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## Grant would help city develop well field

### Council keeps eye on alternative sources of water during drought-prone times

By Wayne Hodgkin

The Post Dispatch

Post city officials in the next few weeks will begin applying for a state grant to help, then continue to develop a municipal well field near Southland for public drinking water consumption.

City Manager Deana Watson said in order to qualify for the grant from the Texas Water Development Board, however, the city must increase its

drought-contingency status from stage 2 to stage 3.

"The city would certainly qualify for the grant if we were to increase our drought status, and we're certainly justified in doing so because of the ongoing drought issues," she said. "But we want our residents to have as much input and say-so as possible before we make our decision. Our council members feel the right thing to do is to hear from our residents before they move forward on

this."

Watson said city officials are planning at least three public hearings on the matter to allow Post residents a chance to comment on the issue. The first hearing would be at the city's next regular council meeting at 6 p.m. Aug. 13 in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Watson said once the city increases its drought level, it must remain at that level for at least 60 days in order for the city to remain eligible for the grant.

The grant would be administered through the South Plains Association of Governments in Lubbock.

"Municipalities all around us are already doing this in order to qualify for state grant money," Watson said. "The money is there for towns like ours to utilize. We feel like it's an opportune time to take advantage of it."

Post municipal water customers historically get their water from White

River Lake. However, over the last several years as the water supply at White River continues to dwindle, Post officials have been actively searching for alternative sources of water to not only ensure an ongoing supply for residents but also to lessen its impact on White River and the municipalities it serves that rely solely on one source.

The water supplied to Post residents now is a

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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.

### Team roping

Garza County Team Roping will be Saturday at the Post Stampede Rodeo Arena. Books open at 5 p.m., and the roping starts at 6 p.m. For information, contact Mike Johnson at 806-495-4191.

### Back to School Splash

The Community Recovery Center will host its annual Back-to-School Splash from 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 8. Admission by wristband only. Get your free wristband from the Community Recovery Center, 405 S. Ave C, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information, call Chris Atkinson at 495-3173.

### Healthy Living Class

Trailblazers is hosting free Tai Chi classes from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Sept. 5. Classes teach how to move with better balance. For information, call Doylene at 495-2998.

### Art exhibit

The OS Museum, 201 E. Main St., offers "The Many Faces of Art" as its 2013 summer exhibit. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The exhibit will close Sept. 28. For information, call Marie Neff at 806-495-3570.

### Lions Raffle

The Post Lions Club is selling raffle tickets for \$10 with cash prizes of \$1,000 for the club's annual Teachers Appreciation Dinner on Aug. 20. Tickets may be purchased from any Lions Club member or at Porter Hardware, 311 E. Main St. during regular business hours. For information call Jason Porter at 495-1040.

### Howdy Y'all Day

Trailblazers senior citizens members will celebrate their annual Howdy Y'all Day from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 10 with live music, silent auction and hamburgers plates for \$5. For more information, call Trailblazers at 495-2998

### 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 or register or for information.

### Ragtown Gospel Theater

"Saint John & The Televangelist" staged at 7:30 p.m. each Friday and at 3 p.m. Saturday through Sept. 14. Tickets available and show information online at Ragtown.com or call Ragtown Theater at 877-724-8696.

## Corrections

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

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## Artists chosen for outdoor exhibit downtown

### 'Sit a Spell in Post' to be showcased through October

By Wayne Hodgkin

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Fifteen area artists will participate in the "Sit a Spell in Post" art exhibit sponsored by the Caprock Cultural Association. The unique outdoor presentations will be showcased beginning today and run through the end of October throughout the downtown business corridor.

Half of the artists are from Post or have family ties to Garza County said the CCA spokeswoman Rosa Latimer.

Local artists include Polly Cravy, Shea House, Pamela Beach Kramer, Jane Lindsay, Melissa Morrow, Steve Rodriguez, Audree Williams and Casey Williams.

Others involved in the project are Lubbock artists

Robert Chennault, David Leake, Kathryn Flanagan and Grace Lipps; Dyan Newton of Abernathy; Mary Ezell of Snyder; and Carol Koenig of Slaton.

The finished chairs will be exhibited from August 2 through the end of October on the median of Main Street in Post. The project was funded by private donations and each participating artist will receive a \$300 award.

"Our call for artists was issued in April, and we have been very pleased by the response," said Millie Sentell, president of the nonprofit organization. "The concepts and materials chosen are very diverse, which makes the exhibit even more interesting than we anticipated."

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## Retirement



Charles Hardin, president of the Wells Fargo bank branch in Post, holds a new golf bag presented to him by his fellow coworkers as a retirement gift at a reception in his honor July 19 at the bank.

## Hardin retires after 30 years with local bank

A reception was held July 19 for Wells Fargo bank branch President Charles Hardin in honor of his retirement after 30 years serving the financial needs of the Post community.

Hardin began in 1983 with First National Bank of Post, continuing to remain with his team after the bank was acquired by Wells Fargo.

Hardin was greeted by a number of well-wishers at his reception at the bank. He will spend the next several days on vacation and return to Post, where he is involved in a number of community organizations, including the Rotary Club.

Anna Gibson

## Stampede Rodeo sheds its party image

### Annual event has become known as one of the top in the state

By Wayne Hodgkin

The Post Dispatch

The Post Stampede Rodeo Association will host its 73rd annual event next weekend. The event is now considered one of the oldest and longest-running traditions in Garza County.

Lane Jones, spokesman for the organization, said in the last several years the Post Stampede Rodeo has shed its image of a rowdy, beer-guzzling party scene into a state and nationally recognized rodeo event fit for the whole family.

"There was a time in the not-so-distant past that our event became known as a one that catered to a pretty rough-and-tumble party crowd," Jones said. "But that really isn't the case anymore. Don't get me wrong, these are cowboys who love to have a good time, but we've worked hard to make it a rodeo

event the whole family can enjoy. That's become evident each year as we continue to grow."

Jones said the Post event has garnered increased recognition over the last several years, leading up to being named one of the top five rodeo events in the state this past year.

"It's been a battle over the last several years to improve our image and transform our event into one well-respected not only here at home but all across the state and region," Jones said. "Our board members work hard throughout the whole year to put this event on — one we all can be proud of."

This year's event kicks off Thursday and runs through Aug. 10. The grand entry begins at 7:45 p.m. each night with shows following at 8 p.m. Admission to the rodeo is \$5 each night — a cost Jones said had not been increased since

he's been associated with the board.

"We've kept the admission price low so it's an affordable event for all members of the family," he said.

Books for approved events will be open from 3 to 9 p.m. this Sunday for all events.

As always, bareback bronc riding will begin the event Thursday and conclude Saturday with bull riding.

Other expected events include steer wrestling, calf roping, barrel racing and the always popular children's events of flag racing and mutton bustin'.

Dances will cap off Friday and Saturday nights' events with the ever-popular regional favorite Jody Nix headlining on Friday and the Wes Nickson Band on Saturday. Admission to the dance is \$10.

In addition, the local rodeo organization once again will team up with



Dispatch file photo

For the past 73 years, the Post Stampede Rodeo has been drawing residents from throughout the state and region to Garza County. The event is now considered the oldest and longest-running in the county.

the Post Area Chamber of Commerce to host the annual Post Stampede Rodeo Parade at 3 p.m. Aug. 10 in downtown Post.

The annual event highlights the best of the area's ranching, agricultural and agribusiness operations and other local organizations, said Janice Plummer,

executive director of the Chamber.

"We always look forward to the rodeo and expect another big crowd to the 73rd annual Post Stampede Rodeo," Plummer said. "It'll be another a fun-filled weekend, and we, along with our merchants, welcome everyone to Post."

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## Deaths

### Joel H. Poe, Jr.

Joel H. Poe, Jr., 62, of Wilson, Tx. and formerly of Post, Tx. died Tuesday, July 23rd, 2013 at UMC Hospital in Lubbock.

Joe was born in Sweetwater, Tx. on December 27, 1950 to Joel H. Poe, Sr. and Lois Margie McDaniel Poe. Joe made his home in Post in 1974 and worked as a welder in the oilfield for 20 years. He later moved to Wilson, Tx.

Joe was preceded in death by his father and great grandson, Ashton Lamberson.

He is survived by his mother, brother, Virgil Poe, sister, Sharlott Skinner,



JOEL H. POE, JR.

his 7 children; Dana Tanner, Joe Poe III, Lanny Poe, Joyce & Mike Taylor, Tina & Ervin Romine, Dawna & Jeff Hood, and Shawna Redman, 17 Grandchildren;

## Letters to the Editor

### City Council seeks input prior to action

The city of Post and its City Council realize the importance of water to both our residents and the future of our community.

In the coming months, the City Council will begin exploring and applying for possible grant money from the Texas Water Development Board to financially assist Post in developing the well field near Southland that was purchased several years ago. This will supplement the city's existing water supplies and should benefit the city for generations to come.

One of the conditions for

receiving the grant money is that Post be in drought stage 3 or 4. While Post is not yet at these drought levels, many communities in our region are. It is reasonable to believe that if things do not get better Post might well have to move to stage 3 in the fall, thus qualifying the city for this grant.

The City Council intends to have at least three public hearings to allow our citizens to comment on the possible pursuit of this grant and the effects that doing so will have on its residents. Each of these meetings will take

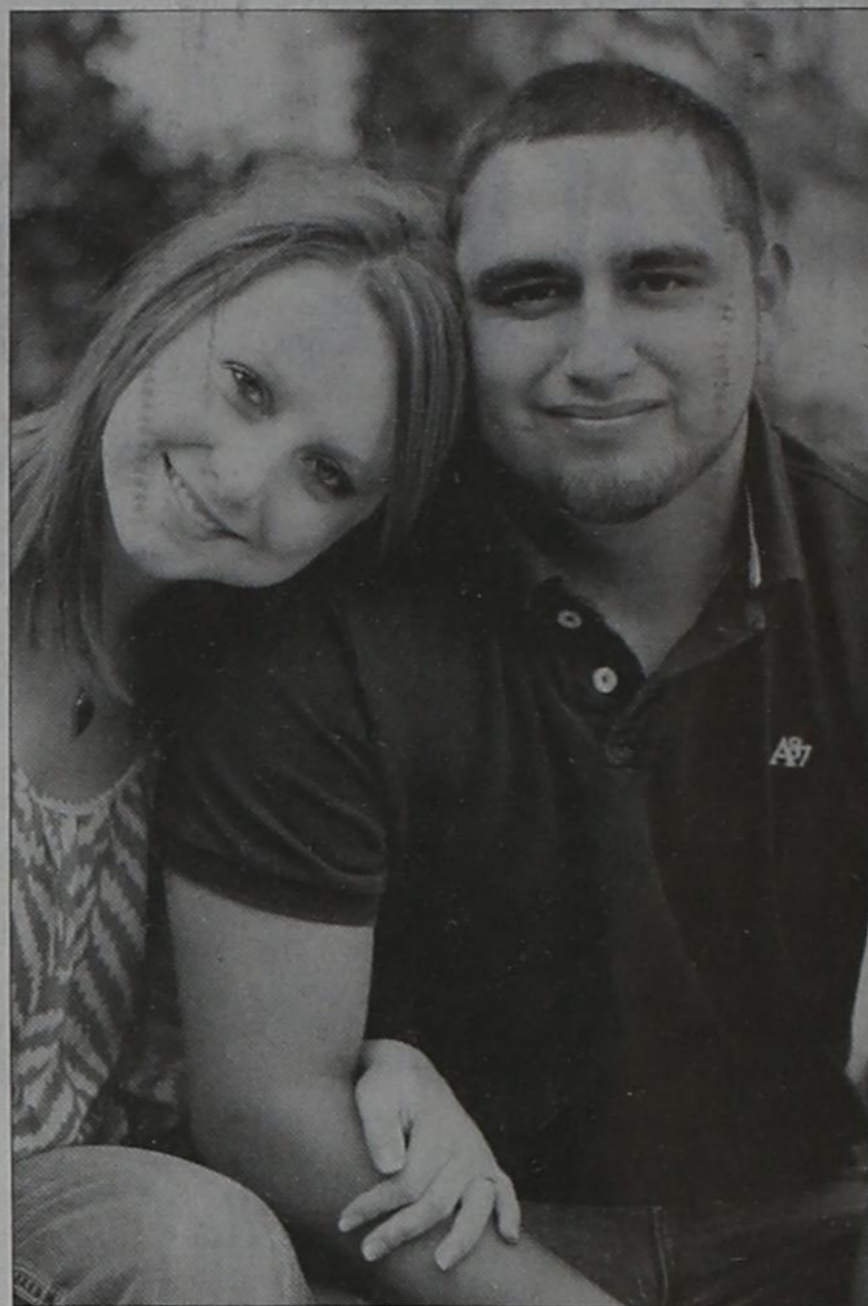
place prior to any final action by the council related to the grant.

There are no right or wrong opinions on this matter, but it is important for the City Council to understand how people feel about this issue. In the meantime, if you have questions, do not hesitate to contact me at City Hall at 806-495-2811.

When it comes to the future of Post, Texas, the City Council wants everybody to have a say.

**DEANA WATSON**  
Post city manager

## Celebrations



Paige Bullard and Shawn Michael Perez

### Bullard, Perez announce forthcoming marriage

It is with great joy that Keith and Jana Bullard of Post announce the engagement of their daughter Rebecca Paige to Shawn Michael Perez, son of Paul and Carla Perez, also of Post.

Paige Bullard is a 2008 graduate of Post High School and attended Western Texas College, where she studied pre-nursing. She is a medical records clerk at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

Shawn Perez is a 2011 graduate of Post High School and is a maintenance technician at the Giles W. Dalby Correctional Facility.

The couple will wed Oct. 12 at the Heritage House in Post.

### Trailblazers event a great success

Garza County Trailblazers would like to thank everyone who made our fish fry fundraiser a great success. We want to thank

United Supermarkets for the donation of gift cards to purchase much of our supplies. Also, we thank all of our members for their do-

nations of sweets and to the girls in the kitchen for all their hard work.

Without the entire county, it would be hard to operate.

Thanks again, and God bless.

**DOYLENE WILLBORN**  
Executive director, Garza County Trailblazers

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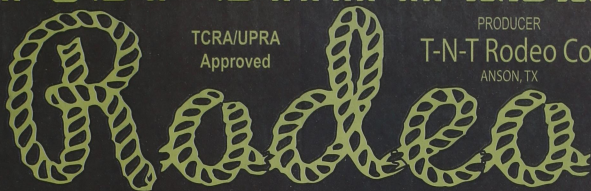
APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH BRANCH OFFICE

Notification is hereby given that Peoples Bank, 5820 82nd Street, Lubbock, Texas 79424, has filed an application with the Texas Department of Banking on or about Friday, August 2, 2013, to establish a branch office at 615 North Broadway, Post, Garza County, Texas 79356.

Any person wishing to comment on this application, either for or against, may file written comments with the Texas Department of Banking, 2601 North Lamar Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78705-4294, on or before the 14th day after the date of this publication. Such comments will be made a part of the record before and considered by the banking commissioner. Any person wishing to formally protest and oppose the proposed branch application and participate in the application process may do so by filing a written notice of protest with the Texas Department of Banking on or before the 14th calendar day after the date of this publication accompanied by a protest filing fee of \$2,500. The protest fee may be reduced or waived by the banking commissioner upon a showing of substantial hardship.

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# Retirement



Charles Hardin, president of the Wells Fargo bank branch in Post, is shown with coworkers, past and present, during a retirement reception in his honor July 19 at the bank. The bank formerly was known as First National Bank of Post before it was acquired by Wells Fargo a number of years ago. Pictured, standing left to right, are Lanelle Clary, Carol Short, Margie Maestas, Anita Abraham, Vearl McBride and Janna Volard; seated are Hardin and Deloris Redman.

Photos by Mark Short/For The Dispatch



Wells Fargo bank branch President Charles Hardin, at left, is shown with members of his family at a retirement reception in his honor July 19 at the Wells Fargo bank branch in Post. Others pictured include brother Ron, right; wife, Barbara, second from right; mother, Winnell; and daughter Kasey Toivola and children Simo and Lea and daughter Holly Hoel and children Parker and Hailey.

# The Paperboy In a land of opportunity

There are a few states that are positioned very well for the distant future. It hasn't been talked about much in the press, but, since this is real news, it doesn't surprise me.



CHRIS BLACKBURN

Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana are property-wealthy states. All three have an abundance of oil and gas, and the cities house the headquarters for major oil and gas companies.

What does this mean? Check this out: For the first time I can remember, a Saudi billionaire is warning his country the play happening in the United States is a growing threat to Saudi Arabia and that they need to diversify their economy quickly.

Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, a Saudi Arabian investor, penned an open letter to the Saudi oil minister: "Our country is facing continuous threat because of its almost total dependency on oil. ... We see that raising North American shale gas production is an inevitable threat."

Oil revenue accounts for 92 percent of the Saudi budget. U.S. imports from OPEC were at a 15-year low last year. Projections say the United States will become the world's major oil producer within the next five to 10 years.

My how times have changed. If these projections come to fruition, the three states mentioned above will play a huge role. How big?

Commissioners in Andrews County, home to just more than 15,000 people, presented their tax evaluation for the upcoming fiscal budget. The amount was eye-

popping. I mean, how would you like being a commissioner in a county with a \$6 billion tax base?

Andrews County is just one of dozens in Texas literally making a fortune.

If oil prices remain around \$100 a barrel for the foreseeable future, we could very well see a boom unlike anything we've seen in my lifetime.

Why Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana?

The short answer is private landowners. The vast majority of land is owned by private residents. Alaska, Colorado and California could be joining the boom, but a large amount of land in those states is owned by the U.S. government, which, as you know, is under the impression that oil is bad.

The net result: the South is gaining population and power. It's where the jobs are. Good-paying jobs in oil and gas or myriad related businesses.

On top of the jobs, serious investments are being made in education by wealthy independent school districts to attract students. Some towns are out of housing, and you see trailers galore swamping RV parks. In some counties, you see rows of hotels being built just to house the workforce.

I don't know what the future holds, but times are pretty good in the South when compared to many other states. There should be growing opportunities for these states to invest in themselves, creating good places to raise children and for their residents to chase the American Dream.

One day, some really smart people will develop the technology to phase out our need for fossil fuels. Until that point, these states are going to grab as much oil and cash as possible. It's simple economics.

Christopher Blackburn is publisher of this newspaper and CEO of Blackburn Media Group.

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## Québec City links old and new

**I** really miss the seasons. That's a lament commonly heard from folks transplanted here who failed to get the memo that Mother Nature's hop-scotch across Texas' weather map is guaranteed — often daily. She chuckles at the mention of seasons in the Lone Star State.

On our continent, however, are climates worthy of poster-board homage to spring, summer, autumn and winter. Québec City — provincial capital of Québec — is such a place. There, more than a half-million people claim distinctive seasons, breath-taking topography and immense national pride.

Had Norman Rockwell lived there, he'd have been so taken with the folks, flora, fauna and funicular, thousands of magazine covers would have flown off his easels. The heralded artist for the Saturday Evening Post could have turned out prize-winning works on a daily basis.

During our recent four-day visit prior to boarding

Holland America's Veendam for its Canada/New England cruise, our minds were blank slates. We had never visited eastern Canada.

A favorite radio program during growing-up years, "Sergeant Preston of the Yukon," stirred in my memory. It painted vivid audio pictures of his gallant, never-ending pursuit of truth and justice alongside the always white-hatted Canadian Mounted Police.

Not once did we see uniformed law enforcement officers — mounted or unmounted — in one of the world's safest cities. Visitors eager to see uniformed sentries need only visit the Citadel, an ongoing military garrison where guards stand at rapt attention in the same manner as at England's Buckingham Palace.

We saw hoards of public school students visiting points of interest in the school year's waning hours. There is far more to take in than most "in-takes" allow, what with its rich 405-year history.

There were reminders at every turn — museums, statues, cathedrals, parks and the formidable Citadel stone wall that is up to 25 feet thick.

Nestling between two rivers — the St. Lawrence and the St. Charles — are

both an old and new Québec City. The British won the Battle of 1759 over the French — on paper, anyway. Otherwise, "Francophones" prevail. (And no, this is NOT a band instrument nor a Paris pay phone.) Upwards of 95 percent of the folks speak French primarily, sweetening the air with one of the world's most beautiful languages.

Native Americans proved centuries ago that the ravaging winters can be dealt with. The Hurons still have a strong presence, prospering in Wendake, a community in Québec City. It features a reservation with wide-ranging programming and unique activities.

Resourceful and talented, they fought winter's savagery on equal terms, followed by spring renewals, summer's flowering abundance and autumn's signature color-changing of leaves — all ordained by God.

In a similar manner, residents in the nearby île d'Orléans ("Garden of Québec") faithfully preserve their island of some 100 square miles. Worthy of ongoing applause are folks who tend small farms, dairies, wineries and, of course, tap trees for the precious sap that yields maple syrup. Some products new to us have "iced" on labels, i.e., ice cider,

made, of course, from frozen apples.

A view from high in the Québec Hilton provided a view of the city and river that bade us "be still." We could fathom "laid back" for the summer season, assured that "frozen forward" rules almost half of the year. Our eyes often settled on a nearby park — one of many — where green lawns flourish and locals gather. They bring children, pallets, Frisbees and dogs. Much seems right with their world.

Québec City is a grand place to celebrate life. This is particularly so for youth and other sports-minded individuals who happily claim all 12 months. They revel in skiing — both water and snow — and multiple other sports.

For the rest of us, it is a city to be savored. If the hills seem a bit too challenging, we can hitch a cheap ride on the funicular to ascend from shore side shops to the city's upper parts 252 feet above. The thought of departing QC is a sad one, gladdened by the prospect of one day returning to see wintry majesty and dozens of other places that couldn't be crowded into four days.

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

## Pet of the Week



Rick Jones/For the Dispatch  
**This is Lucy, a 3-year-old female boxer at the Post Animal Refuge Center. She is a great dog and good with kids. For adoption information, contact the shelter at postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc.**

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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 Kate Middleton**

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## Puzzle of the Week

**CLUES ACROSS**

- One of a pair
- Females entering society
- Green regions of desert
- Gorse genus
- A way out
- Botswanan monetary units
- \_\_\_\_\_ne: tranquil
- Beget
- Wipe out recorded information
- Common spa garment
- \_\_\_\_\_bral: intellectual
- Auricle
- Something unusual
- Bungalows
- Nights prior
- The 18th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- Pie \_\_\_\_\_ mode
- Roman Demeter
- Imitate
- Scad genus
- Japanese airline
- Sea eagles
- European defense organization
- Curatives
- Conditions of balance
- Women's undergarment
- Water parsnip genus
- Calling number references
- Murdered in his bathtub
- Highly excited
- Profligate
- The upper crust
- Conc\_\_\_\_\_ cement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pound, poet
- Supplied with microphone
- A military dining room
- Distribute playing cards
- Cloaks
- Lyric poems
- Festivities
- Fill with high spirits
- Gulf of, in the Aegean'
- Capital of Yemen
- In a way, oozed out
- Smitten
- Harvest
- Remove by erosion
- Encirclements
- Vessel for bathing
- Arrogant and annoying people
- \_\_\_\_\_ban: Afghan faction
- \_\_\_\_\_Erikson, psychologist
- Damage
- Double curve
- Thick messy substance
- Turkish river
- Secure against leakage
- 13th Hebrew letter

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**POST DISPATCH**

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**PUZZLE SOLUTION**

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**CLUES DOWN**

- Anything indispensable
- Away from wind
- \_\_\_\_\_ace: patio
- Training by multiple repetitions
- Catch sight of
- Expel from a country
- Kind of ballpoint pen
- \_\_\_\_\_son: fedora
- Performs surgery
- Roman goddess of the dawn
- Thick piece of something
- \_\_\_\_\_ into things
- Midway between south and southeast
- Thus far
- 8th Hebrew letter
- Go over
- Oats genus
- Past tense of rerun

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**UNITED WE STAND**



## Feds want voting restrictions restored in the state of Texas

By Ed Sterling  
For the Dispatch

A month ago, in Shelby County, Ala., v. Holder, the U.S. Supreme Court held that Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is unconstitutional.

To some observers, the court's 5-4 decision meant Texas and a number of other states would no longer be subject to federal preclearance before any changes to state election laws could take effect. To others, the court's action meant more legal action lay ahead.

Last week — those who sensed more legal action would come — may be right.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder on July 25 announced the Justice Department would ask a federal court in Texas "to subject the state of Texas to a preclearance regime similar to the one required by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act."

Holder said his request to "bail in" the state to require it to obtain "pre-approval" from either the Justice Department or a federal court before implementing future voting changes is available under the Voting Rights Act when intentional voting discrimination is found.

"Based on the evidence of intentional racial discrimination that was presented last year in the redistricting case, Texas v. Holder — as well as the history of pervasive voting-related discrimination against racial minorities that the Supreme Court itself has recognized — we believe the state of Texas should be required to go through a preclearance process whenever it changes its voting laws and practices," Holder added.

Texas Attorney General Greg Ab-

bott reacted to Holder's announcement, saying, "The Obama Administration shouldn't deny in Texas what is allowed across the country."

Likewise, Gov. Rick Perry said Holder's expressed intent "casts unfair aspersions on our state's common-sense efforts to preserve the integrity of our elections process."

On June 25, the day the Supreme Court released its decision in Shelby County v. Holder, Texas Secretary of State John Steen posted a list of acceptable forms of identification that prospective voters could present at a poll before casting a ballot.

### Court ruling favors EPA

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., on July 26 ruled in favor of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in State of Texas v. EPA, 10-1425.

The state had appealed the EPA's takeover of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's regulation of carbon-emissions from power plants and smokestack industries for not meeting the January 2011 deadline relating to the regulation of greenhouse gases.

The Texas Attorney General's Office said plans are to review the ruling.

### George Mitchell dies

Texas philanthropist, oilman, real-estate developer, billionaire and native of Galveston George P. Mitchell died July 26 at age 94.

A 1940 graduate of Texas A&M, Mitchell pioneered the process of hydraulic fracturing in oil and gas exploration, now a widely used technique.

## The 501 Hot glue bonds relationship

If you want to bond with a new family member, try using a glue gun.

I've had one in my hand for the better part of two days. If you think I've actually been dropping hot glue on human flesh, I have. But just mine. Mainly I've been laying beads of glue on pieces of heavy white paper to make flowers for a display structure for the reception following the upcoming wedding of my stepson Ryan to his fiancée, Kristin.

Yep, I'm going to be her stepmother-in-law. Sounds like a bad character straight from a fairy tale. I'm working hard to counteract the negative connotations.

But this design project isn't work. I like making sturdy paper flowers. Move over, Martha Stewart.

Indeed, Kristin has told me Stewart makes paper flowers, but the domestic design maven's perfect flora doubtless lack the interesting aberrations seen in my signature creations. Since the budget for the wedding is too tight to fly Martha Stewart in anyway, I'm it. The default decorator.

Not that Kristin hasn't made some of the flowers herself, but she has a real job. I don't. I'm a freelancer looking for ways to enrich my life and enhance my creativity. So here I am, cutting and hot-gluing paper to make something that ultimately will be the focal point of a post-nuptial garage sale. Could you use some large stunning panels of white paper flowers? I thought not.

Moving right along.

The first evening Kristin and I worked together, we searched the limitless repertoire of her smart phone for music we both could enjoy. Surprisingly, she'd never heard of Jack Teagarden or Al Jolson. Even I must admit "California, Here I Come!" didn't quite fit our agenda. We opted for silence. No TV either.

There you have it. Two women, separated only by 40 years, armed with glue guns — one about to marry into the family of the other. So we talked into the night. I like to think we bonded, sealing our friendship along with the flowers.

We analyzed father and son for similarities and came up with several traits held in common, one being a strong tendency to over-analyze. Then, alas, it was way past bedtime. Fatigue and hot glue don't mix. Quote me.

The next day I worked alone, trying hard to fabricate enough flowers to finish the project and to come up with some stepmotherly-in-law advice for Kristin. I settled on one suggestion: separate checking accounts, meaning less guilt when respective money is spent for things like fancy lamps and superfluous guns.

INTERNET PAUSE.

I just had to check out Martha Stewart's flowers. In a blog-like, Stewart-oriented discussion, I ran across a new term for me: Crazy Craft Lady. It's somebody whose designs imprudently cross an imaginary line into the realm of the bizarre.

I hope nobody stands too close to my pseudo-Venus flytrap. Maybe we have the makings of a fairy tale after all.

As long as the ending stays the same: And they lived happily ever after.

Hanaba Munn Welch is a columnist and contributor to Blackburn Media Group newspapers.

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## Yesteryears

**10 Years Ago**  
July 31, 2003

The 63rd annual Post Stampede Rodeo rolled into town Aug. 7, kicking off three days of riding, roping, and wrestling.

Garza County and the state of Texas collected \$28,321.98 in June for highway travel fines that were issued.

Football practice began Monday with "Midnight Madness" at 12:01 a.m.

**20 Years Ago**  
August 4, 1993

Garza County commissioners had a little fun at the conclusion of last week's meeting, presenting fellow Commissioner Herbert Walls with his official "Bat Buster" T-shirt. Walls is the court's liaison with the Caprock Cultural Association, as the group looks at ways to rid the Garza County Museum of its population of bats.

Citizens Bank of Lubbock County has announced plans to open a branch office in Post.

In the distance, the sweet countryside of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will be beckoning all boot-scooters to come down and out of the stands, stroll on over and get ready to dance as each of the three Post Stampede Rodeo performances Aug. 12-14, draw to exciting finishes each and every night.

Bo Kimmons began his duties as a new Garza County sheriff's deputy.

**30 Years Ago**

Andy Stelzer of Post, a life member of John Miller Post 6797, was elected and installed as commander of the state chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Five Garza County 4-Hers will participate in the district show, including Diana Basquez, Sandy Allen, Keitha White, Angela Graves and Cheryl Thompson.

Jana Middleton and Tommy Payton recently attended the Texas 4-H Congress in Austin.

U Lazy S Ranch and Double U Hereford Ranch recently participated in the Texas Ranch Roundup at Wichita Falls.

Ben Miller of Fluvanna and Post is one of 10 top West Texas artists to participate in the Lamesa Rodeo Association's Western Art Exhibit and Sale.

**40 years ago**  
July 26, 1973

The 10 juniors that won championship, runner-up or consolation medals in the Garza County Tennis Tournament were Kyle Duren, Debbie Wyatt, Randell Wyatt, Sandy Bullard, Becky Heaton, Larry Chapman, Kent Kirkpatrick, Christy Davis,

Mark Kirkpatrick and Chris Wyatt.

All kinds of unusual bargains will be offered up and down Main Street Friday night when Post merchants and the Retail Promotions Committee of the Post Chamber of Commerce co-sponsor a Moonlight Madness Sale. Dispatch readers are advised to "shop" the Moonlight Madness Sale ads for all kinds of bargains!

**50 years ago**  
July 25, 1963

Mayor Harold Lucas announced Post has successfully passed its first major "water crisis" of 1963 this week and that with a nearly full reservoir — thanks to everyone's fine cooperation — townspeople can now resume "essential watering of trees and shrubs only." Mayor Lucas stressed that water conservation must continue and that lawn sprinkling is no longer possible or reasonable.

Bob Collier Drug Store advertised the following sales: 75-foot water hose \$1.98; hair spray 88 cents; casting reels, (regular price) \$10.95, were on sale for \$3.98.

**60 years ago**  
July 23, 1953

The nearest thing to a drought-breaker in several months came last weekend with rains totaling

1.11 inches in Post, and considerable more fell in other sections of Garza County. The moisture left by the intermittent rains had large numbers of farmers in the fields this week planting grain sorghums. Rainfall for the first six months of 1953, however, was well on its way toward being the driest year in Post's history, according to records at the Double U Co. office.

**70 Years Ago**  
August 5, 1943

Post continues to swelter in 110-degree weather.

Close City Church of Christ was planning for a revival meeting.

Persons without rations in Book 03 should apply now.

Chamber of Commerce officials announced plans to restock Two Draw Lake.

Cecil Osborne presented a program to the local Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy McCrary, formerly of Post, announce a baby boy. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Richardson at Close City. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. S.J. McCrary of Post.

Sept. 6 is opening date of school.

Compiled by Anna Gibson from the files of The Post Dispatch on record at the Garza County Museum and the digital archive at the Southwest Collections Library at Texas Tech University.

## Nancy's Notions

### Resurgence of homegrown food seen across the state

The issue of chickens roosting in the city is not a new one, but it is one being addressed by cities of all sizes as more consumers look to grow their own food in an effort to be health and money conscious.



NANCY MCDONALD

My supervisor, Angela Burkham, AgriLife Extension regional program director for family and consumer sciences in the North Region based in Amarillo, said, "There is a resurgent interest in home-based food production based on the desire for healthier living and playing a more personal role in the food that a family is eating."

Greg Archer, AgriLife Extension poultry specialist in College Station, said many people wanting to raise chickens in the city don't need a rooster if they just want eggs, and that will help solve some of their neighbor complaints.

"We usually try to tell people not to get a rooster to keep the noise level down," Archer said. "And then in terms of air, they just need to make sure they maintain the coop, keeping the litter cleaned out to reduce fly problems and ammonia. If they have good airflow and the litter stays relatively dry, it won't be as bad. But if it doesn't have good ventilation, the wet litter is what causes the problems."

Archer said he recommends chicken owners get in a routine of cleaning the coop and then

adjusting for weather changes that add moisture to the coop.

"And we don't recommend having more chickens than you can eat eggs," he said, adding that most breeds will lay an egg every two to three days, but specialized egg-laying breeds might lay an egg every day.

Many people get overwhelmed with all the eggs they will get and they don't know what to do with them, so they need to know what breed they are getting and also how many eggs they can use weekly, Archer said.

"Having chickens in the back yard should be more for a hobby or your own use, but not to make money," Archer said.

AgriLife Extension has been presenting backyard poultry programs that include "Introduction to City Chickens" and "Keeping Your Hens Healthy and Happy" as part of a larger pilot Backyard Basics series focusing on homegrown and homemade foods.

The Backyard Basics initiative has been in response to the growing interest in home-based food production, preparation and preservation in Texas and throughout the United States.

Burkham said this program was initially piloted in more urban areas of the state, but is now being implemented in less populated areas.

"It doesn't matter where you live, people in general are more interested in where their food comes from and a desire to eat less processed foods," Burkham said.

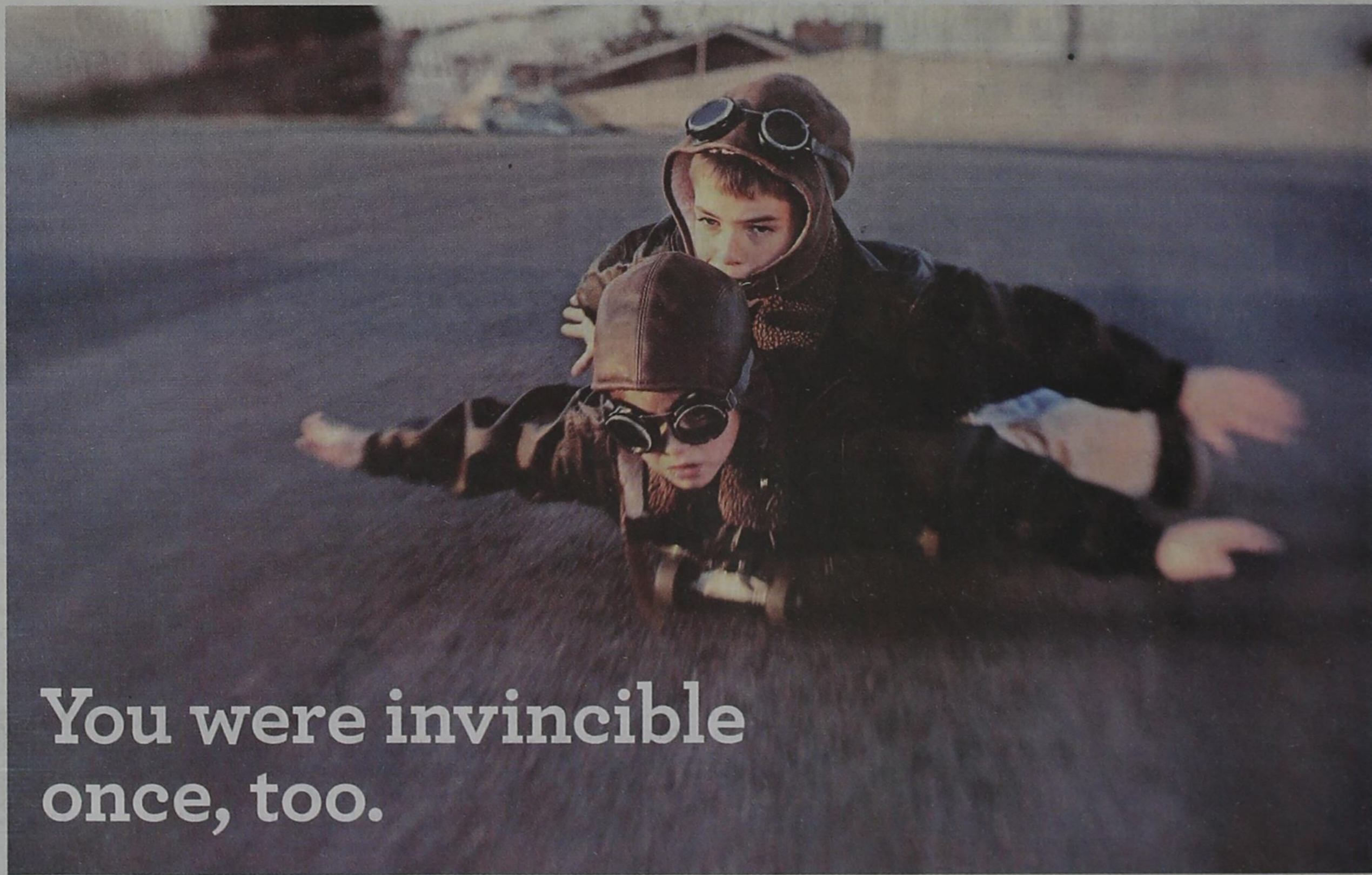
Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer sciences agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.

## Cryptogram Solution

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### Post Dispatch Weather Summary

#### Post's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 99 / 74	<b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 98 / 73	<b>Sunday</b> Sunny 98 / 74	<b>Monday</b> Sunny 97 / 73	<b>Tuesday</b> Sunny 96 / 73	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny 97 / 75	<b>Thursday</b> Mostly Sunny 95 / 74

#### Local UV Index

0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme Exposure

#### Weather Trivia

What was an unexpected impact of Hurricane Andrew?  
 Answer: 250,000 Americans were left homeless.

#### Weather History

**Aug. 2, 1989** - Low pressure representing the remains of Hurricane Chantal deluged north central Texas with heavy rain. Up to 6.50 inches drenched Stephens County, and Wichita Falls reported 2.22 inches of rain in just one hour.

**Aug. 3, 1970** - Hurricane Celia struck the coast of Texas producing wind gusts to 161 mph at Corpus Christi. The hurricane was the most destructive of record along the Texas coast causing 454 million dollars in damage and claiming 11 lives.

#### Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 99°, humidity of 28%. South southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 104° set in 1966. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 74°. South wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 58° set in 1971. Saturday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 98°, humidity of 30%. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Skies will be partly cloudy Saturday night with an overnight low of 73°. South wind 15 mph.

#### Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Peak Times		Peak Times			
Day	AM	PM	Day	AM	PM
Fri	7:36-9:36	8:06-10:06	Tue	10:43-12:43	11:13-1:13
Sat	8:24-10:24	8:54-10:54	Wed	11:28-1:28	11:58-1:58
Sun	9:11-11:11	9:41-11:41	Thu	12:42-2:42	12:12-2:12
Mon	9:57-11:57	10:27-12:27			

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#### Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:00 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	3:24 a.m.	5:41 p.m.
Sat	7:00 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	4:13 a.m.	6:26 p.m.
Sun	7:01 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	5:05 a.m.	7:07 p.m.
Mon	7:02 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	5:58 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Tue	7:02 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	6:52 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
Wed	7:03 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	7:48 a.m.	8:55 p.m.
Thu	7:04 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	8:44 a.m.	9:28 p.m.

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

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days
7/23	95	70	92/68	0.00"	7/23 32
7/24	94	74	92/68	0.00"	7/24 34
7/25	84	71	92/68	0.16"	7/25 28
7/26	87	70	92/68	0.00"	7/26 28
7/27	86	63	92/68	0.00"	7/27 28
7/28	90	66	92/68	0.00"	
7/29	95	71	92/68	0.00"	

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.

# Dixie Divas Speaking the truth

The waitress set down the cup of coffee, and I poured cream into the hot, black liquid while quietly reflecting, pondering something.

This, I quickly discovered, wasn't the truth. My purse had almost an inch of tea — not sweet tea, mind you — and it was quite a mess.

"Goodness!" I declared as I began pulling out items. "It's filled with tea."

The woman plopped down on a nearby chair and continued to act ugly. "No, it is not. I barely spilled any tea, and it did not go into your purse."

The young woman, who could see differently, looked at me and smiled sadly. Neither of us said another word. We just cleaned up while the old woman defiantly watched us.

Remarkable. It was a simple accident. Why lie about it? Why deny how much had been spilled?

A few weeks later, Tink was home working on a script and I was at a beauty appointment when we both received urgent calls from a friend who was staying in Mama's house. Our pasture sprawls across the creek from our house to Mama's, so there are three gates, two which are on Mama's side of the creek.

"The horses are out!" she screamed breathlessly into the phone. "We're chasing them now."

Trust me. This is not a call you want to get. By God's grace, the horses galloped up the road, crossed a major highway but never came close to danger. Tink charged into action, while my brother-in-law Rodney and nephew Rod rode to the rescue.

By the time I arrived, the wayward creatures were back safe in the pasture though Rodney had cut his finger somehow.

Bowen, a freckled-faced, red-headed 8-year-old, approached me timidly.

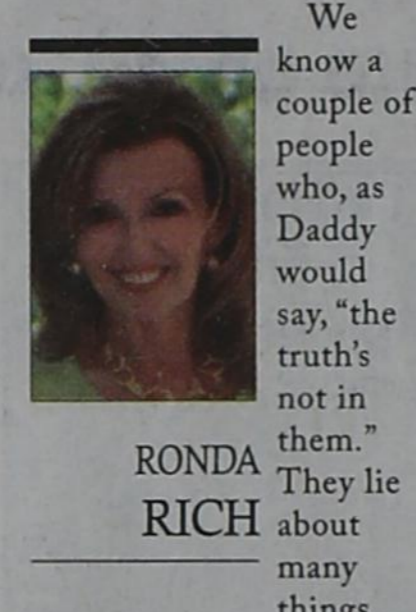
"Miss Ronda," she said, "I think I left the gate open. I'm sorry."

It was so brave. Intensely admirable. I knelt down, hugged her, then looked her in the eyes.

"You are so courageous. Always tell the truth even in times like this when it isn't easy. That's the mark of an honorable person, and that's what you want to be."

The truth isn't always pretty. Or easy. But it certainly gives respect to those who tell it.

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.



RONDA RICH

We know a couple of people who, as Daddy would say, "the truth's not in them." They lie about many things, big and small, consequential and not consequential. And if you have them pinned against the wall with absolute evidence of the lies, they will lie about the lies. It's baffling.

Tink shrugged and carefully considered his answer before replying. "Being honorable and honest is learned. It isn't born in us. We're taught those principles."

I shook my head, again thoughtfully, and pointed out one of the persons was raised by honorable parents, has siblings who practice honesty so that, I said, couldn't be, well, it couldn't be the truth.

Daddy used to say a man who'll lie to you, will steal from you. And, I have found those to be words of everlasting truth. After all, a lie and a theft are both children of dishonesty.

A few months ago, I was at a speaking engagement in Florida where dinner was being served. My purse, held together with one snap in the middle that left the sides open, was sitting on a chair. I was standing across the room in conversation when I noticed a sudden flurry of activity around my purse. An old woman, her face hard and cracked, watched as a young woman grabbed napkins and rushed around. I hurried over.

"I'm sorry. Did I leave my purse in the wrong place?" I asked.

The young woman turned to me. "No, no, it's alright. She just bumped into the chair and spilled some tea."

The old woman turned to me, glowering. "We weren't trying to get into your purse!" she snapped. Her eyes narrowed. "It just spilled on the floor."

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Garza County Judge Lee Norman congratulates Linda Puckett, executive director of the Garza County Historical Commission, as he presents her with the organization's second consecutive Distinguished Service Award by the Texas Historical Commission. Puckett accepted the award on behalf of the local organization and its board of directors, two members of whom were also present Monday, including Peggy Claborn and Ruth Ann Young.

## Garza receives a second history award

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

The Texas Historical Commission recently recognized Garza County with the 2012 Distinguished Service Award.

This award was presented during a Monday's regular session of the Garza County Commissioners Court and recognizes the Garza County Historical Commission for managing preservation programs that educate residents and generate interest in the history and character of Texas.

Garza County Judge Lee Norman said the efforts of local historians Linda Puckett and Pat Cruse not only promote stewardship of local cultural and historical resources but also encourage economic development by promoting tourism.

"We're very proud of our history here in Garza County and Post City, and our museum helps promote that history throughout the region and state," he said.

This is the second year the designation has been bestowed upon the county. Puckett, who serves as curator of the museum and executive director of the Garza County Historical Commission, said the award is quite an honor.

"It's unusual in the state of Texas that a county financially supports a historical commission or museum," she said. "Our goal is, of course, historical preservation — written and oral — and it's good to know our county leaders appreciate that as much as we do."

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

Unlike most states, Texas counties have the legislative authority to establish county historical commissions to initiate and conduct programs that preserve historic and cultural resources.

The Texas Historical Commission provides services to those CHCs, as well as residents across the state, to preserve Texas' heritage for the use, education, enjoyment, and economic benefit of present and future generations. CHC contributions include the preservation of countless historic buildings, artifacts, documents, and other components of Texas' rich history.

"The Distinguished Service Award is our agency's way of affirming county historical commissions that continue to improve and expand their preservation programs," said THC Executive Director Mark Wolfe. "The Texas Historical Commission works with CHCs to save the real places and tell the real stories of Texas. We're proud to honor Garza County for its dedication and hard work."

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