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Elections official: ID law streamlines voting

By Caleb Hudgens The Post Dispatch

Garza County's chief elections officer said the state's new voter ID law will make the voting process easier from poll worker to vote - throughout the state.

"I'm confident that the requirement of a photo ID to vote will help in the training of election workers on acceptable IDs and make their job easier at the polling place," Garza County Clerk Jim Plummer said. "This is a law that makes sense. A voter must prove who he/she say claims to be, and the law provides for a free photo ID to those who don't already have one."

The U.S. Supreme Court on June 25

struck down the portion of the Voting Rights Act that holds Texas and some other Southern states to a higher degree of scrutiny because of their history of racial discrimination.

The decision, hailed by state Attorney General Greg Abbot, clears the way for two controversial issues, including the state's voter ID law and the redistricting maps.

As a result, those states no longer are required to obtain federal "preclearance" by the Justice Department when any change is made to local or state voting laws.

"Today's ruling does not abolish the Voting Rights Act," Abbott said. "All states, including Texas, continue to be subject to Section 2 of the Voting

Rights Act and the U.S. Constitution, which prohibit racial discrimination nationwide."

Meanwhile, Texas' chief elections officer, Secretary of State John Steen, said photo identification will now be required when voting in Texas elec-

A voter must show one of the following forms of photo identification at the polling location before being permitted to cast a vote:

 A Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

· A Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS · A Texas personal identification

card issued by DPS A Texas concealed handgun license

issued by DPS

 A U.S. military identification card containing the person's photograph

 A U.S. citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph • Or a U.S. passport.

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented at the polling place.

Hours after the Supreme Court ruling, Texas DPS officials announced plans to offer the election identification card the next day.

For information about obtaining the EIC, visit Plummer at the county voter registrar office or online at txdps.state.

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.

Fish fry

Trailblazers will have a fish fry fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. July 12 at the senior activities center at 205 E. 10th St. Cost is \$7 per plate. For information, call the center at 495-2998.

Pet clinic

The annual low-cost pet vaccination clinic and dog dip will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 13 at the Post Volunteer Fire department. Flea and tick dips will be offered for \$5; rabies vaccines for \$12; other vaccinations also will be offered at reduced rates for dogs and cats. The event is sponsored by the Post Rotary Club in cooperation with the Garza County Animal Clinic. For information, call the clinic at 495-3726

4-H training

A training opportunity for 4-H officers is scheduled for July 16 in Plainview. For information, call the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

Sock drive

Word of God Cowboy Church is having a sock drive from 1 to 5 p.m. July 17 at the he Post city pool. Admission will be free to every swimmer who brings a new pair of socks. Donations will be given to Solomon's Porch. For information call Tiffany 577-1464.

Ragtown Gospel Theater

Now playing "Saint John & The Televangelist. Runs each Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:00 p.m. from June 14 - September 14. Tickets available and show information online at Ragtown.com or call Ragtown Theater at 877-724-8696

Rodeo parade

The annual rodeo parade sponsored by the Post Area Chamber of Commerce to herald the Post Stampede Rodeo will be at 3 p.m. Aug. 10 in downtown Post. Cash prizes will be awarded. Call the Chamber at 495-3461 to register or for information.

GED prep

The Post Public Library website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib to register. For information call, 990-2149.

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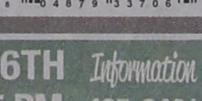
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High Plains cotton acreage down from 2012

By Mary Jane Buerkle Special to the Dispatch

High Plains producers planted less cotton than they did in 2012, according to the June 28 USDA Planted Acreage Report.

USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service reports that 3.7 million acres of High Plains land were planted to cotton this year, about a 12 percent decrease from the 4.17 million acres planted in 2012. This number is right in line with the Plains Cotton Growers projection earlier this spring based on feed-

back from member gins and growers. The northern portion of PCG's service area saw more of an acreage shift, from just more than 1 million in 2012 to 860,000 in 2013, a 16 percent decrease. Planted acreage was down 10 percent in the Southern High Plains, from 3.15 million acres in 2012 to 2.84 million in 2013. The drop was expected by many analysts, although these numbers actually are closer to the five-year average for the PCG ser-

vice area. "This acreage report is significant, but does not necessarily foretell production," PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett said. "Since those surveys, we have lost quite a bit of cotton acreage on the High Plains to severe weather events, and we certainly are still in a drought situation. A few timely rains could make all the difference in the world for the 2013 crop."

Lubbock County Extension Agent Mark Brown reported earlier this week that about 28,000 acres of cotton in southeast Lubbock County were destroyed on June 17 alone. Several other areas in the PCG service region are reporting crop loss, but official numbers still have not been finalized.

Thanks to some much-needed precipitation, overall progress of this year's High Plains cotton crop is closer to what could be called a typical year, but growers still face challenges. Additional rain still is needed across the entire area in order to sustain Temperatures have exceeded the 100-degree mark

over most of the High Plains in the past week, but

forecasts predict cooler temperatures and chances of

rain over the next several days. See **COTTON**, Page 6

Collection



Recently added to the Garza County Historical Museum are some pieces of C.W. Post's private office collection, including sculptures, prints and 19th-century carved wooden chairs. A private reception was held June 28 before opening to the public June 29.

Museum welcomes rare exhibit

The Post Dispatch

The C.W. Post Homecoming Exhibit has arrived at the Garza County Historical Museum, courtesy of the Hillwood Museum in Washington, D.C.

Consisting largely of the cereal magnate's office furnishings, other items include artwork such as sculptures and prints.

In addition, 19th-century carved wooden chairs from Post's private art gallery are on display. The pieces were housed at the Post Cereal factory in Battle Creek, Mich., and later moved to Hillwood Museum.

Museum officials invited special guests to a sneak preview of the exhibit last Friday before opening it up to the public Saturday. About 50 people attended the reception.

"The Post community is welcomed to take this extraordinary opportunity to view the life of our beloved founder C.W. Post. Rare items from Mr. Post's private office and personal art collection have come 'home," said Linda Puckett, museum curator and executive director of the Garza County Historical Commis-

Anna Gibson

Bob Collier: 1924-2013

Longtime pharmacist established Americana in Post City

Bobby Collier, as he was known to family and friends during his youth, is shown in his **Post High** School Class of 1941 senior photo.



By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Bob Collier was remembered this week as man whose legacy in Post City is nothing short of iconic.

Spanning the better part of a six-decade career, the longtime businessman and pharmacist, whether by choice or by happenstance, secured Bob Collier Drug as the epicenter of societal culture for generations of baby boomers throughout Garza County.

"Bob Collier Drug was the place to see and be seen in Post City for simply years," said Collier's son Don. "In it's heyday of the 1950s and 1960s, it was the hippest hangout for students. Then in later years it became a clearinghouse for many a reunion and homecoming of those same students who would return to visit family and friends." Robert H. "Bob" Collier, 89, died last Friday after a

prolonged illness, bringing to close a chapter in the town's post-World War II history success that, for many, will always be known as the "good ol' days."

In addition to crediting his father for the establishment of Americana on Main Street, Don Collier also said his father was responsible for saving the lives of hundreds throughout Garza County and beyond.

"He was a brilliant man who knew his profession inside and out," Don Collier said. "While in the Army, because of his background in pharmaceutical studies, he was able to participate in the military's earliest test experiments of

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Deaths

Robert H. 'Bob' Collier Jr.

Friday afternoon June 28. his Bob Collier was born on background Ida Thomas Collier.

In 1931 Bobby, as he was infection. known then, had his first movie date with Mattie Jackson, Mississippi, he Stone after she played returned home in January Martha to his George of 1945 and proposed Washington in the second grade play. This date Thursday and they married would lead to a lifelong partnership and marriage.

Bob was a 1941 graduate of Post High School, Post, Texas. After attending Texas Tech College for one year he transferred to The University of Texas to study pharmacology Pharmacy.

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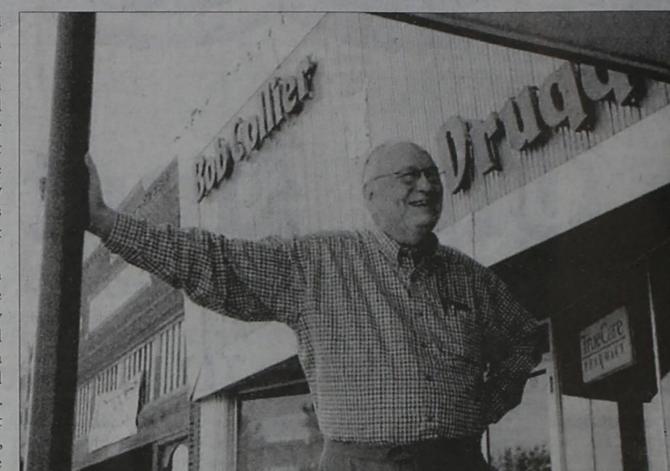
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Robert H. "Bob" Collier, hospitals for wounded the longtime owner of soldiers returning from Bob Collier Drug of Post, the battlefield of the Texas, passed away on European Theater. With pharmaceutical Collier May 12, 1924, in Post, participated in early test Texas. He was the youngest experiments as to the of three children of Robert effectiveness of a new H. "Doc" Collier Sr. and drug penicillin and its effectiveness to prevent

While stationed in to Mattie Stone on a on Saturday, January 22. The couple was married at First Methodist Church, Post, Texas, the home church for them both.

After World War II the couple returned to Austin, Texas, for Collier to finish and seek a degree in He graduated with that Texas, tradition. degree from the University At the University of of Texas In 1948. After quickly became integrated Texas he was a founding graduation from college again in their hometown, member of Phi Kappa the Colliers returned rejoining First Methodist Tau fraternity. While at to Post, Texas, to open Church. He also became the University of Texas Bob Collier Drug. The a member of the Masonic 1948 till 2005. he became a lifelong original Collier Drug was Lodge and the Rotary established in Post, Texas, Club.

Georgia. These hospitals medical needs but also for of the polio vaccine.



BOB COLLIER

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Bob Collier served as

Longhorn Football. His in 1908 by his father, Doc In 1959 Bob Collier Collier Drug. Collier and Tim Hartsuck of Collier, and was one of became the president of the Drug and Bob Collier Lubbock, Texas. In 1943 Collier was the first privately owned WestTexasPharmaceutical were in business for 94 Association and in 1965 he years, making it one of on Sunday, June 30, from States Army to serve in Bob Collier Drug was elected as president of the longest-operating 3:00-5:00pm at Human's World War II. Quickly quickly became a social the Texas Pharmaceutical family owned drug store Funeral Home 615 W. in Texas.

head of the medical store fountain. It was exciting ones for him Store," a personal memoir follow on Monday, July of Bob Collier's life in the 1, at 10:00am at Terrace drug store and his life in Cemetery in Post, Texas. Post, Texas, was published The family has requested

passed away on June 28 United Methodist Church, served as rehabilitation a cup of coffee or an ice In 1963 he was elected at the age of 89. He was Post, Texas.

his degree in pharmacy. cream soda became a Post, to the City Council of preceded in death by his Post, Texas, where he wife Mattie Stone Collier Mattie and Bob Collier served as alderman for six and his daughter DiAnna Collier.

> He is survived by the local representative of his son Don Collier of the Salvation Army from Lubbock, Texas, and three grandchildren Will Collier In 2005 he retired and of Orlando, Florida, Kate closed the doors to Bob Collier of Dallas, Texas,

A visitation will be held Main Street, Post, Texas. "The Blooming Drug Graveside services will that memorials in his Robert H. "Bob" Collier honor be made to First

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Menu for July 8-12

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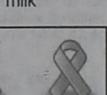
Lunch Monday: Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, mandarin oranges, roll, milk

Tuesday: Mac & beef, lima beans, mixed veggies, fruit bar, roll, milk

Wednesday: Smothered pork chops, blackeyed peas, spinach, baked apples, cornbread, milk

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, Italian veggies, broccoli, summer jello, garlic toast, milk

Friday: Lemon pepper fish, corn, coleslaw, cherry crisp, hushpuppies, milk



There are no words to express our appreciation for all the calls, texts, visits, meals, cards and most importantly prayers during this difficult time. The outpouring of love this community has shown to us has been unimaginable. To all the businesses and individuals that donated, helped work or just came and supported we can never say thank you enough. There is no way to individually thank every person that has had a part in blessing us without leaving someone out so we will just say

Thank You to Post as a community and hope you all know what an impact you have had on this road to recovery. Please continue the prayers and know that they are felt each and every day. This is going to be a rough road but we know that with prayers and the support of all of you we will win this battle.

Debbie Martin Tricia, Robby, Ryan, Haylee & Justin Willborn Joseph, Kelli, Kellan & AJ **Brandon Martin**



Abortion control to dominate second special session of Texas Legislature

By Wayne Hodgin The Post Dispatch

Rick Gov. Perry last week summoned lawmakers back to Austin for a second special session Monday after his plan to better regulate abortion in the state of Texas hit a snag on the Senate floor.

Perry's first called session ended June 25 after a successful 11hour filibuster by Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, effectively killed the controversial Senate Bill 5, which sought to increase state regulation of women's health care and access to abortion services in particular.

After Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, ordered Davis' removal from the Senate floor after a third rules violation during her filibuster, a crowd of Davis supporters filled the gallery and corridors, chanting loudly enough to create confusion as the midnight deadline approached.

Dewhurst called for a vote on SB 5 just before midnight, but the 19-10 vote was not finalized until 12:03 a.m. June 26, effectively killing the bill for the session.

Davis's success temporarily stopping SB 5 drew national and world attention, but Perry, determined to push through his agenda with the long-held advantage of a Republican-controlled Legislature, re-issued his call for lawmakers to take up to another 30 days to pass the same set of bills

that had just withered. The abortion issue was thrown onto a list of legislative items Perry called for in a special 30day session that originally was only supposed to revise redistricting maps.

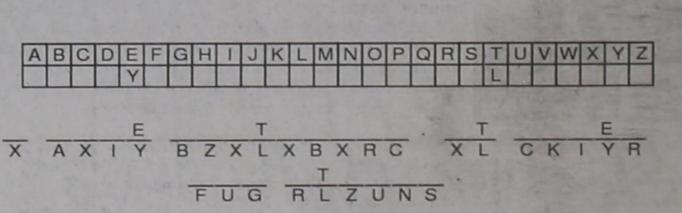
The legislation proposes to amend the Health and Safety Code and the

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Cryptogram

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

Hint: Quote by LeBron James



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Ice Cream Social





The fifth annual Close City Community Ice Cream Social was last Saturday at the Close City School. A good number of area residents, families and friends turned out to enjoy homemade ice cream and other desserts and to hear regional bluegrass and gospel music favorite Hanks & Company of Seymour entertain the crowds. The band also played Sunday at Graham Chapel United Methodist Church.

Rotary Club



Ray Bagby board member of the Post Rotary Club welcomes Jay Young and Christy Tadlock as new members after being inducted to the organization Tuesday during the club's weekly

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The 501 That's some fancy pig in a poke

on't cast your pearls before I wouldn't argue with that bit of advice, no matter who said it.

But a jewel in a pig's snout? It's a different matter.

Picture yourself face to face with a pig wearing a nose ornament. What do you see? Not whiskers, dirt

> and slime, but the jewel. In my mind's eye, the pig trinket is bigger than the dainty little diamonds and rings that adorn the noses of about half my favorite baristas. But even if it's a very small sparkler set in a pig's nose, your

HANABA eyes invariably gravitate MUNN to the unexpected bit of bling as soon as it catches the light. Eyes

are like that. For what it's worth, I think all pig jewelry should be big and splashy. That said, television pig Maxwell probably will wear a modest earring in his next appearance - something to match the refined side of his persona. Oops.

Replace "person" with "pig" in that word. We humans slant our language, don't we? Anthropomorphize a pig, and your poised to blaze new trails though the political correctness maze. Does a pig have a personality or a pigality? Do pigs care? We digress.

What first made me think of jewels in pigs' snouts was an elegant copper sink I spied this week while shopping for plumbing parts. A design in mosaic glittered on the outside of the basin. On the inside, the shiny hammered copper surface gleamed up at me. Let's call it a

steal at \$199.

So far, the renovation of our humble farmhouse half-bath has cost about \$25 for everything - garage sale paint, one piece of cement board for 15 square feet and one pack of cheap stick-on floor tiles.

What's lacking in the renovation is a focal point. The copper sink would do it.

At this point, if you think I'm serious, I am. It would be an eye-catcher of the highest order, right up there with jewels in pig snouts. Picture the basin sitting on a glass-topped cleaned-up sizeable vintage board from something like a vintage hog trough. The old bathroom walls are already perfect. Short of adobe plastered in white, nothing sets off pseudo-antique copper objects like whitewashed wood walls built of lumber marked with century-old saw cuts. Yes. It would work.

When I mentioned the sink idea to my husband, who's kept his distance — 150 miles — while I've tackled this half-bath redo, he didn't say no. He's an architect. He understands focal points.

Instead he cautioned the gyp in our well water might react in a bad way with copper.

Phooey. He's right. It would indeed.

But I'm not giving up my dream. That's why there's Photoshop. We'll put the old sink back in, but on the wall we'll hang a picture of what the bathroom would have looked like with the fancy copper basin.

In the end we'll be glad we didn't spend the money. Over time, even a jewel in a pig's snout loses its pizzazz.

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Learn proper care for bug bites, stings

ug bites and stings usually are just nuisances. They bring momentary alarm, temporary discomfort and pain, but no serious or lasting health problems. But on

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occasion, they can cause infections that require treatment and allergic reactions that can be serious, even fatal.

Parents should know the signs of an infection or allergic reaction, and when to get medical attention. Inform all caregivers if a child has any history of complications so they know what to

do in the event of a bug bite or sting. Kidshealth.org has a few tips for parents if faced with bee and wasp stings, spider or tick bites.

Bee or wasp

A bee will leave behind a stinger attached to a venom sac. Try to remove it as quickly as possible. Wasps don't leave their stingers in the skin after stinging, which means they can sting more than once. Wash the area carefully with soap and water. Apply an ice pack wrapped in a cloth or a cold, wet washcloth for a few minutes.

Give acetaminophen or ibuprofen for pain. For itching, give an overthe-counter oral antihistamine if your child's doctor says it's OK; follow dosage instructions for your child's age and weight. You could also apply a corticosteroid cream or calamine lotion to the sting area.

Spider bites

Wash the area carefully with soap and water. Apply cool compresses. Give acetaminophen or ibuprofen for pain. To protect against infection, apply an antibiotic ointment and keep the child's hands washed.

If you have any reason to suspect a bite by a black widow or brown recluse spider, apply ice to the bite site and take your child to the emergency room. Even if a child doesn't show any symptoms, get medical attention right away.

Most spiders found in the United States are harmless, with the exception of the black widow and the brown recluse. The brown recluse - a tiny oval brown spider with a small shape like a violin on its back — is found mostly in Midwestern and Southern parts of the United States.

The bites usually don't hurt at first, and a child might not even be aware of the bite, but in some cases they cause swelling and changes in skin color and a blister.

The black widow, which is found all over North America, has a shiny black body and an orange hourglass shape on its underbelly. The venom in a black widow bite can cause painful cramps that show up within a few hours of the bite. The cramps can start in the muscles around the bite and then spread.

The bite may also lead to nausea, vomiting, chills, fever, and muscle aches. If your child has any of these symptoms - or if you know he or she has been bitten - go to the emergency room right away.

Tick bites

Check kids and pets for ticks carefully after you've been in or around a wooded area. Common types of ticks include dog ticks and deer ticks, the latter of which may be carriers of Lyme disease.

If you find a tick on your child: Call your doctor, who may want you to save the tick in a sealed container or zipperlocked bag for identification later. Use tweezers to grasp the tick firmly at its head or mouth, next to the skin. Pull firmly and steadily on the tick until it lets go (do not twist or jerk the tick), then swab the bite site with alcohol.

Don't use petroleum jelly or a lit match to kill and remove a tick. These methods don't get the tick off your skin, and they may just cause the insect to burrow deeper and release more saliva, which increases the chances of disease transmission.

A sting anywhere in the mouth warrants immediate medical attention because stings in oral mucous membranes can quickly cause severe swelling that may block airways. Seek medical care if you notice a large skin rash or swelling around the sting site, or if swelling or pain persists for more than three days, which could indicate an infection.

Get medical help right away if you notice any of the following signs, which may indicate a serious or potentially life-threatening allergic reaction: wheezing or difficulty breathing, tightness in throat or chest, swelling of the lips, tongue or face, dizziness or fainting, nausea or vomiting.

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The Idle American Folks with eyes on their prize

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

Colorado City easily qualifies as colorful — serape hues, if you will thanks to community leaders who have long placed the public good in front of

personal gain. Included are such decorated public servants as the late Congressman George Mahon and his nephew, Eldon, a U.S. district judge for whom the federal courthouse in Fort Worth is named. Others have put down DON deep roots, with no intentions ever to leave.

NEWBURY

The local radio station KVMC -

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

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

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

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

Mostly, he was a model for goodness and community pride, joking that if he ever won the lottery, all he wanted from the winnings would be "a sticker burrfree lawn and a white Camaro." About three months before he died, he won \$4 million, easily the biggest winner in the

Yep, the same guy who helped develop the atomic bomb during WWII Air Force service hit it big. C-City residents sported "couldn't have happened to a nicer guy" smiles. Though beloved, Richardson and

a mischievous buddy didn't endear themselves to the merchants when the Colorado River rose from its banks in 1938. The two youngsters puttered through downtown in a motorboat as merchants tried to protect their stores. Boat wakes didn't help.

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

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

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

Upon receiving the call a day later, however, he was shocked that the winner was Richardson, who opted not to be interviewed.

"When he got back from Austin, I was parked in his driveway," Baum, his employer, explained. "Porter, this is a microphone, and this is a tape recorder. And we are going to have a radio interview."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a humorist and motivational speaker.

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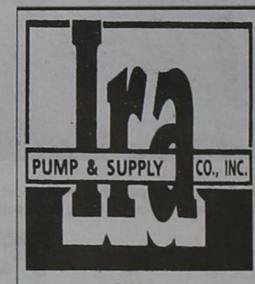
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Oil/gas report

The Texas average rig count as of June 14 was GAS PRODUCTION 837, representing about 49 percent of all active land produced rigs in the United States. Mcf (thousand cubic In the last 12 months, total feet) of gas based upon Texas reported production preliminary was 583 million barrels of figures for April 2013 oil and 7.4 trillion cubic up from the April 2012 feet of natural gas.

The Commission's estimated Texas preliminary April production April 2013 is 57,335,604 averaged 17,955,420 Mcf barrels of crude oil (thousand cubic feet) a and 505,142,904 MCF day. (thousand cubic feet) of gas well gas.

The derives final production 88,205 gas wells. numbers by multiplying preliminary April 2013 production totals AND GAS DRILLING of 48,221,702 barrels of PERMITS crude oil and 428,377,632 COMPLETIONS MCF of gas well gas by DISTRICT a production adjustment factor of 1.1890 for ANTONIO AREA crude oil and 1.1792 for gas well gas. (These Gas Holes: 347 production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)

Texas natural storage reported to the Commission for May Gas Holes: 130 was 356,879,249 Mcf compared to 395,143,999 Mcf in May 2012. The June 2013 gas storage estimate is 371,225,633 Mcf.

The Texas Railroad Commission's Oil and Gas Division set initial July 2013 natural gas SOUTH TEXAS production allowables for prorated fields in the state Gas Holes: 51 to meet market demand of 8,341,220 MCF (thousand cubic feet). In setting the initial July 2013 allowables, the Commission used historical figures from previous months, producers' demand forecasts for the coming month, and adjusted the figures based on well TEXAS capability. These initial allowables will be adjusted Gas Holes: 59 after actual production for

TEXAS MONTHLY OIL AND STATISTICS

July 2013 is reported.

MAY PERMITS TO Gas Holes: 102 DRILL

The Commission issued a total of 1,931 original drilling permits in May 2013 compared to 2,530 in SAN ANGELO AREA May 2012. The May total included 1,727 permits Gas Holes: 169 to drill new oil and gas wells, 33 to re-enter existing well bores, and 171 for re-completions. Permits issued in May 2013 included 582 oil, 123 gas, 1,145 oil and gas, 67 injection, four service and 10 other permits.

APRIL CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary April 2013 crude oil production 1,607,390 averaged barrels daily, up from the 1,197,978 barrels daily average of April 2012.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for April 2013 is 48,221,702 barrels, up from 35,939,326 barrels reported during April 2012.

MAY OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In May 2013, operators reported 2,395 oil, 521 gas, 62 injection and 10 other completions compared to 887 oil, 336 gas, 32 injection and one other completion in May 2012.

Total well completions for 2013 year to date are 10,437 up from 6,246 recorded during the same period in 2012.

Operators reported 131 holes plugged and zero dry holes in May 2013 compared to 1,122 holes plugged and one dry hole in May 2012.

APRIL NATURAL

Texas oil and gas wells 538,662,626 production preliminary gas production Railroad total of 505,775,608 Mcf. for total gas production

Texas production in April 2013 came from Commission 143,552 oil wells and

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RRC District: (1) SAN Permits To Drill Oil/

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Gas Holes: 101 Oil Completions: 7 Gas Completions: 7 RRC District: (4) DEEP

Permits To Drill Oil/

Oil Completions: 0 Gas Completions: 38 RRC District: (5) EAST 1,746,944 CENTRAL TEXAS

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Permits To Drill Oil/ Oil Completions: 9 Gas Completions: 71

RRC District: (7B) 23,255,377 GAS WEST CENTRAL TEXAS

> Permits To Drill Oil/ Oil Completions: 46 Gas Completions: 23

RRC District: (7C) Permits To Drill Oil/

Oil Completions: 259

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APRIL TEXAS TOP TEN OIL PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

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YOAKUM 1,798,900

10. MIDLAND

APRIL TEXAS TOP TENGASPRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED PRELIMINARY BY **PRODUCTION** COUNTY - TOTAL

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The Paperboy Invasive species threaten region's ecosphere

Vorida's Department of Health and → similar agencies in other states have been warning people about a braineating amoeba that could be lurking in fresh

In a recent press release, the department raises the issue of Floridians contracting a parasite known as Naegleria fowler, which is

found in warm, stagnant

"This type of parasite enters the human body through the person's nose and makes its way to the brain," according to the release. "The rare infection causes a life-threatening dis-CHRIS ease called primary amoebic

meningoencephalitis." BLACKBURN The disease can start anywhere between 1 to 14 days after contact, with symp-

toms including headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. It causes a person's brain to swell, leading to seizures and hallucinations.

"So as you see the temperatures in lakes and rivers rising, we want to be very careful not to be in the shallows stirring up the muck where this amoeba can be found," Steve Huard, pub-COUNTY - CRUDE lic information officer in Florida said.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention states on its website that the Naegleria fowleri parasite grows best at temperatures of 115 degrees Fahrenheit or higher so the water

would have to be very warm. While there is currently no official connection between the Naegleria fowleri parasite and the zebra mussel, it would not surprise me if the two were linked.

And speaking of zebra mussels, their larvae, known as veligers, have been confirmed in Lake Bridgeport. The news comes days after the discovery of the invasive exotic in Lewis-

Soon, just like Oklahoma lakes, Texas' lakes will be inundated with the invasive species.

Originally from the Balkans, Poland and the former Soviet Union, zebra mussels found their way to the Americas in the 1980s via ballast water of a ship. The small invaders were

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63. Paul ____, Swiss

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first found in 1988 in Lake St. Clair, Mich., and are currently known to have infested 29 states and more than 600 lakes or reservoirs in the United States.

Zebra mussels can have economic and recreational impacts in reservoirs.

According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, "Zebra mussels can clog publicwater intake pipes, harm boats and motors left in infested waters by covering boat hulls and clogging water-cooling systems, annoy boatdock owners by completely covering anything left under water and can make water recreation hazardous because of their razor-sharp edges.

From the environmental perspective, zebra mussels are filter feeders, which mean they compete with baitfish such as shad for available forage. Any impact on baitfish in turn can affect their predators -- game fish such as bass, striped bass and catfish. Zebra mussels are also very harmful to native mussel populations because they will colonize on their shells and essentially suffocate them.

"The spread can be slowed by making sure boats that operate in zebra mussel-infested waters are not used in any other body of water until they have been cleaned, drained and dried. In addition, TPWD adopted rules regarding the transfer of zebra mussel larvae in water from lakes Texoma, Lavon, Ray Roberts and Lewisville. To comply with these rules, boaters and anglers need to drain all water from their boats (including live wells) before leaving those lakes.

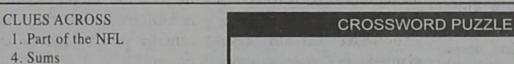
Much like the fire ant which was introduced in Texas decades ago reportedly from houseplants from Alabama, the zebra mussel is having a negative effect and literally changing the way we think about invasive species.

It is important to keep yourself informed of such things and how they may impact you.

If you own property and have fresh water on it, it may be just a matter of time before zebra mussels become your problem. In just 33 years they have infested 29 states. And when they arrive, they don't leave...

Chris Blackburn is the publisher of the News-Courier and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

Puzzle of the Week



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> nearest to the earth 36. Consumed food 38. Atmospheric light bands 41. Suspiration

44. Suitable for use as food 45. Unit of a temperature scale

64. Shaft horsepower (abbr.) **CLUES DOWN**

1. One of the Baldwin brothers 2. Fright and alarm

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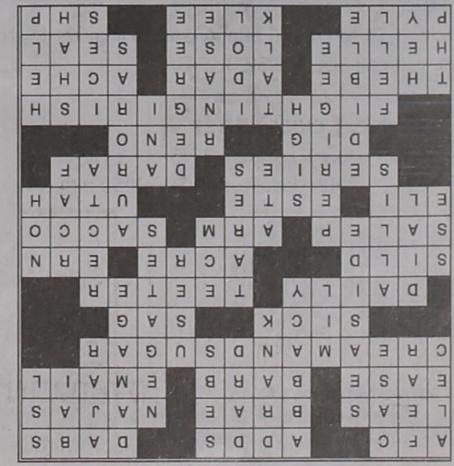
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a god 52. Frosts 53. Former ruler of Iran 54. Give assistance to 55. Thrust horse power (abbr.)

56. Expression to attract attention

PUZZLE SOLUTION



Teachers retire



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch

Post Elementary School teachers Karen Nichols and Nancy Norman were honored with a retirement reception May 30. Nichols taught music for the majority of her 29 years at the school, and Norman taught first grade for 27 years.

LEGISLATION From Page 2

Code Occupations regarding regulation of procedures, abortion providers and facilities, prohibiting abortions at or after 20 weeks postfertilization and adding a violation related to abortions performed after the same time window to the list of prohibited practices by physicians or license applicants.

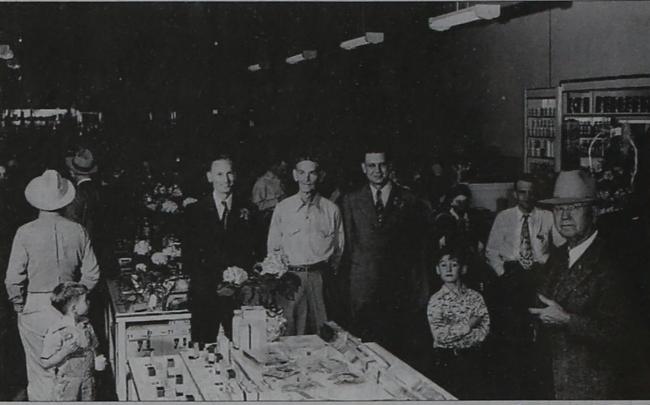
Included is an exception that allows an abortion in the physician's reasonable medical judgment that so complicates the medical condition of the woman, to avert the woman's death or physical impairment of a major bodily function, other than a psychological condition.

The legislation also directs the Texas Medical Board to assess penalties on physicians for improperly distributing or prescribing abortion-inducing drugs. And, the legislation would create a new minimum standard for abortion facilities licensed by the Health Services. Such a by Sept. 1, 2014.

In calling the second special session, Perry ordered lawmakers also to write and pass legislation

substantial and irreversible to fund transportation infrastructure projects sentence of life with venting infection." parole for a capital felony committed by a 17-year- playing small role in the sucold offender.

challenged bills during hundreds of Post residents the regular and first from a widespread epidemic special sessions said that that at its peak in the early ultimately the abortion- 1950s had already killed more regulating would not stand up to worldwide. scrutiny by the courts, nor certain juveniles.



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Bob Collier, standing center left, greets a throng of customers to his drug store in downtown Post in this family photo from 1948. The longtime pharmacist and businessman whose career spanned nearly 60 years, died last week at age 89. He had been retired since 2005.

From Page 1

a new drug called penicillin and establish a mandatory and its effectiveness in pre-

Less than a decade after cess of the wartime wonder Some lawmakers who drug, Collier would help spare legislation than a half-million people

"I think he was most proud Department of State would bills revising certain of the fact that, over the redistricting maps and course of three Sundays in a facility would be required limiting a jury's ability to row at the elementary school, to meet the new standards mitigate parole in capital he vaccinated the entire town murder convictions of for the polio virus," Don Col-

lier said. Collier's interest in the Ed Sterling contributed to this pharmaceutical business was established years earlier as the son of Robert H. "Doc" Collier, who established the first drug store in Post City in 1908 under the umbrella of the paternalistic Double U

Company. "At that time, Post was very much a company town and, in a lot of ways, still was when my father opened his store," Don Collier said. "It was one of the first independent businesses in Post at the time it opened in 1948."

In addition to playing a critical role in the town's post-WWII business community, after returning home to begin his life with childhood sweetheart and by now new bride, Matti Stone, Bob Collier quickly posited himself as a leader within the faith com-

"He loved the Methodist Church," Don Collier said. "From that love of God and church sprang a love of humanity."

That love for humankind was evident in his 57 years of serving as the local representative for the Salvation Army.

"Every time someone needed help, he was there, ready and willing to help," Don Collier said. "There's no telling how many hundreds of nights of hotel rooms he paid for because someone needed a place to stay — oftentimes out of his own pocket."

Collier also was a longtime member of the Masonic Lodge and Rotary Club and served as president of both the regional and state pharmaceutical associations. He also served two terms on the Post City Council.

In 2005, Collier retired and closed the doors to his drug store. At that time, the Collier name had been in business for 94 years, making it one of the longest-operating, familyowned drug stores in the state of Texas.

In 2007, Collier published a personal memoir, "The Blooming Drug Store," of his life as a pharmacist in Post.

"My dad, to me and to a lot of other people, was just larger than life," Don Collier said. "You know, he and I shared a great love of movies. When I was a young child going to the movies at the Tower Theater, they would show these ads before the movie for Bob Collier Drug. There was my dad up there on that movie screen right alongside the likes of Jimmy Stewart and the Duke, and I thought he was just like them."

Bob Collier was buried Monday in Terrace Cemetery alongside his beloved wife of more than 61 years and his daughter, DiAnna.

Friends remembered Collier this week not in terms of his lasting legacy on Earth but as a shining example of altruism who knew where his eternal glory really lay.

"I admired Bob on many levels," longtime friend Jim Plummer said. "He was a positive example when serving our community as a business leader and through his community involvement. Most importantly he served his Lord Jesus Christ with his concern and love for everyone he met."

COTTON From Page 1

Statewide, USDA reports that 5.7 million acres of upland cotton were planted, a 13 percent decrease from 2012 when Texas producers planted 6.55 million acres. Nationwide, planted acreage for upland cotton is estimated at 10 million, down 17 percent from 2012.

The June Acreage Report is based on producer surveys of actual planted acreage information. It is the market's first glimpse of how many acres have actually been planted to various crops

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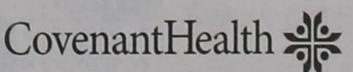
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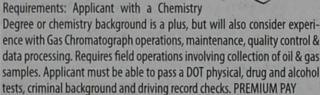
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FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2013 | THE POST DISPATCH Post Dispatch Weather Summary Post's Seven Day Forecast Thursday Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday Partly Cloudy Mostly Sunny Sunny Mostly Sunny Mostly Sunny Mostly Sunny Mostly Sunny 94/70 94/71 95/71 96 / 70 92 / 68 Detailed Local Forecast Local UV Index Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 94°, humidity of 26%. South wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 103° set in 1971. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 70°. 0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+ South wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 60° set in 1972. Saturday, skies will be 0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate mostly sunny with a high temperature of 94°, humidity of 29%. South southeast wind 10 to 15 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 71°. 11+: Extreme Exposure Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week Weather Trivia **Peak Times Peak Times** What was the greatest PM AM AM Day Day amount of snowfall in 8:52-10:52 9:22-11:22 12:30-2:30 12:00-2:00 one day? 12:45-2:45 10:10-12:10 9:40-11:40 Wed 1:15-3:15 10:27-12:27 10:57-12:57 Thu 1:59-3:59 1:29-3:29 Colorado on April 14-15, 1921 11:14-1:14 11:44-1:44 Answer: 75.8 inches in Silver Lake, www.WhatsOurWeather.com Sun/Moon Chart This Week Weather History Moonrise Moonset July 5, 1937 - The temperature Day Sunrise Sunset 6:58 p.m. 6:42 a.m. 8:58 p.m. 4:40 a.m. at Medicine Lake, Mont. soared Fri 5:27 a.m. 7:44 p.m. 6:42 a.m. 8:58 p.m. to 117 degrees to establish a state Sat 6:18 a.m. 8:28 p.m. record. Midale and Yellow Grass 6:43 a.m. 8:57 p.m. 8:57 p.m. 7:10 a.m. 9:08 p.m. 6:43 a.m. in Saskatchewan hit 113 degrees to 9:45 p.m. 8:57 p.m. 6:44 a.m. 8:04 a.m. establish an all-time record high for 10:19 p.m. 6:45 a.m. 8:57 p.m. 8:58 a.m. Canada that same day 6:45 a.m. 8:56 p.m. 9:53 a.m. 10:53 p.m. July 6, 1893 - A violent tornado Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days killed 71 people on its 40-mile High Low Normals Precip **Farmer's Growing Degree Days** Date track across northwestern Iowa. 103 73 0.00" 6/25 91/66 Date Degree Days Date Degree Days Forty-nine people were killed near 6/26 107 76 91/66 0.00" 38 6/29 Pomeroy, where 80 percent of 6/27 104 74 92/66 0.00" 6/26 42 6/30 the buildings were destroyed and 103 0.00" 6/28 75 92/66 6/27 39 7/1 most leveled to the ground. Photos 99 92/67 0.17" 39 6/29 66 6/28 showed most of the town without a Growing degree days are calculated by taking the average temperature for the day and subtracting the base temperature (50 degrees) from the average to assess how many growing days are attained. 6/30 88 92/67 0.35" 67 wall or tree standing. 0.00" 85 91/67

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70 years ago 🔩 July 1, 1943

Leslie Evans and Company bought the Postex Mills, which operated over a period of thirty years.

Herbert Jones, vice-president and gen- sponsors, managers and coaches. eral manager since 1919 said the operation would begin in two or three weeks.

The mills started closing down on May 17 and prospective buyers have been investigating the set-up for several weeks. The new company, representatives of an Eastern concern, plan to retain the Garza trademark. If conditions prove favorable they will expand the use of the products and will probably enlarge the plant.

50 years ago July 4, 1963

Piggly Wiggly's Grocery Store sales: Miracle Whip 49¢ Velveeta 2 lb. box 79¢

Baby food 3 jars for 29¢ 1 Dozen Large Eggs 39¢

Tide Powdered Detergent Giant Box only 73¢

Chuck Roast Armour's Star, aged, heavy beef, Valu-trim 39¢ per pound.

Round Steadk Armour's Star, aged, heavy beef, Valu-trim 79¢ per pound.

Post's water problem was "on vacation" along with Postex Mills employees this

The city was managing without difficulty with the mill, it's biggest water user, shut down for its one week of the year to permit employees to take vacation.

During the Monday night council meeting, Mayor Harold Lucas suggested that folks should give their lawns a good watering this week and next week hope for rain. 30 years ago

July 10, 1983

Little League All Stars were presented during a banquet in the Post Community Center along with the sportsmanship trophy winners and recognizing all teams,

Selected to the prestigious All Star team were Dale Gonzales, Jr. Armendariz, Tray Jones, Victor Chapa, Rance Sappington, Billy Odom, Manuel Perez, Willie Rangel, Tyge Payne, Dustin Ammons, Trevor Thuett, Jacob Bustoz and Bill Rankin.

The District IV Babe Ruth All Star Tournament is scheduled to begin Monday night at 6 p.m. for the first game and the second game to begin around 9 p.m.

A bracket was unavailable at press time. Two games will be played on Tuesday night with no games scheduled for Wednesday and paly will resume again on Thursday and Friday if necessary.

Teams entered in the tourney include Post, Lamesa, Brownfield and Tri-City which includes Denver City, Seminole and Plains.

> 20 years ago July 7, 1993

The calendar may have only said July 3, but Post residents turned out to the city park last Saturday a day early to celebrate the Fourth of July.

The daylong festivities included gospel singing, barbecues and a number of booths set up by various groups and organizations

Mineral rights for the oil wells that will be covered by water once Lake Alan Henry is completed represent more than personal income and property to their owners. They also represent tax dollars to the county government, the hospital board and the Post

Independent School District.

Tax income from these oil wells will be lost to these local entities once they are subordinated by the city of Lubbock.

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10 years ago July 3, 2003

La Gina Fairbetter, an artist who lives in Post has created murals that capture what life was like when dinosaurs roamed Texas. The Dinosaurs of Texas exhibition opened June 7 at the Grace Museum in Abilene. The exhibition takes visitors through time beginning in the Permian Period of the Pa-

leozoic Era through the Mesozoic Era. Fairbetters shares her understanding of life in different periods through her murals based on research and study.

Tammy Gibson was named Colgate country Showdown runner-up, with Katelyne Hobson getting this year's showdown first place at last Saturday evening's performance at the Garza Theatre.

The talented performers competing for the prestigious Colgate Country Showdown in Post last Saturday night were master of Ceremony Steve Richie, Keith Sanders, Tammy Gibson, Debbie Nelson, Billy Cork, O.L. "Ferg" Ferguson, Katelyn Hobson, Ashley Rene Hatley, Karla King, Venus Holmes, Megan Cheek and Raelin Ogle. Hobson, of El Paso, won the title this year and will represent Post at the West day. Texas Regional competition in Abilene September 13 at the West Texas Fair and Rodeo. The local was hosted by KPOS Radio and produced by Wesley W. Burnett.

Compiled by Anna Gibson

Dixie Divas The secret life of Mr. Bobo

To be just downright honest, I never expected to miss him this much. And, if the deeper truth be told, perhaps it isn't just the loss of a singular man, though great and admirable he was.

Maybe it's the combined losses of those three who sat together on the church pew in the third row. Perhaps that's what makes the grief so profound and long lasting.

Mr. Gene Bobo was special. There's neither any denying

nor disputing that. He was a courtly Southern gentleman, his manners impeccable and his vocabulary belonging to a genteel past where people used worthy words and eschewed pointless ones like "uh", "you know" and "like." "I commend you on such a mag-nanimous choice," he said once over something I had done that won his

RONDA RICH

higher calling." We became friends by accident. One Sunday, I had hurried in to church and slid in next to a man named Gary. We bonded instantly and

approval. "My heart brims with admira-

tion whenever I witness someone, such

as yourself, who answers to the siren of a

from then on, Gary saved me a seat saying to anyone who dared to sit by him, "No! I am saving this for my friend." Gary had tremendous physical challenges and had them since birth. Walking and talking were both difficult and man-

aged only through a superior effort and determination. Mr. Bobo sat by Gary — until I claimed that place — so I found myself seated between them on a weekly basis. Then, Mama joined us. Mr. Bobo would graciously rise from his seat, step into the aisle and whisper, "Someone is anxiously awaiting your arrival. I am delighted he will not be disap-

pointed this morning." I sat next to Gary, Mama sat next to me, and Mr. Bobo sat on the end. We all became friends. Good friends. The kind of friends who celebrate with you, mourn with you and pray

Mama died first. Then Gary. Then, most recently, Mr. Bobo just up and died without warning. He was 94 but vibrant when he went to bed that night. He could not be awakened the next morning. I sadly learned of his death when I was in California and reading the local news online. His death was the lead, front-page story. I couldn't believe it was true. But

Mr. Bobo was a textile pioneer. He co-invented pantyhose in the mid 1950s, which was a bit ironic because he was such a gentleman he still blushed when he said the word. It was too intimate and unseemly for such a dignified gentleman.

He had shepherded a young Sara Blakely toward her dream of a product called Spanx, helping her to locate the necessary knitting mills and introducing her throughout the industry. A noted philanthropist, he used his wealth and good fortune to help many.

Typical of Mr. Bobo, I did not have a clue to such past successes for a few years, despite the fact I spent a good deal of time with him. We dined together often and after a couple of falls put him into an assisted-living facility, I visited regularly. His eyes pooled with tears the moment he saw me, and he would squeeze me so tightly it hurt.

"You are the daughter the good Lord never saw fit with which to bless me," he said often. "You have no idea the extent to which I hold affection for you in my heart."

I had a surprise for him. I had written about him in my new book, "There's A Better Day A-Comin'." I decided to show him the book rather than tell him, but that opportunity is now lost to eternity.

I mourn the missed joy over seeing his happiness. Still, this much I know: Mr. Bobo has found an even better

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

Legends

Later in life, Jones known for civic duty

(Editor's note: The following column is the second in a series about local ice man T.L. Jones. The first article ran in last week's Dispatch)

In time, T.L. Jones would become known as more than just the "ice man" of Post. Jones was also in the coal-yard business here until 1925, selling out just two years before natural gas was piped in to put an end to the coal business.

After he built the

ice plant, he kept it

up to date with mod-

ern equipment, add-

ing an electric ice lift,

LINDA **PUCKETT**

and a scoring machine for cutting the ice into blocks, and an ice crusher.

The ice business remained good until about 1960, when it began to decline. During the war he operated the plant day and night and sold every pound. In the last years of the business, the bulk of ice sales were for cooling drinking water for oilfield workers, some transients, and to a few local businesses that didn't yet have their own ice-making machines.

In 1921, two years after purchasing the ice plant, Tillman married Miss Marjorie Mae Griffin, who had moved to Post in 1917 as a schoolteacher and later became superintendent of schools at the time of their marriage.

Mrs. Jones was an outstanding clubwoman and received numerous honors on the local, district and state level from the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs. She was also prominent in American Legion Auxiliary circles after her husband helped to organize the first Legion Post here.

Mrs. Jones served as state president of the American Legion Auxiliary in the 1930s.

Mr. Jones became mayor of Post in 1951, serving until 1955. He also served on the school board, and was an active member of the Post Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club. He was honored by the state and nation for his service on the draft board. He also dedicated his time to Boy Scouts and the Red Cross organization.

It's fun looking back to the earlier days of Post, recognizing the changes that progress dictates for not only our merchants but also our daily lives.

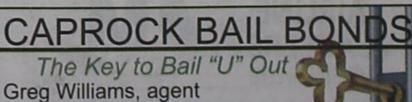
One thing for sure, our citizenry has and always will dedicate their time to the betterment of our community.

See you next week. Have a great Fourth

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

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