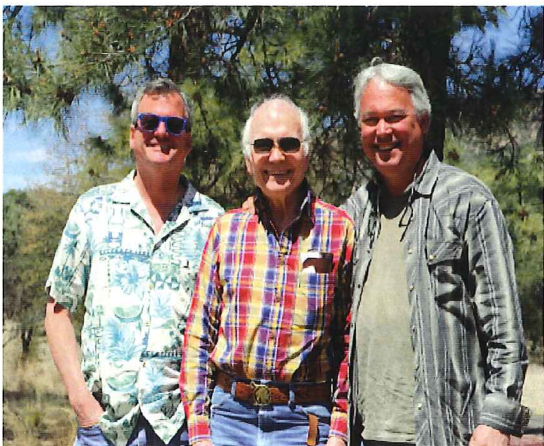


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## PARKER LAW FIRM: The Attorneys You Want But Hope You Never Need



Take notice of Dad's West Texas golfing attire.



Todd, Dad and Brad

### Message From Brad

I am originally from Lubbock, and my dad still lives there. Unfortunately, I don't get back there enough to visit. He on the other hand comes to visit us at least a couple of times a year, and we have a great time. For the last few years though, my brother who lives in San Diego and I make it a point to get with Dad each Spring and go somewhere. Given that dad hates to fly, our little excursions take the form of a road trip. This year was no different.

My brother and I met in Lubbock and loaded into my truck with Dad and set off to Big Bend for a four-day excursion into a part of Texas that neither my dad or brother had ever been. Our journey took us to the McDonald Observatory then into Alpine for our first night. We traveled down to Presidio and drove along the Rio Grande, stopping to admire the majestic beauty of our state. We arrived in Lajitas early enough to play a round of golf, which was interesting since my dad had never picked up a club in his entire life. The next day we made our way through Terlingua and through the Big Bend National Park. Finally we landed in Marathon and spent the night with a very good friend who lives there before heading back to Lubbock.

In all we traveled about 1,000 miles, and they went by in a flash. It takes a lot of time away from the office to get to Lubbock and do one of these road trips with my dad and brother, but I would not trade one single moment. These excursions are precious and will be with us for the rest of our lives. Family and friends are important, and it is critical that we share our time with them. The opportunities are fleeting, and we all need to stop and smell the roses as often as we can.

Until Next Time,

Brad

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## In the Community

June 21, 5-7 p.m.

Parker Law Firm will proudly host the HEB Chamber of Commerce After Hours event this month at its Bedford office.



## Firm Foundation

At the heart of the Parker Law Firm is its team approach to assisting clients. The firm “family” believes that it is collaboration that leads to success.

On May 23, all seven staff members visited the Red Door Escape Room in Southlake. Designed to build team chemistry and foster communication and social interactions among coworkers, the Escape Room locks a group in a space full of cryptic puzzles and hidden clues.

With 60 minutes to escape the room, staff members had to collaborate if they were going to be successful just as they do when approaching a case. This is just one of many activities in which the firm participates to maintain a strong team.



Parker Law Firm staff members collaborate so they can “escape” during a recent team-building excursion at Red Door Escape Room in Southlake.

## When Bites Happen

**If bitten by someone’s dog when you were doing nothing to provoke it, Brad can help!**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 4.5 million people are bitten by a dog each year. Most dog bite victims are young children between ages 5 and 9 years old. Dog attacks can lead to severe physical and emotional damage, and one in five victims of dog bite attacks will require medical attention for their injuries.

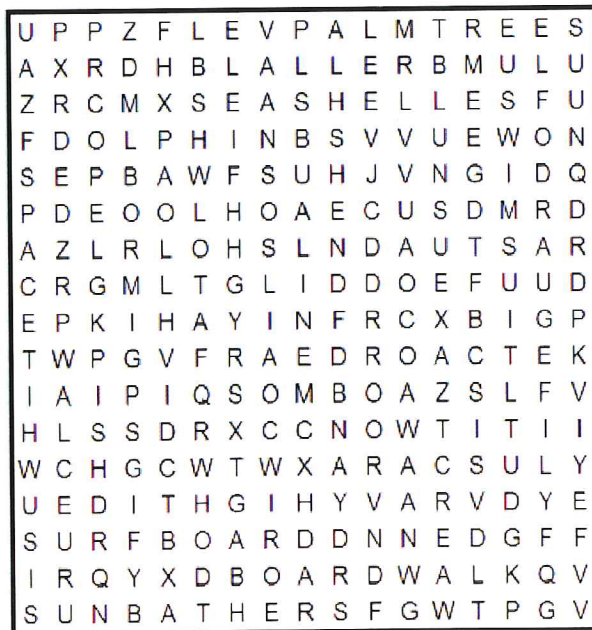
Due to our state’s leniency toward dogs and their owners when it’s a first occurrence, it is possible that the victim could sometimes be under scrutiny. In order to approach your case with the greatest chance of success, do not provide the dog’s owner with any sort of apology or evidence of what occurred. You should also not accept any initial money offers without first consulting your lawyer.

In certain situations, you could be held at least partially accountable for your dog bite injury if you: Trespassed onto the dog owner’s property; intentionally provoked the dog; caused injury to the dog, and it bit in retaliation; or ignored posted signs or warning behaviors.



A minor dog bite could result in medical fees if stitches, shots or medication are required. Be sure you are not the one stuck paying out-of-pocket expenses. For more information on dog bites and your rights in Texas, go to [parkerlawfirm.com](http://parkerlawfirm.com).

## Summer Fun



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| BEACH BALL   | HIGH TIDE  | PELICAN     | SUNBATERS  |
| BOARDWALK    | JELLY FISH | SAND CASTLE | SURFBOARD  |
| BOOGIE BOARD | LIFEGUARD  | SAND DUNES  | SWIMSUIT   |
| CORAL REEF   | LIGHTHOUSE | SEA SHELL   | UMBRELLA   |
| DOLPHIN      | PALM TREES | STARFISH    | WHITE CAPS |



## Keep Cool in the Pool

**Beating the Texas heat often involves the cooling benefits of a dip in the pool.** A fun day poolside can quickly turn tragic if somebody gets seriously injured. Both private and public swimming pools are potential hazards if precautions are not taken and owners aren't maintaining proper safety measures.

Here are seven things to look for when trying to identify if a pool owner or operator is being responsible:

1. A pool alarm is installed that alerts when something or someone falls into the water.
2. A fence at least four feet high is around the pool's perimeter, along with a self-closing gate.
3. A responsible adult is with children at all times when in or around the pool. The adult must remain alert and keep a constant eye on the water.

4. Life jackets or floating devices should be on hand for all small children to wear.
5. All members of the home should know how to swim and know how to handle any swimming emergencies.
6. The pool water is always crystal clear and tested frequently. Unclean water can cause rashes and ear infections.
7. A list of pool rules should be posted to ensure everyone sees and understands them.

Wrongful deaths due to drowning and serious swimming pool injuries are often preventable and can be linked to someone's negligence. If you are the victim of such thoughtlessness, you may be able to win financial compensation for your suffering.

To contact a personal injury attorney from Parker Law Firm, call 817.330.8611.

## Hot Cheesy Spinach Dip

- 2 tbsp butter
  - 1/4 cup chopped onion
  - 2 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1 tbsp all-purpose flour
  - 1 3/4 cups half-and-half
  - 2 packages (9 ounces each) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, well drained
  - 1 can (8 ounces) slices water chestnuts, drained
  - 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
  - 1 package (1 ounce) dry vegetable soup mix
  - 1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and garlic; cook and stir until onion is crisp-tender and garlic is fragrant, 2-3 minutes.
  2. Stir in flour; cook and stir an additional minute. Add half-and-half, stirring constantly until mixture boils and thickens, about 2 minutes.
  3. Remove saucepan from heat. Stir in chopped spinach, water chestnuts, cheddar and vegetable soup mix. Spoon dip into a 1-quart casserole dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan.
  4. Bake dip until bubbly, 10-15 minutes. Serve warm.



## Let's Get Social

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## Eager to Learn

Lawrence D. Bell High School senior, Mikaela Firasek, was this year's recipient of Parker Law Firm's college scholarship. Mikaela plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall to pursue a degree in Biochemical Engineering. Applicants are required to have a minimum 3.0 GPA and must plan to attend a two- or four-year college. In her qualifying essay, she displayed her wish to impact others along her collegiate career with kindness and compassion. Visit [parkerlawfirm.com](http://parkerlawfirm.com) to apply for 2018.



### Tell Your Friends and Family About Us!

We'd love for you to refer us to your friends or loved ones. Rest assured that we'll treat them just as we would our own family members. Contact us at 817.330.8611.

## Trivia Treasures

Our country has had many talented men that have served as President. Some were artists and writers, and others could play musical instruments and speak multiple languages. **Did you know that a president even won a Grammy...in fact three of them did! Jimmy Carter won in 2007, and Barack Obama received his awards in 2006 and 2008. Can you guess the other Grammy award-winning president?**

If you call in and answer correctly, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win two free tickets for admission to a local movie theater. Call the firm before June 20 at 817.330.8611 to participate.

**Congratulations to our May winner, George Hines, from Rhome, Texas.**