Single-member district hearing held
Justice Department review due in six weeks

A public hearing on proposed redistricting plans for Texas's 5th and 6th congressional districts was held Monday in San Antonio.

The hearing was held in the new federal courthouse in San Antonio. The purpose of the hearing was to allow the public to voice their opinions on the proposed redistricting plans.

The hearing was well attended, with over 100 people in attendance. The audience consisted of a mix of residents from the area, as well as representatives from various organizations and groups.

During the hearing, several speakers, including representatives from the Justice Department, presented their arguments for and against the proposed plans.

The hearing lasted for over three hours, with much of the discussion centering around the issue of gerrymandering. Some speakers argued that the proposals were designed to dilute the voting power of minority groups, while others claimed that the plans were necessary to ensure fair representation.

At the end of the hearing, the Justice Department announced that it would begin a review of the proposed plans. The review is expected to take several months, and the department will make a decision on whether to bring a lawsuit alleging unlawful gerrymandering.

The decision of the Justice Department will be closely watched, as it could have significant implications for the future of redistricting in Texas and other states. The hearing was just the first step in what is likely to be a long process of legal challenges and appeals.
Deductions for all Americans

Financial focus

The Senate Finance Committee recently reported an extension several times for what is known as the American Job Creation and Tax Relief Act of 2004. The committee has been working on a bill that would extend the temporary tax breaks that were included in the 2004 act. Unfortunately, in the last couple of weeks, the outlook for any legislation on this issue has become much more uncertain. The primary reason is that there is not enough support from both sides of the aisle in Congress to pass a bill that includes the temporary tax breaks. The Senate Finance Committee has introduced a bill that would extend the tax breaks, but it is unclear if it has the necessary support to pass in the House of Representatives.

Project needing donations

The local cancer support group is seeking donations for their upcoming event. They are hosting a silent auction and a raffle, with all proceeds going to support cancer research and patient care. Donations can be made in the form of goods or services, and can be dropped off at the group's office or mailed to them. The group is also looking for volunteers to help with the event. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, please contact the group at their website.

BISD complies with TEA transfer order

The Beaumont Independent School District (BISD) has been ordered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to comply with a transfer order issued in December 2012. The order requires BISD to transfer students from the district's Beaumont Independent School District (BISD) to the Port Arthur Independent School District (PAISD) if they meet certain criteria. BISD has been given until April 2013 to comply with the order. If BISD does not comply, the TEA may take further action, including enforcement of the transfer order.

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Editorial

Announcement seems unfair to local voters

Heinrichs urges passage of measure

Panola County residents are being cut out of the political process by the State Board of Education. The Board's recent action on the education budget is unfair and unwise. The Board has decided to cut the funds for the three senior high schools for the next six months, making spending on instruction and facility improvements impossible.

State Board of Education Chairman Ralph C. Davis said the Board's budget is based on a formula that gives schools only a certain amount of money per student. Davis said the formula was designed to ensure that all schools receive an equal amount of money.

"This is a formula that has been in place for many years," Davis said. "It is based on the idea that all schools should receive the same amount of money per student, regardless of the size of the school or the number of students.

"The Board has no choice but to follow this formula," Davis said. "We cannot afford to cut the budget of any school, even if it means cutting the budget of some schools more than others.

"I understand that this decision is going to be unpopular," Davis said. "But I think it is the right decision, and I believe it will be in the best interests of our students.

"We need to make sure that all schools have the money they need to provide a quality education," Davis said. "And we need to make sure that all students have the opportunity to succeed.

"I think we have made the right decision," Davis said. "And I think we will be able to provide a quality education for all our students."
Sacred Harp singing convention held

The 40th annual Sacred Harp Singing Convention was held at Central Baptist Church, Cartersville, Ga., on Saturday and Sunday.

The convention, which is held every year in Cartersville, is sponsored by the Sacred Harp Singing Convention Association and is attended by singers from all over the country.

The convention features various activities, including singing workshops, concerts, and a closing ceremony. Participants come from all age groups and backgrounds, and they enjoy the music and camaraderie that the convention offers.

The convention is a great opportunity for Sacred Harp singers to come together, share their love for the music, and strengthen their bonds with fellow Singers.

Carthage oil, gas news

Oil and gas companies are taking advantage of the recent increase in oil and gas prices by increasing their exploration and production activities in the Carthage area.

Several companies have announced plans to increase their drilling activities in the area, and many have already started new projects. This increased activity is expected to bring new jobs and economic benefits to the local community.

Local age group trends

Demographic changes differ

The age group trends in the local population are changing, with several factors contributing to the changes. Some of the factors include migration patterns, changes in birth rates, and changes in the average age at which people are retiring.

These demographic changes are likely to have an impact on the local economy, as they may affect the demand for certain goods and services.

Carthage students graduate from high school

Many Carthage students recently graduated from high school, marking the end of their high school careers.

The graduation ceremonies were held at various locations throughout the city, and they were attended by family members, friends, and the local community.

These students have worked hard to achieve their goals and are now ready to take on the next chapter of their lives. Many will be heading off to college or starting their careers in the local workforce.

Carthage Electrical Contractors (CEC) offers a wide range of electrical services, including new construction, remodeling, and renovation projects. They are committed to providing high-quality services that meet the needs of their clients.

Goree graduates academy

School 5: Goree was one of 20 students who graduated from the academy. Goree has been attending the academy for the past two years and has worked hard to achieve his goals.

The academy provides a range of educational programs and services to help students like Goree succeed. They offer academic support, counseling services, and other resources to help students stay on track.

The academy is proud of Goree's accomplishments and wishes him well in his future endeavors.
No repeaters for mile sign Reynolds is mellowing?

Dawgs in full gear in Friday workout

Coach Skip Reynolds instructs his offense in full-contact drills that began Friday.

Local shooter gaining national recognition

Jason Heinkle: a top gun in IPSC

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Panel County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase property taxes in the unincorporated areas of the county. The meeting will be held on [date] at [time] in the [location]. All interested parties are invited to attend and participate in the discussion. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for the public to express their views on the proposed tax increase. The proposed tax increase is necessary to fund the operations of the county government and to provide necessary services to the residents of the county. The public hearing will be held on [date] at [time] in the [location].

Average home value

Last Year  $20,000

This Year  $25,000

Tax rate per $100

$0.75

$0.80

Under this proposal, the county would increase its property tax rate by $0.25 per $100 of assessed value. This increase would result in an additional $500 per year for the average homeowner. The proposed tax increase is necessary to fund the operations of the county government and to provide necessary services to the residents of the county.
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