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All 3 SISD schools achieve recognized status from TEA

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado school administrators learned recently that the district and all three of its campuses earned Recognized status from the Texas Education Association (TEA), which rates schools from Academically Unacceptable to Exemplary.

To achieve Recognized status, a campus or district must have at least 80 percent passing each subject area of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) Test for All Students and for every significant Student Group. The campus or district must also have a dropout rate of less than three percent to be rated a Recognized school.

Salado High School met standards for exemplary status except for the Writing Portion of the TAAS, on which 88.6 percent of All Students and 87.1 percent of White students passed the section.

The Writing portion of the test also kept Thomas Arnold Elementary from achieving and Exemplary rating: 89.4 percent of

All Students passed the Writing portion -- of that, 92.2 percent of White students passed the section.

Dr. Robin Battershell said that curriculum teams would concentrate on improving students' writing abilities this year.

Salado Intermediate School students scored high enough in all sections of the TAAS test for exemplary status, except for two student populations' performance in the Reading portion. Although 95.3 percent of All Students passed the Reading portion of the test, 83.3 percent of Hispanic students and 81.6 percent of Economically Disadvantaged students passed the Reading portion.

Dr. Battershell said that the key to achieving exemplary status for the district is identifying those students who are struggling on the exams and helping them to achieve not just on the test but in the classroom.

Dr. Battershell said that students improved on the mathematics portion of the test compared with last year.

Results for all schools in Texas area available on the TEA website.

TEA TAAS Test Results

Grades 3-8 and 10th grade exit

Percentage	State	SISD	SHS	SIS	TAE
All Students	100	100*	100*	100*	100
African American	13.6	0.6	0.0	0.4	1.6
Hispanic	38.2	12.2*	12.3	10.9*	14.7
White	45.1	86.6*	86.3*	88.4*	82.9
Economically Disadvantaged	45.9	14.7*	6.8	13.8*	20.9

READING PORTION

Percentage Passing	State	SISD	SHS	SIS	TAE
All Students	88.9	93.7*	91.8*	95.3*	91.5*
African American	82.5	100	100	100	100
Hispanic	83.5	82.8*	88.9	83.3*	78.9
White	95.1	95.2*	92.1*	96.7*	93.5*
Economically Disadvantaged	82.3	80.0*	100	81.6*	74.1

MATHEMATICS PORTION

Percentage Passing	State	SISD	SHS	SIS	TAE
All Students	90.2	96.6*	98.5	98.2*	92.2*
African American	81.9	100	100	100	100
Hispanic	86.9	93.2*	100	97.0*	83.3
White	95.1	97.1*	98.2	98.4*	93.5*
Economically Disadvantaged	85.3	88.6*	100	97.4*	74.1

WRITING PORTION

Percentage Passing	State	SISD	SHS	SIS	TAE
All Students	87.9	89.6*	88.6*	90.9*	89.4*
African American	82.9	100	100	100	100
Hispanic	83.0	87.5*	100	100	75
White	92.9	89.6*	86.9*	90.2*	92.2*
Economically Disadvantaged	81.8	80.8*	100	85.7	71.4

* Scores in this student group were used to determine district or campus accountability rating. To achieve recognized status, 80 percent or more students in these groups had to pass this portion of the test. To achieve exemplary status, 90 percent of students in these student groups had to pass the TAAS test.

Memories of Christmas in Oct.

Christmas in October is scheduled for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 12-13, at the Salado Civic Center. Tickets are available at the door for \$4 each.

"Memories of Christmas" are reignited as you enter the doors of the Salado Civic Center where local shops display a variety of Christmas vignettes, table settings and holiday attire. Light refreshments are served while informal modeling, live music and entertainment are provided.

Homemade baked goods and candies will be for sale. Ready to serve now or to wrap and freeze for your holiday table. Elegant and whimsical Christmas ornaments will also be for sale.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Salado Chamber of Commerce invite you to come feel the warmth and elegance of Salado.

This annual fund raiser provides funds to the organizations: Project Graduation, Salado Civic Center foundation, Salado Family Relief Fund, Volunteer Fire Department, Salado Cemetery Association, Salado Village Artists, Salado Historic Society, and the Salado Community Chorale.



Visitors to Christmas in October at the Salado Civic Center Oct. 12-13 will get some great ideas for decorating their homes this holiday season. For more information about the annual event, call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at 254/947-5040.

Aldermen adopt budget, enter contract for plan

Salado aldermen approved a \$400,000 operating budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year during their regular meeting Sept. 6 at the Salado Civic Center.

The board also signed a contract with Duncan Sefko and Associates to create a master plan for development within the Village of Salado. The contract of approximately \$100,000 will be paid out over two years as the civil engineers develop the plan for Salado.

Mayor Charlotte Douglass said that the firm will begin surveying the village in October. Shortly after beginning work, the engineers will conduct town hall meetings to take input from the community.

Aldermen also voted to offer a full-time position as Village Secretary to Dianna Zulauf. Zulauf has been serving the past year as part-time Secretary for the Village. She has also been part-time Secretary for the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

The Village of Salado currently shares office space with the Salado Chamber of Commerce, but that may change when renovations of the Municipal Building are completed.

Mayor Douglass said she hopes to begin moving the police department into the Municipal Building in October.

In other business, aldermen discussed plans for taking over 911 addressing within the two square miles of the Village of Salado. The Central Texas Council of Governments has assigned 911 addresses for all current buildings within Salado. The Village of Salado will assign 911 numbers for any new properties developed within the Village boundaries.

Aldermen also discussed the impact of the Texas Department of Transportation's project to widen I-35. In addition to the 100 feet of right-of-way necessary for the additional lanes, TXDOT will need more right of way for sidewalks along with access roads, which is required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The impact of sidewalks along the access roads on placement of driveways and ramps will need to be examined by TXDOT, Mayor Douglass said.

What's happening around here?

SEPTEMBER 13

Salado Public Library offers Microsoft Word class 7-8:30 p.m. in the Historical Room at Civic Center. Class will run for six weeks. 947-9191.

Basic Watercolor class (second in series) with Joan Hoffman as instructor at the Salado Art Center located behind the Civic Center. 947-8343.

Central Texas poets and writers read 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at Tablerock. Open mic at 9 p.m. Call 947-9205 for more information

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary Homestead Her-

itage Village Tour 8:45 a.m. meet at Civic Center.

Fred Fuller will perform Poetry Readings 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheatre.

Thomas Arnold Elementary open house 6-8 p.m. 947-5191.

SEPTEMBER 18

Thomas Arnold Elementary Golf Tournament 2 p.m. at Mill Creek Country Club. \$40 entry. For more info call Grace at 947-0827.

SIS portraits on the stage.

SEPTEMBER 19

SHS portraits to be taken in teh Library and senior retakes on SIS

stage.

SEPTEMBER 20

Car seat event 4-6 p.m. at Salado Chiropractic (Salado Plaza). Four inspectors will be checking child seats. For more information call Dr. Lynch at 947-2225.

Basic Watercolor class (third in series of four) with Joan Hoffman as instructor at the Salado Art Center located behind the Civic Center. 947-8343.

TAE portraits in the library and senior retakes on SIS stage.

SEPTEMBER 21

Jim Patterson Memorial Golf Tournament 1 p.m. at Mill Creek.

12th Annual Friends Feeding Friends food drive. Collection at Brookshire Brothers until Oct. 25. Food Collected will be delivered to Salado First Baptist Church food pantry.

SEPTEMBER 22

FFA Bull Bash at Wildfire Ranch Arena. Admission \$5 for Adults, \$3 sstudents, 12 and under free. Books for the bull riding will open 5:30 p.m. Sept. 17.

Fred Fuller will perform 7 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn Club.

SEPTEMBER 27

Basic Watercolor class with Joan Hoffman as instructor at the Salado Art Center located behind the Civic Center. 947-8343.

SEPTEMBER 29

Fred Fuller will perform 7 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn Club above historic dining room.

OCTOBER 1

Salado Democrats Meeting 7:30 p.m. in Historical room at the Salado Civic Center.

OCTOBER 1, 2, 4

Genealogy course 6-8 p.m. at the Civic Center. Call Salado Public Library for information 947-9191.

OCTOBER 5

Salado Eagles Home-

To have your meeting listed on this calendar of events, e-mail saladovv@aol.com or fax 254-947-9479. Meetings of Salado organizations are listed free of charge. If your group changes its meeting time or location, please call us to update the list. Deadline is Friday for the next Wednesday publication.

FFA Bull Bash held at Wild Fire

Salado FFA presents the First Annual Salado FFA Bull Bash 2 p.m. Sept. 22 at Wild Fire Ranch Arena.

Books will open 5:30 p.m. until full with a 40 head open bull riding and 10 head steer riding and mutten busten. Buckles will be given to the first place winners in steer riding and mutten busten.

There is an entry fee of \$10.

A live auction will be held.

Stock contractors include Andy Carey, Johnny Boren, Mike Adams, Whisper Warrick, Jerry Torbitt, Lenwood Guthrie, Wayne Gibbs, and Tom Wilson.

No alcohol will be allowed.

For more information call Sheryl Pruet at 947-4218.

Republican Women meet Sept. 13

Salado Area Republican Women will have a General Meeting 6:30 p.m. Sept. 13, at the Salado Civic Center. Contact Marie Jackson 254-527-3649 The meal is \$12 Sherri & Company will provide the meal. Sherri will be serving oven roasted brisket, mash potatoes, green beans, trifle vanilla and chocolate for desert.

Marie Martch District President will be the speaker. Marie will be speaking on the Democrat and Republican Party Platforms. An Objective Com-

Pet Medical Center holds open house

The Pet Medical Center of Harker Heights will hold an Open House noon-4 p.m. Sept. 22. The public is invited to attend. Pets and children are welcome.

There will be a Barbecue, drinks, door prizes, balloons and other giveaways for both the adults and children, music, hospital tours and equipment demonstrations.

Station KWTX FM 97.5 will be there with prizes and will emcee a high school cheerleader benefit dog wash.

There will also be demonstrations of dog agility, the Harker Heights K-9 Corps, a Search & Rescue bloodhound, and sniff testing (narcotic detection).

The open house will be held on the grounds of Pet Medical Center's medical campus at 501 E. 2410. For additional information call 690-6769.

Retired officers

gather at Ft. Hood

The Retired Officers Association will meet noon Sept. 21 at the Fort Hood Officers Club.

Nan O'Leary from TROA National Headquarters will be the speaker. O'Leary will brief on TRI-CARE for life.

A panel of local health-care providers will be available to answer any questions.

The board will meet at 11 a.m. in the dining room, prior to the meeting.

Democrats meet Sept. 15

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will hold their monthly meeting Sept. 15 at the Bell County North Annex (USDA Service Center), 1605 N. Main Street in Belton.

Social time with refreshments will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Speaker for the meeting will be Bell County Clerk, Vada Sutton.

All Democratic women, and especially those interested in becoming members are invited to attend. Membership dues are paid in September for the coming year.

Edwards accepts applications to U.S. services

U.S. Representative Chet Edwards announced that the deadline is fast approaching to apply for a congressional nomination to the four U.S. Service Academies.

Persons seeking nominations to the U.S. Air Force, Merchant Marine, Military and Naval academies should have all application materials postmarked by November 15.

Candidates must be United States citizens, legal residents of the 11th Congressional District of Texas, unmarried and have no children. Candidates must be at least 17 years of age but not past their 22nd birthday on July 1 of the year of admission.

All applicants must take the SAT or ACT examinations. The SAT administered in October is the last date the test can be taken prior to the selection of nominees. Selection is based on SAT or ACT scores, class rank, grade point average, school records, extracurricular activities, leadership potential and recommendations.

For applications write to: U.S. Representative Chet Edwards, 116 South East Street, Belton, Tx. 76513.

For more information contact Academy Coordinators Wendy Dawson-Wade and Gwen Stewart at 933-2904.

Regular Meetings

Mondays

Democrats: 1st Mon. 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

Monday Club: 1st Mon., 2 p.m., Salado United Methodist Church.

Salado Chamber of Commerce Board: 2nd Mon., 6 p.m., at Civic Center.

Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees: 3rd Mon. at 6 p.m., at Salado Civic Center.

Salado Library District Board: 4th Mon. at 5 p.m., at Salado Public Library.

Salado Masonic Lodge #296: 8 p.m. on the Mon. on or before the full moon.

Salado Village Artist Quilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building which is located behind the Civic Center.

Storytime: 11-11:30 a.m. every Monday at the Salado Public Library for preschool age children. (ages 3-5)

Salado 4-H Club: 1st Mon. 7 p.m. at the Intermediate School.

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club, 11:30 a.m., Stagecoach Inn.

Salado FFA meeting: First Tuesday at 7 p.m. at SHS ag shop.

Salado Village Artists: First Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., Salado United Methodist Fellowship Hall.

Salado Family Relief Fund. 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center **Postponed until Sept.** any questions call Marilyn at the Salado Village Voice 947-5321

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. For

more info. call 947-3617

Salado High School Band Boosters 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Salado Community Chorus 5 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center

Wednesday

Salado Business Association: 1st Wednesday, 8:45 a.m. Salado Civic Center

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m., Info: 947-5845.

Salado Youth Baseball Association meetings 6:30 p.m. at Civic Center.

Lions Club: 2nd & 4th Wed. at 11:30 a.m., Creekside. Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m.

Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 6 p.m., at Civic Center

Thursdays

Village of Salado board of aldermen. Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center unless otherwise posted. Agenda posted at Salado Civic Center 72 hours prior. Call 947-5060.

Salado Ladies Auxiliary: 2nd Thurs., 10 a.m., Salado Civic Center

Salado Water Corporation Board of Directors: 3rd Thurs., 4 p.m. Corporation office.

Salado Historical Society board of directors, 3rd Thursday, 7 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

PTC (SIS Parent Teacher Co-op) meets the 2nd Thursday 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 at SIS.

Saturdays

Food Pantry: 2nd and 4th Saturday at First Baptist Church. 9 a.m.-10 a.m.



Salado Masonic Lodge #296 recently honored member John W. "Jack" Oliver, Jr. with a 50-year pin. His wife Miriam pinned Jack during the ceremony attended by friends and fellow Masons. Oliver was accepted into Masonry in California, where he petitioned to join the Victorville Lodge #634. He was transferred to Kansas City, Missouri before the Victorville Lodge could initiate him. Parkville Masonic Lodge put on his degrees as courtesy to the Victorville Lodge. He was initiated as an Entered Apprentice Aug. 6, 1951, passed to the degree of Fellowcraft Sept. 3, 1951 and raised as a Master Mason Oct. 1, 1951. Oliver belonged to Victorville Lodge #634 throughout his military career. He transferred his membership to Salado Lodge #296 in 1992.

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August 2001**

Date Reported	Offense	Location
08/01	Theft O/\$50	Mill Creek Drive
08/02	Theft by Fraud O/\$1500 U/\$20,000	Salado Heights
08/02	Burglary of a vehicle	Salado Springs
08/03	Theft U/\$50	South I-35
08/06	Theft O/\$50 U/\$500	San Jose
08/07	Harrasment by Communications	Old Mill Road
08/07	Criminal Mischief O/\$50	Salado Creek Place
08/07	Evading arrest with vehicle	IH-35 @ 287MM
08/11	Terroristic Threat	Old Mill Road
08/13	Burglary of a habitation	Stinnet Mill Road
08/15	Assault by threat	Robertson Road
08/19	Burglary of a building	Club Circle
08/21	Unauthorized use of a vehicle	FM 2484
08/22	Burglary of a motor vehicle	Chisholm Trail
08/25	Burglary of a building	Robertson Road
08/26	Theft U/\$50	Mill Creek Drive
08/27	Burglary of a habitation	Bluff Drive
08/28	Welfare Concern	IH-35 @ Exit 282
08/29	Criminal mischief O/\$1500 U/\$20,000	Mill Creek Drive
08/31	Theft U/\$50	IH-35 @ Exit 282
08/31	Attempted suicide	Prairie Dell
08/31	Allow animals to run at large	Smith Dairy Road

Salado School Menus

Sept. 11 - 18

Breakfast Menu

- September 11: Ham & Cheese Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- September 12: Pancakes, Sausage Link, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- September 13: Sausage Rolls, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- September 14: Glazed Donut, Baked Ham, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- September 17: French Toast Stix, Baked Ham, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
- September 18: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

- September 11: Lasagna, Broccoli w/Cheese, Hot Roll, Fruit, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk
- September 12: Pizza, Green Salad, Breadstick, Pineapple, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk
- September 13: Beef Taco, Spanish Rice, Letuce and Tomato, Pears, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk
- September 14: Cheesburger, Burger Salad, French Fries, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk
- September 17: Menu is subject to change without notice.
- September 18: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Hot Roll, Fruit, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Milk



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As Texas prepares for the introduction of competition for retail electric service, some customers may be concerned that Texas might experience some of the same problems that have plagued California. After all, it's hard to ignore the rolling blackouts, higher prices and other problems that have occurred in California.

Texas began by transitioning the regulated electric marketplace to a deregulated one in stages, first opening up the state's wholesale electric market to competition in 1995. This practice encouraged new companies to come in and build generation plants, thereby increasing Texas' electric capacity.

Although Texas and California have both experienced tremendous demand for power, Texas has built, or is building, more than 50 new power plants since 1995. During that same period, California has added very little generation to meet customer demand.

Texas generates 99 percent of the power it uses. In contrast, California imports up to 25 percent of its power from other states during peak electricity demand.

Texas has a lead-time of two to three years to construct new power plants while California's lead-time is approximately seven years.

Texas' restructuring law allows electric providers to enter into long-term contracts with suppliers, which helps shield customers from price volatility. California did not allow long-term contracts. This forced electric providers there to buy power in the spot market, where they often had to pay an unnaturally high price when demand for electricity was high.

Texas uses a variety of fuel sources to generate its power-natural gas, coal, nuclear energy, wind and water. California relies on hydroelectric power for roughly 25 percent of its generation capacity, which

is great when it rains, but not so great when it doesn't.

Above all, Texas' electric restructuring law gives most customers the power to choose their own Retail Electric Provider (REP)-the company that provides their electricity. Customers are now able to choose their electric provider, much like they shop for groceries, a new vehicle, or any number of other products and services.

Customers can choose a REP based on what matters most to them-whether that's price, environmentally friendly power generation or a name they know.

State legislators allowed cities that own their electric systems, as well as electric cooperatives, to decide for themselves whether they want to give their customers a choice of providers or keep things as they are today.

Under competition, the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) will continue to regulate the trans-

mission and distribution of electricity to ensure that power is delivered as safely and reliably as it is today. And, the PUC will continue to enforce customer protections, just as it does today.

The bottom line is quite simple: Texans now have the power to choose the company that provides their electricity. Over time, that should lead to lower prices, as well as speed the development of new products and services, as competition has done with other deregulated industries.

Customers interested in learning more about the differences between Texas and California can call the Texas Electric Choice toll-free answer center 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (866-797-4839) or visit www.powertochoose.org for an easy-to-read brochure. Customers also can ask for a list of REPs serving their area and learn how they can start shopping for a new electric provider today.

Train lovers to swarm Temple Sept. 15 - 16

The 19th annual Central Texas Area Model Railroad Club spectacular will take place at the Frank Mayborn Convention Center Sept. 15-16. This event is held in conjunction with the Texas Train Festival being held by the Railroad and Pioneer Museum. The museum is located in the restored Sante Fe Depot. According to Dr. Bob Alston, "Model railroading fans from the local area and all over the state will converge for one of the region's most fun and exciting model train events."

The show will feature award-winning operating layouts from across the state and region. The life-like model railroad layouts include bridges and trestles, cities and towns, even a scene of an ice-skating

bear. Thomas the Tank Engine and his friends will be present on the Ark-La-Tex Modular HO Scale Layout. "The modeling detail on these layouts is incredible", says Dr. Bob Alston this year's model train show chairman. "We are very excited to have this group of exhibits. It is second to none for scenic detail, ingenuity and downright fun."

Widely recognized as one of the best model train gatherings in the state, the most popular scales of model trains are represented-from tiny Z scale to the large G scale trains commonly seen in backyard "garden railroads." In addition to the layouts, there will be aisles of vendor tables with items for sale, hands-on demonstrations of common

model railroad techniques and videos. A hands-on layout for kids will be running in the lobby to give youngsters the thrill of running a model train. Alston attributes the show's popularity to the fact that there is "something for everyone." There will even be an opportunity to win a model train layout, complete with buildings and a train for those needing a jump-start in the hobby.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 15 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 16. Admission to the show is \$5 for adults (\$1 discount to seniors and military with ID). Children under 13 are free with a paid adult.

Centra-MOD, the Central Texas Model Railroaders, is headquartered in the Outdoor America Mall on I-35. The group maintains several extensive operat-

ing layouts in N, HO and O gauges. An open house to the public is held on the third Saturday afternoon of each month from 1-5 p.m.

For more information about this year's show call Bob Alston at (254) 857-3906.

Railroad Museum holds festival dinner Sept. 15

Tired of working and playing all day at the Texas Train and Heritage Festival? Come relax in the museum with friends, enjoy Las Casas fajitas and have a fun night.

The Railroad and Heritage Museum presents fajitas during a singing cowboy festival dinner 7-9 p.m. Sept. 15 a Santa Fe Depot's second floor.

Listen to Freddie Fuller, the singing cowboy. He sings old cowboy songs, tells tall tales, and brings the old west alive. During the evening, visit the new museum exhibits, including the Toy Train Exhibition from a private collector. Then help the museum and do something fun by bidding on a silent auction of trips, meals and goodies.

Bidding will be cut off at 8 p.m. so bring your checkbook to pay for the goodies. All proceeds are tax deductible and will benefit the Railroad and Heritage Museum.

For more information about this event call 254-298-5172.

**Thomas Arnold
 Elementary PTO
 Golf Tournament**
Shotgun Start • Sept. 18 • 2 p.m.
Open To All Players
 \$40 - Entry Fee includes golf cart • Tee Prizes
 Dinner at 6 p.m. at Mill Creek Country Club
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McNay to reopen Mansion

Following a \$7.2 million 14 month restoration and renovation project, the McNay Art Museum in San Antonio, Texas marks the reopening of the mansion with a Family Day and Public Celebration 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 4. A festival of art activities, dance performances, and live music, in the museum and on the grounds to celebrate the occasion. The entire museum will be open to the public and will feature the McNay's world renowned permanent collection. Admission is free of charge and donations are welcome.

"It is an exciting time at the McNay," said W. Lawrence Walker, Jr., McNay Art Museum Board of Trustees President. "After several years of study and planning, the board is pleased to have this phase of museum's restoration and renewal nearly complete." Walker reflected that along with the recent improvements to the mansion, the construction of a central heating, ventilating and air-conditioning plant has "set the groundwork for the museum's growth well into the 21st Century." The McNay's long-range plan calls for future expansions with the addition of a wing for temporary exhibitions.

Restoration and Renovation

William J. Chiego, director of the museum, explained that many of the original architectural features have been restored in order to maintain the historic core of the museum. "The colorful hand-stenciled coffers and beams of the original ceilings of the mansion have been cleaned and restored. The walls of the Dining Room and the Impressionist gallery, covered with fabric since the museum's early years, have been refashioned to their original textured plaster. The original hardwood floors, many of them carpeted for decades, have also be restored. Almost all the doors and windows have been replaced with new thermal designs that replicate the originals. Outside, the museum's beautiful wrought iron gates, lanterns, and window grills have been refurbished, and the museum's great central fountain in the Estelle Blackburn Patio has been completely rebuilt and restored."

"This project has been driven by the necessity to replace many of the antiquated, separate heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning systems that were added as each new addition

to the museum was built," continued Chiego. "A new, central HUAC plant has been constructed north of the museum building. It will accommodate the museum future expansion needs for decades to come."

Chiego noted the McNay has further improved handicapped accessibility with attractive new ramps and a larger passenger elevator. Lighting systems original to the mansion have been upgraded throughout to show both the collection and the building to their best advantage. "In all of this work we have strived to maintain the special ambience of the McNay while bringing our facilities up to the highest museum standards."

Spurred by the dramatic increase of both the permanent collection and exhibition programs, the board and staff were increasingly compelled to address the museum's environment. "In 1999 alone, the McNay received more than 1,000 works of art from the late Robert L. B. Tobin and the Tobin Foundation," said Chiego. "The museum's collection now approaches 14,000 objects. The renovation of the mansion provides an environment for the proper care and presentation of the collection as well as more pleasant experience for the public." Speaking on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the

museum staff Chiego encourages everyone to come see the McNay in a whole new light at the Family Day and Public Celebration Nov. 4.

An afternoon of fun for the children of all ages, the McNay Education Department hosts a free Family Day and Public celebration in conjunction with the reopening 1 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. Nov. 4. Art activities, live music, and native contemporary dance performances that will entertain and delight the entire family are funded by Lucent Technologies, Inc. and Southwestern Bell Foundation.

The Education Department is also producing of a historical video entitled Lovingly, Marion - Marion Koogler McNay and the Founding of the McNay Art Museum. Generously underwritten by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Frost, Jr. and directed by Matson Multi-Media of San Antonio, the 10-minute video provides a historical account of the life of Marion Koogler McNay, her passion for modern art, and her vision of a museum of modern art for San Antonio. The video will be distributed to area schools that have arranged for free docent tours of the museum. Visitors to the McNay will also view the educational video in the second floor Orientation Gallery of the

mansion, along with a display of some of Marion McNay's personal items, photographs of family and friends, and watercolors she painted.

The McNay Art Museum focuses primarily on 19th and 20th-century European and American art. Artists featured include Cassatt, Cezanne, Gauguin, Hopper, Matisse, O'Keeffe, and Picasso. The museum's collection of prints and drawings is one of the finest in the Southwest. The Tobin Collection of Theatre Arts is one of the premier collections of its kind in the country. Contemporary art and modern sculpture are growing strengths of the McNay collection, which now numbers nearly 14,000 objects.

The McNay Art Museum is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization. The McNay's exhibitions, programs, and operations are member supported and privately funded through contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., and noon-5 p.m. on Sun. The Museum is closed on Mon, January 1, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Admission is free. There is a nominal charge for selected special exhibitions. Information is on www.McNayArt.org.



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Jackson passes away at age 85

Services for Stella Ann Brooks Jackson, 85, were held August 28 at Victory Baptist Church in Salado with David Phillips Jr., Richard Beckham, and D.W. "Doc" Lindsey officiating.

Burial followed in Cedar Valley Cemetery.

She died August 27 at her residence.

Jackson was born in Bell County to William Henry Brooks and Amanda Victoria Collins Brooks. She married Claude Henry Jackson in Florence on December 15, 1933. He preceded her in death. She was a home-

maker for 68 years.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Mary Jackson and Melba Sue Taylor; a son, Joe Henry Jackson; and three grandsons.

Survivors are three sons, Norman Jackson Sr., Jimmy Jackson and Larry Jackson; three daughters, Kathy Phillips, Lavon Miller and Jacquelyn Jackson Beckham, all of Salado; 23 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

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Through the years, Steve has enjoyed tremendous success as a singer. However, he is quick to clarify his convictions: "the greatest need of our time is for people who will speak and live the truth even though it is unpopular and rejected by many



Steve Ferguson

in the world. I feel I must respond to God's call to share the message of Jesus Christ and music is the gift I've been given to accom-

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One of the Pharisees, however, is more curious than resentful of Jesus' teaching. He is Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council, and he comes by night to talk with Jesus.

John 3:1-2

Simmonds passes away at age 84

Mary Rebecca Tulloch Simmonds was born August 19, 1917 in Salado, Texas to Rogers Eugene Tulloch and Eva Elizabeth Berry Tulloch, who were children of early Belton and Salado residents. She grew up in Belton, attending schools there until her high school days, when her family moved to Brady and then Sweetwater. Becky graduated from Sweetwater High School in 1935. Her family returned to Belton and it was there she met Tom C. Simmonds of Temple. Upon their marriage on April 19, 1939, the newlyweds moved to Temple where they permanently resided. In 1941 their son Tom C. Simmonds, Jr. was born. A daughter Rebecca Ann Simmonds was born in 1945.

Simmonds was actively involved in both church and civic organizations throughout her life. As a member of First Presbyterian Church, Becky served as director of the Youth Department for many years and taught juniors and seniors Sunday School classes. For several years, she and her husband enjoyed hosting seniors on a week-long summer trip to their hunting cabin near Normangee. She was an active participant on many committees within the

church. Simmonds volunteered numerous hours for the schools, serving each year as a room mother and P.T.A. officer. Becky was equally involved in Scouting for both Boy and Girl Scouts. Some of her passions included gardening, flower arranging, travel, antiques, sewing and entertaining friends and family. She was a member for many years of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, Temple Garden Club, Cultural Activities Center, Antique Glass Club, Sewing Club, Luncheon Club, Arno Art League and Daughters of the American Revolution. To facilitate her love of travel, Simmonds organized and directed the Temple Roadrunners. This began as a small group of friends taking short trips to visit gardens, interesting places or events within the United States and grew to a membership of over a hundred men and women who traveled throughout the world.

Simmonds passed away on September 8, 2001 at the age of 84. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Evelyn Tulloch McInnis, her husband, Tom C. Simmonds and her son, Tom C. Simmonds, Jr. She is survived by her daughter Becky Ann Simmonds Garth and her son-in-law, John C.

Garth of Belton; daughter-in-law, Linda Harrison Simmonds of Lampasas, grandson, John Garth, Jr., wife Erin and great-granddaughter Lily of San Diego, CA; grandson, Travis Simmonds Garth of San Antonio; granddaughter Elizabeth Garth Guerin, husband Steve Guerin and great granddaughters, Haley, Caroline and Georgia; granddaughter Jennifer Simmonds Ball and husband Randy Ball of Dallas; granddaughter Stephanie Simmonds Hays and husband Jet Jays of Wiley; and granddaughter Rebecca (Becca) Simmonds Dishman and husband Dale Dishman and great granddaughter Sydney Dishman of Lampasas.

A private graveside service for the family will held Sept. 12. Burial will be at Hillcrest Cemetery in Temple.

The family wishes to invite all those desiring to celebrate her life to a memorial service 2 p.m. Sept. 12 at First Presbyterian Church of Temple.

The family requests that memorials be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 12 West French Avenue, Temple, Texas 76501, or the charity of your choice.

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Ferguson Concert FROM PAGE 6A

ings and speaks. It is truly an encouragement to see someone with such incredible talent who is willing to let God initiate what he does with that talent, as well as his life."

Steve, 37, has over 20 years of ministry experi-

ence. An ordained minister since 1993, he graduated from Bible College in 1992. After graduation, he traveled as the college representative before beginning his 5 1/2 year tenure with The Imperials. During that time he ministered in 47 states, Africa,

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Salado gets week off

Eagles lose to Riesel, 18-0

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado Eagles varsity football team gets a much-needed week off, following an 18-0 loss on the road to the Riesel Indians.

Turnovers again plagued the Salado offense which had three interceptions and a lost fumble.

Senior quarterback Jeremy Grimm threw the ball 37 times for 17 completions and three interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown in the second half.

The Indians scored two of their three touchdowns

in the last five minutes of the game. After burying the Eagles on a punt to the Salado two yard line Riesel scored its second touchdown of the night when Ande Petrich intercepted Grimm's pass and ran it 25 yards for the score.

Two minutes later, Riesel scored again when Chris Howard broke through the Salado defense for a 58 yard touchdown run.

The game remained scoreless until over midway through the second period, when Howard ran in from the 11

yard line. The run topped a 41-yard drive for the Indians.

Howard carried the ball 18 times for 155 yards, the bulk of the offensive effort for Riesel, which had 180 yards on the ground and 31 yards passing on one completion.

The Eagles offense spent much of the night in their own territory, crossing the midfield stripe five times, getting to the Indians' 40 yard line twice.

Salado had just 50 yards rushing for the night, with Hunter Konzen carrying the ball 16 times for 25 yards. Omar Torres carried

five times for 19 yards in the second half.

Grimm threw for 139 yards on the night, completing 17 of 37 passes. Jarrod Whitfield was his favorite receiver, catching the ball five times for 55 yards.

Seth Dady caught the ball five times, as well, for 39 yards. Matt Ward had 23 yards receiving on three catches and Garrett Quarles had 12 yards on two grabs.

Salado will face Liberty Hill Panthers 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Eagle Field. The Eagles are 0-2 this year.

Jayvee dominates Riesel 21-6

Salado junior varsity Eagles dominated the Riesel Indians 21-6 Sept. 6 at Eagle Field.

Led by tailback Isaac Berumen's 12 carries for 114 yards, the Salado offense totaled 159 yards rushing and 79 yards passing.

Salado took an early lead when Matthew Trolinger threw to Heath Hale for a 47-yard touchdown with 4:09 left in the first quarter. Hale kicked the PAT to give Salado a 7-0 lead.

Tailback Louis Benavides ran 11 yards for a Salado touchdown with 4:39 left in the half. Benavides carried the ball six times for 53 yards.

With just 20 seconds left in the half, a Riesel defensive back intercepted an Eagle pass and returned it 65 yards for the Indians' only score. The PAT failed, leaving Salado with a 14-6 lead.

Berumen scored a touchdown from seven yards out with 8:17 left in the game for the Eagles' final score. Berumen's sweep pass of 32 yards to Hale set up the scoring play.

Trolinger was five of 11 passing for 47 yards. Hale caught four passes for 61 yards for the Eagles. He also converted all the extra points for Salado.

Trolinger and Justin French both had an interception on defense, while A.J. Lopez recovered an Indian fumble. Also leading the defense were Evan Gillespie, Jacob Williams, and Trevor Egbert, according to Coach Keith Novicke.

Salado will face Jarrell 7:30 p.m. Sept. 13 at Eagle Field. Junior high games will precede the JV con-



Isaac Berumen ran for 114 yards on 12 carries during the JV Eagles win over Riesel last week. Salado faces Jarrell this week. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)



Louis Benavides evades defenders to get to open field during the Salado JV's 21-6 win over Riesel last week. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

test at 5 p.m. (seventh) and 6 p.m. (eighth). The

junior high teams have not played a game yet.

There will be no varsity game this week.

SPORTS

Ladies take 2nd in Florence

Salado Lady Eagles varsity took second place in the Florence Tournament last week, losing to Rockdale in the final. The girls also played Liberty Hill and Granger Sept. 4.

Florence Tournament

Salado played Lampasas, Granger and Rockdale in pool play. They beat Florence and Granger in the Saturday games before losing to Rockdale 9-15 and 11-15.

Mentzel had 16 kills, eight blocks and an ace

on Saturday, while Womac had 14 kills, three blocks and two aces.

Dual Match

Salado played Liberty Hill and Granger in dual matches Sept. 4.

The girls beat Liberty Hill 15-4, 9-15 and 16-14.

Lauren Mewhinney scored 14 points during the match. Mentzel had four kills and two blocks, while Womac had three kills. Mewhinney had nine assists.

The girls lost in three

games to Granger, 9-15, 15-9 and 14-16.

In the match, Womac had seven kills and two blocks, Mentzel had four kills and eight blocks, Mewhinney had 10 assists and Meagan Joiner and Stephanie Krueger both had two aces.

JV results

The JV team won both of their games in the dual matches against Granger and Liberty Hill.

They beat Granger 15-2 and 15-9. Staci York had

two kills and four assists. Amanda Tumey had three aces and four kills.

The girls beat Liberty Hill in three games: 14-16, 15-10 and 18-16. Michelle Houston led with nine service points, including two aces. Laramie Jackson had seven kills and a block, while York had five assists.

The Freshman Red beat Granger 15-12 and 15-6 and Liberty Hill 9-15, 15-13 and 15-12. The Freshman White lost to Liberty Hill 2-15 and 4-15.

Dig your roots with genealogy

Researching your family history can lead to many hours at libraries, courthouses and on the internet. It can also lead to many dead ends.

Richard Hooverson will help amateur genealogists learn how to avoid the dead ends during a series of lectures in October at the Salado Civic Center.

"Adventures in Genealogy" is the second in a

series of lectures by Hooverson, who is a well-known author and speaker who has presented over 300 lectures across the nation.

The lecture series will be 6-8 p.m. Oct. 1-2, 4, 9, and 11 at the Civic Center.

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For more information, call the Library at 947-9191.

PT makes trip to Fredericksburg

A World War II patrol torpedo (PT) boat has been restored to its former combat-fit splendor and was transported on a huge custom trailer the week of Aug. 20 to Fredericksburg to anchor a new exhibit at the National Museum of the Pacific War (formerly Admiral Nimitz Museum).

The engines have been removed from the 50,000-pound PT-309, one of the few PT boats in existence. The craft has undergone extensive restoration over the last seven years on the Texas coast in Clear Lake, Kemah and Freeport.

The 78-foot long, 20-foot wide wooden boat will be transported from dry dock in Freeport Monday morning in a specially made cradle that will rest atop a giant Emmert International tractor-trailer equipped with eight maneuverable axles, according to Joe Cavanaugh, director of the museum. The public may follow PT-309's journey across the state on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Web site (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>), where photographs and text detailing its progress will be posted.

The route approved by the Texas Department of Transportation for the boat's move from Free-

port to Fredericksburg is expected to take about three days because the vessel will have to move very slowly and be maneuvered around tight corners and under power lines.

The vessel will pass through Needville and West Columbia on its way to pick up U.S. 90A and proceed west through Eagle Lake and Hallettsville, past Gonzales and then through Luling and Lockhart on U.S. 183 to central Texas and its final destination-Fredericksburg.

Once in Fredericksburg, PT-309 will be housed in a climate-controlled building in the museum's new three-acre Pacific Combat Zone that will open Dec. 7. Visitors entering the interpretive exhibit center will view the boat as part of a scene depicting a South Pacific forward base, where the vessel will be preparing for a sortie, Cavanaugh said. Other zone exhibitions currently under construction include the hangar deck of a U.S. aircraft carrier with a TBM Avenger plane on board, an U.S. landing craft simulating a landing on a Japanese island, a medical unit housed in a Quonset hut and makeshift island cemetery.

Cavanaugh praised the historic PT boat as an

important part of U.S. military history that will play a key role in the museum's telling of the Pacific War story. Additional exhibits will focus on the history of PT-309 and the restoration of the vessel by the volunteer "Crew of PT-309."

"PT-309 had a valiant history in World War II, serving in the Mediterranean, where its crew sunk several enemy vessels and later participating in the Mediterranean D-Day invasion of France," Cavanaugh said. "It was in the U.S. being retrofitted for the invasion of Japan when the atomic bomb was dropped and the war ended."

Most of the World War II "mosquito boats" were destroyed after the war or sold to foreign military governments. However, PT-309 and the rest of Squadron 22 survived in the United States because as the war ended they were in dry dock being retrofitted with the newest weapons, including rocket launchers, to be used in the invasion of Japan. Sold as military surplus after being stripped of its original weapons and three V-12 Packard engines, PT-309 was operated for many years as a fishing boat in Long Island Sound before being purchased by

the Admiral Nimitz Foundation for donation to Texas Parks and Wildlife in 1994.

The public will have its first opportunity to view the World War II vessel Dec. 7 when the Pacific Combat Zone opens as part of the National Museum of the Pacific War's official mainland commemoration of the 60 anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. "Remember Pearl Harbor 2001" will be presented Dec. 6-8, 2001, in Fredericksburg by the museum and Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Information on the commemoration is available on the Internet (<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.gov/park/nimitz/nimitz.htm>) or by calling 1-866-PEARL60 (866-732-7560).

The National Museum of the Pacific War, formerly the Admiral Nimitz Museum, is a state historical site managed by Texas Parks and Wildlife and supported by the Admiral Nimitz Foundation. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Christmas Day, when the museum is closed. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students with current identification and free for children 5 and under. For more information, call (830) 997-4379.

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Young Masters Scholarship Program to assist young Texan artists

The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA), the state agency responsible for arts education, arts funding, cultural tourism and other community assistance and services for the arts, recently announced a new scholarship program made possible by a generous contribution from the SBC Foundation that will help

promising young school-aged students in Texas to excel in the arts.

The Young Masters Program will provide exemplary students that are engaged in arts studies in grades 8-12 with the financial help they need to pursue advanced study in the areas of visual arts, literature, music, theatre and dance.

The thirteen most talented young artists will receive the title of Young Master and will be granted scholarships of up to \$2,500 per year to further their studies in their chosen arts disciplines. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to three years, but they must reapply annually.

"At TCA, we believe that education in the arts is valuable to a well-rounded curriculum because it encourages critical thinking and enhances alternative learning techniques," said TCA Executive Director John Paul Batiste. "This new scholarship program helps promising young artists excel beyond standard curricula by giving them an unprecedented opportunity to express themselves and further develop their talents while receiving valuable mentoring that will

help them to succeed."

All Texas students who are U.S. citizens and who are participating in a school-based program, a summer institute, or a specialized course of study or who are receiving private lessons from a qualified professional instructor are encouraged to apply. In order to be considered, students must maintain passing grades in all academic areas.

A brief narrative describing an applicant's course of study and detailing how the student will use the scholarship to advance his/her artistic abilities must accompany all applications. A budget indicating anticipated expenditures will also be required. Applicants must also provide evidence of their previous efforts in the arts by submitting a portfolio, a cassette tape, videotape, slides or some other representation of their creative work.

Applications for the Young Masters program may be obtained beginning Monday, Sept. 24, 2001 by calling TCA at (512) 463-5535 ext. 42334 or by visiting <http://www.arts.state.tx.us>. All applications and support documents must be postmarked by Thursday, Nov.

1, 2001. Applications will be accepted from the student, their parents and the student's instructor. All applications will require the signature of the parents, the instructor and the student.

Students will be selected by a citizen panel of experts from across the state based on financial need, level of potential, level of commitment and quality of their proposed plan of action. Disbursement for the first class of Young Masters will begin in January 2002.

TCA was organized in 1965 by the Texas Legislature to develop a receptive climate for the arts in Texas. TCA provides funding and other supportive measures, such as arts education and cultural tourism programs, for a variety of arts-related activities, including visual and literary arts, film and multi-media, music, dance and theater. For more information on TCA and its programs, please visit www.arts.state.tx.us.

Waco Symphony Holds auditions September 29

The Waco Symphony will hold auditions Sept. 29, for children interested in performing in "The Nutcracker", presented by the Waco Symphony and Ballet Austin.

Girls ages 8 and older and between 4'5" and 5'2" in height are eligible to audition for the parts of the Angels and Bon Bons.

The student must have some ballet experience. The auditions will be held at Joy's School of Dance, 7560 Bosque Blvd. in Waco.

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Weight training for children

I've received a number of letters from parents who want to know if it's ok for their kids to start weight training. They seek different goals: gaining weight, building strength, increasing their kids' self-esteem or helping them with a specific sport.

One of the biggest requirements for a child to begin weight training is maturity. Children should be able to concentrate on what they are doing and know why they are doing it. They should also have completed their maximal growth in height in order to protect their growth plates.

With these things in mind, the Power Lifting Federation suggests children start weight training

From Start to Fitness

by Kelly Griffin, B.S., C.S.C.S.



around age 14. However, every child is different, and other factors might also be important. You should make the decision whether your child is ready. If you're not sure, ask a professional trainer.

Here are some suggestions:

1. The child should be at least 14 years old, or mentally and physically ready.
2. The strength-training

equipment should accommodate the size of the child, and be safe and inspected regularly.

3. A program should be no more than three times per week for 30-minute periods.

4. Weight resistance should be low with an early emphasis on proper form.

5. Weight is lifted properly when 15 repetitions can be performed.

6. A professional should

supervise children involved in a weight-training program.

7. Warm-up and cool-down should be performed during every session.

8. The program should focus on building motor skills and fitness, not pumping up.

Encouraging your son or daughter to weight train is a good idea only if he or she is physically and mentally ready. Once involved in a program, the positive support you give them should help them develop the determination and self-motivation they will need for lasting fitness.

Kelly Griffin, B.S., C.S.C.S., is a personal trainer and the owner of Power Break Fitness.

Swollen ankles have many causes

Dear Dr. Donohue:

Every evening I have to take my shoes off because my ankles are so swollen that my feet don't fit in my shoes. When I wake in the morning, they are normal size. What's going on?

Answer:

This isn't an easy question to answer because the causes of ankle swelling are numerous.

If you sit all day long and rarely move from a desk, then ankle swelling might be dependent edema. ("Edema is the official word for swelling.") In dependent edema, gravity keeps fluid in the ankles during long periods of inactivity. The solution to this problem is to get up and walk every hour.

More important causes are related to the heart, kidney and liver.

People whose hearts are failing retain water, and the water is most notice-

To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.



able in the ankles. Kidney diseases make filtering of blood difficult, another cause of fluid retention and ankle swelling. Liver cirrhosis retains fluids for many reasons. Please, don't ask for an explanation. The reasons are too complicated.

Lymphatics are structures similar to arteries and veins. They do not carry blood, but they do carry fluid that has seeped out of the circulation and bathes cells, tissues and organs. It provides them with nutrition and sweeps up waste products. The lymphatics deliver fluid to lymph nodes for removal

of germs and foreign matter. If the lymphatics themselves or the lymph nodes are obstructed, then the area served by those lymphatics balloons because lymph fluid cannot return to the circulation.

We've only scratched the surface. I don't want to frighten you, but I do want you to get to your doctor so that any serious cause of swollen ankles can be diagnosed and treated.

The health letter on lymphatics and edema (swelling) covers more ground than this short answer. Readers who would like a copy can order one by

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Dear Dr. Donohue:

Please settle a question for me. How long can a person go without food or water? My husband and I are at loggerheads over this.

Answer:

People can last only a short time without water — four to possibly 10 days, at most.

They can manage to stay alive for 30 days and more without food.

If there is a trophy or monetary award involved in this dispute between you and your husband, do I get a share of the winner's reward?

Don't lose sleep over hair loss

Hereditary hair loss, the most common form of hair loss, affects nearly 50 million men and 30 million women in the United States alone.

Hair loss and thinning occur when a person loses more hairs than normal. Typically, people shed between 40 and 100 hairs a day. When hair is thinning, the amount shed begins to slowly increase.

Although it has been traditionally considered part of the male's aging process, hair loss affects women too. Men typically develop "bald spots" often accompanied by a receding hairline. Women generally experience diffuse thinning over the entire top of

the head which can be difficult to detect.

Hair loss, especially in women, can have devastating effects on one's self-esteem and self-image. Studies show that women aged 50 and under experiencing hair loss report feeling unattractive, embarrassed and helpless.

Many women have a difficult time confronting hair loss, some even try to hide it. What women really need to do is be proactive, take control of their situation and get help. When women confront hair loss and treat it early on, great things happen.

Hair loss is caused by age, hormones and genes passed on from either the

maternal or paternal side. Hereditary hair loss is marked by miniaturized hair follicles and a shortened hair growth cycle. When hair follicles become smaller, they produce thinner, shorter, lighter and more brittle hair which cannot adequately replace hairs that are shed naturally.

Fortunately, treatments do exist. Topical minoxidil is the only hair regrowth therapy approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat hair loss and thinning in women. Topical minoxidil and finasteride tablets are the only therapies approved by the FDA for men.

Topical minoxidil is a

treatment solution that works on hair follicles to reverse their shrinking process to stimulate new growth. Finasteride is an oral treatment that stimulates hair regrowth by blocking the formation of the active male hormone dihydrotestosterone. Another treatment includes hair transplants, a procedure that involves removing healthy hair follicles and transplanting them to bald areas of the scalp.

As part of an awareness about hair loss, the American Academy of Dermatology has a Web site, www.aad.org, and a toll-free number, 1-888-462-DERM.

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Committee to monitor the impact of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program

Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff and House Speaker Pete Laney last week appointed a joint interim committee to monitor the impact of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) on the state budget.

"The cost of health care is driving the Texas state budget harder, higher and faster than any other item" Ratliff said. "We must find a way to corral the costs while we continue to provide the services Texans need."

Ratliff and Laney said the Joint Interim Committee on Health Services has been charged with monitoring Medicaid cost containment and the imple-

mentation of legislation passed in the regular Session to simplify access to the Medicaid system. The committee will also monitor the administrative reorganization of Medicaid and CHIP, acute health reimbursement rates, caseload and cost projections, federal action affecting both programs and any other items identified as relevant by the committee.

Laney said the committee "will provide much needed oversight of the Medicaid and CHIP programs that are so vital to the senior citizens and children of Texas."

"As health care becomes

more and more expensive, state lawmakers must look for innovative ways to curb costs while maintaining services," Laney said. "We must make sure that funds are being spent wisely and efficiently."

The legislative leaders said they have also instructed the committee to study the cost effectiveness of 12-month continuous eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP, to make recommendations to the next legislature and monitor the implementation of new laws allowing state agencies to share bulk purchases of pharmaceutical drugs.

Ratliff's appointments

to the committee include Sens. Judith Zaffirini, of Laredo, Robert Duncan, of Lubbock, Jane Nelson, of Flower Mound, Steve Ogden, of College Station and Eliot Shapleigh, of El Paso.

Laney appointed Reps. Patricia Gray, of Galveston, Garnet Coleman, of Houston, Craig Eiland, of Galveston, Kyle Janek, of Houston and Arlene Wohl-gemuth, of Burleson.

Zaffirini and Gray will co-chair the committee, which will report its findings for consideration by the next Regular Session of the Legislature in 2003.

Are you prepared for menopause?

Despite misconceptions, menopause can be a time of good health and vitality.

"With the right planning, menopausal women can ward off age-related disease and maintain satisfying sex lives," said Dr. Donnica Moore, medical spokesperson for the Vitality: Health and Wellness for Midlife and Beyond menopause education campaign.

Are you prepared? Answer these true or false questions and find out:

1. The average age of menopause is 51.
2. The body's cessation of estrogen production triggers menopause.
3. Nothing relieves menopausal symptoms or prevents age-related diseases.
4. Menopause lowers women's sex drive.
5. Postmenopausal

women face increased risks for osteoporosis and heart disease.

How did you do?

1. True. Some women begin much earlier or later. Family history also plays a role.
2. True. Two female hormones, estrogen and progesterone, enable pregnancy and menstruation. Ovaries produce less estrogen with age until production stops at menopause. Hormonal fluctuations cause menopausal symptoms like hot flashes, night sweats, vaginal dryness and irregular periods. Peri-menopause is the two-to 10-year period before menopause. Menopause lasts forever, regardless of length of symptoms.
3. False. Exercising regularly, maintaining a healthy diet (low in sugar, caffeine and sodium) and sleeping enough all help.

The most commonly prescribed menopausal treatment is estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) or hormone replacement therapy (HRT). Both dramatically reduce symptoms associated with menopause. They also protect against osteoporosis and possibly Alzheimer's disease, colon cancer, blindness and heart disease, all of which are associated with estrogen loss. Women should discuss their personal and family history with their health care provider to determine if ERT or HRT is right for them.

4. False. Declining hormone levels cause the changes that are associated with decreased sexual interest and/or satisfaction. Physical changes like vaginal dryness may reduce sexual activity due to

painful intercourse. Other changes like hot flashes and mood swings affect sexual satisfaction. Treatment options like ERT/HRT lessen all of these changes.

5. True. Once estrogen production stops, women are more likely to develop these long-term diseases. Treatment options like ERT/HRT can help reduce the risks.

"Women experience many of the consequences associated with estrogen loss in the years just after they enter menopause," Moore said. "It is important that they speak with a health care provider about treatment options and an action plan for a long, healthy life."

For more information about menopause, HRT on the Vitality campaign, visit www.menopausehealth.com.

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) - What is it?

You open the door to your child's room and wonder how you missed the tornado warning sign posted outside. His or her grades are falling and completing homework takes as long as deciding the 2000 presidential election. All these behavioral changes are turning your life inside out.

A friend suggests ADHD as the possible culprit. But what is ADHD? The physicians of Texas Medical Association want you to recognize possible signs in your child.

ADHD is an acronym for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

According to the American Psychiatric Association, ADHD is defined as a "persistent pattern of inattention and/or hyperactivity or impulsivity that is more frequent and severe than is typically observed in individuals at a comparable level of development."

This disorder affects three to five percent of school-age children with boys leading the ranks. Although often not diagnosed until adolescence, ADHD symptoms must be present and have caused impairment before age seven.

Children with ADHD find it hard to sit still for extended periods and tend to fidget, daydream, and "tune out" instead of focusing and listening. They often float from activity to activity without paying specific attention to anything and are more likely to misplace personal belongings.

They are hyperactive and distracted, and routinely procrastinate. They can also be inattentive, and disorganized without being hyperactive.

Making a Diagnosis

Children will be children and thus every child exhibits some of these

behaviors at one time or another. To constitute ADHD, a child's symptoms must be frequent or more severe than in other children of the same age. The symptoms must affect the child's daily functions; persist for an extended period; and occur in two or more settings, such as home and in school.

ADHD is known to coexist with other conditions such as learning disabilities, aggression, disruptive behavior, depression, or anxiety disorders. As many as one-third of children diagnosed with ADHD have coexisting conditions.

Diagnosing ADHD is something of a collaborative effort since parents, teachers, and caregivers usually observe the first symptoms. They may notice academic underachievement and failure, disruptive behavior, carelessness, problems with

establishing and/or maintaining social relationships, and poor self-esteem.

Treatment:

Physicians prescribe antidepressants, antihypertensives (clonidine), and stimulants (Ritalin), in treating ADHD. Side effects of these drugs may include appetite suppression, insomnia, feelings of irritability, and weepiness.

Before a child diagnosed with ADHD begins a drug treatment regimen, the physician and parents should discuss treatment expectations. Behavioral strategies and clinical behavioral therapy may be suggested as possible treatment options for ADHD. Although clinical behavior therapy, parent training, and contingency management have been beneficial in treating ADHD, more significant outcomes have resulted from medication.

YOUR MONEY

Pre-approval helps when home hunting

The Federal Reserve recently cut the short-term interest rate, slashing it a quarter point to 3.5 percent. That makes it a great time to consider buying a home.

In today's heated market for home sales, prospective buyers often may lose out on the home of their dreams because they are turned down for a mortgage or can't get quick approval. A pre-approved mortgage can help you avoid these pitfalls. Here's what to do:

Get a copy of your credit report and make sure it's correct. Contact a major credit-reporting agency like Experian (1-888-397-3742) or Trans Union (1-800-888-4213) to find out what is needed (usually a small fee) to get a copy of your record.

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Dollars & Sense

by David Uffington

can afford, obtain a pre qualification analysis from your lender. They will ask for general information about your finances, such as your income and your debt, but will not verify the data. On the basis of that information, the lender will indicate the mortgage amount for which you should qualify.

Next, apply for pre-approval of your mortgage. This is a formal process and usually starts with an agreement on a certain type of mortgage and the down-payment amount. A formal application is required, with specific information about your employment and your finances, including

both your debts and your assets. You'll need to provide proof of your financial situation.

The lender will also run a credit check on you. Up front fees for the credit report and perhaps an application fee will be required.

After the information has been verified, the lender will furnish you with a written statement, usually indicating the monthly amount for which you would qualify.

Pre-approval can give you an edge in purchasing a home. Sellers will know you are serious, can afford the purchase price and have a commitment for a mortgage. This gives them a degree of certainty that the

deal won't fall through.

Pre-approval also means the transaction can move more quickly, and, in a tight housing market, he who offers first often gets the deal.

Of course, with pre-approval, you haven't yet made a successful offer on a particular home. Some re-verification of your financial information may be needed (such as proving that you're still employed). Also, the house that you want to buy will need to be appraised before a loan can be approved, so that the lender will know that the house is worth at least the amount of the mortgage.

Pre-approval doesn't take care of all the problems that may occur in getting a mortgage loan, but it maximizes your chances of getting the house you want.

Find a bank that meets your needs

With banks offering an increasing number of financial services at widely varying fees, choosing one to handle your particular financial needs can be overwhelming.

Here are some simple tips on how to determine what suits your banking needs:

Evaluate your financial picture. How much money, on average, can you afford to keep in your checking account each month? Are you willing to invest more money in an account to get more benefits, such as accruing interest?

* Pick a particular type of account. Evaluate the benefits of each type of account and choose one

that matches your financial goals. Types of bank accounts include regular checking, interest-bearing checking, joint checking, express checking, no frills checking, savings account, special accounts for seniors and students, money market accounts, and certificates of deposit. Most banks offer brochures outlining each type. If you prefer to do your banking by telephone or Internet, you'll want to explore the types of electronic services each bank has to offer.

* Be sure the bank is convenient for you. Choose a bank that is near your home or workplace and open during business

hours you need. Also check out where your bank's automated teller machines are located; if you use your ATM card at other locations, your bank and the ATM you are using may both charge you fees

* Consider special services that can save you time and money in the long run. By having your paychecks directly deposited, you won't have to worry about rushing to the bank before it closes to make a deposit. This also will enable you to set up automatic, electronic bill payments. Having overdraft protection can protect you from bouncing checks which will save you bounced-check fees and give you peace of

mind. And using a debit card -which operates like a cash withdrawal or personal check but is accepted anywhere credit cards are accepted -saves you from showing identification or giving out personal information at the time of a transaction.

* Watch out for fees. Banks will charge fees for a number of things including going under your minimum balance in your checking account, stopping payment on a check, reordering or reprinting checks, and writing too many checks over your monthly limit. When in doubt, ask if there is a fee and then see if there is a way to avoid one.



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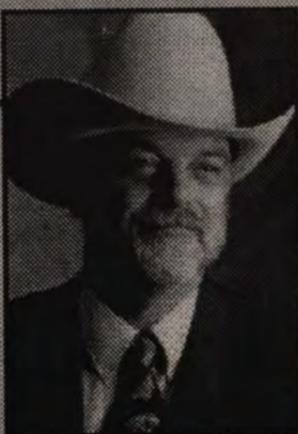
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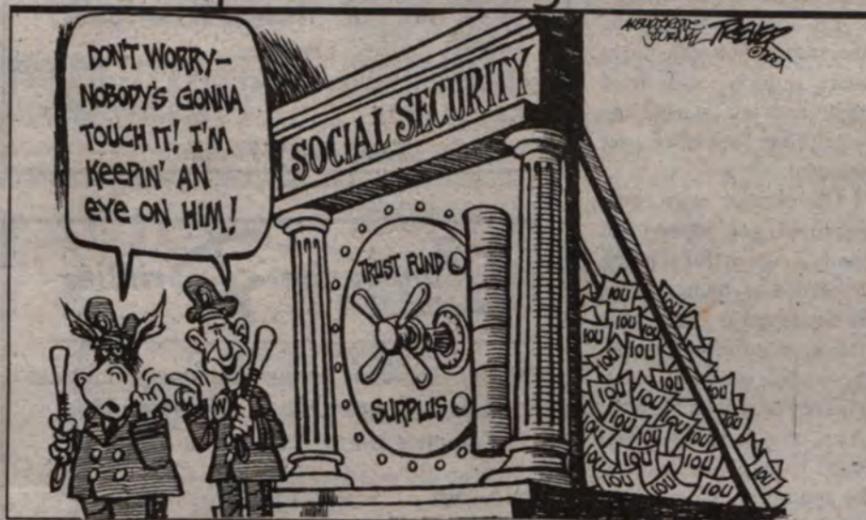
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Suicide bombing

The Palestinian Authority is conducting a new form of warfare through the use of suicide bombers. The strategy aims at making daily life in Israel so nerve-shattering that public opinion within Israel will oblige the government to make concessions that otherwise would be unthinkable. Evenhanded statements by the Bush administration asking "both sides" to "end the violence" are misplaced. Israeli violence is responsive to the attacks. The most spectacular suicide attack so far occurred when a young Palestinian entered a pizza parlor in Israel with a high-explosive nail bomb attached to his body. The bomb vaporized him but also killed, at last count, 15 Israelis. In response, Israeli soldiers knocked off several reputed Palestinian terrorist leaders.

Suicide bombing is a form of have-not warfare. The Syrians, the Palestinians and the Egyptians have no chance against Israel in a conventional war. Israel also possesses nuclear weapons, including, probably, hydrogen bombs.

A conventional war between Israel and any combination of Islamic states would probably last no more than 48 hours. Therefore we have the suicide card, the perfect symbol of have-not desperation.

Israel could resort to

Commentary

by Jeffrey Hart



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"massive retaliation," to use a term coined by John Foster Dulles. That is, for every Israeli killed in a pizza parlor, Israeli planes and tanks could kill 500 Palestinians. Of course the international outcry would be enormous. But simple arithmetic would indicate the inevitable outcome.

The United States is not immune to this new suicide form of have-not warfare. We have had the attack on the USS Cole. We have had the bombing of the World Trade Center. How would we respond if such attacks became frequent, even daily? Suppose bombs went off at the skating rink in Rockefeller Center, at the crowded Central Park Zoo, or in a main terminal at Kennedy Airport.

These are circumstances that the Palestinian Authority is attempting to impose on the Israelis.

If we in the United States were faced with such circumstances, I would hope that the gov-

ernment would declare a state of war and threaten the sponsors and financiers of the bombing with annihilation.

During the Gulf War, the Pentagon was worried that Saddam Hussein might use his poison gas against U.S. forces. Then President George Bush let Saddam know that if he used his supplies of gas he and his regime would be blasted right off the planet. His gas stayed in its cylinders.

We are hearing calls for a return to the negotiating table and the "peace process." But toward what would the negotiations steer? I saw photos of crowds cheering the pizza parlor bombing. The crowds were Palestinians cheering the slaughter of innocent men, women and children.

The Islamic masses want Israel out of the Middle East. Is that negotiable? Where the suicide bombing is concerned, the same principle applies as in any war.

The strategy of suicide bombing can be made prohibitively expensive for those organizing it and supporting it. Then it will stop.

Gramm shakes up GOP lineup; Rumor has him next Aggie Prexy

Headlining the national and state political news for over a week was the announcement (and follow up stories) that Senator Phil Gramm (R-Texas) is calling it quits at the end of his current term - specifically midnight on December 31, 2002.

The senior senator made it official in Washington at a September 4, press conference. He will close out his third term as a U. S. Senator with a total of 25 years in Congress that began in 1978 when he was first elected to the House of Representatives from the Sixth District of Texas.

Gramm started out as a Democrat but after supporting President Reagan's tax cut and budget plans, was punished by Speaker Tip O'Neill with a series of bad committee assignments; sorry office space and a "no-perk" status.

Gramm quit in disgust, switched parties and won back his seat as a Republican. In 1984, Tower resigned and Gramm grabbed that Senate slot thus keeping TexGOP alive while fanning the small spark of Republicanism that was slowly growing in Texas - growth that is full blown today.

This column has predicted for over a year that Gramm would finish his current term and retire in order to become the next president of Texas A. and M. This is not the final job he wants at Aggieland but a stepping stone to the prestigious Chancellor's post, unless his prickly personality turns off the powerful ex-student association or if he finds it too difficult to manage a typical faculty full of prima donnas not unlike the Senate he is leaving.

BUSH-PERRY PLOT COULD BACKFIRE

A private meeting between President Bush and Governor Perry last Thursday in Washington, as reported by the Associated Press, uncovered a covert move to persuade Gramm to resign his Senate seat immediately thus giving Perry authority to name a Republican replacement thereby head-starting the GOP in the rapidly approaching primary season.

Normally this would be a wise plan but the stage has been set a little differently this year. What Bush wants Perry to do is name Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-San Antonio) to Gramm's job in order to tap into the large Hispanic primary vote predicted for 2002.

What Perry, not known for his brilliance on or off the political playing field, would wind up creating is an imperfect, totally screwed up scheme, that would inadvertently help his presumed opponent for Governor - wealthy South Texan Tony Sanchez.

If a large Hispanic vote actually goes to the polls, and plays the race card starting at the top of the ballot with Bonilla, the next logical vote would go to Sanchez, since the Governor is number two on the general election ballot - thus dropping incumbent Perry into the proverbial porcelain facility.

Something he will have done to himself - unaware and giggling all the while!

STARTING LINEUPS HAZY & INTERESTING

At this juncture Texas Democrats may be the top beneficiary of the Gramm resignation, since there will be no "coat-tail" problem in the 2002 race, what with the top GOPers off the ballot. Bush in D. C. and Gramm on his way to College Station.

No political print-junky, with access to ink by the barrel, would miss a chance to comment on those who want to replace old Phil, so let's take an early gander at several top contenders.

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Associated Press story noted President Bush and Governor Perry plotting to have Gramm quit early so Guv can appoint interim GOP Senator thus giving Repubs a head start next year. Plan could easily turn Perry's election dream into a nightmare.

From the Grand Old Party's ranks we see immediate movement by State Attorney General John Cornyn who will announce this week he is running for the Senate rather than re-election. This shift will help current Democratic challenger, Austin Mayor Kirk Watson, who will not have to face an incumbent AG.

Another wannabee is well-heeled Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, currently roaming the State in a bid to fill the Lt. Governor's vacancy. He is expected to quickly change plans and take a stab at the Senate opening. Lesser lights wanting a crack at the Senate job are Railroad Commissioner Tony Garza; Congressman Joe Barton (R-Ennis) and the aforementioned U. S. Representative Henry Bonilla of the Alamo City.

Democrats hungering for a shot at the Senate include Ron Kirk, current mayor of Dallas; out of nowhere attorney Ed Cunningham, Congressman Ken Bentsen, teacher Victor Morales (second attempt), former State Attorney General Dan Morales and **this column's predicted nominee Henry Cisneros.**

TEXAS GOVERNOR'S RACE HEATING UP

The framers of our current constitution believed the best way to govern Texas is with a strong legislative branch coupled to a weak executive department, thus placing more power in the bi-cameral hands of the people and away from any sort of "one man rule".

Democrats point out, as a prime example of this theory of government, the elevation of Rick Perry to the Governor's office! Weak or not - Republican Perry, early on, announced plans to seek his own full fledged four year term with a "full-bore" campaign that's well underway. He is unopposed at this point.

Democrats on the other hand are getting up steam with three candidates in the running including Marty Akins, former TU quarterback and Houston attorney John WorldPeace, who changed his name in order to create the perfect campaign slogan: "Who would vote against WorldPeace?"

The third Democratic candidate, currently leading the pack in the Governor's race, is Tony Sanchez, a multi-millionaire (actual worth - \$800 million) with interests in the world of energy (code for oil and gas exploration), banking and real estate and supposedly willing to put up \$30 million of his own money to win the nomination.

Right now - it would appear that Sanchez is the guy to watch and unless someone with more money, personality or blood lines comes to bat for either party - it is the guy from Laredo's election to win or lose!

That's -30-

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So much for customer service

Oh, dandy. Here comes another service industry helping out us customers by eliminating clerks whose job it was to help. Thanks to the "innovative use" of computer technologies, banks and gas stations (which used to be called "service stations") have led the way to a new service economy in which the term "customer service" has become an oxymoron. The latest innovator is your friendly supermarket, which soon will require you to weigh your own groceries, ring them up on a scanner, bag them, and pay for them through an automated check-out system. USA Today tells us that Kroger, Albertsons, Safeway, A & P, Pathmark, Food Lion and others are

Jim Hightower



marching inexorably down this high-tech, low-touch path. You'll be glad to know they're doing this for your convenience! The industry notes that a big gripe of customers is having to wait in long lines to check out.

They're right about that; but instead of hiring more clerks, providing better training, and paying a decent wage to retain helpful and friendly employees... the industry's answer is to eliminate the clerks and have you and me do that work for them -- for

free.

The supermarkets claim they're simply trying to eliminate lines by offering a do-it-yourself checkout lane that will be super-efficient. But, one, they're not increasing the number of lanes, so you'll still face long lines. Two, computers are filled with erroneous data and are always crashing, so kiss-off that efficiency claim.

And three, while they now say consumers can choose between a real, live clerk and a computer, banks said the same thing before eliminating most of their clerks and pushing us out to the machines.

Drugstores, hardware chains, airlines, even restaurants are also computerizing their "service" and saying to customers: Do it yourself, Bub.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Alternative certification puts more teachers in Texas classrooms

By BILL HAMMOND
PRESIDENT,
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As children load their backpacks, yellow buses roll and stadiums fill with Friday night football fans, a real problem looms in classrooms across the Lone Star State. According to some education experts, we are some 40,000 teachers short in Texas public schools. Teacher associations hammered this point across during the last legislative session as they lobbied for a statewide teacher health insurance program. Their theory was and remains that we can't find people willing to enter the classroom because the

pay is low and benefits are inadequate.

The irony is that while we have this "crisis" in education, the solution lies in a mechanism already in place but seldom utilized. Alternative certification is the method of putting teachers in the classroom who have not gone through coursework in the traditional colleges of education. And maybe one of the reasons we are short is because prospective teachers don't find the subject matter in colleges of education very appealing. Instead of listening to lectures on pedagogy and didacticism that one would find in the education curriculum, students might find anthropology or political science more

useful and interesting.

Alternative certification allows men and women to be certified to teach in their areas of proficiency as long as they hold a bachelor's degree, take a six-week "teaching" course and pass the ExCET exam prior to entering the classroom. There is a built-in talent pool for new teachers right now in Texas. Retirees from the military and private sector as well as men and women ready for a career change are often in search of new challenges and would be eager to teach if they could bypass the colleges of education. Recent high-tech layoffs make new math and technology teachers readily available.

So, why aren't more teachers brought into the teaching profession who possess these qualities? After all, statistics show that these people make good teachers. The reluctance comes from local school district personnel who assert they don't have the manpower to administer such a program or that implementing one is not in their budgets. In fact, only four school districts offer an alternative certification program.

Some teacher associations make the "quality over quantity" argument against alternative certification. But when you peel away the layers of rhetoric on this issue, you get to the heart of the matter--

alternative certification is maligned because a teaching shortage gives teacher unions more leverage to lobby for additional pay and increased benefits.

We all agree that teachers should be paid well, but we also want vacancies filled with qualified teachers who are not currently being utilized by the system.

As teachers swarmed the Capitol last session advocating health insurance to help attract new teachers, a bill granting more flexibility to local districts to provide a mechanism for alternative certification miraculously passed the House. Unfortunately, its life was cut short by a "tag" by one senator and never again

saw the light of day.

We have a practice in Texas public education of furnishing the carrot and hiding the stick. The recent health insurance program for teachers is evidence of that where we funded a billion dollar program and asked for nothing in return.

If our current system isn't producing enough teachers, it's time to make some changes. And the alternative certification program will do just that. It will allow new people to enter the classroom and may even stimulate some competition among those already in the system. The winners are likely to be the children for whom education was intended in the first place.

Crusade against whistle blowers

By Louis Clark

Once again the worst idea in a decade is making the rounds on Capitol Hill. Pushed relentlessly by Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL), the proposed legislation would make it a crime for employees to disclose any classified information regardless of the circumstance. It is already a crime to disclose classified information in an effort to harm national security, help another nation, or expose intelligence agents.

Last year, Congress unwittingly passed such a measure -- potentially ending democracy as we now know it -- without debate or public hearings. It was tucked away in the intelligence authorization bill. Fortunately, on the advice of several Administration officials, as well as a former CIA director and a Pentagon spokesperson, President Clinton exercised his veto power.

Those wishing to criminalize whistle blowing at the defense and intelligence agencies then held off until after the presidential election. With President Bush, the proponents are emboldened to try once again. The bill's supporters think that the new President, the son of a former director of the CIA, will sign the measure rather than risk alienating the relentless senior

Republican senator from Alabama.

It is shocking that Congress was so willing to sacrifice the freedom of speech of so many civil servants last year, even though the Cold War is over. At the height of the struggle against the Soviet Union, Congress did not venture down the path that many would have it now go. The only real effect this draconian idea will have is to end whistle blowing on defense and intelligence concerns.

Currently, no whistle blower or official "leaker" of classified information can be prosecuted unless it was his or her goal to harm national security or help a foreign power. This element of the crime of disclosing classified information is reasonable. It places on the government the responsibility of proving it was the victim of intentional harm.

The new criminal statute would only require that the government prove that the whistle blower or "leaker" actually leaked either classified documents or information.

Whistle blowers acting in the nation's best interest and serving real national security needs have revealed major scandals within government that involved classified information. The See Whistle blowers, page 16A

Stepping up to the Plate

The recent Little League controversy surrounding the recruitment of a 14 year old star from the Dominican Republic has raised serious and long-standing concerns about the importance placed on youth sports by adults.

Are our children selecting activities they want to participate in, or are we as parents, putting them in activities we want them to be in? If I had put my children into activities that I "thought" they would excel in, I would have batted zero percent. My "athlete" is my musician, and my "musician" is my athlete. In the case of the Little League fiasco, I doubt if it was this child's idea to join this team. Shame on the adults!

We speak of peer pressure and the detrimental effects it has on our children, but parent pressure is just as dangerous. We all have the innate need to

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Dr. Robin Battershell

push our children toward excellence. To deny this tendency, would be to lie. However, as the adult, it is our RESPONSIBILITY to temper this natural urge and do what is best for the child, not what is best for us, as adults.

Sports and outside activities teach invaluable, life-long lessons--teamwork, leadership, and discipline. The type or level of competition is not as important as the participation and the lessons learned.

In allowing a child to make these decisions, we show them respect. We teach them the life-long skills of independent thought, decision making, and ultimately give them the gift of self-worth. If children are not trained to make independent decisions and then allowed to follow through with these

decisions and the consequences, they will lack this ability as adults. Many times, children will "rebel", when they feel they have to assert their independence, because their parents are not "allowing them to grow up".

This process begins when they are young. Teaching children to become independent is not an overnight process and teaching children the rudimentary rules in making good decisions takes time and patience, but this is the ultimate gift we can give to our legacies.

THE CHARACTER COUNTS WORD FOR THE SIX WEEKS IS RESPECT.

Questions may be addressed to Dr. Battershell at P.O. Box 98, Salado, TX 76571.

Whistle blowers

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Equally important, there are literally thousands of incidents in which cabinet officers and their subordinates have intentionally leaked information that helped inform public debate and discussion on matters of broad public interest. It is hard to imagine how any government spokespersons could ever do their job if they are under the cloud of criminal prosecution for even inadvertently disclosing information that is classified. In

fact, it is difficult to imagine any significant public discussion of any CIA and intelligence agency matters that is not based in part on some level of classified information.

In order to avoid even the appearance of having violated the law, it is obvious that all government officials and their spokespeople will completely err on the side of withholding information.

Although the media cannot be prosecuted under this law for reporting stories based on classified information, there is no limit to the ability of the government to haul reporters before criminal grand juries to interrogate them about their sources. Those refusing to reveal sources would be subject to criminal contempt charges, fines and imprisonment.

Although proponents of the proposed law argue that the Department of Justice can be trusted to implement the law sparingly and fairly, there is nothing to prevent the agency from abusing its power. There is every reason to fear that it will use this new extraordinary power to stop all whistle blowing and leaks. The Department of Justice has, in recent weeks, come out

strongly against new proposed whistle blower protection reforms. Given its congressional testimony and legal positions on numerous whistle blower cases, it is hard to imagine the department would endorse any instance of whistle blowing.

It is ironic that, after surviving the Cold War with our democracy intact, this nation is now faced with an internal threat to democracy, even though no serious external threat to our freedom exists. No freedom-loving American should allow the federal government to wield such power over the flow of information to the public.

Information is power. The ability to control the flow of information is ultimate power. We must all say "No!" to such propositions as loudly and persistently as possible.

Louis Clark is executive director of the Government Accountability Project in Washington, DC. GAP focuses on providing protection for federal employees who "blow the whistle" on wrongful actions by their employers. GAP's website is www.whistleblower.org and email address is: gapl@erols.com.



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He is now attending Naval Air Technical Training Center in Pensacola, FL. Corbitt is an Airman Recruit and is the son of Russell and Karen Corbitt of Salado.

Compass Bank Ice Cream Social planned for Sept. 20

The Heritage Club of Compass Bank will have its annual Ice Cream Social 5:30 p.m. Sept 20 in the First Baptist Church Family Life Center in Belton.

Registration and fellowship will start at 5:30 p.m. and ice cream will be served at 6 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

The Club is offering a four-day, three-night trip to Nashville, TN on December 6-9.

Highlights of the trip include a Christmas Cruise aboard the *General Jack-*

son, a guided tour of Nashville, and the *Grand Ole Opry*.

For more information contact a Heritage Club representative 10 a.m.-noon at 939-3501 on Mondays.

Upcoming Club events include a visit to the Bob Bullock - Museum in Austin, a trip to Grandbury Live to see "Lost in the Fifties", and a four day trip to Nashville in December.

For more information call 939-5372.

20th Annual Christmas Stroll

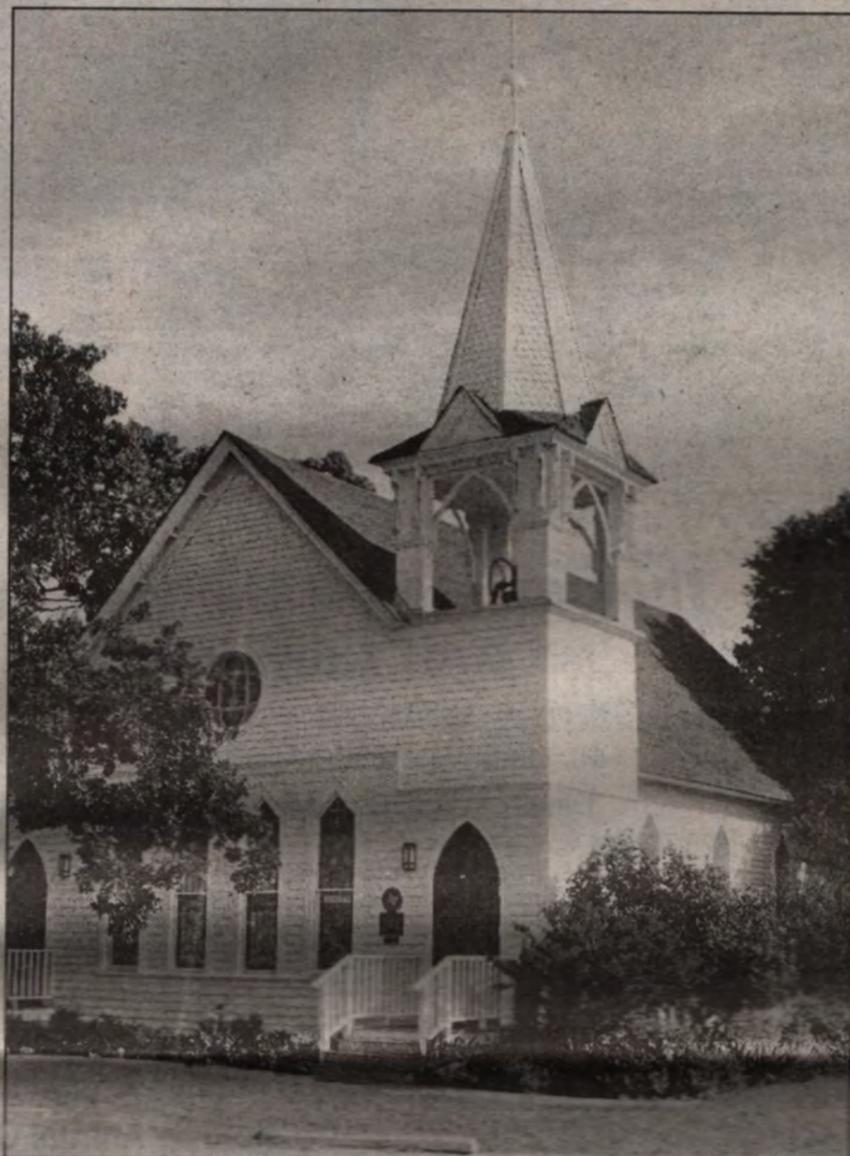
Salado's 20th Annual Christmas Stroll "Victorian Visions of Christmas" kicks off 5 p.m. Nov. 29 with a Christmas Parade down Main Street followed by the lighting of the community Christmas tree at the Salado Civic Center. Santa Claus will be greeting children of all ages at the Gazebo, also located on the Civic Center grounds. The Christmas Stroll is scheduled for two festive weekends Nov. 30-Dec. 1 and Dec. 7-8.

A live nativity will be presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado Nov. 30-Dec. 1. The Twelve Days of Christmas display will be found along the banks of Salado creek in Pace Park.

Festive luminary line the streets, white lights adorn the buildings, Christmas trees and newly created Victorian topiaries are just part of the perfect Christmas setting. Carolers dressed in period costume, hand bell choirs and live musicians echo the music of the season. Village shops and restaurants will be open late and eagerly await your arrival.

Salado Historic Society Tour

The Salado Historic Society Tour will be held 5-8 p.m. Nov. 30, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 1 and 1-5 p.m. Dec. 2. Advance tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at Salado Galleries and the Salado Civic Center. Tickets will be available at the door for \$10 each.



The Salado United Methodist Church will be included in the Salado Historic Society Tour.

The Historic Society docents will open the doors to the Boles Aiken Cabin, Denman Cabin, Salado United Methodist Church, Lampasas School House at Stone Creek Settlement Bed & Breakfast, Masonic Lodge, Michael and Frances Cooper home, David and Cheryl Pany

home, Patty Thomas Carriage House, and back by popular demand for the second year Mike and Shirley Cornett's Tenroc Ranch.

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The Bed and Breakfast Tour will open 2-5 p.m. Dec. 8 and 2-5 p.m. Dec. 9.

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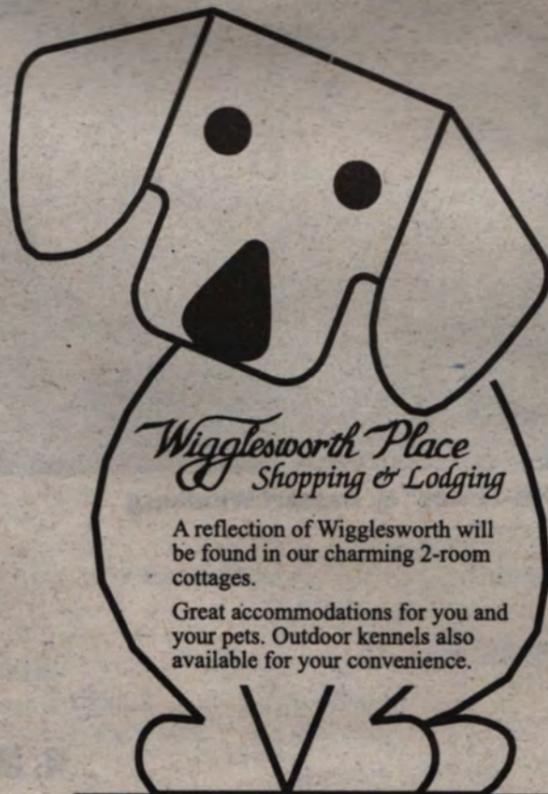
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Dr. Shirley Lynch, of Salado Chiropractic, is sponsoring the event so that parents can rest a little easier knowing that they have taken the proper precautions to protect their children whenever they are in the car.

Eighty-five percent of car seats are being misused in some way, including failure to attach the seat tightly to the vehicle, failure to fasten the har-



(PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Sheriff's Deputies will be on hand to check car safety seat at Salado Chiropractic Clinic Sept. 20.

ness correctly, failure to use the chest clip correctly, placing a rear-facing car seat in front of an airbag, and turning an infant-only car seat to face forward.

Parents can learn the

best use of their car seats by meeting with safety experts 4-6 p.m. Sept. 20 in front of Salado Chiropractic. The safety check is free of charge.

"I want to do all that

I can to prevent spinal cord injuries in our community," Dr. Lynch said.

For more information about the event or Salado Chiropractic, call Dr. Lynch at 947-BACK.

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Thomas Arnold Elementary PTO to hold 9th Annual Golf Tournament

Thomas Arnold Elementary Parent Teacher Organization will hold its 9th annual golf tournament 2 p.m. Sept. 18 at Mill Creek Country Club.

The tournament will benefit Thomas Arnold Elementary and is open to all golfers. The \$40 sign up includes entry fee, golf cart, and tee prizes.

The tournament will conclude with dinner 6 p.m. at Creekside Country Club.

Sponsorships are still available for \$200, \$100, \$50 and 19th Hole.

For more information or an entry form contact Grace Lavadia at 947-0827 or Debbie Heiner 947-1192 or send a \$40 check to PTO, c/o Grace Lavadia, 10201 Rocking H, Salado, Tx. 76571 and include player name, phone number, address, handicap, and average score.

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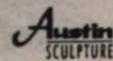


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Forte's to visit Sarofim School of Fine Arts Sept. 19-20

The Sarofim School of Fine Arts at Southwestern University announces the visit of Madeleine Forte, pianist, and Allen Forte, Battell Professor of Music, Yale University, on Sept. 19-20. Pianist Madeleine Forte will perform an all Chopin recital 8 p.m. Sept. 19 in the Alma Thomas Theater. On Thursday Forte will play the music of Olivier Messiaen with commentary provided by Dr. Allen Forte in a lecture-recital at 3 p.m. in the Caldwell Carvey Foyer, located in the Alma Thomas Fine Arts Center on the Southwestern University campus.

French-born pianist Madeleine Forte received an Artists Diploma from the Warsaw Conservatory in the class of Zbigniew Drzewiecki, and was subsequently awarded bachelor's and master's degrees by The Julliard School, where she studied with Rosina Lhevinne and Martin Canin. She received her Ph.D. degree from New York University, with a dissertation on the music of Olivier Messiaen. Forte has presented



Leah Loyer of McGregor won the Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies Auxiliary quilt. The winning ticket was announced at the close of the Salado Art Fair.

solo recitals and has performed as a soloist with orchestras in France, Italy, Spain, Switzerland, Belgium, Poland, Hungary, Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, the United States and Canada. Forte, who is a Yamaha performing and recording artist, was recently featured in an article by Peter J. Rabinowitz, "Not by Accident": A Conversation with Madeleine Forte," in the July/August edition of *Fanfare* magazine.

Dr. Allen Forte studied musical composition with Otto Luening at Columbia University. He then taught

at Columbia Teachers College and The Mannes College of Music before being appointed to Yale University. Dr. Forte holds the Battell Professor of Music Chair, the oldest endowed chair in music at Yale, where he teaches music. His most recent books are *The Atonal Music of Anton Webern* and *Listening to Classic American Popular Songs*.

Sept. 19 evening's concert will feature the music of Frederic Francois Chopin. Madeleine Forte's performance will include *Ballad No. 4 in*

F minor, Preludes, Opus 28, Nocturne in F major, op. 15, No.1, Nocturne in E-flat major, Op. 5, No. 2 and Polanaise-fantasia in A-flat major, Opus 61.

Forte will perform five of the *Preludes* (1929) and six of the *Vingt Regards sur L'Enfant-Jesus* (1944) by Olivier Messiaen 3 p.m. Sept. 20, in the Caldwell Carvey Foyer. Allen Forte will provide commentary for the lecture-concert.

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Salado Village Artists make bags and quilts for foster children

Over the past fifteen years, the Salado Village Artists' (SVA) members have gladly shared their talents, time and energies with the community by donating art, stitchery, crafts and money to the Chamber of Commerce, the Ladies' Auxiliary, churches, schools and other community organizations. So, when Special Projects Chairman, Helen Alexander, read in the *Salado Village Voice* about a Christian, therapeutic foster placement agency being based here in Salado, she contacted Lighthouse Family Network to see if and how the SVA could help.

"Sadly, a lot of the children who come to us arrive with their belongings in trash bags," said Karen Wistrand, Foster Home Development Coordinator, "so, the SVA decided to make personalized duffel bags for our school-age children and quilts for the younger chil-

dren." "These personalized duffel bags made by the SVA members are a lot more than just a gift to these children. It shows them that they are someone special and that other people do care about them," Wistrand continued.

Lighthouse Family Network, whose mission is to provide a safe, loving and structured family environment for children in which to grow, mature and experience the love of God, serves abused, neglected and delinquent youth. According to The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services 2000 Data Book, there were a total of

121,732 investigations of child abuse/neglect for the state of Texas in 2000. In Region 7 alone, which is a 30-county area including Bell County and is comprised of approximately 10% of the state's population, there were 15,665 investigations of child abuse/neglect in fiscal year 2000. Lighthouse Family Network is currently providing homes for approximately 75 foster children.

The Salado Village Artists began in January 1983 with 17 regular members and 9 associate members and became incorporated in June 1995, being designated as a non-profit

organization. The SVA is dedicated to encouraging the participation of its members in art of all kinds. The Club meets Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the Salado Art Center. Business meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. Quilters meet the 2nd and 4th Monday at 1 p.m.

For more information on the Salado Village Artists, contact President, Mardie Barnard at 947-8481.

For more information on Lighthouse Family Network, contact Karen Wistrand, Foster Home Development Coordinator, at 947-3152.

Greene among authors at West Texas Book and Author Festival

A. C. Greene is among literary figures who will be on the Sept. 22 program of the West Texas Book and Author Festival in Abilene. More than 100 Texas authors will grace the event in Abilene's Civic Center.

Greene is the author of *A Personal* and other classic Texas titles. Others on the program, sponsored by the Friends of Abilene Public Library, include Elmer Kelton, John Graves and Walt McDonald.

Festival program begins at 9 a.m. Sept. 22, in the Civic Center. Morning panels will be on books

about: Food and Fixins; Texas Fiction; Forts & Battles; Getting Published; Words and Images; Biographies and Poetry.

A Books & Boots Luncheon at noon will feature recognition of Abilene authors as well as the A.C. Greene Award, the first presentation of this newly established honor named for Abilene's best known living author.

Afternoon sessions will include: A Texas Sampler, True Stuff, Texas Music, Books for Older Children, Texas Mystique, Genre Fiction, The Old West, Books for Younger Chil-

dren. All events are free to the public except the luncheon. Tickets are \$15, and must be reserved.

There will also be a day-long Children's Book Corner, at which various authors and story tellers will regale youngsters with tales and poetry.

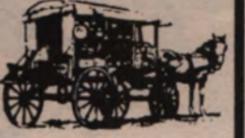
Greene and all guest authors will be scheduled for hour-long autograph sessions in the area where their books are on sale.

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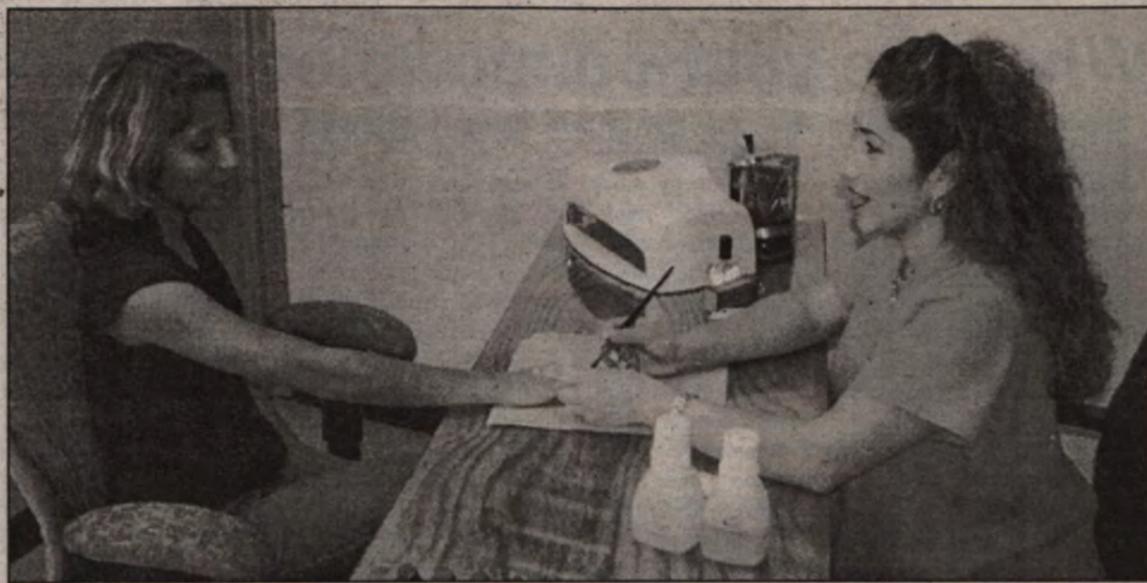


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Street named Director of Corporate Giving

Michael Street has been named Director of Corporate Giving at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Street, of Temple, has worked at TXU Electric & Gas in Temple for nine years, and was the Belton branch manager since 1997. According to Vice President for External Relations Randy O'Rear, "We are extremely pleased to have Michael join our team because he is already well known and respected, and he brings a wealth of experience working with our local corporate community."

Street's primary responsibility will be working with area businesses to raise scholarship funds for students attending the university. Currently, over 300 Bell County businesses and friends participate in the university's Central Texas Annual Fund in which all dollars go directly into student scholarships.

Street is a graduate of Temple College and Tarleton State University. He is a member of the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, a board member of the Belton Christian Youth Center, a member of the



Michael Street

Belton ISD Community Education/Parent Involvement Advisory Board, a vice president of the Belton Lions Club, and a member of First Baptist Church of Belton.

"The Old Maid and the Thief" to be performed at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater Oct. 6

Music in Salado will present the entertaining one-act opera *The Old Maid and the Thief* by Gian Carlo Menotti 7 p.m. Oct. 6 at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater in Salado. This single night's performance, under an hour in length, will delight all ages from school children to adults.

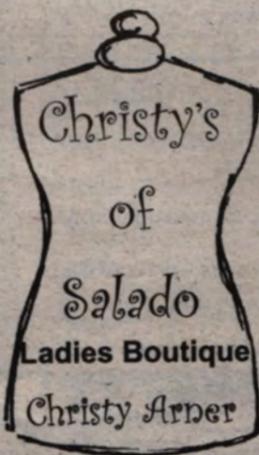
The plot of the comic opera is set in a typical small village not unlike Salado. Miss Todd, the Old Maid, played by Jennifer Mays from Pampa, TX, and Laetitia, her house maid played by Rachael Kunze from Washington

state, take in a hobo named Bob, played by Matthew Moore from Newport News, VA. The plot thickens as nosy neighbor Miss Pinkerton, played by Marjorie Owens from Chesapeake, VA, begins to suspect something out of the ordinary going on at the home of Miss Todd. Miss Todd and Laetitia hatch all kinds of schemes to keep Bob from leaving and soon the whole town is in an uproar. Poor Bob doesn't have any idea of the trouble he is causing.

Drs. John and Kim Van

Cura initiated the *Music in Salado* series with two recent concerts of vocal music from opera to musical theater at the historical Salado United Methodist Church. Other concerts in the series will continue at Salado United Methodist Church 4 p.m. Nov. 4 with Drs. Chris Buddo, double bass, and Brian Marks, piano. *Songs of Thanksgiving* will be presented

4 p.m. Nov. 18 with performances of Menotti's acclaimed one-act Christmas opera, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, scheduled for December 15-16. Admission for *The Old Maid and the Thief* can be paid at the entrance to Tablerock Amphitheater beginning at 6 p.m. on Oct. 6 adults \$5, Students \$2 and Children \$1.



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The following recipe was taken from the cookbook "Salado Country Cooking." It was sponsored by the members and friends of the Monday Club from the Salado United Methodist Church.

Church Supper Casserole

Thelma Griffith

- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. noodles
- 3/4 c. chopped onions
- 3/4 c. chopped green peppers
- 1/4 c. salad oil
- 1 lb. ground meat
- 1 (1 lb.) can cream style corn
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1-1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 (8 oz.) can lg. ripe olives, sliced
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/8 tsp. dry mustard
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- Grated cheese

Saute onion and green pepper in oil. Add meat and brown. Add remaining ingredients and simmer for a short while. Cook noodles. Layer noodles and meat mixture in casserole, alternately, ending with meat. Top with grated cheese and bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

What are your collectibles worth?

Question: In 1958, my aunt gave me a large, cup-shaped vase decorated with painted Disney cartoon characters. She said Walt Disney had these pots made by Hagen-Renaker as gifts to Disney employees. My aunt worked for Hagen-Renaker in Monrovia, Calif., at the time. There's a tiny, circular gold seal on the bottom that includes the words "Walt Disney" and a copyright symbol. What was Hagen-Renaker's connection with Disney?

Answer: Hagen-Renaker Inc. was founded in 1945 and is still working. It moved from Monrovia to San Dimas, Calif., in 1966. Hagen-Renaker first made licensed Disney character figures from 1955 to 1961.

During this same period, Disney banks and cookie jars were made by other potteries for Hagen-Renaker. All of these ceramic items are popular collectibles today. Your vase might have been a special product made by Hagen-Renaker or by another pottery under contract with Hagen-Renaker.

Question: I have heard of rose bowls and nut cups, but I have never heard of orange bowls and orange cups. I recently saw them advertised in a collectors newspaper. Can you help?

Answer: The reason you haven't heard of an orange cup or orange bowl is because they're no longer included in sets of china dinnerware. Orange cups were never common,

but during the early 1900s they were made and used to serve orange halves at the breakfast or dinner table. This was during a period shortly after Americans who lived north of Florida and east of California had been introduced to citrus fruit. At the end of the 19th century, refrigerated railroad cars kept the fruit fresh enough to ship across the country. An orange cup has at least three prongs around the inside edge to hold the orange half in place. An orange bowl is a deep, oval bowl used to serve whole or sectioned oranges.

Question: My mother left me two large ceramic figurines marked "Plichta, London, England." One is a cat, the other an elephant.

They are cream-colored and decorated with green and dark-pink painted flowers. My mother's maiden name was Plichta, so I am interested in learning something about the figurines.

Answer: The mark on your figurines was used by Jan Plichta, a London distributor for the Bovey Tracey Pottery Co. In 1930, when the Fife Pottery in Kirkcaldy, Scotland, closed, Bovey Tracey of Devon, England, bought reproduction rights to Fife's famous Wemyss ware patterns. Wemyss ware, introduced by Fife in 1882, was named after Wemyss Castle in Scotland. The pottery is characterized by brightly painted flowers.

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You might also know that it is considered poor etiquette to bring the glass used during the cocktail hour to the dinner table.

In some circles, it is quite all right to drink iced tea from a glass with a spoon in it.

These are just a few examples from a book on Texas manners written by Cece Neef Brune of Midland. Her book is called *Texas Manners: A guide to Gracious Living*. It's written with a sense of humor.

"I think life is pretty funny. And I try to reflect that in this book. It has all the information you need

there, but I view it more as a reference for people."

The idea for the book came while she was in a planning meeting for the wedding shower of one of her daughter's friends.

"There was so much discussion about the proper way to hold a wedding shower I got weary.

"When I got home I realized that all the women planning the event had daughters who would also be getting married soon and I didn't think I could live through too many of those meetings."

So she started researching about weddings and showers.

"I realized there wasn't a whole lot of information out there. The more I couldn't find, the more I was sure that I ought to do something about it. So I decided to do this book."

The book covers everything from births to funerals.

"I called funeral directors, schools and people that I really didn't want to talk to but I called them simply because the information wasn't there. In my mind I methodically tried to figure out if someone died, what were some of the things I would want to know. That's how I approached it. The funeral part of the book was the most difficult for me."

The book covers just about every aspect of life: where certain cuts of meat are found on the cow, the proper placement of flags, napkin folding and how to be a good guest.

"I think it would have been a wonderful guide for me. I would have loved to have somebody just hand

this book to me and say, 'OK, you don't have to go all over the place and find out about these things. All you have to do is open the book.'"

This is her first book and she's really excited about it. "I tried to write as little as possible and make it easy for the readers to find what they're looking for by chapters and subtitles. Hopefully it'll be as easy to use as a dictionary, but a little more fun to read."

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perseverance. On the last day they were awarded a trophy for the Achievement Award in their division, another trophy for best choreography of a dance and a trophy for being voted Camp Favorite by the other teams at the camp. An individual medal was awarded to Lauren Hogwood for All Star Cheerleader. She made the ACA All Star team and has the opportunity to compete nationally and in Europe. Congratulations to all of the JV cheerleaders. I am very proud to be working with you this year.



Lauren Hogwood received individual medal for All Star Cheerleader

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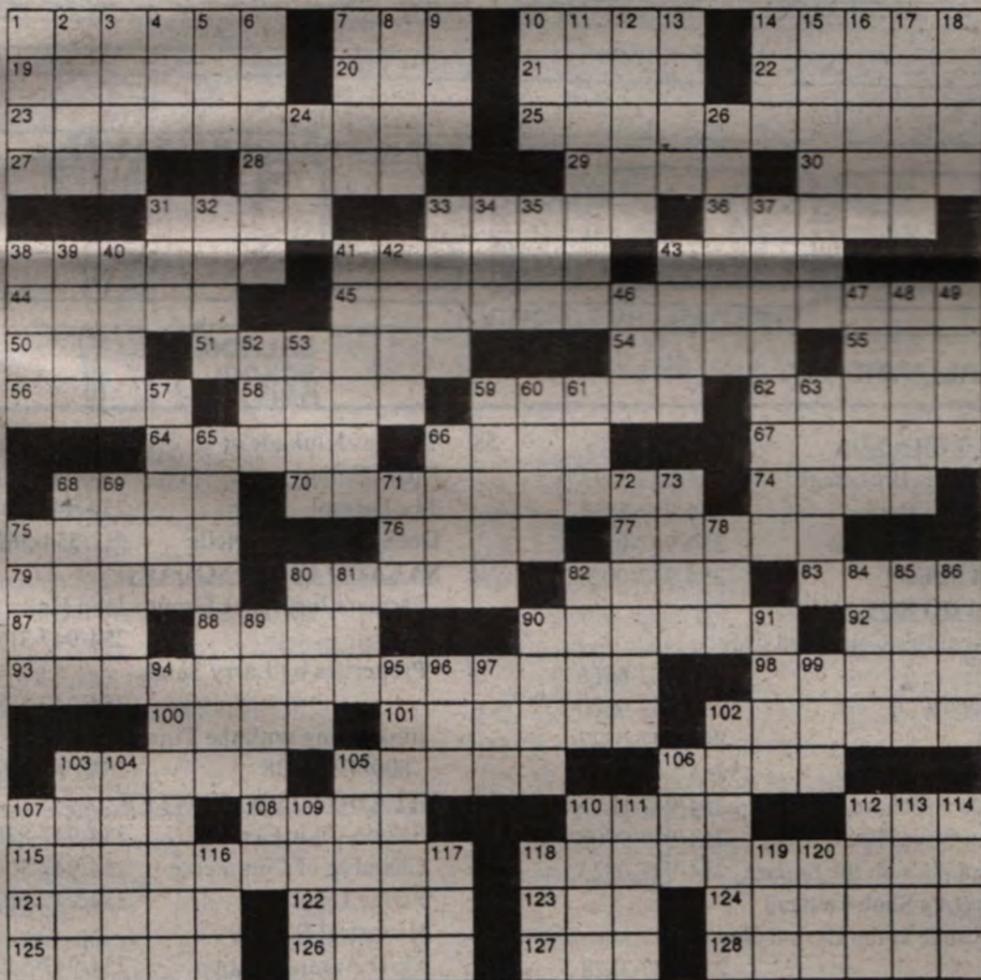
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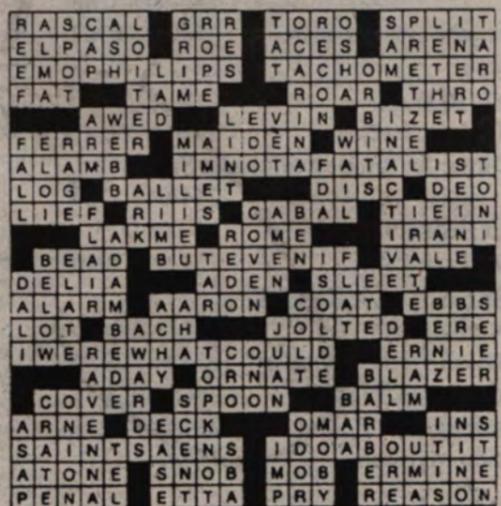
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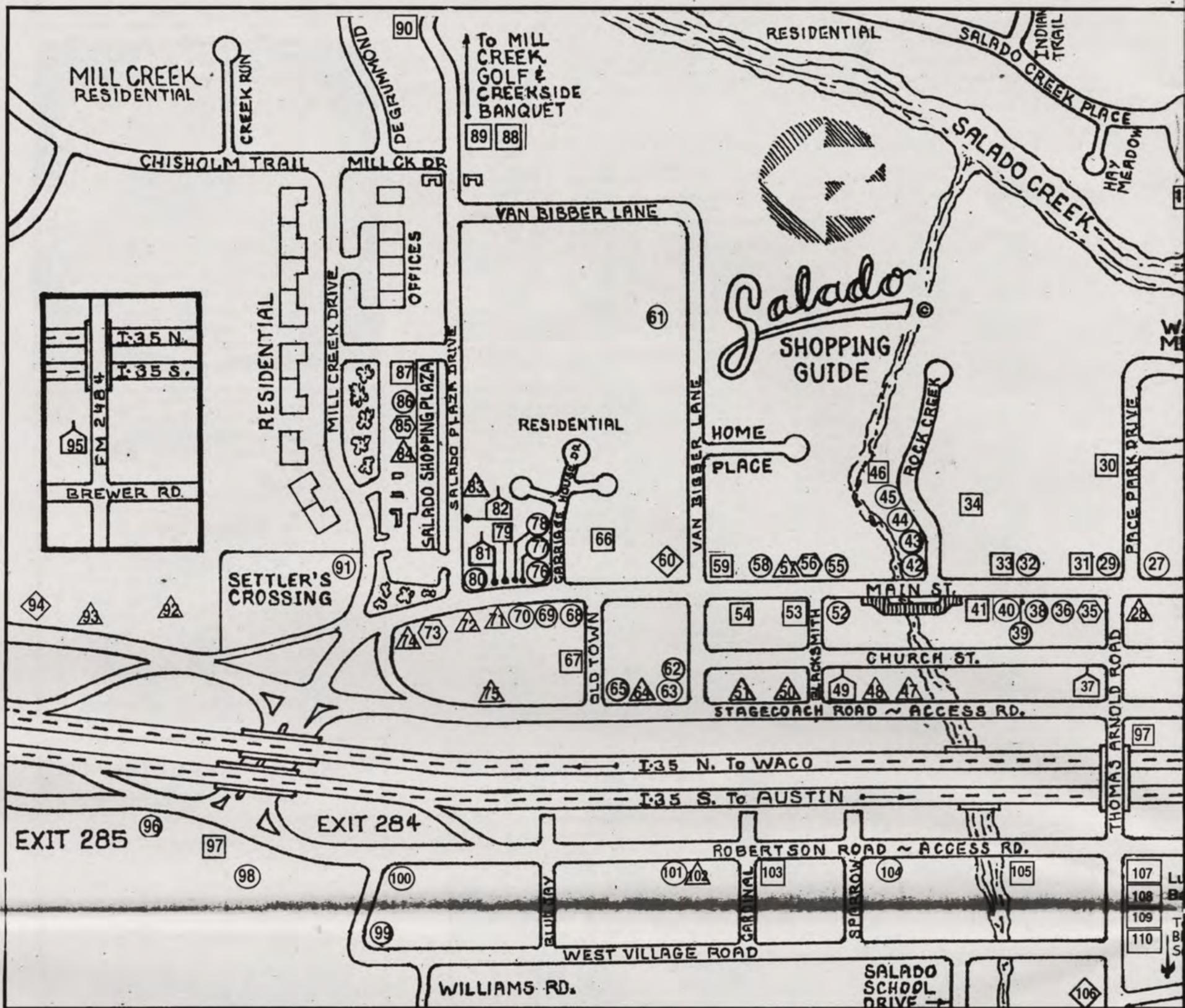
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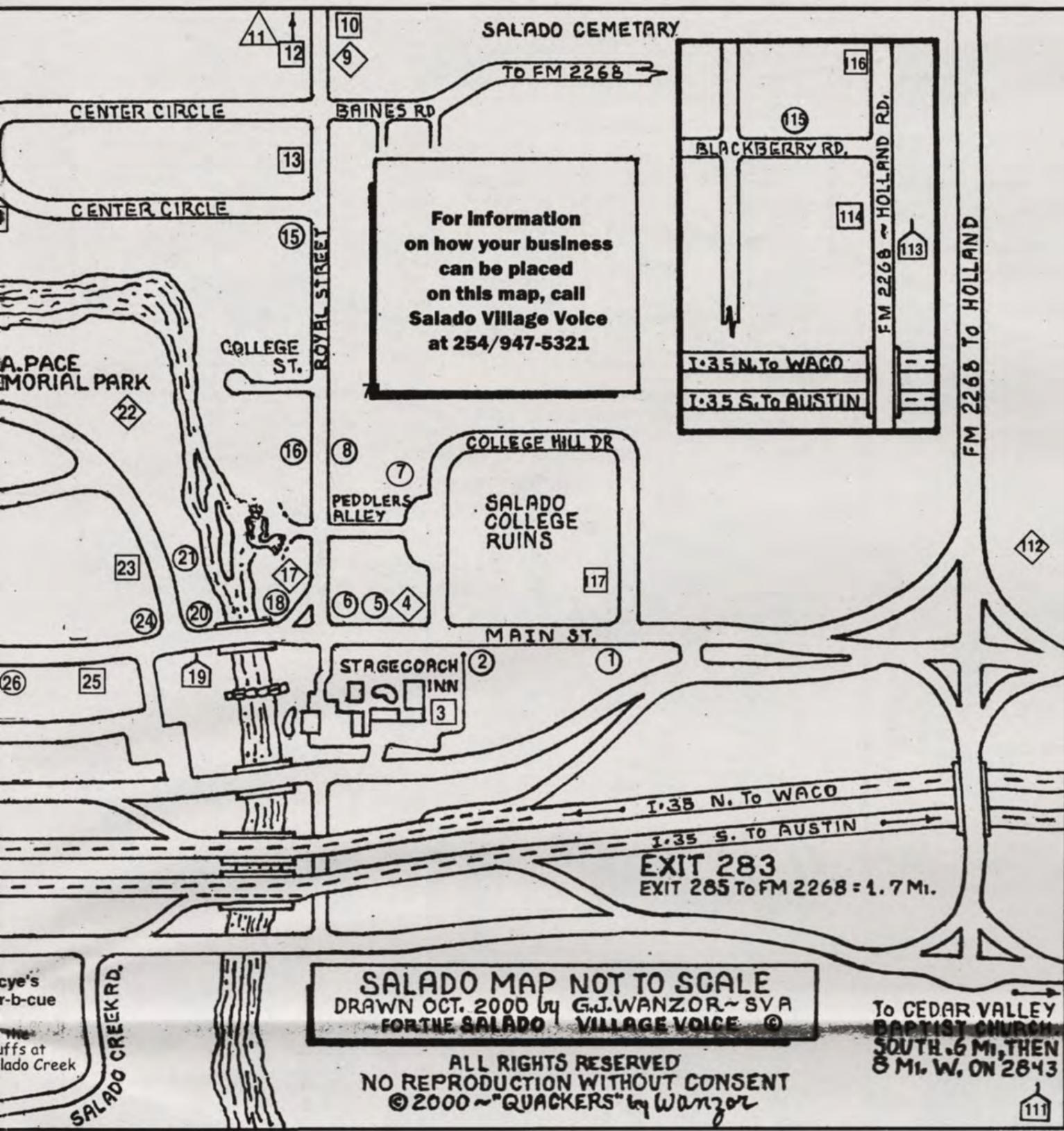


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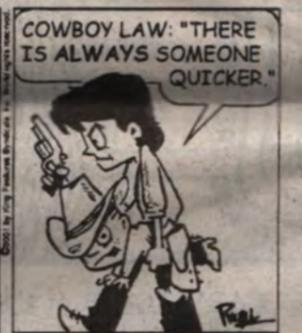
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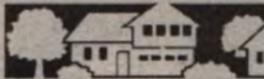
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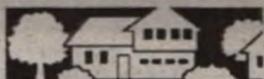
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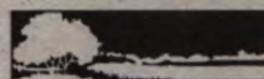
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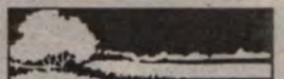
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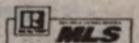


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least amount of trouble for your dollar. They are easy to install and clean, and won't chip or break. Like all bathroom fixtures, they should be cleaned with a mild, nonabrasive detergent and dried with a soft cloth; tough stains should be dealt with using a stainless steel cleaner.

* Fiberglass, while not as durable as other types of fixtures, can last a long time with proper care. Stains can be removed using a couple of methods: one, mix 2-3 tablespoons of turpentine with one-quarter cup of salt and scrub away the stain with a nylon brush; or two, wet the stained surface, sprinkle a layer of dishwashing powder over the area, let it sit for an hour and then scrub away.

* Composite fixtures are tougher to damage than fiberglass. Dirty-looking sinks can often be brightened by filling them with a

bleach and water solution; burns, stains, and scratches can be gently sanded away using 400-600 grit wet/dry sandpaper and a bit of turpentine.

* Porcelain, a durable material, must be protected from scratches; under no circumstances should you use abrasives to clean it. If you do, the glossy finish will gradually dull, requiring you to either reglaze or replace the fixture.

* Vitreous china, a baked-clay material used for sinks and toilets, is quite strong but can be chipped or broken if hit with a hard object. It is very easily scratched, so avoid abrasive cleaners, even ones that claim to be safe to use with this material. Use a bleach-and-water solution to remove coffee stains; polish away lime deposits with a very fine (4/0 grade) pumice stick soaked in turpentine.

Larger homes present decorating challenges

More is definitely more when it comes to size preferences for the American home. Home measurements have increased by 50 percent over the last 30 years.

In the year 2000, the average U.S. home boasted 2,265 square feet of living space, compared to a 1,500-square-foot average in 1970.

The trend toward larger abodes is expected to continue in the next 10 years, industry leaders predict.

The wide variety of well-

proportioned, stylish furnishings available today provides a host of solutions to these modern dilemmas.

* Select furnishings with a sense of depth and weight. Sturdy bookcases, hard-working entertainment centers and roomy computer desks add substance and solidity without bulkiness.

* Look for generously sized furnishings that won't be dwarfed by the room's dimensions. A

large-scale home entertainment wall unit can expand to hold today's popular 36 to 50 1/2-inch large screen TVs, instantly creating a king-sized home theater.

* Choose accessories that have scale and substance. For example, hand-woven rugs and other bold textiles make ideal wall hangings because their rich textures and complex patterns can make a dramatic statement in a large setting.

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Dear Mr. Myers:

We have been trying to sell our home for two months, but so far we haven't had any luck. We must move across the country so that my husband can start a new job in October, and we have been thinking about renting our current home out to tenants while we con-

tinue to search for a buyer. What do you think of this idea?

Answer: It would probably be better to slash your home's asking price now to induce a quick sale instead of renting it to tenants while you continue to seek a buyer.

You don't have much time to find a tenant if you must move out of the state by October, and managing the property from several hundred miles away could be a nightmare. You could hire a management company to do the work for you, but that would mean paying the company a fee that would gobble up a sizeable chunk of the property's rental income.

Equally important, there's no way to guarantee that the tenants who rent your current home would cooperate with the real estate agent who is trying to sell it. You could miss a golden opportunity to sell the property if the agent wants to bring a potential buyer over, but the tenant doesn't want to be bothered with uninvited guests.

If you decide to rent to tenants anyway, instead of slashing your asking price, tell each rental

applicant that you will expect their full cooperation when it comes to showing the property to buyers. Though a standard lease agreement requires renters to provide a landlord or his representative (such as a real estate agent or manager) "reasonable access" to the property, give yourself an extra layer of protection by adding an addendum to the lease that clearly states when your sales agent can bring over potential buyers. Including such an addendum will help to prevent confusion and provide you with a little extra legal ammunition if you must later take an uncooperative tenant to court.

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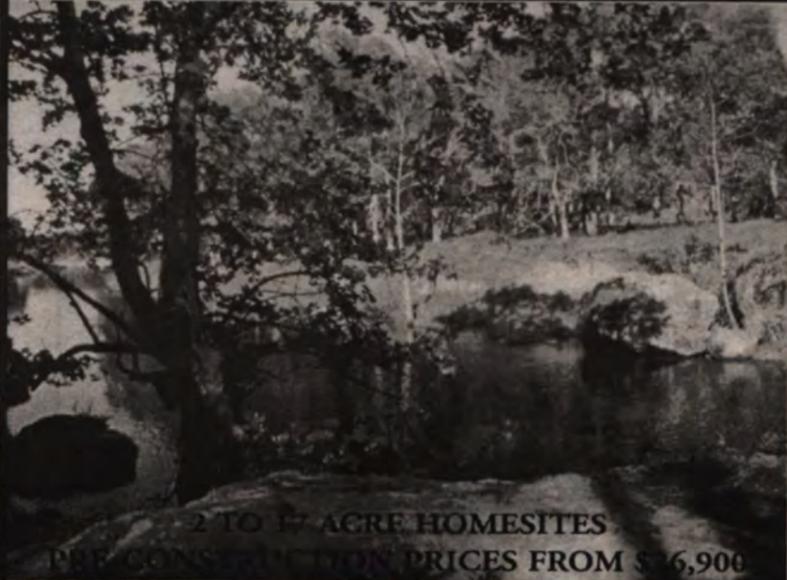
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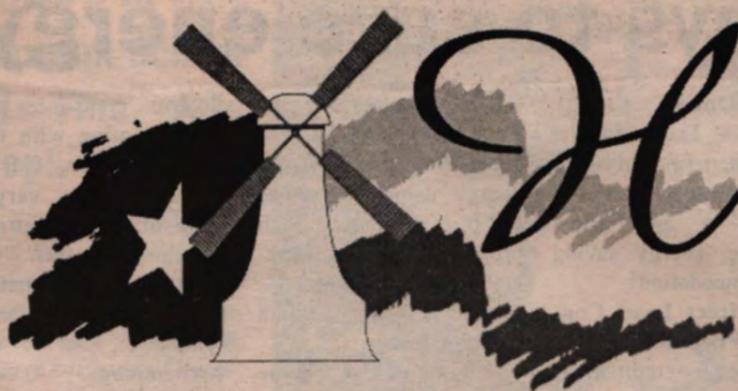
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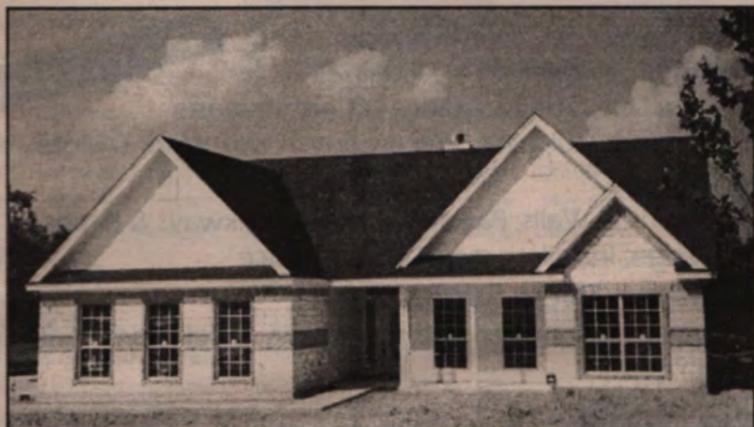
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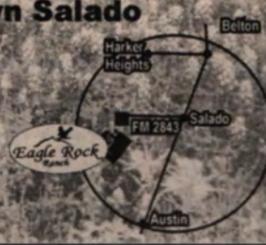
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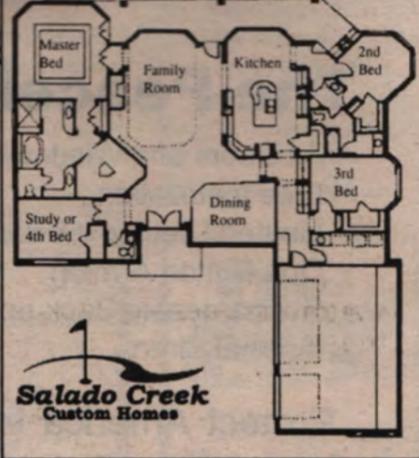
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- \$225,000 - Colonial home, 2 story, tall white columns.
- \$230,000 - 4 BR/3BA, 2 living in Mill Creek Springs. Under Contract
- \$248,700 - 3 BR, 2 BA & gameroom. Austin stone home with wrap around porch.
- \$289,500 - Show place in Royal Oaks overlooking spacious backyard.
- \$295,000 - 8. acres, lighted arena, two metal barns, Austin Stone home.
- \$299,000 - On the banks of Salado Creek, 3 BR, 3 BA, separate cabin.
- \$299,021 - Elegant home within walking distance of downtown Salado.
- \$329,000 - Custom home in Royal Oaks. 3 BR, 3-1/2 BA.
- \$365,000 - Texas style home with wrap around porch on 19+ acres.
- \$400,000 - Mill Creek native stone on 1.4 acres. Heated pool w/cabana.
- \$1,100,000 - Home on 146 acres of wooded countryside, barns, sheds, water well.

Commercial Property

- 3 acres along I-35, at Amity West.
- \$150,000 - Prime location on Main Street. 2 BR, 1 BA. Lots of potential.
- \$250,000 - Six beautiful furnished apartments in Mill Creek with Creek View. Good income history.
- \$400,000 - Commercial building on I-35 frontage road & 2 mobile homes on 1.86 acres.
- \$429,000 - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- \$650,000 - Main Street. Commercial property w/large showroom, office, apartment and rental office space.

Acreage Available

- 150 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- 90 acres on Lampasas River, with 1 mile of river frontage, many pecan trees and old frame house.
- 22 acres on Loop 121 in Belton many possible uses, has water & sewer.
- 23.4 acres 14 miles S. of Killeen, All woods, good hunting. \$75,000.
- 10+ acre tract in Hilltop View Farms off FM 2115. \$5,500 per acre.
- 8.77 acres on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- 5+ acres Windmill Hill.
- 3 acres, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake.
- Windy Hill Ranch - Lovely 2 acre home sites with lake and mountain views, highly restricted, well located, Salado schools.

Lots

- Mill Creek Lots
- Chisholm Trail - \$26,900
- Winner's Circle - \$50-\$58,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$36,000
- Other Lots
- Amanda Circle (2 lots) - \$9,500 each
- 808 Mill Creek Dr. - \$30,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30-\$75,000
- Royal Oaks - \$30,000



\$163,500 - New Listing! Dramatic 13' entry allows spectacular view of wooded backyard thru the large windows of the family room. White and bright with cut Berber carpet and light hardwood floors. Elegant Master bath with lots of glass blocks for added light.



\$365,000 - Beautiful country setting. Texas-styled home with wrap-around porch. 19+ acres fenced and cross-fenced. Master suite downstairs with 3 BR & 2 BA upstairs. Formal living & dining makes this home perfect for entertaining. Detached 2 car garage with game room above garage. Recently updated with fresh paint & wood floor. Fruit trees, greenhouse & shed.



\$225,000 - New Listing! This colonial home welcomes you thru 2 story tall white columns. One of the first of Mill Creek's estates, you will enjoy ample room this home provides as well as the 3/4 acre premium lot!



\$250,000 - Six beautiful well located apartments in Mill Creek with creek view. Native stone with metal roof, well done interior & totally furnished. Excellent rental property with good history of income.

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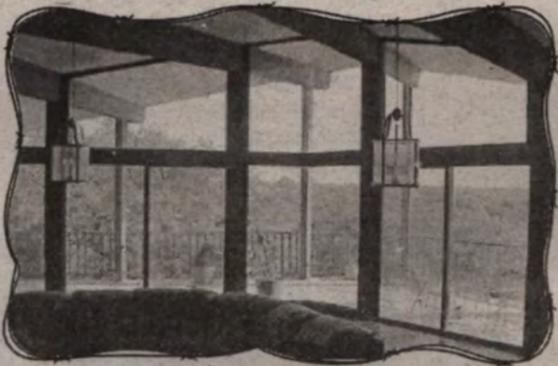
Classic restored railroad depot with tank on 16 rolling Hill Country acres. 3+ bedrooms, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, original beams, floors and windows in addition a 2 car garage with a tack room, workshop and three stalls. A must see!! **\$449,000.**



"Tee in Mill Creek" 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, exercise room, large shop, beautiful landscaped on #2 at Mill Creek. A must see! **\$249,000.**



Charming country cottage secluded on 2 acres covered with large native trees. Small guest room in garage. **\$160,000.** Additional acreage available.



Secluded Spanish style rock home with clay roof on 3 acres. Gorgeous hilltop view of Salado, open porches, 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths 3 half baths, 3 car garage, pool and guests quarters. A beautiful MUST see! **\$450,000.**



Custom southern plantation style home on 60 acres. This two story main house offers formal living, dining, large den, 3 BR, 2 full bath and 2 half bath. Guest house has bedroom, full bath living and kitchen. Property is fully fenced and has a 2 stall barn. **\$595,000.**



Backed up to the 14th Fairway, this 3/2 home has an excellent location in Mill Creek. Features include a formal living/dining combo, breakfast room, covered patio deck and sprinkler system. **\$219,000.**



Beautiful, 1 year old, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, rock with metal roof home, fireplace, large kitchen, 2 living areas, setting on 7 acres with large oak trees. **\$299,500.**



3/2.5 on beautiful tree covered 10 acres with large 4 bedroom, 3 bath, rock with metal roof home, fireplace, large kitchen, 2 living areas, setting on 7 acres with large oak trees.



Looking for a home with a lot of character and personality? This 2 story 3/2 with 2 living and 2 dining area in Mill Creek should be first on your list. **\$145,000.**

Residential Listings

\$89,000: 5 year old 3/2 all brick home on the outskirts of Holland.

\$164,000: 3/2.5 in Mill Creek has 2 living areas and a 2 car garage. Features a wood deck, jacuzzi and sprinkler system.

\$195,000: Beautiful 3/2 with wrap around porch on 7 acres. Large party room & 2 stall barn. **UNDER CONTRACT.**

\$299,500: Beautiful, 1 year old, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, rock with metal roof home, fireplace, large kitchen, 2 living areas, setting on 7 acres with large oak trees.

\$360,000: Unique country setting on 33 heavily wooded acres with a charming country cottage secluded in a park like setting.

\$450,000: Secluded Spanish style rock home with clay roof on 3 acres. Gorgeous hilltop view of Salado, open porches, 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths 3 half baths, 3 car garage, pool and guests quarters. A beautiful MUST see!

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TRACT	ACRES	PRICE
1	5.34	47,900
2	SOLD	
3	53.27	3,900 per acre
		30 acre minimum
4	62.06	3,900 per acre
		30 acre minimum
5	SOLD	64,900
6	SOLD	69,900
7	SOLD	139,900
8	SOLD	194,900
10	SOLD	69,900
Lot 1	SOLD	47,900
Lot 2	UNDER CONTRACT	57,900
Lot 3	UNDER CONTRACT	59,900
Lot 4	6.38	62,900

Acreage Available

1/2 acre facing FM 2484. **\$12,500.**

1.7 acre with small house. Center Circle, excellent business location.

2 one acre lots on Sam Neil. **\$15,000/acre.**

2 acres: Blackberry, 2 wooded acres- **\$39,900.** Under Contract

2 acres: Brewer Lane, will allow one double wide. **\$17,500.**

3 acres commercial fronting I-35, 1 mile S. of Salado, **\$79,900.**

10 acres beautifully tree covered with 3/2.5 home and large workshop. Like New! A must see!

30 acres on Smith Dairy Rd. Panoramic hilltop view. 5 minutes to Belton or Salado. **\$2,700/acre.**

33 acres on Sulphur Wells. Perfect homesite.

62.5 acres. Pendleton area. **\$850 per acre.**

928 acres Southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country with live creek and large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.

Belton Area

\$75,000: Near Belton 3/2 only one year old. Easy access to Killeen and Temple.

Country Homes

Charming country cottage secluded on 2 acres covered with large native trees. Small guest room in garage. **\$160,000.** Additional acreage available.