



A boss with no humor is like a job that's no fun!

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A conversation recently overheard at the Maintenance Building:

Paul O: What's new?
 Rod: Oh, Pixie has been after me to keep our calendar clear for that **special five course dinner** the kitchen staff has planned for **July 23**. She wants ME to make the reservations so it'll really be a special night out for both of us.
 Paul O: Have you called the office at 273-2257 to make your reservations?
 Rod: Well, I was gonna, but I ran into some bad luck.
 Paul O: What was that?
 Rod: I was eating lunch at City Cafe, and when I remembered I needed to **call the office at 273 2257 to make those reservations**, I spilled coffee in my lap.
 Paul O: No! What bad luck!
 Rod: Yeah. Pixie really made a big deal out of the fact that the Star Ranch teenage girls are going to get special server training, and will be in special costumes for the dinner, and Pixie really goes for that sort of thing. She even said that the dinner will be "formal"---

necklace and shoes for the women, and a tie and shoes for guys.
 Paul O: That's right. And it's only **\$10.95 per person**, limited to the first 40 people who sign up.
 Rod: Yeah, that's what Pixie said. It's gonna be like, white table cloths and really fancy. So when I sorta dried the coffee stain off my pants, I went to pay my bill, and I remembered I left my wallet in my truck.
 Paul O: No! What bad luck!
 Rod: Yeah, so when I went out to the truck to get my wallet, I saw I'd locked my keys in the truck.
 Paul O: No! More bad luck!
 Rod: Yeah, so I thought I'd go back inside the cafe to call someone at the Ranch to bring my other keys to the truck, and at the same time I could go ahead and make those reservations at 273-2257. Pixie would never forgive me if we missed the **cheese course, the soup course, the salad course, the main course and dessert**. She LOVES Chocolate Lava Cake, whatever that is.
 Paul O: So did you make the

call?
 Rod: Well, when I crossed the parking lot to go back inside, I didn't see that big delivery truck coming.
 Paul O: Wow! What bad luck!
 Rod: Yes, but there was a phone in the ambulance, so I called the Ranch and got someone to take Pixie to the hospital where they checked me over, and I even made those reservations, since it's a **first-come, first-served** deal on those first 40 to sign up. And we got our names on the list.
 Paul O: Sounds like your lucky day.



Saturday, July 23, 2011
 6:00 P.M.
 \$10.95 per person
 Seating limited
 Call 512-273-2257 to make reservations

Della, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for the loss of Bob B....our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Your Star Ranch Family



Message From Our Operations Supervisor

An Ounce of Prevention

We have been stressed with a period of drought for some time here in Central Texas and the risks of fire have never been higher. It is essential to take a proactive approach to fire prevention and safety to preserve these pristine woodlands and the precious wildlife and persons within. Rather than learn after the fact what we should have done, it is prudent to think ahead to the "what if's" and be prepared.

It is always prudent to look out for your neighbors and report anything that does not quite look right. It is also good sense to mention to someone you see doing something that could risk a fire hazard to stop that behavior. During high fire risk times it is especially necessary to NOT toss cigarette butts on the ground or play with fireworks. There are rules about burning that go without saying. Ground fires and torches are never allowed. There is no such thing as a "controlled" burn.

- ◆ Be sure adequate smoke detectors and fire extinguishers are present and in proper working order.
 - ◆ Do not store flammable liquids near any heat or fuel sources.
 - ◆ If you have loaded weapons or ammo on your property, please let fire service personnel know if possible when they arrive on the scene, or store them correctly.
- We plan to update and post emergency exit maps in the hall, weekend and rental cabins and will have them available for everyone. Residents are urged to do the same in their structures.
- We hope to manage some of the yaupon that threatens as it is one vegetation that poses a greater fire threat.
- One of the greatest challenges to this club is maintaining accountability of persons who are

on the property at any given time. We urge residents to let the office know when they will be off the grounds and it is imperative that members and guests sign in and out in the hall each time they arrive and leave, to assure their being notified and attended to should an event occur. It could be the difference between life and death. It is also helpful to make a note of the site you are staying at on the sign out board. It is just good common sense to notify someone, much the same as a pilot files a flight plan.

- We are currently working on a phone tree to notify everyone as efficiently as possible. It is important that we have current updated notification information on all members and visitors which would include, phone, cell, email, or text capabilities and an emergency contact.

- We will be conducting test drills from time to time. There is an emergency horn outside the office that would be activated in an event. The horn sounds like a train horn, so know that if you hear a train it may be wise to call and ask if you haven't already been contacted. Should you see a fire please do notify the office so we can activate 9-1-1.

- We are in the process of erecting signs around the property to show and direct to emergency evacuation exits at strategic places around the grounds. Those signs are available for adoption. In the event of a fire emergency, life safety is first priority and that means exiting as quickly as possible.

Plan ahead what things you may want to have at the ready should you have to leave in a hurry. It is always a good idea to keep your cars fuel tank full. If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.

A great idea is a "Go Bag" which can be as

simple as a backpack near the door with a few essential elements in it such as:

- Flashlight
- Cash
- Toiletries
- Water
- Spare set of clothing
- Snacks
- Medications
- Pets and their needs
- Copies of Important papers. The originals should be protected in some manner, such as a fire vault, safe deposit bank or cached off site in a protected manner.
- Insurance papers
- Birth certificate
- Licenses
- Jewelry
- Photos or other irreplaceable items

Think long and hard about what is truly valuable to you and your family. Please don't hesitate to ask what you can do if you have any questions. We will keep you updated on progress and informational opportunities.

Thank you.
Fire Safety Committee



Bob Borgne: In Memoriam

(A brief eulogy delivered by David P. at Bob's funeral on June 30)

MANY YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS ATTENDING THAT METHODIST SEMINARY OVER IN ATLANTA, THEY TAUGHT US IN WORSHIP CLASS THAT FUNERALS ARE FOR THE LIVING. THAT'S A CONCEPT WHICH IS REALLY HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

M Y WIFE AND I HAVE KNOWN DELLA FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS, AND SHE DEFINITELY ENJOYS LIVING. SHE CAN BE DESCRIBED AS FUN LOVING (EVEN FRISKY), INTELLIGENT, PLAIN SPOKEN, AND SHE LOVES TO TRAVEL. WAVE A CRUISE LINE BROCHURE OR A RAILROAD TIMETABLE UNDER HER NOSE, AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW, SHE'L L BE DOWN AT THE PIER OR AT THE TRAIN STATION.

BOTH BOB AND DELLA HAD 50 YEAR MARRIAGES. THEN THEY FOUND EACH OTHER. THEY GOT MARRIED HERE IN TAYLOR LESS THAN A YEAR AGO, AND THEY TOOK THOSE CRUISES WITH VIGOR. THEY ALSO CONTINUED TO GIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE THRIFT SHOP WHERE THEY HAD WORKED FOR SO LONG.

IF THERE IS ANY COMFORT FOR US, THE LIVING, TODAY, IT IS THE ASSURANCE THAT BOB HAS GONE ON TO HIS REWARD, AND THAT NASTY CANCER HAS BEEN LEFT HERE ON EARTH.



July 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 7 PM Movie <i>"1776"</i>	2 Tournaments
3 Tournaments	4 Tournaments 10:30 AM Flag Raising	5	6	7 6:30 PM Marketing Committee Meeting	8 7 PM CASI Dinner	9 10:30 AM Watermelon Festival Parade 12 PM CASI Turn in & Judging 6:30 PM Picnic Potluck (kitchen will be closed for dinner)
10	11	12	13 6:30 PM Potluck & Neighborhood Watch	14	15 7 PM Cartoons & a movie <i>"Galaxy Quest"</i>	16 10 AM Board Meeting
17 11 AM Council Meeting	18	19	20	21	22	23 5:30 PM 5 Course Dinner only (will not be open for a regular dinner)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 8 PM Music by the Pool
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July Birthdays:

7/1	Susie V.	7/17	Susie S.
7/5	Richard A.	7/22	Dick L.
7/7	Clive H.	7/23	Deidra F.
	Gordon C.		David Mc.
7/10	Keeley S.	7/26	Abby P.
7/15	Tommy S.	7/28	Milly M.



August



2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 5:30 PM Road Kill Cook-off outside of Tara Hall All Day Long—"Keeping Cool" Water Festival in park
14	15	16 6:30 PM Marketing Committee Meeting in Tara Hall	17	18	19 7 PM Cartoon Night with Bugs & Daffy & Movie "Dodge Ball"	20 10 AM Board Meeting in Nekkid Café 2 PM Ice Cream Churning 2 PM Body Painting
21 11 AM Council Meeting in Nekkid Cafe	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



8/1	Bruce D.	8/14	Janie L.	8/25	Bill T.
8/2	Della V.	8/14	Becky M.	8/26	Cheryl A.
8/5	Jeff S.	8/21	Margie H.	8/28	Sally S.
8/6	Joe R.	8/23	Janice G.	8/30	Tommy T.
8/14	Mitch C.	8/24	Janice G.	8/31	Genie C.
8/14	Bob D.	8/24	Ardeth S.	8/31	Mryl S.

Council Corner

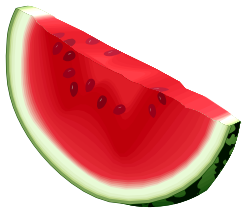
The Sahnoan Council would like to take this opportunity to welcome all members and visitors to another year of fun and sun at Star Ranch, and to invite visitors, new and returning, to become active full-time members of the Star Ranch family and join us in our many fun-filled activities and functions.

As the summer progresses we hope y'all will take the opportunity to chat with the various Council and BOD members you meet and let us know how things are going and what we can do to improve the club. We welcome all comments and suggestions, positive or negative, and are working to make your Star Ranch experience something that brings you back time after time. If you wish, meetings with specific Council and BOD members can be arranged to go over any ideas and suggestions or concerns you may have. It is our hope that any problems that arise or are noted can be overcome with good will and cooperation and that Star ranch will become your "Happy Place", where peace, tranquility and nature ease your work day and life among the clothed.

A warm welcome to new Council members Debbie J and DA (Eugene) G for their new two year term as elected Council members, and Jeanie and Paul O for their new one year term as elected Council members. These were your unanimous choices as elected Council members this year. Additionally, the Council's thanks and appreciation go out to Lara and Charles L. for their years of service as Historical Council members, and we wish them success in their new endeavors.

Get Well Wishes go out to Peggy L & Fred H.

Hope to see you both back on your feet real soon!



The Sahnoan gnomes have been busy working on the float for the McDade Watermelon Parade. There is a new theme with 1st Place in mind!

The McDade Jamboree, which includes Rod M. & David M., will entertain from 9 AM to 10:30 AM on McDade Main Street. 10:30 AM is the start of the year long awaited Watermelon Parade. Be sure to look for our Princess Abby on the Watermelon float.

Bring a lawn chair or a blanket & come to McDade to enjoy the morning events.

CASI Chili Cook-Off

Dinner will be provided for the "chili cooks" on Friday, July 8th at 7 PM

July 9— 9 AM CASI Chili Cooks Registration

12 PM Turn in Chili to Judges



The Nekkid Lunch Café will be closed for dinner on July 9th.

Join us at the Pavilion at 5:30 PM

For a Picnic Potluck

Watermelon will be provided!

Bring your favorite "picnic" food to share!

Hope to see y'all there!



Princess Abby Rules Sahnoans' Hearts

Sahnoans turned out in droves to support and vote for Abby P., daughter of Terry & Dina P. at the Watermelon Festival Headquarters last Saturday, June 25. Young and old cast their \$1 per person vote, but it wasn't enough to become the reigning Junior Queen.

Abby looked radiant. Her dress, her hair, and her make up really highlighted her blue eyes. Escort Caleb L struck a handsome pose in his basic black outfit, with necktie carefully chosen to complement the pink of Abby's dress. Even Emily, Caleb's little sister, was the perfect seed carrier. She hit all her marks (as they say in theater), and looked absolutely radiant as she visited with the other little girls in the Royal Court.

Star Ranch can be proud of these children, as much as their parents are. Princess Abby can be seen on a float during the Watermelon Festival Parade on July 9 in McDade. Our best hope for Abby's future is that some day when she is in a position to do so, she'll remember the unqualified support she received from friends and family in this little community, and she in turn will inspire a 10-year old girl to do HER best.



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Wish List:

- Blankets
- Pillows
- White Queen Sheet Sets
- Bedsreads

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Our kitchen is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Menu is posted in the cafe



- Operations Supervisor
- Rod Mc
- Maintenance
- Paul O.
- Josh A.
- Office
- Pixie Mc
- Lara L.
- Housekeeping
- Dina P.
- Volunteers
- Yvonne P.
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