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At The Corral Gate



There's been a parade of celebrities through town this week and I am so proud to have run into them! Talk about talent! As Grandma would say, "more than you can shake a stick at!"

Visiting members of Scottish "royalty" will be providing entertainment during the "high Tea" set for Sunday March 31, 2019 in downtown Sulphur Springs at The Venue at 219. This first-of-it's-kind event will feature Murdoch Blackadder, the Marquis of Clencoe (Jason Brumfield) also Laird Marquis Dunan (Jack Bolowskie) and other members of Renaissance royalty from the Dallas Metroplex area. Actually, Jason is a native of Hopkins County! The High Tea will serve as a fundraiser for Shadow Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center. And in July, the local Shadow Renaissance Festival will raise more funds for the operations of this Hopkins County riding center, whose mission is to assist handicapped persons through equine therapy.



Renaissance Royalty Jack Bolowskie and Jason Brumfield with Enola Gay

Chaffer's Place Academy and Arts was grandly opened on March 21 with a "Tribute Thursday" Motown, Soul and Rock n Roll show where a 10-piece band rocked the house at the new 410 Main Street theater. The venue and the band are managed by Charles and Kenya Chaffer and this couple is hugely talented. Kenya really let loose on "Rolling on the River" with the band's brass section! They also invited our friends Josh Davis and Sydnee Hawkins to appear with them. The next one will be a Country show on April 18 with a "Country Chicks A La Mode" musical theme. Don't miss it!



Sydnee Hawkins and Kenya Duffey Chaffer

Sydnee, Josh and Billy Get Silly After The Show

Ms Downtown Billie Ruth Standbridge and Friends Enjoy The Show

The Reilly Springs Jamboree invited the Paris, Texas band Ace Deuce to the old schoolhouse stage on March 16. This band is truly a honky tonk dance band! According to bandleader J.D.Moss, "hey, we could get used to this! There's no cigarette smoke, no drunks and no chicken wire protecting the stage!". He's right, the Jamboree is smoke and alcohol-free, and the crowd is known as a "listening crowd" which always lets the artists know they are appreciated. And the classic country and tight harmonies this band turns out keeps them in demand. And yes, Ace Deuce is definitely available for dances and parties, traveling all over NE Texas, pleasing crowds everywhere they go! Incidentally, next month's Jamboree on Saturday April 20 (yes, on the Easter weekend!) will showcase Jake Penrod who loves traditional Hank, Lefty and Merle-type country music done right! Treat yourself to the roots of country music presented by a youthful star with a respect for country music, "like it used to be"!



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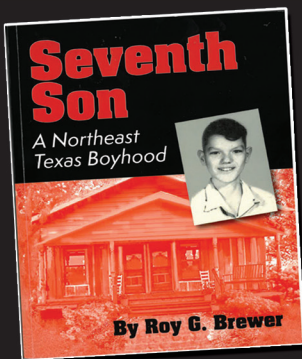
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Religion was mixed in everything. Enloe, as most of the Southern U.S., is part of the "Bible Belt". He tells of how religion affected the lives of the people in the area and his evolving perspective on religion.

Politics was also a part of the cultural fabric. Roy's interest in politics and world affairs began at an early age. He was aware of the changing times of the late 1950s when civil rights, racial discrimination and regionalism changed the political map of the United States, and especially northeast Texas. The book also relates stories of him growing up in a poor family, his education, his misadventures with his friends, his eclectic family members, and the unique townspeople of Enloe.

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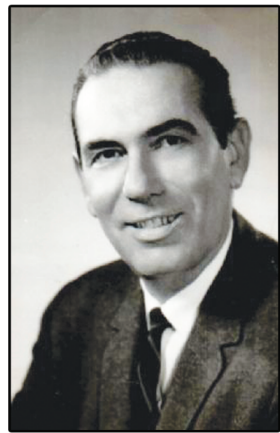
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Judge Hollis D. Garmon, age 99, of Greenville, Texas, passed away peacefully in his sleep Thursday, March 21, 2019, at Colonial Lodge. A memorial service will be 11 AM, Friday, March 29th, 2019, at Miller Grove Methodist Church with Rev. Bill Garmon officiating. Visitation will be at 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Thursday, March 28th, 2019, at Coker- Mathews Funeral Home.

Hollis was born October 21, 1919, in Rains County, Texas, the fourth of six children to Frank Russell and Ola F. Landrum Garmon. He married June Pegoda on June 9, 1953, in Houston, Texas. He loved telling how they met at Stewart Title Company (Houston, Tx) when he needed his real estate transaction completed immediately. He offered to take her to dinner if she (a legal secretary) agreed to stay late to finish it, and sixty-six years later, he would say, "I am still taking her to dinner!"

After graduating from Miller Grove High School, Hollis attended East Texas Teacher's College in Commerce, Texas. His education was interrupted in August 1941, months before his graduation, when he joined the United States Navy. He served as a store clerk aboard the USS Rigel, homeported in San Diego, California. He was on leave that fateful weekend of December 7, 1941, staying at the YMCA. So moved hearing the news of the Pearl Harbor attack, Hollis was inspired to compose two gospel songs, "Standing Up for Jesus" and "Trusting in the Lord". (Published by Stamps-Baxter Music Company.)

Hollis later returned to finish school in Commerce, receiving both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Music and Political Science. After college, Hollis spent five years teaching school and acting as principal, but was most proud of his time as band director.

He worked as a real estate broker while also attending South Texas School of Law. In 1958 he opened his private law practice in Houston, with his wife June as legal secretary.

In June of 1960 they decided to move the family and his law practice to Greenville, Texas. Hollis became assistant District Attorney in Hunt County in 1963. He was active in several clubs, served as President of the North Texas Lawyers Association in 1964 and was Membership Chairman for the American Bar Association in North Texas in 1965.

In 1968 Hollis was elected District Attorney for the 8th Judicial District (Hunt, Delta, Rains, and Hopkins Counties). Soon after taking office, Hollis launched a successful campaign for Hunt County become a separate judicial district as a solution to the backlog of both civil and criminal court cases. With help from Rep. James D Cole and the late Sen. Ralph M Hall of Rockwall and others, the legislation was passed, and the 196th Judicial District was created with Governor Preston Smith appointing Hollis Garmon as the first District Judge for the new district. In 1970 Hollis was elected to continue as District Judge. Under his efficient leadership the court disposed of almost 5400 cases in four years, earning him admiration among his peers and colleagues. Hollis served as State Judge for the 196th District thru 1979. That year the Texas Supreme Court created a new system of special impact courts around the state, provided by the federal government, and Hollis was among the first to be appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to serve as one of these few special Senior Visiting Judges. Hollis was honored to serve until 2002 when he retired after almost forty years on the bench.

Hollis was listed in Who's Who in Texas for 1973, 1974, and 1976, as well as Who's Who in American Law in 1977. He was also honored to speak in Austin to the judicial committee of the Texas Constitutional Convention regarding problems relating to district courts that only serve one county.

Hollis always had projects going in his spare time. He and his wife built and operated the Tawakoni Inn Restaurant for almost fifteen years (1966-1980). It was well-known for the catfish fillets and hot rolls, and the decor - portraits of Tawakoni tribe members whom Hollis had traveled to Anadarko, Oklahoma to meet. Hollis was proud to have these Native American descendants perform annually, dancing on these lands once claimed by their ancestors. Hollis loved history and sharing his knowledge. He was a natural storyteller. Everyone who met him commented they loved listening to his tales

For more than six years Hollis and close friend Game Warden Glen Mitchell led annual boat trips along the Sabine River. Hollis didn't care much for holding a fishing pole but knew his wife and friends never tired of trying to hook the "big one".

Hollis spent hours looking at horse magazines, studying and marking notes about bloodlines or personality characteristics of certain great horses, and he never tired of watching his own palomino and paint horses. There was anticipation every spring awaiting the birth of at least one foal.

Hollis's love for music brought him the most joy throughout his life. He inherited the family talent for singing and playing any musical instrument. He loved entertaining others with his exaggerated singing and adding his own unforgettable twist to his piano playing.

He had a smile that was contagious, and would give a stranger the shirt off his back, or the last dime in his pocket. He will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of sixty-five years, June Pegoda Garmon; daughter Gloria Jean Garmon, of Greenville, Texas; son Jason Thomas Garmon of Palestine, Texas; granddaughter Rachel Croitz Campbell and husband Brett of San Angelo, Texas; grandson Jonathan Hollis Croitz and wife Rocio of San Angelo, Texas; granddaughter Hailey Hull of Terrell, Texas; grandson Saxton Garmon of Arlington, Texas. Two great grandchildren, Elizabeth and Matthew Croitz, of San Angelo, Texas.

Hollis is also survived by four sisters-in-law he held dear: June (Paul) Garmon of Miller Grove, Texas; Elaine (Frank) Garmon of Sulphur Springs, Texas; Jeane (Charles) Baker of Springfield, Tennessee; and Sharon (Rick) Ducharme of Montgomery, Texas, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and all five of his siblings: three brothers: Robert, Paul, and Frank Garmon; and two sisters, Louise Garmon Stripling and Geneva Garmon Stripling, all of Miller Grove, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, Hollis's family asks that you please make a donation to your favorite charity, or one of ours, such as a law library, the Wounded Warrior Project (855-448-3997), Equine Therapy for the Handicapped and Children (Hope in the Saddle, etc), Miller Grove Cemetery (Brandon Darrow), or the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org)

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James Robert Stewart

Funeral services for James Robert Stewart, age 60, of Sulphur Springs will be conducted at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Burns officiating. Interment will follow at Arbala Cemetery with James Allen, Russell Melton, Luke Wright, Colton Stageberg, Bryan Roberts and Adam Roberts serving as pallbearers. Visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at West Oaks Funeral Home. James passed away on March 24, 2019 at his residence. James was born on October 19, 1958 in Sulphur Springs. He married Jane Wesson on February 27, 1976 in Sulphur Springs and she survives. In addition to Jane he is survived by his son Jarred Stewart, father, Richard Stewart, brothers,

Jason Stewart and Randall Stewart, nieces and nephews, Russell and Kortney Melton and their children, Wyley and Korbin, Colton and Katrina Stageberg, Luke and Brandy Wright and their children, Carli Withrow and Laramie Aten, Eric and Shawta Reed, Tabatha, Kim, and Alicia and their children. James was preceded in death by Homer and Nina Stewart, Sylvia Stewart, Barbara Barsh, Sonny Stewart, Allen Stewart, and Brayden Withrow. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

Kenneth Jagers

Kenneth Jagers, age 83, of Emory, passed away March 24, 2019, at Carriage House Manor in Sulphur Springs. He was born on September 4, 1935, to John Calvin and Leola Cooper Jagers in Rains County. Kenneth was a graduate from East Texas State University. He married Barbara Louise Hines on August 10, 1957 in Pleasant Grove. They were married 61 years. Kenneth was retired from the IRS as an Appeals Officer. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Survivors include: Wife, Barbara Jagers of Emory; sons, Max Jagers and wife, Cheryl of Poetry, and Barry Jagers and wife, Beverly of Tehachipa, CA; grandchildren, Molly and Tucker; Numerous other loving family and friends. Preceded in death by: parents; sisters, Elouise Melton and Gloria Wilson; brother, John Calvin Jagers, Jr.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.



Lelia Helen Lunceford

Lelia Helen Lunceford, 90, passed away in her sleep Saturday evening, March 23rd, at 8:22 p.m. at Carriage House Manor, Sulphur Springs, Texas. Helen was born December 19th 1928 in Taylor, Arkansas the daughter of Joseph Wilson Horton and Cora Myrtle Webb Horton. Helen started singing in churches at the age of 4 and continued to sing throughout her life. She was a graduate of Campbell High School.

While attending a Stew honoring WWII returning servicemen at Emblem she met her soon to be husband, William Douglas Lunceford. They were married on July 30, 1948 in Hopkins County, Texas. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Dallas. To this union five children were born. Surviving children are two daughters; Shirley Patchen and husband, Tom, Kathy Byrd and husband, Steve; a son, Tony Lunceford and wife, Carla.

Helen, a loving wife and mother, served in the PTA, was a Y-Teen Leader, and a Sunday School teacher at Wheatland Methodist Church. After her husband retired in 1975, the family moved back to Hopkins County. She and Bill joined the Mt. Zion Church. Helen treasured her Mt. Zion Ladies Association and was recently honored at a breakfast by the ladies. She was a member of TOPS, Regal Foxie Fillies Red Hatters Club, and she was selected as Miss Congeniality of a past Ms. Senior Hopkins County Pageant. Helen worked many years at Sherwood Medical in Commerce. She loved her 6 grandchildren and her 8 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, March 26, with visitation beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Church. The service was at 2:00 p.m. with the Rev. Bob Woodworth and the Rev. Timothy Greenawalt conducting services. Burial was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Also surviving is Charles Flowers, a cousin who was raised as her brother. Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; two daughters; Linda and Glenda Lunceford; two brothers; Ernest Horton and Manuel Horton; a sister, Imonell Wisenbaker; and Royce Flowers, a cousin who was raised as her brother.

Pallbearers were grandsons; Matt Byrd, Corrie Byrd, Jeremy Byrd, Aaron Lunceford, Jason LaRue and Brad Stuckey. Jones — Walker & Sons Funeral Home of Commerce is in charge of arrangements.



Ray Fellows

Memorial Service for Ray Fellows, age 53, of Sulphur Springs, will be held at 12:00P.M. on April, 6, 2019 at Community Bible Fellowship, Dike, Texas followed by a Celebration of Life. Ray passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2019.

Wendell Raymond Fellows was born on September 2, 1965 in Orange, CA to Jack Fellows and Linda Sue Garrett. Ray grew up in Commerce, TX. Then in the 90's he moved to Sulphur Springs, Tx. He worked for a local Trucking Co. for years, and his trucking career has taken him all over the United States. Ray was an avid biker and loved the outdoors.

He is survived by his son, Denon Blasey; mother, Linda Sue Phelps; sister, Teresa Pryor; brother, Tom Pryor and wife, Seanita; nephew Dwayne Pryor; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his father, Jack Fellows, brother Tim Pryor and his grandparents.

Jackie Arnwine

Jackie Ray Arnwine, 75 of Whitewright, died Saturday, March 23, 2019 in Plano. A memorial graveside service will be 2:00 PM, Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Burns Cemetery, near Trenton.

Mr. Arnwine was born in Trenton, Texas on May 14, 1943. He was the son of Bennie Arnwine and Margaret Anderson Arnwine. He was a retired funeral director.

Survivors include his daughters, Amanda Skinner and husband Mark and Jennifer Brown and husband Brian; sons, Jeffrey Arnwine and wife Stacey, Marty Arnwine and Kevin Arnwine; sister, Pat Rowell and husband Larry; numerous grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents.

THE IDLE AMERICAN Robots on the Loose...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

If a union organizer at a convention of robots urges "them" to unite, the rep might learn that "they" already have. Or, so it could appear.

So far, robots generally have made us smile, releasing us from performing mundane chores. Now, however, they're being utilized to "do the dirty work."

I shall opt out of investigating their new "jobs" too deeply. To do so could invite serious "heebie-jeebies."...

On opposite coasts, news stories about robots made us sit straight up in our chair, and back-of-neck hairs to bristle.

From the east comes news that robots will be used experimentally this season in the independent Atlantic baseball league. Robots will call balls and strikes.

Out west in San Francisco, a physician sent a robot to deliver news of an impending death to a 78-year-old man. He had arrived at the hospital hours earlier, unable to breathe. A robot was rolled into his intensive care unit that night so the doctor could inform the patient by video call that he probably would die within days. For what it's worth, the patient was dead two days later....

The patient's daughter commented, "If you're

coming to tell us there's no lung left and we want to put you on a morphine drip until you die, it should be done by a human being, not a machine."

I couldn't agree more. Humanity is diminished when delivery of such a serious prognosis is assigned to robots.

The account didn't mention if the robot handed out tissues for the grieving relatives, or if "it" was placed on administrative leave with pay pending further investigation...

Two colorful writers who have taken their leave from this life would have had field days with the robots-in-baseball experiment.

Both happened to be sportswriters, and, for a few years, were colleagues at The Fort Worth Press.

They were renowned columnist Blackie Sherrod, who died three years ago at age 96, and Dan Jenkins, 90, who succumbed this month. The latter was best known as a Sports Illustrated mainstay and as author of a favorite sports book, *Semi-Tough*....

The unpredictable Sherrod could take on any topic and write brilliantly. Odds are good he would have verbally dismembered the San Francisco doctor who delivered a death message by machine.

Both writers would have challenged the sweeping baseball experiments planned by the Atlantic Coast League. They'd have inquired about changing distance between the pitching mound and home plate, placement of infielders and more. They might also have asked if the robot umps will wear chest protectors.

"Is nothing sacred?" would have been central, and Sherrod would have included his patented "what 'zis?" intro to whichever topic he took on....

I feel my eyes crossing about much in today's culture, including robots. I'm sure they are--and will continue to be--helpful in many ways. I'm glad I'm not responsible for deciding which ways.

When I read about shocking "cultural

changes," I depend on our rescue dachshund to induce me once more into a state of complete relaxation. Sailor has a way of warming us up with deep, brown eyes, and his dogged certainty that much is right with the world--his world, anyway.

Further, I think of lifetime friends who find their ways each day without regard for robots, or much else in our crazy world....

One is Bee Pruitt who, without trying, manages to induce laughter with her banter about life so far. Widowed for 47 years, this gritty 84-year-old woman has survived much, and remains "out and about."

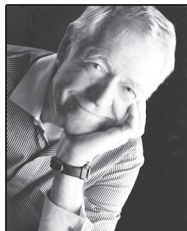
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COMING HOME ON A SPARE AND A PRAYER

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At speaking engagements I always take a first class PA system that consists of two giant speakers with stands, an amplifier and a bag of microphones and cables. We also have boxes of CDs and books that we sell at speeches. In addition to all that, we have our personal luggage and any special clothing I might wear at the podium. So our crossover SUV is fully loaded. We headed for plainview where I was to keynote the chamber banquet.

We seldom have to use our equipment because the places where I speak have good sound systems. The sound system at the country club in Plainview was such that we couldn't connect some necessary recording equipment. So we hauled out our system and used it at the banquet. When it was over, several people helped us load everything into our vehicle. We headed home to Big Spring, 130 miles away.

Usually we spend the night in places where we speak but this was a Thursday and we had to be in Brenham on Friday. So we planned to spend the night at home, then leave Friday morning for Brenham.

About 10 miles south of Plainview, not quite to Hale Center, we had a flat. It was after ten o'clock at night, cold and windy. We pulled onto the shoulder of IS 27 and considered what to do. We tried to find a 24-hour tire service in Plainview but there was none. For some reason I called Wal-Mart because we had Wal-Mart tires. I told the person on the phone our situation. He told me that on the back of our driver's license there was a phone number for 24-hour roadside assistance. We called it and within 30 minutes 2 deputies from the Hale County Sheriff's Department pulled in behind us.

They told us to get inside and stay warm, that they would handle everything. They took the huge speakers, amplifier and everything else from the back of the car in order to get to the spare. They changed the tire in the cold, dark, windy night with highway traffic whizzing by, then told us the little spare tire was low. They said they would follow us to a convenience store in Hale Center that had an air machine. It cost \$1.50 to get air. One of the deputies told me, "I've got 5 quarters. If you have one, we'll be in business." I told him I would go get change, which I did. After depositing 6 quarters, the machine came to life and the deputy put air in the spare tire.

I owe these guys something and tried to pay them. They wouldn't take any money. One of them said, "This is not just a career it's a calling." He said he had changed about a hundred tires during his 10 years with the sheriff's office.

We drove home non-stop on the little spare tire. It served its purpose for 120 miles. We drove 60 miles an hour and got home at 1:30 AM.

I did not know about the number on the back of my driver's license. What an awesome thing for people stranded on a highway on a winter night. I wrote the Hale County Sheriff and complimented him on his high caliber of deputies. They were courteous, efficient and went way out of their way to take care of us.

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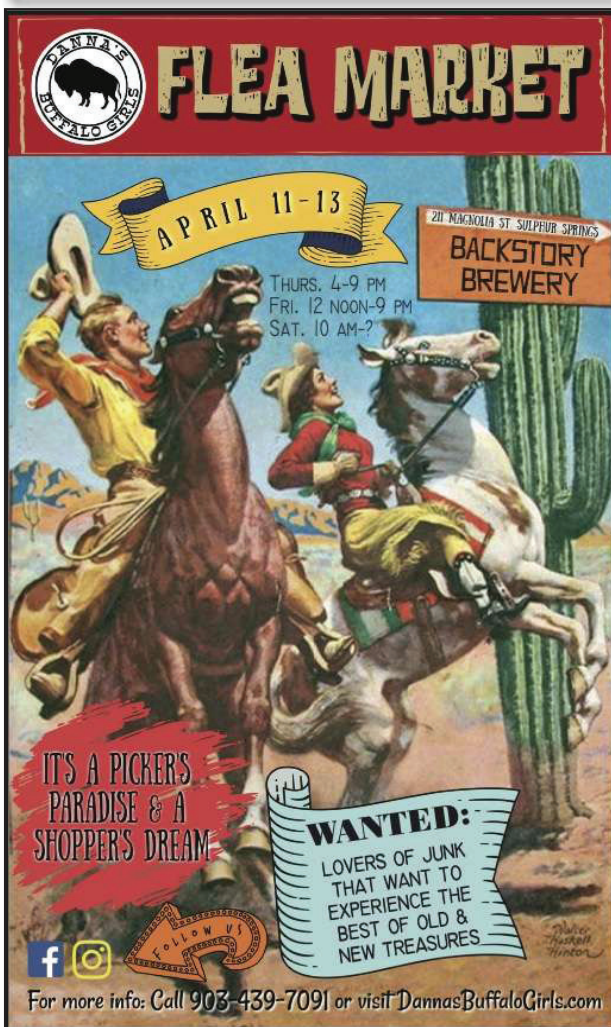
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