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The above photo was taken in June with my band, "The Shades." We've reunited after 23 years and gigs are starting to pick up.

I have composed a third piece for symphonic band (Grade 4) which has recently been published by TRN and will be in your grocer's freezer soon. My first published work (also by TRN) is entitled, "TOWN OF ABERNATHY 1909."

Karen and I have been in Glasgow, Scotland for the past 3 weeks to attend daughter, Ashley's graduation from The Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. She received her Master's Degree in Clarinet Performance on July 3. She's also one hell of a bagpiper. While there I met Kurt-Hans Goedicke, who was timpanist for the London Symphony and did all the Star Wars recordings with John Williams. He is now Department Head for Percussion at RSAMD.

If anyone would possibly care to rent "INFAMOUS" on DVD, they can see me in the scene where the two dudes who murdered the Clutter family in Kansas (In Cold Blood) get hanged. I'm a reporter in the back, (standing behind Jeff Daniels and Peter Bogdonovitch) smoking a Camel.

This August I will begin my eighth year as associate band director at Hopewell Middle School in Round Rock. I composed the school's alma mater in 2001. Karen will be starting her 21st year as music teacher at Anderson Mill Elementary, also in Round Rock.

Plans are pending but I hope to be in Lubbock on Sept. 29 for the ZIT reunion. I lost both my mom and brother last year, so this may be my chance to make one last trip to the land of my youth. Till then . . .

SHA-KOOM, SHA-KOOM!  
Bruce