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SISD board sets goals at workshop session

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado ISD Trustees set four goals for the 2002-03 school years and addressed issues of board operations and team building during a workshop session July 8 at The Granary.

The board adopted the following four goals, each with underlying objectives, measurement and responsibilities.

Goal 1: Improve student achievement

Goal 2: Take care of staff.

Goal 3: Improve stewardship.

Goal 4: Improve long-range planning.

Next week, Salado Village Voice will examine each of these goals in great depth, with the objectives, measurement and responsibility outlined.

Former board member Dr. Robert Merrill led the seven trustees, including new members Debbie Aldridge and Trey Little, through the team building exercise, after which the board watched a film on the Open Meetings Act and then discussed goals for the district.

Each member rated the board as a whole in several areas, including organization and efficiency of board meetings, whether all board members are given the chance to express themselves or is board discussion dominated by individual members.

The rating sheet also addressed topics such as the committee structure, using outside consultants and sources and preparation of board members for meetings.

After reviewing the ratings with the board, Dr. Merrill tried to lead the board to solutions to areas of weakness, based on board member input. The weakest areas for the board were personal issues interfering with the work of the board and discussions being dominated by individual members.

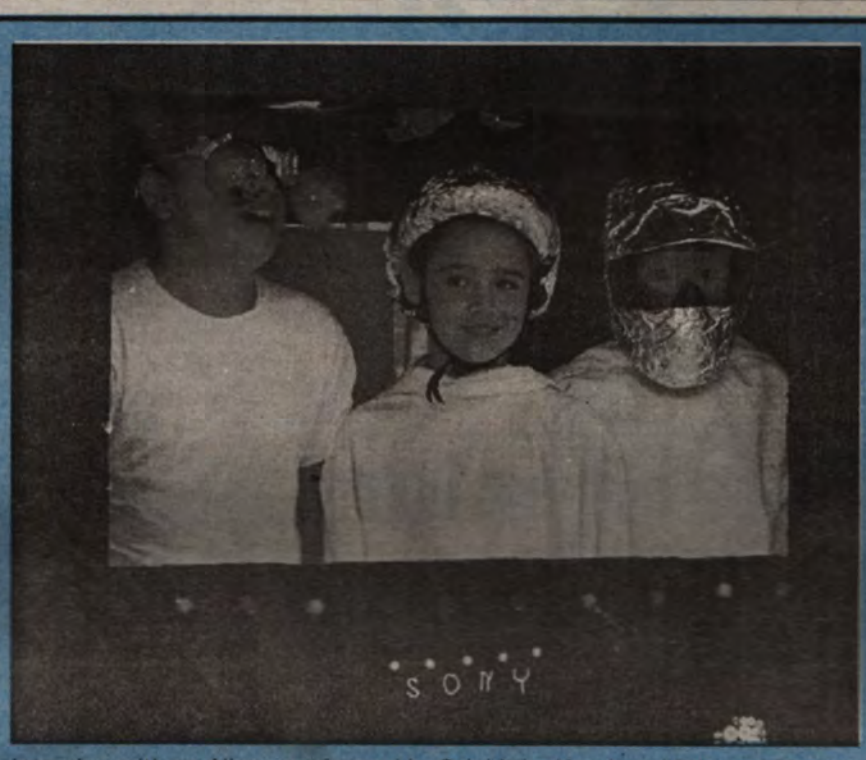
On these two issues, the board rated itself as a three on a scale of five.

Members discussed parliamentary procedure and other ways to limit a board member from dominating discussion and to assure that all members have adequate opportunities to ask questions and give input.

Board members also rated themselves individually for their performance on the board.

Each rated themselves on a five point scale on issues such as participation in meetings and on committees, respect for rules and procedures of the board meetings, knowing when to abstain from voting, being prepared for meetings, understanding the board's legal and fiduciary responsibility, supporting board decisions and supporting the superintendent.

In each of the 12 areas concerning individual board membership, the board ranked four and five.



Interview with an Alien: performed by C.J. Little, Kandace Little and Morgan VanWinkle. (Photo by Ashley Smith)

Space Cadets: SIS home to NASA camp

Rob Little and C.J. Little show their satellite to the group. (Photo by Ashley Smith)

NASA Space Camp is curriculum based on student activity involving the study of space exploration and the International Space Station. This summer, 15 students from Thomas Arnold Elementary and Salado Intermediate School spent 18 days at Salado Intermediate School intesively studying flight and space travel.

One of the differences in Voyager camp is the students decide the direction of many of the activities and experiments. Team work is one of the main goals of Voyager camp.

Along with their studying, the students traveled to Fort Hood to learn about the AH Delta Apache helicopter, viewed an IMAX movie on the Space Station, heard "Rocket Man," Mr. Hornsby of Copperas Cove on the history of rockets in the United States and launched real rockets.

Students attending camp were: Jacob Cahoon, Paul Pinkston, Kandace Little and Morgan VanWinkle, of Thomas Arnold Elementary. Erika Benolken, Paul Boston, Kasey Cockrell, Gene Drake, Greg Faber, Danielle Hazzard, Lee-Wayne Ingalsbe, C.J. Little, Rob Little, Denny Morgan and Valerie Rangel, of Salado Intermediate School. Debbie Wigley, 6th grade science teacher, served as the camp facilitator.

Comp Plan group works on ordinance

Salado's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee will continue work on the draft of the Subdivision Ordinance during a 9 a.m. July 10 meeting at the Municipal Building.

The committee has read through over 60 pages of the draft Subdivision Ordinance, which is more than 90 pages.

The committee will also discuss the technical manual with Village Engineer Mack Parker. The Village of Salado contracts its engineering services through Rohrning, Parker and Associates in Temple.

The technical manual implements many of the guidelines set forth in the Subdivision Ordinance for developers building within the city limits and extra territorial jurisdiction of Village of Salado.

After reviewing the draft document with the subcommittee, Dunkin, Sefko and Associates will make changes in the document. The steering committee will make its recommendation to the Board of Aldermen on the Subdivision Ordinance.

Once the Subdivision Ordinance is completed, the steering committee will turn its attention to the Zoning Ordinance.

The meeting is open to the public.

Aldermen take first glance at budgets, approve traffic sign changes, additions

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Salado aldermen took a brief look at the proposed expenses for 2002-03 for the general operating fund and the hotel/motel tax revenue during their regular meeting July 3. The top end of the proposed budget is $513,735 and includes expenditures for items aldermen and village staff listed in goals setting earlier in June.

The lesser budget totals $475,770, which is more than $100,000 greater than the current year budget of $366,534.

The board has not looked at the revenue portion of the budget. The Village of Salado collects revenue from a one percent sales tax, utility franchise fees, and other fines and fees administered by the municipal office.

In addition to a five percent pay hike approved by aldermen in June, budget increases include additional expenditures for park maintenance, a second police car, insurance, engineering and legal fees. An additional police officer is included in the 2002-03 proposed budgets.

Aldermen authorized Chief Alan Rogers to hire another officer, Mike "Bruno" Matarazzo, who has been one of the reserve officers on the local police force.

A committee of Rogers, Rick Ashe and Tom Brown interviewed five applicants before unanimously recommending Matarazzo for the position.

The second proposed budget of $513,735 also includes additional expenditures for office supplies, office equipment and a greater principal payment for the mortgage of the Municipal Building. It includes the cost of a court docket software program for the municipal court, money for playground equipment in Pace Park, and a Reverse 911 system for Salado.

The board will begin

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Village of Salado Proposed Budget for Hotel/Motel Tax Use

Income	$135,000
Administration	
Salaries	$33,000
Benefits	$4,000
Payroll Taxes	$2,000
Dues & Subscriptions	$1,460
Insurance	$400
Training	$3,400
Office Supplies	$1,150
Postage	$1,200
Phone	$1,000
Professional Fees	
Audit/Legal	$1,000
Rent	$5,700
Advertising	$31,875
Sales	$8,300
Events	$5,000
Public Relations	$2,000
Design/Printing of Marketing Materials	$6,600
Research	$1,015
Visitor Services	$1,150
Grants	$18,000
Contingency	$6,750
Total Expenses	$135,000

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Bitter pill for seniors

The Rich Lowry column

Americans age 65 and over spend, on average, about $700 a year on prescription drugs. This is a "crisis," and Congress is tripping all over itself to pick up the tab.

There are indeed seniors who need help buying drugs. About a third of seniors don't have drug coverage (which is not provided by Medicare), and some undetermined number actually have trouble paying their drug bill.

These seniors have to be, on the one hand, not so poor or sick that they are covered by Medicaid but, on the other hand, not so wealthy that they can afford their own coverage. Probably 10 percent to 15 percent of the elderly fit this description.

It would be simple to create a food-stamp-style subsidy for this group and a government insurance program to protect them from truly catastrophic drug expenses.

But merely aiding the needy doesn't do much to please the overwhelming majority of reasonably well-off elderly. For that, you need a generous new benefit for all seniors, which is exactly what congressional Democrats are proposing.

Never mind that a new benefit as part of Medicare will inevitably mean price controls that might end America's wondrous boom in innovative drugs. It doesn't get much more cynical than this.

The prices for pharmaceuticals are not, rhetoric on the floor of Congress notwithstanding, spiraling out of control. According to John Calfee of the American Enterprise Institute, spending on pharmaceuticals is a smaller share of overall health care expenditures than in the early 1960s.

It is true that drug spending has been increasing, but this is not because drug companies are gouging granny. Most of the new spending is a result not of price increases, but of the fact that people are simply buying more drugs. This is a good thing. According to the Manhattan Institute's Robert Goldberg, studies show that every dollar spent on drugs means $4 less spent on hospital visits.

All that said, it is still silly that Medicare doesn't have a prescription-drug benefit. But the problem is that Medicare, as currently constituted, is broken.

Its payment system is so expensive that it creates inevitable pressure for government price-controls on whatever it touches, doctors, hospitals, HMOs (all of which are fleeing Medicare as a result).

Simply adding a drug benefit to an unreformed Medicare — as Democrats would in their proposal that will cost almost $1 trillion over 10 years, will therefore inevitably mean drug price controls.

This will be a disaster.

Goldberg reports that the United States developed nine significant new beta-blocking heart drugs in the 1980s, while France developed 14 and Japan 30. Today, price controls have crushed innovation in France and Japan, while the United States leads the world in new heart therapies.

So, the health of everyone might suffer because Democrats want to pander to the elderly. Would that someone in Washington had the courage to say to comfortable seniors, "Granny, pay for your own damn drugs.

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Week's news full of sound & fury spotlighting Al Gore; State polls; "secret" war plans; drug sham & more

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp

If D-Day plans for invasion of France had been handled like our "secret" prep for Iraq - we'd still be in Normandy and all of Europe would be speaking fluent German!

Periodically, this column presents a grab-bag of political flotsam and jetsam, collected over several weeks - adding up to interesting news for some and nausea for others.

Today's potpourri starts with news that Al Gore, sans beard, is moving not so quietly among his monied Democratic pals seeking solace and dollars for what most believe will be his reentry into the presidential sweepstakes.

Gore is of the opinion that no other Democrat has a chance once he announces his intentions. **In this we believe him to be mistaken.** The former vice president has not shown much class since his defeat, including a recent blast at his campaign's top consultants, blaming them for his loss to Bush. Never once did he confess that it was his decision not to fiercely campaign in his home state. Most believe this lost the Tennessee vote and kept old Al from becoming the White House's chief roomer-boarder.

Democrats have never felt close to Gore. Many would prefer a well balanced intramural scrimmage between Senators Joseph Lieberman and odds-on favorite John Kerry.

Moot point anyway, since whoever gets the 2004 convention nod, will be nothing more than a sacrificial lamb - to a Bush juggernaut that is already **planting** political promises designed to please independent voters - even though the **harvest** is months away.

"DREAM-TEAM" MOVING ALONG

The respected University of Houston's Public Policy Center poll taken 10 days ago, indicates that Governor Rick Perry is losing ground to Democratic contender Tony Sanchez. Since June 1, Perry's approval rating dropped from 46 to 43 percent while Sanchez' numbers jumped eight points - from 24 to 32 percent.

It was during this same 30 day period that Sanchez filled the airways with high priced "stinger" ads followed by less than adequate responses from the Guv.

Ron Kirk, Demo hopeful for Gramm's Senate seat, is holding steady with 36 percent against Attorney General John Cornyn's 28 percent.

The third key statewide race, for Lt. Governor, is a near dead heat with John Sharp sitting on 29 percent and David Dewhurst, 31 percent.

Pollsters and other political analyzers remain convinced that these three races are "up for grabs" since none of the incumbents (Perry, Cornyn or Dewhurst) have reached the 50 percent mark which is considered mandatory at this stage of the game.

SECRET WAR PLANS ON FRONT PAGES!!

It is shocking to pick up the front page of a national daily like the *New York Times* or one of the State's leaders in Dallas, Houston, Austin and find a headline like the one on July 5 - **"Plan Details How U.S. May Attack Iraq."**

SecDef Don Rumsfeld had not even seen the "plan," according to the *Times'* story - so unless it was leaked on purpose - some "anonymous source" is going to be looking for his head and other body parts, in the very near future.

Can't figure out why secret invasion plans are not kept secret. After all - Saddam Hussein can read a little English and what he doesn't understand, his sympathetic buddies throughout Saudi Arabia will be happy to fill in the blanks.

If we had been this careless with our D-Day plans for the invasion of France - we would still be in Normandy and the rest of Europe would be speaking fluent German!

BERMUDA'S TAX HAVEN GIVEN GOP ASSIST

This column has complained bitterly about the sneaky schemes American corporations are using to avoid paying their income taxes.

These cheats simply go to Bermuda or other Caribbean safe-havens, register their company, rent a post office box and **"voila" - Uncle Sam's tax bite disappears.**

Billions are lost and many in Congress are furious - well, some in Congress. Actually, there is a House proposal that would plug the off-shore tax loophole. Only problem is that whenever the plan comes up in committee - **Republican members take "French leave" and the bill remains grounded.**

President Bush favors this plan to stop tax evaders or so he says. If true, he needs to "wood-shed" the "bought and paid for" lawmakers still doing the bidding of these "untaxed" corporations.

A word from the "boss" and the bill would become law. Our question - why the stalling?

DRUG BILL IS SICK JOKE

Remember the solid campaign promises going back to George the First's administration (and to a lesser degree during the Carter-Reagan days), that gave some hope to our elderly citizenry concerning their mounting prescription drug bills?

"Help is on the way" was the motto of George II's campaign, however, the promised (and needed) help for the old folks has again been side-tracked, only this time through a vicious partisan ploy that may come home to haunt the Republicans - as it should.

Late in June, GOPers ramrodded a budget-busting bill through the House of Representatives, that would cover 40 million elderly through private insurance policies. It would pay over half the cost of today's outlandishly high priced prescription drugs.

The vote, (along party lines 221-208), **sent the $350 billion bill to the Senate where it will die as planned.** At least House Repubs and the Prez believe that to be the case due to the high cost factor.

Beltway insiders quickly discerned what was behind the flim-flam. It was **created to give maximum cover for GOP House members running for reelection and maximum damage to Demos** who properly voted against the deceptive drug bill.

Not a single Republican would want the bill to become law. Way too expensive, but the point was to give GOPers something to brag about during the Fall campaigns - even if it was created through a despicable subterfuge.

Meantime - many seniors have to choose between food or drugs - which is criminal and worthy of recalling any and all who would promote these sorts of sick shams, especially on our older citizens.

That's -30-

Time for action

Your Voice

Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor:

It's time! I have had enough of minority interests trying to change the direction of this country away from God. Now, it wishes to remove "one nation under God" from our pledge and train students not to do a pledge. It is time for a new Constitutional Amendment to be presented to the states by our congressional representatives. The new amendment should support prayer in schools and not to remove "God" from everything our forefathers set out, fought and died for in establishing this nation. If we do not stop this now, we will be under attack in the national anthem, many other songs, wording on our public facilities, etc.

There are 4,543 words in the current constitution, and if those are not enough for the Supreme Court to uphold the intent of the forefathers, then it is time to add to it. James Madison is given credit as the mover and shaker behind the document as we know it. In fact, Governor Mavis from Pennsylvania penned the draft. With all of ing, they drafted the document in about 100 days. Of these delegates, 39 signed, 14 departed for home early and three refused to sign. However, it was attested "unanimous by the states." No one is infallible.

The miracle of drafting this in such a short time had to be God given. But, as humans we make a lot of mistakes. They had an intent that is obvious. But they made mistakes of not envisioning how twisted we can get on interpreting wordsmithing. By the way, there is no mention of education in the constitution. This is reserved for the states.

If we have elected and appointed knowledgeable people to serve in Washington, then their great wisdom should be able to work with the Supreme Court to fashion another amendment. This would put the problem before the states and ultimately the people for a vote. This would give us the ultimate answer in a democracy by the people and maybe not a ruling minority.

The longest time period where we have not added an amendment was 61 years. However, this last one (the 27th) was ratified in 1992 after being first presented September 25, 1789 (this is the true start date). The 27th provides for our representatives to vote themselves a raise after passing through one election cycle. Even though it took them a long time for the last amend- they were able to figure out how to give themselves a raise. We do not need to wait for this long period to think about this. The problem is not going to just go away.

Contact our representatives and let's get started.

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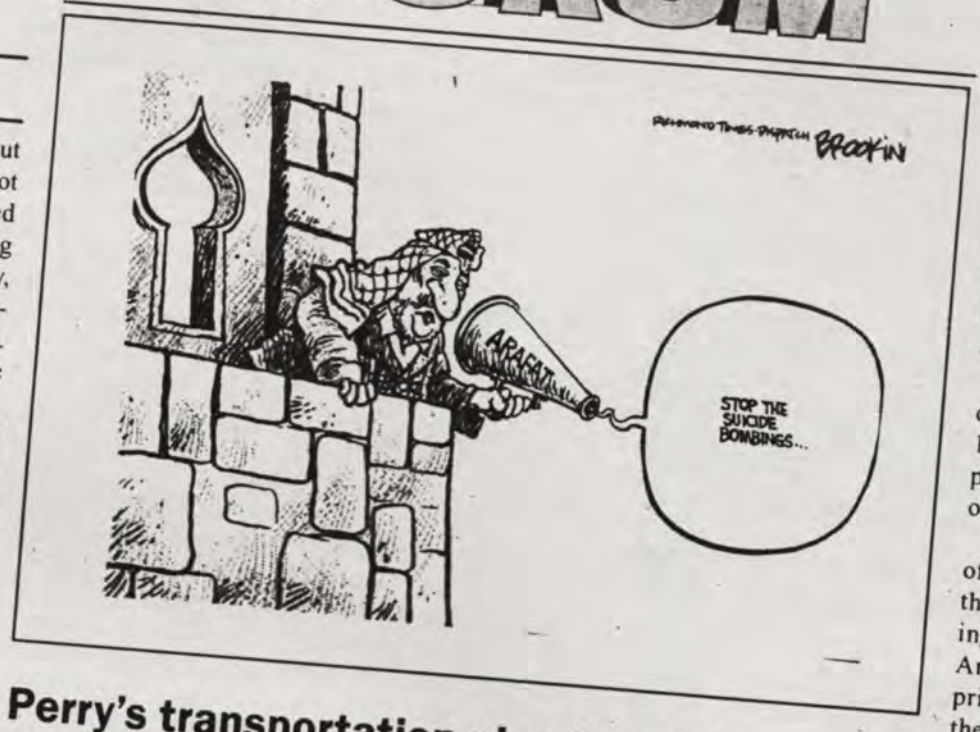

Perry's transportation plan has vision for future of Texas infrastructure

By Wendell Cox

Vision looms large in American history. John F. Kennedy's vision took us to the moon. Ronald Reagan's vision led to the end of the Soviet Union and Dwight D. Eisenhower's vision produced the Interstate highway system, which has done so much to make this nation one and to fuel its unparalleled economic growth.

But in the increasingly politicized environment of [illegible] Rick Perry's vision seems to [illegible] Corridor plan, which would build wholly new transportation networks throughout the state. Perry's vision is the first serious innovative thinking in transportation in a half-century. The Trans-Texas Corridors would be wide rights-of-way bypassing the metropolitan areas, providing capacity for freight and passenger rail. Most importantly in a time of severe funding challenges, the corridors would largely pay for themselves.

Texas and the rest of the nation is overdue for the Perry vision. The state of Texas, like so many others, is suffering from an inability to handle growing traffic congestion. To some degree, this is due to the influence of those who erroneously claim that more highways create more traffic, on the assumption we sit around waiting for new roads to open so we can spend more time behind the wheel. In fact, automobile use has increased in recent decades because groups of people who have had less access to mobility in the past have or are moving into the mainstream -- such as women and minorities. Progress is still required in minority auto ownership, which means that driving will continue to increase at a higher rate than population increases. This is as it should be.

Additional increases will be fueled by NAFTA-driven freight volumes, both by truck and rail. The truck traffic will be diverted to innovative "truckways," which are separate lanes designed specifically for heavy trucks. The truckways will make the passenger vehicle lanes safer, less congested and less stressful for regular traffic.

Freight rail traffic is expected to double or triple in the coming years. Perry's [illegible] already dissected by Perry's [illegible] moving freight rail lines.

Then there is the matter of money -- there just isn't enough gas tax money to build all the roads that are needed. Indeed, it is time to bury the gas tax as a source of additional highway revenues. Virtually all of the highest priority expansion needs are in and around that state's largest metropolitan areas and politics simply will not permit spending all of the tax money from around the state in just a few places.

Serious improvement to transportation in Texas requires user-pay mechanisms, as Gov. Perry is proposing. Infrastructure companies will submit proposals to build corridors across the state and around the cities using toll and rail access fees. Even though large cost estimates are being tossed around, very little of the funding will come from the public treasury.

But there is a risk. Around the world are examples of success and failure in infrastructure development. For example, the Channel Tunnel (connecting England with the European continent) and the new Denmark bridges are self-financing, with little or no government assistance. On the other hand, high-speed rail projects both in Florida and Texas, advertised as self-financing, were abandoned after the firms reneged on their promises and sought significant government assistance. It will be important for Texans to tell the difference between serious infrastructure players who are prepared to take risks, and the firms that have so often played "bait and switch" games with taxpayer money. The TransTexas Corridor plan [illegible] ture industry [illegible] into money that is so needed for better metropolitan roadways.

Legitimate concerns have also been raised, about the viability of the passenger rail portions of the plan. But it is well to remember that the Perry plan is self-financing. If a private firm can figure out how to make money and provide passenger rail service, more power to it. The key, again, is to make sure that the public vault is securely locked.

Governor Perry has articulated a vision that can transport Texas and its people to a better future. It is likely that within months, other governors will offer similar proposals. But Texas has led the way. More importantly, skilled administration by the governor, the Legislature and Texas Department of Transportation will help propel the state to economic pre-eminence and a better future for all.

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Drug companies buy congress

Jim Hightower

Like the interminable dance marathons of the 1930's, the band keeps playing on and on and on.

This band is comprised of the giant drug-makers that want to keep gouging

American seniors on drug prices, and the dance is the same old corrupt-money mambo between industry lobbyists and our Congress critters, who take the industry's money to keep the dance going.

At issue is a fight in the U.S. House on a Bush-backed, industry-written prescription drug bill that would provide limited drug coverage to some seniors, but also would require U.S. taxpayers to provide billions of dollars to subsidize the unlimited rip-off prices that the corporations want to keep charging for these medicines. It's a sham bill to protect the excess profits of the pharmaceutical industry, rather than to [illegible] the corporate [illegible] ing, soaking taxpayers to enrich the avaricious companies.

Why won't either party simply say no to the gougers? Money, of course.

The very week that the Republican bill was being voted on in the House, George W. Bush headlined a GOP gala in Washington to raise more than $30 million from lobbyists, CEOs, and other fat cats to help elect more Republicans to Congress. The head corporate fund raiser for George's Gala was the top executive of Glaxo Smith Kline, a London-based drug giant that will reap a windfall from Bush's bill. Eli Lilly was there to get its dance card punched, too, as was Blue Cross, Pfizer, and other global drug profiteers.

But the GOP is not the only dance in town. Drug companies say that they're delighted to donate to Democrats, too. Whatever it takes to keep the dance going . . . even though seniors are on the side, almost certain that this Congress will pass no bill to help them.

To stop this maddening dance, call U.S. Action: 202-624-1730.

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Needs for young athletes supplied by local sponsors

Salado Athletic Booster Club kicks off its 2002-03 membership drive this week. "We want to make it easy for all Saladoans to support high school athletics," said Booster Club President Jerry Smith, announcing the membership drive.

"One of the great things about a small town like Salado," Smith says, "is that nearly everyone turns out for high school sporting events, whether boys or girls, baseball, football, track, volleyball or golf."

The Athletic Booster Club, which supplements the funding provided by the Salado ISD for the special needs of all high school athletic teams, is emphasizing a single fund raising effort through its membership drive, in addition to a couple of community-wide special events, Smith said.

"Instead of soliciting the same individuals and businesses several times during the year for the needs of separate sports teams," Smith said, "a single solicitation will be made through the membership drive." No additional solicitations will be made during the year for such things as a Merchants' Basketball Tournament, baseball or track team expenses.

The Athletic Booster Club will have five membership categories with varying costs and benefits, according to Smith. Individual memberships will be $35 and Family memberships $50. Bronze memberships ($250), Silver memberships ($500) and Gold memberships ($1,000) will include advertising space in the sports programs. Silver and Gold members will have their names listed on sports banners and receive season passes for all home high school athletic events. Gold members will also receive two reserved 50-yard-line seats for all home football games.

Details on the membership levels are on the adjacent membership application form.

In the past, the Athletic Booster Club has provided for such things as scholarship for student athletes, air-conditioned buses for long road trips for the baseball teams, meal and overnight expenses for teams and individuals participating at regional and state levels. "The list of needs and wants for our young athletes is never ending for both boys and girls programs," Smith said.

Smith urges all Saladoans interested in supporting Salado High School athletics to join the Salado Athletic Booster Club by sending in the accompanying membership application form and their checks to PO Box 813, Salado, TX 76571.

Salado Athletic Booster Club

Return form with payment to Salado Athletic Booster Club, PO Box 813, Salado, TX 76571

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Vote: 1 per membership

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Vote: 2 per membership

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Vote: 2 per membership

___ **Silver Membership: $500.00**
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Vote: 2 per membership

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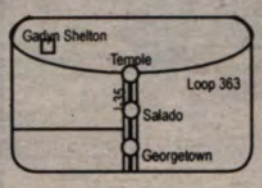

Salado Library directors meet July 13

Salado Public Library District directors will meet in regular session 5 p.m. July 13 at the Salado Civic Center.

The board will conduct its annual performance review of the Library Director in executive session.

Other business includes continued discussion of the progress of the Library District's real estate purchase and discussion of the book sale at the Salado Art Fair in August.

The board will also have reports from the Treasurer and on Technology.

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matching expenditures with revenues this summer, before adopting the general revenue budget prior to the beginning of the fiscal year Oct. 1.

The board will also adopt the hotel/motel tax revenue budget on the recommendation of the Tourism Council. The proposed budget calls for the expenditure of the $135,000 in hotel/motel tax revenues generated by the lodging industry in Salado. Salado levies a four percent local hotel/motel occupancy tax.

Aldermen also discussed a possible ambulance service in Salado. Alderman Rick Ashe told the board that he has been in contact with Scott & White Hospital about providing ambulance service to Salado.

"I read that they were providing ambulance service to Holland and began to find out if they could do the same here," Ashe said, adding that Scott & White "would like to have ambulance service here."

The hospital would require a secure place for the ambulance to be parked with living quarters for the emergency medical technicians who would man the ambulance.

Ashe said that he was concerned about how much longer Belton would continue to service the Salado area. He told aldermen that they needed to pursue the local ambulance service as part of the city's obligation to provide for health and safety.

Aldermen discussed use of the municipal building to house the ambulance and crew. According to alderman Vic Means, the city would need to add on to its municipal building to house the crew. Means said that the city might want to "approach the funeral home about purchasing some of the property between us."

In other business, aldermen approved by ordinance a list of traffic sign changes and additions. Those changes are the following:

Church Street and Blacksmith, erect yield sign; Church Street and Thomas Arnold, erect stop sign; Arrowhead Dr, and Old Mill Rd., erect stop sign; Chisholm Trail and Old Mill Rd., change to a three-way stop sign; Salado Plaza Dr. and Main St., change yield sign to stop sign; Highland Dr. and Chisholm Trail, erect stop sign.

Kevlin Dr. and Chisholm Trail, erect stop sign; Smith Bluff Rd. and Chisholm Trail, erect stop or yield sign; Smith Bluff Way and Smith Bluff Road, erect stop sign; Mill Creek Rd. and Chisholm trail, erect stop sign; Arrowhead and Old Mill Rd., erect stop sign; San Pedro Rd. and San Juan Rd., erect stop sign; Santa Clara Rd. and San Juan Rd., erect stop sign; San Jose Rd. and Santa Maria Rd., erect stop sign; College Hill (north end) and S. Main St., change yield sign to stop sign; Blacksmith and N. Main St., change yield to stop sign; Van Bibber Rd. and N. Main St., change yield to stop sign; Carriage House and N. Main St., change yield to stop sign.

Village of Salado
Proposed Budget Comparisons

EXPENSES	BUDGET 2001-02	PROPOSED A 2002-03	PROPOSED B 2002-03
Administration			
Salary	$27,600	$28,980	$28,980
Benefits	$3,600	$1,525	$1,525
Payroll Taxes	$5,900	$2,800	$2,800
Temporary Assistance	$630	$1,520	$1,520
Dues and Fees	$7,300	$4,050	$4,050
Election Expenses	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
Insurance	$3,300	$10,400	$10,400
Training & Travel	$5,400	$4,200	$4,200
Office Supplies	$3,650	$4,700	$4,700
Printing Expense	$0	$200	$200
Postage	$600	$1,200	$1,200
Telephone	$2,400	$3,000	$3,000
Professional Fees			
Planning	$60,000		
Engineering	$0	$55,000	$55,000
Auditor	$0	$14,000	$14,000
Inspections	$0	$4,000	$4,000
Legal Fees	$12,000	$15,000	$15,000
Equipment Maint.	$2,380	$24,000	$24,000
Leased	$2,000	$1,600	$2,000
Purchase	$139,210	$182,375	$189,325
Total Administration			
Municipal Building Expenses			
Mortgage			
Principal	$4,140	$4,215	$11,080
Interest	$5,724	$5,610	$5,420
Maintenance	$4,800	$1,200	$2,640
Utilities	$4,800	$3,600	$3,600
Signage	$1,400	$0	$0
Total Municipal	$20,864	$14,625	$22,740
Fire Department			
Burn Fee	$270	$240	$240
Contract with SVFD	$25,200	$25,600	$25,600
Total Fire Department	$25,470	$25,840	$25,840
Municipal Court			
Salary: Judge	$6,000	$4,800	$4,800
Payroll Taxes	$	$440	$440
Supplies	$500	$500	$4,100
Total Municipal Court	$6,500	$5,740	$9,340
Police Department			
Salaries			
Chief of Police	$39,000	$40,950	$40,950
Officers	$30,000	$61,500	$61,500
Part Time	$5,750	$3,000	$3,000
Payroll Taxes	$6,000	$13,800	$13,800
Benefits			
Officer Equipment	$2,300	$8,600	$8,600
Auto	$21,500	$30,000	$30,000
Fuel	$4,200	$4,200	$4,200
Repair	$1,100	$1,200	$1,200
Reserve Officers	$2,000	$1,600	$1,600
Jail Expense	$1,440	$1,440	$1,440
COPS program	$600	$600	$1,200
Total Police Department	$113,890	$174,490	$175,790
Infrastructure Maintenance			
Resurfacing	$20,400	$20,000	$20,000
Pot Holes	$10,800	$10,000	$10,000
Other	$4,400	$15,000	$15,000
Signage	$800	$5,000	$5,000
New Roads	$0	$0	$0
Parks	$6,000	$12,000	$22,000
Total Infrastructure Maint.	$58,400	$68,000	$78,000
Animal Control	$1,200	$1.200	$1,200
Emergency Operations	$0	$1,000	$9,000
Contingency	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$366,534**	**$475,770**	**$513,735**

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Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Church of Salado

Worship Schedule
10 a.m. Worship
Nursery Provided

9 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

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Salado Area Republican Women participated in the Belton 4th of July Parade. There was a great turnout. Governor Rick Perry was the Speaker. SARW were part of the float that included The Young Republicans, Central Texas Republican Women, and the Chairman Nancy Boston of the Bell County Republican Party. Bell County Officer holders also were part of the float.

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Sermon Topic: "Prayer and the Name of Jesus"

James LeFan, Minister

Sunday
Bible Class • 9 a.m.
Worship • 10 a.m.
Evening Worship • 6 p.m.
Wednesday
Bible Classes • 7 p.m.

In John 14:13, Jesus says "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." This offers Christians a great assurance that God hears our prayers. But these verses confront us with intriguing information. Jesus says what we ask in his name, he will grant. What part does his name play in our prayers? It is a mightly name, and in this lesson we will explore the New Testament's treatment of that name in our prayers.

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Utley passes away at age 78

Frances Mean Utley was born in Belton, TX on June 8, 1924. She was the daughter of Victor Rather Means and Ola Mae Means. She graduated from Belton High School in 1941 and attended the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. She married Robert Kelley Utley, Jr. on March 15, 1944.

Mrs. Utley was a Realtor in the area for 15 years, serving as president of the Temple-Belton Board of Realtors in 1981. She was organist at the First Presbyterian Church in Belton for 22 years and an Elder in the Church. Most recently, she was co-owner and president of Salado Galleries in Salado for 20 years.

Mrs. Utley's husband, Kelley Utley, preceded her in death. She is survived by a son, Robert K. Utley, III and wife Ann Utley of Dallas; a daughter, Margaret Ann Wright and husband Larry Wright of Morgan's Point; a son, David Utley of Turlock, CA; a sister, Gloria Means Woodall and husband James Woodall of College Station; a brother, Victor Rather Means, Jr. and wife Peggy Means of Salado; a grandson, Steve Utley and wife Melissa Utley of Dallas; a grandson, Brian Utley and wife Beth Utley of Austin; a granddaughter, Wendy Wright of Houston; and six great -grandchildren, Jake, Luke and Abbey Utley of Dallas and Hannah, Emma and Meg Utley of Austin.

A private family graveside service will be held in Belton. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. July 9 at the First Presbyterian Church in Belton. Judy Lijestrand, David Duncan and Thomas Allen will be officiating.

Visitation will be 7 - 9 p.m. July 8 at Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Belton or a memorial of one's choice.

To have your church information listed on this page, call 254-947-5321 or e-mail saladovv@aol.com or fax 254-947-9479. Deadline for Wednesdays newspaper is Friday (prior) at 5 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 115 stays busy with variety of events

Salado Boy Scout Troop 115 has been busy since before school let out for summer. The troop's activities have included an annual community service project, attending Boy Scout summer camp and an awards ceremony.

The Scout troop assisted the Salado Cemetery by placing 200 flags on the graves of veterans buried there for the annual Memorial Day ceremony. The troop has taken this on as an annual good deed.

The boys attended Scout Camp at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch near Forth Worth June 9-15. The camp provided opportunities for scouts to earn merit badges and to practice their camping skills. Five of the scouts were attending summer camp for the first time.

As a result of their work during the year and at the summer camps, scouts were recognized at a Board of Review and a Court of Honor held June 17 and June 24 respectively.

At the Court of Honor, the following scouts were recognized for earning merit badges and advancing in rank:

Indian Lore: Jake Bradshaw, Jaren Dunson, Jon Spinks and Aaron Woodruff.

Woodcarving: Bradshaw, Bryan Corbitt, Gene Radebaugh and Woodruff.

Archery: Corbitt, Gavin Radebaugh and Tommy Schatte.

Environmental Science: Corbitt and Gavin Radebaugh.

Pioneering: Gavin Radebaugh.

Geology: Royce Wiggin.

Horsemanship: Jonny Kendall.

Canoeing: Michael Tracy.

Wilderness Survival: Kendall and Tracy.

Rank Advancement: Wiggin to First Class; Bradshaw, Dunson, Gene Radebaugh, Spinks and Woodruff to Tenderfoot.

Boy Scout Troop 115 is under the direction of Lyle Radebaugh, Jeff Woodruff and Jon Kendall.

The troop has a full calendar planned for the coming year. Some of those activities include the following:

- Fall and Spring Merit Badge Colleges. Boys can earn Eagle-required badges at Baylor and Tarleton Universities.
- Several hiking and camping trips to local areas.
- Day trips and camping trips to work on the Archeology badge.
- District level Fall and Spring Camp-o-ree at Camp Tahuaya.
- Providing support to the annual Salado Methodist Church Turkey Trot in November.
- Participating in community Christmas activities.
- Climbing at Boulders in Harker Heights.
- Overnight trips to the USS Lexington and NASA.
- Overnight trip to Enchanted Rock.

Boy Scouts is an organization for boys between the ages of 11 and 18, working to improve themselves and their world. The Salado troop conducts fund raisers and receives local donation to ensure that every boy wishing to participate can do so.

Anyone interested in joining Salado Troop 115 should contact Scoutmaster Lyle Radebaugh at 947-1897 or Asst. Scoutmaster Jeff Woodruff at 947-5679.

Eugenia Lara chosen as Artist of the Month

For the months of July and August 2002, Eugenia Lara has been selected to represent the Salado Village Artists, Inc. as Artist of the Month.

Eugenia was born in Mexico City and lived in several states in Mexico. After she married, she lived in San Jose, Costa Rica. She also lived in Baltimore, Detroit and Dallas, where she lived most of her life. She moved to Salado when her husband started work with the VA Hospital four years ago. She studied oil painting in Dallas at Brookhaven College with Lois Quackenbush and was fortunate enough to attend a workshop with Mr. Ramon Froman. She stopped painting for a while, but coming to Salado and finding so much talent was a great inspiration to start learning watercolors and acrylics.

"Mainly, she says she would like to thank Joan Hoffman and Sharon McGlasson for the wonderful workshops they teach, and being part of the Salado Village Artists, where there is so much talent. They have made her stay in this beautiful, extremely enjoyable and gratifying town where everybody is so friendly.

Eugenia's art is on display during July and August at the local banks.

Tarleton State Univ. announces Honor Roll

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Student list for the Spring 2002 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Dr. Gary Peer, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

There were 338 students listed on the A Honor Roll for this spring. These students had a 4.0 grade point ratio (GPR) on the 4.0 system and were taking a minimum of 12 hours.

The Distinguished Students list include freshmen and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C.

Salado High School graduates David Kirk was awarded a degree and placed on Distinguished Honor Roll. Others with Salado roots were Ricky D. Billington and Juli A. Jordan.

Arizona State Poetry Society's Contest open to all poets

The 2002 Arizona State Poetry Society's Annual Contest is open to all poets, including beginning and unpublished. Postmark deadline for entries is August 31, 2002. Please send a self addressed stamped envelope for rules and guidelines to: Joseph Harris, 2131 E. Geneva Cr., Tempe, AZ 85282.

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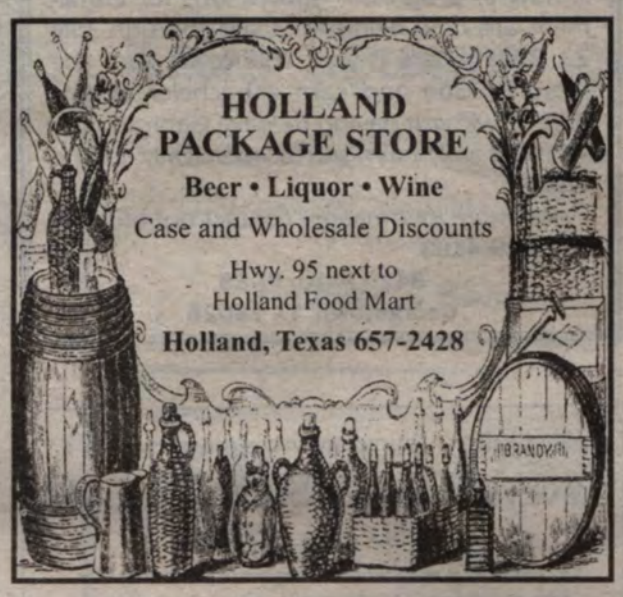

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Salado celebrates its heritage at Jamboree

Salado will be celebrating in style at the Jamboree Bell County.... it is time to celebrate our heritage by listening to traditional country and gospel music in Central Texas. At 7 p.m. July 13th. Slough Creek Productions of Salado presents this musical show to you in a smoke-free, alcohol-free, family environment. The Jamboree is located in Salado at the Salado Intermediate School Auditorium on Thomas Arnold Road. Take exit 284 off IH 35, go west of the Dairy Queen about three blocks and follow the signs. Plenty of chairs are available, but you are encouraged to bring your own lawn chairs for personalized comfort. Concessions will be offered and door prizes raffled at intermission.

"We continue to be blessed with a fantastic house band, great performers and incredible attendance," states producer, Fred Fuller, "We are committed to bringing quality entertainment to a deserving and appreciative Central Texas crowd."

Sponsors for the July event are Ancira Motorhomes, Garlyn Shelton Autos, US 105 Radio, Oppermann's Gifts, TBC International, Killeen's Plaza Hotel, Schrimsher Sound Studio, Charlotte's of Salado, Bubble and Flicker of Temple, The Pointe Retirement Center in Cedar Park, Salado ISD and CAE & Associates (the website host and designer).

The July Bell County Jamboree will showcase the following seasoned performers:

US 105 Radio personality of the "Mel and Dave Show", Melissa McGee Madly on Oppermann of Temple, A. T. Shuffield of Round Rock, J. C. Holloway of Killeen, Sean O'Brien of Karnes City, Damian Green of Austin.

These fine performers will be backed by one of the best bands around, The Bell County Jamboree Band with Richard Paul Thomas on guitar, TerryLynn Schrimsher on guitar and vocals, Roy Robbins on lead guitar, Sharon Murrah on keyboards, Richard Schrimsher on drums, Don George on fiddle and Freddie Fuller on guitar, harmonicas and vocals.

This is an event for the whole family to spend a wonderful evening listening to music that you just do not hear much any more and certainly will always remember.

Event: Bell County Jamboree

Place: Salado Intermediate School in Salado. Take exit #284 and go west of the Salado Dairy Queen

Date: July 13, 2002

Time: 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m.

Ticket Info: $8 adults; Seniors, students and group discounts; children under 12 are free

To sponsor, perform or bring a group: Slough Creek Productions at (254) 939-8560. · Our website is www.allcentex.com/jamboree or email is thesingingcowboy@aol.com.

ABWA Council offers leadership workshop

The Central Texas Area American Business Women's Association Council will offer a Leadership Workshop at Central Texas College from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on July 27. Registration fee for the workshop, style show and luncheon is $10 and is due by July 17. Attendance at the workshop is not restricted to ABWA members, but is open to members of any community organization and all other interested people.

Attendees will be eligible to receive two hours of continuing education credits. For further information, and to obtain registration forms, please call Karola Anthony at (254) 526-0571, or Donna Polan at (512) 974-7213.

Much of the workshop's agenda will deal with the responsibilities of officers and committee chairpersons in an organizational environment, ways to make committees more effective, and will also offer networking opportunities. These topics and presenters will be: duties of the president and vice president, Beth Carlile and Leslie Seidenberg; secretary, Chris Rogers; treasurer, Karola Anthony; special events, Chris Jarrett and Paula McNatt; bulletin and publicity, Nelwyn Persky; education and scholarships, Jan Anderson; membership and enrollment, Marge Frederick; parliamentary procedures, Doris Gearing; special committees, Paula McNatt; ABWA overview, Vivian Lewis; program, Reva Dowell; and ways and means, Nancy Brown.

A style show, "Secret Garden of Yesteryear," featuring fashions by Vive Les Arts will be narrated by Wanona Stallings. Coffee and doughnuts will be served prior to the workshop. The luncheon will feature a German menu, and there will be door prizes and a few special surprises along the way.

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Live bait versus lure fishing

BY KEITH WARREN

"Why do you do so many saltwater shows using live bait?" If I had a nickel for every time I have been asked that question, well, you know the rest. The reason I use live bait so much in saltwater is simple. Live bait catches fish more consistently than do lures.

Now there will be those who take exception to that and claim that they can catch just as many fish on lures as I can on live bait. I have had my share of fishing partners tag along and actually challenge me. To date, the success of live bait has never been beaten by lures on my boat.

There are some advantages to those who fish with lures. They are much easier to come by than live bait and it is not as big of a hassle to fish with lures. But perhaps the biggest advantage lure fishermen have over live bait fishermen is that they don't need to concern themselves with keeping their bait alive. But, if the angler can keep bait alive, (it has been my experience) they will out fish the lure guys hands down.

Coastal anglers can purchase a wide variety of live baits. My three favorites for speckled trout are croakers, piggy perch and shrimp (in that order). Also in that order, is the order of difficulty in keeping them alive, with croaker being the most difficult and definitely the most expensive.

In recent years there have been a variety of aeration systems developed to aid the live bait angler. They range from a very inexpensive battery powered systems to elaborate systems costing several hundred dollars. The expensive systems work very well. They're better for the price that they charge. But I have never found an affordable inexpensive aeration system that works well until recently.

Several months ago a small box arrived in my cluttered office. It was packed with several portable live bait aeration systems. They sat next to the doorway and I never gave them a work out until recently.

Typically, I will use live bait in the heat of the summer. That is when the lure action slows down. Plus, live bait becomes more readily available in the summer. Now that the water has warmed up and the lure action slowed, I decided to give this new system a try and was extremely impressed.

It was 4 a.m. when I was sorting through the croaker at the bait stand. The other hardcore saltwater anglers were waiting behind me in line to get their bait. I always want to be the first in line, even if it means waking up extremely early. I have seen times where the only way you can catch fish in the summer is with croaker. And if you sleep in, by the time you get to the bait stand they are all gone.

I choose the most active croaker in the tank and placed them in an ice chest filled with water. In that ice chest I placed one of these small battery powered aerators. Its quiet motor spewed out a steady stream of small bubbles and the croaker were in great shape. But how long would they live? It was going to be close to 100 degrees and these frail baitfish tend to die easily if they are not taken care of.

We had anchored our boat on a spoil bank and began casting the croaker towards the beach. Fishing was slow. We did manage to catch a couple of keepers on each stop. But by noon we were still way away from catching what we had hoped. But the good news was that our remaining croaker were still alive. All of them. Typically, croaker begin to die off by mid-morning. But not today.

I felt the water in the ice chest and it was getting hot. So I placed my drinking water (which I carry in a gallon milk jug) in it to cool it down. I like to freeze a gallon jug of drinking water and carry it along. As it thaws, I can drink it and it also can be used to cool the water in my bait well.

By three o'clock we were slowly filling up our fish box and I remained surprised at the condition of the croaker. They were all still in good shape. Then we stopped at the spot we had hoped to find many hours earlier. It was loaded with big trout and each cast resulted in a quick bite.

We boated the remainder of our limits and took off to the fish cleaning station. After cleaning the catch it was time for an evening meal and some much needed rest. After all, we needed to be at the baitstand by 4 a.m. the next day.

Early the next morning I raised the lid on the ice chest to put a fresh bunch of croaker in it and discovered that I had forgotten to throw out the remaining bait from the day before. I was shocked for two reasons. First, all of the croaker were still alive. Secondly, the D cell batteries on the aerator pump were still powering the motor.

I have used this new aeration system numerous times in this summer on everything from croaker to live minnows for crappie fishing and I am thoroughly impressed. This little work horse outperforms all other small portable aeration systems I have ever used. It is called the "Aqua Life" and is manufactured by Frabill (the folks that make fine fishing nets). The "Aqua Life" is relatively new and they may be hard to find at your local tackle store. But if you can get your hands on one, you will be pleased with the performance.

As expensive as live bait has become, it makes even more sense to use a live bait aeration system to help keep your investment alive. For more information on "Aqua Life" portable aeration systems you can log on to www.frabill.com.

Keith Warren is the host of Fishing & Outdoor Adventures along with Hunting & Outdoor Adventures, both of which broadcast nationwide! Catch Fishing & Outdoor Adventures from January through June and Hunting & Outdoor Adventures July through December on Fox Sports Net at 6 a.m. Fridays in all time zones. Check our website for broadcast and The Outdoor Channel air times. You can write to us at P.O. Box 310601, New Braunfels, Texas 78131-0601, or visit us online at www.fishingandoutdoor.com.

After the much needed rainfall, the world of critters have been sent scampering everywhere. Let's hope they will take care of some the mosquito population that is sure to multiply shortly. PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

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Rain fall in Central Texas affects crops

By James M. Davis
Co. Ext. Agent

Much needed rain fell across Central Texas last week. The rain will be most helpful for hay and grass production, but came too late to assist corn and sorghum yields. Rain also fell in west Central Texas which has been very dry all year.

The rain did not drown the grasshopper population. In some areas, grasshoppers are worse this year than they were the last two or three years. As a whole, we have not had as many calls this year about controlling grasshoppers, as we did in previous years. I think people are giving up.

The following is a note agents across Texas received from Dr. Don Renchie, Extension Specialist and Coordinator of the Pesticide Applicator Training Program. This note contains a good message for proper use of any chemical.

It has been brought to my attention by one of your fellow agents that many dealers are recommending the use of Asana Xl insecticide for control of grasshoppers in pasture and rangeland.

Please be aware that the use of Asana Xl on pasture or rangeland is illegal. Cattle or other livestock grazing on treated fields cannot be offered for sale or slaughter until all residues are eliminated from their meat, milk and meat by-products, as there are no residue tolerances for Esfenvalerate in meat. The label permits use in non-crop areas only, and then it prohibits feeding treated crops to animals. This means that cattle or other livestock should not be allowed to graze on treated vegations along ditch banks and fence rows.

Producers may be subject to having their cattle or other livestock turned away at points of sale. Consequently, livestock may be declared unfit for consumption. Also, producers may be fined by TDA for use of a pesticide in a manner inconsistent with its lable. EPA may initiate criminal actions against producers and dealers who knowingly violate federal pesticide laws.

Furthermore, dealers who make these off-label recommendations may not only be subject to fines by TDA and EPS, but also subject to civil suits by affected producers. In essence, they may be buying cattle they cannot market until extensive tests indicate they are residue free!

Please inform producers and dealers that there are several insecticides registered for grasshopper control in pasture and rangeland in Texas (among which Sevin and Malathion). A complete list can be obtained by viewing Extension publication "L-5201 Grasshoppers and Their Control."

Orthene released after 2000 will no longer list pasture or rangeland as sites. Rather, those labels will list Orthene for us only in/on non-crop areas. Also, Extension publication L-520 Grasshoppers and Their Control clearly indicates that Orthene is not to be used on pasture or rangelan. However, if a producer has Orthene in their possession labeled/re;eased before 2000 it may list pasture or rangeland. If it does, the producer may use that product according to label instructions.

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Bell County Sheriff's & Salado Police Dep't Reports for Salado and surrounding area June 2002

Date Reported	Offense	Location
06/01	Dog Bite	Royal Street
06/03	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	North Main Street
06/05	Forgery	Mill Creek Drive
06/05	Theft over $50 under $500	North Main Street
06/06	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	North Main Street
06/09	Criminal Mischief (value unknown)	Ridgewood Drive
06/10	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	Salado Springs Circle
06/10	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	Salado Springs Circle
06/11	Assault by Contact	IH-35 North
06/11	Injury to a Child	Robertson Road
06/12	Information Only	Prairie Dell Church Road
06/14	Found Property	Park Drive
06/16	Sexual Assault of a Child	West Village Road
06/17	Vicious Dog	Old Mill Road
06/17	Criminal Mischief $50-$500	Center Circle
06/21	Criminal Mischief over $1,500	Chisholm Trail
06/21	Traffic Accident	Robertson Road
06/21	Burglary of Motor Vehicle	North Main Street
06/21	Theft Under $50	Mill Creek Drive
06/22	Information Only	FM 2115
06/22	Information Only	North Main Street
06/26	Sexual Assault of a Child	Vanessa
06/30	Illegal Dumping	Eagle Rock Road

Public safety campaign increases awareness of danger in static electricity

By Linda Fuchs
Co. Ext. Agent

Stop static is a public safety campaign intended to increase awareness of the potential danger posed by discharge of static electricity.

In January of 2002, the Petroleum Equipment Institute began a process of documenting automotive refueling fires. This was prompted by a sharp increase of incidents that could not be attributed to a running engine or cigarette smoking, the leading known causes of such fires.

To date, over 150 refueling fires have been documented that appear to be caused by a discharge of static electricity. Static electricity is most often generated when motorists get back into their vehicles while refueling. While filling up their vehicles with gasoline, many motorists -- especially women -- return to their cars to retrieve purses or wallets. When they slide out of the car, static charge is generated. Then, when they touch the gas nozzle, a spark can ignite fuel vapors around the nozzle.

It is important to remember to never use cell phones when pumping gas and get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas. If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door touching the metal before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way, the statis from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

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HEALTH

Exercise and proper hydration

by Andrea Wyatt

Proper Hydration is a component often overlooked in fitness programs. Your body is composed mostly of water (40 percent to 70 percent of your body weight). Water is a needed nutrient and plays an important part in the lubrication of joints and muscles. In addition, water aids in chemical reactions in the body and rids the body of toxins and other wastes.

The key to proper hydration is to consume water before, during and after exercise. A great goal to set is to be hydrated before the start of your exercise routine. Try drinking it throughout the day. Continue drinking water while you're exercising to prevent yourself from feeling thirsty. And finally, after your workout is complete, consume even more water, especially if you feel thirsty.

It is recommended that we drink 8 cups (2 to 2.7 quarts) of water when consuming 2,000 calories a day. Additional consumption is necessary when exercising strenuously — which I know you all are doing!

Keeping water with you at all times can make you more willing to drink it, especially if you're not a big water drinker. Have a water bottle at your desk, in the car, or on your nightstand. A water bottle is a great way to keep track of how much water you have consumed. Set a goal to finish a filled, 1-quart water bottle throughout the day. And once you've polished that bottle off, add more and more water until you are consuming the recommended daily amount.

Exercising heavily in warm weather can cause the body to lose up to 2 full quarts of water an hour through sweat (depending on your sweat rate). This can not only hinder your fitness program, but due to a possible rise in body temperature it could also lead to heat-cramps, heat-stroke or even death.

Remember to bring a cool water bottle with you while exercising. Cool water will not only keep you hydrated but aid in keeping your body temperature down.

The results you receive will not only help prevent heat-related illnesses, but will help you get closer to your fitness goals. Cheers!

Always consult with your physician before starting an exercise program. Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S., is a personal trainer with an extensive background in strength and conditioning as well as therapeutic recreation.

10 years of alcohol abuse can scar liver

Dear Dr. Donohue: I am a 41-year-old male who likes beer, a lot. I consume between 15 and 20 12-ounce cans per day. I have been doing so for the past 17 years. My liver tests are fine. I feel fine. I don't drink on the job. I like the taste of beer, and it helps me relax. How long do you think I can have my cake and drink it, too?

Answer: You are already past the stage when most heavy drinkers' livers have become cirrhotic (scarred) and function poorly. Heavy drinking almost predictably leads to liver destruction in 10 to 15 years.

Everyone can point to an uncle or aunt who smoked from age 10 yet lived to be 99 and healthy. Such people defy the odds. They are rare exceptions. The same holds true for the amount of alcohol you consume. You have defied the odds so far, but the chances that liver failure will eventually hit you are great, even though signs have not yet appeared.

The fact that you can drink so much alcohol without falling on your face is not a good sign. It means you have developed a tolerance to alcohol. Such tolerance is often the preview of coming attractions, liver failure. Even normal blood tests for liver health can be deceiving. Don't bank on them to give assurance that alcohol is not taking its toll.

The last days of one who suffers from liver failure are not pleasant. The abdomen can become swollen with fluid. Muscles shrink. An innocent bump produces a large bruise. Veins in the esophagus can burst and cause a life-threatening hemorrhage.

Perhaps you are one who will beat the odds, but taking such chances is not a wise move.

The alcohol report gives the good and bad sides of drinking. Readers can order a copy by writing to: Dr. Donohue, No. 42W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

Dear Dr. Donohue: My friend says that tobacco companies previously added drugs to cigarettes to make people addicted, and that is the reason they are paying millions of dollars in fines. I say that cigarettes are likened to addicting drugs, but no drug was ever added to them. Who is right?

Answer: You are right. There is no need to add a drug to cigarettes. The nicotine they contain is an addicting substance in itself. Cigarettes are addicting, but they are addicting because of substances in the tobacco leaf.

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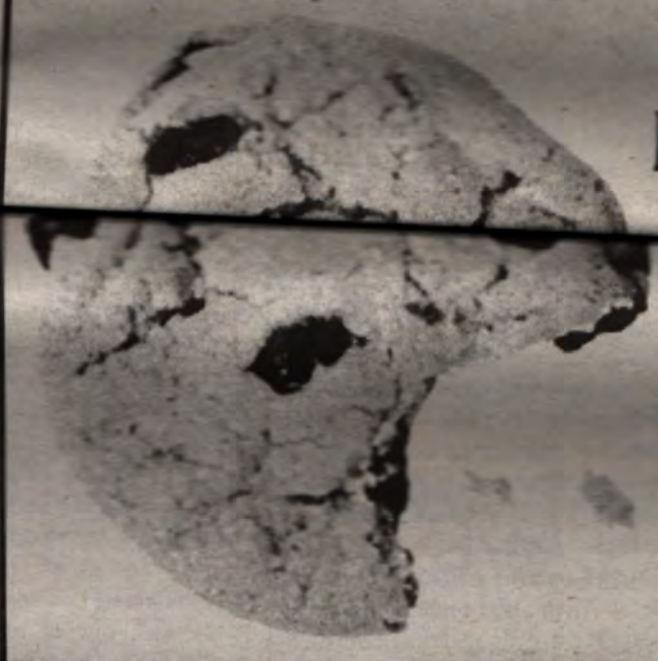

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Right surgeons, asking questions leads to successful cosmetic surgery

As you look in the mirror, are you starting to become aware of fine lines? Have you noticed a few less hairs on the top of your head? Are you starting to see that your skin doesn't look as smooth as it did in your 20s and early 30s? Have you wondered what, if anything, you can do to turn back the hands of time? Fortunately, by visiting your dermatologist's office, you can learn about the latest advances in cosmetic surgery which will help you look and feel years younger.

"Over the last decade, dermatologists have been the pioneers in safe and effective renewal of the skin," said dermatologist Harold J. Brody, MD, Clinical Professor of Dermatology, Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia. "Advances in lasers to remove unwanted hair; injectable fillers to improve scarring; and chemical peels to treat aging skin are just a few examples of the advances developed by dermatologists."

Why should you choose a dermatologist for a cosmetic procedure? Dermatologists are surgeons who have received extensive education and training and have safely performed thousands of cosmetic surgery procedures. One such cosmetic procedure, tumescent liposuction, was developed and refined by dermatologists. This procedure, which doesn't require the use of general anesthesia, is currently the standard of care for the removal of fat that is unresponsive to diet or exercise

While considering whether or not to have cosmetic surgery may not be a decision you make overnight, choosing a qualified dermatologist to perform the procedure is very important. Deciding if a doctor is right for you, the American Academy of Dermatology recommends that patients ask the following questions:

1. What are the doctor's credentials? Is he/she a board-certified dermatologist or other appropriately trained surgeon?

2. How many of these cosmetic surgery procedures has the physician performed?

3. What results can be expected? How long is the recuperation period? Ask to see before and after photos of previous patients.

4. What are the risks?

5. Where is the cosmetic surgery usually performed?

6. What is the cost?

According to Dr. Brody, "The consumer should know that for patient safety, a well informed patient and a skilled dermatologist are always the best prescription for a successful outcome."

For more information, contact the American Academy of Dermatology at 1-888-462-DERM or visit our web site at www.aad.org.

100 million americans fighting war against snore

It's been more than 35 years since Debbie Smith has had a good night's sleep. That's how long she's been married to a snorer. And, while she loves her husband, his constant "sawing wood" places Debbie among the 62 percent of adult Americans who suffer from some type of sleep depravation. (Note: names have been changed to protect the snorer.)

Debbie spends most nights nudging, lightly kicking and rolling her husband over to get him quiet. Sometimes his snoring is so loud that she can't even hear the television.

Debbie is not alone in her frustrating endeavors for a restful sleep. With snoring affecting more than half of Americans, studies have shown that bed partners of snorers suffer from insomnia, morning headaches and daytime sleepiness and fatigue.

Studies have found that major contributors to snoring include partial blockage of airway passages and dryness of the throat. Dryness may also be a factor in the loudness of the snore and if there are any accompanying rattling or gurgling sounds.

More than 300 devices, gadgets, medicines and pills are currently on the market that profess to fight the "war on the snore." Many are uncomfortable, some are messy or foul tasting, and some just don't work. For the more intense snorer, surgery may even be recommended. But, the bottom line is there is no one solution to the snoring problem.

According to Samuel A. Mickelson, M.D., at Advanced Ear Nose and Throat Associates and director of The Atlanta Snoring and Sleep Disorders Institute, lubrication has definitely been shown to reduce the severity of snoring.

"It is believed that surface tension causes tissues of the palate and uvula to stick together during snoring," explains Dr. Mickelson. "When these tissues are coated with a lubricant, it reduces the surface tension and makes tissues less likely to vibrate and cause less noise."

Whether it is due to a partner's snoring or suffering from a more serious sleeping disorder such as sleep apnea, sleep deprivation is not something to be taken lightly.

Sufferers of serious sleep disorders should be evaluated by a medical sleep professional.

Lack of sleep leads to other serious complications, such as impairment of driving ability and lower levels of job productivity. Tips that may help in getting a good night's sleep include:

• Avoiding alcohol several hours before retiring.

• Not sleeping on a full stomach.

• Sleeping on your side or stomach, positions, where less snoring usually occurs.

• And, keeping a healthy bodyweight, being overweight has been proven to contribute to snoring.

If you are among the 100 million Debbies in the world who are fighting the War on Snoring, there are drug-free, comfortable options to help the battle.

Children & fire: Know the risks

According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), 3,650 children under age 14 are killed or injured in residential fires each year.

More than half of the children who die in those fires are under age five and often too young to recognize, and help themselves in, an emergency. Also, children playing with fire start two out of every five fires that kill young children.

For these reasons, it is very important that parents and caregivers talk to children about fire dangers and take proper measures to ensure their homes are fire safe and that the whole family will be able to escape in case a fire does occur.

The U.S. Fire Administration offers the following fire safety tips for parents, caregivers and households with small children:

Preventing Fire

• Children are curious about fire. Keep matches, lighters and other ignitable materials in a secure place and out of their reach. Teach children the dangers of fire and not to play with it.

• Have your children tell you when they find matches and lighters.

• Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches— evidence that your child may be playing with fire.

• Replace mattresses made prior to the 1973 Federal Mattress Flammability Standard.

Escaping Fire

• Install and maintain a smoke alarm on every floor of your home and outside of sleeping areas.

Test the batteries monthly. Conventional smoke alarms require yearly battery changes, while lithium-powered alarms may last up to 10 years without a battery change. Whichever type is used, having working smoke alarms nearly doubles one's chance of surviving a fire.

• Familiarize children with smoke alarms and what to do if one goes off: crawl under smoke, leave the building and go to a designated meeting place outside.

• Develop and practice a fire escape plan with your family. Identify two ways to escape from every room in your home.

• Firefighters may look scary to children. Teach them not to hide from firefighters in case of fire.

Preventing Burns

• Teach children how to stop, drop and roll to minimize burns if clothing ignites.

• Dress children in pajamas that meet federal flammability standards. Avoid loose-fitting 100 percent cotton garments, like oversized t-shirts as sleepwear.

The United States Fire Administration, an entity of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is the federal leader in the areas of public fire education and awareness, fire service training, fire-related technology and data collection.

For more information on children's fire safety or other fire safety topics, please write to the United States Fire Administration, Publications Office, 16825 South Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, MD 21727 or visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

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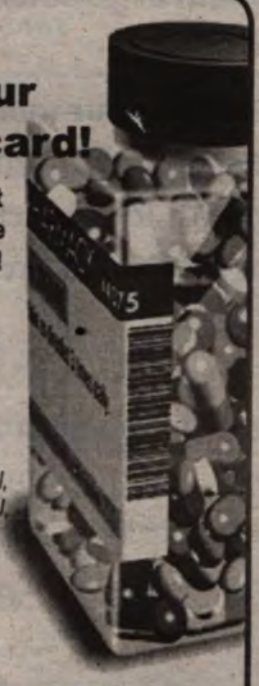

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Saving money on car maintenance

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by David Uffington

It would be nice if we could just get in the car and go, but the truth is that cars need maintaining, and the more diligent you are about tackling car maintenance up front, the less it will cost you down the road. Here a few suggestions that will curb your maintenance costs over the long haul:

• Change the oil regularly, at least twice a year. Use an independent garage since dealers tend to be expensive. If you're not sure you're going to a reputable one, mark your old oil filter and check to be sure it has been changed.

• Change the fuel filter every two years or according to the manufacturer's schedule. You'll spend a lot more getting it replaced once it becomes clogged with grit.

• Replace the air filter and wiper blades yourself. You can buy them a lot cheaper at an auto-parts store. Replacement is simple for either part, and it should take no more than five minutes to do. Replace air filters at least once every 20,000 miles and wipers at least once a year.

• Keep your tires properly inflated. Check them once a month; otherwise, you're wasting gasoline or risking a blowout. Improper inflation also wears out tires faster, and replacing them with new ones is expensive.

• Rotate and realign your tires regularly. If your tires are wearing unevenly, your car may be out of alignment or your shocks or struts worn out. This can drastically reduce the life of your tires.

• Follow the factory maintenance schedule. Your dealer may want you to have a major tune-up every 30,000 miles, but you can stick to the manufacturer's schedule unless your car is not running well. As with oil changes, independent shops can do this work much cheaper. Dealers may tell you using outside garages violates the car's warranty, but this is not true.

• Change your antifreeze every two years. Also check for drips under the car and dried/cracked belts and hoses.

• Have your brakes checked once a year. It's much cheaper to adjust than replace them.

• Use the right gas. Your owners manual probably says you should only buy premium, but that isn't necessarily true. Go for the cheapest gasoline that doesn't make your car engine knock; all octane does is prevent knock. A higher-grade gasoline isn't necessarily better for your car, just more expensive.

Salado ISD awarded grant from TASB

Salado ISD has been awarded a loss control grant of $1,000 from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Risk Management Fund. Grant monies will help the district implement local loss prevention, safety or health initiatives. A total of almost $170,000 was awarded by the Fund to 188 public school districts and education entities in this year's program.

Edwin Thompson presents Dr. Battershell with grant.

"Now in its fifth year, the grant program helps Fund members address the crucial issue of loss prevention in the workplace," said Edwin Thompson, TASB loss control director. "The Fund is dedicated to partnering with its members to save valuable resources by eliminating or reducing hazardous exposures and preventing losses in all risk management program areas. We want to do everything we can to help educate staff, provide for a healthier workforce and prevent on-the-job injuries. We are very proud of the fact that the fund has awarded 377 grants totaling more than $800,000 since the program was started in 1998."

The 2002 grants were awarded to 83 school districts, two education cooperatives, one education service center, one college and one county appraisal district. Grants covered personal protective equipment, mechanical lifting devices, and fall protection equipment. Many focused on defensive driving, first-aid/CPR courses, blood borne pathogen kits, electrical safety, fire protection and school security equipment. Other districts were awarded funds to provide supervisor training in hiring, firing and documentation and some will use their grant to produce employee handbooks.

"Competition has significantly increased each of the five years the grant program has been offered and this year was certainly no exception," Thompson said. "The review and evaluation process required the entire month of May and was extremely difficult given the number of well-justified applications submitted."

"Raising awareness and reducing injuries and losses is a win-win situation that saves valuable resources and increases productivity. The grant program continues to be an integral part of the Fund's overall effort to help our members achieve their loss control objectives," Thompson said. "Grant applicants did a fantastic job analyzing their specific needs, and we applaud them for their commitment to loss prevention in their organizations. We believe the grant program will have a positive effect on participating districts and education entities, and the Fund is dedicated to providing continued support of their efforts."

The TASK Risk Management Fund, created in partnership with Texas school districts in 1974, provides the most comprehensive risk management coverage available, as well as a wide range of services in the areas of workers' compensation, property/casualty, unemployment compensation and employee benefits.

The Fund's focus, financial strength, and stability combine with members' commitment to create one of the strongest public risk management pools in the state. More than 1,100 school districts, education cooperatives, junior colleges, education service centers and county appraisal districts participate in one or more of the Fund's programs.

TASB is a statewide non-profit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of $26 billion and employ nearly 600,000 people.

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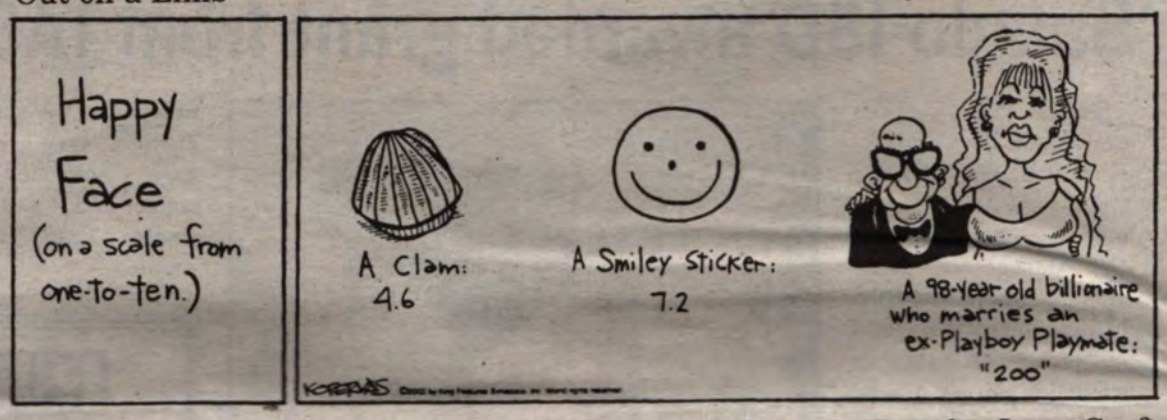

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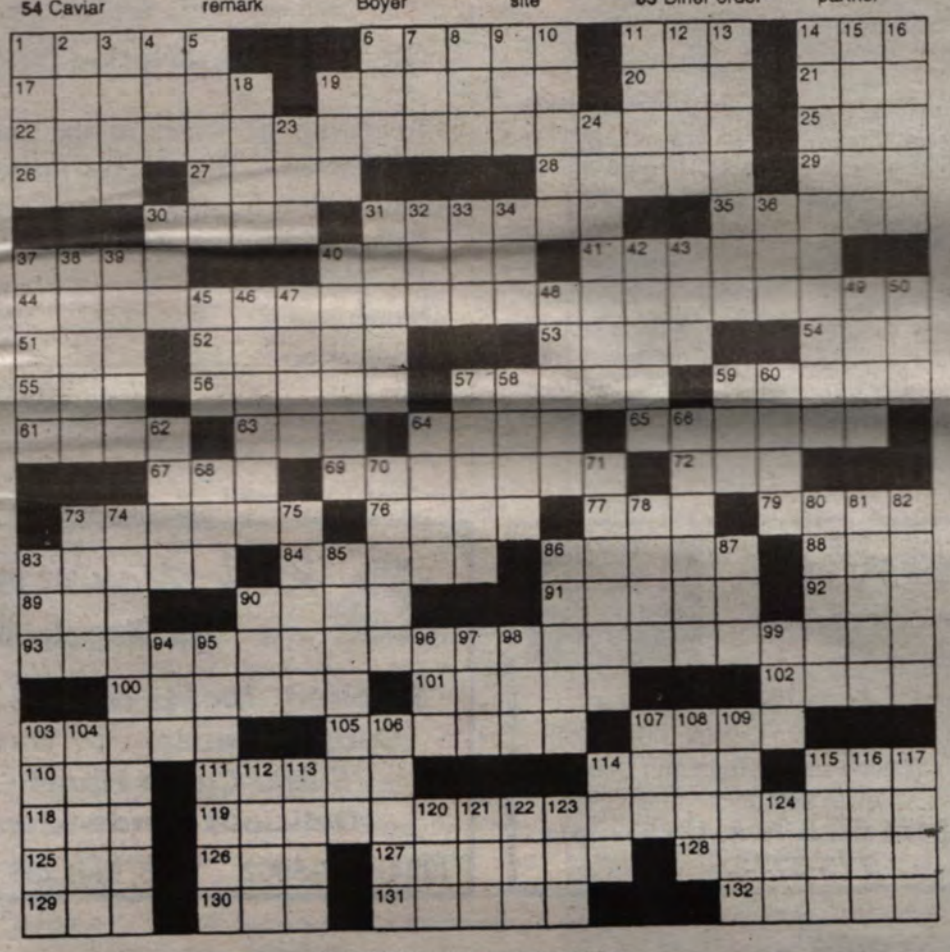

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Historian touts county guide

By Tim Fleischer
Editor-in-Chief

Local historian Patty Benoit talked about historical and genealogical research in Bell County and the publication of a new resource guide during the July 2 meeting of the Salado Rotary Club.

The guide, Bell County Historical Resources, is published by the Bell County Historical Commission, edited by Benoit.

"The Historical Commission is appointed by the County Commissioners' Court," Benoit said. "It receives an annual stipend from the county to achieve its goal of preserving Bell County history."

Benoit spoke about the richness of Bell County history, including the impact of the railroad on the county and the state, medical facilities and Ft. Hood.

"Holland was recently named as the population center of the state," she said, "which confirms something we already knew. Bell County is the center of Texas."

The guide is a valuable resource for anyone doing research on history or genealogy in Bell County.

The guide includes information on what public records are available and where to find them within the county. Also, what records can be found on microfilm through the inter-library loan program.

It also has information on archives, museums, public libraries and academic libraries.

The resource guide includes a bibliography of books and articles concerning the history of Bell County. The bibliography has over 200 titles, including special editions of newspapers, theses, articles and books.

The last page of the book has a photo of the headstone of a grave in Temple, which reads "Dr. Zadok W. Casey, Nov. 6, 1856-Mar. 29, 1940. He was sure crowned, a man who lived above the fog in private and public life."

The guide is available at Fletcher's Books in Salado, as well as the Railroad and Pioneer Heritage Museum in Temple and the Bell County Museum in Belton. It is $8 when purchased in person or $10 shipped. To have a copy shipped, mail payment with mailing address to Bell County Historical Commission, PO Box 712, Belton, TX 76513.

CTC offers short summer courses in finance, tapestry

This summer, Central Texas College Continuing Education department will offer the following short, non-credit courses:

Financial Focus for Women - This course covers financial issues specific to women. Learn how to strengthen your credit, improve cash flow, invest for growth and/or income, manage taxes and pass along more wealth to heirs. The information covered in this class is essential, since women often live longer than men and find themselves the sole manager of their estate. Bring $2 to class for handouts. Chuck Laubach has a degree in finance and is a Registered Investment Advisor who counsels individuals, families, and small businesses in financial and business planning strategies. Class meets July 24 at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cost is $14.

Tapestry Weaving - Design and weave your own tapestry using weaver fiber, crochet cotton, yarn, ribbon or cloth strips stretched over a simple loom. Create a wall hanging, purse, or garment embellishment.

Bring a wooden or metal picture frames to class (8"x10" or 11"x14"). Plan to spend a minimum of $15 on supplies. Jodi Hickcox learned how to sew and spin from her mother, and textile art has been her favorite for many years. Class meets on July 25 - August 1 at 6 p.m. -9:30 p.m. Cost is $31.

For more information about these classes, call CTC Continuing Education office at (254) 526-1586 or log on to www.ctcd.edu.

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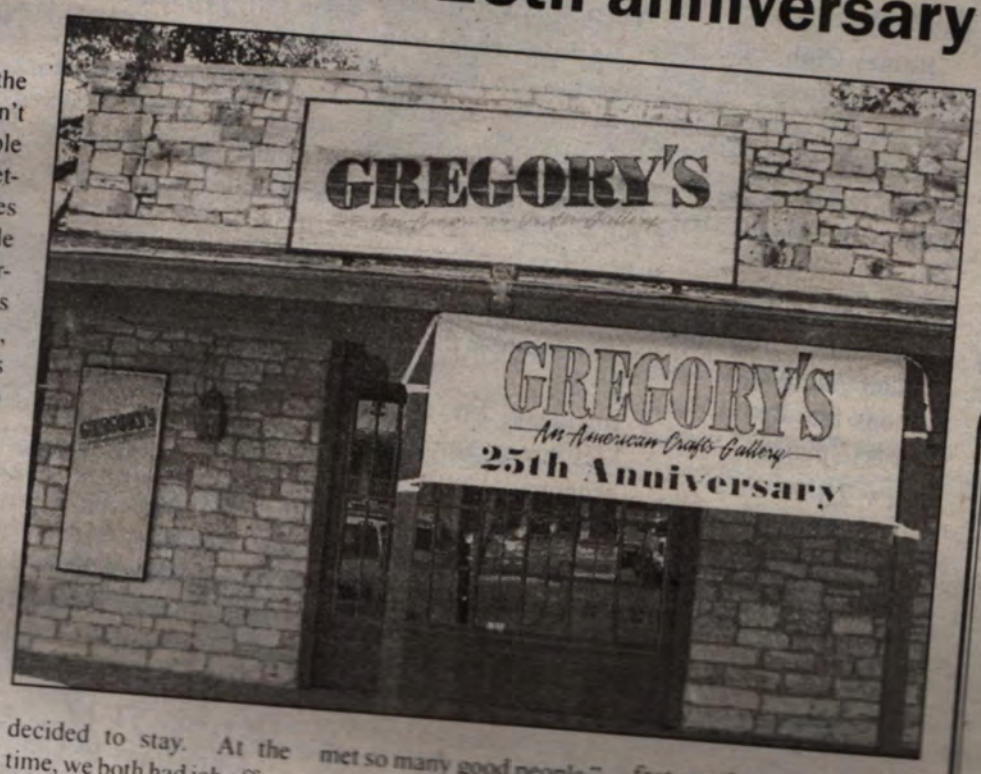
Gregory's celebrates 25th anniversary

By Chris McGregor
Staff Writer

Carolyn Dachs is the type of woman who doesn't stop much. Comfortable at a constant jog, energetically divining the tastes of her customers while engaged in casual conversation, she makes the paces about her store, Gregory's, which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary in Salado as dealers of fine jewelry and crafts.



"We opened for business in June of 1977, as the first tenants of Salado Square, then soon afterward the location was built where we are now. We've happily been here ever since, but have expanded the store some in that time," Carolyn said in her modestly decorated office, which is tucked behind the sales counter in the back of Gregory's. It looks as if it could just as easily belong in her home; just a few chairs, a phone and a computer. Taking a look around, it is evident that Carolyn prefers to spend her time rubbing elbows tediums of office drudgery.

As is the case with a lot of folks, it took only one visit to Salado for Carolyn to appreciate the quaint charms of the village. "My husband Gregory and I came to Salado on our honeymoon," explained Carolyn, "he had a home here that we were looking to sell. Soon enough though, we fell in love with the town and decided to stay. At the time, we both had job offers in Houston, but we thought about it and made the decision to stay here instead."

Gregory recently retired from a career in the civil service, and now pitches in at the store. Carolyn, who still possesses more than a hint of the city-gal sophisticate, but without the pretentiousness, received her of New York. along with their son Gregory, who will be a sophomore at Rice, and daughter Elizabeth, who graduated from Salado High School a year early and will be a premed major at SMU in the fall, still enjoys their jaunts into the big city. One gets the impression, however, that they will always know where home is.

"Being in Salado has been great because we've met so many good people," said Carolyn. "We've absolutely loved living in Salado and raising our children here, it's been great for us. We're serious when we call Salado the Last Great Place."

But when one rubs the proverbial crystal ball and peers those 25 years into the past, the humble origins of Gregory's can be ness. We were nearly ried and had absolutely nothing but an idea." With a little assistance from Gregory's father, the shop opened and grew. "Actually," related Carolyn, "we never dreamed what the business could be. It really is a dream come true. We look at this whole thing as the American dream come true."

Gregory's specializes in feature designs from the jewelry industry's top craftsmen. They offer the works of noted designers such as John Atencio, John Bagley, Diana Malouf and Claude Thibaudeau, among others. The shop also includes selections of All-American decor for the home.

A quarter-century of hard work has done nothday. I love the cuslove everything."

Admittedly, Carolyn readily points out, it's more than a husband and wife show. "We have the greatest employees," Carolyn pridefully states, "I think we have four of the best employees you can find." The four Gregory's girls: Christina, Julie, Mary and

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Mondays

Democrats: 1st Mon. 6 p.m. at The Salado Mansion (2nd floor).

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.

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

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

Exercise Class: Next Week - 9 a.m. Beginning June 17 at 8:30 a.m. for remainder of summer at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Tuesdays

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

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

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at Celebration Center in Royal Street Courtyard.

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

Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

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

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.

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.

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.

Salado Education Foundation: Regular Board meetings, 9 a.m. 2nd Thurs. at Salado Civic Center.

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

July 9

Rotary Club Speaker Marilyn Fleischer - Salado Family Relief. 11:30 a.m. at the Stagecoach Inn.

July 16

Rotary Club Speaker Robin Battershell - Salado Independent School District: A review of the last year. 11:30 a.m. at the Stagecoach Inn.

July 20 & 27

Salado Legends. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Reservations required. Theater 8:15 p.m. 947-9205.

July 23

Rotary Club Speaker Steve Rublee - Cedar Crest. 11:30 a.m. at the Stagecoach Inn.

July 30

Rotary Club Speaker David Stanford - Horse Racing. 11:30 a.m. at the Stagecoach Inn.

August 1

Salado Family Relief Fund **Back to school vouchers available** at the Salado Village Voice office.

August 3-4

Salado's Annual Art Show. Over 200 juried art exhibitors at Pace Park. Free bus rides. 947-5040.

August 5

Salado Democrats 6:30 p.m. Monthly Meeting at the Salado Mansion.

August 9

Back to School Registration 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School commons. For all students new to Salado.

August 12

Back to School Registration 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School commons. For 5th & 6th grade returning students.

August 13

Back to School Registration 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School commons. For 7th & 8th grade returning students.

August 15

Salado Area Republican Women, 6:30 p.m., McClure Financial Building, Mr. Jeffrey McClure speaking on the economy. Dessert only. 947-3617.

August 18

Charter Ceremony: The Village of Salado Chapter of DRT, 2 p.m. at Halley House, 681 N. Main Street. 947-5331 or 933-0240.

September 8

Salado First Baptist Church presents *A Living Lord's Supper* 7:30 p.m. at Tablerock. 947-5465.

September 10

Salado High School Band Boosters Meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the band hall.

September 12

Central Texas poetry and prose reading 7 p.m. at Tablerock. Open mic 9 p.m. for those who wish to share their poetry or prose.

September 19

Salado Area Republican Women 6:30 p.m., Luncheon at Stagecoach Inn. Speaker Pat Tillman on American Freedom; What It Means Today. 947-3617.

September 21-22

Tablerock's Renaissance entertainment Sat. 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. $5 adults. $3 child. For more information call 947-9205.

September 28

ABWA Style show 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mill Creek Country Club; 1401 South Ridge Road. For more info call 947-3617.

One Act Music Drama presented by Music in Salado 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater.

Book Fair at Stagecoach Inn in the Robertson Room.25- 30 authors in attendance

October 8

Salado High School Bands Booster meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the band hall.

October 11-12

Christmas in October. For information, call 254/947-5040.

October 17

Salado Area Republican Women 6:30 p.m Dinner at McClure Financial Bldg. Speaker: Bell County Chairperson, Nancy Boston.

October 26-27

Tablerock's one half mile walking trail 7-11 p.m. $5 adults. $3 child.

October 30-31

Tablerock's Fright 7-11 p.m. $5 adults. $3 child.

November 8-10

Annual Scottish Games and Gathering of the Clans at the Robertson Ranch. For information, call Central Texas Area Museum, 254/947-5232.

November 12

Salado High School Bands Booster meeting at 3:45 p.m. in the band hall.

November 14

Salado Historical Society annual meeting 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center.

November 15-17

Team Ropers Association at Wildfire Ranch 947-9988.

November 21

Salado Area Republican Women 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Civic Cente. Gen. Bell, Commander of Ft. Hood speaking on Military Trends Post Sept. 11th. 947-3617.

December 6-8

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. 947-5040.

December 6-7

A Christmas Carol 7 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Adults $5. Children $3. 947-9205.

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With no end in sight yet, Carolyn and the staff at Gregory's open each morning not counting days or years, but a 50th anniversary sure has a nice ring to it.

Chris Ray plays lead role in this year's Salado Legends

Chris Ray will play the lead role of Andrew McIver in **Salado Legends** this season. Tablerock Amphitheater in Salado is where history, legend and memories meet in the epic historical musical-drama, **Salado Legends**.

This season is the 10th annual season of Salado Legends and the 150th anniversary of the founding of Salado, Texas. One of the original songs in the play, "Be Careful What You Wish For," weaves the legends of the Tonkawa Indians, the dreams of Spanish Explorers and the hopes of the Scottish settlers into a panoramic tale.

Chris Ray grew up in Austin and graduated from Westwood High School. He had the lead role in Westwood's 2001 production of "Take It Easy." He was a member of the Westwood ACDA Collegiate Repertoire Choir. A few of Chris's accolades include Outstanding Performer at Texas All-State Solo and Ensemble Contest, The Optimist Club International Outstanding Male Vocalist for Central Texas, charter member of the New Texas Music Works Conspirare Choir and a member of The All-Regional Choir. He won Westwood's talent portion as well as the title of Mr. Warrior when he performed his original song for the annual contest.

In September of 2001 he enrolled at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas and became a member of the Mary Hardin-Baylor Chamber Singers & Concert Choir.

Chris is an ordained Elder in the Presbyterian Church USA and has completed two out-of-state missions.

Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee has accepted Chris to study music starting in September of 2002. He will study Commercial Music Performance with the goal of becoming a national music superstar.

Chris Ray

Dates for the three annual performance of Salado Legends in 2002 are July 20, July 27 and August 3. Dinner reservations for the catered meal are required: $6 for adult or child. Adult show tickets are $15. Children show tickets are $5 for children 12 years and under.

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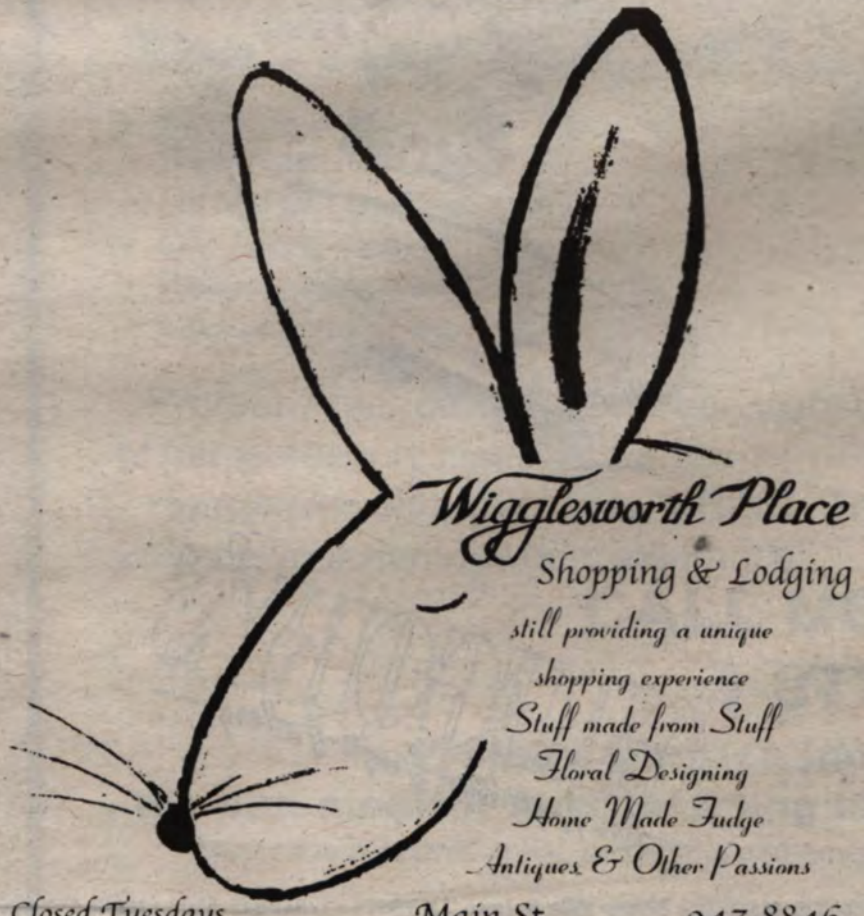

Why baseball is still important

By Chris McGregor
Staff Writer

Rumors of impending strikes. Grossly inflated salaries. Widespread accounts of steroid abuse. To the fan, with the All-Star game approaching, the modern variety of professional baseball leaves much to be desired.

But America has baseball in its blood. It is like a river. It courses and twists and slices deep valleys in our fibers, it meanders and snakes its way into our being. It is not a wholly American contrivance like the hamburger or the sport utility vehicle. It almost certainly owes its origins to the ancient British stick games of cricket and rounders. Seminal American poets Whitman, Longfellow and Frost were all supporters of the game. Robert Frost once said, "Aside from folks believing I was a good writer of prose, I would like it to be thought that I once threw a baseball with some distinction."

But even its here-to-fore unquestioned quality of being a vehicle to promote sportsmanship, gentility, and good-health amongst our citizenry is split like an atom in the light of historical scrutiny. Going back to the 1910's, contemporaries of one another, in time, most certainly not in temperament, President Taft and the fierce Ty Cobb had radically divergent opinions of baseball's inherent goodwill. "Baseball," said Taft, "is a clean, straight game, which summons to its presence everybody who enjoys clean, straight athletics." Cobb, meanwhile, remembered his earliest encounters with the game differently, "When I began playing baseball," he liked to say, "baseball was as gentlemanly as a kick in the crotch."

So it goes both ways, apparently. But therein lies its strength: its broad appeal. It is a game that has evolved over the course of 150 years. Union soldiers passed the time with baseball in Confederate prison camps, and in-turn taught their captors the finer nuances of the sport. American soldiers carried baseballs with their rifles to the killing fields of France in World War I, and to Japan after the second World War, baptizing legions of converts in the process.

It has been a mirror gazing honestly at the countenance of our culture. Whatever the prevailing sentiments of the day, they will be visible in baseball. Take the late 19th century, a period of mass European immigration to the fabled golden shores of America. Lady Liberty did not always embrace her new sons and daughters, though. Heavy overcrowding, poverty, and rampant crime was birthed in many of the major industrial cities of the U.S., especially Boston, New York and Chicago. The irascible John McGraw, perhaps the most cantankerous man to ever don a uniform, played for the Baltimore Orioles and later coached the New York Giants. His teams played hard, competitive, but most of all, dirty baseball, and found that their winning style of play was wildly popular amongst the fans, most of them blue-collar immigrants from the rough streets. Games of this rowdy period were typified by violent behavior on and off the field. After one celebrated McGraw induced melee that spilled into the stands, an entire stadium caught fire, and 11 neighborhood buildings were reduced to ashes. Many an umpire of the day, always a target for abuse, bore lifetime scars courtesy of the hometown crowds.

And the players came from all over the nation. Hall of Fame second bagger Eddie Collins was an Ivy League educated college graduate, whereas Shoeless Joe Jackson emerged from the sweaty fields of South Carolina, and could neither read nor write. In restaurants, the Chicago White Sox hired an assistant to read Jackson the menu. Pitcher Walter Johnson was from the sticks of Kansas and played his minor league ball in the sticks of Idaho. Baseball's only true phenom, Bob Feller, was an Iowa farmboy. "Push 'em up" Tony Lazzeri, a fan favorite for the Yankees, sprang from the slums of New York. The man regarded by many as being the greatest second baseman ever, Rogers Hornsby, hailed from the west Texas metropolis of Winters.

And so as America shifted, so did its national game. At the time of some of the first organized temperance movements, in the first decades of the twentieth century, American children were taught by dutiful mothers and fathers to emulate the implacable paragon of virtue that was pitcher Christy Mathewson. Now much overlooked, the "Christian Gentleman" was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1936, in the very first vote, and was held in unrivalled esteem by the youthful multitudes.

The 20's, a decade of prohibition, bootlegging, organized crime and neighborhood speakeasy's, saw the inimitable Babe Ruth thrust himself into American consciousness, becoming the country's first true sports superstar. To formulate Ruth's popularity in the 20's, one would have to combine the appeal of Tiger Woods, Michael Jordan and Troy Aikman, and then double that number. He was big, brash, womanizing, utterly bereft of moral constraints, and squeezed every possible hedonistic pleasure he could from life. In short, he lived the life others of his era dreamed about.

Then came the Great Depression, which pummeled Americans like a sledge. Men like the Cubs' barrel-chested outfielder Hack Wilson, who had reputed connections with mobster Al Capone, were fabulously popular in their respective cities, where they were viewed by the public as hard-bitten success stories in an age of bread lines and soup kitchens. Cardinal fans had their infamous "Gas House Gang", a collection of hoboes and roughians. The team was populated by characters who, without debate, deserve inclusion in the hall of fame for best nicknames. They had Dizzy Dean, Pepper Martin, Leo "The Lip" Durocher and Ducky Medwick, and they fought and bludgeoned their way to a championship and into the hearts of St. Louis fans in 1934.

At some point, posterity determined to dub post WWII America as the Golden Age. And who better to express American optimism and pride than the team whose name even smacks of patriotism: the New York Yankees. Love 'em or hate 'em, the Yankees, with Mantle, Maris and Whitey Ford won ten pennants and seven championships, and were cheered by a mostly suburban audience, also reflecting an important new cultural development.

And nowadays, ballclubs are truly global, representing the diminution of traditional national borders.

Baseball, unfortunately, has also been a looking glass for America's shameful moments. When Jackie Robinson broke the game's color barrier in 1947, he was the first black man to play professional baseball since Moses Walker was banished from the game some 60 years prior. Black players, and the teams that supported them, found themselves intentionally spiked, hit and worse. Off the field, they endured closed hotels and restaurants, and were on the receiving end of countless death threats.

In its own style, baseball eases men into their mortality. Babe Ruth, lamenting the erosion of his considerable skills, said, "All ballplayers should quit when it starts to feel as if all the baselines run uphill." Confronted with a similar scenario, pitching great Lefty Gomez was asked by a reporter about the decline of his once fearsome fastball. "I'm throwing as hard as I ever did," he said, "it's just not getting there as fast." And towards the end of his long career, the intensely private Yankee Clipper, Joe Dimagio said, "You start chasing the ball and your brain immediately commands your body to 'Run forward! Bend! Scoop up the ball! Peg it to the infield!' Then your body says, 'Who, me?'" The human drama being played out on the surface of a diamond, as theatrical as Shakespeare.

But more than anything else, it's in the children

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Department of Health offers cooking precautions for outdoor dining

Summertime picnics and barbecues can move the food and the fun to the outdoors, getting the cook out of the kitchen heat.

But there can be more to worry about than just an army of ants when dining in the open air. Unseen and often unnoticed, harmful bacteria can multiply in the warm weather, potentially bringing food borne illnesses to the table.

"People need to take extra precautions with food when they get ready for a picnic or barbecue," said Deborah Marlow with the retail foods division at the Texas Department of Health (TDH). "These safety checks need to begin at the grocery store and end with leftovers."

Keeping cold foods cold and hot items hot is the basis of food safety. "When shopping," Marlow said, "buy cold food such as meat and poultry last. Don't let raw meat or poultry juices drip on other foods in your shopping cart; put them in separate plastic bags."

She also suggested taking the groceries home immediately. "In the summer, if you are traveling more than 30 minutes, put perishable food in a cooler with ice."

Next comes safety with cooking.

"Completely defrost meat and poultry in the refrigerator before grilling so these foods cook evenly," Marlow said. Marinate meat and poultry in the refrigerator as well, not on the counter. "If you use marinade both with raw food and as a sauce on cooked food, reserve part of it in a separate container before adding the raw meat or poultry."

For backyard picnics or barbecues, keep meat and poultry refrigerated until ready to use. "But if you are traveling, keep food in an insulated cooler out of the direct sun and avoid opening the lid often. Be sure to pack beverages in one cooler and perishables in another."

Never consume the ice that is used to store the food or beverages. Wipe off the beverage cans or bottles before drinking, especially if they have been buried in the ice.

If you partially cook food in the microwave, oven or stove to reduce grilling time, do it right before the food goes on the grill.

When it is time to cook the food, be sure to cook it thoroughly, Marlow said. Grilled food may brown quickly on the outside. A meat thermometer gives accurate internal temperatures. Beef, veal and lamb steaks and roast should be cooked to 145 degrees F, pork and ground beef to 155 degrees F. Poultry should reach 165 degrees F.

If you don't have a meat thermometer, Marlow advises looking for signs that the food is done. "Cut into the food to check. Juices should run clear. Hamburgers should be medium well to well done and brown in the middle. Poultry should have no pink to it."

Marlow emphasized that proper food handling practices are extremely important to preventing food borne illness, whether at home or on a picnic. Among the safe practices, she recommends:

- Clean all work surfaces and utensils before preparing food.
- Don't use the same cutting board, platter or utensils for raw meat as for fresh or cooked food. Bacteria in raw meat or juices can contaminate foods.
- Wash all fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Use different cutting boards or thoroughly wash and sanitize the one used.

A simple, inexpensive solution for sanitizing food preparation surfaces is one tablespoon household bleach in a gallon of water.

- Always wash your hands. Have a water jug, soap and paper towels available outdoors.
- Serve food right away.

Food should not sit out for more than an hour, Marlow said, and probably not more than 30 minutes in hot weather. Refrigerate leftovers promptly in shallow containers. Leftovers that have been off the grill for less than an hour can be taken home safely in a cooler filled with ice. Drain water from the ice chest regularly.

"Contaminated foods do not necessarily look or smell bad, so always play it safe," Marlow said. "Do not taste food to see if it is still good."

"When in doubt," Marlow said, "throw it out."

Symptoms of food borne illnesses can range from a mild upset stomach to cramps, vomiting, diarrhea, chills or fever.

If you have questions about food borne illnesses or food safety, call the Texas Department of Health retail foods division in Austin at 512-719-023.

Baseball

meaning, and the links it creates with the past. As writer Doris Kearns Goodman says in her book, From Father With Love, "I feel an invisible bond between our three generations, an anchor of loyalty linking my sons to the face of a grandfather they never saw, but whose person they've come to know through this most timeless of all sports:

What we have [illegible] game is what it means to be American, the eternal youth, what is unspoken when eating a snow cone after a game or chasing a foul ball at the local ballpark. W.P. Kinsley said it well in his book, Shoeless Joe, "Growing up is a ritual, more deadly than religion, more complicated than baseball, for there

[illegible] for the first time. But baseball can sooth even those pains, for it is stable and permanent, steady as a grandfather dozing in a wicker chair on a veranda."

Recalling a recent Little League game, there was a young boy coming to bat, swooning nervously at the plate. His left leg twitched with nervous anticipation.

[illegible] sped toward the catcher, he swung with all he had. The ball lifted off his bat and carried high into the misty summer lights and over the fence for a homerun. The expression of the body said it all. But the moment, it carried further still, as far as the limitless basepaths of a child's dream.

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What are your collectibles worth?

Postcard collecting has pulled ahead of stamps to become the single most popular collectible in the world. Although most cards sell for a dollar or less, knowing how to recognize the valuable exceptions can mean the difference between an interesting hobby and one that is profitable.

Postcards weren't available in the United States until 1872. In 1901, Congress allowed an expansion of the postcard, and they quickly became one of America's favorite ways to communicate. Most collectors consider the two decades beginning in 1900 to be the golden age of the postcard.

Some of the more valuable cards are ones designed by famous artists such as Rose O'Neill, Frances Brundage, Louis Wain, Raphael Kirchner, Ellen Clapsaddle and Harrison Fisher. Popular advertising cards include those issued by Campbell Soup, Coca Cola and Cracker Jack.

In recent years, cards made from actual photos have become quite desirable. For example, a series of 24 cards depicting the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904 sold for $75 during an online auction. Others offered in the sale included a view of Denver from 1910, $25; one promoting the Jack Johnson Jim Jeffries boxing match, $325; and a Walt Disney set of six featuring characters from his 1939 film "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," $90.

As with most collectibles, condition, scarcity and desirability help establish value. Collectors are interested in mint and near-mint cards. Age doesn't necessarily translate into value. Floral cards from the early 20th century are often pretty but rarely sell for more than a dollar each.

Two of the better clubs for collectors are the Bay State Postcard Club, P.O. Box 334, Lexington, MA 02173; and the Tucson Post Card Exchange Club, 820 Via Lucitas, Tucson, AZ 85718. Martin Shapiro is both an advanced collector and expert. His address is 60-C Skiff St., Suite 116, Hamden, CT 06517. An excellent publication for hobbyists is Ban's Post Card News, 70 S. Sixth Street, Lansing, IA52151.

Question: I don't really like the wooden chair my grandmother left me, but I don't want to sell it. The chair is made of wood, with thick, plain legs and turned side stretchers. The seat is slightly U-shaped. Its thick arms curve up and scroll at the end. The backrest is the strange part. It's carved into an elaborate and fierce animal like face. When were chairs like this made?

Answer: Your late Victorian-era chair is called, appropriately, a "face chair." These Gothic Revival chairs were common in American middle-class parlors at the end of the 19th century. The face carved on most of these chairs is the blowing North Wind. Your carving might be an ogre, satyr or some other mythological creature. Face chairs are collected today. They can sell for less than $200 to more than $500.

Question: I bought a pottery teapot at a rural Ohio flea market and hoped you could give me some information if I describe it. It has a rounded handle, a smooth body and a plain, round cover with a plain, round handle. What I like about it is the beautiful color swirls in the clay. The colors range from light tan and brown to yellow and red.

Answer: Your teapot could be a piece of "Juanita Ware," a swirled or marbled pottery made by an Ohio studio potter named Bert Crawford (1891-1972). Crawford perfected a technique for mixing different types of clay in the same piece of molded pottery -- a daunting task, because different clays shrink at different rates when they're heated in a kiln. Crawford and his business partner, Greta Corey, began producing Juanita Ware at their own pottery, the Triangle Novelty Co. of Carrollton, Ohio, in 1933. The pottery moved a few times before it closed in 1949. Crawford opened another pottery, named Crawford's Pottery, in Dalton, Ohio, in 1951. He continued making marbled tableware, planters and other items for two more decades. Juanita Ware is popular among pottery collectors.

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Spitting seeds at Luling's Watermelon Fest

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The announcer screams out, "Nine feet, five inches. That's a good job for Jack Bowman of San Antonio." And the crowd cheers. Competition is fierce at the watermelon seed spitting contest at the Luling Watermelon Thump. The preliminaries take place on the grounds of the Institute of Texan Cultures in San Antonio during the annual Folklife Festival. At this year's event, James Fenoglio of Nocona won his division with a spit of twenty-nine feet, one inch. He backed up from the spitting line, took a big breath, came forward a couple of steps and launched his seed with a mighty upper body thrust.

"My technique is to just put it in my mouth and blow it. Of course I have to soak it in beer first. I don't like the taste of watermelon, so I have to get that watermelon flavor off of it."

James has won the state tobacco spitting contest. He has several trophies for spitting.

Chris Powell, one of the organizers, strutted around with a hollowed-out watermelon on his head. It covers his entire face and has holes for his eyes and mouth. He says it's a pretty good air conditioner and works great until the honey bees show up.

"Course the watermelon smell stays with me for a couple of days after I take it off. It makes my hair kind of sticky."

Fourteen year old Cash Emich of San Antonio was the overall winner at the preliminaries with a spit of thirty feet, nine inches.

"Just lots of practice," says Cash. "I spit in the house. I'd like to thank my mom for cleaning up all the messes." Commenting on his name,

Cash says his parents named him that so they could say they always had plenty of cash.

Jamie Nichols has been Master of Ceremonies for the spitting contest sixteen years. He says his city's annual festival started forty-nine years ago to celebrate a good watermelon crop.

"There was a naming contest and a high school student entered the name The Luling Watermelon Thump and it stuck. Of course thumping is the way you test a watermelon for ripeness."

The record seed spit is sixty-eight feet, nine inches. James says that was set by Lee Wheelis of Luling. "He did that in 1989. That's how long the record has stood."

Luling has an official Spitway, made of concrete and asphalt. It is probably the only one of its type in the world.

The Thump has a fight song. Officials sing it at the end of each age group's competition.

"O when I step up to that starting line, I'm gonna blow with all my might this time. For I am eager and determined to show this grand old town just how good I can do. I'm gonna blow, blow with all my might.

I'm gonna send that seed on a record flight. I'm gonna put my name in the Guinness Book, the Guinness Book, just wait and see.

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.

Eggplant Casserole

Miriam Oliver

1 med. eggplant
1 lg. egg, beaten
1 1/2 c. bread crumbs
1/2 c. milk
2 T. butter or oleo, melted
1 sm. onion, chopped
1/2 tsp. salt
Dash of pepper

Peel eggplant and cut into 1-inch cubes. In a medium saucepan, cook in salt water for 5 minutes. Drain. Add egg, 1 cup bread crumbs, milk, butter or oleo, onion, salt and pepper to taste. Mix and pour into a greased 8x8x2-inch ovenproof pan. Top with 1/2 cup bread crumbs. Bake 30 minutes in 350 degree oven. Yield: 4 servings.
Variation: Garlic croutons may be used in lieu of bread crumbs.

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Fall Jewel deadline set Aug. 1

The advertising **deadline for the next publication of Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas is August 1, 2002** for the Fall 2002 edition. The street date is August 21. This edition will be distributed until November 21, 2002.

The **Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas** is a magazine published four times a year by the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper. The next edition will have 20,000 copies printed on 50 # white offset paper. The heavier paper stock gives the magazine a longer shelf-life, as well as making it more attractive.

The Jewel is distributed in every store, shop and restaurant advertising in the magazine, as well as stand distribution. Hotels, and bed and breakfast inns put the magazine in their rooms for visitors to read and take home. The Chamber of Commerce, real estate agents, bus tours, and groups planning to visit Salado are provided boxes of the magazine. Included in the Jewel magazine is a user friendly shopping map of the village. To be listed on the shopping map, a business must have an ad in the Jewel.

While continuing to make improvements to the magazine, we have kept the cost the same as it has been for 14 years. To reserve your next Jewel ad call 254/947-5321 or send in your order form.

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De La Garza shows his pottery at Salado Art Fair

Ross De La Garza will show his pottery at the 36th Annual Salado Art Fair. He is a seventh generation Texan who grew up along the Gulf Coast in Corpus Christi. He spent much of his time on the beaches of Padre Island and in the Gulf waters. This provided the inspiration for his fish themes. Ross graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a degree in geology in 1986, however he realized that his passion lay in literature and art.

While in post-graduate studies, Ross took a class in ceramics which he found he greatly enjoyed. Under the influence of Bill Ray Mangham and the Potters' Guild at the Laguna Gloria Art Museum, the seed was planted for what is being created today. Austin's rich artisan community provides a fertile network and the foundation for Primordial Persuasions.

After early experiences working with galleries, Ross has come to realize that he prefers to market his artwork directly to the public through various art festivals around the country, predominantly in the Southwest. Ross also opens his studio to guests for viewing and sales.

Ross's signature fish (individually named and catalogued) evolved over much time through trial and error. He developed a unique technique of combining different types of clay in the low firing process.

The primordial experience of working with clay awoke an innate sensibility that took the form of fish and serpents, to vessels and teapots. All of these created in a timeless motif reinvented with a contemporary twist. The whimsical characters and classic vessels reflect an inner harmony that Ross is able to project.

Ross has taught the art of Raku in various workshops in the community and schools and has some of his work displayed in the downtown Austin Marriott Hotel, the Horseshoe Casino in Shreveport, LA, as well as many private collections. Ross has also been recognized by national juried festivals which include the Brazos River Festival, the Rockport Art Festival and twice by the Temple Arizona Mill Art Festival.

De La Garza will be one of many artists displaying their works at the 36th annual Salado Art Fair.

About the Art Fair

Artists working in oils, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, photography and mixed media will sell their works in Salado. Sculpture, woodworks, glassworks, jewelry, metal work and hand-made clothing will also be available. Featuring approximately 100 artists and artisans in a wide range of media, the Salado Art Fair has a reputation as one of the finest art shows in the state.

A children's tent sponsored by Salado Pottery will have free creative activities for youngsters. There is free parking throughout the village with shuttle buses to the show.

The 36th Annual Salado Art Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, August 3 - 4 under the oaks in Pace Park in downtown Salado, along the banks of the Salado Creek. The Art Fair will be open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Aug. 3 and 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Aug. 4 with $3.00 admission. Children 12 and under will be admitted free of charge.

For more information about the 36th Annual Art Fair or the historic village of Salado, call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at (254) 947-5040 or visit the Salado website at www.salado.com.

Creative Memories convention teaches how to preserve memories by scrapbooking

Meschill Billington, Creative Memories Consultant, joined more than 8,000 other Consultants at Creative Memories' annual Showcase convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 20-26.

The event was a time of celebration, training and new product introductions to help Consultants teach others how to preserve their stories in keepsake scrapbook photo albums.

Creative Memories also presented a check for more than $500,000 to the Alzheimer's Association. Funds were raised by Consultants through sales of A Time for Triumph photo album in April and May.

Founded in 1987 in St. Cloud, Minnesota, Creative Memories is one of the fastest growing international direct selling companies. Currently, more than 60,000 independent sales Consultants teach others to preserve their memories in safe, meaningful keepsake albums. The program is taught in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Taiwan, Japan and Germany.

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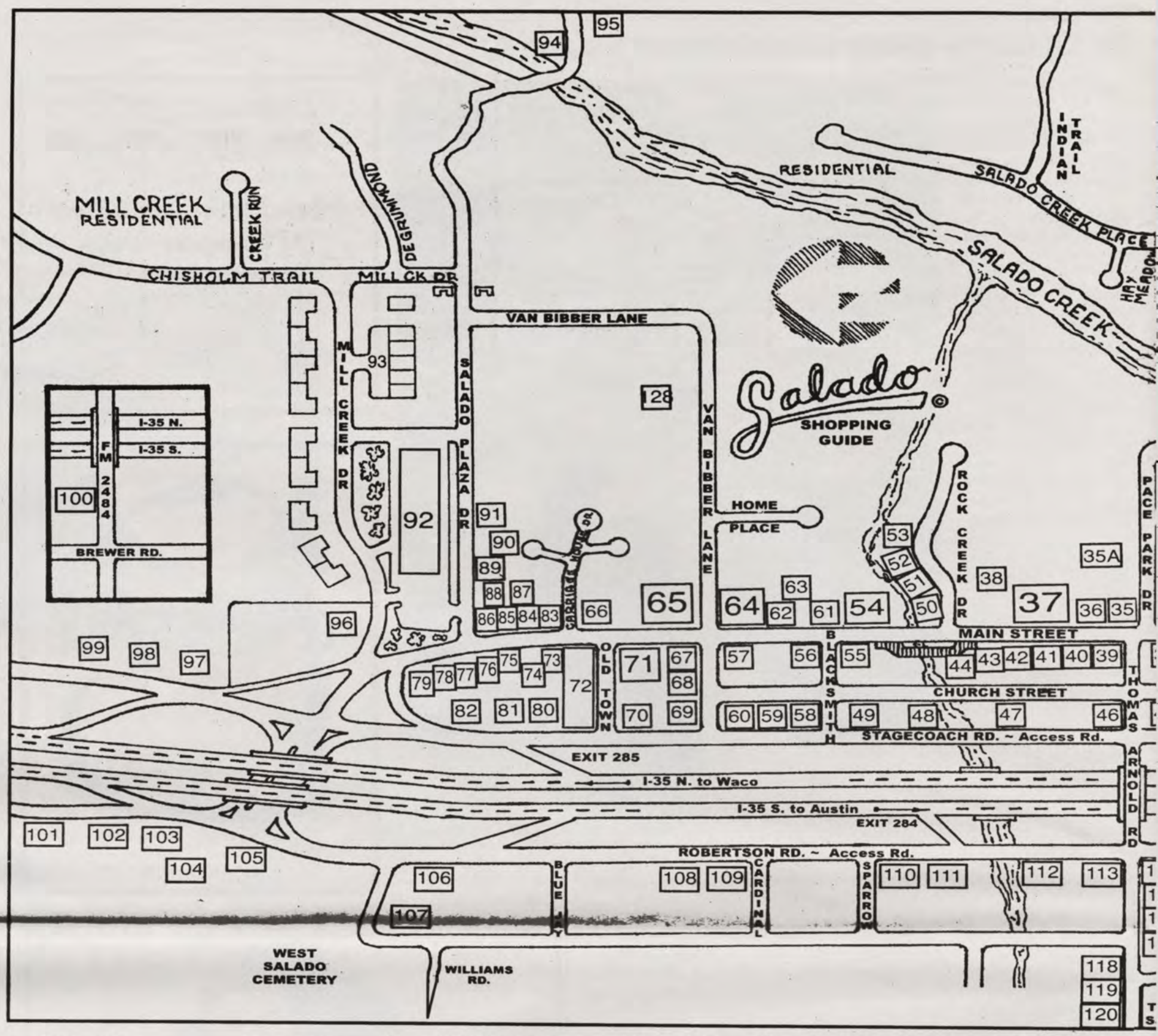

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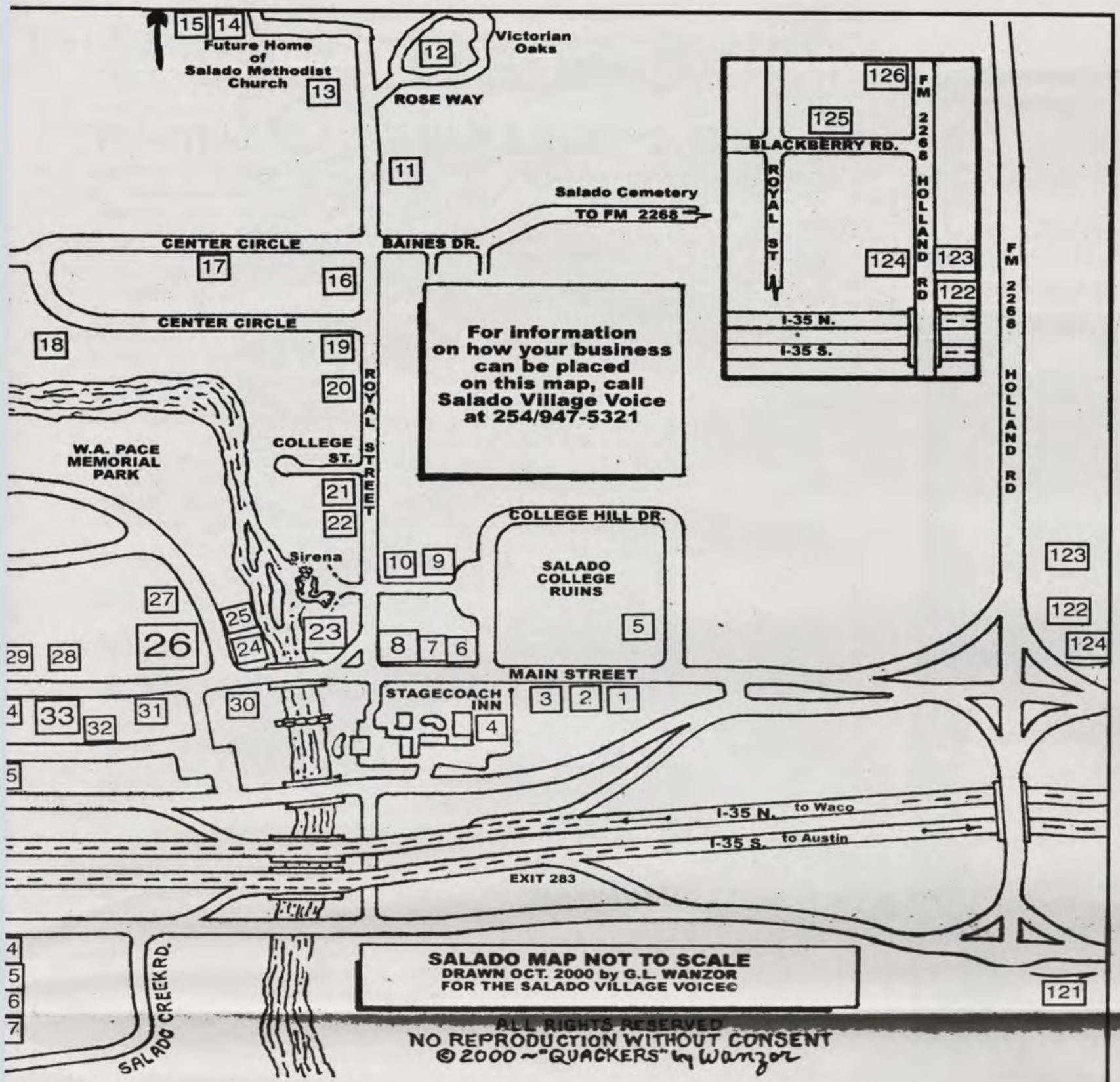

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SUMMER TIPS

Pet care tips for the dog days of summer

Whether enjoying the lazy days of summer or fun in the summer sun everyone is outdoors more, even dogs and cats.

"During the hot summer months, pets need help keeping cool, these simple tips help pets have a happy, healthy summer.

• *Never leave pets in a locked car.* Even on a moderate day, overhead sun on a parked car can quickly push the temperature to dangerous levels. In these conditions, your pet can quickly become uncomfortable, even seriously ill.

• *Check the water bowl often.* All pets need continual supplies of fresh water, especially in the summer heat. Make sure the water bowls can't tip over and refresh the water bowls often.

• *Avoid midday walks on hot blacktop.* When going for a walk, remember that dogs don't wear shoes. Dogs' paws are sensitive and burn easily on hot surfaces. Also, exertion and intense exercise should be avoided during the middle part of the day and reserved for the early morning and late afternoon.

• *Provide a shady refuge.* When outside, animals must always have a shady and sheltered place to rest. An outdoor dog house or kennel should be well ventilated and located in the shade. Allowing a dog access to a child's shallow wading pool, filled with an appropriate amount of clean water, can keep it cool during the heat of the day

• *Watch for symptoms of heat stroke.* Unlike humans cats don't cool themselves by sweating. Instead, they pant. However, panting is not as efficient as sweating and makes it more difficult to cope with summer heat.

The first symptoms of heatstroke are laborious panting; drooling; warm, dry skin; an anxious attitude; and a bright red tongue and gums. Immediate emergency care is required for an animal suffering from heatstroke. The animal should be cooled down by being placed in a tub of cool water or wrapped in cool damp cloths and taken to a veterinary hospital.

Certain animals are particularly sensitive to heatstroke. For example, young, old and overweight animals; animals with shortened muzzles like bulldogs, pugs, and Persian cats; animals with heart or respiratory problems; and animals with thick, heavy coats can overheat quickly.

Follow these tips and keep veterinarian phone numbers on hand for a safe summer season.

Survival tips for slumber parties

According to a recent news article, sleepovers are not only popular with young people, but parents are also getting in on the fun.

If your children are pestering you for a sleepover, consider these survival tips to ensure a successful event for all:

• Set ground rules in advance. Let the kids know you want them to have fun, but they need to be mindful of others' feelings and personal possessions. Depending on their age, let them know if the computer, DVD, VCR, phone and home entertainment system are "off limits."

• Create a "slumber party survival kit" that is kept separate from all other toys and games. Have it only available during sleep-over parties to make the night feel more special. Fill it with board games, videos, colorful costumes and craft projects.

• If there are other older siblings at home, involve them in the party planning if possible. Assign them a task, or role such as doing makeovers or teaching a new dance move. If they are involved in the planning, they will be much less likely to disrupt the party.

• In a place away from where the kids will be sleeping, set up an area for snacks and late-night munchies. In addition to the chips and cheese snacks, provide some healthy alternatives as well, such as raw vegetables and dip. Older kids will appreciate more substantial snacks they can make themselves in the microwave.

• To avoid frequent trips to the refrigerator, fill a cooler with ice and stock it with beverages. To better protect your carpeting or flooring, it is recommended that you choose bottled drinks with lids that can screw back on.

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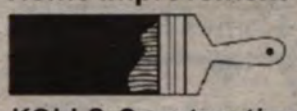

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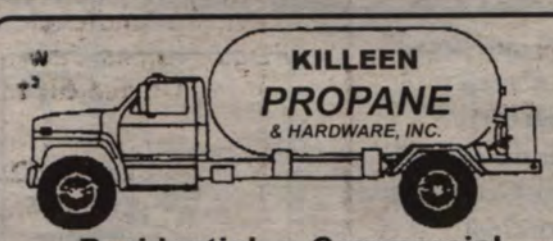

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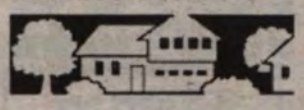

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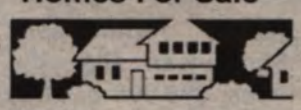

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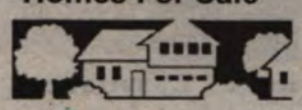

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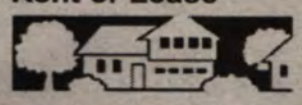

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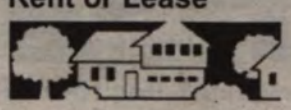

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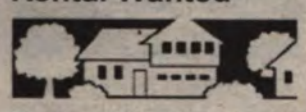

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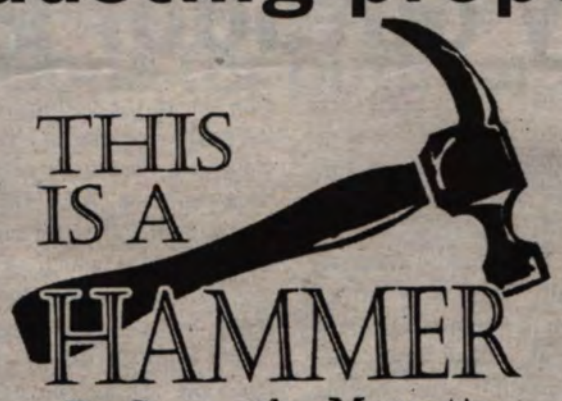

By Samantha Mazzotta

Question: When I get out of the shower, the bathroom is completely fogged up, even when the exhaust fan is running. What's the point of having a bathroom exhaust fan if it doesn't clear the air?

Answer: Good question. If a bathroom exhaust fan doesn't do the job it's advertised to do, what's the point of having one?

The exhaust fan serves a good purpose. It draws moist air out of the bathroom, minimizing damage to wallpaper, baseboards, the ceiling and anything else that isn't sealed against water. However, if a "fog" lingers for more than five minutes after a shower, the fan isn't doing its job.

The problem could be a blocked exhaust duct, an ailing fan motor or a unit that's not large enough to clear the entire room. In every case, the unit is not pulling enough air out of the bathroom. An exhaust fan should remove as many cubic feet of air each minute as the number of square feet of the bathroom's floor space.

Clean dust and debris from the unit and air ducts. If cleaning the unit doesn't help, consider replacing it. Switch off the unit at the circuit box, then remove the front grille. Use a circuit tester to make sure no power is coming through the wires attached to the fan motor. Do this by placing one probe of the tester against each connector, then placing the second probe against the grounding screw on the fan housing. Don't touch the bare wires with your fingers. If the tester glows at any point, go back to the circuit box and turn off the correct switch.

Remove the mounting screws and pull the fan out of the wall or ceiling cavity. Disconnect the vent hose and household wiring to free the unit, then set it aside.

Measure the fan's wall or ceiling cavity and record it. Measure the square footage of the bathroom, as well. Take those figures and the fan assembly to the home-improvement store and purchase a fan that works best for the room's square footage. Make sure the new fan's exhaust port matches the size of the old exhaust port.

Install the new fan in the old cavity, if possible (a larger unit may require you to increase the size of the cavity). Attach the fan housing to the stud or joist, avoiding the nail holes of the old unit.

Test the household wiring to make sure the power is off before attempting to connect them to the new unit. Then, follow the manufacturers' instructions to hook up the wires. Connect the vent hose to the new unit's exhaust port, replace the grille cover and switch on the power at the circuit box.

Question: The fan above my stove no longer runs when I turn it on. Can it be fixed?

Answer: Yes. Newer kitchen stove hoods and fan assemblies have features that make cleaning and repairs much simpler. Fan motors can be accessed and replaced without much trouble.

Find the fan manufacturer's name and the model number, and purchase a replacement motor. You may be able to find it at a home-improvement or hardware store, but if not, the manufacturer can ship it to you.

Once you have the replacement unit, gather your tools: a screwdriver and pliers, wire strippers and a circuit tester. The last two items may not be needed, but have them on hand anyway.

Turn off power to the fan unit at the circuit box. The stove light and fan are often on the same circuit, so use the light to indicate when the power has been cut off. Remember, even if you're fairly certain no power is reaching the motor, use caution when working with this electrical appliance.

Remove the grille and filter, then unscrew the mounting bracket and disconnect it from the fan.

On newer models, fan motors have an attached plug that fits inside a receptacle in the fan assembly. Removing the motor is as easy as unplugging the unit and sliding it out. Older fan motors are often connected directly to household wiring. Disconnecting this type of motor takes a bit more caution. Use your circuit tester to double-check that the power has been turned off; if the tester lights up at any point, go back to the circuit box and turn off the correct switch. Once the circuit tester confirms that the power is off, go ahead and disconnect the wires from the motor and slide the unit out. Carefully note where each wire is attached; draw a diagram if you have to.

Installing the replacement motor is easier if you first attach it to the mounting bracket. Lift the bracket and motor into the fan housing. Plug the new motor into the built-in receptacle. If the motor must be directly wired in, have a helper hold the bracket/motor assembly as you attach the wires, exactly as they were attached to the old motor. Once the motor is safely hooked up, screw the mounting bracket to the fan housing and replace the air filter and grille.

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Healthy outdoor grilling

Q: Regarding your recent article "Building a Better Barbecue": I have a charcoal grill and was unaware that carcinogens can enter food when using a grill. How can I avoid this? I am not comfortable using a gas grill because my daughter is 11 and an extremely curious child. I would greatly appreciate any advice you can offer me.

A: Jury is still out on carcinogens in grilled foods: how they get there, how much, and so on. The one thing everyone seems to agree on is that most carcinogens are emitted from leftover, charred fat drippings (ugh) — the black globs that stick to the racks or fall into the ashes at the bottom. Because of this, even those who use gas grills are at risk.

The solution? Clean the grill. This is a critical step in minimizing carcinogens. Clean it as soon as possible after cooking, every time you cook. Get all that black gunk off of the racks by removing them and scrubbing with a grill brush, a green scrub pad or steel wool, and soap and water.

Never use oven cleaners, or coat any part of the grill with wax or paint.

Don't wash the grill out at every cleaning. You should leave 1-2 inches of fine ash in the bottom of the grill to provide an efficient heat return the next time you cook. Also, filling the grill with water can encourage rust, which creates its own problems. Just scoop out charcoal fragments and fat drippings from the ashes. The ash is not a carcinogenic risk (unless you start eating spoonfuls of it, which I wouldn't recommend in any case).

Wash the grill out occasionally, once a month, at most, by discarding the ashes and then wiping the insides with a wet sponge and a bit of mild soap. Rinse it thoroughly.

To minimize carcinogens while you're cooking, use a good quality charcoal (I can't recommend one over the other, but generally you get what you pay for) and light the fire using the smallest amount of lighter fluid possible. Once the fire gets going, wait until all the blue flames have disappeared and the coals have developed a fine gray ash.

I want to allay your fears about gas grills. A properly assembled grill is very safe. If you're worried about a curious child playing with the controls, talk to a dealer about placing a lock on the tank valve.

Easy way for homeowners, buyers to cut lighting bills in half

By: David Myers

Homeowners can cut their lighting bills in half simply by replacing a few old-style light bulbs with modern fluorescent lights.

Dear Mr. Myers: You recently gave some good advice for homeowners who want to reduce their utility bills, but you forgot to mention the savings that can be realized by replacing traditional light bulbs with fluorescent bulbs. Will you pass this tip on to your readers?

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Answer: Consider it done. Energy-efficient, compact fluorescent lamps, or CFLs, are gaining in popularity thanks to the huge savings they can provide and recent improvements that have made their light much brighter and whiter than many previous models.

A 15-watt CFL produces light that's roughly equivalent to the light from a 60-watt incandescent bulb. Simply replacing 25 percent of your regular bulbs in high-use areas of your home with fluorescent lights will instantly cut your lighting bills in half, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Though fluorescent bulbs cost about five times more than regular bulbs, it's worth noting that they also last between 10 and 15 times longer. Thanks to that longevity, the DOE says, you'll save about $33 for each incandescent bulb that you replace with a CFL.

Dear Mr. Myers: My all-time favorite athlete is Joe Montana, the great quarterback who played for Notre Dame and then the San Francisco 49ers and Kansas City Chiefs. Is it true that there is a city named after him?

Answer: I wouldn't exactly call Joe (pop. 22) a "city," but the little town in southeast Montana is indeed named after the Hall-of-Fame quarterback.

Back in 1993, when quarterback Joe Montana left San Francisco to join the Kansas City Chiefs, a Missouri radio station started flooding tiny communities in Montana with calls to rename their town "Joe, Montana." The folks in what was then called Ismay were happy to oblige.

It was a pretty good decision, considering that thousands of sports fans now go out of their way each year to visit the area. Revenue from sales of postcards stamped "JOE, MONTANA" recently helped the town build a new firehouse.

Dear Mr. Myers: I am trying to find a tenant for a single-family house that I own. One applicant has a great credit history and seems very nice, but he is blind and has a guide dog. He seems like he would be a perfect tenant, but I do not want to rent to people who have pets. Can I reject the man's application because he has a dog?

Answer: I can understand your concern about pets, but your worries about the blind applicant's guide dog are completely unfounded. Such dogs are not pets, but highly trained "support animals" that are, frankly, better behaved than a lot of tenants that I have dealt with over the years.

Equally important, you admit that the blind applicant has a sterling credit history and would make a "perfect tenant." Refusing to rent to a credit-worthy tenant simply because he has a guide dog would violate both state and federal fair-housing laws. Such laws supercede all no-pets policies, even in large apartment and condo complexes where dogs are strictly prohibited.

Smart landlords always rent to the best possible tenant. In this case, that tenant just happens to be blind. Leasing the property to him would not only be a good financial move, but could also help you avoid a costly housing-discrimination lawsuit. Con-

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Answer: A real estate investment trust, or REIT, is a type of publicly held company that builds, buys or finances different types of real estate projects. Some specialize in office complexes, others focus on apartments and still others invest in everything from shopping centers to hotels.

Because shares of most REITs are publicly held, they can be bought and sold on the stock exchange as easily as shares of companies like General Motors or Microsoft Corp. A good stockbroker or similar investment professional can provide more information.

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Outdoor furniture needs special care

Q: My neighbor recommended that I paint my wooden patio furniture to protect it from the elements. Is he right?

A: "Right" isn't really the best term for his advice. Painting outdoor furniture is an option, not a must. It depends upon several factors, including the type of wood and the look you want on your patio. Some types of wood furniture should not be painted at all; others need to be stained or painted to provide additional protection.

Tropical woods like mahogany or teak should never be painted or stained, and considering the beauty of these expensive woods, who would want to cover them up? They age gracefully outdoors, even in wintertime, turning an even gray color. Just clean them occasionally with water and wood soap.

Redwood or cedar furniture should be coated with a water sealer every spring, just before you put it outside (don't apply sealer in direct sunlight). You can paint or stain these woods, though most people prefer not to hide the natural beauty of redwood. Painting or staining the wood means you don't have to apply water sealer every year; just touch up worn spots.

Pine furniture stands up to the elements better when enamel paint or wood stain is applied. Since this type of wood is inexpensive, you can have more fun with it, adding colors or stains to give it a unique look.

Metal, plastic, canvas or wicker outdoor products are cared for quite differently from wood.

Clean and revive aluminum chairs with detergent-filled steel wool pads, followed by a rubdown with a wet cloth. Protect them with a coat of paste wax, the same kind you use on your car.

Wrought-iron furniture must be cleaned twice a year, in the spring and fall, touched up and then coated with a wrought-iron wax.

Wash plastic and canvas furniture once a month with soap and water, and replace any frayed or damaged pieces.

Wicker and rattan furniture can be vacuumed to remove dirt from the weave, and then washed with mild soap and water. A coat of varnish or enamel paint will prolong its life.

Most importantly, store your patio furniture over the winter, even in mild climates. A few months out of the elements can add years to their usefulness.

Q: Do you have any tips on creating more space in the garage?

A: I have three words for you: Up, up and up.

Getting tools and storage boxes off of the garage floor and onto the walls (or as close to them as possible) is crucial to reclaiming your parking space. After all, the garage was originally created to protect your car, not your Christmas ornaments, from the elements. (Although Christmas ornaments don't fare well outside, either.) Lots of pegboard with hooks and holders, as well as wall-mounted tool holders and metal shelf units are all necessary elements to a well-organized garage.

So before you go completely buggy (and I've been there, gentlemen, oh, yes, I have) and take another look at the contents of your garage.

List everything you can see, breaking them down into different categories like tools, athletic equipment, decorations, pantry items or old files. Then, group the items on each list and decide where each group should be stored.

On the day you plan to install the pegboard and shelving, take everything out of your garage and group again, on the lawn, according to category.

Here are a few ideas on where to put all your stuff:

• Make accessibility a priority. Old files and tools you rarely use don't need to be within easy reach.

• Bikes and other items can be hung from the ceiling; just make sure the joists can hold the extra weight.

• Hang hand tools, drill-bit containers, coiled extension cords and other needed items from hooks in the pegboard.

• Install a simple worktable underneath the pegboard for your projects.

• Buy plenty of stackable containers, bins and baskets, in various sizes, to store boxes of nails, spare parts and so on.

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