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**Editor's Note**

Dear Readers,

Can you believe 2008 is almost over? Only two more months to go! If you are like me, it is time to start thinking about Christmas lists to avoid the rush at the malls and stores. We just had so much fun with all the trick-or-treating, and now it is time to prepare for a feast with our friends and family.

Remember to take advantage of all the activities around town for the holidays, such as the downtown lighting festival on November 20, and an opportunity for children to get their pictures taken with Santa in Pocket Park just off Beaton Street.

If it is a musical you fancy, *Guys and Dolls* is showing at the Warehouse Living Arts Center November 20 - 23.

If you have a great idea for a story, please feel free to contact me.

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— By Samantha (Stroube) Daviss

Moving to Corsicana in 1970 with her high school sweetheart, Peggy Smith feels that God has blessed her life because she went where He wanted her to go.” She was a fifth grade teacher when she and Jack married. He was stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base in Jacksonville, Arkansas, as a second lieutenant. As a fifth grade teacher, Peggy moved from Palacios, Texas,

to North Little Rock, Arkansas. For three years, she taught at Lakewood Elementary, wrote teachers’ guides, served as consultant for Arkansas Educational TV in Conway, Arkansas, and led NDEA (National Defense Education Act) workshops at Henderson College in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. In September 1968, the couple moved from Little Rock Air

Force Base to Waco, Texas, where Jack went to Baylor Law School and Peggy again taught fifth grade.

With their 2-year-old daughter, Stephanie, the Smiths moved to Corsicana, where Jack began his law practice with the Dawson & Dawson law firm. Shortly thereafter, their son, Kameron, was born. While Peggy had always looked upon her profession of

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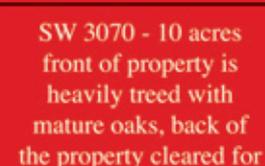
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teaching as God's way for her to make a difference in precious lives, she soon realized He had something else for her to do.

Out of the blue one day, she answered a knock at their front door. A lady whom she had not met stood before her. She identified herself as Bennie Sammons, broker/owner of Town & Country Real Estate in Corsicana and an acquaintance of Jack. She asked if Peggy had ever thought about selling real estate, to which she promptly replied, "No, not me." Before she left, Bennie had convinced Peggy to at least try a new profession. There began a lasting friendship and working relationship both have enjoyed for years, and Peggy's willingness to try something new eventually resulted in her teaching real estate classes at the college level.

Soon after their move to Corsicana, Jack and Peggy took their time to find the right church in which to worship and serve. They found a home with the First Baptist Church of Corsicana, where they have now served for over 35 years. Since the beginning of their time with First Baptist Church, Jack and Peggy have actively been involved in many areas of ministry. "I have always focused on teaching God's

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Word," Peggy stated. "I want to encourage and uplift others any way I can. While I am definitely no one special, I still want to share God's love with everyone I can, while I can."

Peggy has been blessed with the opportunity to teach Bible studies for teenage girls from sixth grade to high school seniors, college and career

**"If you feel good enough to live for self, then you certainly feel good enough to live for God."**

groups, Acteens and adult ladies. She has helped with mission trips for youth and adults and works with the women's and homebound ministries, as well as one of her favorites — the music program for children and adults. She has been a part of the Sanctuary Choir and the Living Christmas Tree productions, the church's gift to the

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<p><b>124 W Drane</b>        Large home has custom tile and flooring throughout, with large bedrooms and family room. Game room for the kids and large living area for family. Beautiful entryway leads into large family room with beautiful fireplace. Private master suite upstairs is all you could ask for with wonderful marble and tiled bath area, plus huge walk-in closet! This is a great must see house!</p>	<p><b>REDUCED</b>  <b>1901 W Collin St</b>        Very neat home located on corner lot. Formal dining with new vinyl tile in kitchen.</p>	<p><b>1701 Woodlawn</b>        Beautiful 2,100 sq. ft. 3/2 with bonus room and bath! Located in a charming area of Corsicana.</p>
<p><b>810 S 7th St</b>        Metal shop with high ceilings and skylights. Two large doors to accommodate taller equipment. Building has 20 x 30 office with large storage area. Outside is 16 x 34 open bay area. Also includes two other parcels for a total of .77 acres, which border on 12th Ave, 13th Ave, and 8th St. Four points of entry-exit.</p>	<p><b>Dogwood Lots</b>        Two lots side by side totalling 200' wide by 120' deep. Great lot with some woods in very nice neighborhood. Neighborhood has HOA, restrictions apply.</p>	<p><b>123 N 7th St</b>        Great tire &amp; auto service business for sale. Includes 2 parcels. 50+ years in business.</p>

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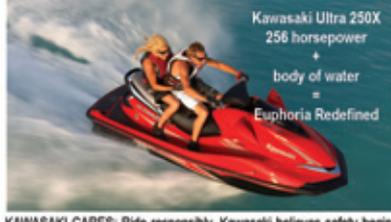


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newly established Corsicana Senior Citizens' Center, she approached Peggy about leading a nondenominational Bible study at the center. Peggy agreed, and along with the current director, Fred Biltz, she now works with seniors from all ages and backgrounds who gather together for wonderful activities at this facility donated to the city by the Jewish community.

The senior citizen's Bible study class is a voluntary teaching position that Peggy loves. She can see the joy and purpose it brings to lives as they share together every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Open to the public, the fun begins at 10:00 a.m. with music led by Patrick and Nancy McCurrin on guitars and piano accompaniment by Virginia Terry. "The Bible study began with a look at the attributes of God as expressed throughout the Old and New Testament. We have since studied the Gospels, Revelation, the Psalms and are studying Christ's instructions for living the joy-filled, abundant life," Peggy explained. "In addition, we have done studies suggested by those who attend."

"I see God's Word as being very uplifting and want to share that with as many as possible," Peggy continued. "With a purpose in life, we have something to look forward to each day and we live a more rewarding life."

Peggy believes in doing her part by giving back to the community. Through her many ministries, she has been blessed by the incredible knowledge she has gained from those with whom she has worked. "I love their wisdom and am thankful for the insight they have shared with me," she said.

Peggy's giving example illustrates that no matter your path in life or your experiences, you are never above learning from those ahead of you, giving back to those around you, and sharing with those yet to come. She recently attended a birthday party for one of her senior friends celebrating her 90th birthday with her friends and family. What a joyous occasion! **NOW**



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# Comfy, Cozy and Quaint

— By *Samantha (Stroube) Daviss*

Driving between the two brick pillars that stand at the entrance of the quiet and isolated neighborhood known as Drane Estates, which is nestled in the heart of Corsicana, you will find the quaint home of Jim and Phyllis Parks. Jim, fondly referred to as Jimbo, is the resident anesthetist at Navarro Regional Hospital and Phyllis is a retired nurse turned medical transcriptionist, who now spends most of her days being a grandmother to two beautiful granddaughters and a full-time Aggie mom to their son, Michael, who is currently a senior at Texas A&M University. Walking up their sidewalk to their beautifully landscaped

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home, you will find the front walk adorned with a Texas A&M University flag flying in the wind in support of their son. The interior of the home is unbelievably inviting. It is a home that is pristinely kept and decorated



with much thought and heart. It is also a home that you feel you can walk into, kick your shoes off by the front door and curl up in the comfy chairs nestled in the alcove off the kitchen for a hot cup of coffee. During the hot summer months, Phyllis keeps the drapes drawn, which also adds to the comfy, cozy factor of the house.

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stucco finish, which in itself completes the warmth and coziness of this home. "We were in Venice a few years ago, and I just loved the feel I got from all the museums and buildings with this finish in them," Phyllis stated, explaining the design concept for the walls.

Jimbo and Phyllis moved into the house in November of 2006, after having broken ground in July of the same year. It was an extremely easy and painless



transition for them. "We built this house to downsize a bit, with both kids gone; we just decided we didn't need so much space any more," Phyllis said, adding that the 2,477 square feet of living space in their new house was planned according to their lifestyle.

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appliances. Off the kitchen there are two alcoves; one houses their gorgeous pine breakfast room table, large enough for the whole family. The other alcove is the “Mecca” of the house, with two comfy chairs where Phyllis and Jimbo have their coffee and read the paper, in addition to an oversized ottoman and a spot for their television. “There are only two things I regret that we didn’t do to this



house,” Phyllis admitted. “One is not putting a fireplace in this little area, since this is where we spend 90 percent of our time, and the other change I would make would be to have put a bathroom in each of our guest rooms, instead of a Jack and Jill bathroom.”

The first guest bedroom is basically designed for their daughter, Lindsay, and her family. There is a gorgeous

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sketch of an 8-year-old Lindsay wearing a baseball cap and a baseball jersey, hanging on the far wall. The rest of the room is covered in memorabilia of her two granddaughters, from pictures to various items that remind her of the girls.

The second bedroom is just adjacent, with elegant designs and decorations, readily available for the return of their son on his weekends home from college. The room will soon be offering a warm welcome to Michael and his fiancée after they are married in the future.

Crossing to the other side of the house is the center of the beautifully decorated living room, complete with the dining room just off the front left corner. The rich hues of red and yellow warm this room and make the oversized



family room inviting for everyone to sit around and enjoy good conversation or a rigorous game of Monopoly. "I found myself filling this house with more reds and golds. I typically favor blue and white, but I just loved the warm feeling I got from these colors," Phyllis said.

Moving back toward the front of the house just to the left of the foyer is a gorgeous study, banked in dark cherry wood and built-in bookcases. As you enter the room, you are greeted by a beautifully carved wooden desk complete with a home computer and other accessories. "This is Jimbo's hideaway, and that is mine," Phyllis said, pointing

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to the gorgeous yet much smaller desk complete with her personal laptop. "I love how he gets the huge desk and I work off my laptop," Phyllis joked with a giggle in her voice.

Continuing on with the tour of this family home, the final stop is the beautifully decorated and coordinated master bedroom. The warmth given off from the displayed colors of the bed include a stunningly soft turquoise and chocolate brown, offering a place curl up and sleep for hours.

One feature in the house, which might only be recognized and appreciated by the women of the house, is the sink in the laundry room. A laundry room



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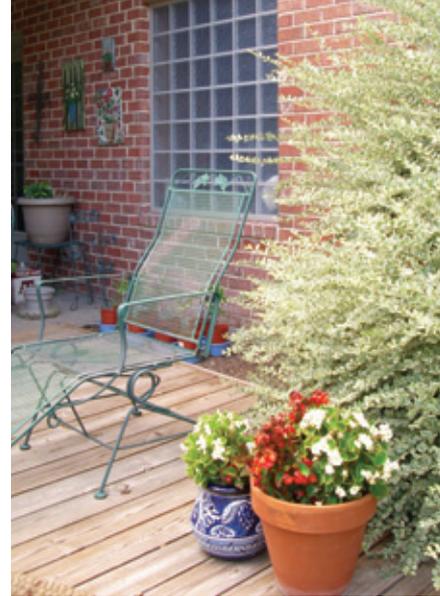
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carried across the border from Mexico.

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# Walking Through History

— By Joan Kilbourne

Robin Blake is an assistant principal for the Mildred Independent School District and a world history teacher. She entered the teaching profession to coach, and two years into her career she was offered the opportunity to teach world history at Rusk High School. As a first year classroom teacher, Robin was so anxious about doing a good job that she often kept the students busy writing. “Fortunately for my current students,” she said, “I’ve learned that it isn’t about keeping them busy, but about keeping them engaged.” With more experience, she learned to adapt her teaching to meet individual students’ needs. “I always let kids know I love them,” she added. “I treat my students with the same respect I expect them to give me.”

Robin earned her master’s degree in education from Stephen F. Austin University. She has been teaching for 25 years, five at Rusk ISD, seven in Corsicana as a history teacher and tennis coach and

the remaining 13 at Mildred. What Robin likes best about teaching is the challenge of the students’ questions. “I am hopeful they will take away with them a love of history,” she explained, “and the understanding that there is so much more to learn.”

Travel is an indispensable learning tool for educators and is a passion for Robin. “I was blessed with parents who love to travel and wanted to share that with their children. God really gave me a unique opportunity 19 years ago when I made my first trip to Europe,” she recalled. “It was the summer of 1989, and I was able to see the Berlin Wall



and visit East Germany, Czechoslovakia and Hungary before the fall of Communism. For a history teacher, that is a gold mine!”

Robin’s visits to Europe provided the experience of walking through buildings that were previously only names in a book. She strolled through cities and towns that

looked much the same in person as they did when the events took place that are recorded in the pages of her history books. Robin is also a skilled photographer and she was especially interested in the Gothic architecture of the churches and cathedrals. "One of my favorite time periods in history is the Middle Ages," she shared. "It's amazing to me that some of those cathedrals took over a hundred years to build."



Wanting to share her love of travel to historic places, Robin led a student trip to Germany, Austria and Switzerland. There were two requirements the students had to meet to make the trip: They had to have already taken World History or be currently enrolled in it, and they had to raise their own money for the trip.

In June 2008, five adults and seven high school and college students flew to Vienna, Austria, to begin a 10-day tour. This was Robin's first trip to Europe as a group leader. "Years of travel and coaching experience gave me the confidence I needed to take a group out of the country," she said. "I was sure I'd be able to keep track of tickets, passports and departure times. The students' cell phones made it

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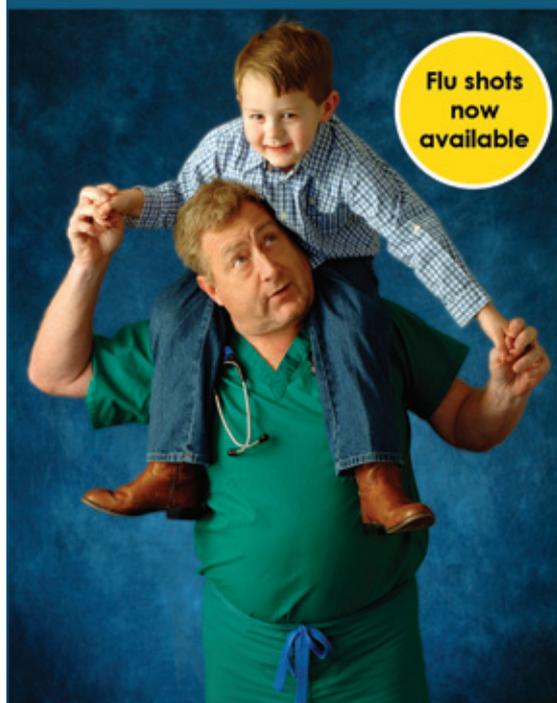
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possible to round up the group when it was time to move to the next town.”

In Vienna, the group saw the Schonbrunn Palace, the Vienna Opera House and the Spanish Riding School, where the Lipizzaner Stallions are trained. They enjoyed the street performers, dressed in period costumes or painted as gold or silver statues, in front of St. Stephen's Cathedral. For dinner, they had their first Weiner Schnitzel, the Viennese cutlet which they described as “tasting like chicken-fried steak with a lighter batter.”

The following day, the group went to Salzburg, Germany, and enjoyed seeing landscapes that many remembered from the movie, *The Sound of Music*, and then to Berchtesgaden to tour the salt mines. Visitors to the mines were issued heavy coveralls that had to be worn throughout the tour. They boarded the mine cars with bench seats that one straddled as if riding a horse. The car moved through a long, dark tunnel to a cavern where they heard an explanation of the mining process. “A wooden slide took us down a hill like a roller coaster to another tunnel where we walked to another slide,” Robin remembered. They ended the tour in a room where they were invited to put a finger into a vat of 20 percent salt brine. Putting their fingers to their lips, they were then encouraged to taste it.

The visit to the Dachau concentration camp near Munich, Germany, where many Jews were kept imprisoned during WW II, was a stark contrast to the next stop at the new BMW car showcase and dealership, with its interactive displays, shops and cafés. Robin described Munich as “a great place for a history teacher” with its cathedrals, castles and the many events in history that took place there. The next day they stopped at Oberammergau, where every 10 years, the people perform a passion play from March to September. Tickets for this elaborately



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When it was time to return home, Robin said, "I could have stayed much longer, but I was ready for some Mexican food and Diet Dr Pepper." She summed up the student experience by saying that the lack of air conditioning and the very small beds in small hotel rooms surprised them, though they did not complain. "They (the students) just rolled with the flow," she stated. "They also willingly tried all kinds of German food in restaurants and food that they ate picnic style in open markets. I was so very proud of our students! Not only were they well-behaved, they were very open to the experience of foreign travel and willing to immerse themselves in a different culture."

The tour was such a success that Robin hopes to travel next to Paris and the Normandy beaches. She is also hopeful to repeat this student travel experience every two years. "There are so many more places that I would like to take them; Berlin, Prague and Auschwitz are examples of just a few of those," she said. Her goal is to allow students the experience of a lifetime while still in high school. Sharing her passion with her students is no doubt what makes her such a successful history teacher. **NOW**

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Driving home from a visit to Llano, Texas, in the Hill Country, Stan Lawhon heard a song in his head. As soon as he arrived home, he quickly wrote it down. “I sing to myself in my truck and when I am working in the school hallways,” he shared, explaining that he hears tunes in his head all the time. Stan’s career has included maintenance work for the school district; he is also a hunter and sometimes a fishing guide, writing articles for a fishing magazine. Three years ago, however, a series of events took Stan down a path that led to new accomplishments as a singer/songwriter.

On most Monday nights, a group of musician friends gets together to play in Stan’s music room. His friend Randy “Fuzzy” Whitener heard Stan’s Hill Country song and encouraged him to record it. In time, B. Jeff Stone heard Stan’s song and offered to include it in a compilation of songs that he recorded and sent to deejays in Europe. The song became popular and over the next few months, Stan wrote more songs so that European listeners could hear and enjoy more of his “home grown” music. He began to receive e-mail messages from Norway, New Zealand and the Netherlands telling him how much they liked his music.

A deejay in Australia sent lengthy e-mails urging Stan to keep on sending new music because his listeners were asking for his songs. He even asked for a life-size picture to display in his studio for the “ladies groveling and asking for more Stan.” “They like the older songs,” Stan added. His song “Let’s Go to Llano” is popular in countries that have never heard of Llano, where he and his buddies hunt and just “hang out in the stores and restaurants there.” The story in this song reflects Stan’s love of the Hill Country and resonates with listeners everywhere who have fond memories of a place where they were happy.

When Stan was in high school, he

# A Storyteller Finds His Voice

— By Joan Kilbourne

was a singer with a rock 'n' roll band called ? Inc. A year later, he joined a heavy metal band called Plaeocrystic Bananas, who played songs by Jimmy Hendrix and Steppenwolf at sock hops and at events in the National Guard Armory. He also sang in the high school choir. "I like all kinds of music," Stan expressed, "but I never thought of a career as a musician."

His new career was about to take another turn. Stan fell into a conversation

**“Sometimes,  
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one day with independent film writer/producer, Michael Lang, who described the movie he was making set in the Hill Country. Stan told him about his songs that were inspired by good times in the Hill Country, offering Michael the use of any of his music for the film. Some time later, Michael wrote to say that one of the songs would be used in the film. Invited to the movie premier, Stan discovered that Michael had used four of his songs and that his name appeared in the film credits. Shaking his head, Stan said, "A lot has happened in just three years."

Music is not limited to Stan; it is very much a family affair. His oldest



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James Lagomarsino, municipal judge for the City of Corsicana, is seeking the position of district judge.

Lagomarsino graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, then went to work in Washington, D.C. for a federal prosecutor investigating a presidential cabinet member. He returned south to earn his law degree from Oklahoma City University School of Law, and began his legal career as an assistant district attorney with the Navarro County District Attorney's office in May 1999.

"While employed as an assistant district attorney, I gained vast practical knowledge of criminal law by prosecuting cases both at trial and on appeal," Lagomarsino said. "I also represented Child Protective Services in cases involving the safety and protection of children."

Lagomarsino was appointed to the position of municipal judge by Mayor C.L. "Buster" Brown III in December 2006, which necessitated his exit from the district attorney's office. He also runs a private law practice with an emphasis on estate planning and elder law. He is an adjunct instructor at Navarro College in the paralegal program. He and his family are active members of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, and James is a member of the Corsicana Lions Club. He is also an avid

runner, and has participated in five marathons. Lagomarsino has been involved in the community since returning to Corsicana, serving on boards such as:

- \* Viable Options in Community Endeavors (VOICE)
- \* Warehouse Living Arts Center
- \* Navarro County Historical Society
- \* Child Welfare
- \* Navarro County Child Advocacy Center

As municipal judge, Lagomarsino presides over Class C misdemeanors, and accepts pleas in court and at the Navarro County jail on a daily basis. He presides over both bench and jury trials. "A district judge is entrusted with deciding important issues regarding a person's life, liberty and family," he said. "In addition to experience, integrity is a crucial quality for a district judge. I am honest, hardworking and fair. I will follow the law as written, conduct myself in a manner where my neutrality is never questioned, make my rulings based on the law, and always remain professional."

Both James and his wife, Shannon, were born and raised in Navarro County. They are raising two sons, Logan Norch, age 13, and Aidan Lagomarsino, age 2 1/2, in the county where they grew up. Shannon works as a flight attendant for Delta Air Lines, a career she's had for 18 years. James' dad, Bill Lagomarsino, practiced ophthalmology in Navarro County for 30 years, and his mother, Linda Veldman, is also a longtime resident of Corsicana. Family is important, and the Lagomarsinos enjoy spending free time with all their extended family who reside in Navarro County.

Regarding the backlog of criminal cases, Lagomarsino maintains that an aggressive strategy must be implemented to expedite the cases through the docket. "Long hours of hard work will be required from the future district judge, prosecution, and defense counsel in order to create an efficient system for moving the docket without compromising justice," he said. "I am ready to put in the necessary hours and hard work to see that all cases are brought before the court in a fair and timely manner, and each case is treated individually, on its own merits."

"Please support me as I seek the position of district judge," Lagomarsino said. "I ask for your vote on November 4 in the General Election."

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son, John, is a soccer coach who plays guitar, though his coaching job does not leave much time to play. His middle son, Toby, plays with a rock band in Dallas called Wonderfool. His youngest son, Colt, plays guitar with the Kyle Hunt Band. Stan's



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wife, Brenda, enjoys listening to the Monday night jam sessions in the music room, but, she added, “I can tune them out when I want to read a book.”

Stan has a list of titles that may be songs some day. “Sometimes, I just hear someone say something that makes me think of a song,” he

explained. "In a coffee shop one day someone said, 'Nothing makes her happy,' so I quickly wrote it down because I could think of a story to go with that. When I'm 'in the zone,' it only takes me 15 minutes to write the song."

Stan wrote "Forty Miles Down the Road" to honor all the great song writers that came from around Corsicana, like Lefty Frizzell, Billy Joe Shaver and Cindy Walker. In another

**“Country music has its home in Nashville, but Texas has its heart and soul.”**

of his songs, Stan wrote, "Country music has its home in Nashville, but Texas has its heart and soul." He wrote a tribute song for "Ramblin' Roy" Miller of KAND and with the profits from the sale of 300 copies, he bought a plaque that will be displayed at the Lefty Frizzell Museum at Pioneer Village.

Stan believes "he started too late" to make a career in Nashville, but his fans can hear him sing his stories at Martins' Opry and at the Opry in Ennis, or visitors can just drop by on a Sunday evening when Stan is sitting in his swing, playing and singing his stories to no one in particular. **ARTS NOW**

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# Major League Dreams

— By Samantha (Stroube) Daviss

Growing up in a football-driven family, Don A. Denbow would never have imagined that his life would eventually carry him down the road and on the way to a shot at becoming a major league baseball player. Don's father, with whom he shares his name, was the former head football coach for both Midland Lee High School and Corsicana High School and is currently the superintendent of the Corsicana Independent School District (CISD). In fact, his father was in the first round pick for the Los Angeles Dodgers, after graduating from Southern Methodist University (SMU). While at SMU, Mr. Denbow played both football and baseball and was selected as an All-American athlete in baseball, so the makings for a professional player were definitely there when it came to his son.

After moving to Corsicana around the age of 2, Don maintained an average All-American child's lifestyle. When he was about 5, Don started playing T-ball, and then moved on to kid-pitch baseball. "I remember the name of my team — we were called the Midget Purples," Don said with a smile. As a fifth-grader, Don remembers being a little more interested in football than any other sport. "My dad never

forced it on me; it just kind of seemed natural to play football, since he was the head coach and all," he added.

As he grew up and started playing sports on a more consistent basis in high school, Don pretty much did it all. He played football all the way through high school, and was on the varsity team his junior and senior years. "I was always hurt during football [season]," Don recalled. "I don't think a year went by that I didn't hurt something on myself playing." He also played baseball all the way



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through school, and was on varsity his sophomore, junior and senior years. Still, his interests were more heavily weighed toward football.

After graduation, he signed on to play football for Navarro Junior College, but things happened in his life that changed the path he thought he was destined to take. "The football players at Navarro were huge. They were so intimidating, and I knew it wasn't for me," Don admitted.

The other event in his life that changed his destiny happened during his senior year at Corsicana High School. "I had a decent year during baseball, but nothing great," Don said. Little did he know that a scout by the

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name of Red Murph, the same scout who discovered the legendary Nolan Ryan, had his eye on Don that entire year. In fact, flashing forward to the future, Red Murph ended up writing a book entitled *The Scout*, primarily about different players and sporting events that he attended. There was an entire chapter in it about Don in which he wrote that Don "would be the next greatest thing."

Back to Don's senior year, Red Murph saw a lot of potential in Don's size and speed, and so he was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 24th round. "It was a nice sum of money, but any sum looks good to a kid coming out of high school," Don

**"I just love being out there with them. I have a better perspective on life."**

admitted, explaining that in the end he turned the offer down.

Soon after, the head baseball coach for Blinn Junior College in Brenham, Texas, Kyle Van Hook, asked him to play for Blinn. After a visit with Kyle, who is now a scout, Don accepted the offer. "It was one of the nicest [junior college] facilities I had ever seen," he recalled. Don did have one bump in the road ahead of him; he had already signed a contract to play football at Navarro Junior College. Upon his return home, he explained why he needed out of his contract, but also stressed the fact that he knew he could not compete with the other football players because of their size.

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Tracy, who was attending The University of Texas at Austin. She is now his wife. He had a good first season that included some great accolades, a few of which included his team making it to the Junior College State Tournament and going on to the Junior College World Series. On a personal note, he managed to break Kirby Puckett's stolen base record. His sophomore year, he received the honor of being the number one Junior College prospect in the nation and was selected as the best Junior College player of the year.

During the summer after his sophomore year, he signed on to play baseball for The University of Texas, but his life took another turn when he was drafted in the third round to play for the San Francisco Giants. "I was out at Tiger Field just playing around with some friends, throwing the ball, and I remember my dad walked up with a huge smile on his face telling me the news," Don said.

Don had an incredible experience playing rookie ball for the Giants. In fact, there were times during spring training that he was playing with some familiar major league players like Barry Bonds. In the end the experience proved to be too hard on him, since he had a new wife and baby waiting for him in Corsicana, and he was all the way out in Arizona and California.

Thus, after a few years in the majors, Don decided to hang up his bat and return home to be a family man. Now the greatest joy in his life is coaching his three boys and their baseball teams. The children all love him; they are always asking him to coach. "I truly get more satisfaction from coaching the kids than I ever did playing," Don shared. "I just love being out there with them. I have a better perspective on life. I know that baseball is just a game, and I make sure they know it, too. It is amazing how life really comes full circle," Don said. **NOW**



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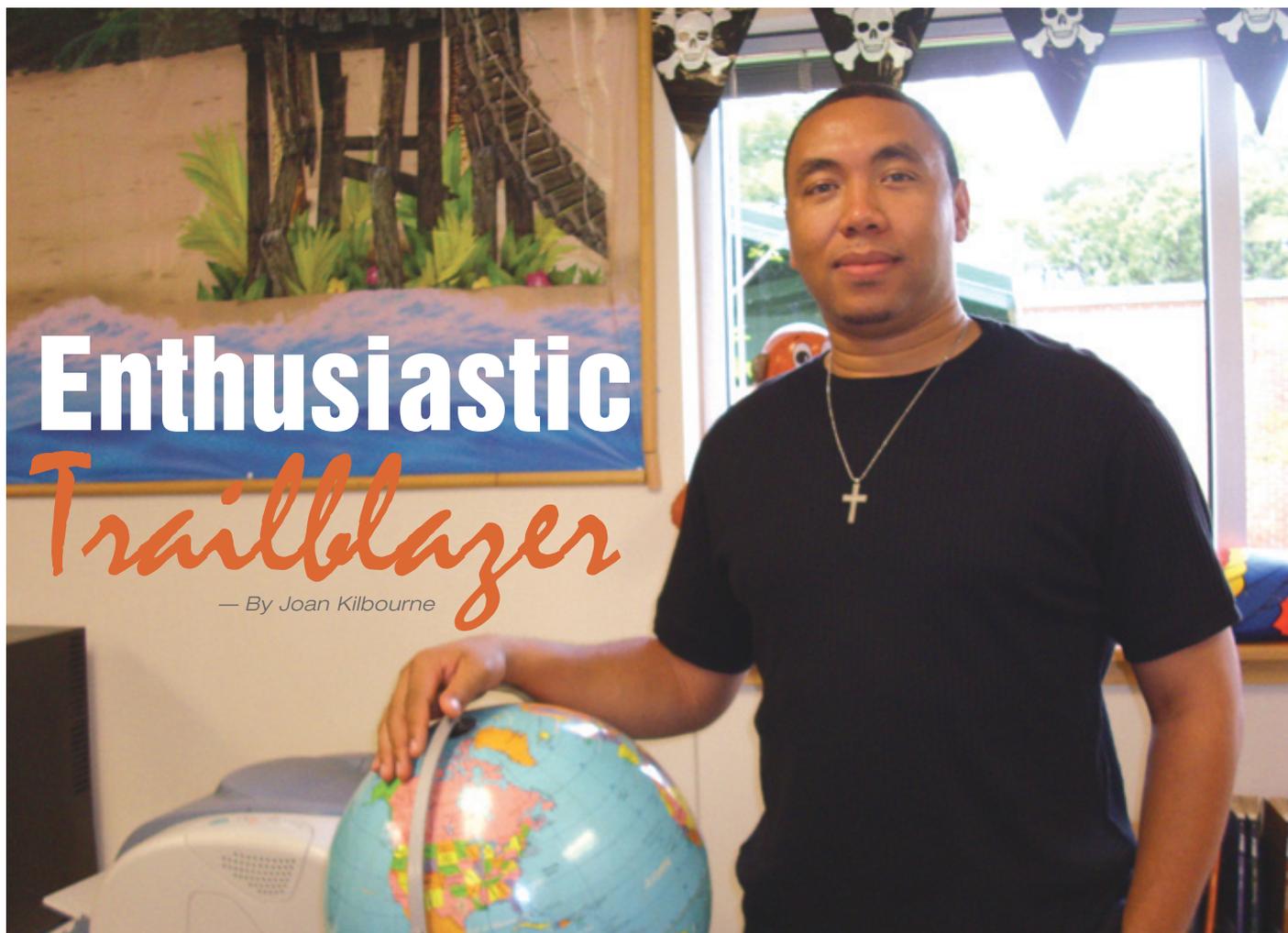
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# Enthusiastic Trailblazer

— By Joan Kilbourne

Not all elementary school teachers grew up giving lessons to their dolls. Some may have played baseball, basketball, soccer or cowboys and Indians. While the female/male ratio of teachers is six to one, the number of male elementary teachers has increased 36 percent since the early '90s. In addition, many women, as well as men, are choosing teaching as a second career.

Tim Betts, a third grade teacher in his second year at Fannin Elementary School, entered the profession after working for 10 years as a Juvenile Corrections Officer at the Corsicana State Home. While the work at the state home was satisfying, Tim came to believe that “if you help a kid early enough to make a difference, they won’t end up in trouble” with juvenile

authorities. Described as a “trailblazer,” Tim is enthusiastic about being a teacher who can “make a difference” with his students. “I’m a happy person and I do everything with all my energy,” he enthused. “I know I need to think outside the box, and I love to rise to a challenge.”

Tim started his college education at Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos, going on to earn his bachelor’s degree in science and interdisciplinary studies, as well as his teaching certification at Texas A&M University in Commerce. He intended to teach kindergarten classes, but he completed his internship in a fourth grade class at Fannin Elementary. He liked the school, his colleagues and the older students so much that he

remained as a full-time third grade teacher. He is also a basketball coach for the sixth grade students at Drane Elementary and tutors after school and on weekends. Content with his busy schedule, Tim said, “You get out what you put in. There are kids who fall into the cracks in education, dropping out as early as 9 years old. I want to change that.” His passion for education proves he is doing that and so much more.

In his first year of teaching, Tim applied for and was awarded two grants from the Corsicana Education Foundation. With the grant funds, he purchased five Nintendo systems for each of the third grade classrooms so students could work with the reading and math program aptly named Brain Age, Train Your Brain in Minutes a

Day. The students were going to take a Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test for the first time and he was worried that they did not have the skills needed to read and respond to five stories. Even when most of the students could read and comprehend adequately, many found it difficult to keep working through more stories. "I had to help them gain reading comprehension and reading stamina," Tim said. "I was more nervous than they were when test time came, but they were all successful! It was a great feeling to see that happen."

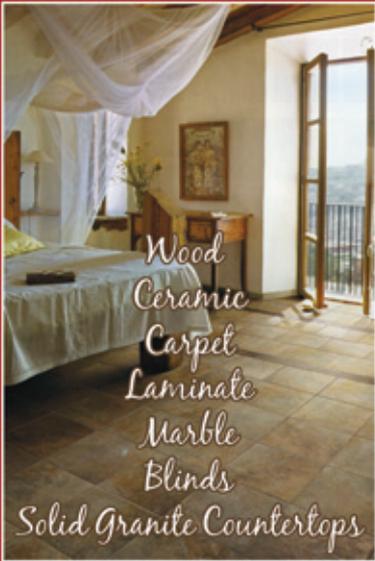
That first year, Tim, like most new teachers, made careful preparation for the school year, and he entered the room full of ideas about the teaching methods he would use. During that

**"I had to be willing to change my ideas to meet the challenges of each child."**

year, however, the students taught Tim what they needed. "I had to be willing to change my ideas to meet the challenges of each child," he admitted. When the teachers were asked to write a mission statement, Tim reflected that learning is a two-way street. "I will teach to inspire so that we gain inspiration from those who I teach and we will learn together," he wrote.

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is creative about finding ways to stimulate his students so that they discover the ability to meet their own challenges and enjoy themselves in the process. When the class encountered the word "Braille," a system of writing read by touch for those who are blind, Tim led his students into the hallway and challenged them to find an example of the word. They were able to easily point out the Braille signs on the classroom doors.

Tim's classroom was transformed into a pirate ship last year. "I chose that theme because I wanted to introduce them to [the] unfamiliar vocabulary



that we used when talking about being pirates and living on a pirate ship," he explained. The pirate ship also developed social skills. "A pirate ship is small, and you have to get along," he laughed, proud to add that there were no fights at all last year.

On his wish list, Tim would like to see the Watchdog Program expand to include more parents. The DOGS (Dads of Great Students) are fathers who spend a day at school helping teachers and working with students. At present, parents cover all but 10 days of the year. He would also like to see the state mandate a pre-K class for 4-year-old children so they can get the feel of school routines before they enter kindergarten. Sometime in the future, Tim may study for a mid-management degree in school administration. Before that, however, he will learn the lessons his new baby boy, Timothy, will teach him. It is a good thing that Tim likes challenges. **NOW**

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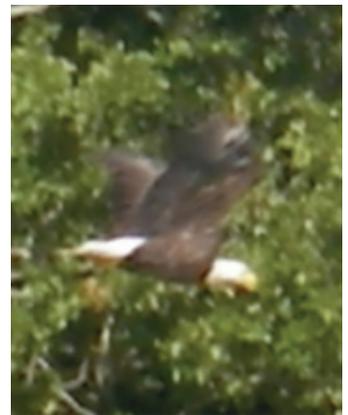
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Corsicana Education Foundation board members Kathy Nease, Ann Stites and Kim Martinez, top left, worked hard during the 5th annual Corsicana Education Foundation golf tournament. Visitors to Corsicana are welcomed, top right, with a smile. Representative Cook, second row left, talked to students from Bowie Elementary before their field trip to Austin, Texas. Don Gibson, second row left center, was the lucky door prize winner for the money booth grab at the Business After Hours event held at Community National Bank. Jason and Amber Payne, second row right center, shared a hug during the Cowboy-Redskin football game. An eagle, second row right, took flight over Richland Chambers. Angie and Eric Meyers, third row left, also had a great time at the football game. Fred Blitz, Rusty Hitt and Ruby Williams, bottom left, attended the Business After Hours event at Community National Bank. Landen Allen, Dylan Wilson, Bryson Morrison and Mark Rogers, bottom right, were the winners of the CEF golf tournament.



## Look Who's Cooking

— By Faith Browning

### IN THE KITCHEN WITH DORA OROZCO

Being married 15 years to her husband, Martin, and rearing their three children, Andrew, Brittany and Ashley, gives Dora great pride in all she does. She has served others for over 20 years as a hostess for the First United Methodist Church. “I’ve had the privilege of meeting many wonderful people through the years,” she said. “I have learned from some of the best cooks in town, as well as taste[d] their exquisite recipes.”

Currently, Dora and Martin pastor the local Jesus Christ is My Shield Church, located on Third Street. Their main focus is making families strong through the teachings of the Gospel. Dora expressed, “I love seeing the children in Sunday school happy because their parents are coming to church with them!” **NOW**

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#### EASY ENCHILADAS

- 1 64-oz. can chili
- 1 pkg. frozen corn tortillas
- 10-oz. cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 cup onions, diced

Line a cookie sheet with foil and spray with cooking spray. In a pan, heat up chili. Soften tortillas in a skillet or several at a time wrapped in cellophane for 90 seconds in the microwave. Fill each tortilla with 2 tablespoons of chili and a sprinkle of cheese and onions. Fold tortillas over and place on foil-lined cookie sheet. Pour remaining chili over rolled tortillas; cover with remaining cheese and onions. Bake for 20 minutes at 350 F.

#### TURKEY SPAGHETTI FOR A CROWD

- 1 15- to 20-lb. turkey
- 4 stalks celery, diced
- 5 large onions, diced
- salt to taste
- 1 lb. margarine
- 1 12-oz. can Old El Paso green chilies
- 3 10-oz. cans mushrooms, drained
- 6 12-oz. cans cream of chicken soup
- 6 12-oz. cans cream of mushroom soup
- 4 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup white wine or cooking sherry
- 2 lbs. Velveeta cheese, chopped
- 3 1/2 – 4 lbs. spaghetti, cooked, drained and rinsed in

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1 pkg. slivered almonds  
Cook turkey according to directions on package along with 3 stalks celery, 1 onion and salt; debone after cooled. Sauté remaining onions and celery in margarine; add remaining ingredients except turkey, spaghetti and almonds. Cook until mixture darkens. Add turkey, spaghetti and almonds. If dry, add some of the broth from the turkey.

#### SPANISH RICE

- 1 cup rice, uncooked
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- 2 cups water
- 4 oz. tomato sauce
- 1 chicken bouillon cube
- dash of garlic powder
- dash of pepper

Sauté rice and onion in oil until rice turns golden brown. Add remaining ingredients; boil for 20 minutes. Remove from heat; let stand until ready.

#### CHICKEN AND DRESSING CASSEROLE

- 1 stick butter
- 1 7-oz. pkg. dressing mix
- 1 12-oz. can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 12-oz. can cream of chicken soup

#### 1 cup chicken broth

3 cups chicken, cooked and cut into bite-size pieces  
1 cup celery, chopped  
Melt butter and mix with dressing; reserve 1/2 cup. Dilute soups with chicken broth; add to dressing along with chicken and celery. Mix lightly; spoon into buttered 2-quart baking dish. Sprinkle reserved dressing crumbs over top. Bake uncovered for 45 minutes at 350 F.

#### SWEET POTATOES WITH APPLES

- 8 medium sweet potatoes or yams
- 1/3 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. grated orange peel
- 1 1/2 cups tart apples, peeled, cored, chopped

Preheat oven 350 F. Prick sweet potatoes with fork to allow steam to escape. Bake for 55 to 65 minutes or until fork tender. Cut thin lengthwise slice from top of each sweet potato; scoop out inside, leaving a thin shell. Place shells on a 15 x 10 x 1-inch jelly roll pan; set aside. In a large mixing bowl, place hot sweet potato and all remaining ingredients except apples. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed with no lumps remaining (2 - 3 minutes). By hand, stir in apples. Fill reserved shells with mixture. Bake 20 - 30 minutes at 350 F or until heated through.

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# The Best of Times and the Worst of Times

— By Gary Hayden

Since writing this article, certain events such as the passage of emergency legislation may cause conclusions to be altered. That being said, the economy is in for some volatile and strange times. What started with a subprime housing meltdown has cascaded across the housing market and the financial systems worldwide. It highlights the impact of a very connected global economy.

Because global growth is relatively strong, the demand for energy and raw materials is high, pushing prices up. Many businesses are struggling to pass through higher raw material costs, so margins are being squeezed, impacting profitability. Where businesses can, they are passing through higher costs to their customers. When they cannot, they are looking to cut expenses, which is why we see unemployment growing. One of the most important long-term trends going on today is what has happened to the U.S.; we have gone from being the world's largest and most dominant economy to simply just the largest.

The U.S. has two huge addictions, foreign oil and “plastic”

— as a country we are borrowing to live beyond our means. We depend on foreign capital flows both to finance our government deficit as well as all of our spending. This is part of the reason the U.S. dollar has fallen in value relative to other currencies. In 2003, one U.S. dollar bought 1.43 Canadian dollars — today it buys one. Economists have been talking for years about this situation, saying that it cannot go on forever. It appears that this is true and the buck stops here — with the American consumer. The main focus of the adjustment will be that we will have to save more and spend less.

While there is plenty of bad news to go around, it is a testament to the underlying strength and diversification of the U.S. economy that the U.S. is not in a more severe slowdown. Many U.S. companies are doing well, with strong cash balances and reasonable debt loads. The housing problem took at least five years to be created — by easy lending standards and overbuilding especially in markets with a lot of speculative activity.

To conclude, we can expect that the economic slowdown and accompanying market downturn will end later, rather than sooner. These are times in

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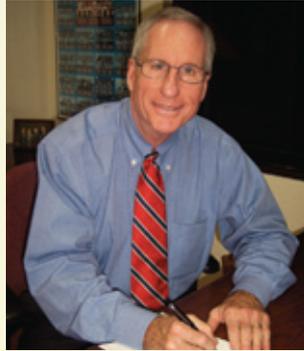
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resolution of the election, regardless of who wins, will likely be a positive for the market sentiment — but in and of itself will not fix anything. There is no easy or quick fix other than time needed to clear up the excesses that built up in the housing market. Consumers' adjustments to the new reality of saving more and spending less will go on for many years. And let us not forget how fortunate we are to live in this great country and collectively join hands in praying, "God bless America." **NOW**

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# Inflammatory Breast Cancer

— Dr. Kimberly Evans

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Most women, and in some cases men, detect breast cancer when they discover an irregular lump in the breast. Unfortunately, IBC usually grows in “nests” or “sheets” rather than a confined, solid tumor, so it can spread throughout the breast, never forming a noticeable mass. The cancer cells attack and block the lymphatic vessels in the breast, causing fluid to back up. The breast then becomes enlarged or “inflamed.”

**Typical symptoms include:**

- Large amounts of swelling in the breast, usually sudden
- Itching
- Pink, red, or dark-colored area resembling a bruise
- Ridges and thickened areas of skin similar to the skin of an orange

- Nipple retraction
- Warmth in the breast
- Severe pains in the affected breast
- Change in color and texture of the nipple area
- Swollen lymph nodes under the arm and/or above the collarbone

Because IBC is a fast-growing cancer, you should seek immediate help if you experience symptoms. The symptoms can easily be mistaken for those of a breast infection. If it is an infection, the symptoms should improve after a week of antibiotic treatment. If symptoms persist, you should ask a physician to do a further breast evaluation. Increased breast density, compared to that detected in an individual’s past mammograms, should also be considered suspicious and discussed with a physician.



As with other types of breast cancer, the exact cause of IBC is unknown. It tends to affect women at an average age of 56; however, it can occur in women as young as 30. Black women tend to have a slightly greater chance of developing IBC. Men can also develop the disease, but normally at an older age and much less frequently than women.



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IBC is categorized in two different stages: Stage IIIB and Stage IV. Stage IIIB means the cancer has spread to the nearby lymph nodes and tissue. Stage IV cancer has spread to other parts of the body, such as bones or organs. Approximately one-third of newly diagnosed inflammatory breast cancers are stage IV.

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with IBC, there is hope. Advances in breast cancer treatment have improved the survival rate for women with IBC. Recent studies have shown as much as a 50 percent survival rate after five years and a 35 percent survival rate after 10 years. Relapses after 10 years are rare, and continual research is being done to increase survival rates. **NOW**

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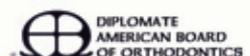
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# November 2008

## Community Calendar

### November 4 - 6

Barrage in Concert for all Navarro County fifth-through 12th-graders. Presented by the Navarro Council of the Arts at Corsicana High School.

### November 4 - 28

The Navarro Council of the Arts presents the National Juried Art Show featuring the works of professional artists across the nation. Opening reception and awards: November 15 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Warehouse Living Arts Center Gallery.

### November 6

Barrage in Concert, for the public, 7:30 p.m., Palace Theatre. Tickets: \$15 - \$25. Call the Palace at (903) 874-7792.

A free sales tax session, 10:00 a.m. - noon at the Corsicana/Navarro Chamber of Commerce conference room, 120 N. 12th Street. Speaker: Deborah Sullivan. Find out what is and what is not taxable. Whether you are already in business or just getting started, this workshop will demystify your sales tax responsibilities.

Registration is required, as seating is limited. To register, call Ophelia Mendoza at (903) 875-7667 or e-mail ophelia.mendoza@navarrocollege.edu.

### November 13

Healthy Woman Kickoff, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Cook Center. Main Event/Dinner: \$10 per person. Featuring Pat Love, Ed. D., whose books have taken her around the world and afforded numerous appearances on CNN and shows such as *Oprah* and *The Today Show*.

### November 14

Free Car Seat Classes at Navarro Regional Hospital, 5:00 p.m. While car seats are very effective when used properly, at least 90 percent of car seats are used incorrectly. This class shows expectant parents the proper use of car seats and basic principles you can apply as your baby continues through the different stages of car seat use. Call Lindsey Barak at (903) 654-6885.

### November 20

Downtown Lighting Ceremony, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.,

Intersection of Beaton and Collin. Pictures with Santa in Pocket Park. Two 4 x 6 photos by Memories by Melissa for \$12. Free chicken and refreshments: 5:00 p.m. Lighting ceremony and fireworks display: 6:00 p.m. Music by Sam Houston Elementary Choir, Corsicana High School Choral Program and Corsicana Swing Orchestra. Carriage rides by Star Buck Carriage. Hosted by Corsicana Main Street Project. (903) 654-4851.

### November 20 - 23

The Warehouse Living Arts Center presents *Guys and Dolls* at the Palace Theatre. Call (903) 872-5421 for tickets and information.

### December 16

Michael Martin Murphey in concert, Palace Theatre, 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 - \$45 go on sale November 12. (903) 874-7792.

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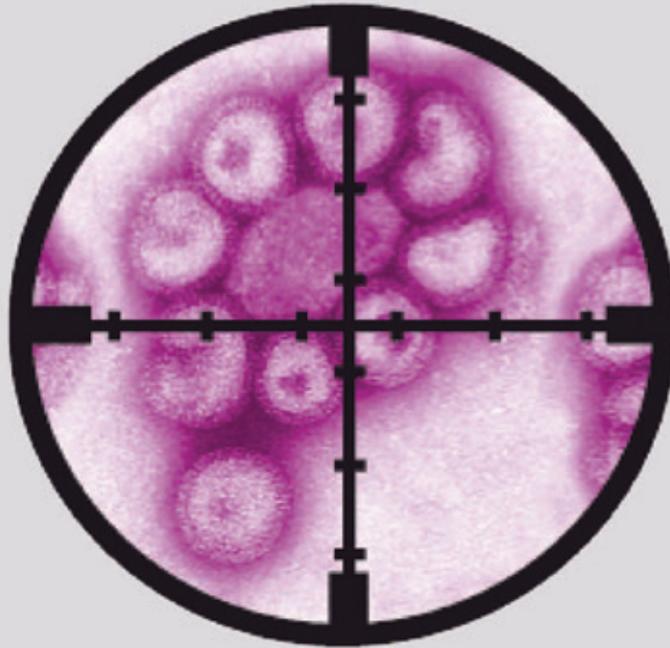
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