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Cory Morrow returns to College Station to record new music video, live album.

BY SCOTT HARRIS The Battalion

long with the rise in popularity of Texas music, it seems there is new breed of Texas outlaws g rampant through the Lone Star state, and Cory Morrow has a strong argument to be the ringleader. Instead of playing his Jan. 29 show in Conroe, he

spent the night in jail. Clay Claflin, Morrow's manager, said the incident stemmed from a bad parking job by Morrow.

"Cory drove to go eat," Claflin said. "He had the truck with the trailer on it and I guess it was sticking out a bit. The police came to write him a ticket and they ran his plates and saw that he had a few unpaid tickets. The whole thing sucked; we went down and paid the warrants, but we couldn't get him out until 11 the next morning."

Texas musicians have historically had the reputation for being outside the law, Morrow said

is moving away from Nashville and to- eted him straight to the top of the marward Texas

"It's turning. The worm is turning," Morrow said. "It's making a change toward us. We're the big thing right now. I think it's all going to focus on us. Pat [Green], myself, Jack [Ingram] and Charlie [Robison.] Everybody that's coming up out of the state.'

Texans have always enjoyed their independence and freedom, and Morrow is no different, only he has a different kind of perspective.

"The whole idea we're pushing is the independent thing," Morrow said. 'We don't have a record label and we're not going to go to a record label. We see what they do and how they do it. We believe that if you have enough money you can do whatever you want."

Instead of big record deals and corporate funding, Morrow relies on his fan base for support.

"The crowds are really liking what our kind of music is doing," Morrow said. "Pat, Owen, Roger [Creager] - we are all on our own. We need to take advantage of it and do as much as we can ourselves.' Morrow's recent success has skyrock-

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quee. Instead of playing second fiddle, he is now headlining most of his shows.

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"We've had an amazing stroke of luck," Morrow said. "We've been getting larger crowds and selling more CDs. Everywhere we go it seems there are a few more people than there were the last time. That's always what you want to have happen.

Morrow has been playing for six years and has seen his success gradually come to fruition.

"We've seen it real slow, real grad-ual," Morrow said. "Literally, in the past couple of months, every time we go somewhere the number of people have doubled. It's a real good thing. I can't complain - there's a lot of guys who have played a lot longer than I have who don't enjoy my success.'

Morrow said he cannot place his finger on the reason why his success has grown in the past few months.

"I don't know how to explain it, we've got a much better band, and we've had more fun," Morrow said. "I know I've had more fun; I enjoy screwing with the crowd more. I think I'm

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Above: Cory Morrow returns to College Station tonight.

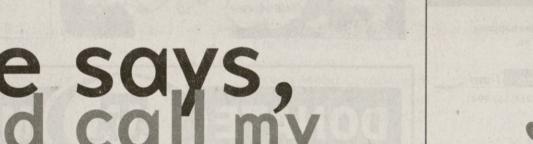
year. Tonight's performance is among those that will be used in his next video and a live CD to be released in April.

COURTESY OF CORY MORRO

Right: Morrow shown at a concert at Shadow Canyon last

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