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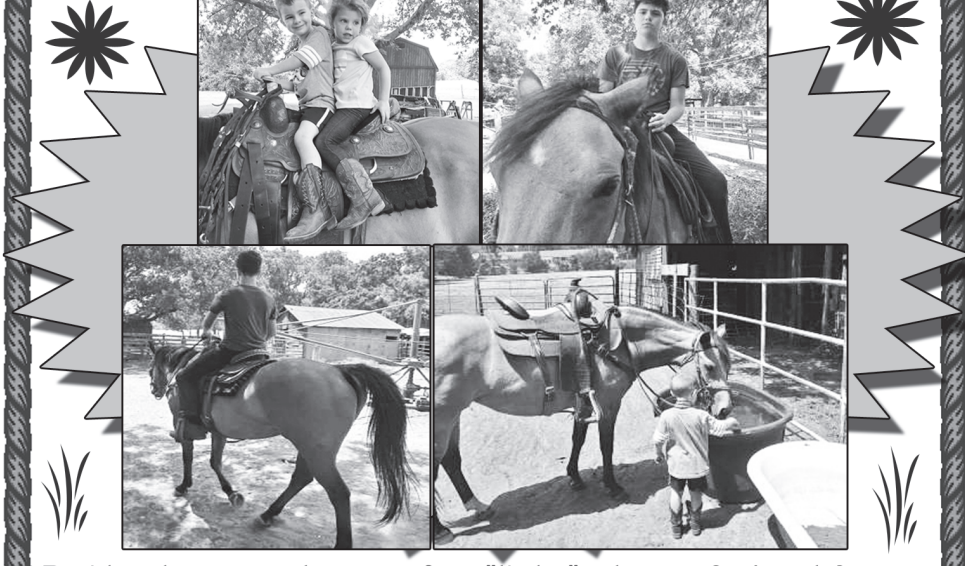
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Talk about hot fun in the summer time! We had it at my house during the 2018 Family Reunion : Extended Version. For 10 days, I had my kids and grandkids in from their homes in Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado. Some arrived by plane on June 23 and the rest drove in. Good thing I have a 17-room house because we needed just about every inch of it for their luggage and the "baby appliances" that were necessary to have on hand. The six teenagers probably had the most fun of all, because their summer birthdays are usually observed at Maw's house with a mass birthday party. This year we added a horseback riding day and a Salsa Dance Party. I will include a few of the horseback photos, but you would have to see the video to get the full effect of the dance party! It got pretty wild, crazy and energetic!



Besides the teens, there are four "littles" who are 8, 4 and 3 years old and the baby who's 8 months old. So naps were necessary, plus a generous amount of plain old porch swing and back-yard sitting and talking, watermelon eating and ice cream cones with the little kids by the baby pool. Besides one BBQ meal and a couple of pizza nights, most of our meals were homecooked right there in the kitchen where everybody has a job, then eaten together at the table where family legends and funny experiences always seem to resurface. Conveniently, the reunion coincided with the Independence Concert in downtown Sulphur Springs on June 30, which I had the privilege to attend with my large family.



Another pastime of ours is a group card game that can really be wild. We were able to squeeze in a few late-night sessions with about twelve players. This game, which I refer to as "Hail", was brought from West Texas to East Texas by my mom when we moved from Odessa to Longview in 1954. All of us learn to play it by about age 10 and love the fast interaction. Mostly, however, it's the women who really excel at the game, and at one time or other, most of us have worn the Hail Queen crown. Finally, as the visit was coming to a close, we remembered to document it with a picture on the porch. A good studio portrait would have been better, but, believe it or not, we still didn't have everyone there!

Enola counts her blessings..daughters Angela, Jessica and Bobbi with 10 of her grandchildren

The great crowd departed on July 2, leaving Maw exhausted but happy and anxious for the next big gathering. As you celebrate the Fourth of July, I wish you love and laughter and too many blessings to count! See you next week at the corral gate!



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## Billie Ruth Standbridge Named SSDBA President



Billie Ruth Standbridge, left, is receiving the official gavel of the Sulphur Springs Downtown Business Alliance from Joy Wilson, Vice-President of the group. Billie Ruth has been elected by the board to be the interim president thru the end of this year. "I am looking forward to representing local businesses and implementing goals and needs of our downtown that would benefit businesses as well as visitors and patrons. We have a growing, beautiful town to show off and we want to show the best face possible. With committed, caring members, in cooperation with the city, we can do this," exclaimed Billie Ruth.

### Mission Statement of The SSDBA

The purpose for which this corporation was organized is to develop and maintain a working partnership with city and county governments as well as other advisory boards dedicated to the Revitalization of Downtown Sulphur Springs.

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## Kenneth Spencer

Funeral service for Kenneth Spencer, age 75, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, July 5, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel with Shannon Gammill and Toney Hurley officiating. Interment will follow at North Hopkins Cemetery with Shane Gammill, Johnathon Gammill, Hardy Coston, Kenny Crowson, L.J. Massey, Jerry Spencer, Alan Spencer and Tommy Dickens serving as pallbearers and Joe Jennings, Mike Flippin, Charles Murray, Billy Campbell and Ben Jennings serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 A.M. at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mr. Spencer passed away Saturday, June 30, 2018 at Carriage House Manor surrounded by his loving family. Kenneth Ray Spencer was born on July 15, 1942 in Sulphur Springs, to Dow and Mozelle Spencer. He married, Billie Cannon on December 25, 1961 in Como, TX and were married for 56 years. Throughout his life, Kenneth served in the Texas National Guard, 49th Infantry Division, was employed by TP & L for 11 years before going into the dairy business for 22 years. He was also a fishing guide and truck driver. He loved horses, fishing, painting, and especially his grandchildren. Kenneth was a member of The Church of Christ.

He is survived by the love of his life, Billie; daughter, Lisa Spencer-Gammill and husband, Shannon of Saltillo; son, Kevin Spencer and wife, Annette of Sulphur Springs; sister, Linda Keltner of Tatum; grandchildren, Johnathon Gammill and Shelby, Shane Gammill and Cassie, Kadi Gammill and Justin, Bailey Spencer; great grandchildren, Jackson, Jenner, Jude, Laine, Spencer and Kaden; sister, Linda Keltner and Delton; niece, Lisa Sullivan. The family wishes to express their love and appreciation to all the staff at Carriage House Manor for the care and love given to Kenneth during his 8 years there. Also, a big thank you to Legacy Hospice and Liz for always being by our side. May God bless each of you.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



## Blake Klemptner

Funeral services for Blake Klemptner, age 27, of Dike were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Donnie Powers officiating. Interment followed at Sulphur Bluff Cemetery with Gene Childs, Jason Childs, Clayton Fite, James Ellis Fite, Dereck Klemptner, Corey Argenbright, Nathan Reneau and Geoff Thompson serving as pallbearers. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 2, 2018 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Blake passed away on Friday, June 29, 2018 at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

Blake was born on July 31, 1990 in Hopkins County, TX, the son of Wendy Childs. Blake graduated from North Hopkins ISD in 2008.

He is survived by his mother Wendy, father, Marty Fite, grandparents Tommy and Shirley Childs of Sulphur Springs, Jimmy Dale and Jamie Fite of Sulphur Bluff, grandmother Martha Klemptner of San Antonio, TX, special friend Diane Woodall and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his uncle, Bryan Childs, grandparent, Norbert Klemptner, great grandparents, Grace Waskom and Tommy Holcomb.

Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home.



## Octave "Sugar Man" Woods

Graveside service for Octave "Sugar Man" Woods, age 86, of Miller Grove, TX was held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, June 25, 2018 at Pippin & Hill Cemetery, Miller Grove, TX with Mark Garrett officiating and Ryan Evans, Reece Evans, Shawn Sears, Colby Hoover, Cy Carter, Brett Garrett and Mark Garrett serving as pallbearers and Joe Bailey Watkins, Matthew Cox, Mac Garrett, James Ragan, Rodney Lennon, Brian Lennon, Kris Childress, Mike Hoover, L.R. Stracener, Rodney Green and David Hoover serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 P.M. on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at Murray-Orwosky Funeral Chapel. Mr. Woods passed away on Friday, June 22, 2018 at his residence.

Octave Woods was born on July 5, 1931 in Peerless, TX, the son of Edgar and Golden Woods. He married Linell Barrett in Hopkins County on July 4, 1954. Octave served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Throughout his lifetime, Octave worked as a tractor mechanic, salesman at the Banks Company, Gillis Construction, Hopkins County Commissioner, Dairyman, Wingo Feed, and a rancher all his life. Octave was a past member of Miller Grove School Board and Miller Grove

Water Board. He was of the Baptist Faith.

He is survived by his wife, Linell; daughters, Patti Lynn Cox of Lindale, Lori Lane Evans of Roxton, Mary Lou Hoover and husband, David of Emory; grandchildren, Ryan Evans and wife, Stacie, Reece Evans and wife, Mallory, Carla Sears and husband, Shawn, Matthew Cox, Courtney Carter and husband, Cy, Colby Hoover and wife, Brittani; great grandchildren, Kalin Watkins, Joe Bailey Watkins, Ryder Evans, Cameron Sears, Ryle Evans, Hayden Sears; sister, Sue Shawbell.

Octave was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Freddy E. Woods; sister Melodine McCool; sons-in-law, Ricky Evans and Cecil Cox; grandchild, Robbie Evans; great grandchildren, Callen Carter, Cayle Carter and Conley Carter.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home.



## Deacon Willie Lee Finney

Deacon Willie Lee Finney, 82, of Honey Grove, died on Friday, June 29, 2018 in Honey Grove.

Deacon Finney was born on June 12, 1936 in the Dial Community in Fannin County to Horace Lee Finney and Allie Mae Wade Finney. He met and married Fessie Lee Rhymes and to that union was born 8 children. He then met and married Doris Relford who preceded him in death.

Deacon Finney united with St. James Baptist Church at a very young age and was ordained as deacon by Rev. Lynwood. He served in the choir and on deacon board until his health began to prevent his attendance. Deacon Finney worked as a mechanic and was employed by D&E Automotive for many years.

Left to cherish his memories are four daughter: Rose Sims (Robert), Annette Judkins (Fred), Jo Ann Finney and Allien Brown (Jerald); his three sons: Arthur Finney (Liz), Bennette Finney and Kim Finney (Donna); step daughter Delois Relford; four step sons: Benny Relford, Bobby Relford, Anthony Relford and Billy Relford; sisters: Princella Jones (Willie Charles), Hattie Mae Terrell (William) and Allien Sanders (Roy); 26 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Doris Finney, son Brian Keith Finney, step sons: Henry Relford, Jeffrey Relford and Richard Relford; sister Bobbie Jean Dunn; brothers Clarence Finney and Louie Ray Finney.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 6, 2018 from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. at Jones -Walker & Son Funeral Home.

Service will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 1:00 P.M. at St. James Baptist Church in Honey Grove with Rev. Kathryn Cooper officiating and Rev. Roy McConnell eulogist. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Honey Grove.

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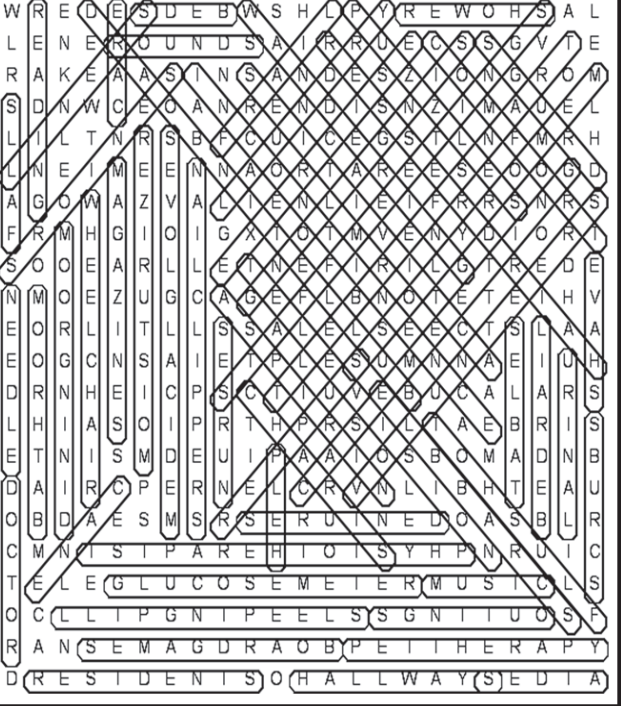
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Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Songs are often slathered in over-simplification. We've generally gone along with the musical proclamation that our smiles trigger the rest of the world to smile with us.

Wait a minute. The world ignores, remaining ambivalent, whether we're smiling or not.

This is not to say there is not value in smiles; they are worthwhile if they do nothing more than brighten a few lives in our own little world. Even slight grins help, and they buy a few seconds while we're trying to think what to say next....

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Such instruction is helpful to grandparents. A current example is provided by Dr. Lanny Hall, Chancellor of Hardin-Simmons University. A while back, he told his 12-year-old granddaughter a joke that would result in her aisle-rolling.

The chiseled-in-stone expression on Ada McCutchen's face didn't change, however. Dr. Hall asked if she thought it was funny. Bad idea! Her blank face "spoke" boldly, clearly indicating a "zero" response on her applause meter. He should have known it was an in-your-face response, better than pie-in-the-face, but just barely.

"You know what I think is funny, Poppy? That you think you're funny..."

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Surely there are throngs of grandparents who've "been-there, done-that."

I cringed a couple of years ago when my then nine-year-old granddaughter asked my age.

"78," I answered.

"Did you start at one?"

she wanted to know.... \*\*\*\*\* Ordinary people often reach pinnacles of success by clinging always to optimism, even when dealt bad hands.

I never knew a more consistent optimist and effective pastor than the late Rev. Miller Robinson, a beloved West Texas pastor who "forged on" despite the constant pain of rheumatoid arthritis during most of his adult life.

Doctors at Temple's Scott and White Hospital diagnosed the terrible disease when he was in his late 20s. "I'm afraid you've got the 'honky-tonk' disease," one doctor said. "You'll wake up every morning with pain in a different joint..."

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Who knows? Robinson may have "reconstructed" the wording slightly. Whatever, he enjoyed telling the story in sermons and at banquet lecterns. He was blessed with both "wit and wisdom." His subtle smile always added to his up-beat nature. He was never visibly preoccupied with his own health issues. Instead, Robinson was all about "thee and thine," and never "me and mine."

The pastor had a clever response when grateful folks at Snyder's Colonial Hill Baptist Church gave him and wife Sandra the parsonage during his 32-year ministry there. He lamented that he had little time to properly thank them. "I have to hurry on down to the courthouse to make sure the home isn't valued too high on the tax rolls," he said....

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Part of the appeal of southern gospel quartets

is their apparent happiness, despite their inescapable challenge of travelling long distances between concerts. They, too, are augmented by laughter, smiles and funny stories between songs.

They had a twin-billed quartet a while back in Cleburne. On stage were The Blackwood Brothers, now "at it" for 84 years, and The Inspirational, a family that started back in the 1950s.

"In the early going, we were travelling in vans while the 'higher rollers' were in fancy big rigs," said Bob Wills, long identified with The Inspirational....

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They learned that a bus would be offered at an auction.

It was a "junkie," but better than their old vans. The Inspirational made a modest bid. It was the only one, so the auctioneer took it off the block, moving on to other items. Wills, noticing the bus's diesel engine was left running, feared this could cause great damage. So, he turned off the diesel switch.

As the group was leaving, the auctioneer invited the men to return. "The old engine has stopped and it won't start. If you guys want the old bus, you can have it for free." They did, and it served them for several years....

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Dr. Newbury is a former educator who still "commits" speeches round about. Comments, inquiries to: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdoc.com. Twitter: @donnewbury. Facebook, don newbury.

**A DREAM CHANGED HIS LIFE**

**Tumbleweed Smith**



Tumbleweed Smith

BZ Lewis grew up in Big Spring. When he was six years old he took piano lessons, not knowing that music was going to be a lifetime pursuit. When he was fourteen he took up guitar. "My brother was learning guitar and he showed me a chord. Since day one I was just completely absorbed, absolutely hooked. I think I've played guitar just about every day except when I was on vacation or away from a guitar."

He played in a few bands all over Texas and Louisiana. "My first one was a metal band we called Stainless Steel. Later I started paying classical guitar, a truly solo endeavor. You have to figure out how to move your fingers in a way to make a musical passage work. It's just you and your instrument and hours and hours of practice."

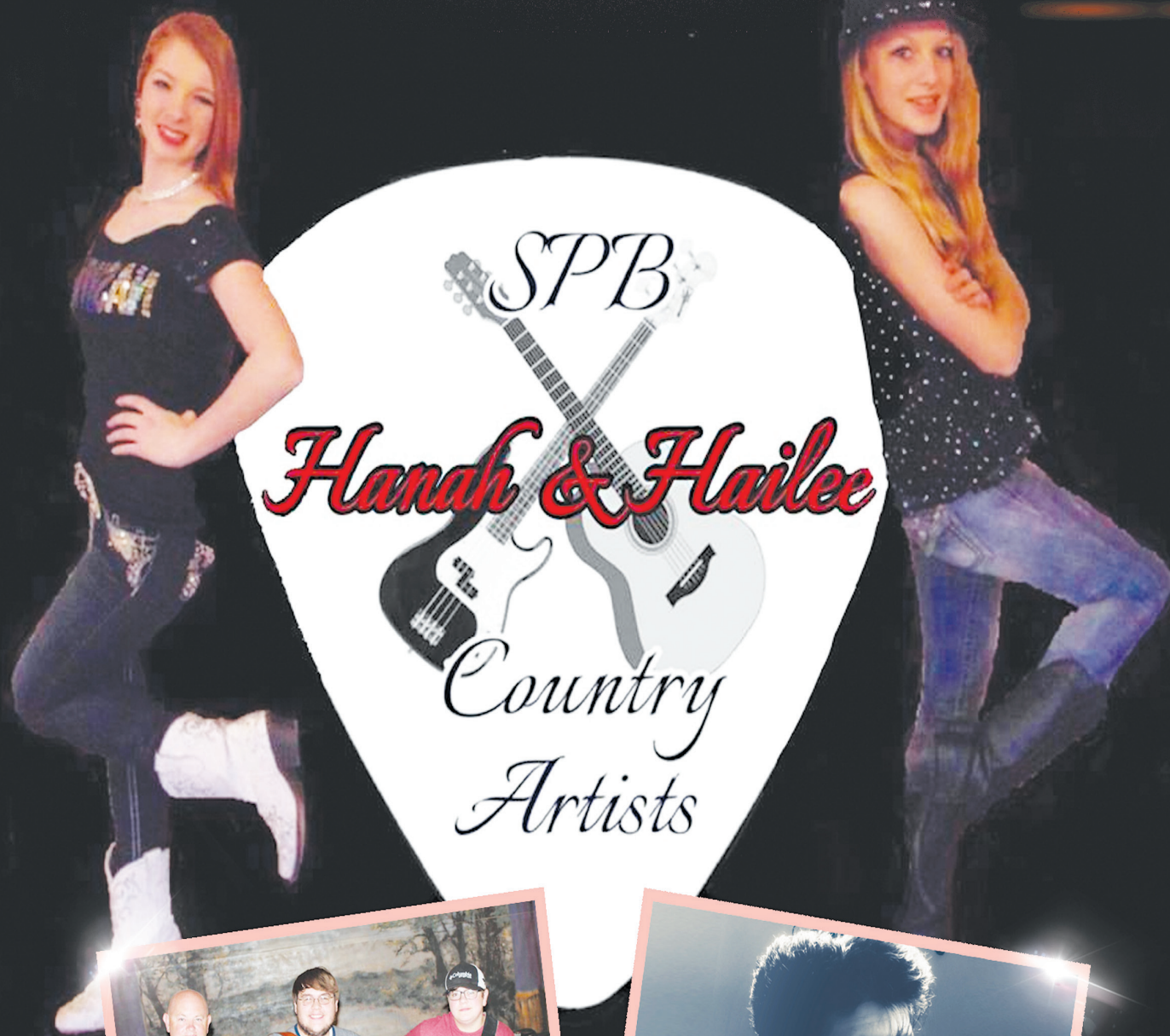
As he approached adulthood he was concerned he couldn't make a living with music. So he enrolled in the University of Texas to study engineering. That didn't last very long. "I felt really bad about abandoning music. I felt like guitar was something I had to do." BZ has long hair, which played a part in a dream he had. "In this dream I was walking around this office building and there was this guy with long gray hair carrying a stack of papers and he bumped into me. Papers went everywhere. As I was helping him gather them up, I noticed they were all blank musical manuscript pages except for the first few layers, which had music written on them. I looked into the guy's face and it was my face. I interpreted that dream as telling me I've got a lot of music to write."

In the dream, a classical guitar piece, Recuerdos de la Alhambra by Francisco Tarrega was playing over the loud speaker. Two weeks after the dream, the university began a classical guitar course, limited to just twelve people. When BZ showed up to talk to the teacher, he was told the class was full. BZ had his guitar with him, got it out and played Recuerdos de la Alhambra for the teacher. BZ was admitted to the class.

BZ has made is living with music since graduating with a degree in music from UT. Recently he returned to the University to lecture and encourage music majors. He has composed music for movies, television shows, commercials and international sporting events. He has a recording studio (Studio 132) and records musicians in the bay area of California, where he now lives. His music has been on virtually every television network and he has earned numerous awards including six Emmys for music he composed for television. Every speaker in his studio has an Emmy statuette on it. He is a judge for the Grammys. For the past few years he has composed music for the World Poker Tour.

BZ (Brian Zack) is my son. He is not only a great musician, he is a textbook husband to his wife Margaret and father to his two children, Max and Aiden. He has a vast array of friends and is a Lego enthusiast and Rubik's cube expert. He is handy with tools and is a dedicated off road bicycle rider. "This music business is giving me a nice ride. I'm lucky but sometimes you have to make your own luck."





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