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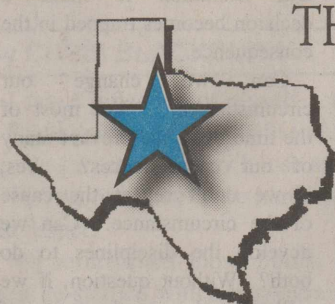
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Little League season kicks off in Knox City

By Tamara Smart

After only two weeks of practice, the kids of the Knox City Little League hit the field on Monday April 26th for their season opener of the Coach Pitch category.

With the "Little League" field (just east of Knox City School) filled with 6 and 7 year olds and a whole bunch of coaches, the kids threw balls, caught fly balls with gloved hands, batted at pitches sent to them by their coaches, and slid safely into bases.

The Little League association has three classes for the youth, and each of the surrounding towns has a team represented in each class.

There are the Coach Pitch, which is made up of 7 and 8 year olds; the Midget team, made up of 8 & 9 year olds, and the Freshman team, consisting of kids from the age of 10 through 12 years of age.

It is not too late to become involved in the Little League Season.

They will continue to accept players until mid-season. For more information on getting involved, call Tony Logsdon at 940-658-1019.

The next game is Thursday at the the Little League Field



LOOKING AHEAD

The local Head Start will begin accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year on May 4th from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Knox City Child Development Center located at 502 N. 2nd Street in Knox City. A

Birth Certificate, current Immunization Record and Documentation of annual income for 2009 or 1040 tax return are needed to apply.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON MAY 8TH!



The Little League season kicked off in Knox City on Monday April 26th, with the "Coach Pitch" league featuring 6 & 7 year olds.

(Photo by Tamara Smart)

From Knox garage to DFW, Danny Balis has too much living

By Tamara Smart

From playing a guitar in garages in Knox City in the mid 80's, to the booming big Metroplex area of Dallas/Fort Worth, one Knox City raised man has experienced all the life of a struggling musician climbing to the top, only have recently debuted his first all original album last September and selling 3000 copies of it in a mere 7 months.

It all started when Evelyn Blis adopted 10 month old Danny, and brought him here when he

was just a boy. Evelyn gave everything of herself to see that he would become the man that he is, including supporting his music all along the way.

Danny and his best friends in high school started their first band when they were only 8th graders. Between himself, Tracy Carter, Michael Rauch and Tim Cypert, the boys created a band where they played many rock-n-roll covers and learned the ins-&-outs of their instruments. They even got to play at the senior prom when

they were juniors, although by Danny's own admission, "they only knew like 5 songs, and they were horrible".

Music wasn't the only propagating factor from Danny's years in Knox City, he also still has a lot of pride from being part of the only Greyhound Football team that had the dubious honor of being state Champions (in 1986). He admits with a laugh, "I am a closet jock".

But after Danny left Knox City and headed for Denton to go to

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The Cover of Danny Balis' almost all- original album, "Too Much Living". The album has sold 3000 copies.

Knox City Junior and Senior Luau keep youth safe

The youth of Knox City wish to say a huge thank you to our town. After prom this year, Ernie and Donna Banks hosted a luau at their home.

The luau was an all night affair, beginning at midnight and ending as the sun rose at 6:00am. With 34 students showing up to share in the food, the limbo contest, the volleyball games, it was a night worth remembering. A campfire provided the youth warmth from the night air and the ability to enjoy countless s'mores. When not playing the games or feasting as only teenagers can, the group danced, laughed and enjoyed each others company.

The businesses of Knox City jumped at the opportunity to help this Luau come together. As Donna and Ernie asked several businesses to sponsor the luau with door prizes, they

were met with a community who had "yes" on their lips. Because of these generous and Godly acts of selflessness, the Banks were able to give out door prizes all through the night, and each student present received one or more door prizes.

Churches helped out to. Pastor Gary Schable of the Foursquare Church helped provide the tables and chairs for the evening

Donna regrets that there were a few parents who showed up and supported the luau that she was unable to say thank you to, like April Johnson of Rule, Randy Williams of Knox City & Sammy Offield of Knox City. The groups was "truly grateful for your time, your gifts and your love."

Donna Banks, Hostess of the luau wanted to throw such a shindig because: "This is



After the 2010 Knox City Junior Senior Prom, 38 students convened at the home of Donna and Ernie Banks for an All Night Luau. Local Businesses all chipped in door prizes and the students had a safe environment to go to post-prom.

(Photo courtesy Donna and Ernie Banks)

the community where I have raised my daughter since she was in the first grade. Now, she is graduating from Knox City High School this year. I thank God for our small town."

Donna also says, "I can't forget my husband as he has been such a big part of this

from day one. He built the limbo and hung all the lights, fixed the picture stand, moved tables & chairs, and so much more. Ernie, I thank you and love you for being such a great Godly man."

The local business who helped sponsor the luau were:

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TEMPLE, TEXAS, April 21, 2010 – The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will have an open house for the public at 9 a.m. on June 8, 2010, at the James E. “Bud” Smith Plant Materials Center in Knox City, Texas, to showcase the latest conservation plant releases and plant technology, and celebrate NRCS’s 75th anniversary.

“Over the years, the development of plant materials has solved a multitude of nature resource problems,” said Gary Rea, NRCS plant materials center program manager at Knox City. “We have developed plants that grow in the toughest environments, providing conservation solutions that didn’t exist before.”

The open house will include presentations on the history of the center, wildlife habitat management, pesticide applicator rules and regulations, planning and preparing for wildfires, calibrating herbicide sprayers and grass drills,

using conservation tillage implements, and landscaping with native plants.

There is no charge to attend the open house, and lunch will be provided. Those who wish to attend need to pre-register by May 14 by contacting Nancy Posvar at 254-742-9880 or by e-mail at nancy.posvar@tx.usda.gov.

Participants can sign in at the center between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. and the program will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. The plant materials center is located at 3950 FM 1292, Knox City.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, Large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Rob Ziehr at 254-742-9888 at least two weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.

For a complete agenda, visit the NRCS Texas Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/ or contact the plant materials center at 940-658-3922.

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God’s Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O’Brien Baptist Church

I truly have a great respect for farmers. They are an incredibly positive-minded, goal oriented work force. They understand the necessity of discipline in all they have to complete. When it is time to do what needs to be done, they do it! I’m sure that many of those decisions and the understanding of the disciplines required come from years of experience. But it is also connected to seasons of harvest time. Harvest waits on no one.

I was studying this week upon the teachings of Jesus in many of his parables about planting seed in soil. Parables are simply spiritual truths told through an everyday experience. When Jesus would finish a particular teaching through a parable He would say, “He who has ears, let him hear!” His truths are meant for everyone to hear, but Jesus knew that everyone would not listen. We can miss out on so

much knowledge and wisdom by not knowing God’s word. Experience can and will teach us many things if we respond to the circumstances and consequences in a positive manner. Our disciplines are reflected in how we respond to the circumstance. Our hesitation to make a decision becomes trapped in the consequence.

Can we change our circumstances? Yes most of the time. Can we prevent many of our consequences? Yes, if we don’t repeat the cause of the circumstance. Can we develop the disciplines to do both? Without question, if we will depend upon the truths of Christ! Listen to Him say, “he who has ears, let him hear!” The opportunity to hear is very much like the harvest of a crop...there comes a time that He waits on no one!

I pray that you experience the love of God every day in every way.

Obituary

Ruby Andress

Ruby “Naomi” Andress, age 92, went to her Lord on March 25, 2010. She was born in Haskell, Texas on May 13, 1917 to Rueben and Olien Buford Lackey. She grew up in Haskell enjoying her family of sisters and cousins. On Dec. 3, 1932, she married JT Andress, her best friends brother. Together they had three children: Billie Somerville (Dave deceased) of Globe, Ariz; Ron (Ruth) of Chino Valley Ariz., and Gary (LaVerna) of Globe, Ariz. In 1940 they moved to Miami Ariz. Where JT found work with the mines and they raised their family. In 1945, Naomi and JT joined a group that had a vision of establishing a southern Baptist church in the area and became charter members of Trinity Baptist Church. Naomi was active in church activities- teaching Sunday school, supporting youth and mission activities, doing whatever needed to be done and, most importantly, adding by her Christian example. In 1959, the closing of Miami Copper Mine forced them to move to Grants, NM where JT found work. They were able to move back to the area and their home church when, in 1965, they established the Burger Box in Lower Miami across from George Washington School. Naomi ran the Burger Box, cooking her renowned hamburgers until 1979. Naomi loved to go on picnics, fishing and camping. She eagerly awaited and planned for the annual family two week camping trip to the White Mountains. The Rusty Nail, as the campsite came to be known, was where family and friends- sometimes as many as 40 plus, gathered for good fun and great food. She was a wonderful cook and her cobblers and biscuits

and gravy were treats in store for campers. She loved having her family around her- playing card and board games, sharing stories, games and songs around the campfire and participating in talent show nights. Everyone knew grandma was hard to beat at Rummy. She enjoyed crocheting, especially afghans for her family, and working word puzzles. For 65 years she remained a faithful member and contributor to Trinity Baptist Church, regularly attending Sunday School and church until her death. She was a good and lifelong friend to many, offering her counsel and sharing her ability to enjoy life. She was an inspiration and a role model for friends and family alike. She dearly loved her family and family holidays and celebrations, having just attended her great-great granddaughters costume birthday party before the end of February. Mom, Mother, Grandma, Nana, GiGi will be greatly missed by her daughter, two sons, two daughters-in-law, seven grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

She also leaves two sisters, Frieda Fly of Rochester, Texas and Juanita Grimes of Weinert, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years JT Andress, sisters, Willie Andress and Alta Faye Davis of Haskell, Texas; sister-in-law and friend, Lola Faye Wisler. Memorials may be made to Christian Veterinary Mission (CVM)- Schwenk in care of the Trinity Baptist Church, PO Box 2733, Globe, Ariz. 85502.

Visitation and funeral services were held March 30 at Trinity Baptist Church in Globe. Internment is at Globe Cemetery.

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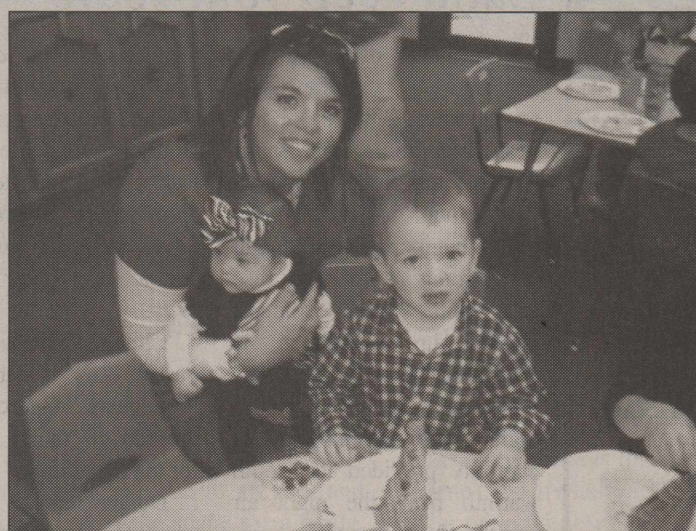
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Tattoo etiquette. Is there a book? Probably. But I haven't read it. If there's not a book, someone should write one, both for the tattooed and non-tattooed.

Flamingos prompted my musings on tattoos.

My friend Carolyn has a pair of decorative yard flamingos -- not for the yard at her house but for wherever she parks her RV. Carolyn isn't average; accordingly, neither are the flamingos. They're strung in twinkle lights. They're even dressed -- not "dressed" in the chicken sense of the word. I mean they're wearing clothes. If you think it's hard to get socks on a rooster, you've got to appreciate what she did for these two birds -- unless, of course, they came that way. But I see her designer's touch in their attire.

At the moment, the two flamingos are planted in front of her RV in Turkey, Texas. Like a pair of tattoos, they're hard not to notice.

Carolyn is here in Turkey early for the yearly Bob Wills Days festivities. Her cowman husband, Dink, will arrive eventually, as will mine. Meanwhile, one of her flamingos is dressed in glitzy pink fabric and black leggings, and the other one is wearing primarily a pink bandana. Obviously they represent her and Dink, respectively.

Carolyn will be pleased I noticed the pair and figured out the symbolism, so to speak.

Heavy word, symbolism. Maybe it's too heavy for flamingos. But something I remember from Carl Jung's "Man and His Symbols" is that hallucinating drunks, who typically see elephants or mice, support Jung's theory that mankind has a

collective consciousness, or at least Jung thought so. If elephants and mice are that imbued with Jungian significance, then why not flamingos, even if they aren't a hallucination of choice? So, I offer you flamingos.

Any of you readers who really understand Jung may be cringing at my from-memory rendition of his take on the elephant-mice phenomenon. That's your job. Mine is to take it all to a new level, albeit not necessarily a higher one.

Speaking of symbolism, back to tattoos. The reason the flamingos reminded me of tattoos is that they are vehicles of expression for non-tattooed Carolyn. They identify her trailer with a special touch. I feel perfectly comfortable commenting on them. I almost feel obligated.

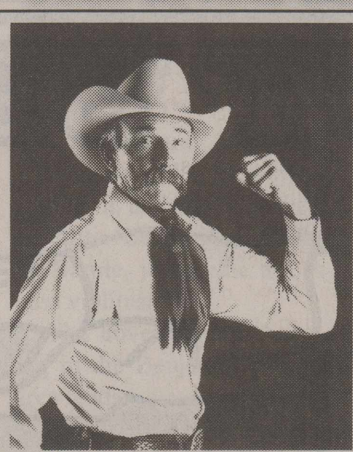
But tattoos never strike me that way. Instead, they strike me dumb. I want to stare and analyze the designs and ask their significance. But my etiquette compass directs me to do neither, especially if the wearer is a stranger. So I sneak sideways glances and stay mum.

INTERNET PAUSE.

Google "tattoo etiquette," and you'll mostly get advice on how to choose a design and how to behave in a tattoo studio.

But one tattoo discussion website displayed a comment string long enough to tell me society is still divided on how tattoo observers should behave. If I learned anything, it's that you shouldn't lift someone's shirt to get a better look at a back tattoo.

I'm going to try to remember that.



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

by Baxter Black,
DVM

ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

It happened to Brett, a country boy in college on a rodeo scholarship. His folks sent him off to college in a well-used 3/4 ton pickup with mud and snows and a grill that looked like the gate on a Russian prison, a 16' stock trailer the color of camouflage, and an antique gas-stingy hatchback coupe.

The story began one early chilly morning when 'Marilyn', as he affectionately named the hatchback, wouldn't start. When this happened back at the ranch they would push Marilyn up into the back of the stock trailer and haul her to the mechanic 18 miles away in Mountain Home. Not having a push tractor there on campus, Brett strategically placed the opened trailer at the foot of steep grade next to the sidewalk. He set up two stout board ramps and walked back up the hill to get Marilyn.

The campus seemed deserted, Bret observed, as he pushed Marilyn over the edge, jumped in and coasted down the hill. He hit the ramp tracks and loaded the projectile on the trailer with less than six inches of clearance! "Step One!" he said, much satisfied.

It was then that Step Two reared its ugly head. On the ranch they never needed to actually sit behind the wheel to load her, he remembered...too late! There was no way to get the door open. There was no space through the window against the solid-sided trailer. "The hatchback!" he thought, hope in his heart. He could see the empty street behind him through the back window. Over he climbed only to find that it would not open!

As the day warmed people began appearing. He heard children talking to a mom nearby.

"Hey, Lady," Brett whispered, trying not to scare her. No response.

"Hey, Lady!" he said, raising his voice.

The mom looked around, grabbed her kids and hurried away from the menacing voice. For 45 minutes Brett tried to catch the attention of passers by. He whistled, banged on the trailer, and rocked Marilyn. Finally by plastering himself against the hatchback window and flailing like a shipwrecked sailor, he caught the attention of a bicycling journalism major.

She agreed to go get help if Brett agreed to let her film his plight and do an interview first. He was cornered and acquiesced. The article was titled, "Carpooling, the Cowboy Way!"

Legal Notice

RESOLUTION

CITY OF BENJAMIN, TEXAS

ORDER OF CANCELLATION

The City Council of Benjamin, Texas, hereby cancels the election scheduled to be held on May 8, 2010, in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El City Council of Benjamin, Texas, por la presente cancela la eleccion que, de lo contrario, se hubiera celebrado el Mayo 10, 2010 de conformidad, con la Seccion 2.053(a) delCodigo de Elecciones de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como candidatos unicos y por la presente quedan elegidos como se haya indicado a continuacion:

Candidate (Candidato)	Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)
Sylinda Meinzer	Mayor (Alcalde)
Fred Carver	Council Member (Asientos Concejales)
Lorene Powers	Council Member (Asientos Concejales)

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

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Sylinda Meinzer
President (Presidente)

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4/20	52/65		
4/21	53/81		
4/22	60/77	0.23	
4/23	51/76	0.07	
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Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on MARCH 31, 2010 in this case, numbered 9255 on the docket of said court, and styled IN THE INTEREST OF: KENSEY BENSON CHILD.

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: UNKNOWN FATHER are Plaintiffs and are Defendants.

A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit: MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF CITATION BY POSTING FOR UNKNOWN FATHER as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Benjamin, Texas, on MARCH 31, 2010.

ATTEST: Annette Offutt, District Clerk
Knox County, Texas

(Seal)

By: Lisa Cypert, Deputy
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Miscellaneous

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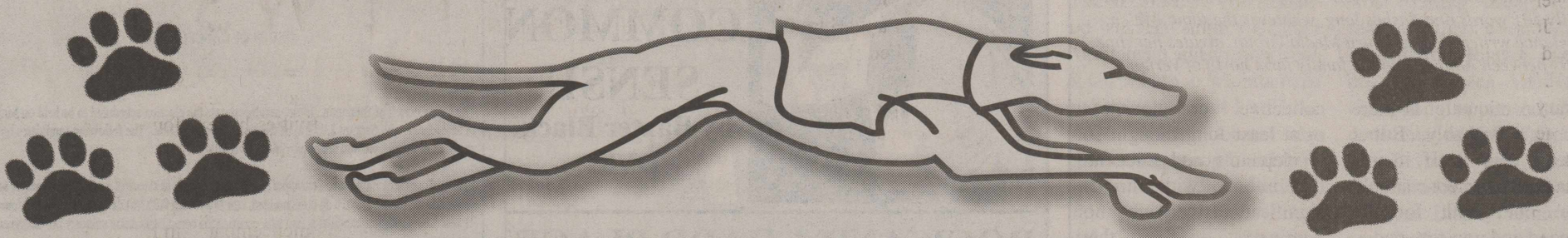
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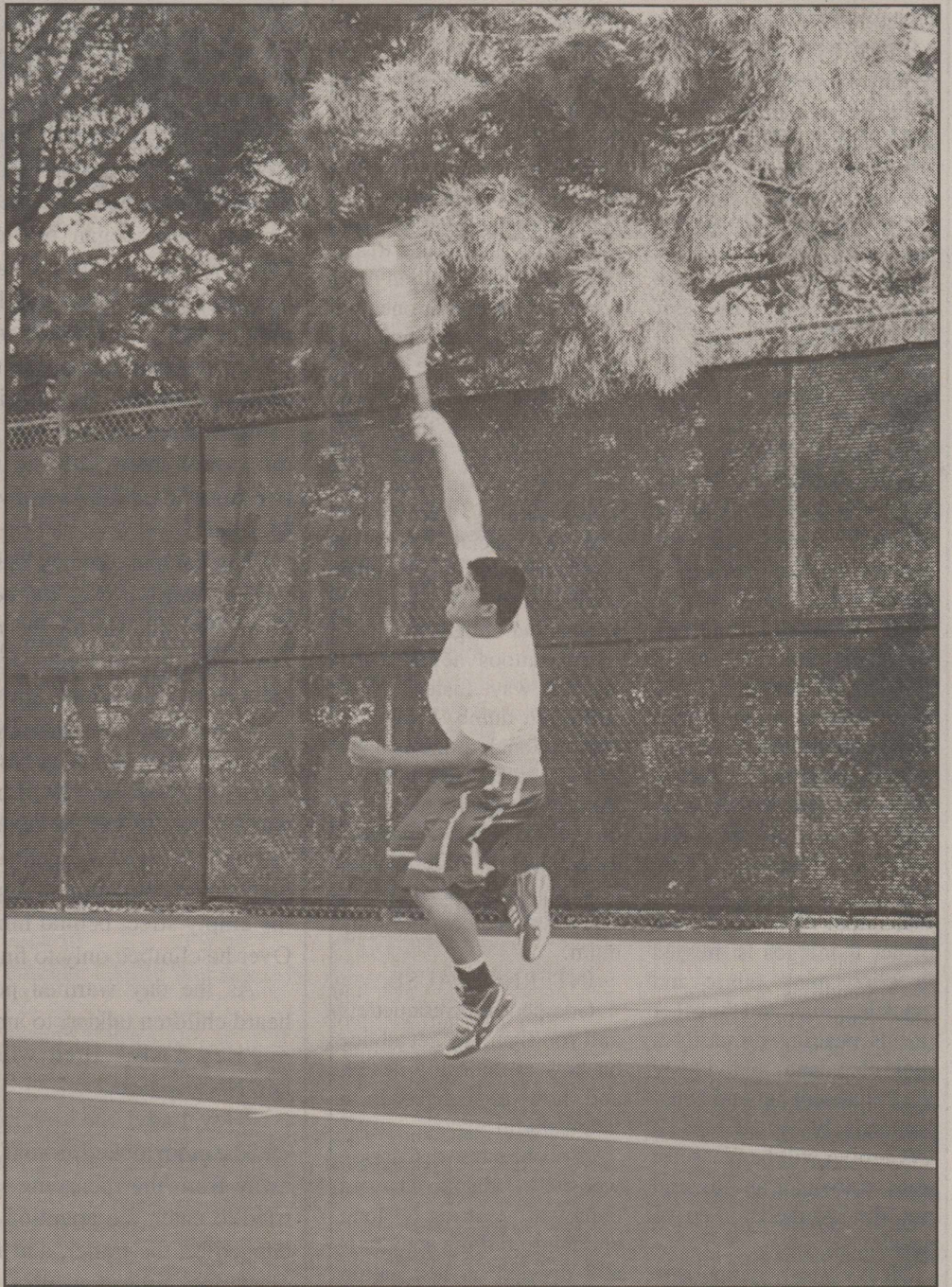
Nice Modern Restaurant, recently built. Also could be used for hunting lodge- Weinert, TX

KNOX CITY SPORTS



Reagan Clark rushes to return a ball and keep the match going during her and her partner, Chastity Tolsen's time on the court at the Regional Tennis Match in Abilene last week.

(Photo by Daveine Clark)



MJ Abila smashes a tennis ball at the Regional Tournament in Abilene last week. He and Mixed couple partner, Brittany Gonzales, had won the district title before their debut on Regional court.

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I assure you, these are my goals.

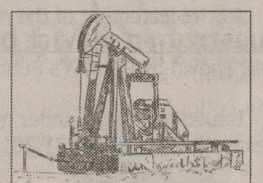
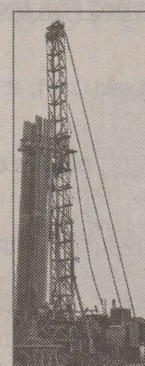
We have a city election coming soon and your vote will make a difference. Last year less than 200 of our 1200 plus citizens took the time to vote. Is this a reflection of your feelings toward our home town?

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ERIC WATSON

Museum News

A RECENT VISITOR to the Wichita Brazos Museum in Benjamin, was 98 year old, Joe Castleman, of the famed Castleman Brothers Band. This family had a rich history in music.

The Castleman Brothers, Buff Buffington, Alva Conner, J. W. Smith and other Benjamin friends taught Ernest Tubb to play the guitar while living in Benjamin in the 1920 and 30's.

Earl and Hattie Castleman came to Knox County from Red River County. They bought a farm west of

Benjamin, on the McFaddin Lane. Earl was killed in 1925, in a train accident at Benjamin. He is buried in Johnson Cemetery in Munday.

The Castleman's had nine children, Lillian, Jim, John, Muriel (Johnson), Tommie, Charlie, Joe, Ruth (Ressel), and Bernie. The Johnson and Ressel families made their homes and raised their own children here in Benjamin.

Jim and Joe Castleman formed a western-style trio by adding Buffington to their group. They called their band

the Bird Brand Cowboys. Jim played fiddle, Joe played mandolin, and Buff was their guitarist. Later a third brother, Bernie, joined the act as bass violinist.

The advertisement hanging in the Benjamin exhibit area reads:

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These cowboys will appear at L. M. Jones --D.D. Harrison--Knox City, Texas-- 6:00 to 6:15 P.M.-- Thursday, August 29. (There was no year given)

Joe Castleman was Here In Person. While here, he also visited his great nephew, Tracy Cartwright, and his family in Benjamin, having a picture made of four generations.

Texas Crop and Weather

Most of Texas got exactly what it needed in the last week, either rain or a drying spell, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service personnel.

In most cases, what was needed was rain, and agricultural producers got from light drizzle to as much as 10 inches in a few areas.

"Lubbock County received 4(inches)to 5-plus inches during several rainfall events last week," said Mark Brown, AgriLife Extension agent. "Although low-lying areas received some temporary flooding, these rains came at a very beneficial time for wheat producers and cotton producers alike."

"Rain, good ole rain," said Kevin Brendle, AgriLife Extension agent for Dickens County, east of Lubbock. "Most of the county has had 1.5 to 3 inches of it. Land has been prepared and cotton planting will soon begin. Wheat and oat fields will really grow with this recent moisture."

"Pecos County received a much-needed rain over the entire county this past week," said Norman Fryar, AgriLife Extension agent for Pecos County, south of Odessa. "Measured amounts varied greatly. The moisture came slowly for the first several hours allowing the soil to open up for the heavier rains that followed on the second day. Some areas have reported moisture as deep as six inches down."

In the North, what was needed was warmer temperatures and sunshine to dry fields out, and that's what they got, AgriLife Extension agents said.

"This week has thus far brought the best weather we have had this year with the warm temperatures and sun," said Rick Maxwell, AgriLife Extension agent for Collin County. "A few more corn farmers have decided to go ahead and plant late, but we are still probably at only 20 percent of our total planted acreage for corn. What little wheat we have planted is now starting to grow, but it is still far behind for this time of year. Livestock pastures are greening up now with Bermuda and winter annuals starting to grow very well."

Though rain halted some harvests in South Texas, it was good news for most crops. The exceptions were sugarcane and onions, reported Brad Cowan, AgriLife Extension agent for Hidalgo County, south of Corpus Christi.

"Many field operations have been slowed or stopped due to rainfall received all week," Cowan said. "Rain was not good news for most onion growers as harvest nears. Some sugarcane was still not harvested and rainfall was not welcome for harvest crews."

The following summaries were compiled by AgriLife Extension district reporters:

CENTRAL: Most of the region received a needed rain that was expected to help wheat head-fill, kick-start corn and get cotton up and going. However, topsoils were quickly being dried out by high winds. Rangeland and pasture conditions improved. Cattle were putting on weight and cows were estrous cycling. Hay producers were fertilizing.

EAST: Some counties received light rains, but much more rain was needed to keep soils from drying out. High winds removed much of the existing soil moisture. Despite the lack of rain, producers in Na-

cogdoches County were able to begin harvesting their first cutting of hay. Livestock were in fair to good condition with producers still providing some supplemental feed. There were some reports of insect problems on fruit trees. Feral hogs continued to be active.

FAR WEST: From 1 inch to 5 inches of rain fell. Farmers had made their first alfalfa cutting of the season and had hay on the ground when the rains came. Cotton and chile planting was halted because of the rain. Onions were at 7th leaf stage and have begun bulb formation.

NORTH: The region had beautiful weather, the best of the year, with warm temperatures and sunshine. There has been active soil preparation, planting and gardening all week and rains got everything off to a good start. Soil moisture was adequate to surplus. Winter wheat was 20 percent headed and in fair to good condition. Rangeland and pastures were in fair to good condition. Corn that was planted was emerged and in fair to excellent condition. Sorghum was in good condition with 40 percent to 100 percent planted, depending upon the county. Soybeans were 90 percent planted, and all rice was planted. Producers began to cut ryegrass hay. Strawberries were developing well, and peaches looked good. Feral hogs continued to be a major problem in cropland and pastures.

PANHANDLE: Soil-moisture levels were improved by 0.5 inch to 5 inches of rain. Many counties reported record or near-record amounts of rain for April. Wheat looked good, and the rain was particularly welcomed by dryland wheat growers. Reports of insects were few, but weed control was still a problem in some areas. Some producers started to plant corn, but they were stopped due to rain and cooler temperatures. However, as the soil temperatures rise back up to the mid to upper 50s, the rains will help with the remaining corn to be planted. There should still be plenty of soil moisture for silage and sorghum when planting begins near the end of April. Pastures looked good as spring growth came on. Livestock producers were winding down supplemental feeding of cattle.

ROLLING PLAINS: The

region received as much as 5.5 inches of slow, steady rain in some areas. The rains helped replenish topsoils, which were beginning to dry out. The moisture also helped wheat and oats. Some wheat began to head, but most was just going into the boot stage. Cotton farmers were gearing up for planting; they have a positive outlook thanks to the recent moisture. Grain sorghum was being planted. Pastures were greening up, and producers were fertilizing hay fields. Some producers were still spraying for weeds. Rangeland and pasture conditions were improving daily. Livestock continued to gain and maintain good body condition scores. Stock water tanks were full. The peach crop looked good.

SOUTH: Soil-moisture levels were adequate to surplus throughout the region. Some areas received slow, steady showers with accumulation of 2 inches to 6 inches - and even as much as 10 inches in some areas. The rain put a halt to field activity but benefited crops overall. All wheat and oats were 100 percent headed. Corn was in good condition and 100 percent emerged. In the northern part of the region, most sorghum and cotton planting was finished. In the eastern part of the region, cotton, corn, sunflowers and sorghum were well established. In the northern part of the region, corn, onions, sorghum and cotton showed good progress with little insect pressure. The wet conditions halted cabbage harvesting, and early planted wheat reached maturity. Pecans produced an abundant canopy in response to the heavy rains. However, too much rain did cause some problems, said AgriLife Extension agents. In the southern part of the region, producers were concerned about the delayed harvesting of onion and sugarcane. The citrus harvest was finished in that part of the region. As for livestock, the rain was a blessing. Stock tanks were full in many areas of the region, and rangeland and pasture conditions were improving.

SOUTH PLAINS: The region received from 1 inch to 8 inches of rain. Although there was temporary flooding in low-lying areas, the rains came just in time for wheat and cotton producers. Most producers had land prepared and were very happy to see this rain. Days

were cold with moderate winds. Soil-moisture levels were adequate to surplus. Wheat was in fair to good condition and continued to mature. Pastures and rangeland were expected to be in excellent condition for the next couple of weeks. Livestock were in good condition and expected to improve with the increased forage.

SOUTHEAST: Low soil moisture conditions were alleviated by about 1 inch of rain in most counties. However, constant 10-15 mph winds quickly dried tilled soils and pastures. Corn and sorghum were in need of moisture. Cool-season grasses and legumes remained productive. Cattle bloat was reported in some areas. Haying activity continued. Winter annuals were flowering or producing seed.

SOUTHWEST: From 2 inches to 5 inches of rain fell, bringing the year-to-date cumulative rainfall to about 1.8 times the long-term average. The soil moisture profile was full, and the region looked good. Wheat, oats, corn, sorghum, cotton, onions, potatoes, pickling cucumbers, cantaloupes, watermelons and other spring vegetables were making excellent progress. However, high humidity increased incidences of rust on wheat and diseases on vegetables. Forage availability was above average. Livestock and wildlife made full use of the improved forage availability. Growers continued harvesting of cabbage and spinach. The broccoli and carrot harvest was nearly completed, and the spinach harvest began to wind down. Peanut planting was expected to begin in early May. Fruit and pecan fruit set was excellent.

WEST CENTRAL: Temperatures cooled, and many areas received a much-needed rain, which will help with cotton planting in May, said AgriLife Extension personnel. Soil moisture levels were good. Farmers were spraying for weeds and fertilizing. Wheat was doing very well, except for some areas having problems with mustard weed. Growers began harvesting wheat in some areas. Corn began to emerge. Small-grain, hay and forage planting was well under way. Rangeland and pastures were in very good condition with grasses and forbs growing well. Wildflowers were abundant and beautiful. Livestock were in good to excellent condition. Growers were preparing to spray pecans as trees budded out.

BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

April is almost gone & the last of school activities have begun to take place. It will be busy (or should I say, busier) from now until school is out. High school commencement is the Sunday nite preceding the Jr. High commencement which is Thursday nite, May 27.

Regarding Our Ill.
David Baldwin was able to return home last Monday after several days in a Wichita Falls Hospital. He is doing much better but it will be a while before he is completely recovered. It's good that he's been able to come home as it was though it might be several weeks before he would return.

Rosie Brown is seriously ill at her home in Trenton, GA. Rosie had been hospitalized for several days and had improved enough to go home but her condition has worsened and she is now in Hospice Care.

Rosie is a Benjamin native but has lived away for several years. She is the sister of Bud Conner. I ask you prayers for her & her family during this time.

Sr. Supper
The Baptist Church honored the Benjamin graduating class with a dinner on Tues. nite at Bud's café. Twelve of the 15 graduates were present for the chicken fried steak meal- Also attending were class sponsor Beth Donham, Supt. Olivia Gloria & her husband, Gene & the church pastor, Troy Culpepper and several from the church. Following the meal, Bro. Troy brought a short devotional & the church presented each graduate with a gift. A prayer by Gene Gloria closed the evening activities & everyone departed, thankful for time well spent.

Here 'N There
First, I want to say in last week's account of Betty Limasters' death, I listed her sister, Jane as a survivor. Jane has passed away. Betty's living siblings are Ruthie, Marie & Sue. I apologize to Betty's family for this careless mistake.

Jr. High volleyball Monday found our girls winning every game. They played Knox City & Rotan. On May 1, they will be in a tournament in Rotan.

On Sun, Lynn & Michael Rogers of Snyder visited in the Moorhouse home.

Helen Green of Guthrie spent the weekend with her cousin, Lorene Powers. Helen is a cancer survivor and got a good report today (Mon). she does not have to see her cancer doctor for another year, which is very good news. And also her brother, James Coppedge who also has been battling cancer 7 years is doing much better. Is gaining some of his weight back, and tho he is taking a chemo pill, it is not making him sick so things are going pretty well right now. In fact, is all continues to go well for him, he plans to be here for Homecoming in June.

Hazel Stockton is in Lubbock today for a follow-up visit with her dermatologist.

Nellie Lewis called to tell me that on Sat, May 8, she & the rest of her family will be honoring their dad, Steve Reyes with a party at his home. The occasion is his 95th birthday. Everyone is invited to drop by during the day to offer their good wishes to Steve and help him celebrate his life. Steve's home is at 900 NE 2nd street in Knox City.

Cody Propps tells me he will be going to Austin the second weekend in May as a part of the Honor Crew. That is he will be "behind the scenes" helping set up for the One Act Plays representing the schools from our area. Schools participating, where he will be helping out, are Electra and Lometa.

Mike and Debbie Moorhouse & granddaughter Randi were in Amarillo to visit family.

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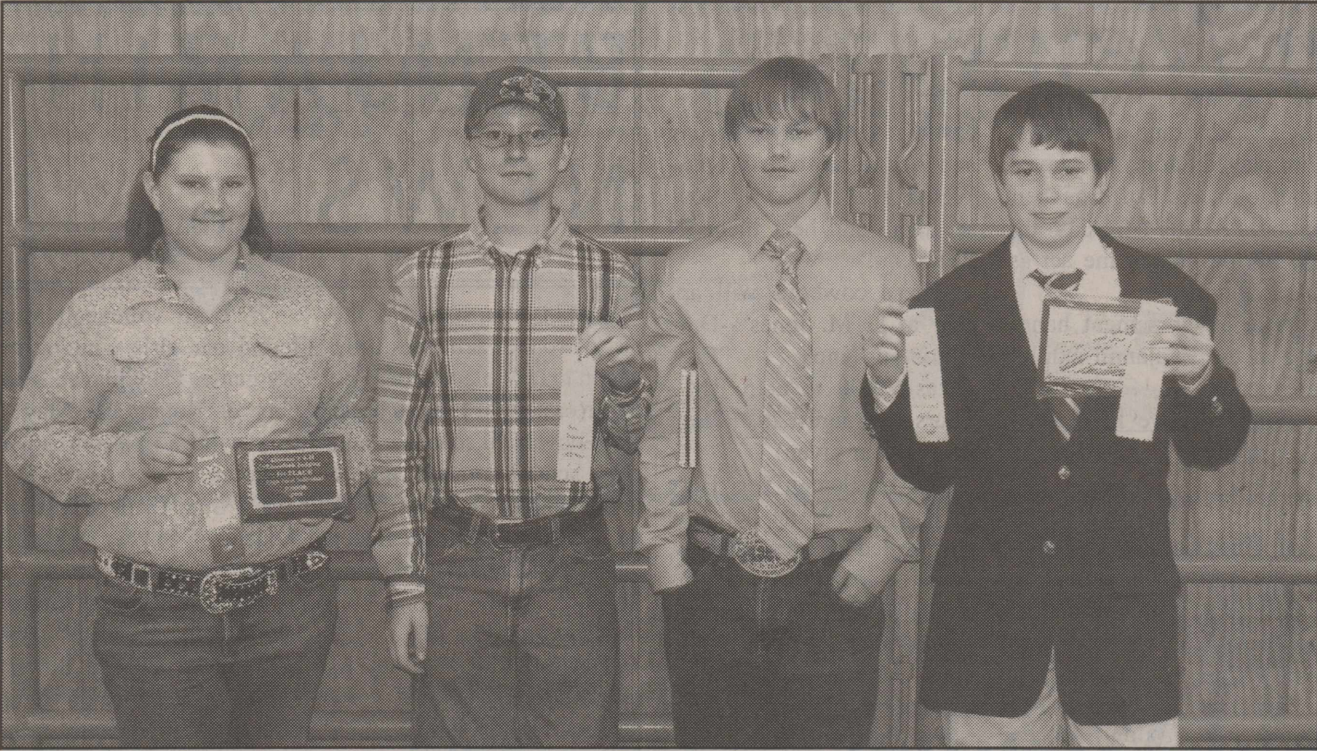
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Pictured Left to Right: Grace Tidwell, Parker Finley, Trey Tidwell, Shannon Reeves.

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4-H Judges Compete at District Livestock Judging Contest

Knox County 4-H Livestock Judges made the trip over to Vernon, TX on April 22 to compete at the Rolling Plains District Livestock Judging Contest. Those competing in the judging contest this year were Shannon Reeves, Parker Finley, Trey Tidwell, and Grace Tidwell.

These individuals had to place 8 classes of livestock which included two classes of market steers, bulls, heifers, market swine, breeding swine, breeding ewes, and market lambs. Each age category had to place all 8 classes. Junior judges had to give one set of reasons, intermediates had to give 2 sets of reasons, and seniors had to give 3 sets of reasons. In the junior division Grace Tidwell came out on top finishing 1st High Overall Individual. For the intermediate division, Parker Finley received 3rd in reasons. Shannon Reeves placed 3rd in reasons and 3rd High Overall Individual in the senior division. In the senior divisions the top three teams and top three placing individuals get to advance to the state competition held in College Station in June.

All of these individuals have spent many committed hours preparing and practicing for this contest. They all did an outstanding job and should be very competitive next year as well.

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Sheriff's Report

Pursuant to open records request, here is a list of those arrested within the indicated time and processed through the Knox County Jail:

March 19- April 20th, 2010

Thompson, Bobby
3/22/10
Terroristic Threat (M-B)
(Arrested in Baylor County)

Goodwin, Kelly
3/22/10
MTR/Theft (M-B) Knox County
(Held in Johnson County)

Stucks, Alvin
3/24/10
Embezzlement (Knox County)
Oklahoma Warrant

Norbriga, Elizabeth
3/24/10
TBC (M-B) Knox County
(Arrested in Vernon, Texas)

Walton, Omard
3/25/10
Judgement NISI/ Prohibited Substance in a correctional Facility (F-3) Knox County
(Arrested in Taylor County)

Carter, Lindley
3/26/10
DWI 1st (M-B) Knox County

Randall, Ashley
3/27/10
MTR/ Prohibited sub. In Corr. Fac. (F-3) Knox County

Newton, Terrence
3/27/10
MTR/ Possession of Controlled Substance (M-B)
(Arrested in Haskell County)

Bice, Billy
3/28/10
Public Intoxication (M-C)

Castro- Manzano, Jorge
3/31/10
TBC (M-B) Knox County
(Taylor County Warrant)

Sabes, David
4/3/10
Public Intox. (M-C)
Foard County

Cothran, Benjamin
4/6/10
Assault/ Family Violence (M-A)
Foard County

Hicks, Fritz
4/7/10
MTR/ Contempt of Court
Knox County
(Tarrant County Warrant)

Thorne, Ray
4/9/10

FTA/ Money Laundering (SJF)
Knox County
(Arrested in Denton County)

Reeves, Joshua
4/9/10
Assault w/ bodily injury- Family Violence (M-A)
Baylor County

Collins, Phillip
4/9/10
DWI 3rd+
Knox County

Aune, Jessica
4/9/10
DWI w/ open container (M-B)
Knox County

Kerbo, Patrick
4/10/10
MTR/ Public Lewdness (M-A)
Knox County

Cuellar, Ramon
4/12/10
DWLI (m-B)
Knox County

Longoria, Eusevio
4/14/10
Assault/ Family Violence (M-A)
Foard County

Nicholson, Clemmie Jr.
4/14/10
Disorderly Conduct/ Display of Deadly Weapon (M-B)
Knox County

Klein, Christopher
4/14/10
MTR/ Possess Marijuana
Knox County
(Arrested in Plano TX)

Morcom, Michael
4/15/10
TBC (M-B)
Foard County

Fitts, Justin C.
4/15/10
Public Intox. (M-C)
Baylor County

Dominguez, Raul
4/20/10
Bond Forfeiture/ DWI w/ child (SJF)
Knox County

District 4-H Round-Up Results

The 24 counties of the Rolling Plains Extension District had close to 300 youth participate in the District Round-Up. The Round-Up was held at the Wilbarger Auditorium and Vernon Boys & Girls Club in Wichita Falls on Thursday, April 14. Those individuals or teams who placed first, second, and third in Educational Presentations, Beef & Horse Quiz Bowl, and Consumer Decision Making in the Senior Division, ages 14-19, will have the right to represent the district in the State 4-H Round-Up held in College Station on June 7-11.

Knox County was well represented at the contest with 14 youth participating. In the Intermediate Division of Educational Presentations, Kathryn Cude took home 1st place in the Clothing and Textiles category. For Horse Quiz Bowl there were two senior teams and two junior teams. The senior team members were Trey Tidwell, Shannon Reeves, and Ryder Cude, the other team consisted of William Moorhouse, Raquel Acevedo, and Jessica Vanderpol. Individuals on the junior teams were Jesse Munoz, Peyton Shipp, Mason Shipp, Rebecca Rodriguez, Parker Finley, Kaitlin Voss, and Katlynn Baker. The quiz bowl team of Parker Finley, Kaitlin Voss, and Katlynn Baker placed 3rd against some pretty tough competition.

In the Consumer Decision Making event, senior team members were William Moorhouse, Raquel Acevedo, and Jessica Vanderpol. Competing as an individual consumer in the Intermediate Division was Lyndon Baty. Junior consumers were Katlynn Baker, Jesse Munoz, Peyton Shipp, and Mason Shipp. The junior team brought home 3rd place with Mason Shipp receiving 5th High Point Individual honors and Peyton Shipp accepting 4th High Point Individual honors. All of these participants did a fantastic job this year and represented Knox County 4-H very well. A special Thank You goes out to Nancy Cude for coaching our quiz bowl teams, and to the parents for assisting with the youth at the contest. Educational programs of the Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all citizens without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in a meeting or program are encouraged to contact the Knox County AgriLife Extension office at (940) 459-26

Bobby Boatright Music Camp July 11-15

GOREE, Texas -- A summer Western Swing music camp for fiddle and guitar students, now in its tenth year, has a new name and a new location.

The Bobby Boatright Music Camp is set for July 11-15 at Goree.

The new name of the camp honors the memory of musician Bobby Boatright, a renowned Western Swing fiddle player who died in 2008. When Boatright was chief fiddle instructor at the camp, the name of the camp was simply Western Swing Music Camp. Last year's camp was dedicated to Boatright, but this is the first year the four-day event has carried his name.

Among this year's instructors are fiddlers who studied under Boatright.

The new location for the camp, formerly held on a ranch west of Crowell, is the former school building at Goree. The facility has space for classes, lodging, group jam sessions and the final end-of-camp concert at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 15.

RV sites will also be available close by.

Camp director is J W Sollis, a former school superintendent with an interest in preserving the legacy of Western Swing music, a genre popularized by the late bandleader Bob Wills (1905-1975).

"We have a good selection of instructors," Sollis said. "They're professional, they've studied with some of the best Western Swing performers and they have been trained to teach."

Lead fiddle instructor is Kalli Burk, who holds a bachelor's degree in music, with an emphasis in Irish fiddle, from Texas Tech

University. Burk has taught five years at the music camp, including four with Boatright. She's studied fiddle under Lanny Fiel, Joe Carr and Christopher Smith. Burk played nine years with Fiel and the Ranch Dance Fiddle Band and currently instructs fiddle at South Plains College in Levelland. Her own band is Texas Stardust, a five-piece group with a repertoire of Western Swing and traditional Texas fiddle dance music. Lead guitar instructor is Ronny Dale Shultz. His degree in music is from Texas Christian University. Shultz owns World Records Recording Studio in Crowell. His ability to play several styles of music and several instruments, guitar to trumpet, keep him working as a session player and performer. He's also a vocalist. Shultz has played with Bob Will's Texas Playboys, David "Fathead" Newman, Claude Gray, Red Stegall, Leroy Van Dyke, Lynn Anderson, Johnny Bush, Frenchie Burke, Johnny Gimble, Hank Thompson and many other name musicians.

Other instructors will include Lillie Hart and Linda Steen on fiddle and Daron Brown and Heath Ham on guitar. Both Hart and Steen have taught at the camp in past years. Brown and Ham, both South Plains College alumni, are new instructors.

"I've got a good bunch of teachers," Sollis said. "All of them know how to instruct. They're qualified teachers."

The camp is open to students age 10 and older. Last year's age range was from 10 to 86.

For more information about the camp, contact Sollis at jwsollis@yahoo.com or (940) 684-1894.

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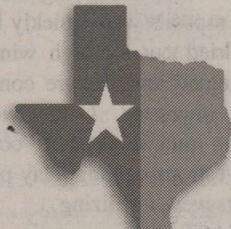
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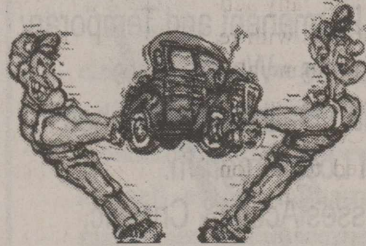
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OPINION



The Paperboy

Time to reflect

By CHRIS BLACKBURN

I saw a reflection of myself ... for hours.

Eight years ago, my girlfriend, now my wife, suggested we rip the carpet out of my house and see what was underneath.

Turned out there were hardwood floors beneath that dirty, old carpet.

We refurbished those floors. Lately, we've been having them re-stained which is generally followed by several coats of polyurethane. Sunday I attempted to correct an issue in the living room which turned into an all-day project.

Spending all day on your hands and knees can give the mind a lot of time to think and reflect ... especially when you are staring straight at your own face.

In that reflection, I realized the man and the house before me had seen a lot of change since the last time I was in this position. I saw eight years of family visits and eight years of

relationships with good friends.

I thought of all of the special things which have occurred in this exact space: My last Christmas with Mom was on that floor.

My longtime friend and dog scratched up that floor.

My wife practiced her birthing exercises on that floor.

My boys learned to crawl and later walk on that floor.

My father and his brothers and sister reunited on that floor.

My 4-year-old son spilled something every other day on that floor.

The list was endless. Sporting events, presidential elections, holidays - things I hadn't thought about in years were suddenly rushing back to me as I worked.

I then thought about the other events my 94-year-old home had witnessed. Several families and most likely, similar stories to my own.

Beyond the memories, my reflection showed me something

else.

It showed me a man who isn't getting any younger. A man who needs to do a better job in several facets of his life.

Of equal importance, it showed me someone who is blessed to have the family and friends I have. Someone who is fortunate to have an old house to work on.

On occasion, it's good to do some soul searching. It's healthy to have a long conversation with yourself, even though you may not like some of the topics.

I guess doing the floor was therapeutic for me. At the very least, being lost in thought and memory was a good way to pass the time while working.

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Other Opinions

Too Politically Connected to Fail

By ERIC SANDBERG

The Obama Administration and Democratic Congressional leaders are misleading the American public. Their financial regulatory reform bill, which could soon reach the Senate floor, is promoted as protecting consumers from fat cat bankers. Unfortunately, the bill takes aim at the wrong parties and comes down against the state's traditional community banks—the ones that did not cause the economic mess in the first place—and exempts most of the investment bank and broker dealer activities that were responsible for the financial collapse.

In touting their bill, proponents have made several statements that, upon further analysis, are misrepresenting the legislation. For example:

- Proponents say the bill will prevent future bailouts. As passed by the Senate Banking Committee, the bill allows for endless tax-

payer bailouts of Wall Street banks. Currently, there is a provision in the bill that would create a \$50 billion resolution fund to pay for the liquidation of at-risk organizations.

- Proponents say the bill will put an end to "Too Big to Fail." While it addresses "Too Big to Fail," the bill still leaves loopholes for the government to prop up faltering institutions it deems to be systemically important. Any big banks in the future with connections, like Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or Goldman Sachs, could lobby Washington to bail them out.

Here's what the bill will do:

- It will create a huge new bureaucracy in the form of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. This new entity would conflict with safety-and-soundness regulators, and it would not afford the same regulatory scrutiny to non-banks — non-regulated and non-FDIC insured financial institutions.
- It strips the Federal Reserve of its regula-

tory role of state member banks, a costly and unnecessary change for affected banks.

- Because of the broad authority granted to the CFPB, its regulatory czar could have the authority to dictate the products and rates banks offer to customers, to the point that a person with excellent credit could be charged the same rate as another with poor credit.

- The bill fails to address one of the major factors that led to the excessive amounts of foreclosures: The pressure the past few Administrations have placed on lenders to ensure all Americans realize the dream of homeownership at any cost.

Most Texas banks are financially healthy and sound. They did not engage in risky lending practices. They did not make subprime loans. They have, instead, been the economic engines of recovery by continuing to make credit available to businesses and consumers in a very difficult economy. Yet, this bill takes aim at community banks by subjecting

them to numerous new and costly regulatory requirements, often on issues that have nothing to do with the financial crisis, while ignoring the investment banks that caused the mess in the first place. Because of this, Texas bankers oppose the Administration's regulatory reform legislation.

While Texas bankers are in favor of sensible regulatory reform that addresses critical issues such as too big to fail, adequate regulation of non-bank lenders and revisions in consumer protection rules, the bill that is soon coming to the Senate floor fails to do any of that.

Eric Sandberg, President & CEO, Texas Bankers Association, Austin. The Texas Bankers Association (www.texasbankers.com), founded in 1885, is a statewide association that represents 86 percent of Texas banks, from the smallest to the largest banks in the nation.

Other Views

Has The Time Come For A Real Maverick?

By MICHAEL SWARTZ

A few election cycles ago Republicans ended up nominating a real, honest-to-goodness old warhorse for their presidential candidate, putting him up against a scandal-plagued incumbent Democrat. With the off-year elections two years before bringing a resounding GOP victory, Republican regulars shrugged off the 23-year age gap between the two nominees and presumed that the contrast between the incumbent's lacking character and their nominee's homespun charm could still score them an upset victory.

But thanks to a lackluster campaign and just enough of a third-party effort to deny the incumbent a majority of the vote, Republican stalwart Bob Dole lost the 1996 election to Bill Clinton. It was an era which placed the term "triangulation" into the political lexicon and Clinton executed that strategy masterfully in winning a second term.

In fact, recent history suggests Washing-

ton insiders don't do well as Republican candidates. George W. Bush won because he cut his political teeth in Texas, far from the nation's capital. Similarly, Ronald Reagan governed California before winning the White House on his second try and America expected more of the same when they elected a Beltway insider to succeed him in Vice-President George H.W. Bush. Conversely, Dole and John McCain were longtime Republican fixtures in Washington, perhaps alienating them from the party grassroots.

To that end, a number of names being bandied about for the GOP nod in 2012 come from the ranks of state governors. While Bobby Jindal of Louisiana declared last week he was not in the running, there's still several current or former state chief executives in the mix — Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota, Texas's Rick Perry, 2008 candidates Mike Huckabee of Arkansas and Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, and of course former second banana Sarah Palin of Alaska.

Yet there is a Beltway insider who has enough appeal among the conservatives who attend events like CPAC or last week's Southern Republican Leadership Conference to beat most of the above-mentioned names in their straw polls — he won the CPAC vote handily and just missed winning the SRLC balloting by one vote. If nominated, he would be 26 years older than the current incumbent Democratic president.

Somehow Ron Paul has escaped the wrath of being perceived as a Washington insider despite serving three stints in Congress totaling 20 years. Obviously he didn't do particularly well in a crowded primary field in 2008 as far as gathering votes goes, but he proved a potent fundraiser and has become a darling among the portion of the Republican Party which preaches fiscal conservatism and limited government through his Campaign for Liberty organization. More importantly, he has an appeal among young conservatives which belies his age.

And with economic issues in the forefront this time around, one Achilles heel of Paul's 2008 bid — his strident opposition to the war in Iraq — is off the table. His domestic policies generally follow a line which straddles conservatism and libertarianism, making him a definite friend of the TEA Party set.

It's doubtful that many of the Presidential players for the 2012 cycle are going to make their intentions known before the 2010 election because of November's potential for upending the Democrats' stranglehold on our legislative branch. This wait-and-see approach serves to gauge the strength of TEA Party politics and the general anti-incumbent mood.

But don't be surprised if the gentleman from Texas doesn't toss his hat back into the presidential ring next year and is more successful this time around. Unlike Bob Dole, it's not likely this elderly Washington insider will be uninspiring on the campaign trail.

Barack Obama: Administrator

By BILL WILSON

The American people cannot say they weren't warned. When he was standing for election, Barack Obama said, "I think when you spread the wealth around, it's good for everybody." And, a \$787 billion "stimulus", a \$2.5 trillion health care takeover, and a proposed budget that will add at least \$10.6 trillion to the national debt by 2020 later, there should be little uncertainty of this White House's insistence to redistribute wealth.

But in case there was any lingering doubt, last week Obama left none when he endorsed a Senate plan to take over the nation's financial system. The Dodd bill, which the Senate will vote to proceed to today, gives the government the ultimate power to take over and "liquidate" any company in the country and "spread the wealth around."

All that is necessary under the bill for a company to be taken over, is that:

- 1) government deems the company to be "substantially engaged in activities... that are financial in nature,"

- 2) alleges it is in default or in danger of default,

- 3) which would have what it says are "serious adverse effects on financial stability in the United States"

- 4) where it claims "no viable private sector alternative is available to prevent the default of the financial company."

You know, companies like GM and Chrysler, which were nationalized under the similar Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP). Only, those companies were automakers, not financial companies, and there were private sector alternatives to nationalization. It's called bankruptcy.

The costs of the failures of the automakers were overstated, too. It would have meant that the brands were bought by other companies, not that the end of the U.S. economy was imminent. But, because of unlimited discretion vested in the executive, the bailout fund was abused to take exception to its intentions.

Importantly, the ownership of the companies was redistributed from their bondholders that kept the companies afloat to the labor unions that put it into red in the first place. Obama did say he wanted to "spread the wealth around," and the Dodd bill will make that authority permanent.

Under this unending program, any company may be seized under a \$50 billion, revolving "orderly liquidation fund," which is funded by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) levying assessments on about 60 financial and insurance companies holding \$50 billion or more in assets. There would be no limit on how much money could flow through that fund, nor require any Congressional approval for firms to be seized, funds to be spent, or new assessments to be

levied by the FDIC to replenish the fund.

As reported by the Wall Street Journal's editorial board, all "crucial questions will be settled not by statute, but by regulatory discretion after the law passes." The Journal warns that "the President had better be very, very smart because the reform bill he is stumping for would give him and his regulators vast new sway over financial markets and risk-taking."

In short, it is the ultimate expression of Edward Mandell House's Philip Dru: Administrator's "supremacy of mind." In House's utopian vision, a socialist takes over the nation, dissolves the Constitution, eliminates judicial review, and well, spreads the wealth around. He guarantees labor and government representation on the board of every corporation, places corporations under the control of national and state "commissions" appointed by the Administrator, and prohibits selling short or long stocks, bonds, commodities or "anything of value."

In Dru's America, profits are capped, wages are maximized, full employment secured, prices fixed, and loans guaranteed for the poor. Any "surplus" of profits was to "be distributed between labor and capital on some principle of equity."

Administrator Dru even pretends that the people prefer his role as dictator because of the "inefficiency" of Congress and the ability of the Supreme Court to strike down laws

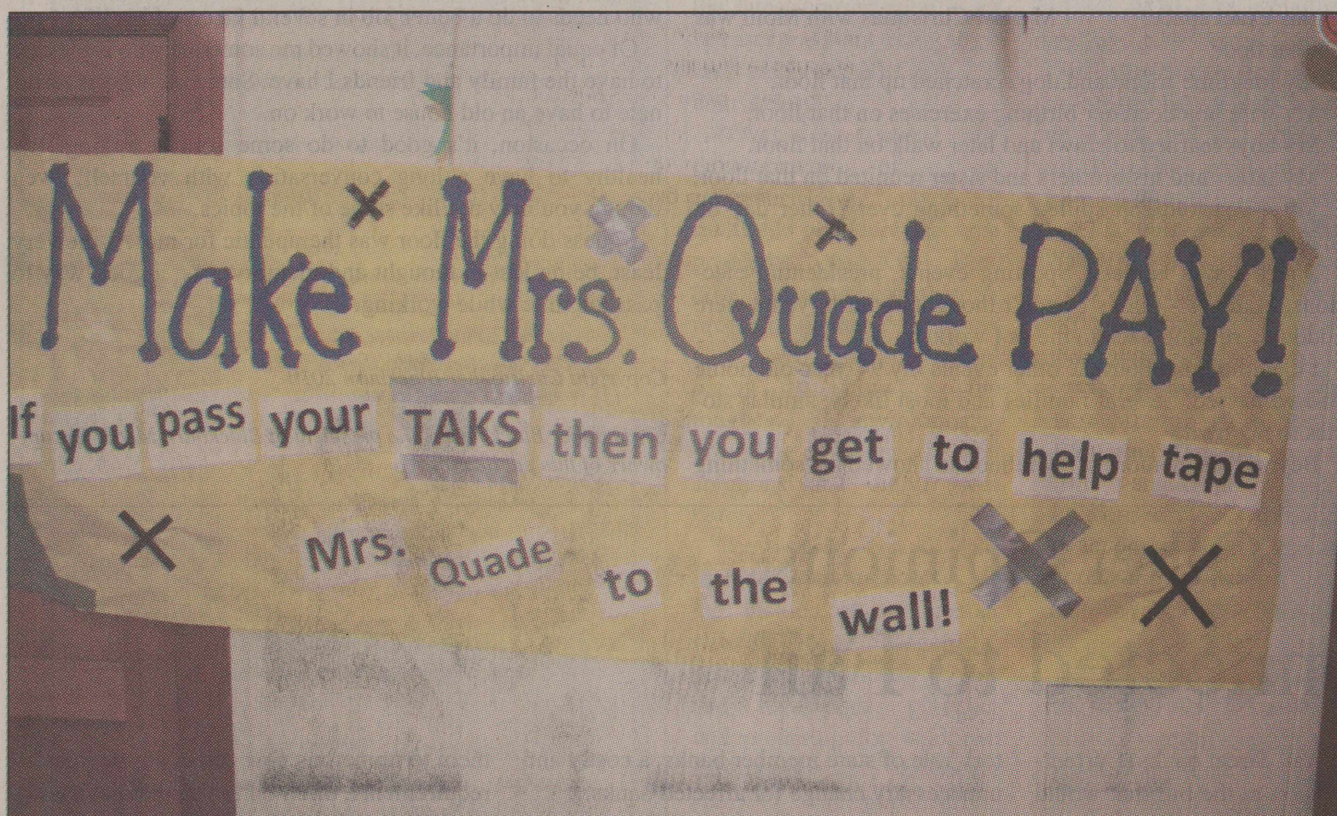
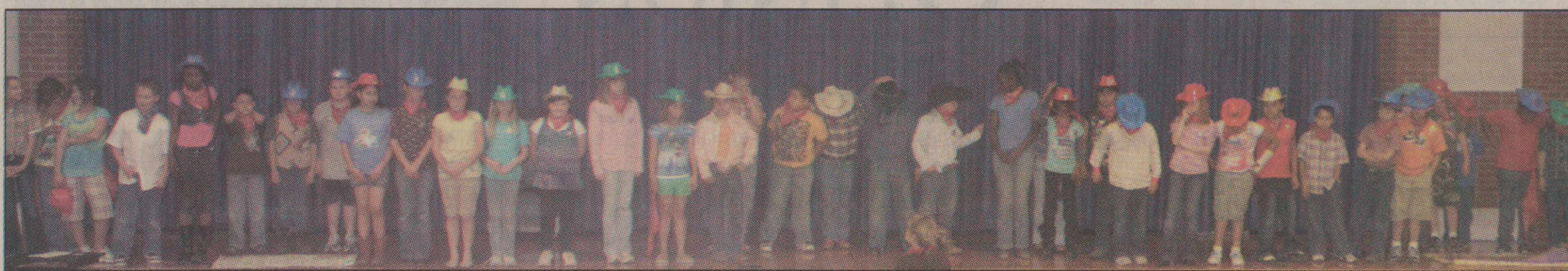
as unconstitutional. Thus, "the function of law making was confined to one individual, the Administrator himself." Speaking to the American people, Dru flatly states, "I am sure I shall be able to meet your wishes in a much simpler way" without the constraints of the Constitution, Congress, or the courts.

And that's exactly what the Dodd bill does.

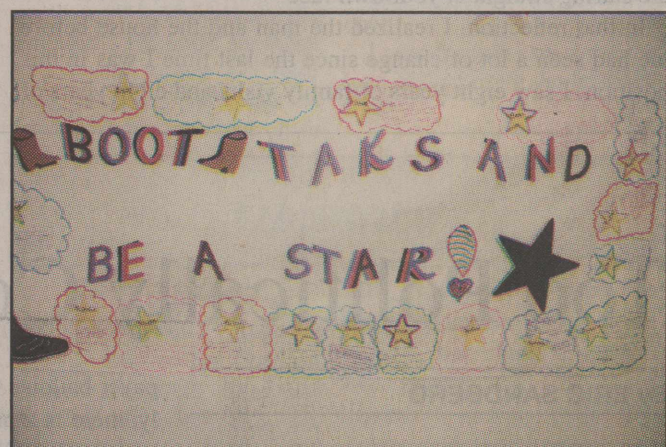
Besides giving the executive branch unlimited authority to seize companies, levy taxes, and spend the fund, any company seized would be barred any recourse to federal courts on "any action seeking a determination of rights with respect to, the assets of any covered financial company for which the [FDIC] has been appointed receiver." The Supreme Court's "jurisdiction" would be utterly limited to no longer hear due process property rights claims.

In short, the seizure of any company by the government would be beyond dispute. Instead, any company seized by the FDIC will be bundled into securities to be sold to the Treasury. Then, the Treasury Secretary can keep (i.e., nationalize) the company, or redistribute it to customers of his choosing. You know, like union bosses.

Sadly, Obama will have a much "simpler" time at "spreading the wealth around" if the Dodd bill passes. Indeed, it may be what he had in mind all along.



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college at UNT, music became more than a hobby, it became his passion. He only stayed in school at UNT for a semester before dropping out with several new friends he had made from San Antonio and their band, "Sahara Rain" and letting the wind catch their sails to one of Texas Music Meccas, the expansive city of Dallas. Sahara Rain has a good run for about 2 or three years, playing their Hard Rock style original music.

Yet, that eventually came to an end, and Danny dropped out of the scene for a while, had a son named Josh and did the dad thing for a while.

In 1999, Banny found his rhythm again and with another man, founded a band called "Sorta". Sorta had an 8-year run, playing their own style of Americana, country flavor rock. They put out 5 LPs, were voted the Best Overall Act in Dallas Observer magazine. Every great story has a tragedy in its plot, and the end of Sorta came only after their lead guitarist, and Danny's best friend, Carter Albrecht, was shot and killed when being mistaken for an intruder in a neighbors home. The band never felt right about going on without Carter, so in 2008 they finished the album they were working on when Carter met his untimely death and then Sorta went their separate ways.

Danny, who had now lived so much in his

life, from being adopted by a wonderful lady, to growing up in small town Texas, to finding his sound with several different bands, to moving to Dallas to make it big, then making it big, becoming a dad, losing his best friend in a tragic accident, now had so much inside him to tell others... and so Danny wrote "Too Much Living", a well titled album featuring his bass voice and his inspiration. With songs named things like "if you are trying to kill me (you are halfway there)", "beyond the walls of loneliness" and "tethered", Danny used this album to pour his soul out, punctuating the album with the last song, entitled "Too Much Living". (there is only one song on the album that Danny did not write, which is track 8, called Lovers Lullaby which was written by Townes Van Zandt)

Danny is now playing with a band called the King Bucks, who play all over the DFW area. He is wanting to put out another album, featuring more duets and maybe some covers... then maybe he will get on another streak of inspiration and write another original album.

In the future, Danny would love to play at Knox City's annual Watermelon Festival, or just play one weekend at the Rockin' Grill.

For more information, or to order a Too Much Living CD, you can go to DannyBalis.com.