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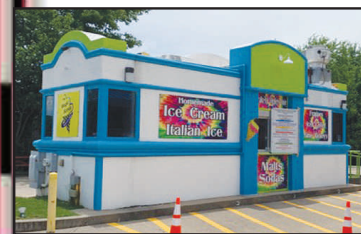
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Alice Davis - February 2, 1925 - May 14, 2020 (age 95)

Funeral service for Alice Davis, age 95, of Ennis, TX, was held Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 2:00PM at Tapp Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Dennis Webster officiating and Rev. Gary Thompson assisting. Serving as pallbearers will be Darron Harred, Derrik Harred, Tony Abercrombie, Steve Ritchey, Travis Schilling, Cody Schilling, Dillon Harred and Will (Coach) Moss. A visitation was scheduled for 1:00 to 2:00 on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, one hour before the service. Mrs. Davis passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at Bluebonnet Rehab in Ennis, TX.

She was born on February 2, 1925 to Bob Stone and Leona Crowley Stone in Shamrock, TX. She was married to Bill Davis who preceded her in death in January of 1989. Alice was housewife and a member of the Church of God in Sulphur Springs and attended the Ambassador Baptist Church while she lived in Ennis.

Survivors include: sons: Randy Davis and wife, Tamie of Ennis and Jimmy Davis and wife, Carolyn of Weatherford; daughter: Brenda Hallmark and husband, David of Sulphur Springs; grandchildren: Darron Harred, Derrek Harred, Travis Schilling, Christa Davis, Tony Davis, Cody Schilling, Kevin Barber, Jason Barber Allan, Davis and David Hallmark, Jr.; great grandchildren: Dillon Harred, Madeline Harred, Brennan Harred, Harlie Joe Harred, Cody Austin, Candice Austin, Colt Schilling, Cayden Schilling, Eli Schilling, David Hallmark, III, Emma Kate Hallmark, Nora Jane Hallmark, James Cottrell, Colt Nichols, Allan Davis, Jr., Mercedes Nichols and Isabella Schilling; great, great grandchild: Blair Harred; sister: Vivian Gibson of Ft. Towson, Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her parents: Bob and Leona Stone; husband: Bill Davis; grandsons: Dennis Davis, Barry Davis and Jeff Davis; granddaughter: Jessi Dickens.



Margaret Ann (Sims) Tinsley - October 24, 1940 - May 14, 2020 (age 79)

Graveside services for Margaret Ann Tinsley, age 79, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 16, 2020 at Providence Cemetery in Mt. Vernon with Gregg Tinsley, Todd Tinsley, David Gilmore, Braden Tinsley, Eric Starrett, Jason Starrett, Jake Gilmore, and Brevin Tinsley. There will be no formal visitation. Margaret passed away on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at her residence. She was born on October 24, 1940 in Mt. Vernon, TX, the daughter of Carl Lowell and Edgar Agnes Rogers Sims. She married Don Tinsley on May 29, 1959 in Purley, TX. She was a member of Central Baptist Church, where she served as the church secretary for 25 years. She is survived by husband Don Tinsley, sons; Gregg Tinsley and wife Sandi of Indianapolis, IN, Todd Tinsley and wife Sonya of Sulphur Springs, TX, daughter, Angi Gilmore and husband David of Sulphur Springs, brother, Danny Sims and wife Brenda, grandchildren who called her "TuTu" meaning grandmother in Hawaiian, Eric Starrett, Lauren Smithers, Jason Starrett, Whitney Vowell, Austin Tinsley,

Braden Tinsley, Brenna Tinsley, Bailee Tinsley, Brevin Tinsley, Bethani Tinsley, Jake Gilmore, Regan Stine, Mindy Johnson, Megan Nolte, and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, son in law, Tommy Starrett, parents in law, George and Helen Tinsley, and sister in law, Beverly Tinsley. Memorials may be made to the Central Baptist Church Mission's Fund, 840 Connally St, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482. Arrangements were under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com



Barris Edwards Sims - May 19, 1941 - May 8, 2020 (age 78)

Barris Edwards Sims, born May 19, 1941 in Como, Texas, began his journey as the oldest child born to Manly and L.V. Sims. He attended school in Como and Sandfield and later graduated from Douglas High School of Sulphur Springs. He then joined the United States Army serving his country for 3 years.

Barris and Vera Ann Hall were united in marriage on October 5, 1991. Barris worked in many capacities for several entities including the United States Post Office, Rockwell International, Sulphur Springs Independent School District and even as a dog groomer but his most loved profession was that as a Servant in the Army of the Lord. He served as Pastor for over 34 years and co-founded Good News Christian Center.

He is survived by one son, Fredrick (Celestia) Smith of Como, Texas, and two daughters; Tammy (Tyrone) Demery of Frisco, Texas and Toleia Sims of Sulphur Springs; 8 grandchildren: Dedric Smith of Mino, N. Dakota, Shawana Wooten of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Andrew Wooten of Sulphur Springs, Texas, DeAndre' Wright of Cooper, Texas, Aijalon Pryor of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Trevon Washington of Sulphur Springs, Texas, Marco Flores of Sulphur Springs, Texas and Mariah Demery of Frisco, Texas; 2 great-grandchildren: Peyton Sneed of Sulphur Springs, Texas and Stella Wright of Cooper, Texas; 4 sisters Mary Neal of Como, Texas, Barbara Perry of Como, Texas, Elizabeth (Michael) Dale of Como, Texas and Linda Hutchins of Inglewood, CA; 2 brothers James Sims of Charlotte, NC and Manly (Cordelia Sims) of Greenville, Texas and a whole host of nieces, nephews and friends. Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 15, 2020 at Coffee Cemetery. Visitation was held from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m, Thursday, May 14, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home.



Ronald Lee Allen - April 24, 1958 - May 17, 2020 (age 62)

Graveside services for Ronald Lee Allen, age 62, of Lone Oak, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at Donelton Cemetery with Rev. Charles Hillis officiating. Pallbearers will be Todd Osborne, Jason Lindgren, Colby Lindsey, Colten Lindsey, Hunter Winstead, Zach Emfinger, Lucas Emfinger, and John Ankarstran. Visitation will be held during regular business hours from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at West Oaks Funeral Home. Ronald passed away on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Sulphur Springs. He was born on April 24, 1958 in Midland, TX, the son of Elza LeRoy Allen and Shirley Ann Kemp Kruse. He married Pamela Ankarstran on September 10, 2011 in Sulphur Springs, TX.

He is survived by wife, Pamela Allen of Lone Oak, son, John Ankarstran of Lone Oak, daughters; Cindy Dawn May and husband Shane of Sims, Heather Winstead and husband Nakia Lindsey of Lone Oak, Shelly Bradford of Hooks, Hollie Allen of Lone Oak.

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Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

Push Americans into a corner, and they'll either start painting or enliven the crunched space with creative juices soon to spill over.

Superintendents and other school "brass" have greatly expanded committees planning commencement ceremonies, realizing that "same old" plans employed historically since the earth started cooling are "no more." For many reasons--some understandable, some impractical and a few bordering on idiotic--most graduation exercises this year are far more casual. Formality has been kicked to the curb, and circus-like celebrations both in neighborhoods and on parking lots prevail. Some, I am told, have included steam calliopes, operators of which don't have Pomp and Circumstance in their musical repertoires.

This is not "rocket surgery." School leaders smile, knowing that if something goes wrong, there are masses of people to join them "egg-faced" in the corner. Graduates still get to wear caps and gowns, receive diplomas and move cap tassels to the other side....

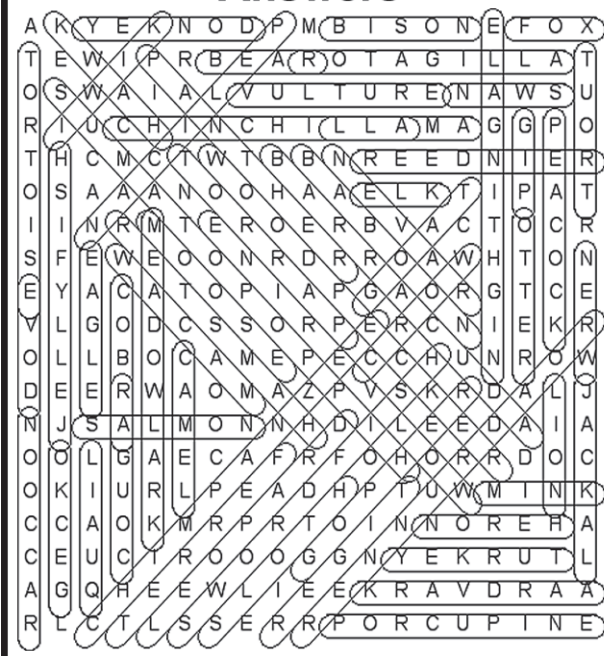
Views of "new school" diploma distribution quash thinking of the "pros." Many "admins" likely are mumbling to themselves, much like

teachers who've made room for standardized testing in schedules already bulging. Their utterances are similar: "We've never done it this way before."

Yep, accommodating six feet of separation has changed things.

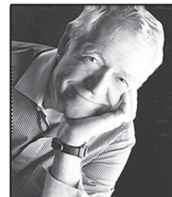
Mice let loose and air horns blown in cavernous venues would hardly be noticed, and revelers trying to bring in bazookas wouldn't get past security.

Answers



OPPORTUNITY OVERSEAS

Tumbleweed Smith



Tumbleweed Smith

Bret Cali had to close his store and café in Bend because he was getting too many customers. Sound strange? Well, we are living in a strange time. It happened right after spring break when Bret was busy taking care of a big influx of tourists who had come for a few days' rest at his place and at the Colorado Bend State Park just down the road. His neighbors in San Saba County asked him to shut down because they feared some of those visitors might be carrying the virus and bringing it in his store and café. Bret is still on the premises doing some updating,

but his business is temporarily closed.

Bret can roll with the tide. He has done it many times before. He is a man of many experiences in many places including Alaska where he worked for a company that fished for salmon. He has had a variety of jobs, from a hospital DJ playing tunes for patients to being a show producer and entertainer. He can also marry people. "I charge extra if I have to put on a button shirt," says Bret, who has managed to avoid marriage for himself.

He lived in London a couple of years. One day he saw an old beat-up truck with a sign on it advertising a landscape company. That gave him an idea. He and his roommate started doing some research. "We were in the wealthier part of London and we found this book on the English landscape and a poem by Alexander Pope so we made a flyer containing words from Pope's poem: 'Where you walk cool gills shall fan the glade and where you sit, trees shall crowd into a shade and everything shall flourish before your eyes.' We listed all these vast landscaping projects that we could do, then got on our bikes and put these flyers in mailboxes. We didn't have any postage money.

"One night we were sitting in a pub and this American lady called and said her husband was making a movie in London and they were renting a mansion from the owner who was in Greece. The owner said they could do whatever landscaping they wanted as long as he approved it. We went by the next day and talked to her. She wanted different levels and all sorts of stuff. I had mowed yards in junior high school and thought that qualified me to do involved landscape jobs. She asked us for a bid and said she would submit it to the owner. She told us that she was so honored to have both owners of the company take the time to stop by. We told her we had another project in the neighborhood. Our bicycles were parked around the corner. So we went to the library and looked at architecture books and then called all sorts of landscape companies, found one that seemed reputable, took the price they offered, added much more to it and gave her the bid. The owner in Greece said that was fine. So while this company did all the work, I just rode my bike by there occasionally to see that everything was going ok. We called our company Arcadia Urban Woodlands." Bret got a good job offer in the states and gave up his landscape business.

Memorial Day

SALUTE

Let's take time to remember all of the soldiers who have valiantly defended our freedom in all wars and conflicts, suffered injuries and made the ultimate sacrifice for the cause of democracy. May we treasure the rich heritage of freedom they have fought so bravely for.

Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former sailors and soldiers

By the late 1800s, many communities across the country had begun to celebrate Memorial Day and, after World War 1, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May.



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