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Commissioners rein in sheriff's fiscal duties

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners took steps Monday to ensure funding for the law enforcement center is on the straight and narrow after it was discovered Sheriff Cliff Laws has not been making timely deposits to the county treasurer.

Last week it was discovered more than \$107,000 in funds received by the sheriff from outside entities housing inmates inside the local jail had not been turned over to the county trea-

The last deposit, it was reported, had been last March.

"The statutes say that money must go directly to the county treasurer," County Judge Lee Norman said.

In proposing to bypass the sustaining," Norman said. sheriff, county commissioners not only ordered the funds to be handed over immediately, but also in a second order mandated the sheriff will no longer handle funds received by those outside entities.

It was reported late Monday afternoon the county treasurer

had received those funds.

Outside entities now will be asked to send payments directly to the county treasurer's office, and remittance notices to that effect will be included with each statement.

The county charges those outside entities - such as another county that contracts with Garza to house inmates they can't due to overcrowding or some other issue - \$40 a day.

Norman estimated 39 of the 63 prisoners housed in the Garza facility are from outside entities. The prison can hold up to 96 prisoners.

"Our No. 1 priority in fulfilling our obligation to the taxpayers of Garza County regarding the law enforcement center is to ensure a good cash flow in order for that facility to be self-

The \$9.3-million facility was built in 2009 and funded through certificates of obligation. The county owes about

\$8.2 million on the note. "Historically, we've had a

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Little League playoffs



Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Lubbock Dixie's Steven Soto (8) slides safely into third as West Odessa's Dustin Rodriguez (4) tries to tag him out Tuesday evening during the top of the fifth inning at Norm Cash Field. Post played host this week to the Little League sectionals tournament, which began Saturday and went through Wednesday evening. Dixie won, 6-3, against Odessa and went on to lose to Idalou later Tuesday, 13-9. Idalou was set to play Pecos on Wednesday to determine which team would advance to the state Little League tournament.

City to de-annex prison property

Move will allow town to keep state regulators at bay

State honors Garza Historical Commission

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

In an effort to stave off more stringent state regulations placed on towns above a certain population threshold, the City Council soon will annex the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility out of the city limits.

When the results of the 2010 decennial census were released, the 2,000 some-odd prisoners being housed at the facility were counted into the city's population, which now stands at about 5,376 people.

Because the count put the city's population above 5,000, that benchmark opens the city up to more scrutiny by the state, including stricter guidelines for electrical and plumbing inspections, landfill regulations and water and sewer testing.

City Manager Arbie Taylor said de-annexing the prison, while not the optimal solution, is, really, the only choice the city has that is the least burdensome on city taxpayers.

"That 5,000 number is the magic number," Taylor said. "Everything changes at that

point. New employees would have to be hired to handle the increased workload of ensuring the integrity of those regu-

"That cost would be passed onto the residents - and I'm quite certain our citizenry isn't ready for those changes, because it would come at a very steep price."

Taylor said the landfill which is owned and operated wholly by the city - would have to be upgraded with scales and that city and county residents alike would be charged a

By Wayne Hodgin

The Post Dispatch

The Texas Historical Com-

mission recently recognized

Garza County with the 2011

The honor was presented

during Monday's meeting of

the Commissioner's Court and

recognizes the Garza County

Historical Commission for

its work toward promoting a

greater understanding of state

Garza County Judge Lee

Distinguished Service Award.

dumping fee. Most any plumbing and electrical work would have to be permitted and the work done by licensed and bonded professionals.

In addition, he said, state regulations would require increased and more frequent water testing and sewer requirements, which also would mean a raise in rates.

Taylor said state inspectors are already beginning to venture out into more rural areas

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Norman said the efforts of lo-

cal historians Linda Puckett

and Pat Cruse not only promote

stewardship of local cultural

and historic resources, but also

encourage economic develop-

ment by generating interest

in the history and character of

history here in Garza County

and Post City, and our museum

helps promote that history to

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"We're very proud of our



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Citizens Bank will merge with HCSB of Plainview by the end of

Citizens to merge with Plainview bank Local bank's name, officers will remain in tact

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

The boards of directors of HaleCo Bancshares Inc. and LubCo Bancshares Inc. the two holding companies of HCSB of Plainview and Citizens Bank, respectively - recently approved an agreement to merge the two banks into one, with HCSB being the resulting bank.

Christopher O'Connell, spokesman for HCSB, said the two companies have been affiliated for years and share common ownership and directors.

He said both banks are — and always have been - on good

financial ground, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the independent government agency that oversees the banking industry, played no role in the decision to merge.

"Both banks are merging voluntarily as stable, strong and secure community banks," O'Connell said Wednesday. "The merger is a forwardthinking move that ensures we can take care of our customers, expand services, manage costs and operate more efficiently for generations to come."

The transaction is expected

CITIZENS TO MERGE... continued on page 7



City of Post July 4: zero July 5: zero July 6: zero

July 7: zero

July 9: zero

July 10: zero

July 8: 0.05 inches

Pat Cruse and Linda Puckett of the Garza County Historical

Commission and mueum show off the award recently pre-

sented to them by the Texas Historical Commission.

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Month to date: 0.05 inches Year to date: 14.32 inches Normal: 11.2 inches

Lake Alan Henry July 4: zero July 5: zero July 6: zero

and local history.

July 7: 0.1 inches July 8: 0.04 inches July 9: zero July 10: 0.04 inches Month to date: 0.18 inches Year to date: 18.23 inches Normal: 20.02 inches

White River Lake July 4: zero July 5: zero July 6: zero July 7: zero July 8: 0.03 inches

July 9: 0.24 inches

July 10: 0.05 inches

Month to date: 0.32 inches Year to date: 19.59 inches Normal: 11.98 inches

Source: National Weather Service, Lubbock.

County reinstates burn ban in some places

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Garza County commissioners have reinstated a partial burn ban, which includes roughly half of the county that resides west of the Caprock.

In an order passed Monday during the regular biweekly meeting of the Garza County Commissioners Court, board members agreed that more than two weeks without much measureable rainfall was enough to issue a new order.

Until further notice, the ban is in effect from one mile east of the Caprock all the way to the western border of Garza County.

"It's been so hot that any rainfall we're getting is just drying up about as quick as it can fall," Commissioner Charles Morris said. "With some of these barditches being recently shredded, it wouldn't take much (for a fire to quickly get out of hand.)"

According to the "State of Climate" report, issued Monday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the first half of the year has been the warmest January to June period for the lower 48 states in records dating to 1895.

Though cool by comparison to some parts of the country, much of Texas was frying going into the July 4 holiday, according to reports from Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

While parts of the Midwest and Eastern United States were hotter, the triple-digit temperatures throughout the state complicated chances of recovery from last year's drought.

According to the National Weather Service, many areas only received traces of rain -0.25 inch or less - during the last week of June.

The South Plains easily topped triple-digit heat last week with no rain being reported.

Dryland crops are beginning to suffer, noted area Extension officials, and producers of irrigated cotton were watering full

Rangeland and pastures, although in fair to good condition, needed more rain to continue improving. In particular, pastures burned last year by wildfire or overgrazed because of lack of grazing land were beginning to show some signs of stress because of the excessive heat and lack of precipitation.

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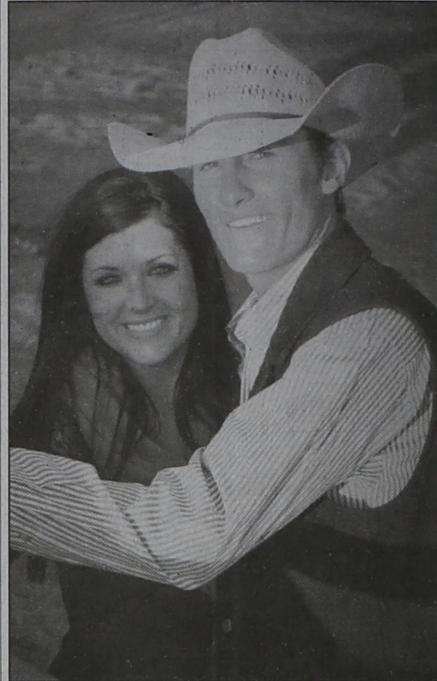
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Anderson, Fuston to wed



Whitney Lynn Anderson and Kye Wintz Fuston.

John and Kevva Anderson of Gail announce the engagement of their daughter Whitney Lynn Anderson to Kye Wintz Fuston, the ton of Turkey.

The bride-elect is 2006 graduate of Borden County High School and a 2009 graduate of Texas A&M University with a degree in agricultural leadership

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and development. She is employed as an account executive with Integracare

The future bridegroom son of Leck and Lisa Fus- is a 2006 graduate of Valley High School and a 2008 graduate of Clarendon College with a degree in animal science. He is employed as a camp manager at the Bell

The couple will marry Sept. 22 at Lubbock First United Methodist Church.

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OBITUARIES



RAYMOND MARTINEZ RIVERA

Raymond Martinez Rivera, 88, of Post, died Monday, July 2, 2012, in Lubbock.

He was born Feb. 29, 1924, in Hamlin and later moved to Garza County with his family and settled in the Canyon Valley area. He married Juanita Cisneros on Dec. 20, 1947, in Lubbock, and she preceded him in death Sept. 13, 2006.

Raymond farmed for Avery Moore at Justiceburg until his retirement at which time they moved into Post. He worked for the city of Post for several years. He was a lifelong Catholic and a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Joe Rivera and Susano Rivera;

and sister Jesusa Robinson. He is survived by sons Tommy Rivera and Fernando Rivera, both of Post; daugthers Gloria and Carlos Leyva of Fort Stockton, Connie and Lupe Ramos of Rowlett, Hope and Joe Salas of Levelland, Flora and Mario Lopez of Abernathy, Linda Rivera of Post, Alicia Rivera of Orange, Calif., and Julie and Tommy Gonzalez of Post; brother Salvador Rivera of Lubbock; sister Frances Flores of Slaton; 20 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Rosary services were July 5 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with Santiago Gonzalez officiating. Mass of the Resurrection was July 6 at Holy Cross Catholic Church with the Rev. Hugh Thekkel officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Sandra Rivera, Javier Leyva, Raymond Garza, Marcos Lopez, Juan Ramos, Timothy Gonzalez, Gabriel Leyva, Edward Ramos, Miguel Lopez, Steven Polanco, Peter Ibarra and Zachary Leyva.

Arrangements by Justice-Mason Funeral Home of Post.



VICTOR SOTO

Services for Victor Soto, 77, of Post were July 3 at the Church of God of Prophecy with the Rev. Cruz Soto officiating. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

He was born June 15, 1935, in Austin to Gregorio and Ysabel (Bocanegra) Soto. He died Sunday, July 1, 2012, in Lubbock. He married Helen Martinez on April 15, 1981, in New Mexico. She preceded him in death on May 21, 2008. He worked as a farmer prior to his retirement. Survivors include daugh-

ters Carol Sanchez and Sadie DeLaCruz, both of Morse; Linda Villa of Lakin, Kan.; Sara Skidmore of Higbee, Mo.; Tillie Duran of Post; and Sandra Gasper of Gruver; sons Ricky Soto of Joshua and Tony Soto of Post; brothers Juan Soto of Amarillo, the Rev. Cruz Soto of Granite Shoals, Greg Soto and Jesse, both of Post, and Pat Soto of Lubbock; sisters Lupe Rivera of Poteet, Patsy Gutierrez of Dumas, Anita Tarango, Betty Golden and Julia Gomez, all of Post, and Janie Serrano and Emily Ochoa, both of Oklahoma; 46 grandchildren; 76 great-grandchildren.

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fast turnaround," Norman said

of the issue at hand. "But we're now realizing the court needs to

The family of the late Victor Soto would like to thank Gaspar.



each and every one who showed their generosity and support during their time of need. May God bless you. A special thanks from Tillie Duran, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Soto, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sotos, Sara Skidmore, Linda Villa, Sadie De la Cruz, Carol Sanchez and Sandra



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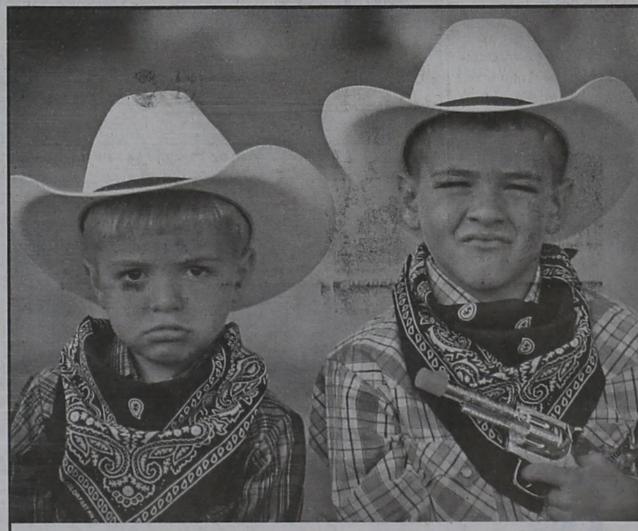
be more proactive and involved in handling these matters, and we're going to correct it, if nothing more than because it's according to best accounting practice."

Sheriff Laws, through his Chief Deputy Tommy Binford, chose not to comment for this

However, County Attorney Mike Munk said that because those outside entities contract with the sheriff - not the county - the Commission's orders might not be enforceable.

"My opinion is that new order would require any future contracts be worded so that those receivables would be made payable to the county treasurer," he said. "I'm not sure if the new order would be enforceable to those contracts already in place between those counties and the sheriff's office."

The new order that the payments be made directly to the county treasure is pending the county auditor's approval.



Attending the Electric Cooperative **Meeting is Serious Business!**

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Photo by Wayne Hodgin

Kerry Dixon was installed Tuesday as the new president of the Rotary Club of Post for the 2012-2013 year. Dixon also presented outgoing President Marie Neff with a plaque commemorating her past year's term. The Rotary Club meets at noon Tuesdays at the Post Community Center meeting room.

Wild horse, burro adoption this weekend

The U.S. Bureau of Land a.m. to noon Saturday. Management will have a wild horse and burro adoption Thursday, Friday and Saturday this week in Lubbock.

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stock Pavilion at the Panhandle Plains Fairgrounds will feature more than 50 animals, including adult and yearling horses and burros that once roamed free on is required for adult horses public lands in the West.

The BLM periodically removes excess animals from the range in order to maintain healthy herds and to protect other rangeland resources. The adoption program is essential for achieving these important manage- horses. ment goals.

a competitive bid at 2 p.m. Thursday. First-come-firstserved adoptions follow until 6 p.m., then again from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 8

Application approval is required and can be done on site. To qualify to adopt, one must be at least 18 years old with no record of animal The event in the Live- abuse. Adopters must have a minimum of 400 square feet of corral space per animal, with free access to food, water and shelter.

> A six-foot corral fence and five feet for yearlings. All animals must be loaded in covered stock-type trailers with swing gates and sturdy walls and floors. Staff will be on hand to assist with the short application process, answer any questions and load

Adoption begins with is \$125, as set by law. Bidding will start at that amount.

The federal government homes across the country. pays a one-time \$500 careand-feeding allowance to

4 years old. The allowance is paid in full after one year when adopters receive official ownership title for their horse(s).

All standard adoption conditions and fees apply. A limited number of eligible horses will be available. Younger horses, burros and trained animals are not eligible for this incentive.

Wild horses and burros - iconic symbols of America's Western heritage — are renowned for their strength, endurance, agility and intelligence, characteristics bred into them in the wild that make them ideal for work or recreation.

Since 1973, the Bureau The standard adoption fee of Land Management has placed more than 225,000 of these animals in approved

> For information, call 866-468-7826) or visit blm.gov/ nm/Oklahoma.

Rotary president installed County tweaks juror pay regimen

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Jurors and potential jurors who choose to be paid for their time-honored democratic duty in Garza County now will be paid in cash.

County Treasurer Ruth Ann Young told commissioners Monday her books show a high number of checks issued to jurors that weren't being cashed or deposited, some dating back about three years.

The county reimburses jurors \$6 for their first day of service and \$34 per subsequent day for their time serving the court system. Grand jurors are paid \$12 that first day.

It would seem the low wage might not be justification enough for some people to bother depositing the checks.

"I guess they just forget about it," Young said. "But it's beginning to become burdensome on our bookkeeping efforts. Even those checks that are cycled through after 90 days, we still must honor."

After consulting with a number of other counties, Young said, paying jurors in cash seemed to be the most effective way to deal with the issue.

Commissioners did initially have some reservations about having the cash on hand, but Young said Tuesday - after the grand jury met earlier that morning - the new system worked well.

"We were pleased with the way it worked out," she said. "This method will be much easier on us and our records and also on those jurors since they don't have to bother with a check."

Jurors still are able to choose to donate their earning to three charities, including the local child welfare board, the state child welfare board or the state crime victim assistance fund.

On Tuesday, Young said, about half of grand jury pool elected to donate the money to one of those charities.

Quiltwork on display at library



Photo by Peggy Ashley

JoAnn Easley of Justiceburg has a number of quilt art displays on exhibit at the Post Public Library. Each hand-stitched piece is of her own design and includes themes of the Southwest, Africa, flowers and a variety of appliqués. The public is invited to visit the library, 105 E. Main St., to view Easley's work.

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currently resides in Natchitoches, Louisiana with his wife, Tammy, and their

four children; Scott, Justin, Hope, and Ethan.

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In and Around Close City

by Traci Freeman

Hello everyone. I hope this day finds you all well. We have had a few showers in the area, but they've been very widespread over the past few days.

Just west of the gin, we received about a half inch over a two day span, but nothing at the gin. Over toward the Draw area, they got a pretty good rain.

We do need some more moisture, so be sure to keep rain in your daily prayers. Our crops really need a drink.

Last week we all had a great Fourth of July out here. The Childs/Ellises had a great turnout with their family, and boy did they put on a firework show. Other fireworks we enjoyed were, of course, our own, as well as Kale, Will, Ryan, Haylie and Justin, who were at Jerry and Judy's, aka Grandad and Mimi. We even saw some peeking over the Caprock from the town show.

It's going be another busy weekend in Ragtown. There will be two garage sales in Close City on Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. Alicia Lopez is having one at her place, the white brick one behind the school house, and I am also having one at my house which is a mile west of the school. Look for the signs and come out. I'm not sure what all Alicia is going to have at hers, but I know it will be some good stuff. I have tons of goodies too much to list. Y'all come out and see us.

We have ordered another round of T-shirts. This time we have ordered several really fun colors, we'll let y'all know when they come in.

Visitors

Trent McKnight came out and visited with the guys while on his campaign trail. He's a really nice guy. Hope the guys didn't "learn" him too much. Devon, Kahl and Jaxon came out and had a Popsicle and visited with me, aka Auntie T, while Clinton fixed a tire for

us. Shane Johnson also came out and visited a while Mon-

Quote of the week: "Don't think that someone else is more blessed than you are. It's just that we are all blessed in different ways," taken from Barbara Gossett's Facebook page.

Did you know: I was reading a page that listed odd and old laws, and I came across one I just had to include. I do, however, have to say to anyone who may fall in this category not to get any bright ideas. So here goes ... Did you know in Texas two categories of men are exempt from peeping Tom charges: men older than 50 and men with only one eye.

Close City Birthdays

July 13th – Nancy Morris July 14th - Ken Young, Ronnie Graves

July 15th - Kayla Dunn Overstsreet

July 17th – Jose Contreras July 18th - Vicki Teaff

July 19th – Todd Guy Close City Anniversaries

July 15th - Ronnie and Voda Beth Gradine

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Mary Gayle Young, Velma Long Brown in Post; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Slaton; John and Mary Gist in Lubbock in Lubbock. Please let me know if there is anyone I need to add to this list.

Everyone have a great week. Keep rain, the crops and our country in your daily prayers. See ya next week!

Traci Freeman is a resident of the Close City community. Email her at close.city.coop@

Post Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to

Jackalopes

thepostcitydispatch@gmail.

com.

The Post Jackalopes 12 and younger recreation track team practices from 7 to 8;30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Post High School track. Wear running shoes and bring water. Practice for the 13 and older group is 9:30 to 11 p.m. at the field house. For information, call Marcie Oden at 806-781-3247.

Car wash fundy

The Holy Cross Catholic Church youth group will have a car wash fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 14 at Sonic. Money collected will help the group attend a spiritual retreat in San Antonio. For information, contact Julie Gonzales at 806-241-6207.

Rotary Dog Dip

nual dog dip and low-cost from 9 a.m. to noon July 14 conducting the low-cost vac- 806-241-6207.

cinations. For information, call the clinic at 495-3726.

4-H Housing Workshop The District 2 4-H Housing Workshop will be July 19

in Lubbock. Cost is \$15 per 4-H'er. RSVP by July 16 at the Extension office or call 806-495-4400

VBS at First Baptist

Community Vacation Bible School will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. July 15-19 at First Baptist Church of Post. Call 928-0664 for information.

Vacation Bible School will be at 7 p.m. July 18 and 25 at Graham Chapel Church of Christ, 1016 W. 15th St. Classes for all ages, including adults.

Computer class

A basic computer class will be offered at 2 p.m. July 19 and 26 at the Post Public Library that will cover email and social media. Classes are free, but because of limited space, pre-registration is required. To register or for information, call 806-990-9901.

Community bingo

The Rotary Club of Post an- The youth group at Holy Cross Catholic Church will vaccination clinic will be sponsor community bingo from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Post Volunteer Fire 5 to 7 p.m. July 21 at the but because of limited space, Department, 202 S. Ave. H. church social hall, 205 W. The staff of the Garza Coun- Main St. For information, To register or for informaty Animal Hospital will be contact Julie Gonzales at

Horse show

The state 4-H horse show will be the week of July 21-28 in Abilene. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

4-H camp

4-H'ers interested in attending 4-H Camp are urged to contact the Extension office at 806-495-4400. Prime Time I will be July 22-25 for grades 5-8 at Lake Brownwood; Prime Time II will be July 25-28 for grades 25 at VBS at Graham Chapel • Lake Brownwood; Horizons will be July 3-7 for grades 4-8 at Lake Brownwood.

Trailblazers fundy

The fourth annual Howdy Y'all Day will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Garza County Trailblazers senior citizens center, 205 E. 10th St., Post. Hamburger plates with all the trimmings, including drink, dessert and chips will be sold for \$7. Raffle tickets also are being sold for a big-screen television with Blu-ray home theater system. Cost is six for \$5 or \$1 each. All welcome.

Basic photog class

A basic digital photography class will be offered at 2 p.m. Aug. 2 at the Post Public Library. Classes are free, pre-registration is required. tion, call 806-990-9901.

Post Elementary

Summer office hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Monday through Thursday. Preregistration for the 2012-2013 school year is still open. If your student attended this year they are automatically pre-enrolled for next year. Any child who will be 4 on or before Sept. 1 is eligible for a full-day prekindergarten program. Stop by the school office or call 495-3414 for information.

Trap shoot practice

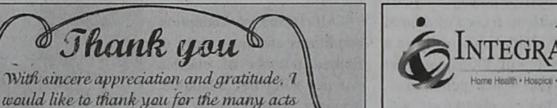
Every Monday at 5 p.m. at Palmer Gun Club. Anyone interested in joining Shotgun Sports, contact Ray Mason at 781-8022 or Mark Kirkpatrick at 787-5104.

Parkinson's support

The West Texas Parkinsonism Society meets at noon the first Tuesday of each month in the library at the Covenant Neuroscience Institute, 3610 22nd St., Lubbock. Lunch provided.

Donations needed

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Read Psalm 31:1-8

I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

- Isaiah 41:13 (NIV)

One of the lessons we teach our young children is to hold the hand of an adult when crossing the street so they will be safe. But my teenaged grandsons still like to hold their grandma's hand as a sign of affection and care. They hold the hands of their girlfriends out of affection and love. Throughout our lives, we trust the hands of others as we experience care and comfort and are held in love.

In a spiritual sense, we are invited to place ourselves in the hands of God, our protector, just as Jesus did on the cross. (See Luke 23:46.) We do not know what lies ahead for any of us. Our paths may take frightening detours or turns. We may feel as though we are being pursued by enemies. Sometimes we go down to the pit of despair with feelings of fear and doubt. We need someone to hold us during our difficult times.

Whether we are just beginning life or nearing the end of our course, we are invited to trust God to guide us and protect us. We give thanks for the many loving hands that hold us - those of parents, grandparents, friends, and spouses. But by far the best hands that hold us are the hands of God. These hands that form us, hold us in faithful and steadfast love.

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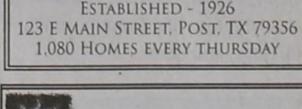
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By CHRIS BLACKBURN

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We can all agree affordable healthcare for all Americans should be a goal for all of us. If someone is under the impression this is the lay of the land, the jury remains

We have no way of knowing the impact this law will have on Americans. What we do know is it is expen-

The president may be fired up about his healthcare reform, but there's one group in particular that dramatically disapproves of Obamacare and that group is an important one.

According to a nonpartisan survey released by the Doctor Patient Medical Association, 83 percent of American physicians have considered leaving their practices over President Obama's health-care reform

The DPMA surveyed a random selection of 699 doctors nationwide. The survey found an overwhelming majority have thought about ending their careers over the legislation, which was recently upheld by the Supreme Court.

Regardless of how many doctors retire or change jobs, America faces a shortage of more than 90,000 doctors by 2020. It's estimated the shortage could balloon to more than 130,000 by 2025. That's not very far away.

So the obvious question: What in the world are we going to do with a massive shortage of doctors?

Before you counter with, "Well doctors make a lot of money so there will be no shortage," consider the following:

The average amount of debt a doctor has out of medical school is more than \$150,000. Once they complete their education, the cost of having a practice is hefty as well.

For a physician, the job needs to be worthwhile to the point the education gets paid for and they are rewarded with high wages. That's a good thing. These publication.

individuals put in the time, effort and dedication and used their God-given brains to help people.

They also pay a psychological price. They make decisions that mean the difference between life and death Do you want that responsibility?

Americans are living longer. Baby boomers are retiring. The burden being placed on the medical sector is enormous, and now we face a shortage of doctors.

Changes are coming Will they be for the better? Are you confident that we are establishing a better way, or are we placing a expensive bandage on an already shaky situation?

I don't know about you. but I appreciate the relationship I have with my family doctor. I can't imagine going to the doctor and being treated like cattle. I don't want a medical system like that.

Christopher Blackburn is the president of Blackburn Media Group, owner of this



The 501

Hanaba Munn Welch

There's a whole new breed of spies out there. I liked the old kind better - trench-coated spies who carried snub-nosed revolvers and wore wristwatch cameras. They emerged from and disappeared into shadowy urban settings, often abroad, sometimes along the Seine. Most were government agents. Some were good, and some were bad. Some were double agents. A few spies were coatless women who wore chic black dresses. Spying was the stuff of movies and wonderful intrigue. Spies didn't bother

regular folks. Enter stalkers – creepy selfstyled spies with various agendas. Call them a subset. Anyone can be a stalker's target. In fact, anyone can be a stalker. You can even be deranged. It helps.

Laws increasingly are targeting various sorts of stalkers. They're a no good bunch.

On second thought, if you're lonely, like in a rest home and nobody comes to visit, maybe a stalker beats nothing. I'm already planning on chatting with telemarketers when I reach that stage. If nobody stalks me, I may make one up.

Makes me think of stories my old colleague Jerry used to tell about his two blue-haired aunts, who shared a house and seriously thought a stalker was blowing hot air under the floor. Granted, it was a hot summer.

His aunts didn't say "stalker" - a term not yet in vogue - and I'm only guessing their hair was blue. His only adjective for them was "crazy." Whenever he said "my crazy aunts," you never knew what was coming. I liked the hot air story best.

Anyway, stalkers, real and imagined and by any other name - like "prowler" or "peeping Tom" - have always existed. But as for notoriety and presence, thank technology for enabling stalkers to eclipse basic spies.

Forget dark alleys. Many stalkers inhabit cyberspace. For all I know, one is spying on me now through the tiny camera lens at the top of my laptop

Call me paranoid, but certain professional stalkers have indeed been gathering information on me. For example, the Internet-based retailer Amazon sent me this email message:

Cryptogram

A cryptogram is a puzzle where a sentence is encoded by substituting the actual letters of the sentence with different letters. The challenge of the puzzle is to 'decode' the sentence to reveal the original English sentence. We have provided a few of the decoded letters to help get you started.

Hint: Quote by Gloria Vanderbilt Cryptogram Solution on page 6

"Are you looking for something in our Graters department? If so, you might be interested in these items."

Then Amazon gave me information on eight graters priced from \$8 to \$14.78.

It's true that in mid-June I wandered onto their site while researching graters. They must have added "graters" to the file they keep on me. They're wrong. I don't want a grater.

Facebook is also tailoring advertising for me. They think my knee hurts, and I'd like to take a river cruise. They're right.

Either way, it's unsettling. What to do?

Back when spies were spies, jamming airwaves with static was standard procedure against radio propaganda. Maybe we stalked should take our cues from those jammers and simply feed cyberstalkers all the wrong info.

Me, I'll make them think I'm young, that my knee doesn't hurt and that I want a grater.

Call it cyberjamming. Better still, remembering Jerry's aunts, let's call it hot-air cyberjamming. I can do hot air.

Herbs made easy

By Nancy McDonald Special to the Dispatch

Have you ever thought about an herb garden but didn't really know where to start? The cost of fresh herbs at the market can add up, so growing them can help cut down on food costs as well as waste.

The Texas AgriLife Extension Service has some outstanding resources I plan to share with you over the next few weeks.

Herbs have a variety of uses, including culinary, medicinal and, in some cases, spiritual usage. This study will focus on culinary herbs. Culinary herbs refer to any green or leafy part of a plant used for seasoning and flavoring a recipe, but not used as the main ingredient.

between an herb and a spice? We know an herb is the green part of a plant. Examples include cilantro, mint, dill, parsley and basil to name a few. A spice is pretty much everything else - for example dried bark, root, berry, seed or twig. Examples of spices include: cinnamon (bark of a tree), allspice (dried berry), cloves (dried flower buds). Note, too, that spices are used in dried form while herbs can be used either fresh or dried.

Herbs have a great appeal because they are practical plants with a variety of uses. Using herbs in cooking often leads to the desire to grow them. Agriculturally, herbs share a common background with other plants and therefore similar gardening practices apply.

Herbs are agreeable to almost any type of container, but they have few requirements. Most have compatible light and water requirements, so many can be planted in a variety of combinations.

Researchers in the Texas A&M University Family and Consumer Sciences Department have devel-What is the difference recipe booklet with the varthem. There is a small fee, of Garza County.



Nancy McDonald

but I will have a few in my office at 215 W. Main St. if anyone is interested.

For more information call the Extension office at 806-495-4400.

This week tip for starters: Try adding a few leaves of fresh mint to your ice tea.

Nancy McDonald is the oped a small pinwheel and family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas ious herbs and how to use AgriLife Extension Service



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- 34. XC
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- 44. African antelope
- 45. Nod, maybe
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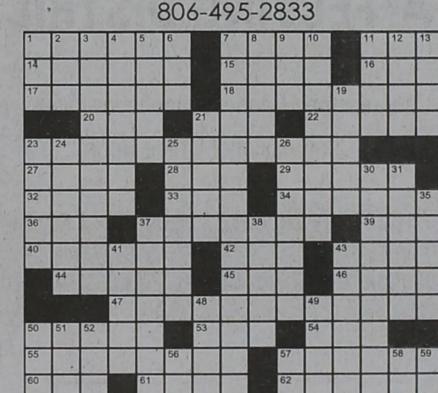
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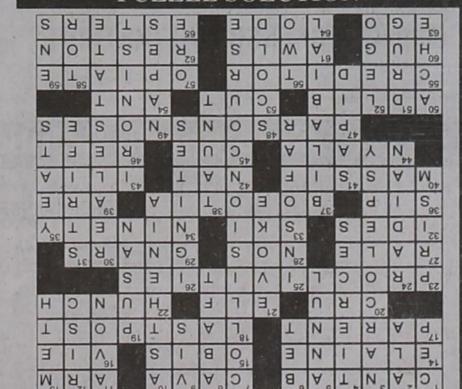
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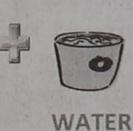
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Columns



The Doctor Is In By Dr. Benjamin Edwards

Vitamin C: The miracle cure

Veritas is Latin for "truth." I feel like there is a lot of truth I wasn't taught in medical school. One prime example is the work of North Carolina physician Dr. Fredrick Klenner, who utilized highdose intravenous ascorbic acid (vitamin C) in the 1940s and '50s to cure many illnesses and diseases.

Dr. Klenner presented some of his research in Atlantic City, N.J., on June 10, 1949, at the annual AMA conference. He explained how he treated and cured polio in 60 out of 60 cases. This was eight years prior to the polio vaccine being.

A search of medical literature reveals more than 1,200 articles about the beneficial and curative affects of highdose vitamin C on multiple viral, bacterial and parasitic infections from shingles, to herpes, to tuberculosis just to name a few.

Dr. Klenner also reported on the curative affects of high-dose intravenous vitamin C on black widow spider bites, pesticide poisoning and barbiturate overdose.

Multiple studies have shown mortality rates could be cut in half if people substantially increased their blood levels of vitamin C.

Humans, guinea pigs and monkeys are the only animals that cannot make their own vitamin C. We are not producing a certain enzyme in the liver that is needed to make vitamin C. Research has shown the gene present, but it is not turned on for some reason. Therefore consuming vitamin C regularly in your diet or taking a good supplement is advisable.

Vitamin C is one of the safest substances known to mankind. In fact, a toxic dose has yet to be discovered. Its cost is miniscule compared to the wide array of prescription drugs and procedures used to treat these various ailments.

So, why isn't your doctor recommending this "miracle cure" left and right? It's because we are not taught any of this in medical school. We recommend what we were taught to recommend.

I am going through my second education now and learn-

ing all this. You can too! The medical literature is chock full of research on vitamin C. Check it out for yourself. A great place to start is Dr. Thomas Levy's new book "Primal Panacea," which summarizes much of this impressive literature.

As Dr. Levy states in his book "a change in the way healthcare institutions treat patients is long overdue. The needed change will not be initiated by drug companies, politicians, government bureaucrats, medical schools, insurance companies, hospital administrators, or main stream medical practioners."

The change starts with you, the general public.

With the advent of the Internet, a vast amount of information is readily available to everyone. Take charge of your health today by being an active participant in your health

care — educate yourself. More veritas next week!

Dr. Benjamin Edwards is a local physician specializing in holistic medicine and nu-

Yesteryears

10 years ago July 11, 2002

The Garza Theatre will offer what is being billed as "A night of one-act plays" beginning this weekend. Plays will include "Antic Spring," starring Jordan Tatum, Melissa Stambaugh, Christina Zellmer, Aaron Jones, Mickey Gonzales and Michelle Tucker; "Graceland," with Emily Hataway and Jessica Culwell; and "I'm Herbert," which will feature Zoe Kirkpatrick and Bill Woodard, Mitchell Britton will direct "Spring" Jay Young, "Graceland," and Christy Morris is director of "Herbert."

The Garza County extension service office and the probation office will be moving in the next few weeks as a result of action taken Monday morning by the County Commissioners'

The Garza County Summer Recreation 2002 program, according to a report delivered to the County Commissioners Monday, served more than 300 local youngsters. The program's director, Rodney Tidwell said a total of 329 children ages 5-15 participated.

Marine Corps Pfc. Jamie L. Collazo, son of Linda L. Collazo of Post recently reported for duty with the 2nd Assault Amphibian Battalion 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corp Base, Camp Lejeune N.C. Collazo is a 2001 graduate of Post High School.

My Special Place, Christian Day Care and Preschool, held its grand opening on the evening of June 24, 2002 at the new facility located at 111 N. Av. H. directly behind the Garza Theatre.

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The Post city council voted unanimously last Thursday evening to select its long time engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith, and Cooper to provide services in the application for a permit to open a new landfill site adjacent to the current facility. Garza County commission-

ers at the regular meeting Monday morning reviewed the outcome of the joint session held with the Post City council last Thursday and agreed to table any decisions concerning funding of the proposed landfill site being planned by the city. "It just isn't prudent at this time," Judge Giles Dalby said. "I have a problem with idea of double taxation for property owners in the city limits."

The Southland ISD board of trustees has named Terry W. Smith to serve as its superintendent and began his duties July 1.

The Post "Cardiac Kids" Little League All-Stars advance to district play this week in Lubbock by viture of sweeping through the field at the Area 4 play-offs. Sam woods left off Haney Gallery in Amarillo. with a single. Anthony Flores came to the plate and hit a towering homerun to center field to bring Post within two runs, 6-4. Woods and Flores were important again in the sixth inning. Both batters walked and then scored on a double by catcher Ramon Perez. With the score tied and Perez on second base, Slade "Tater" Bevers hit a sharp single to left, Perez scored and the Post boys had another miracle victory 7-6. Post now advances to District 2 play-offs without a loss.

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A tentative agreement has been worked out between Post School trustees and the Justiceburg community center for lease of the former Justiceburg school building and the nonprofit Justiceburg group.

City dads decided to back off Monday night from the request of an irate mother that a "curfew" be imposed on Post young people because of a "window peeping" incident. Two boys got away from the window without being identified. Councilmen took the position that there are "enough laws now on the books and adding another might hurt more than help." It would be penalizing 99 per cent of the youngsters who do no wrong, one councilman declared.

R. Syd Conner of Post, Garza County agricultural agent, has been named recipient of the highest award given by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents-the Distinguished Service Award for 1972.

How about eight inches of rain in just seven days? That was what was reported at Ronnie Graves' farm, four and a half miles northeast of Post. The farm received a four-inch soaker Sunday atop four inches of which had fallen in a steady succession of showers all the previous week. Farmers west of Post was reported four inches of rain too Sunday, but the official measurement in Post

was only .89 of an inch. Police chased off two prowlers trying to break into Mrs. Inez Capps' home at 207 West 12th late Friday night. Mrs. Capps, reading in bed, heard the men trying to remove a window air-conditioner to get into the next room and called the police.

Post is going to have an "old Fashion Sale" Saturday, July 29, including a 5 p.m. drawing for \$90 in three merchandise certificates. The Old Fashion sale is a promotion of the Post Chamber of Commerce, headed by Maxine Marks.

Sharla Macy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Macy won the honor of being named "junior, junior camper" in the session of Kickapoo Kamp at Kerrville, which concluded last weekend. Miss. Lorry Chapman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chapman, and Sharla both were elected junior firelighters during the camping session.

Compiled by Elizabeth Moreno from the files of the Post Dispatch archives at the Garza Museum.

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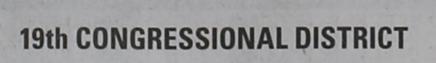
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close in the fourth quarter of 2012, with HCSB doing business as a wholly owned subsidiary of HaleCo Bancshares Inc., which also will change its name to Commerce BancShares Inc. as a part of the proposed transaction. The resulting bank will operate under HCSB's 1934 bank charter.

O'Connell said no recognizable changes will be made at the local branch in Post.

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"We do not anticipate any employee changeovers. Those employees who choose to stay on, will remain in their positions, including all officers," he said. "This really just opens the door for the banks to become a stronger force in the area and above all offer more services to its customers."

Upon closing, HCSB will officially operate a total of 12 full-service banking centers and one loan production office across four key regions of Texas: the Panhandle, South Plains, Lubbock and the Hill Country.

Because of strong brand positions in the market regions the two banks serve, HCSB will continue to operate and market itself as such in the Panhandle and Hill Country, with Citizens operating and marketing itself as "Citizens Bank, a division of HCSB" in Lubbock and the South Plains, including Post and Slaton. HCSB Chairman David Williams said it was a perfect time to

bring Citizens and HCSB together. "Both are true community banks that believe in the power of meaningful relationships with customers and, ultimately, when merged, can remain the bank generations can count on," he said.

Citizens Bank Chairman E.W. Williams Jr. said the merger will benefit customers and allow the institution to offer more services.

"The coming together is truly a positive move that will allow us to bring the best to market in all our shared communities including the expansion of trust and wealth management services and mortgage lending in Lubbock and the South Plains," he said.

Executive management, corporate and bank operations, compliance, finance and credit administration for the merged organization will work out of a new facility in Lubbock, which HCSB is in the process of acquiring.

Although the deal is still pending approval from banking regulatory authorities, the merger brings together two of the oldest banks in the region.

Upon completion and close, it is anticipated the combined bank will have more than \$700 million in assets.

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Mark Wolfe, executive director of

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the rest of the world," Norman entities, such as Garza County, to

Puckett, who serves as curator for the Garza County Museum and executive director of the Garza County Historical Commission, said this was the first time the local board had received such an award.

"It's quite unusual in the state of Texas that a county financially supports a historical commission or museum," she said. "Our goal is, of course, preservation of history - written, oral and other data, such as pictures and video - and it's great our county leaders appreciate that as much as we do.

"History is being made every minute here in Post and throughout Garza County, and it's our job to keep up with that for future genera-

Texas counties have the legislative authority to establish county historical commissions to identify. preserve and promote cultural and historic resources to enhance the livelihood of their communities.

These commissions are made up of unpaid county appointees who reported nearly \$9 million statewide in volunteer hours last year.

The Texas Historical Commission provides services to local continued from page 1

CITY TO DE-ANNEX...

to ensure the integrity of city ordinances and that those ordinances are being followed

"We've already seeing those inspectors in our city, scrutinizing work being done," he said. 'And they're finding issues."

In communicating with county commissioners on the issue during the court's regular meeting Monday, County Judge Lee Norman urged city officials to hold off on any action until any potential issue with the de-annexation could be discussed.

Norman also hinted the city might be trying to skirt state regulations.

"We're not circumventing the law," Taylor said. "We're just ensuring undue regulations aren't being inflicted on our residents if they don't have to be.

"It's not like we don't regulate anything already. We have our own ordinances and regulations.'

City officials say the issue will have no residual effect neither on the county nor the prison.

Mayor Thressa Harp assured county officials the rates the city already charges the prison for water and sewer would remain unchanged despite the fact the prison technically would be considered outside the city limits.

"We're not the ones pushing this - the state is," Harp said. "We're just looking out for what's best for our residents at this point in time.

"Why should our citizens step up to a certain level of regulation when we don't truly have the population to support it? It's just not reasonable."

It is the city's view that the majority of those prisoners housed at the correctional facility are not residents — Harp said most are not even citizens of United States - and don't

"I think we can make a pretty good case," Harp said.

There are a number of steps city officials would have to take to start the de-annexation process, including hiring a surveyor, petitioning the U.S. Census Bureau and U.S. Justice Department - to ensure no one's rights are being disenfranchised - and communicating with state officials along the way, Taylor said.

City Council members voted unanimously Tuesday during their regular monthly meeting to move forward on de-annexing the land, about 75 acres. Councilwoman Melba Cimental was not in attendance.

Legal Description

Ruth Ann Young

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF GARZA §

Cause No.

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 106th Judicial District Court of Garza County, on the 3rd day of July , 2012, by the Clerk thereof, in the case(s) styled as follows:

89-12-04390	Garza County v. Quinonez, Paulino	1. Lot Six (6), Hart Addition to the City of
	The state of the s	Post, Garza County, Texas.
89-12-04398-CV	Garza County v. Williamson, Gene,	2. Lot Twelve (12), Block One Hundred
	et al	Twenty- Eight (128), Original Town of Post, Garza County, Texas.
		3. Lot Thirteen (13), Block One Hundred
		Twenty-Eight (128), Original Town of
02 09 05 990 CW	Post Indonandant School District v	Post, Garza County Texas.
03-08-05,880-CV	Post Independent School District v. Taylor, Jessie Lee, et ux Taylor,	4. North Fourteen Feet (N 14') of Lot Four (4), East Sixty-seven and One Half Feet (E
	Patricia Ann	67 1/2') of Lot Five (5) of Block One
		Hundred Fifty-seven (157), of the Original
		Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas.
		5. South Twenty Feet (S 20') of Lot Two
		(2), East Sixty-seven and One Half Feet (E
		67 1/2") of Lot Three (3) of Block One Hundred Fifty-seven (157), of the Original
		Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza
		County, Texas. 6. Lots Six (6) and Seven (7), Block Two
		(2) of the Bingham Addition to the City of
		Post, Garza County, Texas.
09-06-06381	Garza County, et al v. South 8 Feet of Lot 6, All of Lot 7, And The	7. A 0.081 acres in the South Eight Feet (S 8') of Lot Six (6), all of Lot Seven (7), and
	North Quarter of Lot 8 In Block 157	the North Quarter (N/4) of Lot Eight (8),
	of The Original Town of Post	Block One Hundred Fifty-seven (157) of
	Addition, The Unknown Owner(S) of	the Original Town Addition to the City of Post, Garza County, Texas.
09-09-06407	Garza Central Appraisal District v.	8. A 0.000521 Royalty Interest in North
	Clarke, Paul S.	Huntley Lease Unit Tract 2, 99085035,
		(Glorieta) out of Section 9214 and 1298 J
		R Galbreth Survey, Garza County, Texas.
		9. A 0.000521 Royalty Interest in the
		North Huntley Lease Unit Tract 3, 99085035, Cimarex Energy - Operator,
ARREST STATE		Huntley (Glorieta) out of Section 9214 and
100		1298 J R Galbreth Survey, Garza County,
11-02-06551	Garza Central Appraisal District v.	11. A 42.93 acre tract of land, more or less,
	King, Jeremy	(South part of Farm #807) of Section 1331,
		RR Co., Abstract 325, Patent No. 68,
		Garza County, Texas, such property being
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		the Deed Records of Garza County, Texas, such description incorporated herein by
		reference. 12. A 78.57 acre tract of land, more or less.
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		Block One (1), Certificate #119, H&OB
		RR Co., Abstract 325, Patent No. 68, Garza County, Texas, such property being
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> **Photos submitted** by Tracy Freeman



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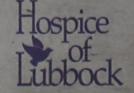


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Cotton hanging on through extended drought

By Greg Jones

According to most U.S. climatologists, the La Niña weather pattern dissipated around April of this year. To the relief of most of the United States, La Niña has been fading since around February.

The weather phenomenon is an abnormal cooling of waters in the equatorial Pacific, which can last for years and cause major drought conditions in parts of the United States and Asia. Its counterpart, El Niño, is the heating of those waters that often causes droughts in Southeast Asia and Australia and can lead to floods in South America.

As for most of Texas, this weather change came none too soon, Post and most of Garza County received around 6 inches of rainfall in 2011. It was the worst single

year on record for precipitation received to excellent. We lost a few hundred acres a and made even worse with periods of extremely high temperatures and numerous wildfires.

To date, according to weather stations around the county, Post has received 8.52 inches of rainfall in 2012, Lake Alan Henry 11.53 inches and White River Lake area 12.82 inches.

This has most things looking much better than we have in a while. But we are not totally out of the drought yet.

A drought is defined as a prolonged weather pattern when precipitation is less than 75 percent of the long-term average. Yet we are in much better shape, and conditions remain favorable to continue improve-

Cotton conditions are a mixed bag of fair

few weeks ago due to hail, and some was damaged but looks to be recovering.

Irrigation continues where available on an estimated 11,000 acres but will need some help from Mother Nature to continue to improve. Dry-land cotton acres are holding on but could use some rainfall soon. Rangeland pastures were improving since the lack of rainfall in the past 12 to 18 months, but additional rainfall will be needed in order to handle much grazing pressure.

Hopefully with rain in the forecast over the next couple of days we will be blessed with much-needed rains across the county and South Plains.

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Marrying a mean woman



By Ronda Rich Dixie Divas

Now, we all knew that wasn't going to work. Not for one cotton-pickin' minute did we think those two could say "I do" and keep that vow until one of 'em stopped breathing.

Not unless, of course, one of 'em was the reason the other one exited this life.

"They'll kill each other," a friend, old and wise and familiar with them both, had said. "He's a ragin' Cajun and she's just plain mean."

He thought for a minute. "It'd be hard to pick a winner amongst those two, because I saw him in a bar fight one night and he cleared the room all by hisself. If you ever get in a fight, you want him on your

He took a long swig of water, swallowed and finally said, "But I think I'd have to put my money on her."

The night she chased him out of the house with a deer rifle - hers, not his - and shot up his truck as he was fleeing at the speed of light, we figured she had won. Both of them filed a restraining order, talked ugly about the other one to anyone who would listen and swore up and down that kingdom would come before there'd be a reconciliation.

The Lord didn't return, but, still, he went crawling home

She flung the door open and threw herself into his arms, and it all began again.

There's one word that describes them, whether they were fighting or loving: passionate. To be honest, it wore you out to be around them for short periods of time.

I don't know how anyone can be that intense all the time. They cuddled each other with the same kind of fierceness they cussed each other. And I'm just here to tell you - I wouldn't be kissing on nobody who talked to me the way they talked to each other. Disrespect doesn't stimulate romantic feelings for me, but I'm just kindly odd that

I don't reckon she eyer had another man. Most men were smarter than to take up with such a mean woman who only got meaner with each passing day.

But him?

Well, he wasn't much to look at, but for some reason women beat a path to his door. Craziest thing you ever saw. They'd fight over his runnin' 'round. She'd run him off, and he'd take up with another woman. He'd stay gone a while then turn back up, and she'd take him back.

A few times in the early years, he even got up in front of the church and asked the congregation's forgiveness for the fool he'd been. After he'd ask the good Lord first, of course. Then after a while, he just quit asking the Lord or anybody.

They finally split up for good, but she wouldn't give the man his peace. No siree. She'd call him up or chase him down, just to torment him. But, in all fairness, the Cajun gave up no ground to her. He gave as good as he took.

"That woman's got anger ues," someone once said.

"Anger nothing! She's plain, junkyard dog mean," said another. "Some people just born to bedevil folks and she's one of 'un."

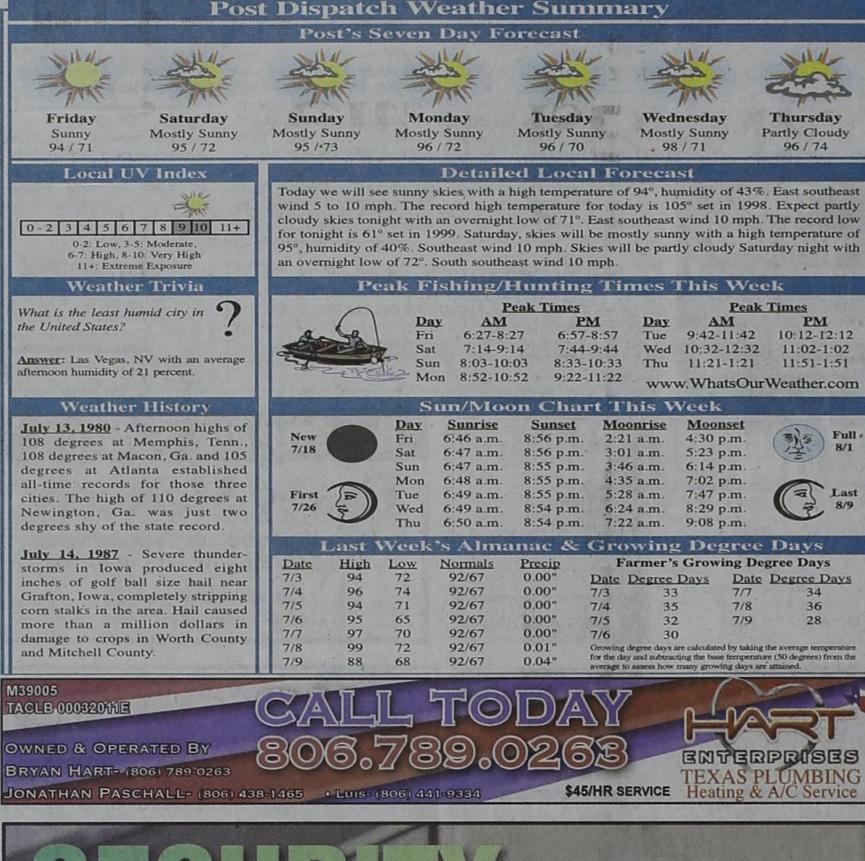
Then one day, the fighting stopped. They said he had probably been dead three or so days before someone found him in his living room, keeled over from a heart that could take no more. And wouldn't you know it? She wailed and carried on and made something of a fool of herself at the funeral home.

My friend, who had predicted early on they would kill each other, watched it all with great mirth.

"He didn't die," he said with a caustic smile. "He escaped." He winked. "Yeah, right aboutnow, he's probably giving the devil some tips. Things he learned from her."

Well, the truth's the truth.

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