

Bob's Corner

This is the week that I was going to recall my adventures as a Privileged Person working in the snack bar during my high school junior and senior years. But another topic rose to the fore, or maybe even five. It is all the stuff that appears on our screens after watching movies.

Do all of you sit patiently and read it? We do sometimes. The beginning titles always amuse me too. But first we must endure the dread warnings from the FBI, CIA, IRS, UPS and NASA about the possibility of being sent to the Tijuana Jail and being fined \$500,000 if we even think about somehow misusing the movie.

However, about those beginning credits. They go something like this.

Buena Tortilla Films, in cooperation with Goliath Jr. Movies, in conjunction with Who's Your Daddy? Productions, working with Dang Crampy Inc. in a joint venture with Buncha Moola Co. and Crapola Entertainment, present: "Squashed Bug Love."

Based on the Boris X. Borscht novel, adapted by Marilyn Mazola from the stage play by Samuel Shagnasty. With special appreciation to Roget The-saurus and the Anti-Plagiarism League.

Then at the end of flick, it appears that half the population of the United States had a hand in its production. Sometimes the ending credits are longer than the movie. In abbreviated form here, they look something like this:

Capt. Humphrey Anchorcranker, played by

Moonpie Luna-Nut II

First Mate Mr. Accent de Brit,

Played by Sir Horatio Fogbottom

Second Mate Mr. Gibberish-Reginald Sayewhatt

Fat Man-Paunchy Villa

Cabin Boy-Ronald Sequins

Squeeze Box Musician-Johnny Dripp

The Crew was played by various people, none of whose names you would recognize, and who most likely will never be seen in any other movie.

Key Grip: (What?) Ralph Acrophobia

Second Grip: Frank Hangtough. Third Grip:

Armando Stickup. Get a Grip: Susan Shortskirt.

Lost Their Grip: David Doofus, Manuel Labor

Best Boy-Slim Ennone. Bad Boy-A.R. Klink

Stunts: Arnold Fisticuffs, Danny the Gimp, Mr.

Harold, Darlene Bruiser, Johnny NoToes, Laura

Bonemarrow, Danny "Curad" Strongsmell

Punts: Joan Agony, Jerry Falala, Curley Kickem

Grunts: Fess Upp, Angela DeHeaven,

Mac Marmoset, Whipp Lash

Costuming: Emmett Kelly III, Creepy Gonzalez

Casting: Freaks & Geeks Ltd.

Carpenter: Doug Fir. Stand-by Carpenter: Red

Wood. Painter: Slosh Scarlet

MD: Franklin Paine. Payroll Master: Dewey

Cheatem. Accountant: Ace Slippery

Transportation: Honest Harry's Taxi &

Fish-Gutting Service

Catering: Gerald's Taco Emporium, Wieners R Us, Willie's Kool-Aid Stand

Special thanks to Lisa's Mobile Wine Service, Stephanie's Peanut Farm, Jolt-Em Coffee Bar, Ed's Cheap Suits, Frank's Towing & Yogurt Bar.

And with deep appreciation to the town of Depression, Texas; Mayor Frank Finkmaster, Deputy Horatio Badgenut; Donna's Tequila Palace; The Tyleneol Emergency Response Team; Dr. Pepper, and Chuey's Menudo Shack.

Dedicated to Johnny X and the Boys

Letters to the Editor

(Editor's Note: Views and commentary expressed in letters to the editor are strictly those of the letter-writers. ***

Typed, double-spaced letters are acceptable for consideration. Handwritten letters that are double-spaced and highly legible also can be considered for publication.

Cards of thanks are not accepted as letters.) ***

Military pride From Shannon Sanford Stockton, Calif.

(Editors Note: Sanford's son, Tom Jansson, a 2002 Illinois Valley High School graduate, is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS "San Francisco" [SSN 711] a fast-attack submarine. She is on an information e-mail list regarding her son's ship. She doesn't have a spouse in the service, but wants to share the following letter to a military spouse. It reads, in part:)

While I have never had the pleasure of meeting you or your husband, I felt the need to write you and express a deep feeling in my heart. I am not brave. I do not tackle things head-on, as I hate confrontation.

I will travel 100 miles out of my way to avoid a conflict. I am an American woman with no idea what is going on in the military, other than what I hear on the news. I have never had to let go of someone so that they could fight for people that they didn't know, people that sometimes do not appreciate or understand what they are fighting for.

I have never had a sleepless night of worry because of a report that another bomb has exploded, and I still haven't heard from my husband. I have never had to wait for months on end to hold the one that I loved so.

I have never had to tell my children that daddy wasn't coming home tonight because he was so far away fighting for something that they aren't yet

'S.O. Blues' at Shop Smart Saturday

Music by "Southern Oregon Blues Band" will be played at Shop Smart Food Warehouse on Saturday, May 29.

The music will begin at noon and last for approximately two hours.

old enough to understand.

I have never had to hold my head high and suppress the tears as I hear that it will be at least another six months of separation before my loved one gets to come home. I have never had to deal with a holiday away from the one that I thought I would share every day of my life with.

And I have never had to feel the panic rising in my heart at the sound of a ringing phone or knock at the door for fear that it is the news that everyone is terrified of getting.

For the reasons listed above, I cannot tell you that I understand how you feel. I cannot tell you that you must be strong. I cannot say that you shouldn't be angry, because you "knew what you were getting into when you married a military man." I cannot say these things because I have never had to walk in your shoes.

What I can say for certain is that because of your unselfish acts of bravery and your husband's willingness to stand up for those who see him as "just another soldier" — I expected to uphold a certain amount of control, but I never understood how you could do it, until now. I have figured out that you are not like other women.

You are a special breed. You have a strength within you that holds life together in the darkest of hours, a strength of which I will never possess. The faith you have is what makes you stand out in a crowd; it makes you glow with emotion and swell with pride at the mention of the United States of America.

You are a special lady, a wonderful partner and a glorious American. I have more respect for your husband than I could ever tell you, but until recently I never thought much about those the soldier leaves at home during deployments.

Because of you and your family, I can awake to a new day, everyday. I realize that you are a stronger person than I will ever be because of these things and I just wanted to take the time today to say thank you to you and your family for allowing me that freedom. I will never be able to repay this debt to you, as it is unmatchable. May God bless you.

American Legion Auxiliary Glenn Morrison Unit 70 From Ellie Buell Cave Junction

The nearly one million members of the American Legion Auxiliary, the world's largest patriotic service organization of women, are asking every

elected and appointed official at the local, state, and national level to wear a poppy on the observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 31.

We ask that they be worn in honor of the millions of Americans who have willingly served and who are currently serving our nation, all too many of whom have made the ultimate sacrifice.

We need your help to increase awareness about the memorial poppy and what it represents; a symbol of the price of war and the sacrifice of millions.

The poppy also honors the hospitalized and disabled veterans who make these red hand-crafted flowers. The poppy continues to provide a financial and therapeutic benefit to those veterans who construct them, as well as benefiting thousands of other veterans and their families by the revenues collected from poppy distribution.

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The opening date of a new restaurant, The Strip, at Illinois Valley Airport, has been revised to June 20 from the originally planned date of June 1, according to co-owner Joy Taylor.