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CONJUNTO DAYS—Beto Cavazos played in Conjunto groups for many years. Pictured from left in the Conjunto Alegre are Lico Cano, Julian Juarez, Cavazos, Ricardo Vela in a picture taken on May 1956.

Cavazos

Cavazos learned the work ethic when he began working at the age of 16 at grocery stores. He later drove trucks and at the age of 20 earned a living with paint and bodywork on railroad passenger cars.

“That’s where I learned about paint and body work,” he said.

Before becoming a vocational teacher, he worked as a salesman selling tools and paints at auto paint and body shops.

Meanwhile he stayed busy every weekend when Beto’s Orchestra played mostly at dance halls, weddings, and private parties. They played polkas, boleros, cumbias and rancherías. His vocalist, Balde Garcia, worked with him for 17 years. Garcia was also a composer and created the song, “Mi Ultima Paranda” that became very popular.

Cavazos cites his favorite polka as “Monterrey.” His favorite songs include “Tan Chula,” “Mil Besos” and “La Cumbia del Sol.”

His last music gig was playing with Canales Brothers Band until 2003.

In his younger days he also played semi professional baseball with the Wildcats and later with the King Ranch Cowboys for many years.

He and his wife, Tula, a local hair salon businesswoman, have been music and dance enthusiasts before and after they married 60 years ago. When they



SAX PLAYERS — Saxophone players are featured in a band. Pictured from left are Oscar Barbour, Homero Cortez, Beto Cavazos. David Salinas plays the guitar in the back and Raymond Guzman plays the drum. Photo taken in the mid-1960s.

celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary they danced the jitterbug often.

“We used to call it ‘the swing,’ Tula Cavazos said. The Cavazos have two children, Sonny and Mary Dall Del Bosque, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He gave his great great grandson, Tres Esquivel, a saxophone to encourage his musical talents. Tres, a sixth grader, plays with the Ricardo School Band.

He comments that Tejano music is part of the culture, but is becoming more modernized and getting better and better. His favorite Tejano groups are Tierra Tejana from Seguin,

Texas, La Herencia from Corpus Christi and the Texas Revolution from Austin.

Cavazos was recognized and honored by the Tejano Roots, for his contributions to Tejano music and selected to the Hall of Fame 2009 award in the Orchestra and Big Band category. He received this award at the 10th annual Noche de Fiesta Tejano Induction Ceremony and Awards held in Alice in January. Other inductees were honored in various Tejano music categories.

“I was surprised and honored and did not expect such a great honor,” Cavazos said referring to the Tejano Roots award.

City candidate ineligibility clarified

Contrary to a news story on the election in the Sunday, March 14 edition of the Kingsville Record and Bishop News, Ruben G. Soliz could not run for both the Kingsville City Commission and as a trustee of the Kingsville Independent School District at the same time because of the state election code, City Attorney Courtney Alvarez said.

Kingsville City Secretary Edna Lopez said Soliz was sent a letter explaining why he was ineligible to seek a seat on the Kingsville City Commission.

“I never told the reporter that the city charter prevented him from running for the city commission,” Lopez said.

The state law cited is Section 141.033 of the Texas Election Code as follows:

FILING APPLICATIONS FOR MORE THAN ONE OFFICE PROHIBITED.

(a) A candidate may not file applications for a place on the ballot for two or more offices that:

(1) are not permitted by law to be held by the same person; and

Air Show

draw big crowds to the air station, along with thousands of aviation enthusiasts.

Air Show weekend will actually kick off Friday morning, March 26, when school children from throughout South Texas will muster at Texas A&M University-Kingsville’s Javelina Stadium for the Air Show Pep Rally, hosted by the college. High school and middle school students will meet the Blue Angels and other performers from 9-10 a.m. and elementary school students will see aerobatic performances over the stadium and witness the US Army parachute team, the Golden Knights, jump into the sta-

dium from 10-11 a.m. The two-hour event will feature speakers from the Blue Angels, the US Air Force Viper East team, and the Golden Knights talking about the importance of staying in school and getting an education.

Friday night, the City of Kingsville will host a “Meet the Performers” event at JK Northway Coliseum at Kleberg Park, open to the public free of charge.

Nearly all of the performers – including the Blue Angels – will be on hand to mingle with the crowd, pose for photographs and sign autographs.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the band

“Latin Talk.”

After these events, it’s time for the big show, with gates opening at NAS Kingsville at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, with the show starting at about 11:45. Free admission and convenient parking make this a great event for families, and there will be something for everybody this year, including a KidZone for children, food, merchandise and souvenir booths, military recruiting simulators, and more than 30 static aircraft on display.

To see the names and photos of all the performers for this year’s show, visit the air show web site at www.wingsoversouthtexas.org.

King Star

28 at 3 p.m.

Friendship Community Baptist Church from Austin will be the guest church in attendance with Pastor Gary D. Brown officiating.

Immediately following the service, a dinner reception will be held at the Texas A&M University Kingsville Ballroom.

The church was formed in the early 1900s when religious activities for African Americans in the area, many of whom arrived as employees of railroad companies, were conducted at a mission station,

reportedly located under a mesquite tree.

The Rev. William Green, a missionary for the Mount Zion Baptist Association, made frequent visits to deliver sermons at the site.

In 1908, trustees for the Mount Zion Baptist Association purchased a plot of land for \$265 and a building was erected to house services.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, 1910, nine charter members officially formed the King Star Missionary Baptist Church, the first church for African

Americans in Kingsville.

The Rev. R.B. Shiner was called as first pastor. The Rev. Earl Jackson is the long-time current pastor.

The church building was used as a school facility for the first African American children’s classes in the Kingsville Independent School District during segregation.

The public is invited to attend all programs during the Centennial Celebration of the church’s 100th year anniversary. For tickets and more information call (361) 675-0200.

Petition

from among the seven city commission members by a majority of the city commission.

The first election of a seven-member city commission would be held in 2012 and initially three of the members would serve two-year terms and four of the members would serve three-year terms, determined by a drawing.

After that all city commission members would serve three years with commissioners being elected in staggered terms.

City commission candidates would have to live in their respective districts for 12 months in order to qualify for the office.

All seven members would be required to vote on all

issues that came before the city commission unless there was a conflict of interest involving one or more city commission members.

The present city commission members run at large every two years and the top four who receive the most votes are elected.

The mayor is also chosen by the voters.

However, the mayor pro-tem is chosen by the city commission, and traditionally the highest polling city commissioner is designated as mayor pro-tem.

The four city commissioners and mayor each have one vote on the city commission, and like the proposed charter amendment, the four commissioners

and mayor must vote on all issues unless there is a state conflicted of interest.

Any charter amendment changing the way voters choose their city representatives would have to comply with state and federal laws.

Voters will still go to the polls on May 8 to choose the next Kingsville City Commission.

Tomas Sanchez is the only candidate challenging the incumbent commissioners for a seat on the city commission.

Candidates will appear on the ballot as follows:

Mayor: Sam R. Fugate;
Commissioners: Al Garcia, Charlie Wilson, Tomas R. Sanchez, Jr., Arturo Pecos, Stanley Laskowski.



LAST GIG—Beto Cavazos continued to play in bands throughout the years. His last gig was playing with the Canales Brothers until 2003. Band members pictured from left to right standing are Juan Olivarez, Bobby Ruiz, Celso Abundez. Seated from left are Joe Canales, Cavazos, Manny Canales, Emi Canales Jr., and Emi Canales.

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