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Special session on redistricting begins

By Ed Sterling For the Dispatch

AUSTIN - On May 27, the last day of the 140-day regular session of the 83rd Texas Legislature, Gov. Rick Perry called a special session to begin that very day.

Perry's only stated purpose in keeping lawmakers in Austin is for the Legislature to pass legislation that "ratifies and adopts redistricting plans ordered by the federal district court as the permanent plans for districts used to elect members of the Texas House of Representatives, Texas Senate and United States House of Representatives."

In 2010 and 2011 various redis-

Terry County

tricting maps were in and out of federal courts over matters relating to preclearance, a requirement under Section 5 of the U.S. Voting Rights Act that subjects Texas to when new laws relating to voting are passed here, because of the state's history of discrimination in conducting elections.

bills, House Bills 1 through 4 by House Select Committee on Redistricting Chairman Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, and Senate Bills 1 through 4 by Senate Select Committee on Redistricting Chairman Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, were filed to address the governor's call.

mirror, SB 2, relating to the com-

position of districts for the election of members of the Texas Senate, incited the least resistance at hearings conducted last week.

The Senate Select Committee bills. on Redistricting met May 30. Input voiced by Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, and Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, made it clear that Quickly, eight redistricting maps the governor wants enacted face more rounds of court challenges over the lack of minority opportunity districts and dilution of the voting strength of certain communities of interest.

West asked, in essence, if the purpose of the special session was simply to rubberstamp the federal Of the eight bills, HB 2 and its court's interim maps or to accept amendments to those maps that

cure constituents' voting rights concerns. Chairman Seliger said the governor's call does not limit amendments to the redistricting

The House Select Committee on Redistricting met May 31 and June 1. Committee member Rep. Trey Martinez-Fischer, D-San Antonio, expressed doubt that issues with the court-drawn maps could be resolved in the time frame contemplated by the governor. Of the citizens who testified before the committee, several said the hearings were scheduled on such short notice few potential witnesses could testify.

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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 thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

Rotary fundy

Members of the Post Rotary Club will sell hamburgers from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today near the intersection of U.S. 84 and Main Street to raise money for Girl Scouts air-conditioning units. For information, contact Kerry Dixon at 495-2175.

Church fundy

The Church of God of Prophecy is having a chicken fried steak plate sale beginning

Class of 2013

cotton producers cleared by panel

By Mary Jane Buerkle Special to the Dispatch

Four Terry County cotton producers have been cleared of wrongdoing by an American Cotton Shippers Association arbitration panel as it handed down decisions on disputes between Venture Cotton Cooperative/Noble Americas Corp. and the producers.

The disputes unfairly targeted cotton producers who signed acre contracts with Venture Cotton Cooperative for the 2010 cotton crop. A wet spring and summer sent crop production estimates skyrocketing, but dry conditions set in throughout the rest of the 2010 season and a late-season hailstorm destroyed a significant amount of acreage in areas southwest of Lubbock.

Venture sued cotton producers for the difference between the contracted estimate and the actual production, claiming that even though they delivered all the cotton they produced, they still were responsible for losses incurred due to the shortfall.

However, the arbitration panel's ruling detailed these four suits as "frivolous" and that the four producers all fulfilled their obligations under the acreage contract with Venture. The panel further directed that Venture and Noble equally reimburse the producers for all legal fees they incurred in the arbitration process.

"The contract signed is an acreage production contract," the ACSA Arbitration Decision states in each of the documents regarding the four suits. "Customs and practices of the cotton trade and market, dating back to the 19th century, recognize that estimates of production in this type of contract are only estimates and do not qualify as a delivery requirement under the contract."

The decision documents also noted that some of Venture's managers and Noble's employees did indeed understand the difference between a bale contract and an acreage contract.

Although the decision was great news for these producers, who have spent tens of thousands of dollars and countless hours fighting the allegations, Venture has until June 17 to appeal the ruling, which could drag out the dispute for quite some time.

"It is positive that they ruled in our favor, but it's not over by any means yet," said James Harlan of Brownfield, one of the producers sued by Venture and cleared by ACSA. "I'm waiting to see what happens next, and if Venture appeals, it could be a year down the road before we have a final resolution."



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Post High School senior Audree Williams, valedictorian of the Class of 2013, addresses her fellow students and friends and families gathered May 31 in Antelope Arena during graduation exercises.

Scholarships top \$200K for Post grads

The Post Dispatch

Post High School graduated 42 seniors during commencement exercises May 31 at Antelope Arena.

The 2013 seniors are: Audree Kamille Williams (valedictorian), Kayla Lena Comeaux (salutatorian), Michael Dalton Holly, Morgan Elizabeth Deen-Staggs, Breana Monique Alvarado, Landry Seth Babb, Haily Nichole Berry, Vance Reid-Dale Blair, Julie Ann Boren, Juan Abelardo Cabrera, Ashley Nicole Collazo, Troy Michael Copeland, Caden Dale Dean, Bobbie Marie Escobar, James Curry Fannon, Elijha Kane Garza, Nathaniel Wayne Gill, Sergio Julian Gomez, Russel Zeb Graves, Kelsey Leah Isbell, Jaycee Carolanne Johnson, Jacie Denea Kimmons, Patricia Lopez, Marcelo Antonio Martinez, Paul Anthony Martinez, Mariah Estella Morales, Travis Austin Morris, Matthew McKenzie Nava, Shelby Quinn Odom, Alexis D'Nae Perez, Cassandra Rae Perez, Kristiana Hope Perez, David Ramirez Jr., Kimberly Rene Rivera, Dustin Tyan Robinson, Daniel Wayne Shelton Jr., Adam Caleb Smith, Tavish Frank Soto, Isaac Nathaniel Stern, Maria Fernanda

congregation in singing the national anthem. Scholarships then were announced by Superintendent Comeaux, followed by the valedictorian and salutatorian speeches by Audree Williams and Kayla Comeaux, respectively. Dalton Holly presented class accomplishments. After Superintendent Comeaux certified the graduates, Board of Trustees President Mike Holly presented the class. Morgan Deen led the crowd in singing the school song, and the benediction was given by Caden Deen.

A total of 49 scholarships were presented to the students:

· Community Recovery Center Dalby Memorial Scholarship to Dalton Holly

· C.J. Schoenrock Memorial Scholarship to Morgan Deen

· Management and Training Cor. to both Mariah Morales and Cassandra Perez

 Post High School Class of 1951 Scholarship in memory of Giles Dalby to Morgan Deen

· Post Student Council Scholarships went to Juan Cabrera

· Larry Mills Student Athlete Memorial \$1,000 Scholarship went to Dalton Holly,

· Paulina Hernandez Memorial Scholarship Vera, Torie Dawn Whisenant and Veronica Ab- went to Caden Dean, Ashley Calozo, Cassandra at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, 602 W. 14th. For information, call Lennor Ramirez at 495-3644.

Summer Splash

The annual Summer Splash event at the City Pool will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday. Admission is free, but children must obtain a wristband from the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave. C. Free wristbands will be made available beginning June 1 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For information, contact the CRC at 495-3173.

Computer class

A free computer class will be offered beginning at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Post Public Library, 105 E. Main St., Post. Due to limited space and class size, pre-registration is required. Call 990-9901 to register, or stop by any Poka Lambro store. For information, contact Brenda Gillespie at 800-422-2387. For other class dates or times visit poka. com.

Fathers Day Brag

Looking for a special way to recognize your dad on Fathers Day? What a better way to tell your dad how you feel than by telling everyone in town in The Post Dispatch "Father's Day Brag Page"? All you have to do is bring your favorite photo of your dad into the Dispatch office and for \$15, he'll be included in the "Father's Day Brag Page," complete with his name and the name of the children. The deadline for this special is noon Tuesday.

4-H Play Days

The Garza County 4-H will have its annual Play Day on June 15 at the Lonesome Pine Equestrian Center. For information, contact the Extension Office at 495-4400 or Danya Peterson at 520-405-0221.

Harlan said these disputes have "shed a lot of light" on the ACSA arbitration process.

"It's an inefficient, ineffective process, and it's costing us a lot of time, money and missed opportunities,"

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igil Zuniga.

The class was introduced by Superintendent Mike Comeaux. Haily Berry gave the invocation, followed by the pledges to the U.S. and Texas flags by Isaac Stern. Cathy Sawyer led the Pere and Alexis Perez

· Post Masonic Lodge Scholarship went to Kelsey Isbell, Caden Dean and Nathaniel Gill

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Emergency officials explain siren warnings

By Anna Gibson The Post Dispatch

The siren near City Hall was put up in 1947 for the convenience of Post volunteer firefighters and the safety of the Garza County community.

the firemen are called out so that anyone hearing it can be cautious of nearby traffic lights, stop signs, as well as the fire department volunteers to respond," said Post volunteer firefighter Ross

Aten, who is responsible for sounding the sirens.

There are a total of six sirens now since the first siren was placed that reach the entire city limits.

"It's a pretty good chance that you can hear them inside your home, "The fire whistle goes off each time though, we can't tell you to depend on that," Aten said.

> Out of those six, only the one in front of the City Hall goes off for the fire department.

The fire whistle goes off three times

consecutively as apposed to the tornado sirens. "There are two types of tornado sirens," Aten said. "The first, which is the warning, goes off for three minutes solid, this means for you to go into your house and turn on the news and pay attention. The second, wavers on and off with eight seconds on and four seconds off, in which you must take cover and means you have no time to check the news, just get inside and take cover."

The emergency siren near Post See SIRENS, Page 6 City Hall goes off for fire calls and tornado warnings.



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Deaths

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Frances Bryan Conrad

Frances Bryan Conrad, 80, of Post went to be with her Heavenly Father Thursday, May 30, at the Golden Plains Care Center in Post.

She was born to Frank T. and Vivian (Gollehon) Bryan January 13, 1933 at Tahoka. They lived in Post and returned to Tahoka in 1945. She graduated from the Tahoka High School in 1950. After graduation she lived in Tahoka, O'Donnell and in 1967 she returned to Post to live. Over the years Frances worked as a waitress for Jackson's Cafeteria and then she went to work as a parts clerk for Harold Lucas Chevrolet and later Arroyo Chevrolet. She went to work for McGinnis Chevrolet and retired in 1994. After her retirement she was the manager for the Mesquite Place Apartments and worked for Justice-

Jeanette Hodges

Jeanette Hodges 86 of Post died Friday, May 24, 2013 at the Rosewood Assisted Living Center in Flower Mound. Jeanette Gilmore was born to Edgar L. and Sarah Elizabeth (Waters) Gilmore February 16, 1927, here in Post. She attended and graduated from the Post Schools. She married

FRANCES CONRAD

Mason Funeral Home as the receptionist.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and is preceded in death by a son: Dennis Dean Conrad July 1, 1994.

Frances is survived by one and Dee Justice. son, Eddie Conrad and his wife Kathy of Dalhart, one any Christian organization.



Menus

Menu for June 10-14

Post ISD Summer Meal Program

Breakfast

Monday: Pancake and sausage on a stick, fruit, milk

Tuesday: Doughnut, sausage link, fruit, milk Wednesday: Oatmeal, toast, bacon, fruit, milk Thursday: Cowboy bread, sausage link, fruit, milk Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk

Lunch

Monday: Cheeseburger with garnish, potato

Pet of the Week



west of Post. He is very smart and friendly and waiting for a family to love. For adoption information, contact Post Animal Refuge Center at postarc@yahoo.com and on Facebook at Post Arc.

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rounds, Western-style

Tuesday: Tangerine

steamed broccoli,

chicken, baby carrots,

pineapple tidbits, milk

Wednesday: Tex-Mex

Thursday: Stuffed

stack, garden salad, salsa,

hot cinnamon apples, milk

barbecue potato, Texas

fruit bowl, milk variety

fresh apple slices, milk

toast, baby carrots, fresh

Friday: Chicken parmesan,

garden salad, green beans,

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beans, diced pears, milk

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JEANETTE HODGES

Church and is preceded in

death by a daughter: Helen

Ruth Hodges Truelock Janu-

ary 1,2005 and also by a grand-

son: Quillen Michael Truelock

June 5, 2011. Due to health

reasons, she moved to Flower

Mound to be with her son,

Grandchildren also survive her,

Services were 10:00 a.m. Monday June 3, 2013 in the First Baptist Church of Post. Brother Jack Maddox, pastor officiated and Bo Jackson assisted. Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

daughter, Carol Conrad of

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

one brother, Lowell M. Bryan

of Hallsville, Texas and one

sister, Iris L. Dixon of Siloam

Springs, Arkansas. Three

Pallbearers were: Delbert Rudd, Bill Pool, Aaron Rathbun, Brad Mason, Bo Jackson

Memorials are suggested to

daughter-in-law and grandson.

Jeanette is survived by: one

son: Johnny and his wife

Lisa Hodges of Flower

Mound. Also by a grand-

son: Cade Hodges of Flower

Mound. One niece: Karen

Jackson of Wagoner, Oklaho-

ma; also a host of other family

Jennifer Conrad, J.P. Gardner and Eric L.A. Conrad.

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C.D. 'Dee' Hodges October 15, 1946. Dee preceded her in death June 14, 1986. She worked for the Postex Cotton Mill until 1978. In 1999 she worked in the Garza County Tax Assessor/Collectors office and became the office holder

in the tax office. In 2005 she retired as the Garza County Tax Assessor/Collector. At which time she became a full time grandmother. She was a member of the First Baptist

Emily Zivec

Letters to the **Editor Policy**

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Services for Emily Zivec, 81, of Post were held at 1 PM Thursday, June 6, 2013 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Jack Maddox officiating. Burial will be Saturday, June 8, 2013 in Melwood Cemetery in StoneMountain, Georgia. Local arrangements were under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

She died Sunday, June 2, 2013 at her home in Post. She was born January 30, 1932 in Kirkwood, Georgia to Emory and Doris (Bradford) Martin. Emily marriedBobZiveconDecember 1, 1962 in West, Texas. She was a nurse for Burlington Industries. She was a member America.



EMILY ZIVEC

of the First Baptist Church, the Caprock Cultural Association and the Concerned Women for

members. Services were 2:00 p.m. Tuesday May 28, 2013 in the First Baptist Church of Post. Brother Jack Maddox, pastor officiated. Burial fol-

lowed in the Terrace Cemetery. Arrangements were under the personal care of Dee and Janet Justice, Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

The family received family and friends Monday, May 27, 2013 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Zivec of Post, 1 daughter Melissa and husband Doug Flanigan of Post, three brothers, Arthur Martin, Rema Martin and John Martin all of Georgia and two grandchildren, Datch and Haddie Flanigan both of Post.

Pallbearers were Doug Flanigan, Kelly Baker, Michael Isbell, Drew Spencer, Darrell Reece and Delbert Rudd. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Brynne's Smiles or the First Baptist Church Christian School.

Visitation was Wednesday from 6 until 8 PM at the Funeral Home.

Terry County Museum opens weddings exhibit

Special to the Dispatch

area residents.

Legends Bracken saga drags on after his death

returned within just a few

A headline in the Friday,

Nov. 9, 1928, Lubbock Morn-

ing Avalanche read: "Ramsey

Acquitted of Bracken Death."

of Garza County for the past

20 years, having served for the

past six years as deputy sheriff

resided in Post for about three

The Bracken-Ramsey case

didn't end there. Another case

was filed, Bracken v. Cato,

in the Fifth Circuit Court of

Appeals dated Dec. 12, 1931.

The two older children testi-

their father was gunned down.

The plaintiffs called the

to prove that Ramsey was in

charge of the jail. On cross-

examination Cato testified

Ramsey had told him he had

killed Bracken in self-defense

Ramsey had died before

the trial, and no evidence was

introduced for the defense.

The petitions for rehearing

bers of James Bracken were

trying to get some justifica-

tion for the death of a father

parties now deceased it was

pretty much a dead-end street

and husband. With both

It appears the family mem-

and to prevent an assault

upon (Ramsey).

were denied.

sheriff (Cato) as a witness

fied to being present when

and jailer. Bracken had only

years. Whether that makes

a difference, one can only

speculate.

Ramsey had been a resident

minutes.

ooking back at the history of Post City and Garza County, one would like to think it was the simple life of hardworking people trying to make a living, whether it was working the land and a few head of cattle or for some local businessman, even C.W. Post's UU Company.

notable

health

Mr. Post, being a most



would be small potatoes compared to what would eventually befall his little town, especially during the 1920s and '30s.

One thing for sure, James Elbert (also know as E.L.) Bracken was dead, shot to death in his jail cell by jailer I.H. Ramsey. Bracken was buried in the Terrace Cemetery, leaving behind a wife and children.

Ramsey was charged with the murder of Bracken and was released on \$7,500 bail. The case went before the jury in the 106th District Court

on Nov. 8, 1928. The jury was



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The Colga Showdown, p.m. Saturday, the Garza T feature The backup band, talent from a Texas. The n prestigious country mi show begins showdowns, w country music to hone their compete for ! prize money a contract. Garza Cou

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The Terry County Heritage Museum opened its second temporary exhibit this week. "Weddings Through the Decades," presented by Gina Kelly Ellis and Jane Blay will run through July 5. The exhibit will feature 12 day. No admission is charged, manikins dressed in wedding but all donations are accepted. gowns from different peri- For more information conods of Terry County from tact Fredrick Jackson at 806the 1880s up until year 2000. 637-2467.

Grooms' attire, weddings photos and keepsakes also will be included. Some of the exhibit's material is from the museum's own archives and others have been loaned from

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Fri-

coffee. LINDA Little did PUCKETT he know those three evils

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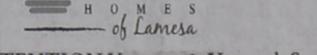
unless some sort of monetary reward was being sought. I'm not sure of Ramsey's

cause of death, someone said they thought he died of a stroke just two years after he shot Bracken. I would think he carried a lot of grief for what he did, justified or not, and could have easily contributed to his own demise.

Here we are 85 years later, and we are left with many questions regarding this case. There just seems to be something missing.

Thanks to the grandsons of both men for allowing me to write about this event. See you next week.

Linda Puckett is director of the Garza County Museum and Historical Commission.



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The 501 A goathead's lament — or not

ome people have treasured childhood memories of backyard barbecues, like Dad grilling steaks over charcoal and mesquite chips.

Not me. Daddy didn't believe in spending money for charcoal, and mesquite was



simply the default fuel for chuckwagon cooks out on the range miles from nowhere who didn't realize they were launching a great culinary tradition that would eventually bring fame to the otherwise bothersome, thorny

invaders of many a pasture.

HANABA Meanwhile back at MUNN the farm, wiener roasts were fun events in my WELCH childhood. The fuel? In the summer, goatheads.

If you think a goathead is the head of a goat, you've probably never stepped barefoot on one or punctured a bicycle tire by riding over one or several. A goathead is an evil three-spiked sticker that looks like the head of a very miniature goat, sort of. Two points are the horns and the other one is the beard of the goat, or so I surmise.

If you can find a goathead, look it in the eye to see if you agree. Good luck finding one. Special weevils or something came along some time ago and essentially eradicated goatheads from our part of the world. That's what I've heard. Goatheads are scarcer now than horned toads. I miss them both.

Back when goatheads flourished in our driveway, Daddy's weapon of choice was a hoe. He chopped the stems and rolled up the spreading expansive plants like so much carpet. When green, the stickers didn't fall off. After a day or two in the hot sun, the pile of offending vegetation would burn. But before Daddy lit the fire, we'd be sure we had wieners and marshmallows to roast. Goathead wiener roasts rated right along with watermelon feasts.

In those days, goatheads gave rise to two myths taken seriously by most children.

Myth No. 1: If you ran barefoot across a patch of goatheads, as opposed to walking, you wouldn't get the stickers in your feet. The older kids said so. The younger kids tried it. I was younger.

Myth No. 2: When a poisonous little point from a goathead broke off in your foot or hand or elsewhere, if you couldn't bear the pain of letting your mother remove it with a needle, it would grow into a tree. My mother didn't say so, but enough other mothers did to get my attention. A tree!

All such parental scare tactics formed a body of common knowledge. If you swallowed a watermelon seed you'd end up with watermelon vines growing out your ears. If you crossed your eyes, they could get stuck that way. If you swallowed a fish bone, it was practically a death sentence. In our family, there was even a story about a woman who choked on a fried chicken crumb. I tried not to think about that one.

Dangerous times, childhood. But I'd like to go back for one more goathead in the palm of my hand for my mother to remove. She was good at it.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to The Post Dispatch.

The Paperboy Reversing a trend of apathy

Then I see communities rally and mobilize for the Oklahoma City area, it makes me very proud to be an American. It also makes me wonder what we could do in our own communities if we were so motivated.

I'm concerned with a trend I've seen for years. Those of you involved in your

> community have no doubt noticed it as well and it really is something we need to reverse.

We are living in apathetic times. There is no other way to put it. The majority of the population does not give a rip about taking part in making their community, state or nation better.

Some will tell you they care, but if they did, their actions would speak for

Want proof?

them.

How about major elections where only half of the electorate votes?

How about local elections where office holders run unopposed election after election? Are they doing that good of a job? In my opinion, I believe we have become a selfish society where we're more interested in what can benefit us as individuals rather than trying to reach out for the greater good.

As the number of those involved declines, it places a greater burden on those remaining.

I've seen civic groups all over getting smaller. That's not just a rural trend;

numbers are dropping worldwide.

If you speak to ministers, they'll tell you church attendance is down.

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I have a feeling the void the Greatest Generation is leaving as they pass will not be able to be filled - even by the largest generation in world history, the baby boomers.

Why?

Maybe it's meth. There's no doubt the devastation that drug has caused.

I wrote recently about the lack of daddies in society. You know that plays a part.

Are we self-absorbed? There is probably evidence to support that.

Regardless of why or how, we need to figure out a way to reverse it. We need local leadership. We need people ready to step up and inspire others to get involved. We actually need to perform our civic duty.

Small towns should not be apathetic. We should be vibrant. We should be concerned about our communities to the point the numbers of volunteers actually increase. We should have a sense of urgency in these matters.

If you had a room full of people and they were asked: Do you want your town to be better? I think every hand would go up. Well, if we really want it to get better, then action is needed.

I'm old-fashioned. I firmly believe we should give back to our communities and remain involved. It takes leadership and commitment. Most importantly is takes time so these endeavors must have a purpose.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of the Post Dispatch and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.



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10 years ago June 5, 2003

Showdown, set for 7 of the cattle. While the recent p.m. Saturday, June 28, at ranchers were celebrating Lubbock. She is a 1983 the Garza Theatre, will the invention of the truck, graduate of Post High into first place in the Babe feature The Guthries as the cowboys were looking School. backup band, along with for new jobs. talent from all over West Even though there Texas. The nation's most are fewer occupational prestigious professional cowboys today, cowboys country music talent have sought to keep the show begins with local spirit of the profession showdowns, where future alive through poetry and country music stars seek song. Even though the to hone their skills and trail drives are history, compete for \$100,000 in cowboy symposiums have prize money and recording developed into a popular contract.

of the U.S. Immigration to grow. Service following the vehicle's seizure related to immigration violations. The auto will be used by the Victims' Assistance Program.

shooters competed in the named to the Dean's West Texas Junior Olympic Honor List at South Trap Competition Sunday Plains College for the at the Palmer Gun Club. 1983 spring semester. Lyle Kirkpatrick placed To qualify as an honor first in the J2 division student at SPC, students with a score of 97 out of must maintain a minimum 100 targets and won High 3.25 grade point average Overall Shooter with a while enrolled for at least score of 129 out of 125 12 semester hours. targets. Trent McDonald placed second in the Braves opened the Babe division with a score of Ruth season May 31 with 96 and third in the overall the Sox taking a decisive competition with a score of victory over the Braves 17 118.

20 years ago June 9, 1993

their cattle because of this Poole of Post, has received significantly shortened the high school diploma the time between the sale from the National Piano The Colgate Country and the actual delivery Teachers Guild in the

forum for cowboys to Garza County recently express themselves and, the

30 years ago June 8, 1983

Pamela Propst Barber, daughter of Charles and Garza County 4-H Rheba Propst, has been

The White Sox and to 7. Trac Price pitched four innings and the win for the White Sox with Marvin Lee coming in for the final three. After

auditions

40 years ago June 7, 1973

Orabeth White was Drover House Restaurant. Monday night. She and a full slate of new With this issue The ceremony.

the biggest Cub Scout to 20 feet deep in spots. summer youth recreation construction purposes. program that opened Post and Garza County to a height of 16 feet. for an additional \$750 four.

Giddens told the council The Morris family a three to one run first at its June meeting Monday Compiled by Anna Gibson reunion at the Graham inning for the White Sox, night that 270 school-age Community Center on they opened the second children were enrolled May 29-30 was enjoyed by with five hits in a row Saturday morning, that 30

50 years ago June 6, 1963

The White Sox drubbed in the Pirates, 18 to 8, Tuesday night to climb Ruth League standings. The Indians trounced the Cubs, 10 to 2, leaving both teams with identical 3-3 records

Weather has been playing installed as president of havoc with the Babe Ruth Gamma Mu chapter of League schedule, with rain Epsilon Sigma Alpha here forcing postponement of six Monday evening during games-two last Thursday the sorority's Founder's night, two Saturday night Day Banquet held at the and two make-up games

got a title to a 1996 nationwide popularity of officers were installed by Dispatch begins its 37th Toyota Camry courtesy cowboy poetry continues Jane Mason, outgoing year of publication and president, in a candlelight the seventh under present ownership.

> Annual Cub Country The White River Lake Day was held all-day today has water backed up Saturday at Camp Post, fro one and one-half miles turning out to be one of from the new dam and is 15 events ever held here with Dam Contractor Steve some 264 Cubs and leaders Luce hasn't "closed" the in attendance. Saturday's dam, but he did order some was the first of three Cub 2,000 yards of dirt plugged Country Days to be held at into the 100-foot wide gap Camp Post this summer. in the dam Monday to start Enrollment in the "catching" some water for

Herber Brantley, a Monday exceeded all member of the Luce expectations, so much Construction Co. firm so, in fact, that program who is living here, told The director Joe Giddens this Dispatch on Tuesday night week asked the city of that the gap has been filled

The water caught to keep from having to Monday and Tuesday came shorten the program from from the heavy rains in the the scheduled six weeks to Plainview area Saturday and Sunday night.





Audree Williams -Congratulations, Valedictorian! We are so proud of you!

Nancy Williams, James and Jacke Haisler, Virgil and Janie Kincaid

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members came from as far six additional runs. away as Missouri, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico as well as the state of Texas to attend the reunion. The festivities began with a wiener roast and a time of visiting Saturday night. A Sunday noon meal provided another opportunity for visiting and recreation.

The railroad became the first alternative to the trail drive ranchers depended on to move their cattle. Then, industrialization with came the invention of the automobile, which led to the creation of truck. Trucks were the ranchers' preferred means of transport for

about 125 people. Family followed by a walk scoring more came in Monday and

of Mr. and Mrs. Preson

there was a possibility of Cynthia Poole, daughter "at least a few others."



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Kindergarten Graduation



Post Elementary graduated 75 kindergarten students May 30 in the school auditorium. To open the commencement ceremony, the students sang "The World is a Rainbow."

Faculty lineup named for annual music camp

Special to the Dispatch

GOREE — Fiddle and guitar teachers and students will gather July 7-11 for the 13th annual Bobby Boatright Western Swing Music Camp.

The Knox Prairie Event Center in Goree will provide both classrooms and dormitory space for the camp and the venue for the closing concert. Students age 10 and older will learn by day and jam by night.

Lead guitar instructor Joe Settlemires is one of Oklahoma's most prolific and celebrated musicians. He landed one of country music's most prestigious gigs, playing with the legendary Boatright Music Camp. Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, at the age of 19. In the years that followed, Settlemires played with a "Who's Who" of country legends including Willie Nelson, Loretta

also backed up others in the popular and jazz genres like Bob Hope, Howard Roberts, as well as performing with the Oklahoma City Symphony.

After teaching at Oklahoma Christian College, he found a permanent home at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

Fort Worth musician Glenn McLaughlin will teach beginning guitar, working his magic as an instructor with patience and knowledge and a knack for coaxing the best from his students. It's McLaughlin's fourth year to teach at Bobby

Margaret "Maggie" Scales, a

Harold Bradley and others. He Ray Price and Ronnie Milsap.

Scales will team with Ronny Dale Schultz, who has taught many years at the camp. He is known for his ability to perform and teach many different instruments. This year he will teach beginning fiddle.

The camp honors the memory of the late Bobby Boatright, renowned and beloved Western Swing Fiddle Player. Grammy Award-winner Tommy Allsup and Boatright taught at the camp for years and organized the curriculum. The camp was named in memory of Boatright after his death.

A fee of \$450 covers tuition, on-campus housing and meals. For registration and information contact J.W. Sollis at 940-839-7870 or jwsollis@yahoo.com. "This may well be the best overall instructional group that I have had at the camp," Sollis said.

Springer urges support for firefighters' memorial expansion

Special to the Dispatch

This April, the tragic explosion in West brought attention to the lack of space on the volunteer firefighters monument at the Texas Capitol. This monument, erected in 1896, has been used to house the names of our state's fallen volunteer firefighters for more than 100 years.

Volunteer fire departments make up about 78 percent of the fire departments in the state of Texas. House District 68 is served almost entirely by volunteers.

Before the memorial was full, names were added each biennium in a special ceremony, often attended by more than 1,000 spectators.

women face on a daily basis protecting our families and property," said Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster. "During the last biennium we lost a fire chief in Memphis and just a couple of months ago we lost five firemen in the tragedy in West. We must expand this memorial so we can etch their names into history and honor their memory.'

The cost to expand the memorial will be more than \$100,000 and must be paid for through private donations.

"Donations of all sizes are welcome, and truly will help us reach our goal," Springer said. "Please take a moment to share this with your friends and family, so that we can forever honor these men and women that

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qualified teacher of both fiddle and violin, brings to the Music Camp her experience with the fiddle. She has played and opened shows with many legends, such as Lynn, Red Foley, Tex Ritter, Bobby Bare, Hank Williams Jr.,

Today there are 12 names waiting for the monument expansion so they can be remembered for giving the ultimate sacrifice.

"As a volunteer firefighter, I have seen firsthand the dangers these brave men and selflessly gave their lives for our safety. To make a donation, visit texasfirefightermemorial.org.

For information about the project, contact Springer's Capitol office at 512-463-0526 or at drew.springer@house.state.tx.us.



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Student athletes honored at annual sports banquet

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The annual high school athletics banquet was May 20 at the school cafeteria. Student athletes participating in sports throughout the academic year were honored with a number of awards.

Volleyball Individual Superlatives

MVP, Haily Berry, Offensive Player of the Year, Kelbie Oden, Defensive Player of the Year, Taylor Osborn and Callie Odom, Fighting Heart, Maggie Shelton, THSCA Academic All-State, Haily Berry-Honorable Mention, Kayla Comeaux-1st Team, Morgan Deen-2nd Team, TGCA Academic All-State, Kayla Comeaux, Academic All-District, Kayla Comeaux, Sara Greer, Taylor Osborn, Matti Smith, Kelbie Oden, Haily Berry, Brogan Macy, Lauren Record, Morgan Deen and Dekota Greer. Second Team All-District, Haily Berry, Taylor Osborn and Callie Odom, District Honorable Mention, Kelbie Oden, Lauren Record, Maggie Shelton and Brogan Macy

Basketball Individual Superlatives - Girls

Kayla

MVP, Taylor Osborn, Offensive Player of the Year, Callie Odom, Defensive Player of the Year, Haily Berry, Fighting Heart, Cheyenne Gill,

Haily Berry-2nd Team and

Morgan Deen-2nd Team,

TGCA Academic All-State,

Kayla Comeaux, Haily Berry

and Morgan Deen, Academic

All-District, Haily Berry, Matti

Smith, Katie Dunn, Kelbie

Oden, Cheyenne Gill, Sarah

Stinson, Sara Greer, Taylor Os-

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Comeaux-ELITE,

Burtch, Kayla Comeaux, Morgan Deen, Dakota Greer and Kaitlyn Walden, All-District Team, Haily Berry and Taylor Osborn

Basketball Individual Superlatives - Boys

Academic All District, Dalton Holly, Austin Garza and Bryan Smith, Academic All State, Dalton Holly, Honorable Mention, Austin Garza, Offensive Player OTY Austin Garza and Tavish Soto, Defensive Player OTY Dalton Holly, Most Improved Nathaniel Gill, Fighting Heart Vance Blair and Taylor Soto, Utility Player OTY Campbell Kirkpatrick and Serigo Soliz, Rebounder OTY Bryan Smith and Newcomer of the Year, Cambry Gilbert

Cross Country Individual Superlatives:

MVP, Isaac Stern, Fighting Heart, Kelbie Oden, THSCA Academic All-State, Haily Berry-Honorable Mention, Academic All-District, Haily Berry, Kelbie Oden, Mattie Smith, Kaitlyn Walden, Morgan Deen and Dakota Greer.

Academic All District

Football, Alejo Rodriguez, Carson Kirkpatrick, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Michael Holly, Ricky Garza, Bryan Smith, Russel Graves, Jayson Walden, Cambry Gilbert-mgr., Kayla THSCA Academic All-State, Comeaux-student trainer, Colton Stamey-student trainer, Dakota Greer-student trainer, Katie Dunn-student trainer, and Morgan Deen-student trainer.

Comeaux-mgr., Katie Dunnmgr., Dakota Greer-mgr. and Alex Ramirez-mgr.

Academic All District Powerlifting

Mollie Burtch, Katie Dunn, Jarred Curtis, Tristan Fannon, Cambry Gilbert, Russel Graves, Isaah Jones, Bryan Smith and Jayson Walden.

Academic All District Golf Bryan Smith

Academic All District Tennis

Audree Williams and Tavish Soto

Academic All District Track & Field - Boys

Cambry Gilbert, Russel Graves, David Hernandez, Michael Holly, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Bryan Smith and Isaac Stern

Academic All District Track 7 Field - Girls

Haily Berry, Cheyenne Gill, Sara Greer, Kelbie Oden, Taylor Osborn, Leslie Soliz, Sarah Stinson, Morgan Deen-Mgr., Dakota Greer-Mgr. and Matti Smith-Mgr.

Academic All District Cheerleading

Julie Boren and Alexis Perez

Record: 9-1 District Champions and 9-2 Area Finalist (2-8 in 2011)

and Dalton Holly- defensive back. 2nd Team, Jayson Walden- offensive line, Nathaniel Gill- offensive line, Paden Babb- Tight End, Dylan Pearson- receivers, Pake Jones- quarterback, Paul Martinez- defensive line, Alan Al-

aniz- outside linebacker and Campbell Kirkpatrick- defensive back. Honorable Mentions, Dylan Pearson, Aleo Rodriquez, Paden Babb, Caden Dean, Aron Lopez, Bryan Smith, Troy Copeland, Austin Garza, Travis Greathouse and Sergio Soliz

Lubbock AJ All-South Plains Football Team

DJ Brown- running back, Mondo Martinez- offensive line, Travis Greathouse- defensive line, Nathaniel Gilldefeinsive line, Bryan Smithlinebacker, Dalton Holly- defensive back

TSWA All-State Football Team

Honorable Mention, DJ Brown - running back and kick returner, Dalton Holly - defensive back and Nathaniel Gilldefensive lineman. AP All-State Football Team

2nd Team, Nathaniel Gilldefensive lineman, Honorable Mentions, DJ Brown- running back, Dalton Holly- defensive back and Bryan Smith- linebacker

Team Awards

MVP, DJ Brown, Offensive

Skill, Bryan Smith.

All Around Male and **Female Athelte**

(Mr. and Ms. Bold Gold Award) Haily Berry- female, Dalton Holly- male and Nathaniel Gill- co-male

Area Qualifiers

Haily Berry- Triple Jump, Long Jump, 4x100 Relay, 4x400 Relay, 200 Dash

Kelbie Oden- Triple Jump, Long Jump, 4x100 Relay, 4x200 Relay, 4x400 Relay Alt.

Taylor Osborn- Discus, 4x100 Relay, 4x400 Relay, 400 Dash Miranda Apolinar- 4x100

Relay, 4x200 Relay, 300 Hurdles

Bethany Curtis- 4x200 Relay, 4x400 M Realy, 4x100 Relay Alt.

Sarah Stinson- 4x400 Relay, 4x200 Relay Alt.

Madison Carr- 4x200 Relay, Put 4x100 Relay Alt.

Cheyenne Gill- 4x200 M Shot Put Relay Alt. Sara Greer- Discus, Shot Run Put Rebecca Taylor- Discus, 4x200 Relay Shot Put

Isaac Stern- 3200 Run, 1600 Run Nathaniel Gill- Long Jump, 4x200 Relay

Aron Lopez- 4x200 Relay Caden Dean- 4x200 Relay DJ Brown-4x200 Relay, 100 lay Alt. Dash

David Hernandez- 4x200

Paden Babb- Pole Vault Travis Greathouse- Discus Bryan Smith-Shot Put

Regional Qualifiers

Haily Berry- Triple Jump, Long Jump, 4x100 Relay, 4x400 Relay, 200 Dash

Kelbie Oden- Triple Jump, 4x100 Relay, 4x200 Relay Alt., 4x400 Relay Alt.

Taylor Osborn- Discus, 4x100 Relay, 4x400 Relay, 400 Dash

Miranda Apolinar- 4x100 Relay, 4x200 Relay, 4x400 M Relay

Bethany Curtis- 4x200 Relay Alt., 4x400 Relay Alt., 4x100 Relay Alt.

Sarah Stinson- 4x400 Relay, 4x200 Relay

Madison Carr- 4x200 Relay, 4x100 Relay Alt. Cheyenne Gill- 4x200 M

Relay Sara Greer- Discus, Shot

Rebecca Taylor- Discus,

Isaac Stern- 3200 Run, 1600

Nathaniel Gill- Long Jump,

Aron Lopez- 4x200 Relay Caden Dean- 4x200 Relay DJ Brown- 4x200 Relay, 100 Dash

David Hernandez- 4x200 Relay Alt.

Cambry Gilbert- 4x200 Re-

Dalton Holly- 400 Dash Paden Babb- Pole Vault

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· Post Rotary Club Scholarship to Audree Williams and Dalton Holly

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· Post Sports Enterprises (Post Sports Radio) to Vance Blair

· Post Stampede Rodeo Association went to Seth Babb, Nathaniel Gill, Audree Williams and Vance Blair

 Arnold and Patsy Sanderson Memorial Scholarship to Audree Williams

· Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding Scholarship to Marcelo Martinez and Isaac Stern

 Post Volunteer Firemen to Seth Babb, Nathaniel Gill, Adam Smith and Audree Williams

 Jimmie Redman Memorial Scholarship to Caden Dean and Seth Babb

· Hazelwood Act (Educational benefits for veterans and their families up to 150 hours of tuition exemptions) to Dalton Holly

· Post Athletic Booster Club went to Haily Berry, Kayla Comeaux, Nathaniel Gill, Dalton Holly and Adam Smith

· Post ISD Memorial Scholarship for \$500 went to Dalton Holly

Academic All District Basketball - Boys

Dalton Holly, Bryan Smith, Campbell Kirkpatrick, Austin Garza, Cambry Gilbert, Kayla

· Women's Division of Post Commerce and Tourism to Caden Dean and Tori Whisenant

• Jim and Helen Cornish Memorial Library Scholarship (This scholarship is given by the Post Public Library each year and is made possible by generous donations from Calvin and Virginia Storie) went to Vance Blair and Audree Williams

· Garza County Junior Association: Livestock Derrick Dunn Memorial Scholarship to Audree Williams

 Allegra Ford Scholarship \$750 to Tori obar and James Fannon Whisenant,

· Amity Study Club to Seth Babb and Zeb Graves

· Danny Foster Memorial Scholarship for \$500 to Nathaniel Gill

· Davidson Family Scholarship in Law Enforcement Technology South Plains College for \$1,000 to Tavish Soto

· Eastern New Mexico Opportunities for Youth University Texas 135 Tuition Waiver for \$22,040 presented to Nathaniel Gill

J.E. and Mayme Durrett Scholarship for \$1,000

Clay Miller

2AA All-District Football Team

MVP, DJ Brown for running back, defensive back, and kick return excellence, 1st Team, Mondo Martinez- offensive line, Dalton Holly- receiver, Bryan Smith- running back, Nathaniel Gill- defensive line, Travis Greathouse- defensive line, Bryan Smith- linebacker

to Tori Whisenant, · Greater West Texas Baseball Coaches Association to Dalton Holly

· Kenneth Montgomery Foundation Scholarship to Juan Cabrera, Zeb Graves and Adam Smith

· Larry King Haynes II Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500 to Dalton Holly Lyntegar Electric Scholarship for \$2,500 to Audree Williams

· Poka Lambro Scholarship of \$2,500 to Audree Williams

· Maxine Durrett Earl Charitable Foundation Scholarship to Bobbie Es-

· Post FFA Scholarship for \$250 to Seth Babb · Syd Conner Memorial Scholarship given by Garza County 4-H to Audree

Williams, · Outstanding Student Scholarship Lion's Club Contest Winners to Haily Berry and Julie Boren

 Texas Lion's MD-2 Contest to Morgan Deen and Caden Dean • West Texas A&M Track

& Field Scholarship for \$3,000 to Haily Berry

Player of the Year, Pake Jones, Defensive Poy, Nathaniel Gill, Offensive Lineman, Mondo Martinez, Offensive Skill, Dalton Holly, Defensive Line, Travis Greathouse and Defensive

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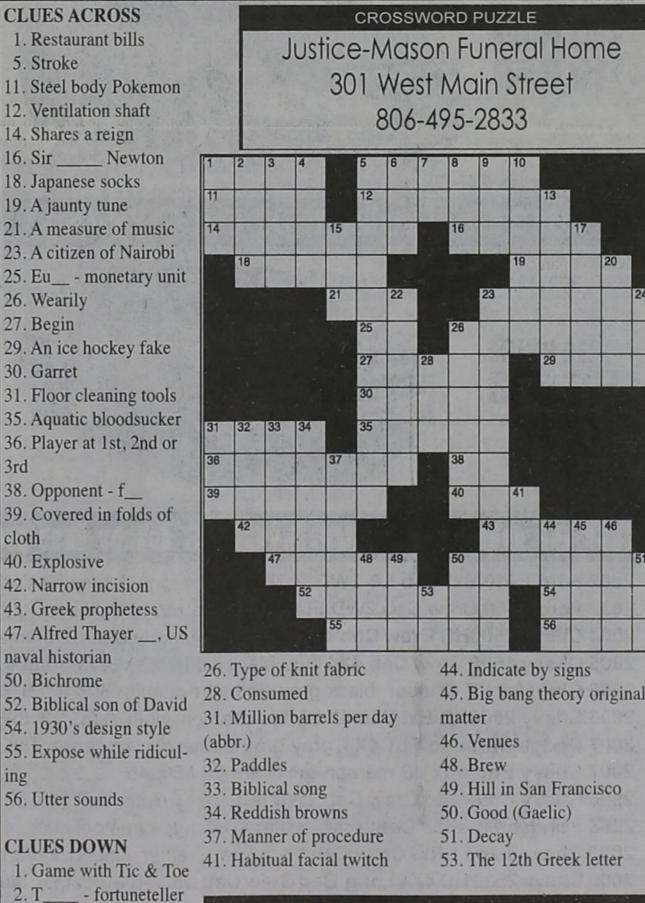
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State Qualifier Hailly Berry-Triple Jump

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Chairman Darby tentatively proposed regional redistricting hearings to be held June 5 in Dallas, June 6 in Houston and June 7 in San Antonio. Reps. Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, and Joe Pickett, D-El Paso, both members of the redistricting committee, indicated that their home districts also would be appropriate sites for redistricting hearings.

The House redistricting committee is composed of 12 Republicans and seven Democrats. The Senate redistricting committee is composed of nine Republicans and six Democrats.

March of new laws begins

Hundreds of bills recently passed last month by the Legislature have landed on

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Southland installed its first siren in 2003, which only the governor's desk, awaiting a signature of approval, but a few will not be signed, indicating approval that is not wholehearted. Some have been or will be vetoed, and it takes a two-thirds Legislature to override a veto.

will become new laws, most to take effect on Sept. 1. A few of the bills that will run take effect Sept. 1 include:

• HB 4, intended to preserve Texas' water supply for the next 50 years by promoting conservation and innovative reuse. Funding is tied to Senate Joint Resolution 1, a proposed constitutional amendment on the Nov. 5 ballot to use \$2 billion from the state's "rainy day fund" savings account.

• HB 2961, preventing public disclosure of the Social Security number of a ers have indicated interest school district employee or

ings. gency Management Director Michael Isbell advises all residents in the Post and former employee. · SB 160, requiring an

election officer, on accepting a poll watcher for service, to provide the watcher with a form of identification prescribed by the secrevote in both houses of the tary of state to be displayed by the watcher during the watcher's hours of service Signed and unsigned bills at the polling place.

Comptroller plans not to

tant, Comptroller Susan Combs, announced May cases involving Terry County 29 she would not seek re- producers, but was unable to election or election to any other post in 2014. First elected state comptroller cases with ACSA within the in 2006, Combs is a former Texas agriculture commissioner and a former state representative.

Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, said he plans to run for comptroller in 2014, and other current lawmakin the post.

goes off for tornado warn- Southland communities that there will be a siren testing Garza County Emer- in the very near future, "so keep up with the paper for the date and time that we will do that," he said.

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he said. "What has helped us the most has been getting this story out there, whether that was producers on the radio, or meeting with their elected officials or with organizations like (Plains Cotton Growers) who helped us come together and have an even more powerful voice."

An ACSA arbitration The state's top accoun- panel also made decisions last week on two other Venture award any legal fees because Venture/Noble did not file the

stipulated time requirements. Although those producers also have spent time and money to clear their name, they could have to sue in a civil court to recoup any of their fees.

"That points out one of the big problems and inconsistencies with the ACSA arbitration process," Harlan said. "ACSA essentially said that they shouldn't have even seen the case because it was out of their jurisdiction, so those guys went through the whole inefficient, ineffective process for two years, but because of a technicality, don't get their money back."

Steve Verett, executive vice president for Plains Cotton Growers, said this ACSA ar-

thepostdispatchonline.com bitration panel obviously was objective in their approach to these cases and ultimately saw what those being sued knew all along.

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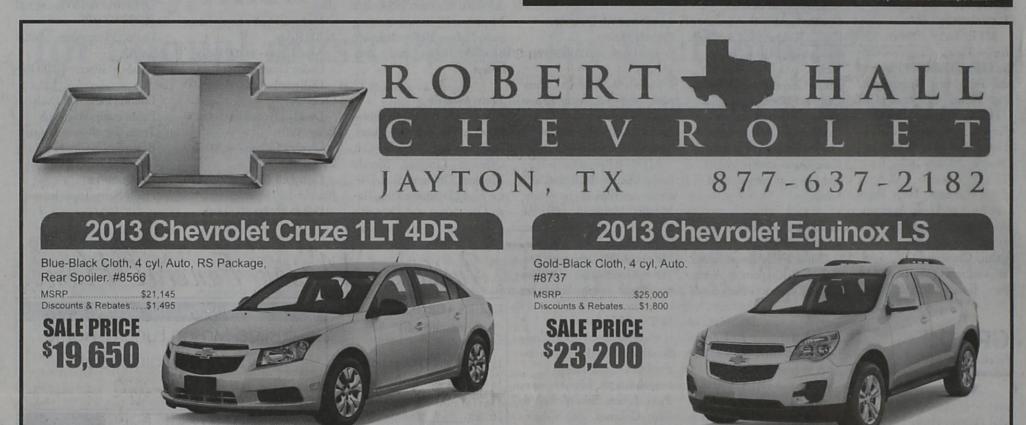
"These producers followed their contract to the letter and fulfilled their obligation, and we appreciate this ACSA panel for not only recognizing that, but also seeing the frivolity of these cases and ensuring that the producer did not have to suffer financially," Verett said.

Verett said PCG will continue to follow other disputes currently in arbitration that have not yet reached the decision stage, and also the continued progress of those cases in which ACSA did not resolve financially.



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2007 Dodge Durango SLT 4X4, gray-gray leather, 3rd row seat, 78K.	\$13,800
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2008 Chevy 1 Ton SRW Crew Cab black-gray leather, flatbed, Duramax Diesel, 125K #50153	\$27,000
2008 Chevy 2500 HD 4X4 Long Bed Crew Cab white-gray leather, diesel, auto, bedliner, power windows & power locks #50943	\$17,850
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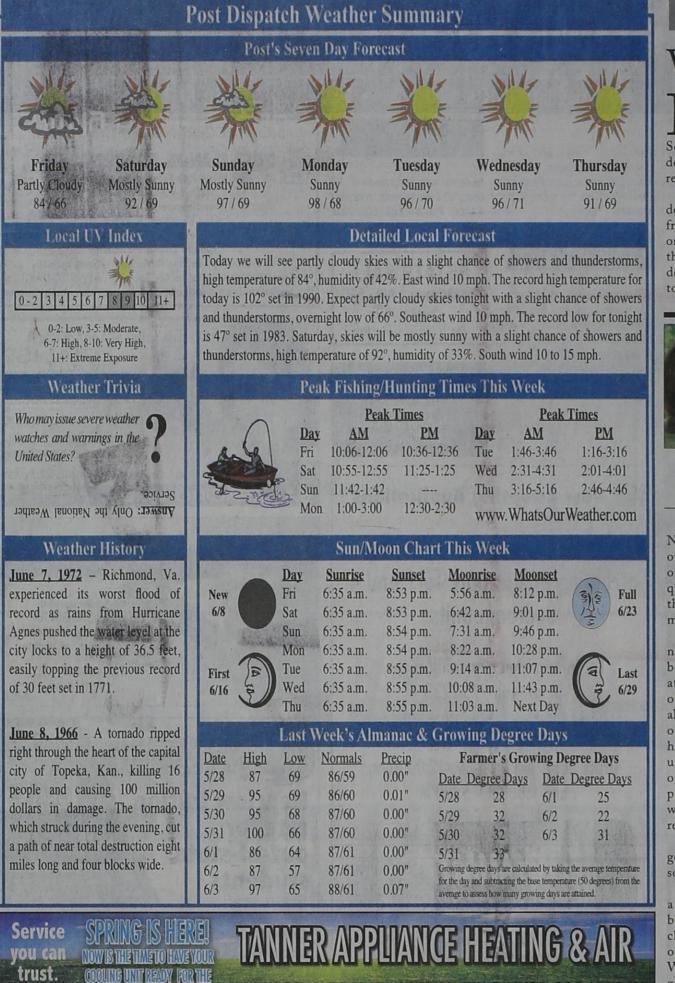
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Dixie Divas Who's kin to whom

t is of paramount importance I teach my L husband how to be a Southerner, at least a halfdecent one if not one of regal bearing.

For instance, I tell this dear man, who descended from those who traveled on the Mayflower, and therefore is generationsto be a true Southerner,

name?" I asked. "Don't know." He knows I hate that answer, so he thought for a moment, in order to give me more information.

into the task with his

nature. He bought books,

studied plans, asked for

advice from farmers and

visited barns. One day, he

returned from a barn field

"What was the guy's last

typically inquisitive

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"The folks who own the farm came down to say 'hello'."

"Really? What were their names?"

A sheepish look crossed his face. I rolled my eyes.

"Listen, you need to learn that here in the South, we know people, we know who they're kin to and we have all the background information. You have to know enough that you can keep going until the person you're talking to knows who you're talking about."

It's so simple: If you know enough about the person, you will eventually find a connection between him and the person you're talking to.

The next day, my brother-in-law Rodney stopped by the house. He started a story but needed to set the characters before launching into the tale.

"Do you know Walter Moses?" he asked me. I shook my head.

"He worked for Ben Gooch for years. Used to be his right hand man." "No," I replied. "I don't know him."

"He went to White I think he graduated but

something makes me think

name. When we started to consider building a new barn, Tink plunged

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deep in New England, that you have

> everyone else's business. Not in a mean way but in a caring-Ican-help

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kind of RONDA way. RICH His family has

boundaries. No one over-shares or over-asks. No one intrudes or inquires with personal questions. Everyone minds their own business. Drives me crazy.

Now, my family? Well, no one ever heard of boundaries. We're appalled at such a thought. If one of us has a problem, we've all got a problem. And if one of us doesn't think we have a problem, the rest of us will be happy to point out why she does have a problem, and then offer wise counsel on how to resolve it.

Our motto is: You got a problem. We got a solution.

We don't timidly put a toe into someone's business. We dive in, fully clothed and immerse ourselves in the situation. We pull together, we grumble together, we debate and, importantly, at County to high school. least to us - we pray for



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Secondly, to be a proper know-it-all Southerner, you have to know people's names, who they're kin to and the history of the family.

Tink is failing miserably at this. Now, I know he's new at this, but you've got to start with the last

he mighta quit before he finished. Nice looking man. Dark-headed. He comes to church sometimes and sits back there on the last bench. Next to the Roberts. Always smilin'. I know you'd know him if you saw him."

"Hmmm. I can't place him.'

"His brother, Sam, owned that store over off 115 for 'bout 35 or 40 years. I don't know for a fact, but I'm sure there's a big age difference between 'em because Sam would be in his late 70s now - he's still alive - and Walter is mid-50s."

I got it. I don't know Sam, but I've known Sam's funny, personable wife for years. I had the connection. I knew the family and, therefore, I knew Walter.

Sorta. That's how it's done in the South, though. It's six degrees of separation. Southern Style.

Ronda Rich is a Southern humorist, storyteller and best-selling author. Her latest book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'," is available at rondarich.com.

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