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## County clamors for DPS dollars

### Judge, commissioners want state to open driver's license office back up

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

Garza County Judge Lee Norman is spearheading an effort to get a driver's license office opened back up in Post.

During their regular meeting

Monday, commissioners voted to pursue the idea and for Norman to continue talks with state legislators and officials with the Department of Public Safety to bring this service back home to residents of Garza County.

"We've gone without a driver's license office for nearly two years now," Norman said. "Our residents are having to take time out of their work days to drive to Lubbock to take care of this business and that can eat up an entire day."

Norman said now is the perfect time to begin seeking funds to re-establish a driver's license office because the public safety officials and

the Legislature are now working on a new budget cycle.

Two years ago, Norman said, public safety officials opted to close a number of driver's license offices throughout the state due in large part to budget deficits.

"We were told a lot of the equipment that was being used at that

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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](mailto:thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com).

### Volunteers needed

Post City Festivals is in need of volunteers to help build a number of the miniature houses on site at Silent Night Village. If interested, call Jackie Cruse at 990-9907.

### Church fundy

Members of the Church of God of Prophecy, 602 W. 14th St., will sell enchilada plates from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$7 per plate. For information, call the church at 495-3644 or 632-1915.

### Horse validations

Four-H Connect horse validations will be conducted Friday through May 1. Cost is \$10 through April 15 and \$20 from April 16 through May 1. For information, contact the Garza County Extension Office at 495-4400.

### GED test

The GED test is being revised and will be in use starting January 2014. It is being revised to better prepare students for college entry. As a result, the test will be more difficult to pass. If you or someone you know is interested in obtaining their GED, now is the time to pursue this goal. Classes are available at Post High School Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-8 p.m. For more information, call 495-2770.

### Senior ads

Senior ads due March 4-22. Call Malvena Moore for more information at 495-2770.

### Rodeo meeting

Members of the Post Stampede Rodeo Committee will have its annual stockholders meeting at 7 p.m. March 5. No other information was available.

### City Council

The Post City Council meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Council Chambers at City Hall, 105 E. Main St. For information, call 495-2811.

### County Commission

The Garza County Commission meets at 9 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Commission Chambers at the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St. For information, call 495-4430.

### School board

The Post ISD Board of Trustees meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesdays of the month in the conference room at the Administrative Offices, 501 S. Ave. K. For information, call 495-3343.

## Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgin at 806-495-2816 or [thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com](mailto:thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com).

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## Winter storm blows through Plains region

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

Though Garza County — at least portions below the Caprock — were spared the brunt of Monday's blizzard-like storm that blew through the High Plains, other areas above the Caprock and throughout the Panhandle faced near white-out conditions.

Gov. Rick Perry activated Texas Military Forces personnel and equipment as the severe winter storm threatened communities in the Panhandle. Those resources were to be used to provide assistance as necessary on roadways as the storm progressed throughout the area.

Blizzard conditions dumped up to 19 inches of snow throughout the northern Texas Panhandle at an alarming snowfall rate of 2 to 3 inches per hour. The National Weather Service issued a blizzard warning for dozens of counties in the region, as winds were recorded at 50 to 60 mph with hurricane-force gusts up to 75 mph.

According to the Texas Department of Public Safety, all major roadways out of Amarillo were closed and travel throughout the Panhandle and South Plains was strongly discouraged.

In Lubbock, numerous businesses and schools were closed, including the Texas Tech campus, and Lubbock Preston Smith International Airport was shut down.

Early Monday afternoon, Department of Transportation officials closed U.S. 62 from Lubbock to Brownfield to all traffic and snow plowing operations in Lubbock and Terry counties worked. Interstate 27 north of Lubbock remained closed to traffic.

According to the National Weather Service, the 19 inches of snow that fell in Amarillo was the second highest on record since 1903.

Garza County sheriff's officials said Tuesday they received no calls Monday requesting help from the public regarding the weather.



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch  
Drew Kirkpatrick presents Sue and Bill Weaver with Conservation Farmers of the Year Award on Saturday at the Post Area Chamber of Commerce banquet.

## Weavers, Grisham, Butlers honored at banquet

### Annual Chamber event is one of county's most attended

By Anna Gibson  
The Post Dispatch

Garza County residents Bill and Sue Weaver were honored Saturday for their conscientious conservation efforts throughout their five decades of farming.

The Weavers were recognized at the annual Post Area Chamber of Commerce banquet along with Post resident Pixie Grisham as Citizen of the Year and officials with the Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding as Busi-

ness/Organization of the Year.

The Weavers started farming 200 acres of land owned by F.E. Weaver near Southland in 1961. They are both third generation farmers.

After 52 years of farming they own and operate 250 acres of pivot irrigated land and 750 acres of drip irrigation land, and farm an additional 2,500 acres

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## Christmas village a work in progress



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch

Workers move one of the miniature houses that will be a feature at Silent Night Village inside the park area. The park is being constructed by Post City Festivals.

By Anna Gibson  
The Post Dispatch

Members of Post City Festivals, the group responsible for the construction of "Silent Night Village" in the former Algerita Park location downtown, are reminding residents the village is a work in progress.

One of the miniature houses that will be located inside the park was moved inside the fence last week.

"The park is a process and takes a lot of time because each part of the park is a process," said Jackie Cruse, president of Post City Festivals. "Like for instance, we have to

raise the money, plan out each house, land preparation, wiring for electricity, plumbing and general preparation for all the houses to be set down."

Cruse has been working with officials from the Dalby Correctional Facility in order for inmates to help build the miniature houses at the park.

"This is the first project ever in the in the prison system where the inmates are able to give back to the community in that capacity," Cruse said. "So it's a very time consuming and fragile project."

"It's also a process of raising money. You're

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**Our views**

**Springer should keep focus on home issues**

Last week, Rep. Drew Springer, R-Muenster, filed House Bill 1568 that would target action within the Pflugerville Independent School District to curb its employees from extending benefits to domestic partners.

The school board voted 5-1 on the issue in December, becoming the first school district within the state to offer health benefits for domestic partners.

"I think the money we give to educate our kids should go to the kids and not trying to expand social benefits that we decided in 2005 was unconstitutional," Springer told Texas Tribune, referring to the Defense of Marriage Act of 2005, which defined marriage in the Texas Constitution as between one man and one woman. "We're not taking away all the funding, just the 7.5 percent that goes to the health benefit plan."

According to the bill's opponents, it mischaracterizes the school's health plan policy.

"No tax dollars are being used," said Chuck Smith, president of Equality Texas. Smith said that no money is taken from funding the classroom, but rather the policy "allows access to the benefit plan, but the employee still pays the premium."

Plugerville, a city of about 50,000 people, is a suburb of Austin that straddles the Travis and Williamson county lines.

Springer was elected this past November to

serve House District 68, an area that not only includes Garza County but also stretches from west of Dallas and up through the Panhandle — a district that even at its closest point is still 300 miles north of Plugerville.

The move by Springer is an overzealous and overreaching act by a freshman representative seeking to undermine local control.

If Springer's intent of the bill is to keep other areas throughout the state from following suit, he'd be too little too late. The cities of Austin, El Paso and Dallas already offer domestic partnership benefits to employees.

Regardless of the issue and regardless of where Springer's values lay on the moral compass of society, speaking on behalf of his constituents, we would urge our representative to keep his eye on issues that directly effect House District 68 not those of other districts.

Springer's campaign platform was filled with only boilerplate topics and no real problem-solving ideas. So it's no surprise that this piece of legislation serves no other purpose than to energize base voters.

While the novice representative did campaign on education reform, this bill hardly counts as such.

We urge the representative to keep his focus on his own district — the largest in the state. There should be plenty of issues for him to concentrate on here.

**Deaths**

**Evelyn Elberta Martin**

Mrs. Eugene Martin, 94, of Post passed away at noon on Feb. 23, 2013. She was born Evelyn Elberta James on June 11, 1918 in Garza County. Her parents were Roy B. James and Evalena Whitworth James. Elberta married Eugene Martin on Jan. 16, 1936 in Post, Texas. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Post.



EVELYN ELBERTA MARTIN

Many of her favorite memories were of her school days at Cross Roads. These stories and her "famous sayings" provided much enjoyment and laughter for all. The example of her faith, being ready to help and putting others first are things she will be remembered for. Also, her love for family and get-togethers.

Elberta was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Martin; one son, Sammy Gene Martin; four sisters and one brother, Katie Mae Martin, Ruth Martin, Florene Chamber, Claudene Bilberry and Winston James.

She is survived by a loving family including her sister, Dolores Baldrige of Dimmitt, Tx; three daughters, Carolyn Williams of Post, Cheryl Vardiman and her husband Dicky Wayne of Whitehouse, Vicki Bilbo and her husband Joe of Quinlan; eight grandchildren: Greg Williams and his wife Sherry, Rhonda Valdez and her husband Jimmy, Kenda Fridrich and her husband Joey, Krista Kumahata and her husband Jim, Alesha Keller and her husband Vic, Angela Winkler and her husband Kevin, Stephen Bilbo and Pam Frazier; 14 great grandchildren: Justin Williams and fiancé Darby Hart, Colton Valdez and his wife Stephanie, Quinton Valdez, Miles Fridrich, Mia Fridrich, Joel Kumahata, Samantha Kumahata, Zach Keller, Cameron Keller, Kaleb Winkler, Ashley Winkler, Courtney Robinson, Colton Frazier and Cody Frazier; and two great-great grandchildren Khloe Marie Valdez and Ella Blaze Valdez. She is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were her great grandsons. The celebration of her life was Wednesday, Feb. 27, at the First Baptist Church with Jimmy Valdez officiating assisted by Rev. Jack Maddox. Burial was in Terrace Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home.

**Dave Earick**

Lilborn Dave Earick 84 of Post and formerly of Goodman, Mo., died Monday February 18, 2013 in

Lubbock. Services were Feb. 21 at the Justice-Mason Funeral Home. Military graveside service was

Feb. 25 at the IOOF Cemetery at Neosho, Mo. Local arrangements were by Justice-Mason Funeral Home.

**Thomas retires from SWCD board**



Submitted photo

B.L. "Shug" Thomas recently retired after 20 years of dedicated service as director of the Garza County Soil and Water Conservation District board of directors. He was recognized Saturday during the Post Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet by David Norman, right, a member of the local SWCD board.

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Hint: Quote by Hillary Clinton

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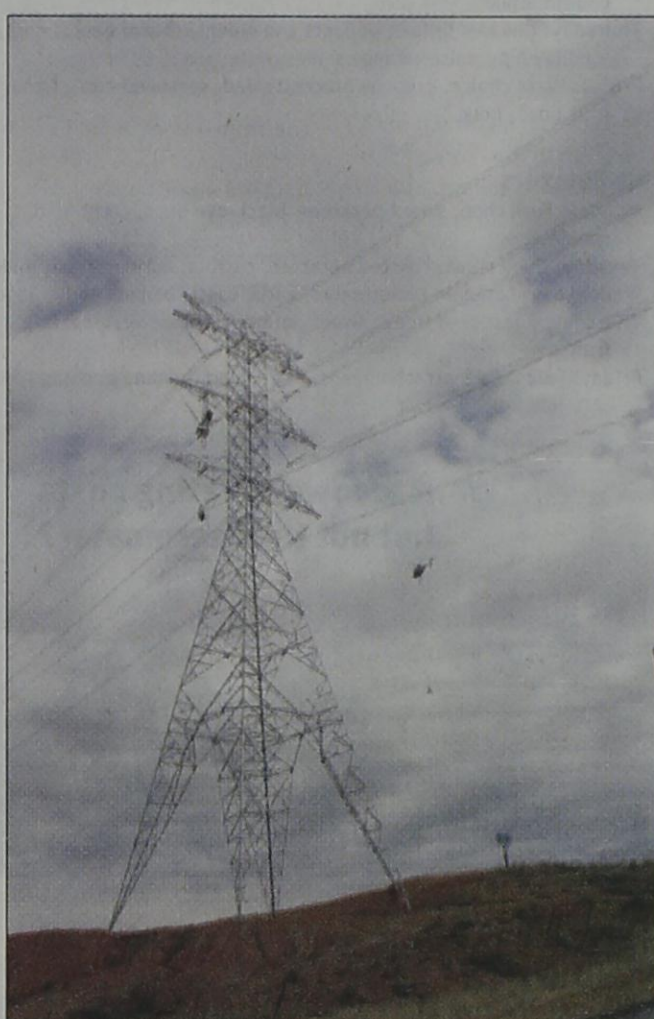
## Pet of the Week



Janice Plummer/For the Dispatch

This is Star, an older female border collie mix. She was one of the first dogs that came to the shelter in October 2010. She is currently in a foster home, but in need of a forever home. Post Animal Refuge Center has 14 dogs at the shelter and four in foster homes at the present time. Shelter officials are desperately in need of volunteers to help. Anyone who can give a few hours a month, it will make a big difference in the lives of our shelter dogs. They need basic care, but more importantly, human companionship. Contact postarc@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Post Arc if you can help in any way.

## Transmission Lines



Chris Blackburn/The Post Dispatch

Oil and gas are the area's lifeblood, but transmission lines are also strengthening the economy and area tax bases. Irby Construction linemen work on a tower near White River Lake while a helicopter with man in tow is seen passing the massive structure. The line work is part of the statewide upgrades to the electric grid. This particular leg of the project connects two wind power collection points between northeast Scurry and northwest Dickens counties.

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 Wednesday: Oatmeal, bacon, toast, fruit, milk  
 Thursday: Cinnamon rolls, sausage link, fruit, milk  
 Friday: Cereal, toast, fruit, juice, milk  
**Lunch**  
 Monday: Beef and cheese chalupas, garden salad, salsa, refried beans, applesauce, milk variety  
 Tuesday: Country fried steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, roll, strawberry cup, milk variety  
 Wednesday: Chicken fajitas, charro beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, salsa, milk variety  
 Thursday: Chicken spaghetti, garden salad, apple slices, bread stick, baby carrots, milk variety  
 Friday: Cheeseburger, sweet potato fries, coleslaw, salsa, sliced peaches, milk variety

### Southland ISD

**Breakfast**  
 Monday: Pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, milk  
 Tuesday: Sausage and egg biscuit, fruit, juice, milk  
 Wednesday: Breakfast bar or cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk  
 Thursday: Muffins, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk  
 Friday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy, fruit, juice, milk  
**Lunch**  
 Monday: Corn dog, baked beans, tomato and cucumber cup, apples and pineapple d'lite, milk  
 Tuesday: Nachos grande, refried beans, garden salad, oranges, milk  
 Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, oven fries, fresh veggie cup, fruity gelatin, milk  
 Thursday: Chicken fajitas, peppers and onions, charro beans, corn, tortilla chips, salsa, orange smiles, milk  
 Friday: Pizza choice, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk

### Trailblazers

**Monday:** Pork chop, sweet potatoes, black-eye peas, cornbread, cookie  
**Tuesday:** Cube steak, roasted potatoes, carrots, apricots, roll, milk  
**Wednesday:** Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic toast, banana and orange  
**Thursday:** Roast beef, mash sweet potatoes, mixed veggies, roll, fruit  
**Friday:** Soft taco, borracho beans, rice, salad, banana pudding

# Yesteryears

## 10 year ago February 27, 2003

Getting an ambulance is about to get quicker in Garza County. Beginning March 17, the City-County Ambulance Service, known locally as the Post EMS, will formally join the emergency communications system operated out of the Garza County Sheriff's Office. The move, according to Sheriff Kenny Ratke and ambulance service administrator J. Terry Bartlett, is designed to increase the overall emergency medical response ability countywide by teaming the county's ambulance operations with the existing 9-1-1 emergency dispatching system at the sheriff's office. New warning sirens purchased jointly by the city and the county, have been installed and are scheduled to be tested at noon Saturday.

In December and January, local officials approved the upgrade and expansion of the four-siren municipal alert system that primarily served as tornado warning device. Components of the system date back to as far as the 1940s. Officials opted to revamp the warning system to ensure complete coverage of the growing community and to replace components that had deteriorated and were nonfunctional.

The city and county agreed to split the total cost of the upgrade, about \$6,000. Saturday's test signals will ensure that they new system is operational and can be trusted to alert all residents of Post.

## 20 years ago March 3, 1993

Proclamation declares March as crime drug and alcohol abuse prevention month.

Garza County Judge Giles Dalby signed a proclamation Monday declaring March as Crime and Alcohol/Drug Abuse and Addiction Prevention Month for Garza County.

Activities for the month will focus on education for parents as well as youth in the community. Information and education programs for parents and students to help them identify signs of addiction, gang involvement and criminal behavior, will be presented throughout the month by Garza County Sheriff's deputies Keith Mann, Randy Johnson and the City County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Program.

One of the major educational programs during the first half of the month will be the special program March 12 that will provide information on Teen Court. The program, presented by the Women's Division of the Post Chamber of Commerce begins at 7 p.m. at the Community Center.

DWI activity kept Garza County sheriff's deputies busy during the week. A total of four people were arrested for DWI offenses by either sheriff's deputies or officers from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

## 30 years ago February 27, 1983

A potential buyer of Burlington Industries' Post plant visited the facility this week and the rumors were flying fast and furious the very next morning.

The real truth of the matter is that the prospective buyer has an interest in the plant, but at this stage no firm commitment has been made with both sides looking closely at each other.

## 40 years ago March 1, 1973

Eight young people, all but one of them from Post, were charged here over the weekend with possession of marijuana, and a 16-year-old local juvenile has been turned over to authorities of Crosby County where he is on probation after also being picked up for marijuana possession.

A policy advisory committee for Post's proposed "meals on wheels" program was named Tuesday night and an all-out effort will be made to have finalization of the plans ready for decision at a meeting next Tuesday night in Darby Don's Restaurant.

Persons 60 years of age or over who cannot prepare or have a hot meal prepared for them are eligible to be recipients of the program.

1 pound of Maxwell Coffee with a 30-cent coupon only 59 cents. Shurfine cut canned green beans six 16-ounce cans only \$1.

## 50 years ago February 21, 1963

Advance ticket sales indicate that a crowd of about 300 people will attend the annual banquet of the Post Chamber of Commerce here Friday night, J. B. Potts, president of the organization, said today.

"We've already sold 250 tickets and should easily sell 50 more by the time of the banquet," Potts said. The place selected for this year's banquet, the Post Junior High gym, will easily accommodate 300 people, Potts said.

"And we hope there are that many on hand," the Chamber president added.

To avoid confusion, Potts said, those attending the banquet are asked to remember that the present junior high gym, where the event will be held, is what was formerly the old high school gym.

The Forrest Lumber Co. will close its Post yard at 302 W. Eighth on Saturday afternoon after 14 years of operations here.

Walter Johnson, manager of the yard for nearly 11 years, said the yard closing decision was announced Monday. Johnson, who has been associated with the Forrest Lumber firm since joining them at Slaton in February 1952, will be transferred to Lubbock yard of Forrest.

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## Nancy's Notions

# Breakfast is for champions

With the upcoming 2013 National Breakfast Week campaign March 4-8, several studies have been released proving the positive effects of breakfast on youth. They leave little doubt that breakfast boosts children's successes in school both academically and socially.

Breakfast is a healthy habit to teach your children. As a working mom, breakfast at our house was usually something quick and easy like cereal, oatmeal, toast and orange juice.

A recent study by the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing noted a cross-sectional study of 1,269 6-year-olds.

Findings showed that children who regularly have breakfast on a near-daily basis had significantly higher full scale, verbal and performance IQ test scores compared to children who sometimes have breakfast. This relationship persisted for verbal IQ and full IQ even after adjusting for gender, current living location, parental education, parental occupation, and primary child caregiver.

Results reflected nutritional as well as social benefits of regular breakfast consumption on cognition, and regular breakfast consumption should be encouraged among young children.

Breakfast can be fast, easy and affordable. If your picky eater doesn't want typical breakfast foods, I found some fun options. Leftover pizza,

fruit smoothies and blueberry muffins were common on our breakfast table. Family time along with a fun, quick breakfast is a great way for youth to start the day.

### Quick Sticky Buns

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Place a very thin slice of butter in the bottom of each compartment of a muffin tin. Place one slice of a banana on the butter. Sprinkle a few pecans and a little brown sugar over each banana slice. Top with a small refrigerator biscuit. Bake until golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. Flip onto a cookie sheet immediately and serve warm.

### Egg in a Hole

Using a round cookie cutter, cut out the center of a piece of Texas-size bread. Butter both sides of the bread and place in butter skillet to brown. Crack an egg in the hole and cook to desired doneness.

### Bagel Face

Spread cream cheese on toasted bagel halves. Decorate the bagels using fresh fruits and vegetables.

### Easy Chocolate Croissants

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Separate crescent rolls into eight triangles. Place 10 semi-sweet chocolate chips on the bottom third of each triangle. Roll the dough up around the chocolate. Bake until golden brown, 12 to 14 minutes. Serve warm.

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NANCY MCDONALD

## The Idle American

# The slimmest of odds

There's nothing to support it, but a fascinating contention looms nonetheless. Lottery opponents say if you want to win the lottery, simply open your window. The odds of purchasing a winning ticket — and one blowing in through your window — are about the same.



DON NEWBURY

decision to remove a wedding ring he's worn for 80 years.

The gent is my 100-year-old Uncle Mort, who chanced to read Steve Blow's Sunday column in The Dallas Morning News despite it not being on his Sunday afternoon agenda to do so. He was on his golf cart — headed for the general store on a "non-agenda" mission. He figured there'd be enough cohorts present to discuss global warming, immigration and/or dwindling whooping crane numbers. (At a previous general store confab, his foursome recommended teaching regular cranes to whoop.) Probably, though, the afternoon would

be whiled away at the domino table.

He claims he was "zooming" along at about 10 mph — 10 times faster than a cruise ship in tow — when a newspaper blew out of a speeding convertible, shrouding his

Mort easily pattered to a stop. He unrolled the newspaper from his noggin, and a column headline caught his eye: "Scary finger injury has a ring of truth."

Columnist Blow explained how a visitor to Dallas' Perot Museum of Nature and Science lost a ring finger during a vertical jump to determine how participants "measure up" to athletes' leaps. His wedding ring caught on something.

He came down, but his finger didn't.

Blow went on to tell of several mishaps each month where wedding rings are caught in machinery, on basketball goals or numerous other objects.

This set Mort to worrying, "what ifs" crowded his mind. No longer interested in seeing his buddies, he headed back home. Perusing an encyclopedia, he learned that women have worn wedding rings for centuries, but grooms have commonly worn them only since the end of World War II.

He was pretty sure he could

remember to avoid taking vertical jumps in museums, but he feared getting his ring caught in other ways — maybe while pitching horseshoes, baiting fish hooks, saddling horses, sky diving from planes or repairing his golf cart.

How, though, could he convince Maude that continuing to wear his wedding ring could be hazardous to his health?

He likewise questioned himself. Would he feel "less married"?

Mort always claimed that he "wrote the Constitution for his marriage," but that he's also accepted all of Maude's amendments.

He began by showing her the column. They "tsk/tsked" in unison, shocked that so many accidents each month claim ring fingers.

As they nodded in agreement about possible dangers, my uncle decided it was the right time to seek permission to remove his wedding ring and keep it forthwith in their lock box.

Mort was surprised how quickly she agreed. However, she added one proviso: His nose ring stays in place 'til death do they part.

It's unlike Mort to worry about things unworthy of worry.

He's always enjoyed telling about a woman on the adjoin-

ing farm who is a world-class worrier. Years ago, she fretted greatly about visiting San Francisco, afraid the fog would prevent her seeing the Golden Gate Bridge, the bay air wouldn't be fit to breathe and that she might get hurt riding the cable car.

Well, she saw the bridge perfectly, and she took deep breaths of crisp bay air. Yet, she feared getting on the cable car. If her foot chanced to contact the rail, would she be electrocuted? A young Californian explained that unless she swung her other leg over the wire above, she had nothing to worry about.

Mort smiled, mostly at the thought of his neighbor's silliness, but also at his own. How could he ever entertain the possibility of putting his wedding ring away?

He'd take his chances on continuing to wear it. That's a heap better than riling Maude, who at such time might vow, "With this ring, I thee sue."

He headed back to the general store, hoping there'd be one laggard there ripe for a "clock-cleaning" in checkers.

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## Stateside gas prices area trending upward

### Special to the Dispatch

The statewide average for a gallon of regular unleaded fuel in Texas is now \$3.64, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch. That price is 21 cents more than one week ago but 14 cents less

than the national average, which is now \$3.78. Drivers in Dallas paying the most on average at \$3.71 and drivers in El Paso are paying the least at \$3.41.

Some reasons why the gas prices have climbed in the past few weeks include the fact that U.S. refineries are performing seasonal maintenance and making the switch-over to summer-blend gasoline production earlier in the year.

This earlier schedule is the choice of refiners and has not come in response to any change to the dead-

line to complete the transition to summer-blend fuels, which are required in many parts of the country and more expensive to produce.

As refineries across the country go offline during the short-term maintenance period they work at a temporary reduced capacity and regional supplies can decrease causing markets to be more sensitive during the changeover period.

In 2011 and 2012 gas prices both nationally and in Texas peaked in the April/May timeframe, just

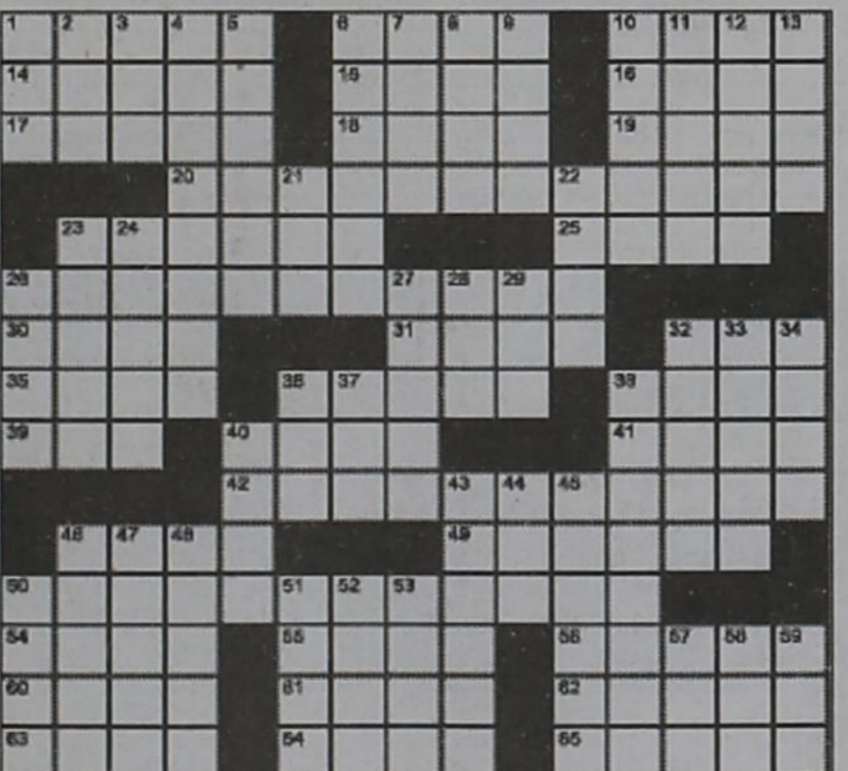
shortly before the Memorial Day holiday, which is the kick-off to the summer driving season. Analysts say with the spring/summer blend poised to hit the market in the next couple of weeks, prices may continue on the upswing at least for the short term.

"The latest price hike means a Texas driver with a car that has a typical 14-gallon size fuel tank, is paying about three more dollars to fill up that tank this week compared to last week," said AAA Texas/New Mexico Representative Doug Shupe. "We are encouraging drivers to maintain cars and trucks according to manufacturer recommendations, plan errands in advance, go easy on the brake and gas pedals, and drive the speed limit to increase their fuel efficiency."

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- Beg
  - Wallop
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  - Beef buy
  - Final notice
  - Break into fragments
  - Filter
  - One way to stand by
  - Speculative
  - Enlarge, as a hole
  - Corrode
  - Big \_\_\_\_ Conference
  - "\_\_\_\_ on Down the Road"
  - Lawn mower's path
  - "Buona \_\_\_\_" (Italian greeting)
  - "... \_\_\_\_ he drove out of sight"
  - Water-filled ditch surrounding a castle
  - Shed tears of grief
  - Committed to live and work in a specific place (2 wds)
  - Strong woody fiber
  - Druid, e.g.
  - Clergyman who also has a secular job (hyphenated)
  - "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
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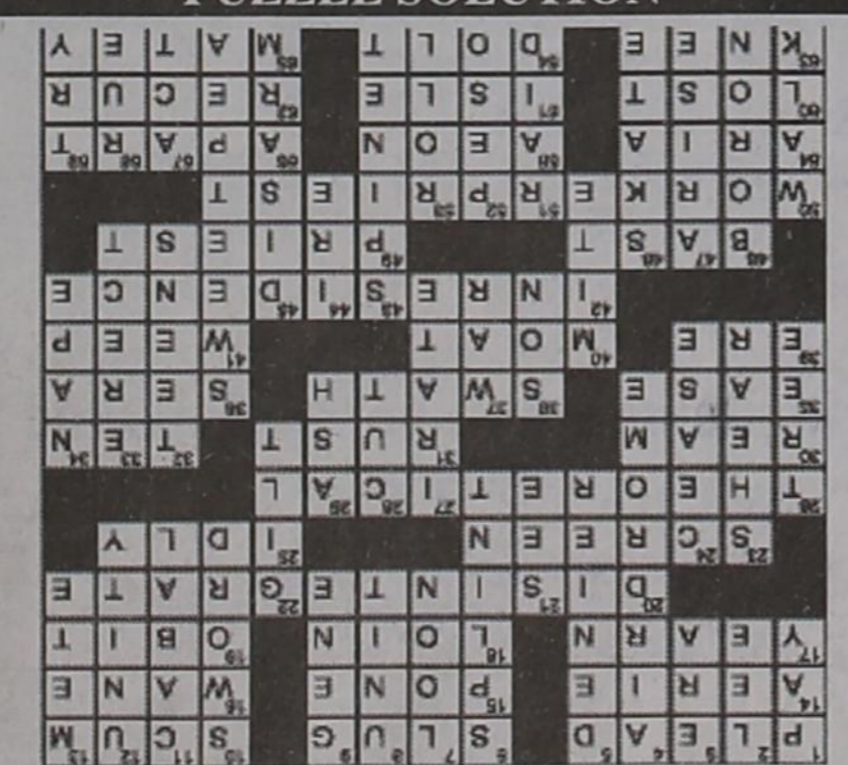
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- Back of the neck
- "My boy"
- "This means \_\_\_\_!"
- Flowering vine
- Bit
- Small harpsichord
- Anger
- Render harmless
- Element B
- Come to mind
- Glide along on ice
- Move by taking steps
- Bust, so to speak
- 100 centavos
- "Let's \_\_\_\_"
- Appear
- Morgue, for one
- "Don't give up!"

- Down
- Be worthwhile
  - "Malcolm X" director
  - Victorian, for one
  - Military air base
  - Unit of fineness of silk fibers
  - Rigid support for a broken bone
  - "Crazy" bird
  - Condo, e.g.
  - Characteristic carrier
  - Weapon with a long, pointed blade
  - Conspiratorial group of plotters
  - Accord
  - Allocate, with "out"
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  - Covered with gold
  - Clip sheep's fleece
  - "Cut it out!"
  - Diagram showing family lineage
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# The 501 Saving it for a raining day; or maybe not

All tasks saved for rainy days stack up mightily in a drought. Then when rain finally comes, the workload is overwhelming. That's my excuse.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

I wonder if people who live in rainy climes save tasks for sunny days. Then, when one finally comes along, maybe they picnic instead. Back in 1969, the sun was shining as our travel group

crossed Scotland. We saw several picnickers with colorful (probably wool) blankets spread on the ground. We heard later it was the first sunshine in a month. Those folks had put aside their cares to picnic.

But if they should've been hanging out a month's worth of sheets to dry in the mid-day sun, they missed their chance.

I'm remembering "The Day We Flew the Kites," a Reader's Digest story I read as a child. I'm not going to check the facts or the exact title, but the gist of the story is that a family abandoned regular chores of the day to go fly kites, thus creating lasting family memories for both children and adults. It was a whimsical thing to do,

but if they'd stuck with their work, they wouldn't have ended up with a memory worthy of Reader's Digest.

**INTERNET PAUSE.**  
I couldn't help myself. What better thing to do on a rainy day than use the Internet to validate a memory? Sure enough, I found the kite-flying story. It's better than I remembered. I'm surprised no one has sent it to me via email with a directive to pass it on to 10 more people or else. At least the Reader's Digest copyright is noted, whether or not observed, on some websites, along with the name of the author, Frances Fowler.

Reading the story anew brought some tears to my eyes.

One of the little boys ended up a soldier and then a prisoner of war. In the POW camp, he remembered that spectacular Saturday the family, both children and adults, forgot all their cares and flew kites.

One aspect of the story I'd forgotten is that for many years nobody talked about the special day with any of the rest of the group. Maybe everyone, even the children, realized the magical day could never happen again; therefore, they all locked away the memory in their minds, a treasure to be preserved and protected, not realizing they all felt the same way about the hours they spent flying the kites when they should have been doing spring cleaning and other important

things.

Just think. If none of the kite-fliers ever had spoken again of the special day, and if Frances Fowler hadn't written it all down, the world would be minus one really good story.

Not all memories are as good as the kite story, but who doesn't have a few to dust off and share?

Somewhere in Scotland, maybe somebody's warming the heart of an aging parent, recalling a sunny day in 1969 when the family abandoned work to be done and went on a picnic instead.

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## Sports roundup

### Post competes at Hamlin relays

#### VARSITY BOYS

Fifth place overall with 40 points

#### 100-METER DASH

Third place — D.J. Brown 11.29  
Fifth place — Nathaniel Gill 11.48

#### 800-METER RUN

Fourth place — Alejo Rodriguez 2:27.21  
Sixth place — Zeb Graves 2:29.86

#### 110-METER HURDLES

Sixth place — Campbell Kirkpatrick 18.18

#### 300-METER HURDLES

Fourth place — Campbell Kirkpatrick 45.63

#### 4-BY-100-METER RELAY

Fifth place — Post 46.12 (Team: Nathaniel Gill, Dylan Pearson, Alan Alaniz, Gilbert, D.J. Brown)

#### 4-BY-200-METER RELAY

Sixth place — Post 1:39.76 (Nathaniel Gill, Dylan Pearson, Alan Alaniz, Caden Dean)

#### 4-BY-400-METER RELAY

Fifth place — Post 3:51.12 (Bryan Smith, Caden Dean, Aron Lopez, D.J. Brown)

#### HIGH JUMP

Sixth place — Cambry Gilbert

#### POLE VAULT

Third place — Paden Babb

#### SHOT PUT

Third place — Mondo Martinez

#### VARSITY GIRLS

10th place overall with 26 points

#### 100-METER DASH

Sixth place — Kelbie Oden 13.30

#### 200-METER DASH

First place — Haily Berry 27.17  
Sixth place — Taylor Osborn 28.95

#### 4-BY-100-METER RELAY

Fifth place — Post 54.29 (Kelbie

Oden, Bethany Curtis, Sarah Stinson, Haily Berry)

#### 4-BY-200-METER RELAY

Sixth place — Post 2:01.82 (Miranda Apolinar, Cheyenne Gill, Callie Odom, Sarah Stinson)

#### 4-BY-400-METER RELAY

Fourth place — Post 4:29.94 (Kelbie Oden, Taylor Osborn, Bethany Curtis, Haily Berry)

#### JV BOYS

Third place overall with 68 points

#### 400-METER DASH

Fourth place — Sammy Soto 57.46

#### 110-METER HURDLES

Fifth place — Shandon Wiley 19.11

#### 300-METER HURDLES

Fifth place — Carson Kirkpatrick 47.60

#### 4-BY-100-METER RELAY

Third place — Post 47.92 (Christian Saucedo, David Hernandez, Shandon Wiley, Blaine Reece)

#### 4-BY-400-METER RELAY

Third place — Post 3:58.94 (Carson Kirkpatrick, Sammy Soto, David Hernandez, Blaine Reece)

#### HIGH JUMP

Fifth place — Ethan Self 5-00.00

#### POLE VAULT

Fourth place — Wyatt Gray 9-00.00

#### LONG JUMP

Third place — Blaine Reece 18-10.50  
Sixth place — Jarred Curtis 18-03.00

#### TRIPLE JUMP

Third place — David Hernandez 37-07.50  
Fifth place — Jarred Curtis 35-11.00

#### SHOT PUT

Fourth place — Sergio Soliz 36-09.00  
Fifth place — Jaybren Rodriguez 35-05.00

#### DISCUS

Third place — Jayson Walden 91-02  
Fourth place — Jaybren Rodriguez 90-04.50

## Local LCU students recognized

### Special to the Dispatch

Post resident Allie Webb has been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2012. Webb is a senior at LCU. The criterion for President's List is a student taking a minimum of 12 semester hours must achieve a 4.0 grade point average for the semester.

Amber Wilson of Post was named to the Dean's List at

Lubbock Christian University for the fall 2012 semester. The Dean's list requires a student to be taking a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the semester. Wilson is a sophomore mathematics major at LCU.

Lubbock Christian University has more than 2,000 students and is a four-year private master's level institution that promotes unique educational opportunities with a strategic focus on

student success in four key areas: spiritual formation, intellectual growth, personal stewardship and leadership development.

Degree programs are offered for both bachelor's degrees and master's degrees. For more than 55 years, the school has offered academic excellence in a Christian environment.

For information about Lubbock Christian University visit [lcu.edu](http://lcu.edu)

## FSA announces local conservation program signups

### The Post Dispatch

POST — Garza County Farm Service Agency officials have announced the annual four-week Conservation Reserve Program general sign-up will be May 20 through June 14.

Victor Ashley, executive director of the local office, said the goal of the program continues to address the nation's most critical resource issues.

"In 2012, Texas experienced the worst drought in 60 years. CRP protected environmentally sensitive lands from washing or blowing away. It gave ranchers extra grazing land when they needed it. I expect there will be strong competition to enroll or re-enroll acres into CRP, so I urge Garza County producers to maximize their environmental benefits and make sure their offers are cost-effective."

In addition to erosion control, CRP provides significant water quality benefits including reduced nutrients and sediment loadings and adverse consequences associated with floods as well as expanded and enhanced wildlife habitat.

About 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP nationwide; more than 3 million of these acres are enrolled in Texas. CRP is a voluntary program available to agricul-

tural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land.

Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat. Contracts on an estimated 3.3 million acres of CRP nationwide are set to expire on Sept. 30 and more than 362,000 of those expiring acres are in Texas. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Garza County has 19,000 acres enrolled in CRP and 3,800 of those acres are set to expire on Sept. 30.

Producers who are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance for planting covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract (10 to 15 years). Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis. Continuous sign-ups often provide additional financial assistance. Those sign-up dates will be announced later.

For information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit the local FSA office or online at [fsa.usda.gov](http://fsa.usda.gov).

## Sheriff joins fellow officers at Capitol

### The Post Dispatch

Garza County Sheriff Greg Taylor was one of more than 150 sheriffs and other law enforcement officers from around the state

that visited the 83rd Texas Legislature Feb. 18 in Austin.

The Legislative Committee and staff of the Sheriffs Association of Texas coordinated the annual event to facilitate the sheriffs' involvement in the legislative process.

Resolutions were passed in both the House and Senate recognizing the sheriffs and the Sheriffs Association

of Texas.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. The Legislative Committee is appointed by the president of the Sheriffs Association of Texas and is composed of sheriffs from around the state.

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## DPS DOLLARS

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time was too antiquated and out of date," Norman said. "Because the state was experiencing budget shortfalls, they closed a number of these satellite offices — ours being one of them."

Norman said he would continue talks with not only state officials but also with officials from surrounding counties, such as Lynn and Borden, to gauge interest in partnering with

Garza to help fund the office.

"These outlying communities are in the same boat we are," Norman said.

### IN OTHER BUSINESS

County commissioners extended the months-long burn ban in the county. The ban is in effect from one mile west of the Caprock and extends eastward throughout the county.

Commissioners also approved a low bid from Hydro Resources Midcontinent of Sunray for \$256,877 to rehabilitate two water wells inside the

White River Municipal Water District well field in Crosby County.

The money will be made available through the state disaster relief grant Garza County was awarded by the Texas Department of Agriculture late last summer.

Tom Fulton, executive director of the White River Municipal Water District, has said the rehabilitation of the existing wells is necessary for the district's back-up water supply.

This week the lake fell to within 3 feet of the standard by which the state says the lake is dry.

## BANQUET

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of dry land cotton and hay, said David Norman, director of the Garza Soil and Water Conservation District.

"Their principal crops include cotton and wheat, and on the years that they lose their cotton crop, the Weavers plant hay grazer as a substitute crop," Norman said. "For the past three years Bill and Sue have planted 250 acres of wheat and 885 acres of hay grazer in minimum till. The system consists of planting cotton into standing wheat stubble. This system protects young cotton from blowing sand, prohibits wind erosion, and improves water quality by reducing runoff."

The Weavers also mulch much of their land by applying cotton burs from the gin and they use bur extractors on their cotton strippers.

"(They) recognize that the economic reality is that conservation and sound stewardship cost money," Norman said. "At a time when profit margins are slim, to be successful one has to be able to forge partnerships and leverage financial and technical assistance. For this reason they have worked with the NRCS, Garza SWCD, FSA and others to utilize cost share programs as well as technical assistance to install conservation practices. With NRCS assistance, Bill and Sue have replaced all of their row watering irrigation with more efficient drip irrigation systems."

Erosion control and water conservation are top priorities with the Weavers.

"Over the years, Bill and Sue have installed many miles of terraces to control water erosion. Contour farming and furrow diking are also used in conjunction with the terraces to control water erosion," Norman said. "Bill and Sue have invested a lot of time, money, and effort to install and maintain these water-conserving practices. They are firm believers that the best form of water con-

servation is to make wise use of the precious God given rainfall they receive on their farms.

### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Pixie Grisham was named Citizen of the Year for developing a food pantry in an empty room at First United Methodist Church where she has worked as a secretary and office manager for 19 years. With donations of either money or food, she keeps a variety of canned food products, self-grooming items and household products for locals who are in need.

Grisham also works with the Hunters for the Hungry Program, being able to assist households with deer meat as needed and as available.

For the last 17 years, Grisham has been the secretary and treasurer for Post Cares. She has brought this program from one with no financial records and close to a zero account balance, to one with high esteem.

The program works with local residents of Garza County who are in need of assistance, or sometimes guidance in other areas. Over the years, Grisham has developed relationships with many who come to her, and knows their needs and situations. Grisham helps many in the community in the form of utility and or medical assistance, or a vast array of other forms of aid. She also works with many transits coming or going through Post, being able to assist overnight lodging or gas for their vehicles.

In the past Grisham has worked with the county's victims assistance program, helping with clothing and or shelter. There have been many times she has provided clothes for children who are removed from their homes.

After serving as the Garza County representative for the Salvation Army for 18 years, Grisham has also been able to refer many to local shelters in Lubbock, rehab facilities, or other services offered by Salvation Army.

In addition, Grisham organizes the annual Community Christmas Sing every December,



**PIXIE GRISHAM**

which is the major fundraiser for Post Cares, as well as a festival musical event for the community.

She works with the Post Community Youth Group, making sure weekly meals are organized, prepared and available every Wednesday night during the school year.

Serving as a local mission coordinator for her church, among other mission projects, every August, Grisham conducts a school supply drive, collecting supplies for the month and then donating them to the Post ISD to be distributed as needed.

She serves on the Post City Council. She also serves on the Law Enforcement Committee and Hotel Occupancy Tax Committee.

### ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR

The Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Riding event received the award for Business/Organization of the Year.

The event is organized by Kelly and Traci Butler of Guthrie and is held here in Post. The Butlers created this organization in memory of their son Tom Butler who was a student at Texas Tech when he was killed in a vehicle accident when he was 18.

Since its inception in 2006, the organization has raised more than \$70,000 in scholarship money for scores of area high school seniors.

"These events just keep getting bigger and better every year and we're so excited for the eighth annual (Tom Butler Memorial Bronc Ride) October 19," Traci Butler said. "Kelly and I ... feel very humbled by all of this. And a huge thanks to everyone who was involved."

## VILLAGE

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looking at a project that is going to be by the time it's all said and done about \$500,000. That money has to come from somewhere."

The houses inside the park are going to be named after prominent Post pio-

neers, including C.W. Post, McCrary Franklin and Maxine Durett Earl, Cruse said.

Each house will take anywhere from a month to three months to build, Cruse said.

"We're in the process of trying to raise more money so we can at least get some of the houses built on site in order to get the village open as soon as we can,"

Cruse said. "Once the park is complete, it will be provide another asset to Post to draw in tourists. That's the whole idea behind the Christmas village and to give an extended shopping experience with different artists showcasing their products."

Anyone wishing to donate funds or volunteer time to help build houses for the Christmas village is urged to contact Cruse at 990-9907.

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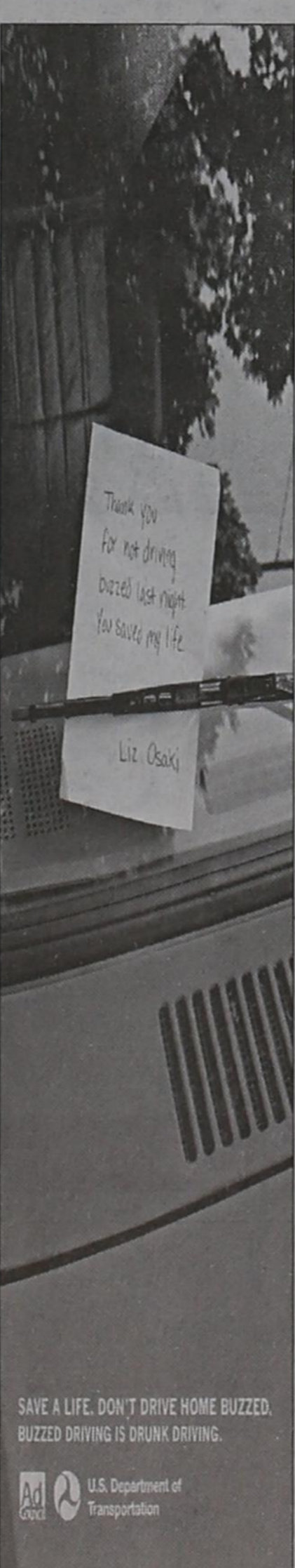


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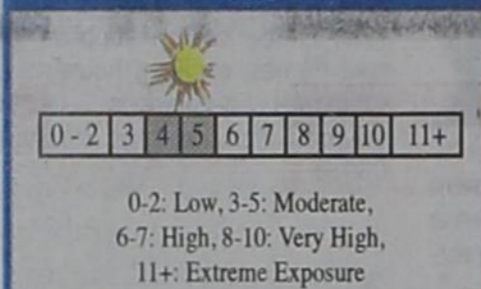
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Post Dispatch Weather Summary

Post's Seven Day Forecast

<b>Friday</b> Mostly Sunny 50 / 29	<b>Saturday</b> Sunny 57 / 35	<b>Sunday</b> Sunny 70 / 39	<b>Monday</b> Mostly Sunny 74 / 37	<b>Tuesday</b> Sunny 60 / 32	<b>Wednesday</b> Mostly Sunny 62 / 31	<b>Thursday</b> Few Showers 64 / 38

Local UV Index



Weather Trivia

How was the ozone hole discovered?  
 Answer: The hole was first discovered by the Nimbus 7 polar orbiting satellite.

Weather History

**March 1, 1910** - The deadliest avalanche of record in the United States thundered down the mountains near Wellington Station, Wash. It swept three huge locomotive train engines and some passenger cars over the side and into a canyon, claiming the lives of more than 100 people.

**March 2, 1975** - The "Governor's Tornado" in Atlanta did considerable damage to the governor's mansion and surrounding areas, resulting in three deaths and 56.5 million dollars in damage.

Detailed Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 50°, humidity of 28%. North northwest wind 5 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 89° set in 2006. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 29°. North northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 15° set in 1980. Saturday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 57°, humidity of 24%. North wind 10 mph. Skies will be mostly clear Saturday night with an overnight low of 35°. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Peak Fishing/Hunting Times This Week

Day	Peak Times		Day	Peak Times	
	AM	PM		AM	PM
Fri	1:42-3:42	2:12-4:12	Tue	5:27-7:27	5:57-7:57
Sat	2:36-4:36	3:06-5:06	Wed	6:26-8:26	6:56-8:56
Sun	3:31-5:31	4:01-6:01	Thu	7:23-9:23	7:53-9:53
Mon	4:29-6:29	4:59-6:59			

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Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri	7:13 a.m.	6:43 p.m.	11:01 p.m.	9:17 a.m.
Sat	7:12 a.m.	6:44 p.m.	No Rise	10:00 a.m.
Sun	7:10 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	12:05 a.m.	10:48 a.m.
Mon	7:09 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	1:09 a.m.	11:42 a.m.
Tue	7:08 a.m.	6:46 p.m.	2:09 a.m.	12:40 p.m.
Wed	7:07 a.m.	6:47 p.m.	3:05 a.m.	1:43 p.m.
Thu	7:05 a.m.	6:48 p.m.	3:56 a.m.	2:48 p.m.

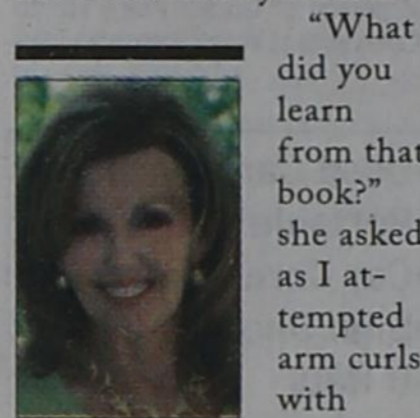
Last Week's Almanac & Growing Degree Days

Date	High	Low	Normals	Precip	Farmer's Growing Degree Days			
					Date	Degree Days	Date	Degree Days
2/19	55	30	59/30	0.04"	2/19	0	2/23	0
2/20	41	37	59/30	0.30"	2/20	0	2/24	2
2/21	52	30	60/30	0.42"	2/21	0	2/25	0
2/22	46	24	60/31	0.00"	2/22	0		
2/23	60	27	60/31	0.00"				
2/24	70	34	60/31	0.00"				
2/25	37	27	61/31	0.34"				

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  
To the rescue

Nicole and I were working out together one day and for some reason, she brought up a self-help, faith-related book we had both read. The thesis, basically, is how men are born with wild hearts, which should be admired not restrained by women.



RONDA RICH

"What did you learn from that book?" she asked as I attempted arm curls with weights too heavy. "That every woman wants to be rescued," I took the opportunity to rest. I can't talk and work out, too. "That is not what that book said," she retorted. I put my now-unencumbered hands on my hips. "Yes, it is. Every woman wants to be rescued." I smiled. "That would be me." She rolled her eyes. "That is not you. You're the last who wants to be rescued. Where do you think I got it?" Seeing a chance to interrupt the endlessly cruel work-out that Nicole puts me through, I expounded more. "That is exactly what it said - women want to be rescued, men, who have warrior hearts, want to be the rescuers."

I started giving examples. Later, over the next couple of days, I thought about that a lot. Here is my conclusion:

Who - man or woman - wouldn't want to be rescued? Life is hard. Who of us would turn down the chance to have life easier? Who would put a foot down and say, "No! Don't do something for me that takes worry away! That problem is mine! All mine!" Who, in their ever loving right mind, would do that?

Okay, I have said those words. It's true. I have had others offer help and I said, "No, it's my problem, my responsibility. I have to handle it." But that's not because I didn't want the help. It's because I realize that I'm a grown-up and I can't hide behind mama's apron anymore. I have also learned it's easier to depend on myself than on someone else. Other people get tied up in their own problems so they have trouble getting to my problems.

One of my treasured friends was reflecting on her life. Her children and grandchildren are grown now. She, of all the people I've known, has had the loveliest life. A solid, happy marriage, a husband who has provided well and protected her from as many troubles as possible, and she has traveled the world. As the children were growing up, she had a full-time housekeeper who took care of the children and the cleaning.

As I listened, I couldn't resist. "You have had the best life of anyone I know. You've lived a dream life." She smiled and nodded. She has such a great sense of humor that I knew I could tease her without offending her. "But let me ask you something - what exactly have you done with your life?"

She took no offense. She settled back comfortably in her chair, pressed her fingertips together and smiled angelically. "Well," she began, her light-colored eyes twinkling merrily. "I am a nationally accredited flower show judge."

Her husband rolled his eyes comically. I doubled-over laughing. She continued, "It takes a lot of work and it's the highest honor in the garden club world."

I don't want any letters from feminists who protest mightily unless you're writing after you have just walked in at midnight and found a water heater that has sprung a leak and emptied its entire load throughout your house or your lawn mower broke in the middle of knee-high grass. I hate to call anyone a liar but...

However, I realize that my independence, forced or not, has made me who I am. Tink, bless his heart, goes above and beyond to make my life easier and so often, I protest. I don't want to be a burden.

I guess I talk a better game than I play it. But give me time. I think I can get used to "easier."

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



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