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Kingsville native Beto Cavazos is pictured with the prestigious award he received from the Tejano Roots Hall of Fame for his contributions to Tejano music in the Orchestra/Big Band category. (Photo by Gloria Bigger-Cantu).

Kingsville's Beto Cavazos honored for his music by Tejano Roots Hall of Fame

By Gloria Bigger-Cantu
 Beto Cavazos looks through an album nostalgic with memories for him where he is pictured as a saxophone player with musical groups. Cavazos played the saxophone in conjuntos, Tejano bands and his own orchestra. While he enjoyed playing gigs on weekends, he also kept his day job as a vocational teacher at H.M. King High School where he taught auto paint and body classes.

"This brings back a lot of happy memories and makes you wish we were 30 or 40 years younger," Cavazos, said as he shows photos of himself in various bands and also with his orchestra.

"I just played because I liked making people happy and used to see the dance floor full of people having a good time," said Cavazos, in an interview on Monday.

His uncle, Baldo Cavazos, who taught him to play the saxophone in 1955, influenced the Kingsville native. Baldo Cavazos played with the Oscar Cabra band. After his uncle moved to San Antonio, Cavazos continued to learn and play by ear. He began with the Conjunto Bernal in 1955 and later played with the Tony De La Rosa conjunto and other bands. Conjuntos are small groups of four or five musicians that feature an accordion player, a drummer, a bass player, and a saxophone player.

Cavazos decided to form his own orchestra in 1964. His son, Sonny, joined him as one of the first father and son teams to perform together.

"Bernal and De La Rosa were becoming famous and going out of state; I had a house payment and family and wanted to keep my job," Cavazos said.

Beto Cavazos and Orchestra played throughout South Texas in cities like Brownsville, Laredo, San Antonio and Victoria.

"We would get back in town to get back to work Monday morning," Cavazos, 80, said. Work for him meant teaching auto paint and body classes at the high school. He worked as a vocational teacher for 28 years for the Kingsville Independent School District until retiring in 2000.

"I loved it and taught a lot of students," he said.

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Charter amendment election out for May



Members of the VFW Post 2375 and St. Paul AME Church held an appreciation dinner for Tomas R. Sanchez Jr. Saturday to show their gratitude for his 21 years of service to the citizens of Kleberg County. Sanchez served as the Kleberg County Veterans Service Officer for 21 years and currently serves as the Kleberg County Emergency Manager. Pictured are members of the VFW Post 2375, who presented a plaque to Sanchez for his service. Sanchez said he is a very shy person and isn't used to being recognized. 'I'm the type of person who works behind the curtain,' Sanchez said. 'But I thank you all for this, and if I was able to help you in any way then I've done my job.' (Photo by Erika Hernandez)

The petition drive that would compel the Kingsville City Commission to call a charter amendment election to expand the present four-member city commission and mayor to seven city commission members and eliminate the election of the mayor by the voters, won't be completed in time to be on the May 8 city election ballot.

"We are not going to make the May ballot because we decided to take our time talking to people so they could fully understand what we are doing," Tamera Meyers Blackstock, president of the local police union, said.

The Kingsville Law Enforcement Association is spearheading the petition drive.

The deadline was 60 days before the May election, according to Blackstock.

"We are really close to getting the signatures required but are verifying them," Blackstock said, but she did not want to reveal the number of signatures that have already been acquired.

Petition organizers hope to get the proposed charter amendment on the November ballot.

The goal of the organizers was to acquire 560 signatures on the petition to be able to place the charter amendment on the next city elections ballot Blackstock had said in an earlier statement.

"It has been a pleasant experience visiting with the people," she said.

The proposed charter amendment would require the city to be divided into seven districts with a city commission member elected from each district.

The mayor and mayor pro-tem would then be elected (See Petition, Page 8A)

NAS Kingsville ready for 'Wings Over South Texas' air show March 27-28

By Jon Gagné,
 NAS Kingsville
 Public Affairs Office

With just a week remaining before NAS Kingsville opens its gates for the 2010 Wings Over South Texas air show, base officials are making final preparations for the event and double-checking everything to ensure the command is ready. NAS Kingsville's commanding officer is predicting clear skies for the weekend, and is hoping for a crowd of about 100,000 - nearly double what the command drew two years ago.

"We have a superb lineup



of performers again this year," Waddingham said, "headlined by the US Navy Blue Angels, the US Air Force's Viper East, the US Army Golden Knights, and world aerobatic champion Rob Holland. But we've also got some exciting new acts this year like the Commemorative Air Force's Tora, Tora,

Tora, and aerobatic performer Jack Knutson, along with air show veterans Jan Colmer and Paul Fiala. We're really excited about the show and can't wait for the show to get underway."

Waddingham and his air show team also added some new events to this year's show that is sure to drive in its own share of the crowd.

Country music Grammy-winning band Emerson Drive will host a free concert following the Saturday show, and the base is lining up a special guest for the Sunday show. Both acts will (See Air Show, Page 8A)

King Star continues 100th anniversary celebration



King Star Baptist Church is a familiar Kingsville landmark.

By Erika Hernandez

King Star Baptist Church is continuing its centennial celebration with two events planned in the upcoming weeks.

Celebration of the church's centennial began last fall.

A prayer breakfast was held March 6, and a 100th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting ceremony and Homecoming Gospel Musical presentation will be held Saturday, March 20 beginning at 4 p.m. at the church, which is located at 605 S. Martin Luther King Jr. St.

The 100th Church Anniversary and Homecoming Celebration will be held at the church on Sunday, March (See King Star, Page 8A)