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America's Most Wanted Fugitive Reportedly in Lexington

Charges and arrests followed as story takes a twist in the end

On Monday, March 20, at about 11:30 a.m., a man called Lexington City Hall and requested that an officer with the Lexington Police Department give him a call. He claimed to have information about a man that had been featured on America's Most Wanted who was staying at a residence in Lexington.

Officer Ted Walton responded to the 1100 block of Caldwell Street where the alleged suspect was staying. He identified each party in the

house; however, one person refused to identify himself. When Officer Walton pressed him for his identity, he refused and became combative and the officer sprayed him with OC (oleoresin capsicum) spray, also known as pepper spray.

At that point, the suspect ran from the home

and was apprehended at 7th and Caldwell Street, where he continued to resist detention by Officer Walton, fighting the officer and two citizens who were trying to help at the scene, Logan Lee and John Alexander. It was reported that Alexander was kicked several times by the suspect.

Soon Deputy Dontrell Nurse

arrived and helped, along with Officer Walton and the citizens, take down the suspect, who had to be tazed at one point, and was finally subdued and handcuffed.

At that point, he still refused to identify himself and it wasn't until other deputies, who knew who he was, arrived that they were able to identify him. The suspect was Wesley Brown, a Dime Box resident, who, at the age of 27, had been sentenced to 365 days in jail last July for assault causing

bodily injury to a family member and for assault family violence.

When asked why he refused to identify himself, he told the officers, "I was having a bad morning and I just didn't want to mess with

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Brown

Woman Stabbed in Domestic Incident

On Tuesday, March 14, at 7:20 p.m. the Lee County Sheriff's office received a call from a woman who claimed to have been stabbed. According to the Sheriff's Report, Sgt Liles, Deputy Holloway, Deputy Jessup and EMS were dispatched to 4850 FM 696 W for a stabbing. The caller was a 60-year-old woman from Austin who had been driven to the address by her cousin, a 70-year-old man. Once they arrived at the location, a witness at the residence, Charlene Laurence, told the deputies that both the woman and the man had been arguing and that both of them had knives, threatening each other. The woman who had been injured did not tell the 911 operator that she too had been threatening her cousin with a knife.

While details to the domestic argument are not clear, it is known that the woman suffered a stab wound to one of her hands. When the deputies arrived on scene, they learned that the man had left the residence and was heading toward Bastrop. One witness said he was intoxicated and had marijuana in the vehicle.

Lee County notified Bastrop County with the information and a report was taken for Aggravated Assault; however, no charges were filed. This case remains under investigation.



Claire Furman, Meggins Scheel, and Jennifer Walch, all from the Tanglewood area, are seen at last weekend's Lexington Antique Show and Sale. What you can't see is the pile of treasures they procured while there, but what you can see is how much fun they had! It was another great show with many fantastic finds! Plans are already being made for the September Show, which will be the 10th Antique Show and Sale for our little town.

Chamber of Commerce Making Big Plans

The Lexington Chamber of Commerce meets to plan activities for the coming months

The Lexington Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the spring, summer and beyond. Homecoming will happen April 30 and May 1 this year and the members are working hard to make this another successful event. Booths are being arranged for sellers; games are in the works and the barbecue cook-off has chefs around the area sharpening their

knives and cleaning up their barbecues.

In conjunction with Homecoming, the Lexington Log Cabins are hoping to have the opening of the 1940's era model of Lexington, hand built by the late Jerry Poston, Sr. Any help with completing this project is welcome. Contact the Log Cabins or the EDC.

The many aspects of this

annual Homecoming event take a lot of effort by all the members of the Chamber and any friends they can "con" into helping.

Other plans in the works include a motorcycle show to draw visitors to our town, and a giant pumpkin weigh-off and pumpkin festival to be held later this year. It is hoped that growers around the area will see who can grow the

biggest pumpkin, some of which can exceed 1000 lbs!

The Lexington Pumpkin Festival is slated to be held the weekend before Halloween and is planned to include a pie baking contest, pumpkin carving, booths of sellers, a junior "tractor pull" and many other events, along with the weighing of the pumpkins.

Anyone interested in

growing giant pumpkins will have a chance to participate in one of the pumpkin seminars coming up where they can learn some of the secrets of growing this gigantic fruit. Times and dates of the seminars will be announced at a later date. The Chamber of Commerce will be able to guide anyone interested with more information.

Schlesinger Wins Song of the Year

Last week, well known fiddler and vocalist, Paul Schlesinger of Taylor, was named the winner of the Western Swing Song of the Year for the tune, "You Were Meant to Ruin My Dreams." The presentation took place during the 21st Annual Will Rogers Academy of Western Artists awards banquet on Thursday, March 16 held in Fort Worth.

Schlesinger's CD, *Paul Schlesinger and his Knights*

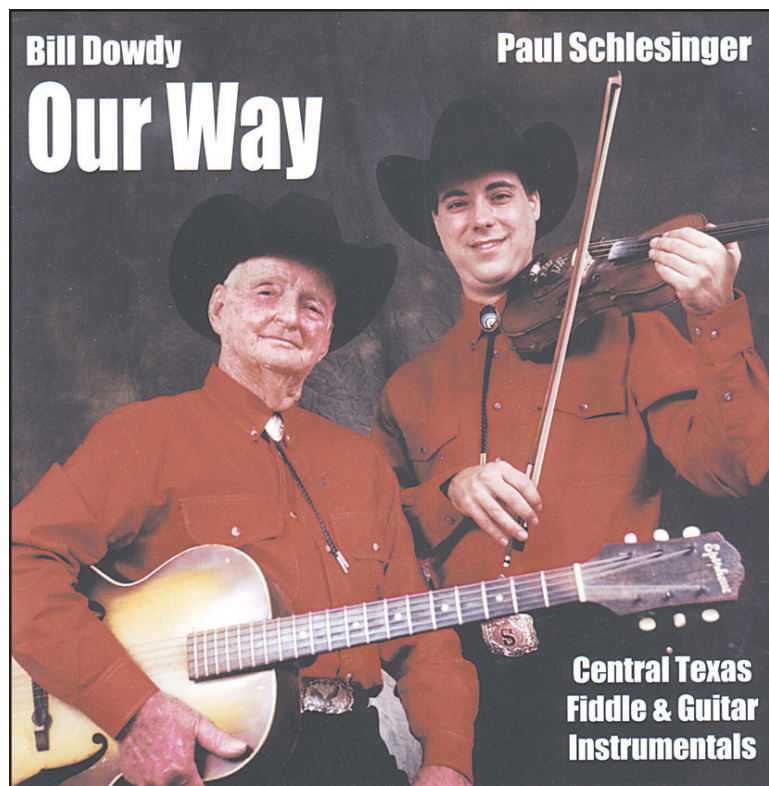
of *Texas Swing*, on which the song is heard, features many area musicians, including his mentor, the late Bill Dowdy of Lexington. Dowdy, who passed away in July of last year, played rhythm guitar and developed the western swing style chord pattern on the prize-winning song. Dowdy was a member of the Texas Western Swing Hall of Fame and he and Schlesinger played together from 1997 to 2016.

"You Were Meant to Ruin My Dreams" was written in 1949 by lyricist Cecil R. Harris and composer Arlie A. Carter, who were band members of Jimmy Heap and the Melody Masters from Taylor. The

song was originally recorded by the Melody Masters for Imperial Records, and sung by fiddler Perk Williams. All involved with the original recording are now deceased.

Schlesinger says, "The original recording is a tad slower than my version, and by today's recording standards, sounds a bit primitive. It sold well enough regionally, but was not a hit in 1949. In 2011, Cecil Harris told me he wrote the song to fit around the heartbreak theme, using a 'hook line' that would hopefully catch the public's fancy. I thought it

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Well known musician in Lexington, Paul Schlesinger, won Song of the Year from the Will Rogers Academy of Western Artists last week, for a song in which one of Lexington's favorite musicians, the late Bill Dowdy, helped develop. Their first CD, *Our Way*, is seen here.





Community CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 22, 2017
 Lexington American Legion Coffee – 9 a.m.
 Story Time - Giddings Public Library 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Thursday, March 23, 2017
 Order of Eastern Star Breakfast - Lexington
 Masonic Lodge 7:30 a.m -10:00 a.m.
 Lexington Log Cabins – Open 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 Giddings Rotary Club – Noon

Friday, March 24, 2017
 Lexington American Legion Coffee – 8 a.m.
 Lexington Log Cabins – Open 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, March 25, 2017
 Lexington Log Cabins – Open 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Monday, March 27, 2017
 Lexington American Legion Coffee – 9 a.m.
 Quilting Angels – Gerline's Quilt Shop in Giddings
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Come and Go"
 Blue VFD- 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017
 Lexington Rotary Club @ Woodson Bldg. – Noon
 Lexington Sr. Citizens on the Square – 6:30 p.m.
 Lexington VFD – 7 p.m.

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Fugitive

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it.”

Officer Walton told him that if he'd just identified himself, none of this would have happened.

EMS was called, per protocol whenever an officer uses pepper spray on a suspect. He was medically cleared at St. Marks in LaGrange and booked into the Lee County Law Enforcement Center for failure to identify when detained and resisting arrest, search or transport.

A twist to this story is that another individual, whose name was not released as of press time, has had a warrant issued for his arrest for making a false report to a peace officer. The caller who claimed Brown was featured on America's Most Wanted allegedly just wanted Brown out of the picture, as both men had a mutual interest in a young lady that Brown had been seeing.

Award

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had potential, and I decided to revamp it for my CD, adding twin fiddles, twin guitars, drums, and Bill Dowdy's swinging rhythm pattern.”

Other award winners at this year's ceremony include national celebrities Rex Allen Jr for Western Music Male Vocalist, and Roy Clark for Living Legend. Schlesinger reports that Red Steagall, a giant in the western music field, was in attendance, as was Kenny Sears, the featured fiddler on the Grand Ole Opry, and who is a member of the Time Jumpers, a popular western swing group featured on RFD TV. In all, there were about 400 in attendance. Schlesinger says, "I gave my acceptance speech at the podium in front of all those luminaries. Since I didn't think I would win, I had not prepared anything. So I thanked the Lord for setting me on my life path, all the musicians who helped

with the CD, as well as those folks who supported me.”

Schlesinger is the music team leader for the Lee County Cowboy Church, and a member of the church's band Second Chance, which includes his wife Tara on piano, and Lexington's Bill Tucker on bass. The music team also includes vocalists Tommy and Cindy Hart of Lexington. Second Chance is hosting its 3rd Annual Country Gospel Jamboree at the Giddings High School auditorium on Sunday, April 2nd at 7 PM.

Though a resident of Taylor, Schlesinger has close ties with the Lexington area. He began performing publicly in 1997 with Bill Dowdy and the Down Home Country Band at the Lexington Senior Citizen's Center. The aforementioned Arlie Carter, grew up around Watson Branch, and was a fixture throughout the 1980s and 1990s as a musician at the Lexington Senior Citizens' Center. Carter was also an early mentor to Schlesinger; the fiddle Schlesinger used on the CD and plays to this today was once Carter's.

Schlesinger also played fiddle for the late Joe Boyd Reynolds of Lexington for many years, both in the dance halls and later in Reynolds' cowboy church band.

The City of Lexington & Work in Progress



by Tim Walch, Public Works Supervisor

Just a few reminders. Monday, March 27th, we will begin reading meters. Also April is clean up month. We will have more details posted next week.

For safety reasons, please adhere to cones, yellow tape, barricades or any warning signs when you see them. They are there not only to protect our citizens and employees, but to protect the work being done in the area. We recently did some road work on 5th Street and had several automobiles not obey the signs/barricades posted. By doing so, they have now left permanent marks on the street. If warning signs are not obeyed, it could cause permanent damage. Violators could be ticketed or charged with the repairs if they are not obeying all of the signs. We also recently installed DO NOT ENTER signs at the youth baseball fields. This is to prevent traffic from driving between the main fields and the other fields.

The water line replacement on Caldwell between 7th and 4th will start this week and continue for the next few weeks.

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All first graders at Giddings Elementary School were recently given free prevent tooth decay kits through the Fantastic Teeth Fan Club. Members of J.D. Giddings Masonic Lodge, led by Bill Conrad, assembled and delivered more than 135 dental hygiene kits to the school.

The Fantastic Teeth Fan Club, sponsored by Masonic Home and School of Texas (MHS), strives to prevent suffering from toothaches, reduce missed school days due to dental problems, and cut costs for dental treatment.

Prevent tooth decay kits contain: a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, healthy teeth sticker, two-

minute timer (optimal brushing time), Tips for Healthy Teeth educational information for parents in both Spanish and English, and a summary of MHS services. Last year, Texas Masonic lodges partnered with MHS to distribute 125,738 Fantastic Teeth Fan Club dental kits and information to first graders in 1,447 schools across the state.

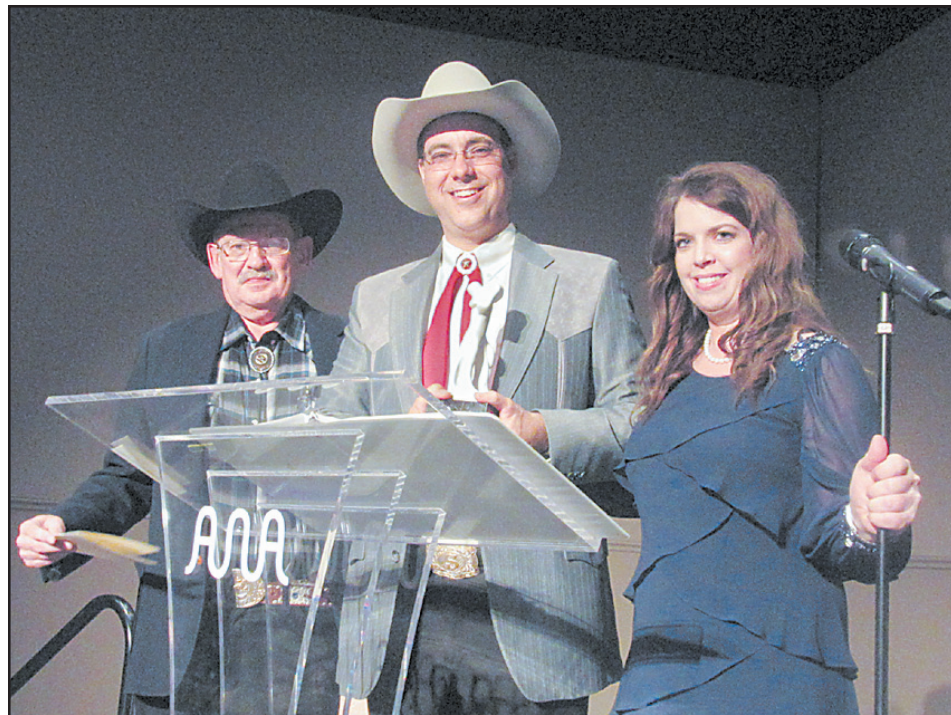
According to Oral Health In America: A Report of the Surgeon General, tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease—five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than hay fever. Poor children are affected by this epidemic

more frequently than other children, with nearly 12 times more restricted-activity days due to dental issues than children from higher-income families. With more than 1.5 million Texas children living in poverty, there is a great need for preventive dental care.

Dental problems also directly affect success for children, with more than 51 million school hours lost each year to dental-related illness. Teachers have judged both classroom performance and classroom behavior to be significantly poorer among children in need of dental care. Pain and suffering due to untreated dental disease can also lead to problems in eating and speaking.



Guess who turned 20 recently? Yes! It is Dalton Lambert!!!!!! The Lexington Leader's Favorite Birthday Boy! (Next to Rainey Owen, whose birthday was last Monday! Happy #87 Rain-Man!)



Paul Schlesinger (center) accepts the Western Swing Song of the Year award at the 21st Annual Will Rogers Academy of Western Artists awards banquet in Fort Worth, March 16, 2017. Presenting the award is Billy Bowles (left) and Cathy Whitten, DJs of radio station KSSL FM in Slaton, TX. Over 400 western artists attended the event.

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