

Newsletter

Where does the time go? The last newsletter came out TEN MONTHS AGO! Why so long? Well, because we promised ourselves it wouldn't be a whole year! This summer flew by WAY too quickly; we are now just past Labor Day, starting a new school year (on Joshua's birthday no less!) and we have so much to tell you about that we'll get right into it. Last time was family first, so this time we shall get to the professional stuff and then on to "fambly bidness".

Since our last newsletter, [Rock-A-Bye Baby](#) has been published by Charlesbridge! We received a terrific review from Kirkus which you can see at our webpage by clicking on the link above; you can also get your copy from this page, or of course, from your favorite bookstore (which is even better)! And hey, if they aren't stocking it, make them order it in!

We have also added something new to our site: A [Gallery of Kim's Artwork](#). You can see illustrations from both [Rock-A-Bye Baby](#) and [Africa Calling](#), and if you're so inclined, can even purchase a giclee of anything you see on the page. A giclee is an affordably priced reproduction - an archival quality, faithful to the art printing, rich in color and guaranteed to last a minimum of 65 years with no fade when properly stored. So many people over the years have asked about purchasing a piece of Kim's art - we have finally found a way to make it as attractive financially as it is aesthetically.

Now let's see, what else is new? Oh yes, we're in the process of publishing our next book, HOW MUCH WOOD COULD A WOODCHUCK CHUCK? This book is based on the song by the same name from Danny's album [One Size Fits All](#), and will be a knockout! The artwork is by...nope, that'd be telling, but SOON we will have a page at our site with details on this book, and you will be able to see a preview. Trust us on this one...it's terribly exciting. It will come with a CD of the song, of course, and has a bunch of other added features that we will be letting out slowly...look for details in this space and at our site.

Speaking of [One Size Fits All](#), we know so many of you are saying to yourselves, "Gee, how can I get that album on the cheap?" No worries, mates, the tough economy has hit us too, and we hear your cry. Here's one way: If you're looking for a copy and nothing else, you can get it directly from our site for a mere **\$10!** In fact, for ten samolians you can get ANY of the albums we feature at our [Shopping Cart](#), including [Jim Babjak's Buzzed Meg](#), [The Grip Weeds](#), or even [The Tomato Collection!](#) However, we have a little inside tip for you: Check out [CD Baby.com](#), and get involved in their "threebie" special: Put an album in your shopping cart, you'll see it show up at regular price. Put a second album in your cart: Same thing. Put a THIRD album in your cart, and BANG-O! All three are just five bucks each. FIVE MEASLY BUCKS! For great independent music! Wow. We don't know about you, but we're impressed. Simply go the [\\$5 Specials](#) link and you can check out all of the genres and albums available. We will NOT be keeping our works in this bin forever folks, so this is a GREAT time to get some good music cheap!

Hey ya, here's some coolness: Kimi has been getting some press since we last checked in

with y'all! Check out a feature page at [University at Buffalo Alumni: Kimberly Adleman, B.F.A. '87](#). This was a tres neat article, putting everyone's favorite artist in some great company...and from Danny's viewpoint anyway, very well deserved! But wait, there's more! The article on [Kim](#) was also reprinted at [Embracing The Child](#), a charitable site devoted to amongst other things children's literacy.

There HAVE been some fun developments in the new "big people" R&R album by The BAR, but you know what? We're gonna keep that on ice until next time. However, Danny is thrilled to announce that recording has commenced on the new children's album, tentatively entitled "Listen UP!" More than a third finished, look for this one next summer, and don't forget to read your newsletters for further developments!

On a related note, our good friend [Yosi](#) recently released a new album, UNDER A BIG BRIGHT YELLOW UMBRELLA. In addition to being an excellent offering for kids, it sports a stunning cover by Kim!

You can listen to clips at [Yosi - Listen to Music](#), and purchase it from his site directly, from CDBaby, or you can always drop us an email - we do stock it, and it will be on our site soon.

Of course, now that school is in session, we find ourselves on the road quite a bit: Check out our [appearances](#) link for a complete update!

Now, as you have been so patient, we shall touch upon issues familial:

First off, Rachele: Rachele enjoyed sleep away camp for the first time this year and really enjoyed it. In the vein of keeping it in the family, she attended the same camp Danny did when he was a boy - [YMCA Camp Ralph S. Mason](#) in Blairstown, NJ! In fact, the whole family went back for an alumni reunion weekend over Labor Day, and it was just magical. Check it out - a fine place for kids AND families. Yay.

Rachele has now entered seventh grade and seems to be enjoying it thus far. She continues to amaze us with her wit and offbeat insights, and is still playing cello. She will also be playing soccer this year, which seems to be her favorite team sport, from a participation standpoint.

Joshua is now a mid level red belt in Tae Kwan Doe. He is indeed a force to be reckoned with, as he has also recently started weapons class. Next stop brown belt. His final grades in the spring were also way up there, and both he and his sister made us so very proud! He's also playing soccer, and has decided to continue on his French Horn adventure. He is now also officially a pre-teen, having just passed his tenth birthday.

Maxx started Kindergarten. Are you all getting the implications of that? Kindergarten! Our emotions flood in that there is a tiny melancholy aspect involved in the knowledge that he is our last and youngest, but the flipside is that... Maxx started Kindergarten! He is ALSO playing soccer this year, so our Saturdays will be so very darn busy! Three of them. Two of us. You do the math.

Unbelievably (and yet predictably enough) we're still bowling! We had our first session this week, and we started in fine form. Of course that means a low handicap, but if we continue to bowl this well all year, we won't mind. No rankings yet as we'll need to bowl twice more before

we can determine who is in what place. Don't worry, we know you want to be kept in the loop - we'll do our part!

Kim's still attending Toastmasters, which revolves around public speaking. The most fun you can have with your....never mind, too easy.

Danny has just finished playing open mic nights for the moment, but may find another venue - we'll let you know. Simply put, the evening changed to Wednesdays, which is a conflict. You can still get to Season's every other Wednesday though, route #27 in Edison, and listen to the great Ben Davis and if you're lucky, [O-Face](#) .

Last newsletter, we mentioned there would be a major announcement next newsletter concerning some of Danny's music being played again on television, in the good ol' US of A! That bit came and went, but so that you can't accuse us of not letting you know (even if not on time), MTV liscenced the entire [Gripweeds album Summer Of A Thousand Years](#), the title track of which Danny co-wrote with the lovely and talented Kurt Reil. It was played as incidental music on REAL WORLD. We don't mind saying the fourteen cents went even more quickly than it was earned.

On a personal note, we would like to acknowledge the passing of Dawn Guarneri, who served as the most recent president of the [New Jersey Reading Association](#). Dawn steadfastly labored with a positive attitude on behalf of the organization, and was willing to put in a huge amount of work when so few could - all to promote reading in the garden state. Dawn, we will miss you very much and your great work and contributions will not be forgotten.

Site of the month: [Pooh Corner: A HISTORY OF WINNIE-THE-POOH](#). Because every now and again, nothing makes you feel better than a good story about Pooh.

Rock and roll closer: Some twenty one years ago, Todd Rundgren uttered a little ditty in one of his lesser albeit more popular numbers that applies as much now as it did then, and we know more than a few of you agree with the sentiment: "I don't wanna work, I wanna bang on the drum all day".

Peace, happy rest of the summer, an early happy autumn, and we'll stay in touch soon (well, sooner than ten months anyway).

- the clan adlerman

PS: You're thrilled to receive this newsletter, aren't you? Sure you are! However, if some evil spirit inside you has convinced you to be deleted from the database, please just tell us and we'll try to honor your request quickly. See how we are?

To read our previous newsletters, just click this [News of The Past](#) link.

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