerk, teller and book keeper in Snyder, Midland, Big Spring and Ruidoso.

She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church in Big Spring.

She is survived by three sons, Randy Davis and wife Jan of Midland, Texas, Terry Davis and wife Debbie of Raton, N.M. and Monty Davis of North Richland Hills, Texas; two sisters, Pat Cornett of Snyder, Texas, Dorothy Beatty and husband Lane of Granbury, Texas; two brothers, Weldon Lloyd of Dermont, Texas, Billye Jo Lloyd and wife Gale of Kerrville, Texas; three sisters-in-law, Janice Lloyd of Wendle, Idaho, Lavell Lloyd of Payette, Idaho, and Carol Lloyd of Loraine, Texas; and four grandchildren, Mariya Davis of Charleston, S.C., Dustin Davis of Austin, Texas, Rachell Davis of North Richland Hills, Texas, and Tye Davis and his wife Laura of Richardson, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and four brothers, Carl Ray Lloyd, Jerry Bob Lloyd, Keith Lloyd and Jimmy Don Lloyd.

Visitation will be Monday, July 1, 2013, from 10 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be posted at www.bellcypertseale.com

Paid obituary

Jerrie Murphy

Jerrie Murphy, 79, of Big Spring, died Sunday June 23, 2013 at her residence. Private burial was at Trinity Memorial Park. No other services are planned.

She was born May 6, 1934, to Henry and Beulah Payne in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She married Billy Joe Murphy July 27, 1951, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death May 7, 1973.

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

Mary Lou Edens

Mary Lou Edens, 81, of Coahoma, died Friday, June 28, 2013, at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.



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Flovell Farrar Thomas



Flovell Farrar Thomas, age 97, a resident of San Saba, Texas, entered the gates of Heaven on Thursday, June 20, 2013.

She was born Aug. 19, 1915, in Stanton, Texas, to William Alvie Farrar and Laura May Hurst Farrar. She and Pete were married April 17, 1938. He died June 3, 1967.

Flovell lived in Sand Springs, Texas, for about 70 years before moving to San Saba to be near her daughter. She was a long-time member of Coahoma United Methodist Church and was a current member of First United Methodist Church of San Saba.

Flovell is survived by her two daughters, Jerri Petmecky of New Braunfels and Linda Culpeper and husband Gary of San Saba; grandchildren include Thomas Petmecky and wife Anne of New Braunfels, Tammy Watson and husband Kile of San Antonio and Stephen Petmecky of Austin. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, J.S. (Pete) Thomas, her parents, three brothers, a sister and a granddaughter.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 24, 2013, at Blaylock Funeral Chapel in San Saba, officiated by Pastor Dan Harrington. She was interred in Coahoma Cemetery Tuesday, June 25, resting beside her husband, Pete. Bill Bates of Coahoma officiated.

The family asks that donations be made to San Saba's First United Methodist Church or a charity of the giver's choice.

Arrangements were under the direction of Blaylock Funeral Chapel of San Saba. Online condolences for the family may be left at www.blaylockfuneralhome.com

Benny G. Frasier



Benny G. Frasier, 71, of Big Spring died Thursday, June 27, 2013, at Midland Memorial Hospital. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 1, 2013, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Eastland Cemetery, Eastland, Texas.

Benny was born Oct. 24, 1941, in Gorman, Texas to Carrie and P. C. Frasier. He married Barbara Cook on Jan. 20, 1961, in Olden, Texas. They moved to Big Spring in 1990 from El Dorado, Texas. He worked for Texaco from 1961 until 2001. He was a Baptist.

Benny is survived by his wife, Barbara of Big Spring; one daughter, Denise Lieb and husband Robert of Lago Vista; one son, Benny Don Frasier and wife Jennifer of Junction; one sister, Nina Koonce and husband Bob of Stephenville; one brother, Ed Frasier and wife Diane of Christoval; six grandchildren; five great-granddaughters; and one special grand-dog.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. June 28, 2013 and 7 a.m. today:

- JAMES FRANKLIN PARKER, 49, of 11715 Mt. Maurer Ln., Benton, Ark., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- HERMENEJILDO OROSCO III, 48, of 1011 N. Bell, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency.
- THOMAS CLAY DICKERSON, 30, of 400 County Road 306, was arrested Friday on a charge of theft greater than or equal to \$50 but less than \$500 - shoplifting.
- INTOXICATED SUBJECT reported at the 700 block of Lamesa Highway.
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	92	69	t-storm	Kingsville	101	75	pt sunny
Amarillo	86	62	t-storm	Livingston	96	65	pt sunny
Austin	94	71	t-storm	Longview	90	67	mst sunny
Beaumont	96	69	pt sunny	Lubbock	90	66	t-storm
Brownsville	101	75	pt sunny	Lufkin	92	67	mst sunny
Brownwood	96	68	t-storm	Midland	94	71	t-storm
Corpus Christi	98	77	pt sunny	Raymondville	102	74	pt sunny
Corsicana	90	66	pt sunny	Rosenberg	99	70	pt sunny
Dallas	92	68	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	73	t-storm
Del Rio	100	78	t-storm	San Marcos	95	71	t-storm
El Paso	101	76	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	89	65	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	96	70	t-storm	Sweetwater	92	69	t-storm
Gainesville	88	62	pt sunny	Tyler	91	66	mst sunny
Greenville	89	64	mst sunny	Weatherford	91	64	pt sunny
Houston	99	71	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	91	63	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	85	67	t-storm	Minneapolis	81	62	pt sunny
Boston	79	69	t-storm	New York	82	74	t-storm
Chicago	74	56	pt sunny	Phoenix	112	87	mst sunny
Dallas	92	68	pt sunny	San Francisco	76	60	sunny
Denver	80	56	t-storm	Seattle	86	65	sunny
Houston	99	71	pt sunny	St. Louis	76	61	t-storm
Los Angeles	92	70	sunny	Washington, DC	85	75	t-storm
Miami	87	78	t-storm				

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- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 1300 block of E. Fourth St.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 600 block of E. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at the 3300 block of E. FM 700.
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“one of a kind” bass and guitars, with an industrial percussion section made up of metal trash cans, plastic barrels, water bottles and other landfill rescued items.

Trash cans and water bottles are just some of the items that become makeshift drumsets in the hands of the band members, who mix rapid-fire jokes and choreography into their shows. The group’s mix of high-energy antics and family friendly fare are an equally big hit with both children and adults.

Vocal Trash promises to be a high-energy kickoff to the annual Independence Day celebration, which will be held at Comanche Trail Park amphitheater beginning at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

The amphitheater will open to the public at 5 p.m. More than 20 vendors have been confirmed for the event, supplying food

and much-needed drink to help people deal with expected high temperatures.

Vocal Trash is scheduled to perform at 6:30 p.m..

After the group’s performance, there will be an intermission before the evening portion of the celebration begins at 7:45 p.m., highlighted by the annual flag ceremony and a fly-over by Commemorative Air Force planes based out of Midland.

Following that, the symphony, under the baton of Dr. Keith Graumann will take the stage to perform a selection of popular and patriotic tunes before a video tribute to Howard County military personnel and veterans is shown at 9 p.m.

The highlight of the night, a \$20,000 fireworks display conducted by Terry Hurt of Odessa, is scheduled to begin at 9:45 p.m. The display will be synced to a performance of patriotic tunes by the symphony.

The celebration is free to the public, although do-

nations will be gladly accepted.

“We still need donations — we always need them,” Seales said. “But, more than anything else, we need people to come out and show their support for our military and the sacrifices they make for our freedoms.”

As for parking, handicap parking will be directed through the Wasson Main Gate entrance to the lot between the aquatic center and amphitheater and in designated spots on top of the amphitheater. General parking will be located in numerous areas throughout the park, including off Highway 87, at Kid Zone and overflow will be behind the Pro Shop. Vendors are asked to park vehicles and trailers behind the clubhouse at the Golf Course.

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Larger than life refreshments were available during the first day of the Funtastic Fourth. The annual event was sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Association, Alon USA, 7-Eleven, City of Big Spring Convention & Visitors Bureau, Bud Light, Linn Energy, Hotel Settles, Superod and numerous other area businesses.

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form the basis for more definitive later judgments, as happened in the voting rights case.

The chief justice sees a benefit to the court as an institution and to his longer-term goal of saying, “We could go farther here, but let’s wait and see,” said Kermit Roosevelt, a University of Pennsylvania law professor and former high court law clerk.

But Roberts can move the court no farther to the right than Kennedy is willing to go.

Divisive civil rights cases dominated the high court’s work in the past nine months, including a challenge to affirmative action in higher education that ended in a compromise ruling.

The second gay marriage case, involving California’s constitutional ban on same-sex marriage, also produced something of a compromise. It ended in a technical, legal ruling that clears the way for same-sex unions in California, but said nothing about a constitutional right to marriage.

The justices also delivered important victories for business in cases that limited class-action claims and lawsuits over international human rights abuses, allowed authorities to collect DNA from people they arrest, ruled that human genes cannot be patented and called into question agreements between pharmaceutical companies that delay the entry of cheaper generic drugs on the market.

The timing of the voting rights and gay marriage decisions was not

planned, but was perhaps inevitable, because the court’s toughest cases typically are the last ones resolved before the justices take a long summer break.

Last Tuesday, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wondered what had happened to the court’s “usual restraint” in the voting rights case. On Wednesday, Justice Antonin Scalia said society’s debate about marriage should “be settled democratically rather than by judicial command.”

Paul Clement, a former Bush administration official who argued that the federal marriage law should be upheld, said what links those two cases, apart from Kennedy’s vote, is the idea that Congress did not give sufficient respect to states.

It subjected some states to strict federal oversight of elections based on old data rather than current conditions, Roberts said in the voting rights case. Congress made second-class citizens of same-sex couples in denying them federal benefits even after states extended them the right to marry, Kennedy said in the gay marriage case.

“It’s certainly the thread that united the votes of Justice Kennedy in the DOMA case and the voting rights case,” Clement said.

Roberts first expressed reservations about the voting rights law when he was a young lawyer in the Reagan White House. A debate was then taking place in Congress about extending the law’s key

requirement that states with a history of racial discrimination in voting get Washington’s approval before changing the way they hold elections. This “preclearance” provision, often called a crown jewel of civil rights law, was enormously effective in heading off the creative ways some states devised to keep minorities from voting.

When the justices looked at the voting rights law four years ago in a case from Texas, Roberts wrote a consensus opinion that pointedly criticized the law as being focused on past problems, but he sidestepped the larger question that the court now has emphatically answered.

The affirmative action decision ordered lower courts to cast a more skeptical eye on college admissions programs, but did not throw out the University of Texas program that was being challenged. Nor did it make a major pronouncement about affirmative action.

But it may have set the stage for a more consequential ruling in future years, in much the way that the court’s voting rights decision flows from its 2009 case.

In the affirmative action case, seven justices formed the majority, including the unlikely pair of justices who have benefited from affirmative action, Sonia Sotomayor and Clarence

Thomas. Sotomayor has spoken positively of affirmative action, while Thomas has been an unyielding critic who has voted to ban all racial preferences.

Their agreement in the Texas case should not mask a deep division on the court about the validity of race-conscious admissions programs.

The court’s business cases predictably took a back seat to the run of high-profile civil rights cases. But the business cases show a court that has steadily made it harder for plaintiffs to band together in class actions that can be more efficient and lucrative for plaintiffs, but much more expensive for companies that most often are the defendants in such claims.

Doug Kendall of the liberal Constitutional Accountability Center said the court’s conservatives “were completely united in the push to protect corporations from being held accountable in federal court.”

Theodore Boutrous Jr., a Los Angeles-based lawyer who often repre-

sents business interests at the Supreme Court, pointed out that some of the business cases were unanimous outcomes, not ideological.

“The court again showed deep skepticism toward efforts to stretch statutes and rules to expand class actions and liability based on new and creative theories,” he said.

The court showed both more unanimity, in nearly half its cases, and more 5-4 splits, nearly 30 percent of the time, than the average in recent years, according to scotusblog.com.

Those splits often were based on ideology, but not always. Notably, in three cases Scalia aligned himself with Justice Elena Kagan, Ginsburg and Sotomayor. In those instances, including the DNA evidence case, liberal Justice Stephen Breyer was the fifth vote for the majority.

When looking at the

four newest justices — two conservative Republicans and two liberal Democrats — the division is stark. In 5-4 cases, even when the court is not strictly split along ideological lines, Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito almost always disagreed with Sotomayor and Kagan.

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Douglas E. Beams, 61, died Thursday, June 20, 2013. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Holston Banks, Sr., 72, died Friday, June 21, 2013. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Makaylah Faith Hernandez, infant daughter of Montesha and Jeremy Hernandez, Sr. died Tuesday June 25, 2013. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. today at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us treat each other the way we would want to be treated, dear Lord.

Amen

The voice that filled the stadium

Most of his classmates at Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth knew that Reid Bunger was going to one day be a big opera star. About the only person who didn't know that was Reid Bunger.

Maybe he thought it was a goal too high to reach. I went to high school with Reid and had a good visit with him at a recent class reunion. I hadn't seen him since graduation.

If you were in front of him during singing at our high school assemblies, you knew Reid was behind you. His big booming voice rattled the windows and shook the walls of the auditorium.

Reid, retired now and living in Duncanville, had a distinguished opera career. He sang 158 roles in five languages, appearing at famous opera houses in Moscow, Sydney, Tokyo and other cities around the world.

He lived in Vienna 20 years and performed with the state

opera there.

He sang with the three tenors: Placido Domingo, Jose Carrera and Luciano Pavarotti.

He sang in East Germany at the first performance of Parsifal since World War II.

He showed me a large book from the Opera House in Vienna that listed all the performers who had sung there and the roles they played. Reid had the longest list.

One day, a friend in Duncanville suggested Reid audition to sing the national anthem at a Ranger game. Reid said he didn't know he could do that.

"I learned that any American citizen could go the ballpark and audition to sing the Star Spangled Banner, provided they can actually do it. Of course, there is no accompaniment, it has to be done a capella."

Reid went to the ballpark where about 50 people were seated behind home plate.

"Those of us trying out stood on home plate and sang with a microphone.

"It was a little difficult because all these reverbs were coming back at me from the speakers. Well, I sang the national anthem with no frills, just straight, like I think it should be sung. They

told me they would let me know if they wanted me to sing."

A couple of weeks later, Reid got the call from the ballpark to be at a certain place on a certain night.

"A young girl gave me a microphone, I went to the field and at her signal I started to sing. No microphone. No batteries in it. My mind went awfully fast. I'm a patriot. I'm singing my national anthem. And I ain't gonna stop for nobody. I'm gonna keep going.

"By the time I finished, 43,000 people in that stadium were quiet after hearing me sing. I walked all the way up to the press box. A guy there told me he couldn't believe his ears when he heard me."

The ballpark called Reid a couple of weeks later and wanted him to sing again. The caller told him he could have as many tickets as he wanted. For his second appearance at the ballpark, he brought 65 of his closest friends with him. This time, the microphone had batteries.

Tumbleweed Smith lives in Big Spring and produces The Sound of Texas syndicated radio show. His website is tumbleweedsmith.com



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

LETTERS

Way to go HC

TO THE EDITOR:
Way to go Howard College with all the flags, HC street markers, neat flag banners, limestone building signage, color LED announcement electronic banner and general "lookin' good"...

I received a really nice surprise as I was driving east on Kentucky Way, seems there were three three ladies, could have been more, cleaning a vacant lot at Kentucky

way and Baylor street, not even on Campus,

"Way to go!" Seems they were athletes at Howard by their dress or they surely looked the part. Thank you. You made my day!

GORDON MYRICK
BIG SPRING

SWCID's great

TO THE EDITOR:
I have been in your community several times since my daughter started college at SouthWest Collegiate

Institute for the Deaf in the fall of 2012.

While I have been there shopping and visiting, I learned that there were those in the community who were not aware of what SWCID is. I would share with them that SWCID is the only junior college for the deaf in the world. There is a university program in Washington, D.C. for the deaf and a college program for the deaf in Rochester, N.Y., but there was no junior col-

lege program except for SWCID.

The SWCID program is excellent. There are programs for auto mechanics, construction, teacher's aides for the deaf, graphic arts, information systems, dental program (making dentures), welding and interpreter (American Sign Language) programs.

The interpreter program is the only

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Folks with eyes on the prize

Small town America has a tightly-knit community fabric. The color may be "cotton-sack" bland — or maybe not.

Colorado City, Texas, easily qualifies as colorful — serape hues, if you will — thanks to community leaders who have long placed the public good in front of personal gain. Included are such decorated public servants as the late Congressman George Mahon and his nephew, Eldon, a US district judge for whom the federal courthouse in Fort Worth is named. Others have put down deep roots, with no intentions ever to leave.

The local radio station KVMC — augmented by additional letters when FM came along — provides a long skein of service in the community fabric. Then local attorney Eldon Mahon and two out-of-town investors ended radio silence when the station went on the air in 1950.

When two other broadcasters are bona fide characters, community colors emerge.

One is Jim Baum, who, at age 76, is mayor again — for the third time. He's held that office for 18 of his 33 years in C-City, having purchased KVMC in 1980 "with borrowed money."

Another figure was Porter Richardson, a radio station "fixture" until shortly before his death at age 80 in 1995. Richardson was into virtually every community project, building stage props, starring in productions, broadcasting, engineering, selling, inventing — you name it.

Mostly, he was a model for

goodness and community pride, joking that if he ever won the lottery, all he wanted from the winnings would be "a sticker burr-free lawn and a white Camaro." About three months before he died, he won \$4 million, easily the biggest winner in the area — ever.

Yep, the same guy who helped develop the atomic bomb during WW II Air Force service hit it big.

C-City residents sported "couldn't have happened to a nicer guy" smiles.

Though beloved, Richardson and a mischievous buddy didn't endear themselves to the merchants when the Colorado River rose from its banks in 1938.

The two youngsters pattered through downtown in a motorboat as merchants tried to protect their stores. Boat wakes didn't help.

One merchant, standing on a box with a shotgun at his side, yelled, "Porter, you come back down this street in that boat and I'll blow you out of the water."

When word got out that a local person had won big money, speculation abounded. The town buzzed with "wonder who won" talk.

Baum called the lottery people, who promised to notify him with the winner's ID when the prize was claimed. Jim beamed at the prospect of interviewing the new millionaire.

Upon receiving the call a day later, however, he was shocked that the winner was Richardson, who opted not to be interviewed. "When he got back from Austin, I was parked in his driveway," Baum, his employer, explained. "Porter, this is a microphone and this is a tape recorder. And we are going to have a radio interview."

At Richardson's memorial

service, glowing comments were made by leaders of a thankful community. Clearly, he was beloved, never wanting much for himself beyond a nice lawn and favorite car.

Residents knew a corner post was gone from the fence line. And they knew his void would require the efforts of many to replace.

Few could replicate the way Porter sauntered through life, mostly relaxed. His Air Force buddies remembered his taking naps during B-25 bombing missions, sometimes having to be awakened for his radar duties.

Eldon Mahon called him "a man of many talents — agreeable and loyal." Strong words.

Baum put it well, too. "Porter was loved for many reasons, the least being that he won the lottery."

Visitors to C-City learn quickly how to pronounce the town's name. Locals insist they live in "Colo-RAY-do" City. "Colo-RAH-do," they claim, names the river and the state.

While there, drop by the station, where the mayor hangs out most of the time.

Baum will brag about his town, tell you a story and, if you insist, sell you an ad. Ask specifically about his morning newscast — that's when he reveals the "road kill count" of varmints failing to make it across the road the previous night.

He, like the Mahons and Richardson before him, will do to ride the river with.

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program where hearing students can be on the campus (learning how to be an interpreter to interpret and for the deaf/hard of hearing population).

Many of the faculty members on the SWCID campus are deaf or hard of hearing themselves. They can relate to the experiences of the students firsthand and are there for them, answering questions, counseling and being a vital support system for them.

Having SWCID at Big Spring, Texas, is a safe place for these students. Big Spring is a small community and a safe place for these students to attend school and have life experiences away from home. SWCID also has many students with varied life experiences so they are able to learn from one another as they mature on campus.

SWCID is an asset for the Big Spring community.

I am thankful for the SWCID school and for what it does to help educate the deaf/hard of hearing community.

THANK YOU!
PAM COWAN
FORT SMITH, ARK.

Spay and neuter

TO THE EDITOR:

I had to do something that I didn't want to do.

I had to have the city animal control take a poor little mama cat and her babies because a neighbor moved and left her. She knew I care about animals but I already have three cats and a little dog.

I live on Social Security and I can't afford to take care of animals that people leave behind when they move. It isn't fair to me or the animals. I did try to find homes for them, but no one wanted them.

And I know what happens to animals that live outside and have no place to call home — they get run over, other animals or people hurt or kill them and many die because they don't have food, water or shelter from the cold or hot weather.

So I called the animal shelter for help.

I know the animal control officers are special people because they take good care of the animals they pick up. And they try to find homes for them. But the sad truth is that many or most of them will be put to sleep. And they don't deserve that because they did nothing wrong except to be born into a society that doesn't want or have room for them.

If you have a cat or dog, or are thinking of getting a pet that isn't spayed or neutered, please make life better for it and have it spayed or neutered.

Let's put a stop to the suffering animals suffer because they are like children. They depend on us to take care of them. And if animals could talk, they would tell you they don't want to have litter after litter of unwanted puppies or kittens.

Let's make life better for them. Spay or neuter them. Thank you,

LANA F. ANGUIANO
BIG SPRING

Dems, Republicans seek to capitalize on abortion debate

CHRIS TOMLINSON

Associated Press

In Texas, there is nothing like a fight over abortion laws to mobilize hardcore Republican and Democratic voters.

Following Fort Worth Sen. Wendy Davis' 12-hour filibuster and the subsequent protest that killed an effort to restrict where, when and how women may obtain abortions, both sides of the debate are using the legislative drama watched around the world over the Internet to raise money, register voters and rile up their supporters.

Within a few hours after Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst pronounced Senate Bill 5 dead, social media was awash with fundraising appeals from both political parties, dozens of candidates and countless activists. Like few other issues, abortion triggers a passionate and deeply emotional response that turns out voters.

In the last two Republican primaries, less than 1.5 million people cast ballots in the only competitive election to choose statewide officials. That means to get elected, they only needed 750,000 votes in a state of 26 million people to run in the general election ballot where they were almost certain to win because of their party affiliation and straight-ticket voting.

The social conservative wing of the Republican Party has historically decided who wins those primary races, and no statewide candidate can win without an anti-abortion plank in their platform. They cite the Bible and a belief that civil rights protections should begin at conception.

Anti-abortion groups keep scorecards on how elected officials vote, and conservative Republicans line up at their

Gov. Rick Perry and all other statewide officials have called for reversing Roe v. Wade and making abortion illegal.

meetings to denounce Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision guaranteeing women the right to an abortion.

Gov. Rick Perry and all other statewide officials have called for reversing Roe v. Wade and making abortion illegal. In the Texas House, there is only one Republican who voted against the proposed new abortion restrictions, and that's likely because Rep. Sarah Davis represents a less conservative west Houston district where she is vulnerable in the general election.

Every Republican candidate running for statewide office in 2014 has already proclaimed their opposition to abortion and many are using the filibuster in their fundraising.

Democrats, meanwhile, have not won statewide office since 1994, the longest losing streak in the country. They've seen the Republican brand dominate Texas statewide politics and the Texas Democratic Party marginalized, with less than 700,000 voters participating in each of the last two primaries.

For most Democrats, a woman's choice is a basic human right, with some opposing abortions on religious grounds. While none say they think abortions are good, they point to statistics that show abortion rates are lower in areas where contraception is affordable and abortions are readily available.

Women's groups and Democrats began mobilizing to stop

the new abortion regulations when Senate Bill 5 came up in a House committee on June 20. More than 700 people signed up to testify, most of them opposed to the law.

When Rep. Byron Cook, R-Corsicana, ended testimony with 267 people still waiting to provide their views, a protest movement was born that showed up for an all-night House debate last Sunday and then the filibuster on Tuesday. Democratic Party activists signed up as many new voters as they could from the more than 1,000 protesters on Tuesday, knowing that women and young voters have fueled the party's resurgence in other states.

Texas ranks 47th in the nation in voter participation. Democrats aim to change the electoral math by getting more people fired up about issues such as abortion, and the group Battleground Texas has \$36 million seed money from the party to get started.

FreedomWorks, a tea party organization financed by the conservative Koch brothers, plans to spend at least \$8 million to mobilize conservative voters.

Both groups and many others will likely see cash injections from supporters following the drama in the Texas Senate last week, even if the abortion measures will almost certainly become law next month. And while a federal court challenge would keep the law from being enforced anytime soon, the debate around it will have an immediate impact on the 2014 elections.

Chris Tomlinson is the AP's supervisory correspondent in Austin, responsible for state government and political reporting.

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Farmers warn of high milk prices without farm bill

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Dairy farmers expressed frustration this week with Congress' failure to pass a farm bill, saying the uncertainty made it hard to do business and some could go under without changes to the federal milk program.

Farmers also worried that if a current nine-month extension of the 2008 farm bill expires with no action, a 64-year-old law will kick in, sending milk prices spiraling. While that might provide short-term profits, they say, it'd hurt them in the long run because no one wants to buy milk at \$6 a gallon.

The U.S. House voted down a farm bill June 20, about a week after the Senate approved a different version. It was the second year in a row that the House failed to pass the every-five-years bill that sets funding for agriculture and food programs. Last year, it didn't even vote, prompting the passage in January of a slimmed-down extension of the 2008 law — largely to avoid milk prices sharply increasing.

The Agricultural Act of 1949 sets a much higher price for government purchases of cheese, butter and other dairy products than the U.S. has seen in decades. The

government cut the price in recent decades because if it didn't, more companies would sell to the government than to retailers, unless consumer prices rose to match.

Farmers fear if the higher prices kick in on Jan. 1, milk and other dairy prices will rise until consumers just stop buying their products.

"I don't think that's good for anybody because we would destroy demand," said Pete Kappelman, a Wisconsin dairy farmer and board chairman of Land O'Lakes, a farmer-owned company that markets milk, eggs, butter and many other products.

The farm bill failed in the House mainly because of disagreement over food-stamp funding and dairy program reforms farmers say are needed to keep them in business.

The government currently pays dairy farmers when milk prices get too low. But the problem in recent years has been the high cost of feed due to the ethanol industry's

demand for corn as well as the drought. Farmers say milk costs almost as much to produce as they can sell it for — and sometimes more.

Kappelman, who has a 450-cow farm in Manitowoc, Wis., worked on a national dairy industry committee that proposed a margin protection program that pays farmers when the price difference between milk and feed shrinks to a certain point.

He also supports a market stabilization program that would require farmers to either reduce the amount of milk produced when prices drop too low or give up a portion of their margin protection payments. The U.S. Department of Agriculture would then use that money to buy and donate dairy products to food banks and help low-income families.

The margin protection and market stabilization programs would be voluntary, but farmers couldn't participate in one without the other.

The Senate passed a farm

bill last week that included both the margin protection and market stabilization programs, but House Republicans voted to remove the market stabilization program. Minnesota Rep. Collin Peterson, the senior Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee, said a number of Democrats changed their vote to no at that point.

Randy Roecker, 40, was among those desperately hoping the complete package would pass. He and his wife farm with his parents in Loganville, Wis.

They were doing well in 2008, when they renovated to expand from 50 to 300 cows. The next year, milk prices plummeted and feed prices rose. At one point, they were losing \$100,000 a month — Roecker lost his savings, his parents lost their retirement and the farm went into debt.

They and many of their neighbors are still struggling, even though milk prices have risen.

"Just last Friday, another one of my friends got rid of his cows," Roecker said. "... It's just getting to the point where you can't afford to keep going anymore."

Wisconsin farmers grow more of their own feed than

those in states like California, the nation's top milk producer. Dean Strauss, 41, who milks 1,900 cows in Sheboygan Falls, said growing 3,000 acres of feed provides some protection from high feed prices but doesn't reduce the need for a new farm bill, which would likely have better crop insurance programs.

Strauss, who described himself as a "free-market" person, was among the farmers who opposed the market stabilization program, fearing that any reduction in milk production would stifle growth in the Wisconsin cheese industry, which buys most of his milk.

Jamie Bledsoe, who has 1,300 cows in Riverdale, Calif., had similar concerns about the effect on his state's growing, international dairy exports.

"My personal view is, the government does not effectively manage anything, let alone the supply of milk," Bledsoe said.

But Kappelman said that without a way to control supply when milk prices fall too low, farmers would keep producing, the margins would stay low and the government would have to keep shelling out.



News briefs

As rival demonstrators gather, Egyptians brace for the worst before Sunday's protest

CAIRO (AP) — As the streets once again fill with protesters eager to oust the president and Islamists determined to keep him in power, Egyptians are preparing for the worst: days or weeks of urban chaos that could turn their neighborhoods into battlegrounds.

Households already beset by power cuts, fuel shortages and rising prices are stocking up on goods in case the demonstrations drag on. Businesses near protest sites are closing until crowds

subside. Fences, barricades and walls are going up near homes and key buildings. And local communities are organizing citizen patrols in case security breaks down.

For yet another time since President Mohammed Morsi took office last year, his palace in Cairo's upscale Heliopolis neighborhood is set to become the focus for popular frustration with his rule. Some protests outside the capital have already turned deadly, and weapons — including firearms — have been circulating more openly than in the past.

"We're worried like all Egyptians that a huge crowd will come, and it will get bloody," said Magdy Ezz, owner of a menswear shop across from the walled complex, a blend of Middle Eastern and neoclassical architecture. Besides ordinary roll-down storm shutters, storefronts on the street are sealed off with steel panels.

South Africa: Nelson Mandela inspires compatriots, but some warn he shouldn't be on pedestal

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — In November, just before Nelson Mandela's health began a long downward spiral, the leader of a project to build a children's hospital named after the former president briefed him on efforts to raise construction funds. Mandela, 94 years old and infirm, was exasperated by the delays. Then the reflexes of the world statesman took over.

"Well, get me a few business people. Sit them around my table here and I'll tell them why this is important," Mandela said, according to Sibongile Mkhabela, CEO of the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital Trust. The fundraiser didn't happen, but the remark was a poignant hint of the Mandela of old, the charismatic leader who, as Mkhabela put

it, "knew how to make people believe in things that were not there yet."

Today Mandela is critically ill in a Pretoria hospital, seemingly close to the end of his life. As the day approaches, whenever it comes, many South Africans are caught in an emotional reckoning. They celebrate this father figure, whose jail-time sacrifice and peacemaking role in the transition from apartheid to democracy resonated worldwide, but they face the hard road of trying to emulate his example and implement his legacy after he is gone.

First week of testimony in Trayvon Martin case hinges on phone call, neighbor witnesses

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — The first week of George Zimmerman's second-degree murder trial wrapped up with testimony from two neighbors and a police officer that seemed to bolster the defense's argument that he was pinned on his back by Trayvon Martin before shooting the teen.

Neighbor Jonathan Good testified Friday that it appeared the unarmed teen was straddling the neighborhood watch volunteer, while another neighbor, Jonathan Manalo, said Zimmerman seemed credible when he said just after the fight that he shot Martin in self-defense.

Officer Tim Smith testified that Zimmerman's back side was covered in grass and wetter than his front side.

All three were called as witnesses for prosecutors who are trying to convict him of second-degree murder.

Good, who had perhaps the best view of any witness, said he did not see anyone's head being slammed into the concrete sidewalk, as Zimmerman claims Martin did to him. Good initially testified that it appeared "there were strikes being thrown, punches being thrown," but during detailed questioning he said he saw only "downward" arm movements being made.

Zimmerman has claimed that he fatally shot 17-year-old Martin in February 2012 in self-defense as the Miami-area teen was banging his head into the concrete sidewalk behind the townhomes in a gated community.

Heat wave strikes western U.S. as temps approach 120

DEATH VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Dan Kail was vacationing in Las Vegas when he heard that the temperature at Death Valley could approach 130 degrees this weekend.

He didn't hesitate to make a trip to the desert location that is typically the hottest place on the planet.

"Coming to Death Valley in the summertime has always been on the top of my bucket list," the 67-year-old Pittsburgh man said. "When I found out it might set a record I rented a car and drove straight over. If it goes above 130 I will have something to brag about."

The forecast called for Death Valley to reach 128 degrees Saturday as part of a heat wave that has caused large parts of the western U.S. to suffer. Death Valley's record high of 134 degrees, set a century ago, stands as the highest temperature ever recorded on Earth.

"The wind out here is like being in front of a blast furnace," Kail said.

As temperatures soared in Las Vegas, 200 people were treated for heat problems at an outdoor concert, Clark County spokesman Erik Pappa said.

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Junior, Senior League All-Stars advance to championship

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

Junior League All-Stars

Big Spring's Junior League All-Stars took an early lead over Odessa Eastside on Friday at Steer Park, scoring eight runs in the opening inning, forcing Odessa to play from behind for the duration of the outing.

A one-run top of the second gave Big Spring nine runs, but Odessa showed some life at the plate, cutting the lead after a three-run at-bat.

Unfortunately for Odessa, the Big Spring bats were relentless.

Shiv Patel and Tyler Sparks drew walks to lead off the the third inning, then Holder Biemeret smacked a RBI triple to extend Big Spring's advantage to 11-3. Noah Perez had a sac fly, scoring Biemeret, Allen Chancy was hit by a pitch



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The 12-year-old Little League All-Stars came from behind to win 16-6 over North Ector on Friday. Clockwise from top: Bryson Van Vleet picks up a base hit; Zach Holmes slides safely into home; Ed Aguilar fields a hit in front of the pitcher's mound.

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Ladies Golf Association News

The big winners at the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's couples play Thursday were Vaughn Martin, Trish Gabbard, Jerry Roach and Annie Ward with a score of three-under par.

Coming in second were George and Betty Murphy and Bobbie and Bill Holden with even par.

Jerry Roach landed closest to the pin on Hole No. 3, while Annie Ward landed closest on the No. 6 Hole.

Results from Monday's ladies playday were not available at press time.

The LGA is always recruiting. Call the pro shop at Comanche Trail Golf Course for more information.

Danica Patrick fires back at Kyle Petty

SPARTA, Ky. (AP) — Danica Patrick doesn't care that Kyle Petty thinks she's better at getting attention than driving because she's heard it all before.

But if Petty's going to attack her, the NASCAR Sprint Cup rookie believes he should at least get his facts straight.

On Friday, Patrick responded to Petty's comments a night earlier on Speed's "Race Hub" program, in which the former Sprint Cup driver called her a "marketing machine" rather than a race car driver. Petty also doubted that Patrick would become a driver and insisted that she doesn't race as well as she qualifies.

Patrick's statistics suggest otherwise. On average she's finishing almost six spots higher (25.8) than she starts (32nd), which she noted by saying, "those who

watch know I can't qualify for much better."

Now an analyst for TNT and Fox/Speed, Petty has periodically taken jabs at Patrick, a former IndyCar Series driver who now drives the No. 10 Chevy for Stewart-Haas Racing. The 31-year-old Patrick is 27th in points in her first full Cup season, which follows an open wheel career highlighted by a fuel-mileage victory in 2008 in Motegi, Japan.

On Thursday night, Petty seemed to elaborate on his views during the show. While he understands the mass appeal of Patrick, who has been featured in racy TV ads for sponsor Go Daddy and was IndyCar's most popular driver for several years, her driving skills don't justify the hype in his opinion.

Rangers beat Reds 4-0 for second shutout in row

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Martin Perez wants to keep the spot in the Texas Rangers rotation that appeared to be his before getting hurt in spring training.

That won't be a problem if the young left-hander keeps pitching like this, throwing six-hit ball into the seventh inning in a 4-0 victory over the scuffling Cincinnati Reds on Friday night.

"Throwing strikes, pounding the strike zone, not getting caught in any patterns, great mound presence. All of the above," manager Ron Washington said.

"He's doing everything he's supposed to do to be successful."

While Perez (2-1) went 6 2-3 scoreless innings and seems healthy, Reds starter Johnny Cueto (4-2) was gone a batter into the second inning because of tightness in his right lat muscle.

Cueto, their opening day starter who has already been on the disabled list twice this season because of similar issues, will be sent back to Cincinnati to see a doctor.

"It's the same thing," manager Dusty Baker said.

"It happened in the first inning again. It's very discouraging for him and for us."

The 22-year-old Perez was the leading candidate for the No. 5 spot in the Rangers rotation before getting hit by a batted ball and breaking a bone in his forearm during a spring training game. He was called up from Triple-A Round Rock as the 26th man to start the first game of a split double-header at Arizona on May 27, then came back — maybe this time for the rest of the season — last Saturday, when he allowed only two runs

in seven innings in a win at St. Louis.

"I just want to continue to do the same job. I don't want to change my routine," Perez said. "Throw my changeup, my sinker and my fast-ball away."

Perez allowed runs in each of the first two innings at St. Louis last weekend before holding the Cardinals scoreless over his last five innings.

Cincinnati has lost three games in a row, and six of seven. The Reds have been shut out in consecutive games, and six times this season.

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Another in custody in ex-Patriot murder case

ATTLEBORO, Mass. (AP) — A second man was taken into custody in connection with the murder charge against former New England Patriots tight end Aaron Hernandez in the shooting death of one of his friends. Meanwhile, relatives of the victim prepared for his funeral.

Two men who authorities say were in a car with Hernandez before one of his friends was shot to death are in custody. On Friday, one was charged with illegally carrying a gun and the other accused of being an accessory after murder.

Hernandez was charged with murder this week, and prosecutors haven't said who fired the shots that killed his friend Odin Lloyd, a Boston semi-pro football player.

Amid the flurry of activity in the courts, Lloyd's relatives were preparing for his funeral in Boston on Saturday. A relative said the service will be at Church of the Holy Spirit in the city's Mattapan section.

Lloyd played for the Boston Bandits and was dating the sis-

ter of Hernandez's fiancée.

Carlos Ortiz, who was arrested in Connecticut but was transferred to Massachusetts to face the gun charge, and Ernest Wallace, who walked into a South Florida police station to surrender, were identified earlier as being with Hernandez and Lloyd the night of his shooting death, a prosecutor said.

Ortiz was charged Friday with carrying an unlicensed firearm in North Attleborough on June 17, the day Lloyd was found shot to death near Hernandez's home there. Details of the charge weren't released.

Wallace, whose wanted poster was released Thursday night, surrendered in Miramar, Fla., police said. Authorities had been seeking Wallace on a charge of acting as an accessory after Lloyd's murder. Details of that allegation also weren't released.

Hernandez, Ortiz and Wallace were in a Nissan Altima with Lloyd shortly before his death, Bristol County, Mass., District Attorney C. Samuel Sutter said.

"We now have in custody the

three individuals who were in the silver Nissan Altima," Sutter said Friday when Ortiz was arraigned on the gun charge in Attleboro District Court.

All three men have ties to Bristol, Conn.: Hernandez grew up there, Ortiz had been living there and authorities had conflicting addresses for Wallace there and in Miramar.

Hernandez pleaded not guilty to murder and was denied bail Thursday. Ortiz also was being held without bail pending a court hearing on July 9. Wallace was taken to a jail in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., pending extradition proceedings, police said.

Hernandez's lawyer argued in court that the case is circumstantial. He said Hernandez, who was cut by the Patriots the day he was arrested, wanted to clear his name.

Ortiz's attorney, John Connors, said he will seek bail for his client at the July 9 hearing. He described Ortiz as a "gentle person" and said he will advise Ortiz to plead not guilty.

ALL-STARS

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and scored on an errant pick off throw during Noah Vera's plate appearance.

Odessa answered with a single run in the bottom-half of the inning, but Biemeret wasn't satisfied with just one three-run triple and belted another in the top of the fourth. Biemeret scored on an error to make it 17-4.

Another Big Spring run was scored in the top of the fifth when Brantz Burchett walked, Roque Rodriguez singled, Zach Taylor took a base on balls and a wild pitch was thrown to Biemeret, allowing Burchett to cross home plate.

The Junior League All-Stars played for the championship Saturday at Steer Park. Results will be in Monday's edition of the Herald.

Senior League All-Stars

The Senior League All-Stars went undefeated in the tournament, earning a championship berth in their age bracket. The 15-16-year-olds played Midland Northern Saturday at Steer Park. Results will be published Monday.

12-year-old All-Stars

Trailing 6-2 as the 12-year-old All-Stars took their at-bats in the bottom of the fourth inning, Big Spring decided it didn't want to be eliminated just yet. A rally left North Ector stunned as Big Spring run-ruled the Odessa squad, 16-6 in the fifth inning.

Zach Holmes led off by legging out an infield single, then North Ector

quickly punched two batters out. But a trio of singles by Jack Everett, Ed Aguilar and Kobe Gutierrez loaded the bases as well as scored Holmes. Cade Wash cleared the bases with a well-hit double, then back-to-back walks were issued.

A base hit by Holmes again cleared the bases, putting Big Spring up 9-6.

Aguilar took over the mound in the fifth inning and shut Ector down, but Big Spring piled on seven more runs before the game was called.

The 12s return to action tonight against Odessa Floyd Gwin at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex. Game time is slated for 6 p.m.

11-year-old All-Stars

MIDLAND — After falling behind in two consecutive games, then rallying for wins, the 11-year-old All-Stars faltered against Jim Parker in Midland on Friday, falling 18-8 and eliminating them from the tourney.

The 11s claimed three straight victories after dropping their opening game.

10-year-old All-Stars

ODESSA — The 10-year-old All-Stars extended their win streak to four with a 6-2 victory over Floyd Gwin at Jim Parker Little League on Friday. The 10s returned to action Saturday in Odessa against either Midland Northern or Midland Mid-City. Results will be published Monday.

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Summer Backyard Enjoyment

Savvy tips for a get-together to remember

FAMILY FEATURES

There is nothing better than gathering family and friends for a fun, outdoor get-together. With a few decorating tricks and entertaining ideas, anyone can become the "host(ess) with the mostess."

Whether your outdoor space is a sweeping, lakeside veranda or a tiny balcony with parking lot views, embrace it. To help Americans get the most out of their outdoor spaces during the summer season, OFF! has partnered with lifestyle and entertaining expert Katie Brown. Together, they have the tips and tricks to help ensure you're prepared this summer for any outdoor gathering — be it a casual family dinner or a summer party with the neighbors.

First, a little preparation goes a long way. In the recent Summer Savvy Survey conducted by the makers of OFF!, 80 percent of respondents said getting a bug bite and running out of food are the two most annoying things that could ruin an outdoor party. Before heading outside, spot treat your backyard with a product designed to protect it from a variety of insects like mosquitoes, ants and fleas, such as the OFF! Bug Control Backyard Pretreat. Simply attach it to a garden hose and apply to your trees, shrubs, ornamentals and structures. Once applied, OFF! Bug Control Backyard Pretreat kills 110 types of insects for up to eight weeks on nonporous surfaces.

For a welcoming atmosphere, Brown always suggests incorporating flowers. Loosely arrange cut flowers in vases or salvaged bottles to enhance the ambiance of any summer get-together. Potted plants are inviting and can serve many purposes, such as welcome signs,

house numbers and bird feeders, so get inspired and have fun getting creative.

When it comes to prepping your outdoor living space for summer gatherings, remember that the tricks you use inside your home to make a space more cozy and inviting also work well outside. Cluster seating around a coffee table then add side tables for plates of food and glasses. Anchor the grouping with a beautiful outdoor rug. Then amp up the fun factor with vibrant hues that mimic the colors in the surrounding landscapes. Why not poppy red pillows or a sunflower yellow tablecloth? Keep the decor light, bright and festive.

Lighting is another key consideration. Make sure there is plenty of lighting in the areas where your guests will gather as well as along walking paths or driveways. Lighting can also create a special festive feeling at any party. There is something truly magical about thousands of tiny white lights surrounding an outdoor space. For ambiance, string several strands of lights through trees and bushes or along wooden decks.

Clusters of candles should also be placed on small tables near where the guests will be lounging. Make sure to include an OFF! Citronella Candle or two. They add several hours of ambiance and style.

If you're hosting a planned event, preparation for any type of weather is important. Try to anticipate things your guests may need to be comfortable during the party. Fill up wicker baskets, or "pamper pots," and set them near various seating areas. It's a thoughtful touch guests will really appreciate. Items to consider are:

- **Sunscreen:** Even if the day is cloudy, both kids and adults will appreciate having an extra bottle of sunscreen on hand.
- **Mosquito repellent:** The OFF! Clip-On gives your guests personal protection against mosquitos so they can stay comfortable throughout the event.
- **Light blankets:** The success of a party is often judged by how late people linger. Roll up a few light blankets and tuck them in the basket in case evening brings a chilly drop in temperature.
- **Umbrellas:** Whether guests use them for an unexpected rainshower or to shield themselves from the sun, umbrellas are a thoughtful touch.
- **Flashlights:** A little extra illumination may come in handy during late night festivities. The kids might find flashlights make for a great game of tag.

If you're hosting a planned event such as a birthday party or holiday BBQ, consider offering a fun take-home treat. As the party winds down, fill a small beach bag with any extra supplies, such as flashlights, sunscreen, insect repellent, bubbles and sidewalk chalk, for each family. Your guests will go home with great memories, lots of pictures of your spectacular soiree and a few goodies for their next outdoor adventure.

For more information about OFF! products, and more of Katie Brown's tips, visit www.keepbugsoff.com and www.Facebook.com/OFF.

Keeping your guests entertained Provided by entertainment expert Katie Brown

When planning outdoor gatherings, don't let your guests lounge for too long. Get them up and interacting with a few fun games and activities provided by Katie Brown. Plan an assortment of activities designed to engage all ages with these tips:

- **A bubble refill station:** Engaging activities are fun for kids — they can blow big bubbles in the yard while the parents watch and mingle.
- **A cookie decorating station:** Create a theme for the party and have guests colorfully decorate cookies to reflect the party theme.
- **Classic picnic games:** What outdoor gathering is complete without a round of croquet, horseshoes or bocce ball? Consider a classic race game, such as the three-legged race, potato sack race or wheelbarrow race.
- **Photobooth fun:** Hang a large vintage picture frame from the branch of a sturdy tree. Supply a bucket of props and disposable cameras so guests can create a memento that will last a lifetime.
- **Water balloon toss:** Have guests take turns throwing water balloons in bowls set up at varying distances. The winner is the person who lands the most unbroken balloons in the bowls.

If you plan to give guests more than just the thrill of victory as a prize, aim for a fun summertime theme. Give out beach towels, pool toys, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, kites, coolers or beach bags. These also make great party favors.

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▶ Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Chad Aaron Tuttle

Matthews and Tuttle

Kindra Diane Matthews and Chad Aaron Tuttle exchanged wedding vows at 6:30 p.m. June 8, 2013 on the banks of Dove Creek at Prueitt Park near San Angelo. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Dukes of Sonora.

Matron-of-honor was Kizre Parks, sister of the bride, of San Angelo, Texas. Bridesmaids included Krystal Soliz, Becky Flores and Hallie Sosolik, also of San Angelo.

Best man was Scott Tuttle, brother of the groom, of Lubbock, Texas. Groomsmen included Erik Sosolik and Tom Jacoby, both of San Angelo, and Jay Immel of Sonora.

Flower girls were Kallie Montalvo, sister of the bride, of Brenham; Kolbie Parks, niece of the bride, and Allison Vaughn, cous-

in of the bride, both of San Angelo. Heart bearers carrying hearts saying, "Uncle Chad" and "Here Comes Your Bride" were Steelie and Charlee Sosolik of San Angelo. Ushers were Aaron and Ashley Ferguson, the groom's nephew and niece, of Coahoma.

A reception was held at Prueitt Park pavilion following the ceremony.

Kindra is the daughter of Philip and Natalie Montalvo of Brenham and the granddaughter of Wayne Matthews of Blanco and the late Susie Matthews. She is a graduate of Angelo State University and is employed as a kindergarten teacher in Sonora.

Chad is the son of Dietra and Gene Tuttle of San Angelo and the grandson of Ted and Eula Bell Fowler of Coahoma and Ann Tuttle and the late Eugene Tuttle of Lamesa. He is a graduate of Angelo State University. He is a coach and teacher in Sonora.

The couple celebrated their honeymoon with a week in Jamaica. Chad and Kindra will make their home in Sonora.

▶ Birth



Kynzie Leigh Oliver

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Haro and Hull

Kathy Haro of Big Spring and Jeremy Hull of Stanton will exchange wedding vows Sept. 21, 2013, in Odessa, Texas. Kathy is the daughter of Henry and Delma Haro. She is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School.

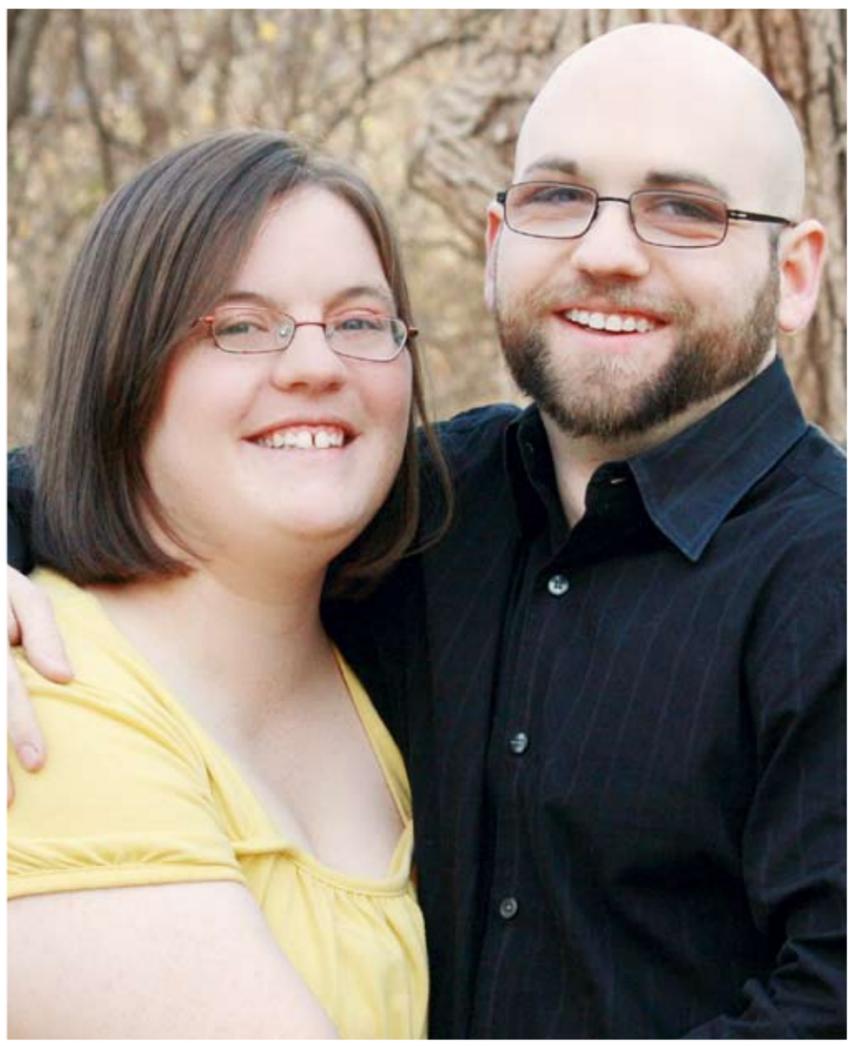
She attended Midland College where she majored in general studies. She is a 2007 graduate of Lubbock School of Aesthetics.

She is employed as a medical aesthetician at Medical Spa in Midland.

Jeremy Hull of Stanton will exchange wedding vows Sept. 21, 2013, in Odessa, Texas. He is the son of Dennith and Gaye Hull of Stanton. He is a 2001 graduate of Stanton High School. He attended Texas Tech University where he studied business and is a 2006 graduate of the Midland Fire Academy. He is employed as a full time firefighter with the Midland Fire Department.

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Cox and Van Pelt

Ashley Cox, of Stanton, Texas and Matthew Van Pelt, of Vernon, Texas will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. July 6, 2013, at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring, Texas with a reception to follow.

Ashley attended Wayland Baptist University and is employed by Big Spring ISD at Marcy Elementary. She is the daughter of Billy and Stephanie Cox of Stanton, Texas and

the granddaughter of Vernon and the late Anita Cox and Deanna and the late David Burnett.

Matthew attended Vernon College and is employed by the Howard County Sheriff's Office. He is the son of Sandi Van Pelt and the grandson of Newell and the late Rikki Van Pelt of Vernon, Texas.

The couple will celebrate their honeymoon in Colorado.

Who's Who



John Lang

Cadet John Lang, son of Mark and Kathy Lang of Orlando, Fla., graduated from the U.S. Military Academy May 25.

He is the grandson of Bob and Peg Lang of Orlando, Fla., and of the late John Birdwell and Betty Birdwell of Big Spring, Texas.

Lang graduated from Boone High School in Orlando in 2009. While at West Point he concentrated his studies in sociology.

He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the infantry branch and will report to Fort Drum, New York, for his first assignment.

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Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. "Casa Blanca"
- July 3** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:00 p.m. "Hotel Transylvania"
- July 4** – INDEPENDENCE DAY - Office Closed.
- July 8** – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- July 9** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. "KC Steakhouse"
- July 10** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie 1:00 p.m. "Sparkle"
- July 11** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Coffee @ Just Peachy's, 10:00 a.m.
Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
- July 12** – Lunch Bunch & Birthday
Settle's Grill, 11:30 a.m.
- July 15** – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- July 16** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. "Red Mesa"
- July 17** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:00 p.m. "The Green Lantern"
- July 18** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Coffee @ Just Peachy's, 10:00 a.m.
Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
Bunko, 5:00 p.m.
- July 19** – Pot Luck & Bingo, 11:30 p.m.
- July 22** – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- July 23** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
Supper Club, 5:30 p.m. "Pizza Inn"
- July 24** – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:00 p.m. "Brave"
- July 25** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Coffee @ Just Peachy's, 10:00 a.m.
Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
- July 29** – Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- July 30** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Splash In, 11:00 a.m.
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TRANSPORTATION

State Sen. Kel Seliger spoke at the Permian Basin Coalition meeting on transportation issues this week at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The coalition met to address the growing need of funding to improve and prepare the communities in West Texas that are being impacted by the growing energy sector. Those attending heard speakers talk about selecting and preparing projects for upcoming legislative sessions as well as how much funding will be needed to address and maintain transportation needs in the Permian Basin through 2035.

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Energy Watch



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In the question and answer portion of his testimony to the Congressional Joint Economic Committee on May 22, Chairman Ben Bernanke pointed out that the Fed could start to “taper” or reduce the pace of quantitative easing (QE) as early as this summer.

This despite reiterating in his opening comments that it would be a mistake to back away from current policy too soon. Investors took the bait and so began the recent selloff and increased volatility in the stock market.

Several weeks ago, we asked the question “Why is the Fed confusing the market?” Then, upon further thought, we bounced around the idea that the Fed was actually trying to take a little air out of the surging stock and housing markets by having some FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) members state in public that they would like to see the pace of QE to slow almost immediately. This thesis did make some rational sense because the last thing the Fed wants to promote is a bubble in stocks or housing based on a belief that current turbo-charged easy money policies will last indefinitely.

But the chairman is obligated to point out what could possibly happen and certainly will not divulge what is actually going to occur until necessary. The probability of the Fed announcing that it will reduce the pace of monthly purchases after this week’s or July’s policy meeting is certainly not zero, although in this strategist’s opinion it is pretty close. Our advice is to not lose any sleep over the Fed shifting gears on monetary policy any time soon. It would not surprise us to see the current QE program kept in place and untouched through the end of this year.

But the chairman’s tone has only had a minor affect on the markets. Granted, stocks are trading lower and Treasury bond yields are higher than they were prior to the May testimony, but not by much. On an intraday basis, at its worst point, the S&P 500 was down a touch more than 5 percent from its record high after rallying more than 22 percent from the November 2012 lows. However you measure it, there has not been much of a give back, at least at this point.

So what will the chairman have to say at his press conference in the wake of this week’s policy meeting? To begin with, there is little chance an adjustment in strategy will be announced. In addition, the language in the FOMC’s post meeting press release will probably change very little. The chairman will likely follow the script from his May congressional testimony. In other words, he will point out what could happen in the near term. Will investors take the bait again?

Uncertainty over the timing of any alterations to current monetary policy is not going away in the near future. The day-to-day volatility in the stock market, in our opinion, is providing an opportunity for those underinvested in equities to put money to work. At least for now, the market is biting on Ben Bernanke’s head fakes. Use them to your advantage while you can.

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USDA seeks applications for grants to improve quality of rural housing

Special to the Herald

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to help low- and very-low-income rural residents repair their homes. USDA remains focused on carrying out its mission, despite a time of significant budget uncertainty. The announcement is one part of the

Department’s efforts to strengthen the rural economy.

“The USDA is working to ensure that rural homeowners and renters have safe, affordable and sanitary places to live,” Vilsack said. “These grant funds will help low- and very-low-income residents in our rural communities maintain and repair their homes and make them more energy-efficient.”

“The cost of maintaining a home is challenging for many rural homeowners,” said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director. “This funding, available through Rural Development Housing Preservation grants, will help rural property owners make improvements to ensure their homes are decent, safe, sanitary and energy-efficient.”

Grants are provided to qualified intermediaries such as town

or county governments, public agencies, community organizations, federally recognized Indian Tribes, non-profit and faith-based organizations. The grants are then distributed to qualified homeowners or owners of multi-family rental properties or cooperative dwellings who rent to low- and very-low-income residents. The grants can be used to weatherize and repair existing structures, install or improve plumbing or provide access to people with disabilities. In addition, the program assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes in repairing and rehabilitating their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very-low-income persons.

For additional information on eligibility for Housing Preservation Grants, please see the June 18, 2013 Federal Register.

Grasshoppers a problem but not as bad as in 2011

COLLEGE STATION — After a dry winter, as expected, grasshoppers are becoming a problem, but they are not as severe or profuse as they were during the 2011 drought, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

“It’s mid-summer and the grasshoppers have gotten bigger; they’re now winged, so they’re moving into other crops and orchards,” said Dr. Allen Knutson, an AgriLife Extension entomologist, Dallas.

As they were in 2011, this year’s grasshopper outbreaks are connected to drought conditions, he said. From July through the fall, grasshoppers deposit their eggs 0.5 to 2 inches below the soil surface. On an average year, fungus and other diseases take a toll on egg survival, thereby reducing the first generation grasshoppers that hatch in the spring.

But most of the fungi and diseases affecting egg survival depend upon moist conditions, so during a drought year, outbreaks are expected, Knutson said.

But the outbreaks this year — at least so far — have been spotty, he said.

“Though some areas have had good rains, which reduce grasshopper populations, others have not, and they’ll still have prob-



lems,” he said. “They are intense in some areas, while others don’t have any.”

Reports from AgriLife Extension county agents support Knutson’s account.

Logan Lair, AgriLife Extension agent in Navarro County, northeast of Waco, reported, “Grasshoppers, grasshoppers, grasshoppers; they are back and with a vengeance. This is affecting hay production.”

Heath Lusty, AgriLife Extension agent in Lampasas County, north of Austin, reported that along with hot, dry, windy con-

ditions, “grasshoppers are a serious issue in some parts of the county.”

In East Texas, where grasshopper infestations were especially severe in 2011, there was only one county reporting outbreaks in June, that of Rich Hirsch, AgriLife Extension agent in Henderson County, west of Tyler.

More information on the current Texas drought and wildfire alerts can be found on the AgriLife Extension Agricultural Drought Task Force website at <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/>.

U.S. consumer sentiment stays near 6-year high

WASHINGTON (AP) — A measure of U.S. consumer confidence stayed near a six-year high in June as higher home prices boosted household wealth. The survey shows Ameri-

cans remain upbeat about the economy, despite wild gyrations in the stock market.

The University of Michigan said Friday that its final reading of consumer sentiment in

June was 84.1. That’s an improvement from a preliminary reading of 82.7 issued on June 14. And it is just slightly below May’s final reading of 84.5, which was the highest since July 2007.

Rising household wealth was the main reason consumers stayed optimistic. Households with income above \$75,000, those more likely to own homes and stocks, reported the big-

gest gain. Consumers’ confidence is closely watched because their spending accounts for 70 percent of economic growth.

“Consumers remain optimistic despite re-

cent market volatility and a back-up in mortgage rates,” said Yelena Shulyatyeva, an economist at BNP Paribas.

Americans seem to agree the economy is slowly improving.

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 Petra Tovar vs. Gregory Clemons, divorce.
 Equitable Ascent Financial LLC vs. Deborah Ashmore, accounts, notes and contracts.
 Priscilla Shaffer vs. Aaron Shaffer, divorce.
 Quad A Inc. vs. G.W. Taylor and Lucretia Taylor, civil.
 Matthew Fowler vs. Wesley Shoup and Adage Inc., civil.
 Angela Lee vs. James Ingram, protective order.

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 Travil Allen Melton, 54, and Teresa Carr Hopper, 54, both of Big Spring.
 Ryan Todd Woods, 24, and Ann Michelle Ross, 25, both of Coahoma.

Turbine plant to shut down

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A \$40 million wind turbine factory in northeast Arkansas that opened in 2010 with plans to employ more than 700 people announced Friday it would end production and lay off 40 workers.

Germany-based Nordex SE, parent company of Nordex USA, said the company had not received enough orders due to an uncertain U.S. market, overcapacity in the industry and an unstable outlook for a federal tax production credit.

The company said factory workers would be let go after existing orders have been filled. The layoffs are expected to start in October.

"This is a sad day for all of us at Nordex USA. We will lose valued colleagues, who have done their very best for us, but the decision was inevitable considering the underutilization of our plant," Nordex USA President and CEO Ralf Sigrist said in a news release.

The company will keep open its sales and service business in Jonesboro and Chicago.

Just a few years ago, wind energy appeared to be an important sector for growth in the Arkansas economy. It began when LM Windpower, then known as LM Glassfiber, opened a windmill blade factory in Little Rock. But the company has had several rounds of layoffs since it opened, the most recent last summer when about 230 workers got pink slips.

Mitsubishi Power Systems America had to put on hold a \$100 wind

turbine plant planned for Fort Smith due to a patent dispute with General Electric Corp.

Nordex had planned to open a windmill blade component manufacturing operation but the market didn't grow enough to do so.

Germany-based Beckman Volmer North America LP opened a \$12 million factory in Osceola, also in northeast Arkansas, in part to supply the Nordex plant with steel parts.

Nordex said it will

provide turbines for markets in North America and Latin America from its one remaining factory, which is in Germany.

The chief executive officer for Nordex SE, Jürgen Zeschky, said in a news release that the company has long-term intentions in the U.S. and Latin American markets, which he said have "great potential."

"With this decision we also increase our flexibility to react to U.S. demand for our turbines

out of one single plant in Rostock, Germany. We will be maintaining the extensive expertise in sales, engineering, service, project management, training and support which we have built at our Chicago and Jonesboro locations to continue the growth we have achieved through these challenging times," Zeschky said.

Nordex has offices and subsidiaries in 22 countries and employs more than 2,500 people globally.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Keep Your Eye on the Ball

South dealer.
 Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ 7 2
 ♥ 7 6 5 4
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ 10 9 7 6 2

WEST
 ♠ 9 5
 ♥ J 10 9 8 2
 ♦ 10 7 4
 ♣ A K 5

EAST
 ♠ J 10 6 4 3
 ♥ K
 ♦ J 9 6 3 2
 ♣ 8 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A K Q 8
 ♥ A Q 3
 ♦ A K 5
 ♣ Q J 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 3 NT Pass Pass Pass
 Opening lead — jack of hearts.

The great majority of mistakes made in bridge are of the common garden variety. A player who errs usually knows better than to commit the particular error he makes, but, for some inexplicable reason, he takes his eye off the ball at the critical moment.

Consider this deal where South failed to make three notrump in a fairly routine hand. West led the jack

of hearts. Declarer won East's king with the ace and returned the club queen. West went up with the king and led the ten of hearts, forcing out the queen.

South now had to go down one, whatever he did next. In practice, he tried the jack of clubs, but West rose with the ace and cashed three heart tricks to put a quick end to the proceedings.

Declarer would have made the contract had he taken the simple precaution of ducking East's king of hearts at trick one. He should have realized that if East had another heart to lead, the defense could score at most two hearts and two clubs to hold him to nine tricks, while if East did not have another heart to lead, the contract could not be stopped regardless of what other suit East returned.

The only combination of cards that could prevent South from getting home safely was for West to have five hearts and the A-K of clubs. South should therefore have ducked the king of hearts at trick one to protect against this possibility. There was no good reason to take the king, and a very good reason not to take it.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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Sudoku Answer on Page 11B

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

		5	4	8		3		
		9						6
6			1			2	7	
	8	1		7	3			
			5	2		6	4	
	9	7			8			2
3						4		
		4		1	5	9		

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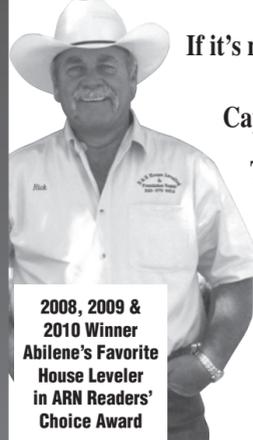
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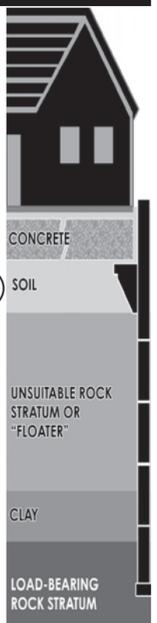
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A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: **In Re: A Child** as is more fully shown by the Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand seal of said court at office this 28th day of May, 2013.

Colleen Barton
District Clerk of Howard County, Texas
By: Jury Padron
#7839 June 23 & 30 and July 7 & 14, 2013

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Loretta Gail Earls, Deceased, were issued on June 25, 2013, in Cause No. P-14178, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Karen Bearden or Floyd Earls II.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

**Estate of Loretta Gail Earls
c/o Karen Lee Bearden,
Executor**
1301 Driver Rd.
Big Spring, TX 79720
**Floyd E. Earls II,
Executor**
1107 Jeffery Rd.
Big Spring, TX 79720
DATED the 25th day of June 2013
#7848 June 30, 2013

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of WANDA DOLORES WICKLINE, Deceased, were issued on June 25, 2013, in Cause No. P-14179, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: TERESA GAIL GREEN.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: **TERESA GAIL GREEN
2102 Rice
Levelland, Texas 79336**
DATED the 26th day of June, 2013
GLYNNA MOUTON
Attorney for
TERESA GAIL GREEN
State Bar No.: 14606500
MOUTON & MOUTON, PC
200 West Third Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone: (432)263-8397
Facsimile: (432)263-8686
#7857 June 30, 2013

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Aries Moon Twist

The Aries moon is usually a high-energy aspect, barreling forward into the excitement of life. But with the current Mercury retrograde influence, it may be confused about what is forward motion and what is backward motion. The Aries moon is like a bucking ram, pulling back in order to charge forward with more velocity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are many satisfied people around you, and yet you also see how everyone is in duress. Life's trials sometimes seem endless, but that doesn't have to deter you from your purpose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Impulsive people



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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals for the following areas:

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These bids will form a multi-vendor list for instructional personnel to secure supplies, equipment, and contracted services. Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office, 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620, or from the district's website, www.bigspringisd.net. The school district will begin opening bids on July 10, 2013, in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. The Business Office will continue to receive and open bids through 4:00 p.m., July 31, 2013. All bids must be received by 4:00 p.m., July 31, 2013. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on August 8, 2013, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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A "Notice to Bidders" is issued for the construction of airport improvements at Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport for Construction or Installation of Airport Fuel Farm Improvements, under two bid schedules: Bid Schedule No. 1 provides for Fuel Farm Improvements; Bid Schedule No. 2 provides for Fuel Access Paving Improvements. Bidders may bid on one or both schedules. Sealed proposals should be addressed and delivered to Ms. Peggy Walker, City Secretary, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, TX 79720. Proposals will be received until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at City Hall. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the Mayor and City Council for action at a later date.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Airpark Terminal Building at 3200 Rickabaugh Drive West, Big Spring, Texas 79720 on Thursday, July 11, 2013 at 10:00 AM, local time. Attendance by prospective Bidders is not mandatory.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file at the Office of the Director of Public Works and the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423. Technical questions concerning the plans and specifications may be directed to Larry Valdez, P.E., with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. at (806)473-2200.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock Texas, 79423 (Phone 806-473-2200) as follows:

1. Download documents (.pdf file extension format) from PSC's Info Exchange web site after registering as a plan holder with issuing PSC office. There is no cost or deposit required for this option.

2. One set of paper copies for a non-refundable deposit of \$50.00

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Deposit shall be Company check or cashiers' check made payable to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. No partial sets will be issued.
#7850 June 30 & July 7, 2013

need someone thoughtful next to them to temper their flaring energy. You are the stabilizing force now. You'll anticipate what is to come and encourage others to pause instead of rushing into the wrong thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Those who aim to impress others will do the opposite. You're not interested in impressing anyone, but you do want to share a bit of your adventurous life, and you can. Telling a story well will engage and entertain others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Socrates said, "I know only one thing, and that is that I know nothing." As you feel that way to some degree today, you join the wisest that human history has ever known.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). New influences will change your point of view. You may act uncharacteristically. The shoulds and shouldn'ts dissolve and blur into each other leaving behind only dids and didn'ts.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is a brand of fun that's appropriate for each age group. It's nice when one activity is fun for a full range of ages,

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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A "Notice to Bidders" is issued for the construction of airport improvements at the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airport for: Rehabilitate and strengthen terminal apron & construct concrete section of terminal apron and Runway 17-35 joint seal repair. Sealed proposals need to be addressed and delivered to Ms. Peggy Walker, City Secretary, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, TX 79720. Proposals will be received until 10:00AM, July 23, 2013, then publicly opened and read. Bidders may view and obtain plan sets, free of charge, from Plans Online

http://
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Or bidders may buy plan sets from the Reproduction companies that are listed on the website.

Technical questions concerning the specifications and plans should be directed to Larry Valdez, P.E. with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., at 806-473-2200. For other information please visit the Aviation website

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or call Kelle Chancey, TxDOT,
Aviation, at 512-416-4514.
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS**
Proposed Installation
and Operation of
Solar Photovoltaic Systems
George H. O'Brien Jr.
VA Medical Center

Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces the preparation and availability of a "Draft Environmental Assessment" (DEA) for the proposed installation and operation of Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Systems at the George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center (VAMC) located at 300 Veterans Boulevard, Big Spring, Texas. The Proposed Action would include the installation and operation of solar PV arrays on carports constructed in up to seven existing at grade parking lots on the site. The DEA has been prepared in accordance with the regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), (Public Law 91-190, 42 USC 4321-4347 January 1, 1970), amendments, and VA's Implementing Regulations (38 CFR Part 26). The VA intends to issue a "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) following a thirty-day comment period in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing NEPA, Section 1508.13 provided there are no substantive comments which warrant further evaluation. The public comment period will end on July 30, 2013.

A copy of the DEA will be available for review at the George H. O'Brien VAMC located at 300 Veterans Boulevard in Big Spring, Texas. Please submit comments to the following:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Attn: Samuel Hagins
6010 Amarillo Blvd.
West Amarillo, Texas 79106
samuel.hagins@va.gov
#7852 June 30, 2013

and that's just the kind of thing you'll experience today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The day has a mild, manageable feeling to it. You really are the most powerful force in your world, and you feel the freedom of choice in this now. You can decide to relax and enjoy yourself — an excellent idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You like to see others have an easier time because you were there to help. You don't need to be publicly recognized for giving as you do. You don't want the gold star. You genuinely love being helpful. It fulfills you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's nice when people agree on a plan. On the other hand, too many yes-people won't make for a very interesting experience.

Invite a rebel into the group, and brace yourself for an adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll have a sixth sense for where the great deals are. If there's something you really want, all you have to do is think about it with excited energy, and it will soon show up in your world with a lowered price tag attached.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some people need to be No. 1. You don't. You can be No. 2 or 3 or last and still know that your gifts are needed and that you're contributing something only you can give. This is true confidence.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have great powers of self-control, but you don't expect the same of others. Everyone has different gifts.

Because you don't expect people to be like you, you'll be able to see their unique gifts and benefit from them, too.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 30). Making the planet better may not be your primary aim, but it's what happens as you express yourself, solve problems and join new groups over the next 10 weeks. Volunteering

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Paul Duane Hillger, Deceased, were issued on June 24, 2013, in Docket No. P399, pending in the County Court of Glasscock County, Texas, to Linda Sue Hillger.

The mailing address of the Independent Executor is Linda Sue Hillger, 325 Pecan, Garden City, Texas 79739.

All person having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

James J. Napper
P.O. Box 1370
Stanton, Texas 79782
Attorney for the Estate
#7853 June 30, 2013

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR

INJECTION WELL PERMIT

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION COMPANY, LLC, 200 N. LORRAINE, SUITE 530, MIDLAND, TEXAS is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, in the Warner Lease Well Number 46W. The well is located 14 miles Southeast from Big Spring, TX in the Howard Glasscock (Consolidated) field in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2300' to 3400'.

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

Requests for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967 (Telephone (512)463-6792).
#7855 June 30, 2013

leads to stellar relationships. You'll travel for love and love to travel in November. Children and/or pets become your responsibility in 2014.

Leo and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 3, 33, 38 and 40

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: As she travels through Leo, Venus reminds us how falling in love makes the world seem more exciting, dramatic, colorful and entertaining. If you're not in love with one particular person, the playful mood that prevails makes you feel in love with life. Saturn in Scorpio acts as a bit of a buzz kill this week, though, squaring off with Venus to remind us that even the best of romances meet with problems now and again. Those problems tend to have to do with money, responsibility and children — the things

couples argue about the most. Getting over differences is made even more complicated by the communication barrier of Mercury retrograde.

Saturn's relationship to Neptune will bring up another relevant point: The world is a pretty big place. It's full of people who don't believe the same things about morality, love, responsibility, children, lifestyle, god or anything else. What are the chances that you're right and everyone else is wrong? By at least entertaining other views you may find that you and a partner are closer to agreement than you thought — or maybe just that it's not worth arguing about.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My mother-in-law has a serious medical condition, and her health is rapidly deteriorating. Unfortunately, her failing health is not something she is willing to deal with.

My husband and I live in a different state. When we last visited, we were shocked at how bad things were. Bills were unpaid because she couldn't remember to get to them. Garbage was piled up because she didn't have the strength to drag the bags to the curb.

There are no other family members in the area who are willing to check up on her. The kindest thing would be to help her transition into an independent living facility and arrange for periodic in-home care. The problem is, most facilities have an age requirement, and my mother-in-law is only in her late 40s. How can I find out more? — *Worried Daughter-in-Law*

Dear Worried: First search online for a support group or national organization for your mother-in-law's specific disability. And please do not assume that all of the facilities in your area are age-restricted. Ask. However, a better option might be a group home for disabled adults. You can search online or get a referral from Mom's doctor, a local hospital or through a care manager.

Another possibility is to have an in-home health aide or visiting nurse come to Mom's house to check on her. All of these choices depend on Mom's finances and insurance coverage and what is available in her area. Call 2-1-1 for resources. You sound like a caring daughter-in-law, and we hope you can arrange this with Mom's cooperation.

Dear Annie: Is customer service a thing of the past? I recently went to a drive-thru window. After repeating my order numerous times, I saw that the youth running the window was chatting with his co-workers. When he brought my order out, it was still incorrect, but he was more interested in continuing his conversation than fixing it. I finally became frustrated and gave up, and he yelled that I could scrape off the incorrect contents myself. I found this totally unacceptable, so I parked and went to speak to the manager. Meanwhile, the young man continued to make rude remarks about my order to his friends and then yelled that, yes, he was talking about me.

Last Friday, I went to the deli at the grocery store to order some luncheon meat, only to be told that the woman in charge was not cutting any more meat that day. When she turned her back on me, I asked the manager what time the deli closed. I was told that it was still operating for another hour.

Is it asking too much for employees to do their jobs? Why do I have to go to management in order to get decent service? — *Tired of Poor Customer Service*

Dear Tired: Complaining to the manager is the proper way to handle this. Some employees understand customer service, but others have no clue and need to be trained. If management does not demand appropriate behavior, you won't see it in the workplace. Forcing the manager to address these failures is the way these employees learn. Unfortunately, some of them take a very long time to get it.

Dear Annie: You've printed a few letters about handicapped parking. I definitely give a disapproving look now and then. Why? Because if you can walk into the store with no obvious struggle, you're just not that handicapped. Many of us have physical problems, but that doesn't make each of us special.

We all know that the handicapped license plate is abused. If Grandma isn't with you, don't use it. If you're feeling good enough to go shopping today, don't use it. Your foot hurts? Get over it. — *Salem, Ore.*

Dear Salem: We hope you never need a handicapped license plate, because you obviously do not understand what it means to need one.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.
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Nalley and Finch

Kimberly Nalley of Big Spring and Bruce Finch of Lubbock, Texas will exchange wedding vows July 27, 2013 in Lubbock, Texas.

Kimberly is the daughter of John and Lynda Nalley and Belle and Bruce Schooler, all of Big Spring.

She is a 2011 graduate of SWCID and

is employed as office manager at Cornerstone Covenant Church.

Bruce is the son of Robert and the late Patsy Finch of Hart, Texas.

He is a 2010 graduate of Wayland Baptist University and is a teacher at Slaton ISD.

Unemployment benefit claims fall to 346,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell 9,000 to a seasonally adjusted 346,000 last week, evidence that the job market is still improving modestly, despite signs of slower growth.

The four-week average, a less volatile figure, declined 2,750 to 345,750, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's near the five-year low of 338,000 that the average touched last month.

Applications are a proxy for layoffs. Since March, they have fluctuated between 340,000 and 360,000, a level consistent with steady hiring. Employers added 175,000 jobs in May, almost matching the average monthly gain for the past year. The unemployment rate was 7.6 percent, down from 8.2 percent a year earlier.

Steady job gains could help the economy expand later this year. Growth was only 1.8 percent at an annual rate in the first quarter,

the government said Wednesday, down from a previous estimate of 2.4 percent.

The main reason for the lower estimate was consumers spent less than previously thought.

A separate report Thursday showed that consumer spending rose 0.3 percent in May, after falling by the same amount in April. Incomes rose 0.5 percent, the most in three months, the Commerce Department said.

Still, the report revised spending lower in several months earlier this year, causing some economists to lower their forecasts for the April-June quarter.

Nearly 4.6 million people received unemployment benefits in the week ended June 8, the latest data available. That's about 23,000 more than in the previous week.

Slower growth could mean the Federal Reserve may delay its plans to slow its monthly bond

purchases, economists said. Those purchases are intended to keep long-term interest rates low.

Chairman Ben Bernanke rattled financial markets last week when he said the Fed would slow its purchases if the economy continued to strengthen. But the Fed may not be able to follow through until growth accelerates from the first quarter's pace. Some economists think that may not happen until the final three months of the year.

Some economic reports this week have been encouraging. U.S. factories are fielding more orders. Higher home sales and prices are signaling a steady housing recovery.

Spending at retail businesses rose in May, a sign that solid job growth has encouraged Americans to open their wallets. And the improving job market has lifted consumer confidence to its highest point in 5½ years.

Home prices rise in April by most in 7 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. home prices jumped 12.1 percent in April from a year ago, the most since March 2006. More buyers and a limited supply of available homes have lifted prices in most cities across the country, a sign of a broad-based housing recovery.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index released Tuesday also rose 2.5 percent in April from March, the biggest month-over-month gain on records dating back to 2000.

All cities except Detroit posted gains in April from March. That's up from only 15 cities in the previous month.

Prices rose from a year earlier in all 20 cities for the fourth

straight month. Twelve cities posted double-digit gains. San Francisco,

Las Vegas, Phoenix and Atlanta all had price increases.

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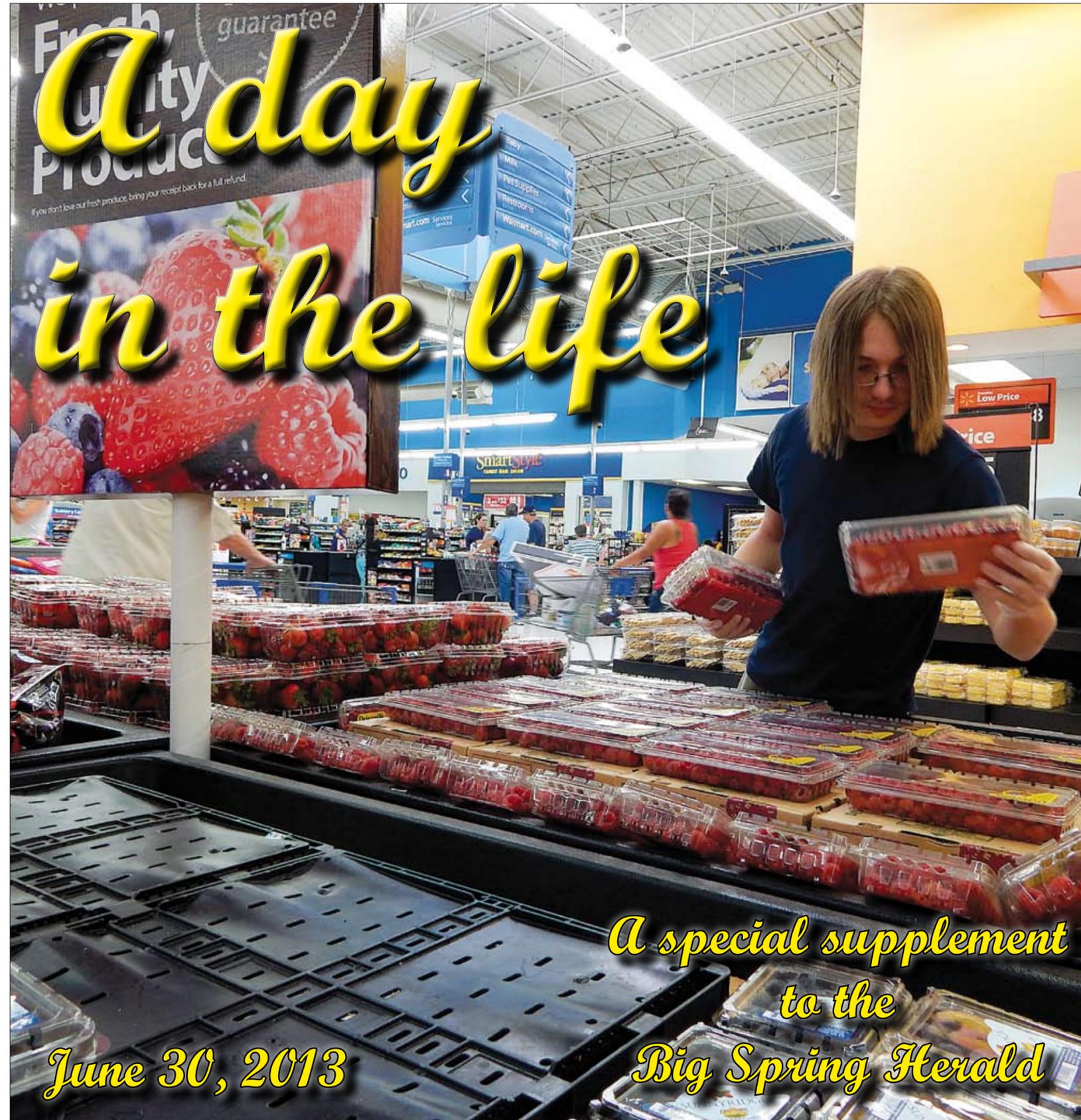


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A day in the life

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June 30, 2013

A new challenge

An average day for Big Spring Fire Department Chief Craig Ferguson might be considered somewhat dull for younger firefighters, but the administrative role allows him to help local residents in a slightly different way.

"For a lot of the younger firefighters, I think they'd get pretty bored fairly quickly in an administrative capacity like this," Ferguson said. "Make no mistake, firefighting is a young man's game. As chief, I don't get to go out on all the emergency calls and things like that, but I get to serve the citizens of Big Spring and the surrounding area in a different way."

Ferguson is usually up before the sun rises, rolling out of bed at approximately 6 each morning.

"I usually get up, get a bowl of cereal and then get ready for work," he said. "At around 6:30 a.m. I'll wake up my wife so she can get ready for work and we get the kids up around 7 a.m. This summer, our son is work-



ing with his grandfather, so I'll get him ready and drive him to his summer job, then I'll head into town."

Once Ferguson arrives at BSFD Station No. 1 — located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark — he goes through the normal routine of turning on lights and getting the office operational.

"It's sort of the normal progression. You get everything turned on and ready to go for the day. Then I start checking phone messages and e-mails

and begin returning calls. I suppose it's a lot like any other office job in the morning," he said with a laugh.

Once he's settled in, Ferguson said what comes next all depends what day it is.

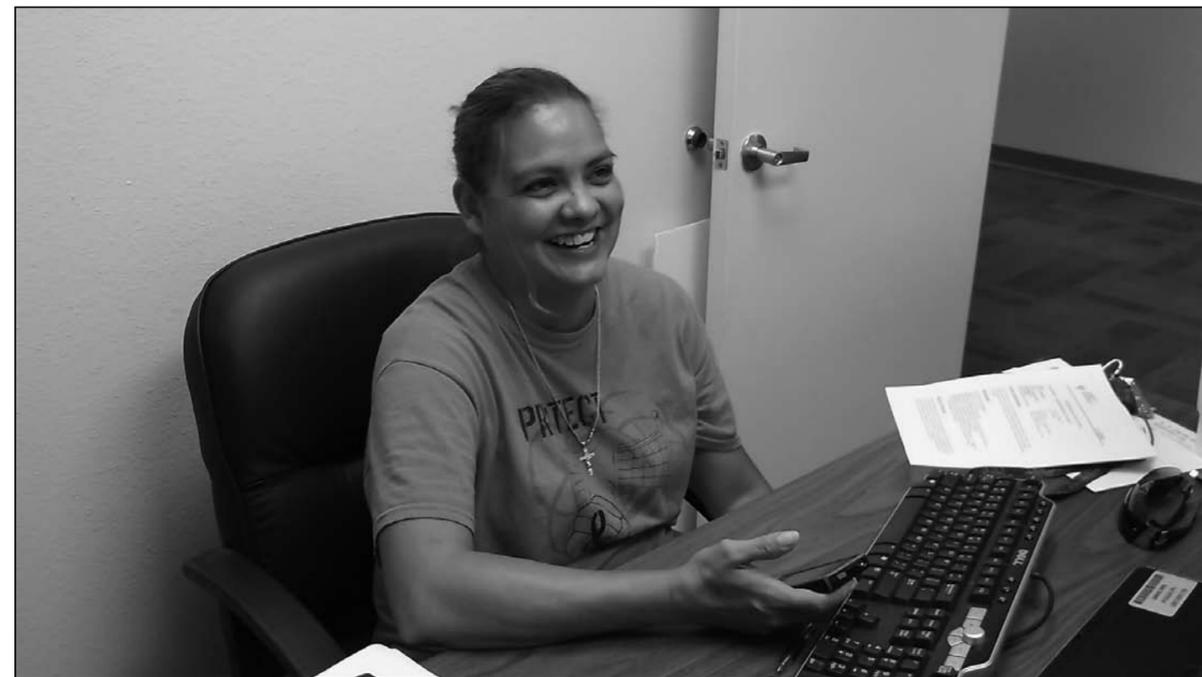
"I check my calendar to see what I have going on that day, whether it's meetings or other things," he said. "After that, I meet with the command staff, which includes the fire marshal and the deputy chief who was on duty the night before. We bring each other up to speed on

what's been going on.

"On Tuesdays, we head down to city hall and meet with the city manager and the rest of the department heads and staff. I bring the manager up to speed on what's going on with the fire department and we discuss any concerns he has with the department."

Ferguson said the rest of the morning hours are spent chasing down administrative details, including trips to other municipal offices.

"I'll sometimes have to run



and can be found at the YMCA quite often. She also coaches youth sports. She has coached volleyball players in grades 3-6, as well as basketball for six-years-old and under. She enjoys working with children, even in her spare time, but most of all, it gives her a chance to spend more time with her own boys, whom she has coached in the past.

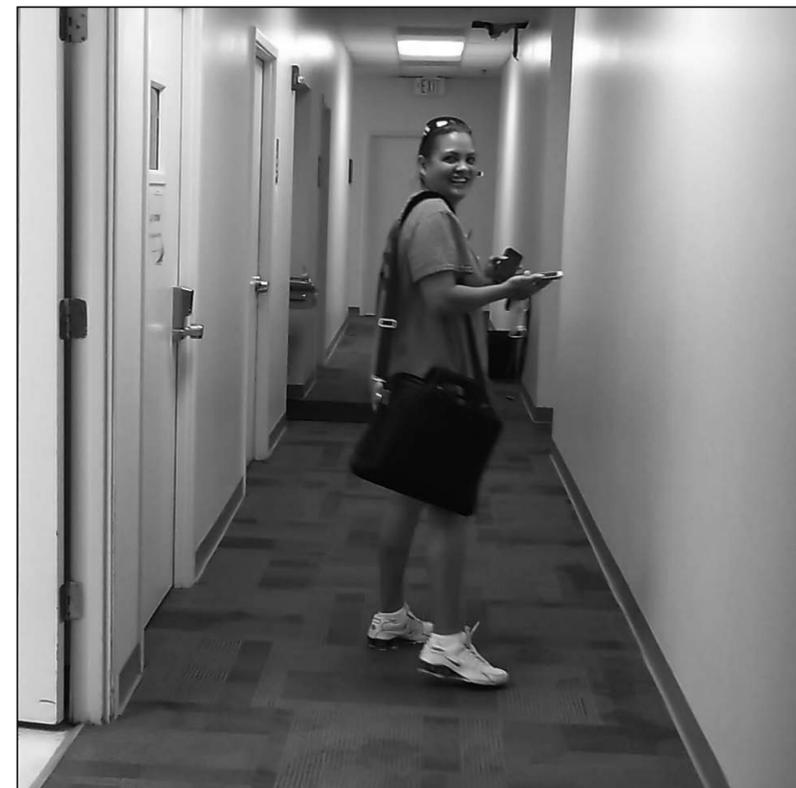
"I coach through the YMCA," Ortega explained. "I play on adult volleyball leagues at the YMCA — I try to stay active outside of work and I try to be a good role model."

After her workday and sports activities, Ortega tries to wind down as most of us do.

"Typically, I get out of work about 6 or 7 o'clock, then I pick my kids up if I need to and head home," Ortega said. "If I don't pick something up to eat, I make something at home. I hang out with my boys and we just interact. Sometimes we watch a movie and sometimes

their friends are here and they play games. We have a basketball goal set up here. My son is interested in basketball — I coached him the last two years.

I may get in a quick television show, then at about 9, I have my boys start taking their showers and get ready for bed. I get ready for bed and do it



again the next day."

A self-described spiritual person, Ortega draws strength from her higher power.

"I believe in God strongly," she said. "I believe he has a plan for me. I try to treat others the way God would want me to treat them. I love doing God's work. I love giving back to the community. I don't have much, but what I have, I give. I give my time whenever I can."

"I work with my church. I help teach Bible school, or Catechism, in the Catholic Church. We also have a phenomenal resource in Saint Vincent De Paul, (Ortega's church) in our food pantry. We try to help people out who need food, but don't qualify for food stamps. I try to help them out with the food pantry when I can."

Ortega has dedicated her life to enriching those around her. She encourages any community partner who wishes to get involved with providing services to children and families in the CPS system to call her at 263-9665.

The Herald would like to thank all of the readers who contributed to 'A Day in the Life.' Herald staff members helping out included Thomas Jenkins, Brian McCormack, Andreia Medlin and Steve Reagan.

Good intentions

It takes a special sort of person to be a caseworker. The hours are long, the pay isn't magnificent and it can often be a thankless career.

Luckily, those driven to work in the social services field — people such as Big Spring's Rachel Ortega — are usually selfless folks who don't require constant praise for tackling a tough task.

Beyond her duties as a caseworker for the State of Texas' Family Based Safety Services, a division of Child Protective Services, Ortega, 37, is a single mother to two boys, ages 15 and 11. She coaches youth sports through the YMCA, volunteers at her church and participates in adult sports activities.

Where does she find the motivation to stay so active? She says God — and an endless desire to give something back to the community.

"I usually wake up between 6:30 and 7 a.m.," Ortega said of her average workday. "I make sure my son gets ready for school. One is in summer school and the other one is old enough

to stay home. I get breakfast on my way to work. Something healthy.

"I get to work between 7:50 and 8:15 most days. As soon as I get there, I check my email and my voice messages. I return any calls I need to return. Usually, I have 24 hours to return a call if it involves a case. Then, I look at my calendar to see how I have planned my day and look through my cases to see what needs to be handled that day. I go to any scheduled appointments I may have.

"The first two hours of work are designated for documentation. I update my contacts for my day and at about 10, I do any home visits I need to do. The phone is usually ringing off the hook about that time."

Ortega specializes in working with children and families. When a family has been deemed in need of state assistance, she helps families come up with a plan to keep the child or children within the home, and in a safe, secure atmosphere.

"It's an unpredictable job. I usually try to eat lunch between 12 and 2, but it doesn't always happen. I spend the rest of my day working cases and responding to the needs of my clients. We want to keep fami-



lies together and offer them services when they are needed so they can function as a unit and live in a stable environment. I know people don't like to hear the word "CPS," but if they understood what it is we do and the extent we go to in order to keep kids safe, they might feel a

bit differently. We want to help. We don't want to break families apart. We just want to give the children we work with and their families a chance."

When she's not putting in overtime at work, Ortega is involved with numerous sports. She plays ragball, volleyball



to city hall and take information — certificates and other information regarding our staff and their credentials — to human resources," Ferguson said. "When lunch time rolls around, I usually have lunch with my wife, Stephanie. If she's too busy to get away for lunch, I'll usually go for a run on Scenic Mountain. I enjoy running, although I'd rather be bike riding. Unfortunately, there isn't usually time for that during my lunch break."

Once he's done with his lunch

break, Ferguson heads back to Station No. 1, where he once again checks his calls and e-mails.

"A Big part of my job is just staying communication with people," he said. "Whether it's citizens calling with concerns or keeping the city administration abreast of what we're doing and what we need, I spend a lot of time at my desk.

"I'm still a paramedic and a firefighter. I can still get out there and work on an ambulance or a fire truck. Being able to go out and help people is still my favorite part of my job. When I became the fire chief, it was a big change for me. A big part of it involves getting away from addressing the everyday issues with the guys and look at the big picture, which means the budget and other administrative responsibilities. My whole world has turned into paperwork, meetings and phone calls."

While being behind a desk and in charge of the fire department's administrative needs is certainly a big change from heading out in an ambulance to face unknown challenges, Ferguson said it's just as demanding.

"You find out you're not only helping people, but you're helping them in their darkest hour," Ferguson said. "When people call 911, that's often the worst day of their lives. However, you're there to help them out and turn that day around. You want to try to make that one of the best days of their lives, if you can."

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half long so I ate a sandwich while watching. Thank goodness the person giving the webinar could not see me feeding my face. Not a pretty sight, I'm sure. After the webinar was over, I went back to editing.

About an hour before the client arrives for the portrait session, I check out my camera and lighting equipment to ensure everything is working correctly. When I'm at the studio doing portrait sessions, it is much easier because everything is already here and I just go

get what I need. Location portraits are a different story in that I have to load up the van with everything

spend many hours in front of the computer editing and ordering prints from our lab located in Dallas. Capturing the image is the most important part of our job, but the work has just begun.

So, let's get this day started. Belle and I spent an hour or so mowing and weed eating the backyard to spruce it up for our session later today. It is amazing how quickly everything greened up after the rain. What a blessing! Now to clean up and get ready for the rest of the day.

When I got back in front of the computer to work on a corporate portrait that I had photographed my calendar reminded me that there was a webinar that I wanted to see that was scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Thank goodness for calendar apps that give you reminders. When 11 rolled around I took a break from editing and signed in to the webinar. It is very important to continue your education no matter what your profession. I usually watch a webinar once a week and attend two photography seminars each year.

The webinar was an hour and a

I think I will need. Since I am doing an outdoor portrait in our backyard, all I need is my camera, a tripod, and the off-camera flash system I use to supplement the ambient light. As our grandson Camryn was visiting, we used him to check out the lighting and camera equipment. Everything checked out so we were ready to go.

After the portrait session it was back to the computer to upload the images from the memory card to the computer. We also back up the files on two external hard drives in case we have a problem with the hard drive on our computer. Backing up the files is very important. We have had hard drives fail and if we had not backed up the files the images we had taken would have been lost.

After finishing the backup, I

printed a couple of images on our printer that Belle calls the "volkswagen" because it is so big. It makes prints up to 24" wide and as long as the roll of paper you have loaded in the printer. If you use the archival quality paper the prints will last over 200 years. The quality is as good as or better than professional labs, so I use it a lot to create prints of my art images as well as our client images. While I am making the prints, Belle is working on her latest oil painting. She does most of the editing and touch-ups on the portraits that we create, but her passion is creating fine art using oil paints.

Our day ends as it began. I am on the computer checking email and updating the calendar. It was a great day at the "Red Barn Studio."





Starting off the day? With coffee, of course

My name is Bruce Schooler and my wife Belle and I own the “Red Barn Studio” in Sand Springs.

Our day starts with multiple cups of coffee. There will be no photos of me before my fourth cup of coffee as I don't want to traumatize any small children who may be reading the paper.

After adequate caffeine and getting ready for work, I am ready for the commute to the office. It takes me about 15 seconds to get to work as our studio is attached to our house. During the '80s I drove to Midland and back each day for seven years, so not having to drive to work in traffic every morning is a blessing, although sometimes we have to be on location to set up for a photo session at 7 a.m. One of the great things about being a pho-

tographer and owning a studio is that there is no such thing as a typical day.

The first thing I do when I get to the studio is check my calendar and plan my day. Today, we have a portrait session scheduled in our back yard, so I need to do some weed eating to make sure everything looks good. We have been blessed with about 3 inches of rain, so the area of our back yard that we use for portraits is really

looking great. We also go to different locations in Howard County to create our family and senior portraits. There are so many great places in the Comanche Trail Park, as well as downtown. We also have a studio with professional lighting equipment that we use if our clients want a portrait taken in a studio environment.

Belle and I also have a lot of editing we need to do on portraits we have taken earlier in the week. We

Rebecca Carrasco is a cosmetologist at the Downtowner Barber Shop. She begins her day at 8 a.m. or earlier.

Becky chronicled her day as follows:
The first thing I did today:
“Was turn on all the lights, equipment and then, of course, got ready to cut hair.”

How was the morning:
“Always different. Lots of variety of customers.”

Did anything unusual happen today:
“It seems that every day starts the same, but there are always new people coming into Big Spring. It makes for an interesting day.”

Who was the most memorable person you met today:

“Almost everyone has a story to tell. So, in a sense, lots of memorable people! But I would have to say my boss, Larry Knight. He has been cutting hair since he was 18 years old. He has seen and met a lot of people from the community. He has some colorful stories.”

What was the days biggest success:
“I would have to say success is making the customer leave feeling happy about their haircut! If the customer is happy, then I'm happy.”

What was the day's biggest disappointment if any:

“I can't think of any disappointments. I try to be a positive person.”

How was your drive home:
“Great.”

Would you consider today typical:
“No, not really. Every day is an adventure.”

Anything else relevant to your day:
“I get up every day thankful to God for giving me the chance to be here and for my family. They are the light of my life.”



She's multi-tasking

My name is Amanda Duforat. Most of you know me as Amanda Moreno considering that has been my name until almost a year ago when I got married.

I am still residing in Big Spring and since October I have been working as the marketing coordinator for Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

This morning started at 7 when all three of my alarms went off; it's clear to see I'm not a morning person, especially this morning. I do the usual routine, roll out of bed, get dressed and wake up my son (which is always a struggle since he's not a morning person either). I make sure he has his breakfast ready to go with him. This morning it is a Strawberry Pop Tart.

However, one thing is different this morning. I forget we (by we, I mean my husband) recently got a new puppy. As I step out the door to turn on the car, I am greeted by this stumbling, little fur ball on four legs. Yep, she is hungry and thirsty, too. Of course, I stop and let her in to eat and get some water before my son and I head out for the day. I want to make sure she is hydrated considering it is barely 7:30 in the morning and temperatures are already in the 70s.

After dropping off my son, David, I head to work. Today is going to be a fairly easy day, nothing too hectic on the schedule, but just enough to keep the day flowing.

During the morning, I run around getting ready for the United Way board meeting. I make sure the food is going to be ready and set up in time and double-check that everyone knows the meeting place has been changed. Once that is complete, it is time to move onto the next task and prepare for the scheduled television interview for the CEO Larry Rodgers. Considering I come from a media background, I go through the possible questions he could be asked and think of the topics that needed to be covered. Of course, having the CEO that I do, there isn't a whole lot of worry involved because not only is he good when it comes to speaking occasions, but he also has a background in the media and marketing fields.

Once the interview was complete, I have one small task to accomplish before the United Way meeting. Considering part of the marketing coordinator's job is to promote and provide



information on the hospital, I figure I better get some information out there. Part of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's job is to provide information to those who are new to the area and, well, they can't provide the information if they don't have it. I had received a phone call earlier in the morning letting me know that they were out of our information packets. I put some important phone numbers with a little information together in a one-page handout so that they can be delivered in the afternoon. After all, we can't expect people to choose us as their hospital of choice if they don't have any information on us.

I find it hard to believe that with just a few simple tasks the morning has passed me by and lunchtime is upon me. Once the

food is delivered for the meeting, I finish setting up before board members start to arrive and then sit down for a few moments to catch my breath. This month's meeting is fairly short. A few key details discussed and a couple motions later, the meeting is over. Now it is time to clean up and get moving to the next project for the day. Once all the plates have been cleared away, table cloths removed and the food picked up, I head to the elevators to post some informational flyers. Not only does the public need to be informed about what's going on at the hospital, but sometimes part of the job is making sure the employees know what's going on as well.

Up until this point, the day has been flowing smoothly with little projects that don't

A typically irrelevant day

John Medlin lives in Big Spring and works in the produce department at Wal-Mart.

He chronicled June 12 as follows:

"My day began at 8 a.m. I got up and made coffee and played Borderlands 2 until about 9:30 when I had to get ready for work.

"So, my day started off okay. The only unusual thing about today

is that I started my shift at 10 a.m. instead of at noon.

"The most memorable person I encountered today was my manager, Dunk. Today's biggest success was that I finished my work.

"The most disappointing thing that happened was that a bucket of blueberries fell over.

"My drive home was great because I got to listen to Guns and Roses and Motley Crue. Today was typical and there was nothing else relevant about the day.



Meeting an inspiration from deep in the past

Daniel Munoz enjoys being a meat cutter at H-E-B.

"My day started when I woke up at about 8:30 a.m. when I was awakened by the alarm I set on my phone. It plays 'All My Rowdy Friends.'

"I got to work at 9 a.m.

"The first thing I did was load up a cart to process beef and pork to cut for the day. The morning was busy with cutting, packaging and putting out meat for today and setting up for tomorrow.

"Nothing unusual happened

today.

"The most memorable person I met today was a teacher I had in high school. I hadn't seen her in more than 20 years. She was an inspiration to me when I was in school.

"Today's biggest success was accomplishing everything on my 'to do' list. The biggest disappointment was that I would have liked there to be more people in the store.

"My drive home was relaxing and pleasant.

"I would consider today to be typical. The most relevant thing about today is that I got to spend time with my family."



Daily doing what she enjoys — helping others

Don't ask Meagan Kennemer about a typical day at work. To Kennemer, the fact that almost every day is decidedly untypical is one of the best things about her job.

Kennemer is an registered nurse care manager at the George H. O'Brien Jr. VA Medical Center. As such, she is part of a team of caregivers that helps between 20 and 30 patients a day.

Helping so many people with so many different problems means very few work days are alike, but there are some day-to-day similarities.

For example, she leaves the Midland home she shares with her husband, Chad, at around 6:30 a.m. to make the 40-minute commute to Big Spring. That in itself is sometimes an adventure.

"Traffic on the interstate is crazy now," she said. "There's just so much more traffic on it now than there was a year ago."

When some people arrive at work, the first thing they do is visit the coffee pot, but Kennemer's first stop is invariably the "crash cart" — the portable device which contains a defibrillator unit — to make sure its batteries are charged and it is in proper operating order.

"Then I check my e-mail and voice mail, then I pretty much start my day," she said.

And she always takes a 30-minute lunch break, even though the time might vary according to how pressing patient needs are at the moment.

Aside from that, however, "routine" is a not a word in Kennemer's vocabulary.

"Every day is different," she said. "Some days, I might have five or six messages from patients, other days, there won't be any. Some days, I might talk on the phone to 20 or 30 patients and other days, only five or six."

The phone is an important part of Kennemer's day.

The care team — which consists of a physi-



cian, registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse and a clerk — are responsible for patients living throughout the medical center's far-flung service area, Kennemer has relatively little face-to-face contact with patients during her work day, relying instead on the telephone to help her keep in touch with them.

"I answer the phone all day," she said. "Everything is electronic now, it seems. Nothing is on paper anymore. We get alerts from physicians, the pharmacy and other departments, and I go over things and make sure everything is being taken care of."

"I don't do as much hands-on care," she added. "Maybe a suture removal or treating a wound — but I talk to patients all day on the phone."

All this may sound a bit like health care by remote control, but Kennemer said she and her team still deliver quality care to their patients.

"It's my job to triage the patients over the phone, find out who they need to see and when

they need to see them, and to follow up on any consults," she said. "I guess you could say it's my job to get them to the right departments."

After taking care of her patients' needs, Kennemer usually leaves the VAMC around 4 p.m. for the commute back home to Midland.

It's a job Kennemer loves, and one she always wanted to have.

"When I was a toddler, I had one of those toy doctor kits and I'd carry it with me everywhere," she said. "I don't know when I originally got the idea, but I always wanted to be in the medical field."

After graduating from Greenwood High School in 2005, Kennemer enrolled in nursing courses at Midland College, graduating with an associates degree in nursing in 2005. She then worked in the Odessa Medical Center's emergency room for several years before joining the VAMC staff in December 2010.

necessarily fit into the daily routine, but yet make up a rather routine part of my overall job. However, now that 1:45 p.m. is rolling near, it is time for the routine part of my day ... safety meeting. Each day for 15 minutes the directors in the facility come together to take a time out and focus on safety. It's a way for us to identify things that we can do better, catch the areas that provide opportunity and keeps it in our minds that providing the best care possible also means ensuring the safety of the patient and their families while they are in our facility and even after they go home.

Only a few things are left to mark off the list before the day is over. While the projects and meetings may have concluded for the day, there is still plenty to prepare for before the week is over. On any given day, there are meetings, conference calls and deadlines to be met. Luckily this week, is a "slow" week and not too much is going on.

I end up running the information I had printed out earlier in the day over to the Chamber offices to ensure that they have what they need to help get our name out there. Upon arriving back at the hospital, I get called into an unexpected meeting — my annual evaluation. Mind you, I haven't



even been here a year yet and I'm still learning the role, so in my mind I'm thinking 'This can go one of two ways — either I am learning this role and moving right along and there is nothing to worry about or this is where I find out that they realize they made a mistake and I have failed at moving forward.' Luckily for me, it wasn't the latter option. According to my boss, I am moving right along and seem to be learning my new role very well. I have to say that made me breathe a sigh of relief. There are times when I feel like this job is exactly where I'm supposed to be and then there are those days when I ask myself 'what were they thinking when they gave me this position?' Thankfully, they don't regret hiring me (at least not yet and hopefully it stays that way.)



Now that the moment of truth is behind me, it's time to set up for yet another meeting, but thankfully I won't have to attend this meeting until tomorrow. I grab the tablecloths, set up the tables and make sure the room is presentable. To wrap up the day, it's time to catch up on the emails that await me and make sure all my information is ready to go for tomorrow.

Finally, it is time to head home. I clock out of work and head to pick up my son. On the way, we decide to make a stop at McDonald's for dinner. While it wasn't something we usually do, the thought of not having to cook anything and having an easy clean up sounded pretty good.

After completing the 20-minute drive home, enjoy a quick dinner and getting my son and myself showered and ready for the next day it is time to relax. A couple hours of television and off to bed.

All in all, it was a fairly typical day, if there is such a thing. Nothing too exciting happened, but we made it through and were able to wake up to yet another day.

On the go all the time

A typical day in the life of Robert Smith could be considered hectic by many of us, but he wouldn't have it any other way.

Father, bail bond agency owner, circulation manager at the Big Spring Herald, Little League president — these are just a few of the titles Smith assumes on a day-to-day basis. A strong work ethic and a busy schedule keep this Big Spring man going from dawn until beyond dusk.

"I wake up about 7 o'clock," Smith said. "I clean up and get ready for work and try to be in the car by 7:45. My 18-year-old is home from college right now, so she's working for the school in the technology department. She always played sports during high school and never got the chance to take driver's education. I drop her off to work out at the technology department at the bus barn and then I go get breakfast because I'm a diabetic. I take medication that says that I have to eat, so I take my medication before I leave. After I drop her off, I go get breakfast and go to work at the Big Spring Herald.

"When I get there, I check for messages. Normally there are some. Usually about somebody missing their paper or something

like that. I try to call those people and see if we need to bring their paper to them right then or if they can be delivered with the next day's paper. I enter all the payments that came in the day before into our system and get ready to run what we call bundle tops — information that goes out about each different route we have here. We have several routes in Big Spring; we actually have 47 routes which detail around 3,300 papers a day. Sunday's it entails about 4,100 papers a day. It tells carriers how many papers they're supposed to get; it tells them if they have any payments that have been made on their routes. It has special instructions such as if someone is going on vacation when they're supposed to stop delivery and when they're supposed to start it back up. All of that is provided on the bundle tops. I have 13 different carriers who run all of those routes.

"Once all the bundle tops are torn apart, I go to the back. Around that time, the newspaper starts to roll off the press. I go into the mailroom where I have four employees. We put the newspaper together and put the inserts in the newspaper each day. The papers come down a conveyor, I take them, put the bundle top on top of them and that's when I actually get to speak to the carriers if I need to tell them anything.

"When that's over, I come back into the office. I get a newspaper



that's been marked up with the amount of advertising that's in it, the amount of editorial content that's in it, the weight of the newspaper and stuff like that. Then, I fill out what is called a postal report that goes to the post office with papers that have been mailed out. After that, I normally break and go to lunch."

Smith generally eats lunch with his wife, Denise, where they talk about the day's happenings.

"My wife and I eat lunch together everyday," Smith continued. "Somewhere at a restaurant here in town, usually. That's the only time we get to speak to each other when we're by ourselves. We discuss how our days are going and if there is anything we can help each other with.

"Denise runs the bail bond office (A-Bob's, located at 100 E. Third St.) while I work at the newspaper. She does a fantastic job. I don't really have to worry too much about the bail bond business. Sometimes, I answer the phone at night and the weekends, although not often. She's been taking care of it since I have been working at the paper. From time-to-time, I go out and make bonds or if she has questions on a large bond she'll call me and we'll discuss it and try to make an informed decision. Most bail bondsmen here in town will tell you that Denise asks a lot more questions that they do. That's because we are a family-owned business. She and I own it together. Normally, we're going to find out what we need to know be-



fore we write the bond. You never meet these people until they get out of jail. It's part instinct and just things that you have to ask.

"On average, we probably write between 30 and 40 bonds per month. It used to be more, but there are five bail bondsmen in a town this size, so it's pretty well split up."

Smith has four daughters. Reba, 18, is home from Sul Ross University where she will return as a sophomore. Stormi, 20, a San Angelo resident, is currently working at a call center. Chesnei, 27, is a junior at Texas Tech and Nicole, is a 30-year-old manager at Destination XL in Omaha, Neb.

On the day Smith was interviewed, he was ordering a bouquet of flowers for his daughter in Omaha for her birthday. Children are a big part of Smith's life. When he's not spending time with his own, he oversees Big Spring Little

League, the largest per capita Little League organization in the United States.

"I'm the president of Big Spring Little League, I'm the treasurer of the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association, I am the game day coordinator for Big Spring Youth Basketball through the YMCA. I am the head of the referees for YMCA basketball, as well as the head of the referees for the Youth Soccer Association.

"I'm there each day games are played. I try to make sure everything is done fairly.

"During the baseball season, my wife and I are out at the field from about 5 p.m. until about 10 p.m. I keep score and I love baseball. I love watching the kids play baseball.

"I try to stay very involved. We have meetings with the referees at least once a week. I spend a little bit of time doing that. We have

more board meeting in baseball than any other organization I'm involved in. I try to make sure it's run well. Unfortunately, you have to run it sort of like a business."

When Robert's jam-packed day finally winds down, he and Denise try to savor the calm of the evening.

"As soon as I get home, my wife usually has something made to eat. We sit down and try to watch a television show we have recorded and try to relax. We usually go

to bed around midnight or 12:30, then you get back

up and start over again."

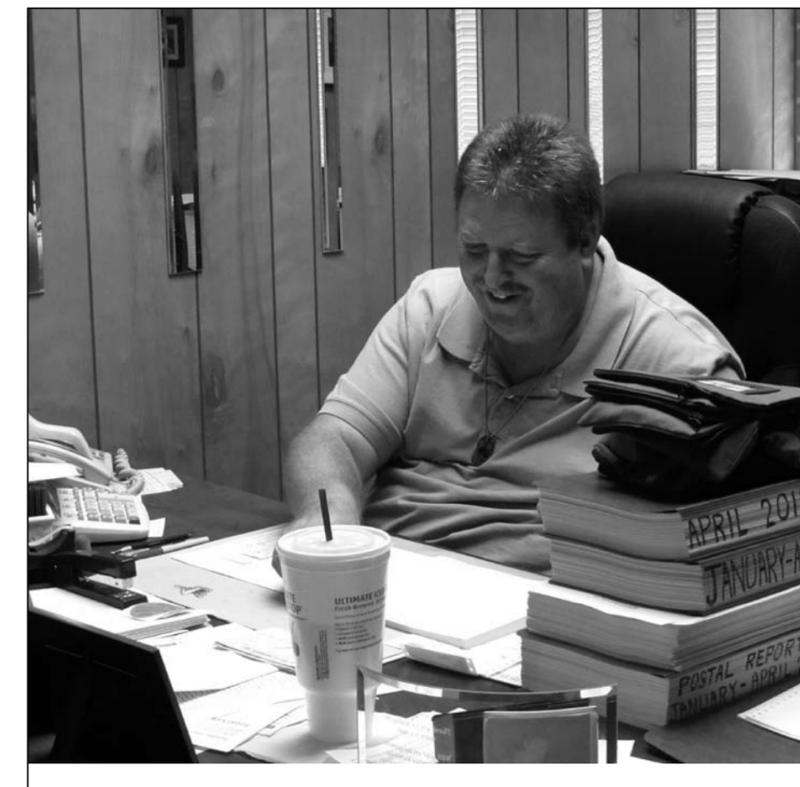
Smith prefers to stay on the move.

"I like to stay busy," he added. "It helps keep you young, I think. A lot of people think it wears you out and I have gotten to where I tire more easily, but I'm also a member of the local Masonic Lodge, there's a lot of memory work involved in that. I believe it keeps your mind sharp. I'm not a doctor, but I know I have seen guys who are 90 years old at the Masonic Lodge who are sharp as a whip. I think that has a lot to do with the fact that if you keep your mind sharp, you don't forget stuff."

With all the responsibility Smith takes on, it requires focus.

"You have to have a good work ethic.

"Every job I have taken, I have been promoted at a fairly rapid pace. Work ethic is everything. You have to keep moving."



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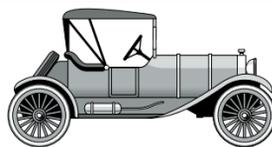
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Chon Rodriguez, named after his grandfather (picture above), opened Papa Chon's Mexican Restaurant in Big Spring, TX. on January 6, 2010.

Chon's grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Rodriguez, opened the first family owned business in Big Spring, TX. in 1943. Chon and his parents, Raul & Dorothy Rodriguez, moved from the first family owned business in Big Spring to Snyder, TX. and opened Spanish Inn. Dorothy, Chon's mother, worked in the family business from 1943 to 2002. Chon's two sons are currently operating the Spanish Inn.

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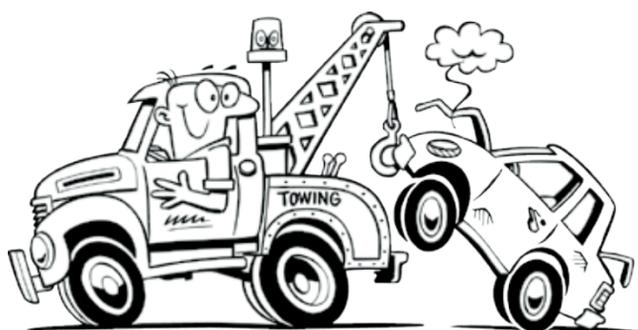
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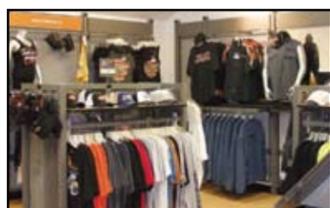


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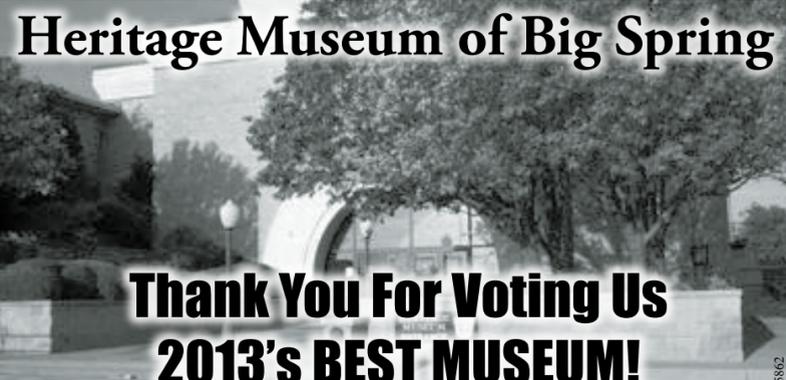
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