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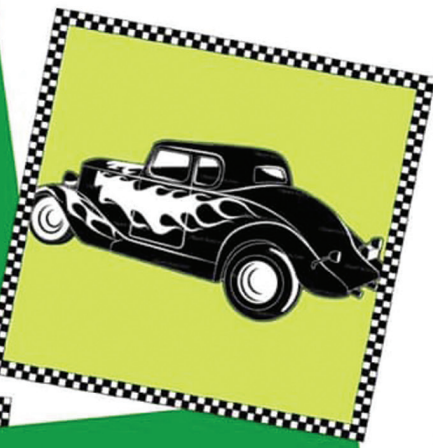
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Shelby Glenn and long time music friend Enola Gay.

Mayor Darla Henry will be entering her second term as Mayor of Como this May. She was unopposed, so enjoyed getting to continue her program of work that's already had some good results for Como. She started off two years ago with a major project, the upgrade of the Como Water Treatment facility. That has come along well, and she's also been listening to local residents to find out what is most needed where they live. Among her long-term goals for Como is to instill more community pride by planning public events in Como, like this first annual Easter Bash on Saturday April 13. She will open the event at 10am with a Mayor's Welcome, then ask Pastor CJ Duffey of Colorblind Ministries to bless it with prayer. Then, about 10:15 am, the Easter Egg Hunts will begin, in two different age groups...for children 3 and under, and children 4 to 10. They will be looking to find the most eggs, as well as some special Prize Eggs!! There's also going to be "Pictures with the Easter Bunny" so bring your little ones in their Sunday best! All other activities begin at 10:30am, including bounce houses, booths for organic products, handmade jewelry and decor, makeup and craft vendors and more. Also food booths will offer authentic Mexican food, turkey legs, tacos, hot dogs, sausage on a stick and cold drinks. There will also be delicious baked goods for sale, so bring your appetite! Horse rides will also be made available. Softball games will be held on the Como Ballfield, and 42 games inside the Como Domino Hall. On the outdoor stage, the music will start at 11am featuring Pentecostal church groups from Greenville and Sulphur Springs. Mayor Henry says if you haven't heard gospel music done Pentecostal-style, then you must hear this! Young Miss Mattison Henry and young Miss Bobbye Sapp will have sets, followed by Shelby Glenn and Texas Thunder. Taylor Ford is going to be featured with the band, he is an up and coming talented singer/songwriter/guitarist from Como. And Diamond Jack of the Birthright Blues Project will bring his brand of music to the event, too. It's going to be a good time for everyone of all ages! Plan to stake out a good location for your lawn chair, and stay til the last note is played about 3pm.

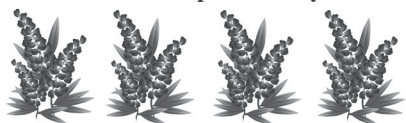


Bash Committee member Lisa Lutrick and Como Mayor Darla Henry.

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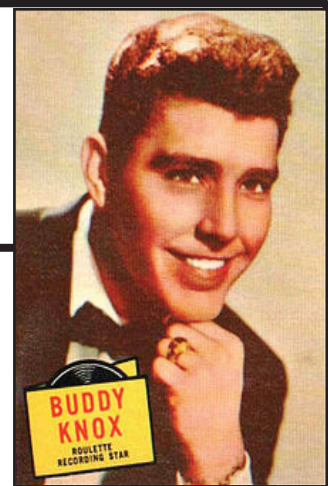
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FAMOUS TEXAN

Buddy Knox

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Knox was born in the tiny farming community of Happy, Texas, and learned to play the guitar in his youth. In his teens, he and some high school friends formed a band called the "Rhythm Orchids". After they performed on the same 1956 radio show as fellow Texan Roy Orbison and his "Teen Kings" band, Orbison suggested that Knox go to record producer Norman Petty, who had a recording studio in Clovis, New Mexico, the same studio where Buddy Holly recorded several of his early hits, including "That'll Be the Day".

Knox's song "Party Doll" was released on

the Roulette record label (songwriter), and went to No.1 on the Cash Box record chart in 1957 (after being picked from the tiny Triple-D label). It sold over one million copies, and was awarded a gold disc by the RIAA.

This success was followed by "Rock Your Little Baby To Sleep", a No.17 hit, and "Hula Love", a No.9 hit. While he never achieved the same level of artistic success as Holly or Orbison, Knox outlived both and enjoyed a long career in music. For his pioneering contribution, Knox was elected to the Rockabilly Hall of Fame. "Party Doll" was voted one of The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped

Knox honed his traditional rockabilly style more toward the modern country sound of the day. His first album on United Artists earned him the nickname by which he would be known for the remainder of his life. The title song of the album, "Gypsy Man", written by Sonny Curtis and featuring Curtis' acoustic guitar work, received airplay on country music radio stations.

Several singles recorded by Knox between 1968 and 1974 were notable for his experimenting with a variety of sounds and styles and, from a creative and critical standpoint, may have been his most productive era. His version of

Delaney Bramlett's "God Knows I Love You", Records and released along with his self-penned "Salt Lake City", placed Knox firmly in the midst of the new pop music genre, being populated by artists such as Delaney & Bonnie, Eric Clapton, and others who were on the leading edge of the developing Southern rock style such as Black Oak Arkansas and the Allman Brothers Band. His cover version of James Hendricks' "Glory Train" was Garrett successfully another stylistic stretch and featured a gospel-like chorus of backing vocalists. His cover of the Fleetwoods' "Come Softly to Me" Johnny Burnette and Bobby Vee.

In 1968, Knox, who had been living in semi-retirement in Macon, Georgia while running his publishing company, moved to Nashville, Tennessee and signed a new recording contract with United Artists Records. Working with producer Bob Montgomery

other major country music artists later recorded this song, but under the alternate title of "T. Total Tommy". Knox also recorded songs by Alex Harvey, John D. Loudermilk and Gary Paxton. On several of these recordings, Knox experimented with multi-tracking, something few artists had done up to that time. Throughout the 1970s, '80s, and early '90s he was based out of Manitoba, Canada and toured primarily in Western Canada and upper Mid-West US with occasional European appearances. In 1981, he starred in an independent Canadian movie "Sweet Country Road".

He said the fame took a toll on his family life. Traveling 250 days a year for 35 years, he was voted "the most traveling entertainer in the world" by Billboard magazine, but he said it cost three marriages for him.

In 1992, he divorced and moved to British Columbia and was involved in several business ventures including a partnership in a local British Columbia nightclub.

Moving to Port Orchard, WA in 1997 to be with his fiancée, he experienced a fall and injured his hip. The doctor informed him at that time that he had terminal lung cancer. Knox scheduled a farewell show but died just a few weeks later on February 14, 1999, in Bremerton, Washington. He is interred in Dreamland Cemetery, in Canyon, Texas.

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William "Bill" Melvin Sheaffer

William "Bill" Melvin Sheaffer, age 67, of Sulphur Springs, passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2019 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He was born on January 18, 1952 in Charleston, SC. He spent his youth on the lakes in Minnesota with his grandparents. He loved fishing, camping, and being outdoors. He could craft almost anything from wood. Bill graduated from Sulphur Springs High School in 1970 and from Southwest Missouri State in 1983. He was a retired senior tool engineer in the medical industry. Bill married JoAnn McGarity in 1971, in Sulphur Springs, TX. He was faithful about attending church and was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Georgetown, TX. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn Sheaffer, daughters, Jennifer Yarbrough and husband Ron of Round Rock, TX, Jamee Mars and husband Michael of Talco, TX, grandchildren, Kristopher, Abigail, and Zakkary Yarbrough, and LeighAnn Mars. He was preceded in death by his father, LeRoy William Sheaffer and his grandparents, Mel and Delilah Sheaffer. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of West Oaks Funeral Home. www.westoaksfuneralhome.com

Roger Ridner

Roger Ridner, age 70, of Sulphur Springs, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 7, 2019. A memorial service to celebrate Roger's life will be held on Friday April 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM at Martin Springs Baptist Church with Bro. Richard Leathers officiating.

Howard Roger Ridner was born on March 12, 1949 in Somerset, KY to Howard and Elva Ridner. He married Kimberly Lee in Jellico, TN on August 4, 1977. Roger and his wife moved to Sulphur Springs in 1979 and became dairy farmers. They owned their own dairy for 33 years before retiring to enjoy their family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Kim; children: Nathan and his wife Amy, Randy and his wife Amanda; grandchildren: Madison Gray and husband Cameron, Sawyer, Mason, Sam, Knox, and Cash Ridner; sisters: Vanna Sears and Ona Sears; brothers: Jack and Jeff Ridner.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Joe, Johnny and Russell Ridner.

Roger was always willing to help anyone in need. He was a wonderful husband, brother, father and grandfather, and will be dearly missed everyday.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Judes Research Hospital or Martin Springs Baptist Church, where he enjoyed taking care of his Lord's house.

Arrangements are under the direction of Murray-Orwosky Funeral Home

The online register can be signed at www.murrayorwosky.com



Phillip Wayne Russell

A funeral service for Phillip Wayne Russell, age 83, was conducted at Wilson-Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel on April 6th, 2019, Pastor Jerry Griffin officiated. Interment followed the service in Smyrna Cemetery. Mr. Russell passed early Tuesday morning in Tyler at Christus Mother Frances Hospital in the Louis and Peaches Heart Hospital. He was born Sept. 7, 1935, in Emory, to the parentage of Alma Payne Russell and Lillian Samford. He graduated from Emory High School one year early as the school allowed him to skip one grade, due to his high academic level. He, also, graduated as Salutatorian of his class. He married Kathy Sue Bailey in Forney, on Dec. 1, 2006. He was a horse and cattle rancher.

Survivors include: Wife: Kathy Russell of Emory; Daughter: Kelly Fuller (David) of Emory; Son: Craig Russell (Katie) of Hardin; His grandchildren: Kelsie Shabay, Jacob Fuller, Clayton Fuller, Jake Russell, and Luke Russell; His Great-grandchildren: Ty, Libby, Noey, and Anna Kate; His Step-grandchildren: Kenzi Pogue, Mika Massey-Smith, and Bryson Chailer; Brother: Sammie Potts of Mesquite; Sisters: Ruth Myers, Louise Moser, Helen Gaston, and Kathey Weatherford; Preceded in death by: Parents: Step-mother, Gladys Potts (who raised him from the age of 7 years old); 1st Wife of some 50 years and Mother of his children: Wanda Mears Russell; Brothers: Billy Russell and Jerry Russell; Step-brothers: Doris Potts and William Potts; Brother-in-law: Marvin Moser and William Myers.



Bobby Ballard

Bobby Ballard, age 78, of Sulphur Springs, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at home surrounded by his family and friends. A Memorial and inurnment will be held at a later date.

Bobby Leon Ballard was born on March 15, 1941 in Sulphur Springs, to Finis and Jodean Ballard. He married Sharon Sears in Sulphur Springs on January 2, 1960. Bobby worked for the Tennessee Valley Authority as a Quality Assurance Inspector. He served in the US Army and was a member of Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughters, Sharon Boykin and husband, Todd of Grapevine, Judy Rozene and husband, Cody of Eufala, OK; grandchildren, Rusty Hargrove, Jacob Hargrove, Joshua Faulkner, Sherman Faulkner; great grandchildren, Mila Hargrove, Jacob Hargrove Jr., Jordan Hargrove, Everly Hargrove,

Spencer Faulkner, Charlotte Faulkner; sisters, Betty Boyd, Glenna Ball; brothers, Doug Ballard, Larry Ballard.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Jo Kathryn Skeen, Jean McPherson; brother, Mickey Ballard.



Betty Smith

Funeral Service for Betty Smith, age 79, of Cumby TX was held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 9, 2018 at First United Methodist Church, Cumby with Duncan Graham officiating and James Waskom assisting. Interment followed at Cumby Cemetery with Weldon Hood, Casey Petty, Scott Moore,

Justin Hauerwas, Cody Wingfield, Don Fallis serving as pallbearers and John Hood and Shane Looney serving as honorary pallbearers. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 PM on Monday, April 8, 2019 at First United Methodist Church. Ms. Smith passed away on April 3, 2019 at Christus Mother Frances Hospital, Sulphur Springs, TX.

Betty Jean Smith was born on October 15, 1939 in West Texas to Asie and Bessie Johnson. Through her life she was a seamstress for Haggard, worked for Mary Puddin Hill and as a substitute teacher. Betty was a member of First United Methodist Church. She was also a member of Black Jack Grove Daughters and served as PTA President for many years.

THE IDLE AMERICAN The Adventure Continues...

Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

They met in college at a time of comparative innocence. Father Knows Best was the rage on TV; Ken and Barbie weren't yet a couple.

The TV show and the famous dolls--one might suggest--were bookends for a real life romance that began 65 years ago on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

A 1953 graduate of Fort Worth Poly High School, the former Sue Cherry spread her wings at H-SU. She, like millions of others, was caught up in the Father Knows Best series, and she was dead-solid certain that her dad, the late John Cherry, also knew best--usually. A repeated warning she tired of hearing as a college freshman was his "suggestion"--or maybe it was a borderline demand: "Don't you be dating any of those senior football players." Uh oh....

Before the end of her freshman year, she and James Cox were campus sweethearts. They quali-

fied as real-life "Ken and Barbie," except the famous dolls didn't come along until half-a-dozen years later.

Cox, a football player at Cleburne High School, was a varsity football player at H-SU (1954).

He and Sue (H-SU, 1956) were married 62 years ago on June 16, 1956. Cheering them on were Sue's parents, whose respect and admiration was earned soon after James and Sue started dating....

And why would her parents approve? He was the gold standard, active in campus life, a leader on the football team and a "sponge" in soaking up the qualities needed by true coaches.

In addition to training for a career in school teaching, Sue was a member of the 1955 homecoming court and was president of the "Cowgirls," an athletic cheering group, during her senior year.

And the "school thing" they did long and well, with combined careers totaling 105 years, largely in Fort Worth Public Schools....

The couple retired in 1994, but James responded to a plea to return to teaching "for a year." They wouldn't let him go, and the additional year became 14, elevating his total years

served to 59.

He was "coach" not only to players, but also to parents, friends and colleagues. It didn't take long for people who know him to realize he was every bit as committed to "teaching life" as he was to coaching football.

I've met no person on life's highway who has more integrity, dedication, ability and all-around Christian moorings than James. And, when I learned of his 88th birthday gift a few days back, I knew the account was "column material."...

Sue's middle name should be "volunteer," because she has responded to worthwhile causes since her early years. She continues to do so, and for several years has been a volunteer at Harris Methodist Southwest Hospital in Fort Worth.

In fact, that's where she was headed the other day when, in a flash, she'd know the perfect birthday gift for her hubby.

It was right after she realized she'd backed from the garage without benefit of an open door. She "gifted" James with one of his most expensive gifts ever--a new, \$1800 garage door....

The couple has come a long, long way since James signed on to coach six-

man football at now-gone London High School in the Hill Country. "There I was, coaching a team without ever having even seen a six-man game," he said.

Except for a two-year stint in the US Army, he "coached," whether on the football field or in the classroom. He was the first head football coach at Southwest High School upon its opening in 1967. Sue, from the same mold, was a "favorite teacher" for decades. They continue to serve at church, and to cheer on their only child, Kathy, who has a catering business in Fort Worth called "Cherry on Top." They cheer every bit as strongly for their grandsons, John Mills, 30, and Cameron, 25.

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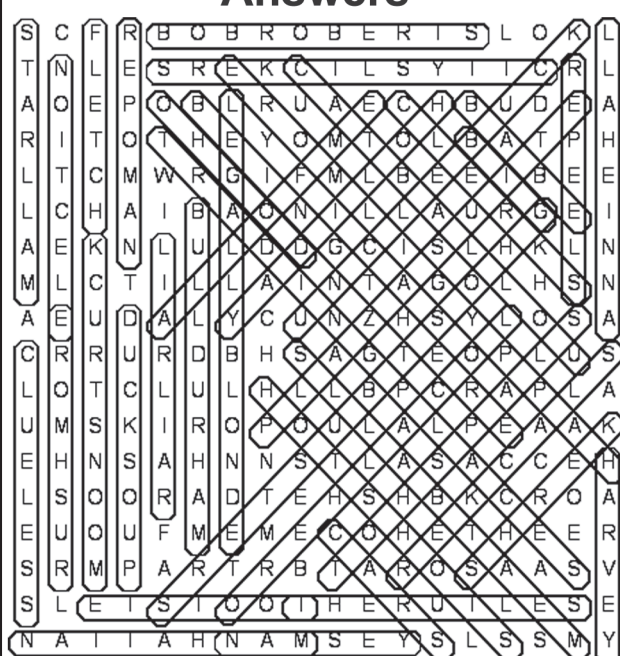
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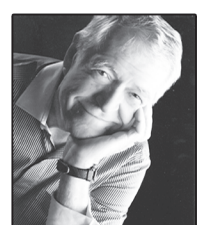
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A PROM TO REMEMBER

Tumbleweed Smith



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Cary Banks of Lubbock has been a professional musician 53 years. He is an award winning songwriter and music educator. His music has had a great influence on the Texas music scene. His first gig was at a theater where he and his group played before the midnight monster movie.

"I was paid 5 dollars and thought it couldn't get any better than this. My teenage eyes looked at the crowd and they were all smiling, enjoying the music. My course was set right there."

Cary was with the Maines band as a pianist and guitarist. He spent ten years on the road performing with Barbara Mandrell and other famous musicians. He has an album titled "Piano" witch features him playing the grand piano in his living room. He plays it every day. After his years as a traveling musician, he taught at South Plains College, known for its country music sequence. Cary retired after 23 years at South Plains but continues to perform around Lubbock.

He has written a book about his experiences titled Almost A Professional. It's just out. The book has photos and stories. One story is about a 1982 high school prom that has become a Lubbock legend. He was with the Manes Brothers Band then.

"Some high school students got together and decided to stage their own independent prom. I think maybe there were 50 or 60 students and their dates. These mavericks pooled their money together, got their parents to chaperone, rented The Cotton Club on the Slaton highway and hired the Maines Brothers Band.

"This was on a Friday night before the big Tornado Jam Joe Ely was having in Lubbock on Saturday night. We were scheduled to play from nine to midnight. So we were up there playing, kids were having a good time. About 11 o'clock in strolled Joe Ely with Linda Ronstadt and the whole Ely entourage. They get up on stage and started singing. It was awesome. Ely had a habit of doing that. He would just show up and the crowd would go crazy. The kids were looking t each other and saying, 'is Linda Ronstadt singing at our prom?'

"There were 18 of us on stage and it was going great. Somebody took a picture of the event but I wasn't in it. The guy in front of me was whacking on a cowbell with a drumstick and I had to duck to keep from getting hit with that flying drumstick.

"About midnight the flunky that was in charge of the club that night came out there and said, 'twelve o'clock, time to shut it off.' Everybody had a fit. Knowing Ely, that jam would have gone on until wee hours of the morning. But this guy just went over there and turned off the power. They named the flunky Mr. Soul.

"Probably counting parents and everybody there was maybe a hundred fifty people total. Since then I've met thousands of people who say, 'I was there that night.' It became an urban myth for Lubbock."

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