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## Mayor announces resignation

### Council OKs city manager contract, budget/tax rate

By Wayne Hodgkin  
The Post Dispatch

Post Mayor Thressa Harp announced her pending resignation after the regular City Council on Tuesday evening. Harp, whose second two-year term was set to expire in May, said her official resignation would come "soon."

"As soon as the (White River Municipal Water District) contract is signed, I will tender my resignation in the form of a letter to the council," she said.

Harp said she would reserve

an official statement until then.

Her house in the city has been put up for sale, and, she said, she would be moving to Stanton with her new husband.

The water contract, which has been in negotiations for a number of years, was approved by the City Council in its August meeting. However, for the contract to be in full force, it also must be approved by other member cities associated with White River MWD, including Crosbyton, Ralls and

Spur.

Harp said after Tuesday's meeting that officials in Crosbyton and Ralls still have qualms with the contract that she wouldn't elaborate on, only to say those cities were expected to sign off on the document early next week.

Harp said it would be up to the City Council on what to do about her replacement.

"I've been in contact with the Secretary of State's office, and the next procedure, after my official resignation, will be for the council to either appoint a replacement or call for a special election," she said. "I would think they would choose to appoint someone, because the cost to hold a special elec-

tion is just not worth it."

Until that appointment is made, Harp said, Councilwoman Anita Morris, who is serving as mayor pro tempore, will serve in the interim — however long that may be.

### City manager contract

After a special called meeting two weeks ago during which City Manager Arbie Taylor's evaluation was conducted in open session and no action was taken on his contract renewal and raise proposal, the council Wednesday unanimously agreed to extend the contract with a 2.5 percent raise Taylor initially asked for.

Councilman Less Looney,



Post City Mayor Thressa Harp announced her pending resignation during Tuesday's council meeting.

who had previously been in attendance at the meeting but

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## Post Notes

### Town hall

Post ISD officials will have a town hall-style forum to present information on the bond election, which local voters will decide during November's general election. The first of two scheduled hearings will be at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 17 in the Post High School cafeteria. For information, call the administration office at 495-3343 or email Superintendent Mike Comeaux at mcomeaux@postisd.net.

### Memorial race

The Trooper McDonald Memorial Race will be at 9 a.m. Sept. 29 beginning at the Garza County Law Enforcement Center, 412 E. 15th St., Post. All proceeds will benefit the local charity Brynne's SMILES. Events include a kids 100-yard dash, a 5K run and a 1-mile walk. Preregistration is \$20 and can be done online at troopermcdonald.org or on the day of the race (between 8 and 8:45 a.m.) for \$25. T-shirts are guaranteed for those who register early. For information, email troopermcdonaldmemorialfund@gmail.com or visit the organization's Facebook page.

### Hunter education

A hunter-education course will be offered Oct. 20-21 at the Post High School cafeteria and instructed by local Game Warden Drew Spencer. The course is open to all, especially children ages 9-17. Cost is \$15. For information, call Spencer at 806-773-4179 or email drew.spencer@tpwd.state.tx.us. More information on hunter education also can be found online at tpwd.state.tx.us.

### Class reunion dance

The class of 1987 will be hosting an All Class Reunion Dance on Sept. 29 at the Post Rodeo Grounds covered slab for the classes of 1980 through 1992. Vance Guthrie and Junction 84 will provide live music. Tickets may be purchased online at post1987.myevent.com or in person from Angela Massey at 806-778-7257.

### Class of 1987

The class of 1987 will have its 25th-year reunion Sept. 28-29. Events include the Bold Gold Antelope homecoming game Friday with a reception to follow in the Community Room at Citizen's Bank. A family picnic is planned at noon Saturday at Post City Park and will include other graduating classes from Post High School. A dinner for the Class of 1987 will follow at 7:30 p.m. At 9 p.m. the class will host an All Class Reunion Dance at the Post Rodeo Grounds for the classes of 1980 through 1992. Contact Angela Massey at 806-778-7257 for information.

### 4-H Club

All Garza County youth, grades 3-12, are invited to the 4-H Club meeting at the Junior Livestock Association barn at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. Students from Post and Southland are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400 or email cdgill@ag.tamu.edu.

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## Blaze damages historic hotel

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Post volunteer firefighters were called to the historic Garza Hotel in downtown Post on Tuesday evening on a report of a fire.

When first-responders arrived at the scene a few minutes after 7 p.m., they were directed to the hotel's kitchen in the back of the building where a grease fire had gotten out of control, Fire Chief Les Looney said.

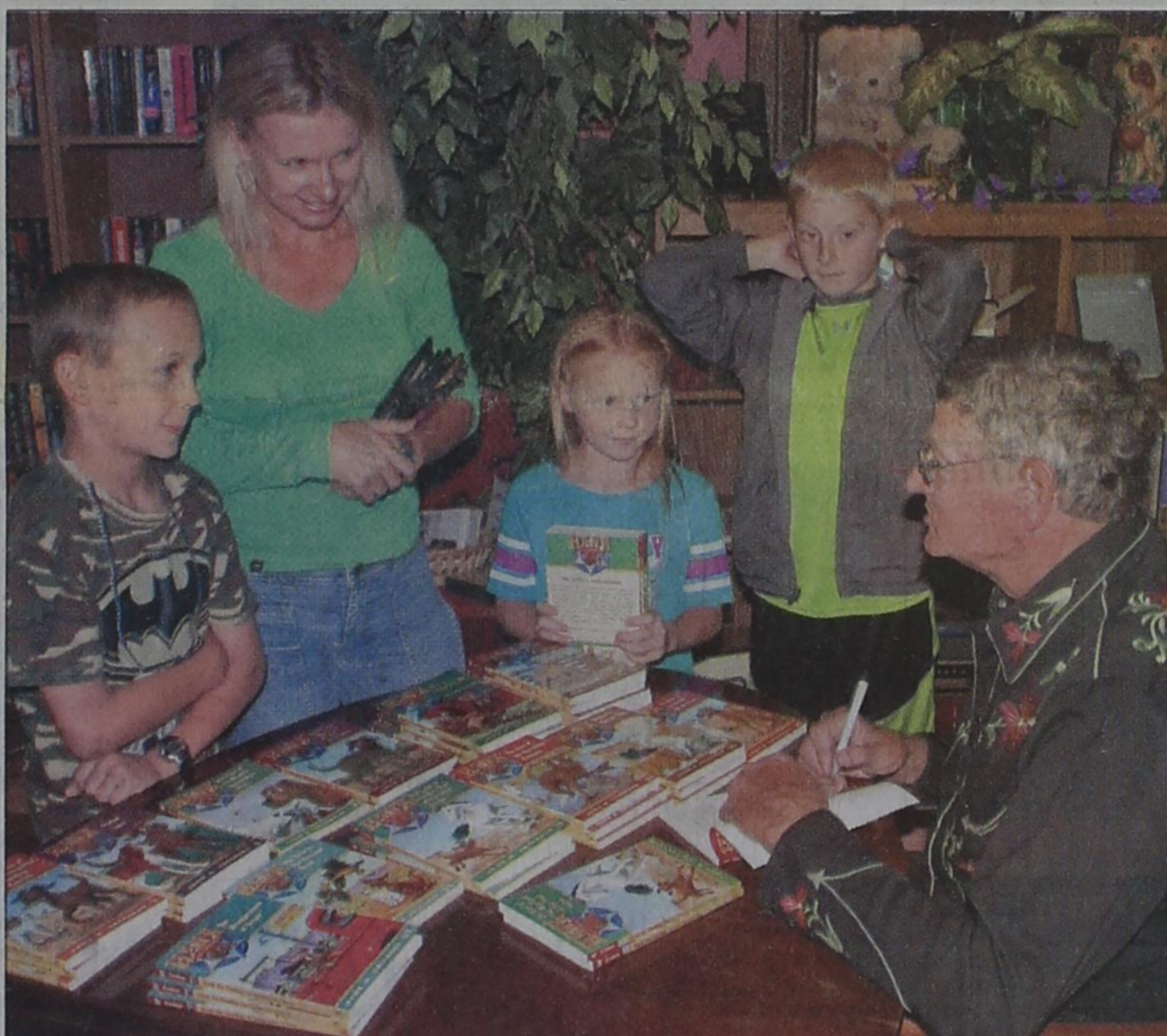
Fire crews were on the scene about an hour. Looney said the fire was put out pretty quickly and was contained to the kitchen. He said the area did receive some smoke and water damage.

Hotel owner Ruth Torrens said the damage was minimal and fully expected the kitchen to be functional by the weekend.

"All it needs is some cleaning up and a fresh coat of paint," she said.

No guests were displaced by the incident, and no injuries were reported.

## Author visits Post City



Wayne Hodgkin/The Post Dispatch

Ralynn Kirkpatrick brought Krece Kirkpatrick, 9, Zaran Kirkpatrick, 6, and Carson Holson, 9, to Ruby Lane Books on Tuesday afternoon for a meet-and-greet and book-signing with John Erickson, author of the beloved children's series "Hank the Cowdog." Earlier that afternoon, Erickson took time to speak to students at Post Elementary School. The event was sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association.

## O.S. Ranch, Dalbys honored with award



Photo by Wayne Hodgkin/The Post Dispatch

Post native Alvin Davis, chairman of the American Cowboy Culture Awards and founder of the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration, presents Giles Dalby and Giles Dalby Jr. with the Ranching Award for the O.S. Ranch in Garza County.

By Wayne Hodgkin  
The Post Dispatch

LUBBOCK — The O.S. Ranch and the local ranching family of Giles Dalby were honored with the Ranching Award at the American Cowboy Culture dinner and awards program during the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration last Thursday evening.

The program is held each year on the night prior to the opening day of the symposium, which this year celebrated its 24th year.

The event is spearheaded by Post native Alvin Davis.

Since its beginning in 1989, the organization has honored more than 250 individuals, events and organizations from 155 cities in 26 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and Germany.

Last year, the Garza Museum and its director Linda Puckett were honored with the Western Museum Award.

Davis said the O.S. Ranch was nominated because of its history in the founding of Garza County and its long-standing reputation as the center of ranching heritage and culture.

"The O.S. played a good part in the development of Garza County as the meeting that was held to form the county was staged at the ranch's headquarters," Davis said. "The ranch, of course, is still in operation to this day and was the site of popular roping events and art shows for years and years."

Davis said that in and of itself goes to the very heart of what the American Cowboy Culture Awards are all about, which is, he said, "celebrating the preservation of our Western heritage."

## Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgkin at 806-495-2816 or thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

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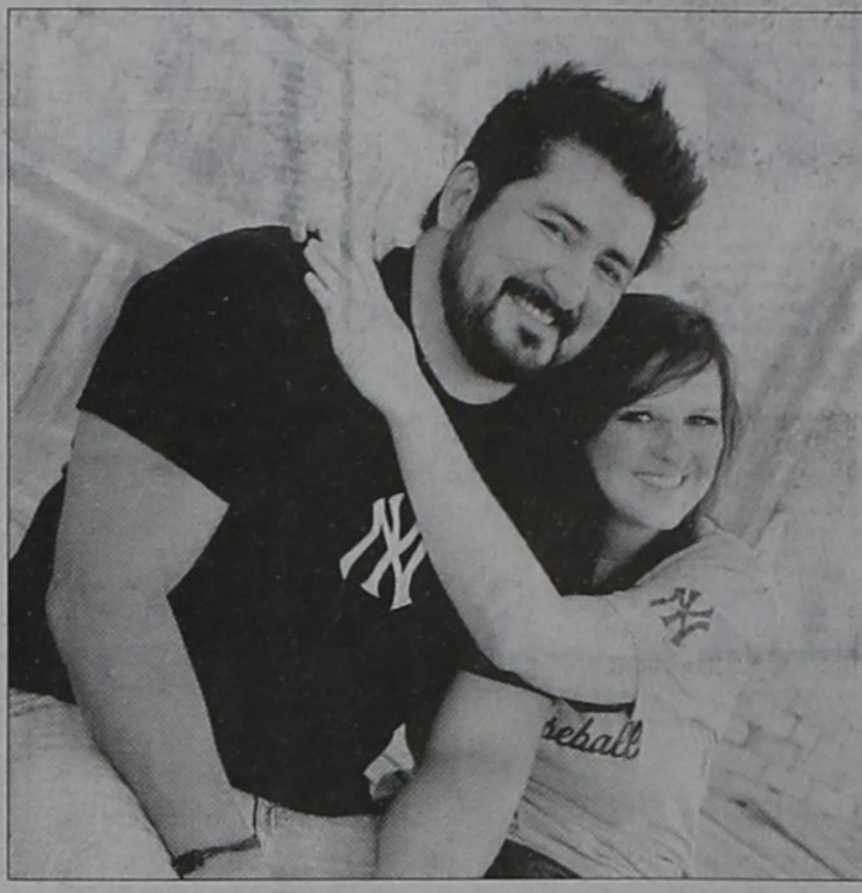
# Dixon, Hernandez plan nuptials

Sheila and Charly Dixon of Seminole announce the engagement of their daughter Kerry Dixon to Jamie Hernandez, son of David Hernandez and Linda Martinez of Post.

Dixon is a 2005 graduate of Seminole High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Phoenix with a bachelor's in business management. She works for Sysco West Texas in Lubbock.

Hernandez is a 1998 graduate of Post High School and a 2008 graduate of Wayland Baptist University with a bachelor's in education. He works for Jackson Brothers Meat Locker in Post.

The couple plans a wedding March 2 at the Legacy Event Center in Lubbock



JAMIE HERNANDEZ AND KERRY DIXON

with a reception to follow. The ceremony will be officiated by the bride-elect's grandfather Charles Dixon and high school youth pastor, the Rev. Mark Cornelison.

## Wedding shower honors Largent, Vernon

### The Post Dispatch

The home of Clarice Johnson was the scene of a wedding shower honoring Natalie Largent and Colt Vernon on Sept. 8.

About 45 guests registered between 10 and 11:30 a.m.

The couple will be married at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 29 on the Largent Ranch near Glen Rio, N.M.

Special guests at the wedding shower included the mother of the bride-elect, Mrs. Steve Largent of Glen Rio, N.M.; mother of the prospective bridegroom, Mrs. Danny Vernon of Post; his sister, Katie Vernon of Amarillo; and his grandmother Mrs. Maxine Vernon of Lubbock.

The bride-elect's chosen colors of light peach, grey and turquoise were used in

her corsage and the serving table, which featured a peach cloth topped with grey and a cowhide runner. The centerpiece was a pair of gray boots holding a peach and gray silk flower arrangement entwined with a turquoise runner and a framed picture of the couple on their wedding invitation.

Breakfast foods, fruit, coffee and peach tea were served. A silver coffee service was used.

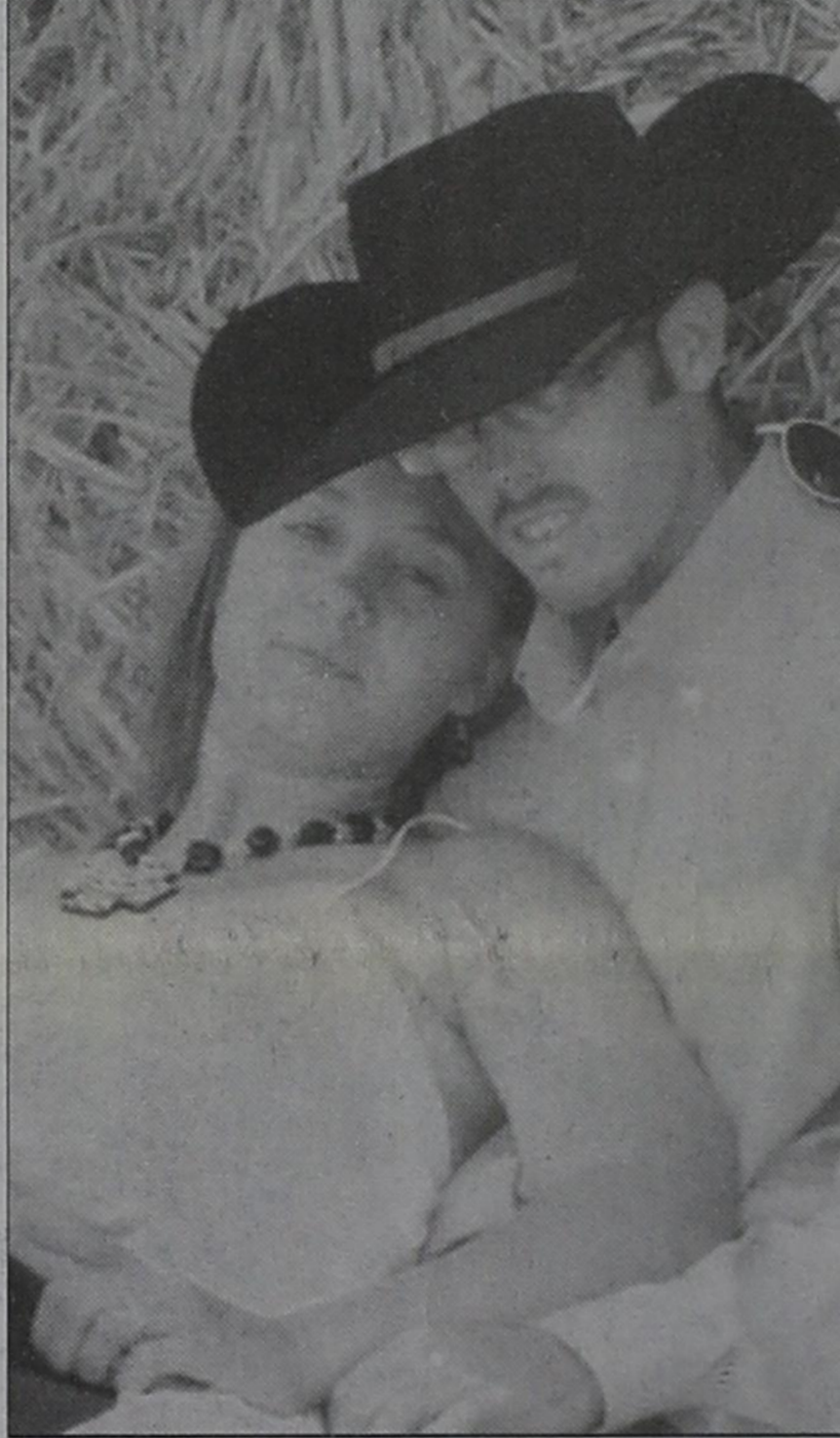
The 11 hostesses presented the couple with a set of cookware.

The hostesses included: Cindy Johnson, Delores Redman, Donna Baker, Joy Pool, LaShae Braden, Linda Self, Mikki Swaffer, Patsy Wilks, Tonya Rudd, Orabeth White and Clarice Johnson.

Submitted by Orabeth White

## Littrell, Monk to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Littrell of Post announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Marie to Brian Wayne Monk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Monk of Cone. The couple plans a late-October wedding in Post.



SUSAN LITRELL AND BRIAN MONK

## Menu: Week of Sept. 17-21

### Post ISD

#### Breakfast

Monday: Sausage on a stick, syrup, fruit, milk  
Tuesday: Cinnamon rolls, sausage link, fruit, milk  
Wednesday: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk  
Thursday: Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk  
Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

#### Lunch

Monday: Popcorn chicken, broccoli, rice and cheese, garden salad, blushing pears, cornbread, milk  
Tuesday: Sloppy joes, pickle spears, corn cobbette, fresh apple, multigrain chips, milk  
Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cherry juice bar, milk  
Thursday: Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, seasoned corn, fruit, milk  
Friday: Pizza, garden salad, oranges wedges, gingerbread, milk

meatballs, garden salad, green beans, peaches, chocolate pudding, milk  
Thursday: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, carrots, hot roll, strawberries and bananas, milk  
Friday: Turkey and cheese wrap, sweet potato tots, cucumber dippers, fruited gelatin, oatmeal cookie, milk

### Trailblazers-Senior Citizens Center

Monday: Salmon patties, wedge potatoes, coleslaw, fruit, roll, milk  
Tuesday: Ham, potatoes, butter beans, cornbread, milk  
Wednesday: Barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot/raisin salad, baked apples, roll  
Thursday: Hamburger steak, baked potato, English peas, roll, milk  
Friday: Barbecue on bun, potato salad, fruit, milk

### Southland ISD

#### Breakfast

Monday: French toast sticks, sausage, fruit, juice, milk  
Tuesday: Bacon and egg burrito, fruit, juice, milk  
Wednesday: Breakfast bar, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk  
Thursday: Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk  
Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk

#### Lunch

Monday: Toasted ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli bites, garden salad, oranges, milk  
Tuesday: Crispy beef taco, charro beans, garden salad, salsa, applesauce, milk  
Wednesday: Spaghetti with

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*Maurly Shiver*

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Hint: Quote by Winston Churchill | Cryptogram Solution on page 5

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## Yesteryears

### 10 Years Ago

September 12, 2002

Carl Thompson, a director of the board of Big Country Cooperative since 1980, has been elected to the board of directors of Texas Electric Cooperative, a statewide service organization for 75 electric cooperatives in the state.

For residents of the city of Post, the upcoming fiscal year is expected to bring an abundance for water as well as hefty tax bills. All of the added revenues generated by the tax hike will be earmarked for the city's water project, which will involve the construction of a water line to Slaton and the installation of new water tanks.

Plans are well underway for this year's Post Founder's Day activities, set for Oct. 4-5. The celebration will kick off with a free street dance conducted in the downtown area on East Main Street for 8 p.m. to midnight Oct. 4.

### 20 Years Ago

September 10, 1992

A community-wide celebration Saturday and Sunday, "Fiestas Patrias," recognizes the historic Mexican independence date of Sept. 16 and this year will be held at the Post Stampede Rodeo grounds.

A southbound Santa-Fe freight train was unable to stop near the crossing at East Main Street in Post early Monday morning, killing 55-year old Felix Rosas of Post.

Five generations of the King family met recently in the home of Jeauildene Medlin of Welch, daughter of Bertha King. Son Jiggs King of Post and family attended Bertha King's 100th birthday celebration in Welch.

Army Spc. Kevin Crispin, son of Judy Bush of Post and Ray Crispin of Wilson, was one of more than 800 U.S. service members who participated in the 76th Nijmegen International Four Day Marches, July 21-24. Crispin is a 1988 graduate of Post High School.

### 30 Years Ago

September 9, 1982

Post firemen were called out about 12:45 a.m. Tuesday to extinguish flames at the El-Matamores Café off Lubbock Highway at the edge of town. Fireman remained at the scene until about 3:30 a.m. and were called back at about 5 a.m.

Marine Sgt. Joe Espinoza, son of Manuel and Eusbia Espinoza of Post, was recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal. The Good Conduct Medal signifies

faithful and obedient service during a three-year period.

### 40 Years Ago

September 7, 1972

Three Post youths, Gary Shepherd, Don Eilenberger and Glen Branson, are in basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., after having enlisted in the U.S. Army at Amarillo. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Otis G. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Eilenberger, and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Branson.

The Post Choir has begun with a great start. They have many new projects, and new members are Dan Hodges, president; Jo Beth Gandy, vice president; Ann Aten, secretary/treasurer; and Donna McBride, reporter.

New officers for the Pep Squad organization of the new year are Debbie Hood, president; Jennifer Miller, secretary; and Nancy Reno, treasurer.

The Post Cycle Club was formally organized in the district courtroom here Tuesday night when some 40 local riders turned out to vote to sponsor the first annual Post Motorcycle Rodeo in the Post Stampede Arena.

### 50 Years Ago

September 13, 1962

Funeral services were held here and in Tulia on Monday and Wednesday for five people killed Sunday morning in the worst automobile accident in Garza County's history. Killed instantly in the one-car wreck, which occurred on U.S. Hwy 84, about a mile and a half southeast of Post were Marcario Hernandez, 36 of Tulia; Mrs. Margarita Martinez Villaneuva, in her early 30s; Mrs. Villaneuva's 10-year old daughter, Electicia; Mrs. Villaneuva's son Robbie, about 6 years old; and Trinidad Muniz, 42, of Tulia, died later Sunday in Garza Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Villaneuva's daughter, Mary, 5 was the only survivor.

Although no official ground-breaking has yet been set for the new White River dam, crews this week began moving heavy equipment onto the dam site.

This year there are 60 students enrolled in the Post High School Band. The new band director is Mr. Bruce Evans.

A former Post youth, Robert J. Strange, 21, of Lubbock was instantly killed early Wednesday morning in a head-on automobile crash that took four lives on a highway near the California-Nevada state line.

Compiled by Elizabeth Moreno



Wayne Hodgin/The Post Dispatch

Flags at the Garza County Courthouse are shown at half-staff Tuesday on Patriots Day to honor the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

## 9/11 victims remembered

### The Post Dispatch

Flags throughout Garza County and across the country were ordered by President Obama to be flown at half-staff Tuesday for Patriots Day.

Tuesday was the 11th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and those aboard United Flight 93, which crashed in a remote Pennsylvania countryside.

To mark the event, Gov. Rick Perry issued the following statement:

"Eleven years ago this morning, the hopes, dreams and lives of more than 3,000 individuals were taken during the most brazen and catastrophic terrorist attack the United States had ever seen.

"In the years since, their tales of loss, redemption and soul-stirring courage have inspired people around the world to live larger, more meaningful lives. Those behind the attacks hoped to crush the

American spirit, but that spirit remains alive and well, especially in the members of our military, as well as the paramedics, firefighters and police officers who have dedicated their lives to helping others.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with those whose hearts are heavy with the remembrance of loved ones lost in the attacks."

Wayne Hodgin

## Sheriff's reports

### 3 arrested after train-truck accident

#### By Wayne Hodgin

The Post Dispatch

Garza County sheriff's deputies are investigating an incident last Saturday afternoon in Southland, where a pickup was hit by a southbound train.

Chief Deputy Tommy Binford said three men, all of whom are in their early 30s and all from Lubbock County, were arrested and charged with trespassing with a deadly weapon. He did not release the names of the men.

Binford said because the investigation is ongoing, most of the details could not be released.

"We're still trying to

work through the details ourselves," Binford said. "We're working with other agencies, too, to sort through what exactly they were doing out there."

Binford said apparently the men were trying to cross the railroad at County Road 130 but were deterred by a stalled northbound train on the tracks.

"Since they couldn't pass, they apparently thought it would be a good idea to drive down the railroad right of way until they could find a place to cross over," Binford said. "As they tried to get across, they got stuck on the tracks and the pickup was hit by

southbound train."

No one was injured, he said.

Binford said four rifles, one of which was a .50-caliber, and two handguns were confiscated and taken into evidence.

All three men were taken to the Garza County jail,

where they posted bond and were released the following day.

Binford said other law enforcement agencies, including Burlington Northern-Santa Fe investigators and troopers with the Texas Department of Public Safety, also are investigating.

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## In and around Close City

**G**ood day to everyone. As I am typing this from home, it looks as though it wants to rain, and we sure want it too!

Hopefully by the time you read this we will have had some moisture.



TRACI FREEMAN

As I mentioned, I'm doing this at home from my phone. We've sure come along way from Mrs. Black's typing class haven't we?

There are all sorts of "apps," as they call them, that you can get on your phone.

I have info on several that are very useful to farmers and ranchers. Call me at the gin for more info.

Congratulations to Susan Gonzales on placing third with her beans entry and to her son Steve, who placed second with his brisket, recently in Bedford where they met up with Steve and Flora for the Bedford Blues & BBQ Cook Off Festival.

Congrats are also in order for Billie Jean on the birth of a new great-granddaughter born last week in Lubbock to Mr. and Mrs. Brady Cross.

### Mark Your Calendars!

This is for all you Tech fans out there. The Sept. 15 game is "Celebrate Cotton." The entry gates will be lined with cotton bales each with a fun

cotton fact and how cotton impacts our economy. Go to <http://bit.ly/CelebrateCotton> and enter Promo Code COTTON2012 or call 806-742-4412 and mention the Promo Code COTTON2012 to receive special pricing of 20.00 per ticket.

If you need more information, feel free to call me at the gin 495-2753.

Quote of the week: "A Bible that is falling apart usually belongs go those who aren't."

### Close City Birthdays

- September 14th Voda Beth Gradine
- September 15th Clarice Johnson
- September 19th Benny Alaniz, Gene Moore
- September 20th Eric Alaniz

Ragtown folks in the nursing homes we need to remember are: Claudine Tipton; Carmen Abraham; Velma Long Brown in Post; Jean Tipton in San Angelo; Jewel White in Lubbock. Others are, Mack Ledbetter in Post; 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@pcca.com](mailto:close.city.coop@pcca.com).

## Nancy's Notions

# Give parsley a little elbow room

**I**t's good for your breath. Tastes great sprinkled on eggs. Makes a killer garnish. What is it? Why parsley, of course! No herb garden should be caught without this frilly green plant gracing its borders.



NANCY MCDONALD

Parsley is a hardy biennial that is usually treated as an annual. It is popular because of its much-divided, sometimes curly leaves, which have a characteristic flavor and smell.

Parsley will teach you exactly how it should be grown. In your garden, there will appear here and there a stray or rogue parsley plant away from the original location. No matter how regularly the hoeing and weeding may be done, a stray parsley plant will occasionally appear alone, perhaps in the midst of lettuces, or cauliflowers, or onions.

When these strays escape destruction they become superb plants, and the experienced gardener sometimes leaves them to enjoy the conditions they have selected, and in which they

evidently prosper.

The lesson for the cultivator is that parsley should have plenty of room from the very first especially for young gardeners as they are apt to sow parsley far more thickly than is wise and are cautiously slow and timid in thinning the crop when the plants are crowding one another.

Cut parsley when the leaves are of suitable size. Pinch off parsley sprigs as needed or cut the entire plant back to dry or freeze a larger quantity of foliage. You can munch on it plain for a vitamin-rich snack and breath freshener.

Make parsley butter or parsley mayonnaise; use it in almost any dish for mild flavor and rich green color. I've found a hearty soup recipe packed with nutrients. Enjoy.

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

### Turkey Soup with Parsley Dumplings

- 1 picked-over turkey carcass
- 12 cups water
- 1 1/2 cups chopped celery
- 5 carrots
- 1 onion, quartered
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 3/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 cube chicken bouillon
- 1 bay leaf
- 6 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 small rutabaga, cubed
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds cooked turkey,

- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- 2 slices white bread, quartered
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted

### Directions

Combine turkey carcass, water, 1 cup celery, 2 carrots, onion, 2 teaspoons salt, thyme, bouillon, and bay leaf in large 4 quart stockpot. Bring to boiling. Lower heat, and cover. Simmer for 1 1/2 hours. Strain stock, and discard solids. Skim off fat using ladle or fat separator. Pick meat off bones when cooled.

Reserve meat. Combine 6 tablespoons flour and 1/2 cup milk in a jar with a tight fitting lid. Shake to combine. Pour stock into pot. Bring to simmering. Strain flour mixture through sieve into stock, stirring.

Slice remaining 3 carrots. Add rutabaga, ground pepper, remaining 1/2 cup celery, and sliced carrots.

Simmer 20 minutes, or until vegetables are tender.

While the soup is simmering, prepare the dumplings. Combine parsley and bread in processor; whirl until medium size crumbs. Add 1 1/4 cups flour, baking powder, and salt; process just until combined. Add 1/2 cup milk and butter; process using on-off pulses just until blended.

Drop mounded tablespoons of dumpling mixture into simmering soup. Place cover on pot. Cook for 12 minutes, or until dumplings are dry in center. Add turkey meat; cook 3 minutes, or until heated through.

## Constant Conversation

*Pray without ceasing.*

*- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)*

After many years of doubt and denial, I was determined to rediscover my faith. But getting back into the habit of praying was the hardest part. Then I noticed that in quiet moments during the day, the verse "Pray without ceasing" would pop into my head. I felt confused and guilty. If I can't even remember to pray before I eat, I thought, how can I remember to pray all the time?

One day while out picking blueberries, I realized that I was "talking" to God — not a formal prayer, but more talking to a friend about how thankful I was for the sweet berries. I caught myself doing the same thing at other times such as when I was washing

dishes or driving — simple conversations about what happened to be on my mind.

I am also taking more time to listen. In these "conversations," God's "voice" comes through as feelings moving in my heart, or thoughts flowing through my mind. Sometimes I hear God speak to me through words from a friend. When this happens God is working through both of us and both benefit from God's wisdom.

I still struggle, but the relationship I am developing with God by learning how to "pray without ceasing" sustains me.

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## Gas prices expected to continue downward trend

**Special to the Dispatch**

Drivers in the state of Texas last week were paying an average of about \$3.66 for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel, which is down one cent from the prior week, according to the AAA Texas.

Motorists in Texarkana were paying the most on average at \$3.72, and drivers in El Paso are paying the least at \$3.44. Drivers in the Lone Star State are paying about 16 cents less than the national average of \$3.82, which also decreased a penny from the week before.

National gas prices saw a spike two weeks ago as the Gulf Coast braced for Hurricane Isaac. Refineries totaling more than 1 million barrels per day of production capacity had announced closures in preparation for the storm and wholesale gasoline prices in regions supplied by these facilities surged higher. But those prices weakened once the market determined the storm would have a limited impact on long-term production.

AAA analysts expect prices at the pump will decline heading toward the end of the year

as demand decreases with the end of the summer driving season, refineries switch to less expensive winter-blend gasoline, and the hurricane season ends in November.

"We're hopeful even more relief is on the way soon," said AAA Texas/New Mexico spokesman Doug Shupe. "Right now Texans are paying about \$52 to fill up a typical 14-gallon size tank of gas. We encourage people to continue to maintain their vehicles according to manufacturer's recommendations to maximize their fuel efficiency."

## Recaptured school district list reaches all-time high

**Robin Hood strikes 23 new school districts, 374 Texas districts**

**Special to the Dispatch**

AUSTIN — New data from the Texas Education Agency shows a record number of school districts are now considered property wealthy under Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code.

A total of 374 school districts are subject to the recapture provisions of the law during the 2012-2013 school year, and 23 appear on the list for the first time.

Post and Southland school districts in Garza County have been on the list for a number of years.

"The fact that more districts qualify for this status than ever before reinforces the fact that our method of funding public education is broken. Texas has just over 1000 school districts and having close to 400 of them considered property wealthy shows that there is not enough money in the sys-

tem overall," said Christy Rome, executive director of the Texas School Coalition.

The Robin Hood system of school finance began in 1993 and applied to 35 school districts. It took 14 years to reach 164 revenue-contributing districts, but only five years to add the next 210 districts.

"Over half of the students in revenue-contributing districts throughout the state are economically disadvantaged," Rome said, "and now their taxpayers will be asked to send money into Austin. It will come as a shock to many in these communities, but somehow the myth continues that these districts are primarily made up of wealthy students and parents."

The Texas Legislature failed for the first time in 60 years to fund enrollment growth by cutting \$5.4 billion from public education for the current two-year budget cycle.

"Rather than continuing to add recapture districts, the obvious solution is for the Legislature to adequately fund education," Rome said.

## High Plains growers preparing for harvest

**By Mary Jane Buerkle**  
**Special to the Dispatch**

Growers across the High Plains are beginning to put the finishing touches on this year's crop, and some area gins reportedly will be in operation in the next week to ten days.

Although overall, the 2012 growing season has been more kind to producers than 2011, high temperatures have seared the area over the past few months. So far, Lubbock has recorded 24 days at or over the 100-degree mark.

In addition to the high temperatures, rain gauges in a significant portion of the High Plains area have recorded only 50 percent or less of average rainfall for the year to date. Currently, the West Texas Mesonet site located three miles

west-northwest of Lubbock has recorded 7.14 inches for 2012. Average rainfall is about 18 inches per year.

The condition of the crop remains mixed. Caitlin Jackson, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent for Crosby County, said cotton there is beginning to open up and is fairly good. Some areas of the county have benefited from rainfall over the summer, and the Mesonet station at White River Lake has recorded more than 16 inches of rain so far this year.

"There are going to be some fields with decent yields, and some of our dryland fields are not too bad," she said. "We're pretty optimistic."

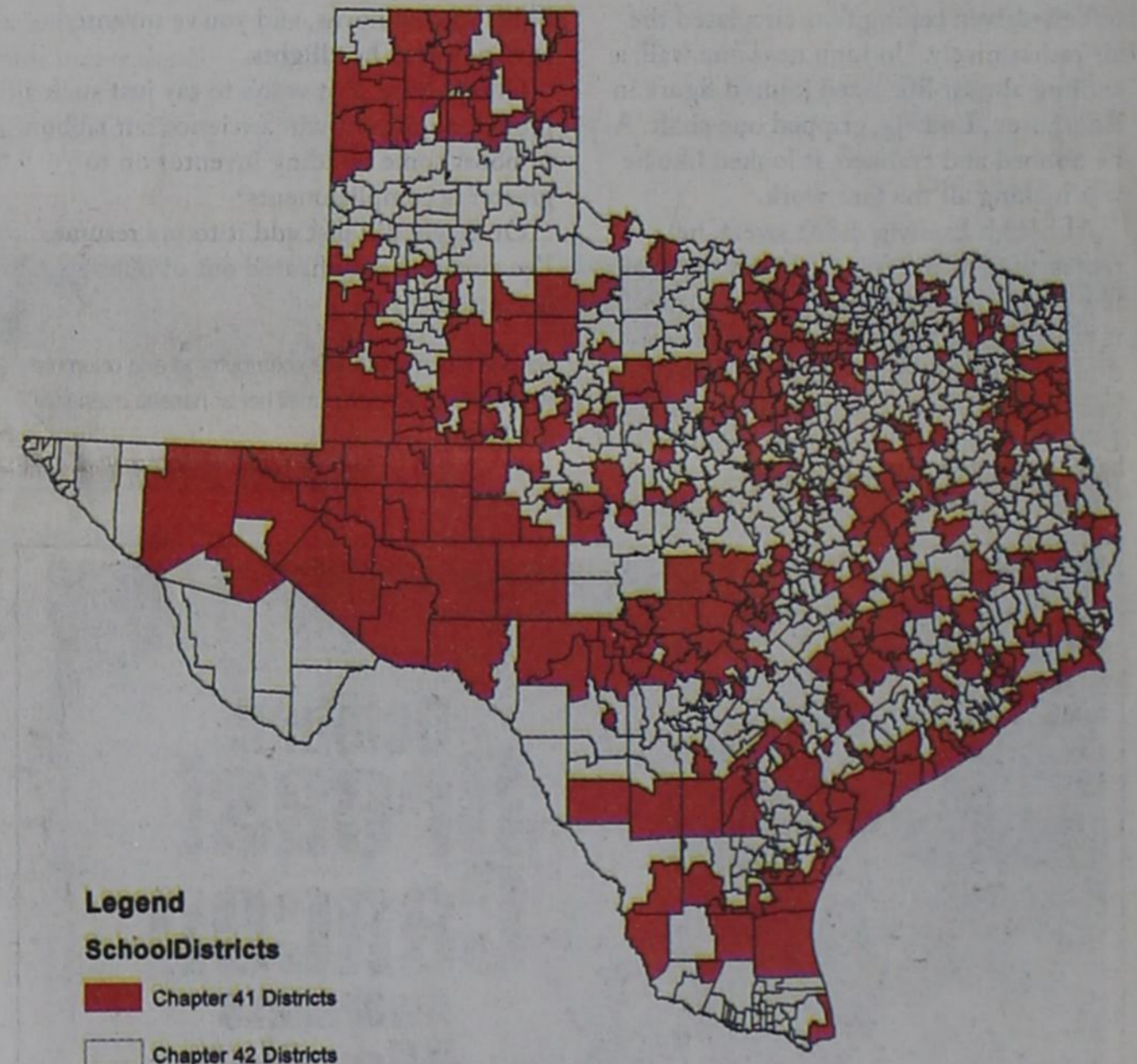
Dawson County is split, said Gary Roschetzky, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Agent for that county. Cotton is begin-

ning to open on the north side of the county and looks better than expected, but the south side of the county is suffering and a lot of the dryland acreage "never really came around," he said.

Other parts of the High Plains continue to experience a struggle as well. With sub-soil moisture lacking in much of the area, irrigation is simply nursing the crop along. Many growers are terminating irrigation in preparation for harvest.

Integrated pest management agents report that they are monitoring the presence of Kurtomathrips on the High Plains. These are highly destructive pests that can quickly defoliate cotton plants, causing damage similar to that of spider mites and possibly compromising boll size and yield.

Chapter 41 School Districts 2012-13



## Eagles fall to Silverton

**The Post Dispatch**

Despite its defensive try, the Southland Eagles were no match for the Silverton Owls last Friday.

"We came out and played really well defensively in the second half, but we just could not get anything going offensively," Eagles head coach Craig Hamilton said.

Silverton would go on to win the game, 48-0. "They did not 45 us until about 2:30 left in the fourth," Hamilton said.

Cale Fogerson led the Eagles with 96 yards rushing on 22 carries.

Zaron Garza completed two of nine passes for

12 yards.

Jason Collazo had four carries for 17 yards before leaving the game early in the first quarter with a broken arm.

Danny Martinez has one carry for nine yards and one reception for eight yards, and Fogerson had one carry for four yards.

The Eagles will travel to Lazbuddie at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Wayne Hodgins

Silverton	12	30	0	6	—	48
Southland	0	0	0	0	—	0

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## Cotton game Saturday

Texas Tech Athletics will partner with the Texas High Plains cotton industry for the "Celebrate Cotton" game Sept. 15 when the Red Raiders host the University of New Mexico Lobos at Jones AT&T Stadium.

Kickoff time has been set for 6 p.m. and the game will be televised nationally on Fox College Sports.

Tickets for the game are available for purchase online at [texastech.com](http://texastech.com) or by calling the athletics ticket office at (806) 742-TECH.

Plains Cotton Growers is offering special ticket prices of \$20 for the game.

Visit [plainscotton.org](http://plainscotton.org) for information and enter the promo code COTTON2012. tion is just not worth it."

## RESIGN

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who had previously been in attendance at the meeting but who was called to a fire during the session, did not vote.

During the Aug. 28 meeting, Taylor, who could have chosen for the council to conduct his annual evaluation in closed session, opted for it to be done in a public forum.

During the evaluation and ensuing discussion, Councilwoman Morris made it clear Taylor's public persona was less than acceptable.

At this week's meeting, however, moods seemed to be much lighter.

After the meeting, Harp said, the council made a decision to start anew.

"It was time for bygones to be bygones," she said. "We decided to sweep the past under the rug and keep moving with the city's business."

## Water, water, water

The council unanimously approved \$350,000 to be taken out of the city's reserves to be earmarked for White River MWD.

In July, the council balked at the water board's request to move to Stage 3 in the district's drought contingency plan and submit an application to the state that would have made the city eligible for \$350,000 from the state's disaster relief fund.

The money would have been pooled with similar grant funds also applied for by the water district's other member cities, including Crosbyton, Ralls and Spur.

Officials with those cities approved the grant applications, and the district is now waiting to hear from the state if it will receive \$2.1 million from the disaster relief funds.

Those funds — which are yet to be approved — come with a lot of red tape, however, a notion that didn't sit well with a number of members of the Post council, including Councilman Mark Short.

"Throughout this whole ordeal, we've been made out to be the bad guys," he said. "But that just isn't the case. We never said we didn't want to help."

Short said he had an issue with state stipulations being placed on the grant — which, he said, was never guaranteed the city would be eligible for — and said since the city could afford it, "Why not just give (the water district) the money out of our own reserves and there would be no red tape involved?"

City Manager Taylor in his recommendation to the council, said if the funds were to be made available to the water district, it should be on the contingency the district would receive the grant money from the state; that it be used for water rights acquisition; and that on the fact the quality of the water was up to standard.

The district became eligible to apply for state disaster relief because it has been determined White River Lake — Post's main drinking water source — would dry up by February if the area was to not receive any significant rainfall before then.

The state grant money, if approved, must be used to increase and secure the district water resource, including drilling for new wells.

The process to do that, however, including acquiring the water rights, can be a long process.

Councilman Short reiterated the money Post was about to turn loose, "Could be used immediately, without the oversight of the state."

## In other business

The council approved a lone bid from South Plains Turf to install drip irrigation and artificial turf in the Main Street medians at a cost of about \$175,000.

The money will be used from the brick repaving project fund, of which there was \$350,000 set aside for but which only about \$135,000 was used.

Taylor told council members the project, which would take between 6 to 8 weeks to complete, would start as soon as possible and would not be a disruption to either downtown traffic or economic activity.

Council members also approved the 2012 fiscal year budget of about \$5.4 million at a tax rate of about 0.5695 mills — roughly the same as last year's millage rate.

## Garza Hotel fire



Top: Post volunteer firefighters work Tuesday evening to clear smoke from the historic Garza Hotel in downtown Post after a grease fire broke out in the kitchen. Bottom: In this photo, provided by sheriff's officials the fire has burned the ceiling and surrounding areas.

## Dalby's honored

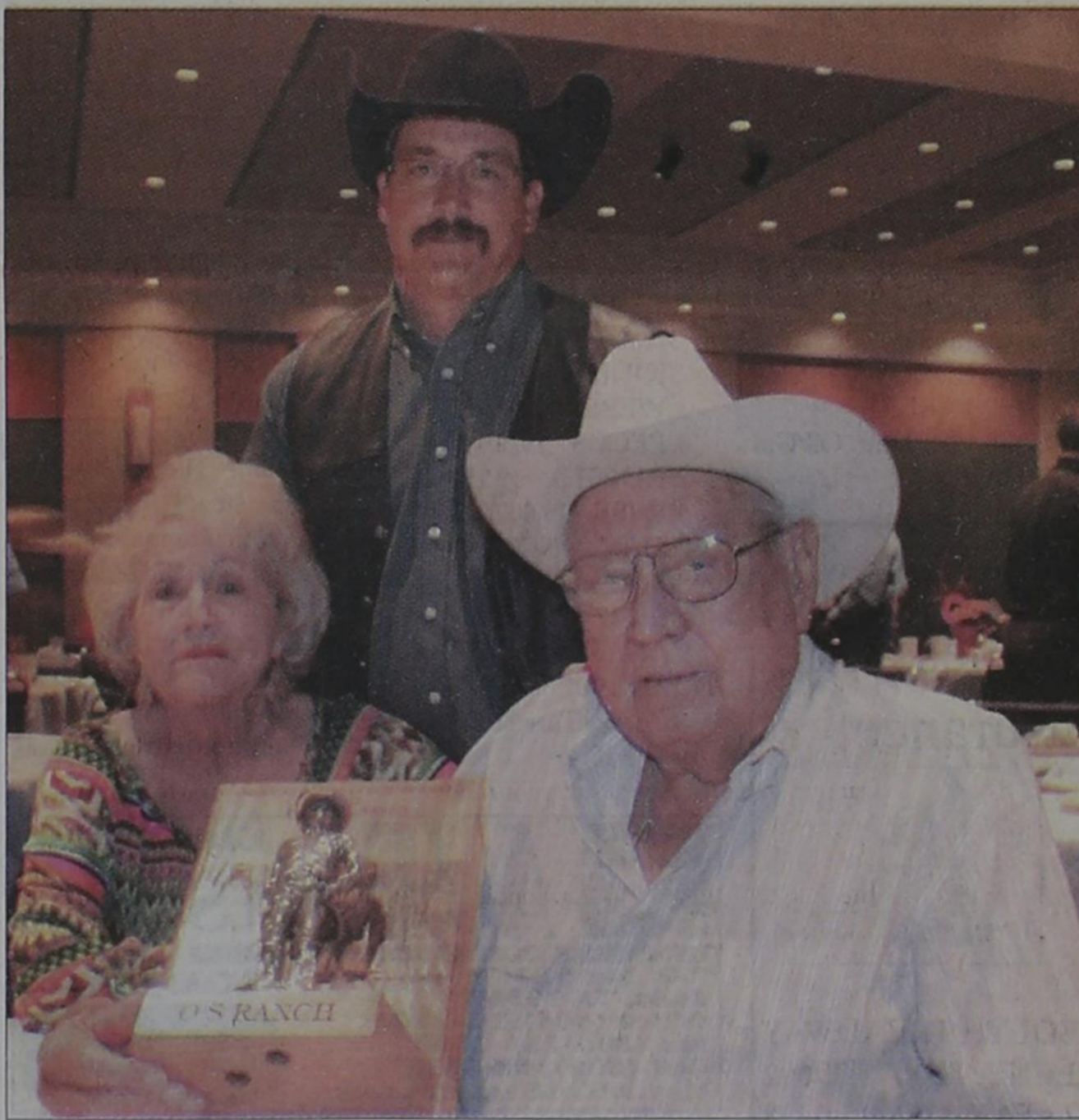


Photo by Wayne Hodgkin/The Post Dispatch  
Giles Dalby, right, of the O.S. Ranch accepted the Ranching Award at the American Cowboy Culture Awards banquet Sept. 6 during the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration at the Lubbock Civic Center. Dalby is shown here with wife, Nelda, and son, Giles Jr.

## Post Notes

### Benefit luncheon

Trailblazers Senior Citizens Center will host a benefit luncheon for Ruth Walls from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 22. A laptop computer will be raffled off at \$5 per ticket. For information, call 495-2998.

### South Plains Fair entries

Entries of foods items, sewing, photography, etc., for the Women's Building of the Panhandle South Plains Fair are due Sept. 18. Rules, divisions and guideline descriptions are at [southplainsfair.com](http://southplainsfair.com) under the Women's Division tab. For information call the Garza County Extension office at 495-4400.

### Ragtown Gospel Theater

"Mystery of the Hebrew Scribe" is being performed at Ragtown this weekend. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Friday and a 3 p.m. Saturday matinee.

### 4-H enrollment

Enrollment for the 2012-2013 4-H year is now ongoing on 4-H Connect. Those interested are asked to contact the Extension Office at 495-4400 for information. Current members must re-enroll at 4-H Connect. Registration will continue through Oct. 31.

### Graham Ole Opry

The Graham Ole Opry will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Sept. 22 at the Graham Community Center, five miles west of Post on U.S. 380 and two miles south on FM 399. No admission charge, but donations are accepted. Concessions will be available. For information, contact Noel White at 495-3261.

### Post Elementary

Progress reports will be distributed Sept. 17; picture day is Sept. 18.

### 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

Five-Stone Ministries, a nonprofit 501c3 organization, is in need of the following items: men's work clothes, men's work shoes, workable washers and dryers. Some women's items also are needed. For information, contact O.L. Ferguson at 806-781-1156. Monetary donations welcome at P.O. Drawer 669, Post, Texas, 79356. All donations are tax deductible.

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 [thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com](mailto:thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com).

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# Shift in cotton acres possible as grain prices are soaring

By Blair Fannin  
Special to the Dispatch

**COLLEGE STATION** — High grain prices as a result of continuous drought in the Midwest could cause a potential shift in some Texas cotton acreage looking ahead to the 2013 crop year, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service economists.



Dr. John Robinson, AgriLife Extension cotton economist in College Station, said you would have to look back six years to when the Lone Star State last saw a significant change in cotton acres.

"The last time we had a major reduction was over 20 percent in 2006-2007 as a result of higher grain prices," he said. "Even though we don't grow a lot of soybeans, I hear stories of high sorghum prices that will tempt a lot of growers. I wouldn't be surprised to see our acreage drop down 20 percent to about 5 million cotton acres."

"There is the possibility, but it is limited," said Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension economist in College Station. "Grain sorghum in the High Plains is secondary if they have a failed cotton crop. Overall, cotton farmers are cotton farmers."

The outcome of the 2013 wheat crop is the biggest question, Welch said, as prices continue an upward trend over the past three months.

"If we get a bunch of rain, this could lead to a lot of opportunity," he said.

Blair Fannin/Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service  
Cotton prices are predicted to be in a tight range in the near term, although changes in world supply projections could trigger fluctuations. Producers can rely on options contracts to take advantage of price swings in both an up or down market.

Texas plants approximately 6 million wheat acres. If the state receives ample rain this fall, there could be an increase in harvested acreage and possibly an increase nationwide. This is in response to wheat following the recent run-up in corn prices, eclipsing more than \$8 a bushel, Welch said.

"We are certainly setting ourselves up for a very large grain crop in 2013," Welch said.

Robinson said cotton prices will "pretty much stay in a sideways channel."

"They've been just under 70 cents a pound to most recently 77 cents a pound," he said. "I'm expecting a continuation of a range, sideways action pattern bouncing around with some outside news. I'm expecting prices to trade anywhere from 80 cents to the low 70s."

Robinson said prices

could react accordingly to some type of world supply news, such as India, which has harvested its cotton and could possibly come up a million bales short of expectations.

"That might generate a market rally," he said.

Marketing strategies for cotton producers this late in the season are limited.

"There is not much in the options world you can do at the moment," Robinson said. "I think right now just getting the best cash offer you can is the main thing. If you are shopping around for call options you might be able to catch any upside surprise."

Robinson said producers could take advantage of any possible volatility on the December 2013 futures by buying options "way in advance, so it may be worth shopping and thinking about what is affordable and what the price direction is."

## Hunter-education course to be offered locally

The Post Dispatch

A hunter education class has been scheduled for Oct. 20-21 at the Post High School cafeteria.

Drew Spencer, game warden for Garza and Lynn counties, will instruct the class, which will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Attendance is required at both classes.

According to state law, hunters ages 9 to 16 must successfully complete a hunter-education course, and those 17 years and older must successfully complete a hunter-education course, or purchase a "hunter education deferral" and be accompanied by a licensed hunter.

Hunters younger than age 9 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter who is at least 17 years old.

"Accompanied" means a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education, or is exempt (born before Sept. 2, 1971. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting).

Spencer said the course is open to anyone, regardless of age.

"The course is open to adults and youngsters and

will include instruction in modern firearms and primitive sporting arms handling and safety, outdoor responsibility and ethics, laws and regulations, wildlife conservation and management, hunting traditions, field care of game and wilderness first aid and survival," Spencer said.

"I'm hoping better attendance than my two classes last year. With youth deer and turkey season opening the following week, there should be higher demand."

The minimum age for certification is 9 years old, and cost is \$15.

Students 9 years of age or older successfully completing the course will be issued a "temporary student card" at the end of the course. Students will then receive an original "hunter education certificate" from Texas Parks and Wildlife after processing the paperwork.

Those younger than 9 years of age will receive a "certificate of attendance," but must take the course again after turning 9 for proper certification.

To register for the course, contact Spencer at 806-773-4179. Additional hunter education information can be found online at [tpwd.state.tx.us](http://tpwd.state.tx.us)

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The \_\_\_\_\_ GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
conducted public hearings on SEPTEMBER 7, 2012 and SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of \_\_\_\_\_ GARZA COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by .0770 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of .37809 for each \$100 of taxable value was 3,196,046

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .3550 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is 3,437,367

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .3550 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is 3,442,428

The \_\_\_\_\_ GARZA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT \_\_\_\_\_ is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on SEPTEMBER 21, 2012 at \_\_\_\_\_ THE COURTHOUSE - COMMISSIONERS COURT ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ 9:00 A.M. \_\_\_\_\_

# Post rolls over Lamesa, 40-33

**Antelopes look for revenge against Slaton Tigers this week**

**By Wayne Hodgkin**  
The Post Dispatch

Last week's game against Lamesa High can be summed up in a single word.

Barnburner. The Bold Gold's 40-33 routing of the Golden Tors notched Post's second win of the season. Head coach Steve Smith couldn't say enough good things about his offensive team.

"It was a good game for us," Smith said. "Our offensive line is doing a fantastic job of keeping the ball out of the other team's hands. We just kept hammering away and wearing down their defense."

A Bryan Smith punt in the third quarter that was recovered about the 10-yard line allowed the Antelopes (2-0) to score and put them up eight points over the Tors (0-2).

Lamesa couldn't quite close in on that lead the remainder of the game.

"Early on, we were moving the ball like we wanted to. Outside of a 10-play span there in the third quarter, we were right there," first-year Golden Tor head

coach David Ritchey told the Lamesa Press-Reporter. "Of course, not having Ryan (Garza) there in the second half hurt. Everybody's well aware of how explosive he is for us on both sides of the ball."

Garza was injured on a play late in the first half, which forced the Tor senior into watching the second half from the sidelines.

"Still, you'd like to think any night where you put up 33 points you'd have a shot at winning," Ritchey said.

Coach Smith pointed to other key players, including D.J. Brown, who rushed for 260 yards for the offense and Bryan Smith, who added another 26 yards rushing.

"Anytime you have you backs running 300 yards on the offense, it's going to be a good game," Coach Smith said.

Another key player, Smith said, was Alejo Rodriguez on the defense who notched eight tackles from the linebacker position.

The Antelopes will travel just up the road tonight to face an undefeated Slaton team, which last year slapped the Bold Gold with a 41-0 win.

"I definitely think this week's game will be the biggest challenge of the season," Smith said. "We'll go out and do the best we can do, and hopefully come away with our third win."



Jaycee Johnson/For the Dispatch

**An unidentified Post Antelope tries to escape the grip of a Golden Tor defender Friday. Post defeated Lamesa, 40-33.**

**BOX SCORE**

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Final
Lamesa	12	0	0	21	-	33
Post	14	0	6	20	-	40

Team Stats	Lamesa	Post
Rushing yards	156	315
Passing: Completions/Attempts	10/21	5/7
Passing yards	272	43
Passing: Touchdowns/interceptions	3/0	0/0
Total offense	428	358
Defensive sacks	0.0	0.0
Punts/Average	3/16.7	1/26.0

Individual stats (Post)	Cmp	Att	Yds	Int	TD
Passing Name					
2 Pake Jones	5	7	43	0	0

Rushing Name	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
8 Caden Dean	3	15	5.0	10	0

Receiving Name	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
21 D.J. Brown	30	261	8.7	46	4
40 Bryan Smith	13	65	5.0	20	1
2 Pake Jones	7	-26	-3.7	3	1
Total	53	315	5.9	6	

Punting Name	Num	Yds	Avg	Lng	I20
40 Bryan Smith	1	26	26.0	26	0

Kickoff Returns Name	Att	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD
3 Dylan Pearson	1	21	21.0	21	0
21 D.J. Brown	1	40	40.0	40	0
2 Pake Jones	1	20	20.0	20	0
Totals	3	81	27.0	40	0



Jaycee Johnson/For the Dispatch

**Campbell Kirkpatrick (15) sprints out for a pass in Friday night's game against Lamesa. The Antelopes edges out the Golden Tors, 40-33.**



Jaycee Johnson/For the Dispatch

**Dalton Holly (18) holds on to the ball after being stopped by a Golden Tor defender last Friday night. The stop wasn't enough for the Golden Tors as the Antelopes went on to a 40-33 win.**

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**The Post Dispatch**

## Sports Roundup

### Volleyball Post girls dominate Lubbock team

The Post Junior High seventh-grade volleyball team soundly defeated the Lubbock Titans in two sets Monday.

It was the team's first win of the season, head coach Richard Soliz said.

"They played very well and are beginning to come together as a team," Soliz said. "Leslie Gill, Morgan Lynch and Daisha Great-house played outstanding this game."

The team's record for the season is 1-3.

The team will compete Saturday in a tournament in Colorado City.

Game 1	Post 25 Titans 9
Game 2	Post 25 Titans 19

Post (A) at Seminole tourney (Saturday)	
Post v. Seminole	
Game 1	Post 11 Seminole 25
Game 2	Post 13 Seminole 25
Post (A) v. Jal, N.M.	
Game 1	Post 22 Jal 25
Game 2	Post 23 Post 25

### Post girls fair well in first home tourney

The Post High School varsity volleyball team played host to its first tournament of the season last weekend.

During pool play, Post split games with Christ the King and Rotan while winning both sets against Loraine.

In bracket play, Aspermont bested the Lady Lopes in two of three sets (25-15, 23-25, 23-25) and also dropped two of three sets to Hawley (25-27, 25-21, 9-25).

Coach Charlyn Hohman said the Lady Lopes played well in the tournament even though they didn't advance as far as she had hoped.

The Lubbock Titans won the tournament and Hawley placed second followed by Knox City.

Post senior Haily Berry was selected to the All-Tournament Team for defensive specialist/outside hitter.

### Cross country teams compete in first event

Bethany Curtis led the way for the Post varsity girls cross country team in Saturday's 18th annual West Texas Micrographics Invitational in Lubbock.

Curtis placed 23rd of 93 girls in the vent running the two-mile in 14:43.24.

Kelbie Oden placed 40th at 14:43.4; and Andi Soliz placed 49th at 15:0.08; Haily Berry placed 67th at 15:41.71; Cheyenne Gill 88th at 17:24.4; Rebecca Perez 89th at 17:32.05; and Kaitlyn Walden 90th at 17:38.14.

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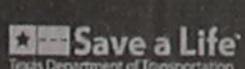
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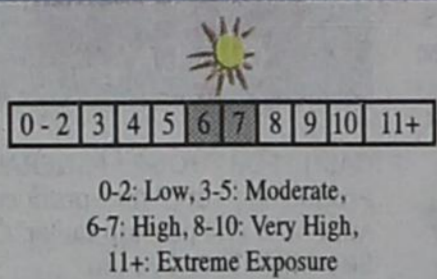
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### Post Dispatch Weather Summary

#### Post's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy 73 / 54	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 78 / 60	<b>Sunday</b> Sunny 86 / 62	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny 89 / 57	<b>Tuesday</b> Mostly Sunny 82 / 51	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny 85 / 52	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny 88 / 56

#### Local UV Index



#### Weather Trivia

Where did the word **tornado** come from?  
**ANSWER:** The Spanish word *tronada*.

#### Weather History

**Sept. 14, 1987** - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather from Minnesota to Texas. Thunderstorms in Iowa produced baseball size hail at Laporte City and 80 mph winds at Laurens.

**Sept. 15, 1752** - A great hurricane produced a tide along the South Carolina coast that came close to inundating downtown Charleston. However, just before the tide reached the city, a shift in the wind caused the water level to drop five feet in 10 minutes.

#### Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 73°, humidity of 38%. North northeast wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1978. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 54°. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 47° set in 1975. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 78°, humidity of 29%. North northeast wind 5 mph. Skies will be mostly clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 60°.

#### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	9:31-11:31	10:01-12:01	Tue	1:29-3:29	12:59-2:59
Sat	10:20-12:20	10:50-12:50	Wed	2:26-4:26	1:56-3:56
Sun	11:11-1:11	11:41-1:41	Thu	3:25-5:25	2:55-4:55
Mon	12:34-2:34	12:04-2:04			

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#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Fri	7:28 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	5:58 a.m.	6:50 p.m.	Full 9/29
Sat	7:29 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	7:01 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	
Sun	7:30 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	8:06 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	
Mon	7:30 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	9:13 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	
Tue	7:31 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	10:21 a.m.	9:26 p.m.	Last 10/8
Wed	7:32 a.m.	7:46 p.m.	11:29 a.m.	10:14 p.m.	
Thu	7:32 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	12:35 p.m.	11:07 p.m.	

#### Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
					Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
9/4	99	75	86/62	0.00"	9/4	37	9/8	18
9/5	99	70	86/62	0.20"	9/5	34	9/9	22
9/6	92	66	86/61	0.00"	9/6	29	9/10	22
9/7	99	66	86/61	0.00"	9/7	32		
9/8	75	60	85/61	0.00"				
9/9	84	59	85/61	0.00"				
9/10	88	56	85/60	0.00"				

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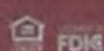
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## Dixie Divas Crying and cussing

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It's like living in a science-fiction film. It's like visiting a foreign country. I've never been a big fan of unwanted change. I resist it. So, when Claudette, tough as nails, broke down and cried and Grace Ann, who never met a Bible study she didn't memorize, cussed, and it both happened in the same week, I was stunned speechless. I walked around in a daze for two days.

"What is happening to the world as I know it?" I mumbled to myself as I folded clothes. The end of time must be near, I concluded. After all, strange things are supposed to happen before time concludes. Trust me when I tell you — really strange things are happening around here.

It started with Grace Ann. She's the epitome of calm and kindness; the one who loves her enemies, prays for those who hurt her and stirs up a casserole at the first hint of an obituary. She refuses to see a rated-R movie and the strongest word in her vocabulary is "dam."

Spelled out, I might add. "Oh, d-a-r-n!" she exclaimed one day when she snagged her silk dress with her engagement ring.

"Oh, p-l-e-a-s-e!" I retorted, rolling my eyes. "You don't have to spell it out."

One day over lunch, she confessed the drama in her family was breaking her down. She detailed the sordid tales of relatives and how she often wound up as the punching bag when she was the one who tried so hard to keep peace. This, I know is true. For more than 20 years I have watched as she is the one who always scurries to mend rips and tears in order to keep the family as harmonious as possible.

"Finally, I had just had it," she admitted. "I got into my

car, locked the doors, and I started screaming at the top of lungs."

Then she told me the word she was screaming.

I blinked. Then I blinked again.

"What?" I slapped my right ear, trying to unclog it. "I know something is wrong with my hearing."

She smiled. Then she laughed. "Nope, you heard correctly." The grin grew broader. "And you know what? It felt so good! Something about that word just released all my tension."

I'm still speechless on that one.

Claudette I have known since I was dressed in cotton dresses while she was sporting dungarees with striped T-shirts and climbing trees. She played baseball with the boys while I played Barbies. She's always been tough, stoic in the tradition of the country folks from which she comes.

She is smart, hard working and goes toe-to-toe with any problem that arises. She never complains. She just dives in and takes care of whatever goes wrong.

But Claudette, like many, has faced enormous challenges over the past few years. The weight of her problems would have long ago brought down a weaker person. The other day on the phone, she said, "Mom said something to me the other day and I just couldn't take it. I broke down and started crying."

"You cried?" I shook my head in astonishment.

"I sure did."

"First, Grace Ann cusses, then you cry," I said. "Am I living in an episode of 'The Twilight Zone?'"

Others might judge the state of the world by unemployment numbers, foreclosures and bank failures but not me. I judge it when sane people start acting crazy and crazy acting people start making sense. I judge it when the strong and the righteous are bending to ways of desperation.

Cussing and crying. That's how I judge it.

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Her new book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'" is available at [rondarich.com](http://rondarich.com).

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