New ways to select jurors

Jury duty is not exactly condition for many Americans. In fact, some people will do almost anything to avoid serving on a jury.

Some may go as far as to avoid registering to vote. Others may only hope to be conceitedly listed on the list of jurors.

Others may choose to migrate to areas with a lower probability of being called for jury duty, such as the Student Council in a nearby town.

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Jobless rate steady as economy blossoms

Unemployment in Panola County continues to remain stable despite changing economic conditions. The county has dropped an impressive 2.5 percent.

As of last month, the local job market appeared to be improving. With a decrease in 3.7 percent, the jobless rate in Panola County has dropped to a record low of 6 percent.

Panola County's Labor force participation rate has remained steady at around 85 percent. By July, the number had dropped to 92 percent.

In fact, the county has steadily decreased, leveling off at 2.5 percent this year.

Panola County's lowest unemployment rate is in a three county area that includes Marion, Upshur and Tatnall Counties. The area of the Texas Panhandle in the northeast corner of the county is doing well on the job front, with an unemployment rate of 5.5 percent.

Surveys show the jobless rate has held steady at 6.5 percent, down from 7.5 percent last year.

There are currently 500 people in the county with a job, an improvement from last year, when 525 were unemployed.

Despite these figures, the overall improvement of the labor market has stagnated, with 17,226 still looking for work.

The numbers show an overall improvement in the jobless rate, they explained. "For us it's a state trend."

The list of new jury selection was released Jan. 1, Panola County.

The jury will be drawn from the new list this month, with 1,000 names selected for jury duty.

Meanwhile, another state court has sanctioned the 14th Circuit Court's new jury selection method.

"This is something we have been waiting for weeks," judge said. Andrew Joffe, 1st District of the American Board of Trial Attorneys, said the new method is not reflection of the community.

So far, Texas is in the top 10 of onlookers to adopt the new system.

Airport now complete

There was a time when local folks would joke about "Panola International Airport." The old airport, which has been a local landmark for years, has finally been completed.

Abbeville Community Judge John D. H. Chapman, Jr., as Chapman turns over command of the CDS Board, Depp addresses the judge's court and parish. Present in the audience was his mother, Nell Depp of Cottage.

Depp takes command

Depp takes command of his own ship

BY LADY SIEGEL

History has come full circle for a Cottage family proud of its contribu- tion to the U.S. Navy.

Commander James Pank Depp, a Cottage native and the son of Nell Depp and late Walter P. Depp, became the commanding officer of the USS Oriskany on Dec. 18, completing a circle that began in World War II.

During the World War II, he was the executive officer of the USS Oriskany during the change of command ceremony held at Somers Point, in which he assumed full authority of the ship.

In December 1944, Walter Depp died, an在职, beginning in the Navy's first underwater demolition school. The Cincinnati-based Underwater Demolition Team 224 (UDT-224) was defused by Lieutenant Commander Depp and his team, who were to bomb nuclear technicians who were sent to the area for near death.

After his training, Depp was assigned to a task in the Pacific, where he took part in the Pacific Island campaign critical to the struggle against Japan.

"During those days, intense rumors of the war had an opportunity to flourish and become experienced with Commander Depp's leadership and warfare experience, and leadership had already become legendary," Depp said. "This was not an unusual experience, but all of it was a part of a fascinating and exciting and recently established U.S. Navy mission."

The guided missiles frigate Oriskany, commissioned in 1972, was named for a vessel that Depp served on during World War II. Depp said the ship's mission is to "safeguard our way of life for the future."

The 20,000-ton cruiser is a member of the Independence class, equipped with the latest in technology. The ship's commanding officer is Captain Borel, who oversees the vessel's operation and maintenance.

Grand Jury selected

Monday marks the beginning of the grand jury term in the county. The grand jury is the final stage of the indictment process and one of the most important in the justice system.

The grand jury's main function is to decide whether there is sufficient evidence to warrant a trial in the county. The grand jury is composed of 12 members who are selected from the county's population.

The grand jury's term is typically one year and usually begins in January. The grand jury meets to hear evidence presented by the district attorney's office and to decide whether there is probable cause to charge a defendant with a crime.

The grand jury's decision is final and binding, and if a defendant is found to have committed a crime, the grand jury's decision is used as the basis for the indictment.

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**STRENGTH FOR LIVING**

**BY BERTY HUMBERT**

"When you make a new Year’s Resolution, it should be something to live by every day of the year. For example, if your resolution is to get more exercise, don’t just focus on the New Year’s resolution itself. Make it a part of your daily routine. If you make it a part of your daily routine, you are more likely to stick to it."

**Hospital news**

**By Herbert Martin**

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**Arrest report**

**By Marie Cheek**

The arrest report is for the week ending Friday, Jan. 15, 2016. The following individuals were arrested:

- **Roger Smith**, 38, of Delray Beach, was arrested on charges of grand theft and fraud on Jan. 11, 2016. Smith was arrested for allegedly stealing over $500,000 from his employer, a local car dealership. The victim reported that Smith had been embezzling funds for several months, and that he had been using the money to purchase luxury items for himself.

- **John Johnson**, 32, of West Palm Beach, was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance on Jan. 12, 2016. Johnson was found with a small quantity of marijuana in his possession, along with a firearm.

- **Mary Smith**, 42, of West Palm Beach, was arrested on charges of robbery on Jan. 13, 2016. Smith was accused of robbing a convenience store at gunpoint.

**Calendar of events**

The Calendar of events is for the week ending Friday, Jan. 15, 2016. The following events are scheduled:

- **Jan. 15**: "Art in the Park" at Riverside Park, West Palm Beach, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- **Jan. 16**: "Salsa Night" at the Beachside Ballroom, Palm Beach, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

- **Jan. 17**: "Movie Night" at the Delray Beach Library, Delray Beach, at 7 p.m.

**Area schools resume tomorrow**

The schools in the area are scheduled to resume tomorrow, Jan. 17, 2016. The following schools are included:

- **Pine Grove Elementary School**
- **Glen Drive Elementary School**
- **Central Middle School**
- **Westwood High School**
POWER FOUND IN A 'GREAT' POEM

Know Your Heritage

by Lella H. Luehr"en

Christmas is a time for families to come together, whether that means enjoying the company of those close to us or simply reflecting on the meaning of the holiday season. It's a time for us to remember our heritage and the traditions that have been passed down through generations. In the words of Lella H. Luehr"en, this Christmas season is a perfect opportunity to connect with our family roots and celebrate the history that we share.

COUPLE CELEBRATES 67 YEARS

New Love News looks back on the joy of finding love later in life. After 67 years of marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ryan found love once again with each other, proving that love can be found at any age. The couple credits their happy relationship to open communication, mutual respect, and a shared love for travel and adventure. Their story is a testament to the idea that love is forever, and that finding that special someone can happen at any stage of life.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS ENJOYED

Gary News

The paper department of The Panola Watchman, led by Editor, Mrs. A. H. Newsom, honored several local businesses for their contributions to the community. Express, Macy's, and CVS Pharmacy were presented with a special recognition for their contributions to the local economy. The event was a great success and brought together many local businesses to celebrate the holiday season. The paper also reported on the activities of the local beauty salon, which offered various services to the community. Overall, the holiday season was a time of celebration and joy for everyone involved.

FAITH FINDS MORE TO THE NEW YEAR THAN JUST PARTISING

The thought of New Year's Eve usually evokes images of parties, family get-togethers, or a night on the town. However, it's also a time for reflecting on the lessons of the past year and setting new goals for the future. It's a time for looking back on the year, concluded with the practices and accomplishments, family. It's also a time for looking ahead, to the 12 months that lie ahead of us, and the things we hope to accomplish as we move forward. The new year represents a new beginning, and the perfect time to set new goals and achieve them. Whether it's a new job, a new house, or a new hobby, the new year is a great time to start fresh and make your dreams a reality. So, what's your goal for the new year? What do you hope to accomplish in the coming year? Get ready to make it a year filled with meaning and purpose.
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Dawgs lay down for snooze at Alvin

By BRUCE BAKER

Our Dawgs did it again. They went into the season with a lot of talent and ended up in the playoffs, but they couldn't quite make it. It's a shame, but that's the way it goes.

The Dawgs were down early and never came back. The Alvin Bobcats were too much for them, and the Dawgs couldn't keep up.

With the loss, the Dawgs end their season with a record of 7-4. It's been a good year, but it's time to move on to the next season.

I'm looking forward to seeing what the Dawgs can do next year. They've got a lot of potential, and I think they can make a deep run.

The Dawgs will begin their preparation for the next season soon. They'll be looking for some new players to help them out, and they'll be working hard to get better.

I'm excited to see what the Dawgs can do next year. They've got a bright future ahead of them.
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