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Filing begins in local elections

With the first week to file as a candidate in three local elections Feb. 19, incumbent school board trustees Frank Carlson and Carse Williams announced that they would seek re-election.

Two positions on the SISD Board of Trustees come up for election on May 5.

Applications for candidates in the Salado I.S.D. Board of Trustees election, the Salado Public Library Board of Trustees election and the Village of Salado Board of Aldermen election can now be picked up at the Salado Civic Center.

Two positions on the Library Board come up for election. Applications for the library board election are available at the Salado Public Library in the Salado Civic Center.

In the village election, the positions of mayor, marshal and all five aldermen come up for election.

Applications for candidates for mayor, marshal and alderman are available at the Village office in the Salado Civic Center.

Mayor Charlotte Douglass, Marshal Alan Rogers and all five aldermen have expressed an interest in seeking re-election to the

board of aldermen. Aldermen are Rick Ashe, Dr. Raymond Carver, Michael Cooper, Vic Means and Jackie Mills.

The last day to file an application to be a candidate in any of the three local elections is March 31.

Early voting will be at the Salado Civic Center 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays April 18-May 1.

Extended hours for early voting will be 4:30-7 p.m. April 25.

Election day, the polls will be open at the Salado Civic Center 7 a.m.-7 p.m. May 5.

Sales taxes up in Feb.

Texas Comptroller Keeton Rylander delivered \$335.3 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,108 Texas cities and 119 counties, a 5.8 percent increase compared to the \$316.7 million allocated to cities and counties in February 2000. So far this year, sales tax rebates to cities and counties are up 5.4 percent compared to the first two months of 2000.

Salado Public Library District received a \$22,934.81 rebate, a nine percent increase over last

year's February payment of \$20,967.02. To-date, the District has received \$36,314.74 in 2001, a slight increase over last year's payments. The Library District levies a half-cent local sales tax.

The Village of Salado does not yet collect sales tax. The process is beginning though following the January election.

Bell County collected \$1 million check in February, almost 10 percent higher than last year's payment.

Temple and Killeen received the largest checks in Bell County for the 1-1/2 cent tax they levy.

Both checks were \$1.5 million as both cities showed an increase of more than 11 percent compared to last year's payments.

This month's sale tax allocations include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November, and December, and returns from annual filers for 2000.



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AUCTION HAPPINESS...is spelled G-I-R-A-F-F-E- and if you don't believe it just ask the three delightfully happy children pictured above with a five foot high stuffed giraffe that will be auctioned off on Saturday, March 3, at the Eighth Annual Civic Center Auction to be held at the Salado intermediate school on Thomas Arnold Road. The bright eyed smiling youngsters above (from left) are Casey Frazier, age five and his sisters Brittney Danielle, age seven and Abby Nicole, age nine. Parents are Brooks and Vickie Frazier. The giraffe, donated by George and Becky McAuley from "The Store, Old Town Salado" will go on the auction block following a delicious meal of barbecued lean brisket and all the trimmings catered by Lucye's Place. Tickets for the meal, that begins at 6 p.m. on March 3, are being sold for \$7.50 each at Compass Bank, First State Bank and at the Civic Center business office as well as by members of the board of directors of the Civic Center Foundation including Ken Clapp, Lloyd Parks, Jim Patterson, Mary Catherine Ervin, Garlyn Shelton, Dick Westlake and Auction Chairman Patsy Sanford.

Donations for March 3 Civic Center auction arrive daily

Donations from Salado businesses as well as individuals are arriving daily for the 8th Annual Civic Center Auction, according to Hulda Horton, manager of the civic center.

The special fund raising auction is set for Saturday, March 3, and will begin with an outstanding barbecue meal complete with all the trimmings catered by Lucye's Place, starting at 6 p.m., at the Salado Intermediate School.

Tickets for the meal and auction are \$7.50 and are on sale at Compass Bank, First State Bank and at the civic center's business office. Tickets may also be purchased from civic center Foundation board members up until two days before the special event. Remaining tickets will go on sale at the door on a first come - first served basis.

The auction begins at

7 p.m. promptly with Bill Hall gaveling the start of bidding on the first of many items that will be sold. Some of the goods are currently on display at the civic center with larger pieces of antique furniture to be moved to the intermediate school the day of the auction.

AUCTION ITEM LIST

Last week's *Salado Village Voice* listed a number of auctionable items that are expected to draw the attention of prospective bidders. This week is no exception with the list growing daily including a two night stay at the famous Y-O Ranch at Mountain Home, Texas, courtesy of Charles and Mary Helen Schreiner IV. The gift certificate includes not only the two nights lodging but also all meals for the visit as well as tours of the famous ranch.

Lee and Jeannie Pittman, owners of

Pittman Cleaners in Belton gave a gift certificate for \$50; Village Pharmacy's Stan and Leigh Drake donated a basket of gift items; Stagecoach Inn has given a Sunday luncheon for four people and Charles Allen has donated a beautifully handcrafted botanical sculpture of bluebonnets.

The Bill Bartlett Century 21 realty company is once again donating the very popular "money jar". Chances will be sold on the high dollar container with the drawing to take place during the auction.

Question always asked: "How much is in the jar?" and the realty company's president Melanie Kirchmeier reported: "plenty"!

Vickie Kelley plans to donate two custom made couch pillows to the auction; Kay and John Adian owners of Salado Printing, are donating a \$50 gift certificate; Salado Mansion is giving four

\$20 gift certificates and a cordless telephone. Ann and Don Gravink plan to donate an old solid oak six foot wide desk.

Mary Belle Brown will have ready for the auction several loaves of her famous strawberry bread; Texan By Design owners Mark and Anne Mitchell have donated a set of Texas granite book-ends with a map of the Lone Star State engraved on them.

Fairway Golf Carts company owners Richard and Sara Oyler brought to the civic center office a miniature Yamaha golf cart and a golf cart ice chest with rack.

Cathy and Larry Sands are offering breakfast for ten people delivered to the high bidder's home. Barbara Pipes, owner of The Sewing Basket has donated a fabric covered sewing basket; Cindy and Jim Dale of Salado Pottery have given an unusual lamp with a pottery base

and metal shade and Diana Woolard owner of Horsefeathers has donated a Fleur de Lis flower container held in place by a wrought iron stand; Steve and Mary Catherine Ervin gave a school desk for a small child and Bob and Teresa McGhee are donating a large screen TV.

Carolyn Plante owner of Cardens Number Five has given a set of notecards and stationary; Cindy Watson of Accents of Salado, a pair of silver earrings and Johnsa Laney and Ida Mae Taylor of Salado Haus have presented for auction - two delightful Austin Sculpture Labrador retriever pups.

Don Mackie, Mill Creek Golf and Country Club, donated a round of golf for four people and Shirley Pinkston has given the civic center auction two beautifully framed European paintings.

Dr. John K. Cooke,

Salado Eyecare, is donating two pairs of designer sun glasses to the auction and Nettie Fay Ray owner of the Strawberry Patch has given a \$50 gift certificate.

10 DAYS REMAINING

With ten days remaining until the big auction night on March 3, donors are asked by the Civic Center auction committee to call the civic center business office at 947-8300, so their donations may be picked up by board of director members and staff in plenty of time for publicity and preparation for readying the items for the auction.

Business establishments and individual citizens are once again asked to check and see what gifts they have for the auction that is designed to raise funds for the maintenance and operation of the busy civic center.

What's happening around here?

FEBRUARY 22
Village Aldermen meeting. 6:30 p.m. Salado Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 22
Salado Area Republican Women luncheon at Stagecoach Inn. 11:30 a.m. luncheon with guest speaker State Rep. Ken Grusendorf. Call

947-3617 for reservations.
FEBRUARY 24
First Baptist Church "Dealing With Grief" Seminar 9 a.m.- noon. Lunch reservations \$3 call 947-5485

MARCH 3
8th Annual Salado Civic Center Auction 6 p.m. dinner 7 p.m. Auction at the Salado Intermediate

School. Dinner tickets \$7.50. Call 947-8300.

MARCH 13
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting Danabeth Tinsley presents Once a Month Cooking at the Texas Roadhouse B&B on Van Bibber Lane Dinner Reservation \$10 Call 947-0561

MARCH 24-25
Wildfire Ranch Roping. 4 for \$60/man. Progressive after 1. Books open at 8 a.m. Sat. Roping begins at 9 a.m. Spectators welcome. For info, call 254/947-9988

MARCH 31
Mill Creek Community Association Spring Fling 6 p.m. at Creekside Banquet and Meeting Hall
MARCH 31-APRIL 1
Wildflower Art Show at the Civic Center Grounds, sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call Chamber at 254/947-5040.

APRIL 7
American Business Women's Association (ABWA) - Annual style show. Call Barclay McCort 947-3617.

APRIL 10
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting with speaker Shirley Culver presenting a program on Finance at Texas Roadhouse B&B on Van Bibber Lane Call for dinner reservation 947-0561 Cost \$10

APRIL 14-15
Wildfire Ranch Shoot-out. \$50,000 added money and prizes. Entry fee of \$100 per man. Books open 8 a.m. Sat, roping begins 9 a.m. For information, call 947-9988.

MAY 8
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting Volunteering Opportunities presented by MaryBelle at Texas Roadhouse B&B on VanBibber Lane. Dinner \$10 Call for reservation 947-0561

MAY 10
Salado Community Chorus Spring Concert 8 p.m. at the Civic Center

JUNE 5
Salado Legends begins rehearsals 7-9:30 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater
JUNE 6-9
Third Annual Judy & A.C. Greene Literary Festival sponsored by the Living Room Theatre, featuring performances of works by prize-winning short story writers in homes of Salado hosts. Time and places to be announced.

JUNE 12
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social 6:30 p.m. meeting presented by Crystal Mears "Utilizing the Internet" at Texas Roadhouse B&B on Van Bibber Lane Dinner \$10 Reservations: 947-0561

JULY 10
ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social 6:30 p.m. program on Travel Etiquette presented by Rita Williams at Texas Roadhouse B&B on VanBibber Lane. Dinner cost \$10 Call 947-0561 for reservation.

JULY 21
Salado Legends performance at Tablerock
JULY 28
Salado Legends performance at Tablerock
AUGUST 4
Salado Legends performance at Tablerock
AUGUST 4-5
35th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. For more information call 947-5040.

OCTOBER 12-13
Christmas in October at the Civic Center. For information, call Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254/947-5040.
Nov. 30 - Dec. 11
Christmas Stroll and Homes Tour. First and second weekend of December each year. Sponsored by Salado Business Association and Salado Historical Society. For information, call Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254/947-5040.

Estate planning set workshop Feb. 22

Salado Education Foundation has received 501 (c) 3 status, and has agreed to accept wills and bequests to help Salado students with higher education.

To assist you in making gifts through wills and bequests, the Foundation announces a complimentary Estate Planning Workshop conducted by Thomas Baird 7 p.m. Feb. 22, at the Halley House on Main Street.

Thomas Baird is President of the firm Baird, Crews, Schiller & Whitaker, P.C., located in Temple on North 3 Street. He is Board Certified in Estate Planning and Probate Law, by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. A few of his memberships are: American College of Trust and Estate Council Life Fellow; Bell-Lampasas-Mills Counties Bar Association, and State Bar of Texas. Baird is an author and a frequent lecturer. Among his lecture credits are: the Notre Dame Tax and Estate Planning Institute; National Association of Professional Financial Advisors in New York and the Southern California Tax and Estate Planning Forum.

Reservations are not required. For more information you may contact the Salado Education Foundation Chairperson Melanie Kirchmeier at 947-5050 or the Salado ISD Superintendent Robin Battershell at 947-5479.

ATPE to meet

March 7 at SIS

The local chapter of ATPE (Association of Texas Professional Educators) invites you to attend a meeting with Josh Romberg, 4 p.m. March 7, in the Salado Intermediate School Commons.

Romberg is a field representative for ATPE and will be discussing current legislative issues, focusing on the proposed bills dealing with health insurance

for Texas educators. All faculty, administration, and interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend.

Driving course slated in Belton

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Bell County Extension Education Clubs are co-sponsoring a defensive driving course for senior adults on Feb. 26-27 in Belton. The eight hour course is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each day.

The 55 Alive workshop will be taught by Jeter Cook, Assistant AARP State Coordinator and Instructor. Successful completion of the two sessions can result in a three year reduction for your auto, insurance, but does not excuse traffic tickets.

Any senior adult interested in registering for the Defensive Driving Course should contact the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5306 or 1-800-460-2355, Ext. 5306 to request a registration form. Cost of the training is \$10 per person. Space is limited to the first 25 senior adults who register.

Symphony set in Temple

Central Texas Orchestral Society hosts The Austin Symphony Orchestra with guest artist Florence Quizar, soloist 7 p.m. Feb. 25.

Conductor Peter Bay will direct the evening's program, "National Fervor," with selections by Walton, Falla/Haiffter, and Sibelius. Renowned for her vibrantly rich, mezzo-soprano voice, Florence Quizar is considered one of America's most distinguished artists. She is a regular guest of the world's leading opera companies, orchestras, and music festivals.

A Philadelphia native, she is a graduate of the Philadelphia Academy of Music and a former member of the Julliard Opera Theatre. Quizar is a winner of the National Opera Institute Award, the Baltimore Lyric Opera Competition, and Marian Vocal Competition.

Following the ASO performance, CTOS's final concert will be on April 7, featuring the Chamber Soloist of Austin, with a core group of five musicians, plus five renown guest artists to be announced.

For more information regarding the programs and activities of the Central Texas Orchestral Society, contact the CAC, at (254) 773-9926 or visit the website at www.cacARTS.org/ctos.htm.

Regular meetings

Mondays

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 meet from 1-4 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays in the Salado Village Artist Building which is located behind the Civic Center.

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

Salado 4-H Club: 7 p.m. first Monday of each month at the Civic Center

Tuesdays

Salado Rotary Club: 11:30 a.m., Salado Mansion.

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

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

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

Salado Family Relief Fund: 2nd Tues. 1 p.m. Salado Intermediate School in the Community Schools room #209 in west wing.

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. Texas House, 310 Van Bibber Lane. For more info. call 947-3617

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays

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

To have your meeting listed here, call 254/947-5321. Meetings of Salado organizations are listed free of charge. If your group changes its meetings time or location, please call us to update this list.

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Public Meetings

The Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) is currently working with Bell County to revise the County's thoroughfare plan. CTCOG will be hosting two public meetings to gather input from individuals interested in transportation and thoroughfare planning within Bell County:

- ***Monday, February 26th** — Bell County Courthouse located at 101 East Central Avenue, Belton (Commissioners' Courtroom, 2nd Floor)
- ***Thursday, March 1st** — Killeen City Hall located at 101 North College, Killeen (Council Chambers)

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with a formal presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. All comments or questions regarding thoroughfare conditions in Bell County are welcome.

*Presentations will be the same at both meetings. Any questions regarding the study or the public meetings should be directed to Toni Tisdale at 254-933-7075, extension 312 or email ttisdale@ctcogmpo.org.

Sprint guarantees local service, offers credits for failure to do so

Sprint recently filed a plan with the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) to guarantee local service. Under the plan, which was effective Jan. 1, Sprint will implement credits to customers if local telephone service is interrupted and/or does not meet certain service targets.

"We have implemented the service guarantee to reinforce our commitment to quality service," said Linda Green, Sprint public affairs manager. "The guarantee will help us serve our customers in a more efficient and timely manner."

Sprint's Service Guarantee will, initially, be a two-year plan and may be evaluated after that time period. The guarantee calls for Sprint to issue appropriate credits, which will appear on the customer's bill, in the event a customer's service is interrupted other than by a disaster, or negligence or willful act of the customer.

The Service Guarantee centers around four target areas: trouble reports, repeat trouble reports, installation of service and

out of service.

The credits would be as follows:

Trouble reports — if in any exchange there are more than six customer trouble reports per 100 customer lines for any two months during any 12-month calendar year, Sprint will provide all customers within the exchange a credit of \$4 for each of their phone lines. For example, if an affected customer has two lines in their home, the customer would receive an \$8 credit.

Repeat trouble reports — any customer who experiences three or more trouble reports in a calendar quarter will receive a credit of one month's worth of local phone service charges.*

Installation of service — if Sprint fails to meet the installation standards set by the PUC for any two quarters in a 12-month calendar year, each customer in that exchange will receive a two-dollar credit for each of their phone lines.

Out-of-service — If an out-of-service trouble report is not corrected

within 24 hours (excluding Sundays and holidays), the customer will receive a credit equal to one-half month's worth of local phone service charges.* If an out-of-service trouble report is not corrected until after 72 hours (excluding Sundays and holidays), the customer will receive a credit equal to one month's worth of local phone service charges.*

*Local phone service charges means all regulated monthly recurring charges including basic local service, custom calling features, CLASS and EAS/ELC fees where applicable.

Green added customers do not need to contact Sprint in order to receive a credit due them according to the service guarantee provisions. "Customers affected by the Service Guarantee do not need to call Sprint to check on their adjustment or credit," she said. "Each credit will automatically be logged and appear on their bill as warranted by the program guidelines."

"Our Service Guarantee is a major commitment on behalf of Sprint," noted Green. "We felt it was a good step towards showing our customers that we value them and believe in providing them top quality service. Our recent call switching equipment upgrades and this service guarantee help demonstrate our commitment to our customers."

School board candidate workshop set Feb. 22

The Texas Association of School Boards "School Board Candidate Workshop" is to be presented by representatives from TASB and experienced board members at the Education Service Center

7-9 p.m. on Feb. 22. This workshop is free to anyone interested.

Persons wishing to attend need to register with TASB by calling Brenda Canul at 800/580-8272 or 512/467-0222

The Salado I.S.D. Special Education Program

The Bell County Cooperative for Exceptional Children, a special education shared service arrangement, is hereby informing parents and former students (those enrolled in Special Education prior to August 1992) that records pertaining to referral, assessment, and/or programming in Special Education will be destroyed.

Federal Rule and Regulation (34 CFR 300.573) states that: "Destruction of records is the best protection against improper and unauthorized disclosure. Please be aware that such old records may be needed by the former student or parents for social security benefits or other purposes."

If interested individuals do not wish for these records to be destroyed, they must notify the Director of Special Education (in writing) at: P.O. Box 188, Holland, TX 76534, prior to June 1, 2001. For further information call 254-657-8155.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente De Salado

El Programa De Educacion Especial Del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Salado le avisa a los padres de estudiantes que estuvieron en el programa antes de agosto del ano 1992 que los archivos relacionados con referencias, valoracion, y/o programacion en Educacion Especial se destruiran.

La Regla y regulacion federal (34 CFR 300.573) afirma que: "La destruccion de los registros es la mejor proteccion contra la revelacion impropia o no autorizada. Por favor esten conscientes que los registros viejos pueden ser necesitados por los padres o estudiantes anteriormente recibiendo servicios en el programa de Educacion Especial para beneficios del seguro social o otros propositos."

Si hay individuos interesados en que estos registros no sean destruidos, ellos deben notificar a la Directora de Educacion Especial (por escrito) a la siguiente direccion: P.O. Box 188, Holland, TX 76534 antes de junio 1, ano 2001. Para mas informacion puede hablar al 254-657-8155.

COUNTDOWN AT TEN FOR CIVIC CENTER AUCTION SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2001

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DATE, TIME AND PLACE

- MEAL AT 6 P.M. ON MARCH 3, 2001.
- AUCTION STARTS PROMPTLY AT 7 P.M.
- SALADO INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CAFETERIA



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING IH 35: S. FM 2268 to FM 2484 in Salado

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will conduct a public meeting to discuss proposed widening of Interstate 35 from FM 2268 to FM 2484 in Salado. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 27, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the Salado Intermediate School Cafeteria at 550 Thomas Arnold Rd. in Salado. Prior to the formal presentation at 7:00 p.m., TxDOT staff will be available to answer questions from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in an informal setting.

The proposed project will reconstruct and widen the existing highway from four lanes to six lanes initially, and allow for the additional construction of a seventh and eighth lane ultimately. A concrete traffic barrier will be provided between the northbound and southbound sections. Additional right-of-way will be required for the project and relocations may be necessary. Information concerning the State's Relocation Assistance Program and the benefits and services available to affected property owners will be available at the meetings.

Maps and other drawings showing proposed locations and designs will be displayed at the meeting. This material is available at TxDOT's Interstate 35 Project Office located at 801 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the meetings and express their views. Persons interested in attending who have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Ms. Alisa Polansky, PE at (254) 754-8087 as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Since the public meeting will be conducted in English, any requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least one week prior to the meeting. TxDOT will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

Verbal and written comments regarding the proposed project are requested. Comments may be presented either at the meeting or in writing after the meeting. Comments must be received no later than 10 days following the meeting in order to be included in the public meeting record. Written statements may be submitted to Mr. John F. Obr, PE, I-35 Project Director, Texas Department of Transportation, 801 Austin Avenue, Suite 1030, Waco, TX 76701 at any time on or before 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 6, 2001.

CAC will feature 3 new art exhibits Feb. 23-March 23

Three new gallery exhibits at the Cultural Activities Center will be on display Feb. 23-Mar. 23.

The Saulsbury Gallery will feature Katherine Heinlein's installation, "When Push Comes To Shove." In her artist's statement she describes studying human behavior, and how her creations represent parallels to human inclinations.

She has a particular affinity for certain materials, including fabrics, rubber, clay, fiberglass, varnishes, wax, plaster and steel, choosing materials based on physical properties required to yield a particular result. For example, soft fabric cannot hold its shape without some other means of support, while solid materials often act as stable elements because they can hold shape independently. Frequent juxtapositions of different types of materials may create tension, with solid, heavy materials weighing down or pulling on soft, stretchy fabrics.

Describing her art as

an intuitive act intended to invoke questioning, she peruses the subtleties in each completed work, examining its interactions.

Heinlein lives in Houston, Texas, where she works as an art handler at the Museum of Fine Arts. In 1998, she served a residency in the Japanese city of Shigaraki, at that city's Ceramic Cultural Park. She has won numerous awards including a juror's award last year for Women in the Visual Arts International Juried Competition, and has been selected this year for the New American Talent National Juried Competition of the Texas Fine Arts Association.

"Window Collage," by Susan Dunkerly, will be on display in the McCreary Gallery, depicting photographs of constructions the artist has created in her studio windows. Photographed against the light, these temporary sets made of drawings, cutouts, film, odd cultural remnants, and natural debris, are the products of the artist's interest in attempting to

represent what cannot be seen. Using tangible matters, she explores the intangible realm of the spirit, where dreams, memories, and emotions dwell.

Dunkerly lives in Waco, where she teaches drawing and photography at Baylor University. Photographs in the "Window Collage" exhibit were taken using a 4x5 view camera, archival processed selenium-toned, gelatin-silver prints. Hand printed by the artist, no two are exactly alike.

Her experience in the artificial "world" of commercial studio and location photography has had a direct influence upon Dunkerly's approach to making images. She is also influenced by an interest in photography as the document of other art forms, such as performance or site-specific sculpture, where the photographic document is often the only remaining evidence of the artist's work, and so it becomes the work.

Her photographs have

been exhibited nationally and internationally, and are part of many collections including those at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, and at the Print Center Collection at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Waco artist Flip Kimmel will be featured in a mixed media exhibit in the Upstairs Gallery. Kimmel is a curatorial assistant at The Art Center of Waco.

Come to the Artist's Reception 7-9 p.m. Feb 24, hosted by the CAC Board of Directors and Friends of Visual Arts. Admission is free and the public is invited. In addition to meeting the artists, Katherine Heinlein will present an informal gallery talk. Pianist Diane Calderwood will provide music at the evening event.

The exhibit is open for viewing 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon.-Fri., and by appointment. For more information, contact CAC Visual Arts Coordinator Marilyn Ritchie at (254) 773-9926, or visit www.cacARTS.org.

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Top professional Western Swing musicians for this fifth annual event will be playing for both musical events. Featured musi-

cians will be Randy Elmore, Tommy Morrell, Curly Hollingsworth, Greg Hardy, Mark Abbott, Dave Alexander, Buck Reams, Ricky Turpin, Wes Westmoreland and the Quebe Sisters, Joey McKenzie, Sherrie Hill-McKenzie and Damian Green.

Admission to the afternoon performance is \$8 and dance admission is \$10. Dinner is \$7.50. To reserve a table for the dinner and dance, purchase your tick-

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In addition to printed literature and experts, expect to see some phenomenal displays. Many exhibitors relish this opportunity to showcase hot new items as well as the tried-and-true products. In Radcliff's words, "You get to be touchy-feely with the merchandise."

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According to John Kiella (John Kiella Homes) "Every year the show gets bigger than the year before ... better products, better vendors showing their wares, more people coming to see it." The above list of exhibitor categories certainly supports Kiella's statement. Altogether, these vendors will fill over 45,000 square feet of exhibit space in the three major buildings at the Bell County Expo Center.

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Church News

Celebrate Ash Wednesday with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Lutherans at Prince of Peace in Belton will observe Ash Wednesday 7 p.m. Feb. 28 with a worship service. This begins the season of Lent with services each Wednesday night until Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday gets its name from an ancient Christian custom of putting ashes on the forehead as a sign of penitence and sorrow, grief and remorse. Each Wednesday service will focus on "Biblical tree" references. All are invited to attend. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 6 p.m. before each service. Prince of Lutheran Church is located at 1215 S. Wall, Belton. The office phone number is 939-0824. The pastor is Rev. Bob Budewig.

Salado United Methodist Church recognizes leaders rotating off the Administrative Council

Ash Wednesday
 Salado United Methodist Church is preparing for Ash Wednesday Services to be held 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 in the Sanctuary. Ash Wednesday is the 40 days before Easter not counting Sundays. It is in remembrance of the time Jesus spent in the wilderness praying, fasting and preparing for his ministry. The first day of Lent is always Wednesday. The early church marked this period with fasting, prayer and repentance. They put ashes on their forehead to show the world of their remorse for their past actions and words. Traditionally, the ashes for the Ash Wednesday service come from burning the palm fronds from the precious year's Palm Sunday celebration. SUMC uses music, scripture and drama to



Joye Chamness, spouse of United Methodist Bishop, Ben Chamness, presents Sue Whistler a gift from the Central Texas Conference Cabinet spouses. L-R Stephanie Porter, Nancy Goss, Pat Lukert and Gergia Allen. Sue Whistler hosted the tour of her home, Twelve Oaks. Other homes visited were: Mike and Shirley Cornet, Gwen and Joe Morrison and Norm and Gay Roden. The Bishop and his cabinet met at Inn on the Creek Feb. 15-17

highlight the evening. The Ashes will come from the palms used in the last year's Palm Sunday Service. The public is invited. Administrative Council The Salado United Methodist Church will recognize leaders rotating off the Administrative Council Feb. 25. Leaders to be recognized are Jim Hays, Administrative Council; Jeanne Barrier, Lay Leader; Don Engleking, Lay Member to Annual Conference; Pastor Parish Relations, Jean Tarbutton; Finance, Dave Gardner; Outreach, Cathy Carlson; Missions, Karen Kinnison; Stewardship, Wes Pershall; Worship, Miriam Oliver; Youth John Konzen; Adult Ministries, Phyllis Holder; Drama, Beth and Rolly Correa; Membership; Helen Hayes and District Steward.



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The Administrative Council is the policy-making and approving authority in the local United Methodist Church. Leaders usually hold an office for a year and in some cases, two years. The people rotating off this year will be recognized at the 11 a.m. worship service. According to Pastor Skip Blancett, "These people and their leadership are directly responsible for the progress and growth of the church. They are very hard working, committed, spiritual members who are not afraid to move the church into the 21st Century. We are very fortunate to have them in our Church family."

Welcome Chloe Nicole Rodocker

Chloe Nicole Rodocker was born to Schuyler and Jeff Rodocker of Temple, (formerly of Salado) 12:54 a.m. on Feb. 15 at Scott & White Hospital.

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Village of Salado resi-

dents are cordially invited to attend this traditional and reverent service conducted by The Reverend Marilyn Wedell-Legge.

Ashes for the service

will be from palms used in the 2000 Palm Sunday service.

The church will also conduct Sunday worship at 10 a.m. and Sunday

School for all ages at 9 a.m. Child care will be provided. For more information about these and other church activities call 947-8106.

Spiritual Recital to honor Black History Month Feb 27

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Department of Music presents Spiritual Recital in honor of Black History Month 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27, in Hughes Recital Hall on campus. The recital is free and open to the public.

The performance will consist of traditional Negro Spirituals as arranged by Harry T. Burleigh, Hall Johnson, Edward Boatner, Phillip McIntyre, John Carter, K. Lee Scott and Uzee Brown, Jr.

The recital is under the direction of Lisa Clement, assistant professor of music at UMHB.



Entries for the Tablerock writing contest "Writing from the Heart" were turned in Feb. 15. The entires from Salado's 4th graders will be judged by local authors and the winners will be announced on Feb. 21.

Prizes for first place will be \$50 worth of books from Tablerock, second place winner will receive \$25 in books from The Salado Gallery, third place winner will receive \$10 in books from Fletcher's Books and Antiques. the three winners will be treated to "Lunch with Local Authors" Patsy Sanford, Zelma Taylor, Jan Hart and Jackie Mills. L-R Katy Constancio, Jenna Farrell-Raborn, and Jordan Dunn were just three of the many students entering the writing contest.

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February 22: French Toast Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk
February 23: Cinnamon Rolls, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

February 19: No School
February 20: Nachos with Ground Beef, Rice, Corn, Salad, Hoagie, Milk
February 21: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Baked Potato, Hoagie, Fruit, Milk
February 22: Lasagna, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Salad, Baked Potato, Hoagie, Apples, Milk
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Are you troubled by deer in your landscape? Many folks in the Hill Country are. In fact, deer are becoming an all-too-frequent nuisance for gardeners in many of Austin's western neighborhoods and subdivisions. As Austin expands into the hills, developments advance on the natural feeding grounds of the deer. Many plants that gardeners want to grow are readily devoured by deer.

Numerous materials and methods have been used to try to discourage deer, but usually with little success. Some gardeners have banned deer by installing electric fences or tall, deer proof fences. But fences are seldom economical or beautiful.

Other solutions include garlic or blood meal sprays that smell bad enough to repulse people as well as deer. Pop bottles that whistle in the wind are supposed to scare them. Strategically placed bags of human hair or bars of deodorant soap hanging in the trees have proved unreliable.

Other determined gardeners have tried providing corn or other food for the deer in the hope that they will avoid the urge to browse on their landscape plantings. But this,

too, unusually proves to be a disappointing strategy.

Commercially available sprays have been used successfully, but have not proven cost effective.

The best solution is plants that deer will not eat. While it may not be practical to plant only those species that show resistance to deer, many of these plants can be used as mainstays in the landscape.

Deer resistant plants can be pleasing to the eye and to the pocket-book. They improve their own protection and, when properly chosen and landscaped, can produce excellent results.

Keep in mind that a plant's degree of resistance is sometimes related to the availability of other food. There are some plants that deer positively won't eat, especially poisonous species or those with prominent thorns. Other plants tend to be unpalatable, depending on how hungry the deer are.

A heavy population of deer increases competition for food. Plants that are relatively unpalatable in an area where deer are not numerous will be browsed where deer abound. Many of the most resistant plants, such as oleander, have poisonous sap. Thorns can

deer-proof some plants, but deer will often eat the soft, succulent new growth of such thorny plants as hollies and roses.

Many gardeners have laid the foundation of a deer-resistant landscape through the planting of junipers, cedars and other coniferous trees and shrubs and have been successful with other plants by trial and error. Unfortunately, many excellent deer-resistant plants are often overlooked. The mint family is well known for its scented foliage and for this reason is considered deer resistant. Many common garden perennials are within this family, including bee balm, Russian sage, ajuga, germander and rosemary.

The sages -- commonly known as salvia -- deserve mention. With as many as 22 native species adapted in shade or sun in the Austin area, salvia comprises a great majority of the summer blooms in a deer-proof garden. Some varieties of particular merit are the autumn sage that comes in many color variations, mealy cup sage, mountain sage and Texas scarlet sage.

Another plant family that is resistant to deer is the iris family. Most gardeners have grown iris in

at least one of its many forms, but some of the less well-known are frequently overlooked. The tall spuria iris comes in every color, is tough and drought resistant and often grows better than the older bearded iris. The Siberian iris is exceptionally beautiful as is rich purple hues. Louisiana iris also grows well in the local area.

You would think that the most popular plant of a grazing animal like deer would be grass, but this is not the case. Lawns are seldom browsed by deer.

The fountain grasses (pennis tum) and the pampas grasses are popular locally and are easy to grow due to their drought resistance and easy care. Other members of the grass family that are worthy of note are in the genus Miscanthus, which has many variations of color, including blood grass which comes in several striking color patterns.

Poisonous plants to mention are digitalis (foxglove), lantana, oleander, solanum and sophora (our native mountain laurel).

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Many native plants are also resistant to deer.



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Czech heritage celebrated in Rosenberg

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The meeting, hosted by the Czech Heritage Society of Ft. Bend County, will take place at the new Rosenberg Civic and Convention Center.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for registration. The program will begin at 10 a.m. with guest speaker, Judge Ed Janecka of La Grange, who will speak on the founding of Dubina, the "First Czech Settlement in Texas."

Dubina will once again come to life when Judge Janecka shares the historical Czech history of the

first Czech settlement in Texas, settled by Czech-Moravians. Those first settlers include the names of Chovanec, Janda, Klimicek, Sramek, Kalich, Muzny, Peter, Marak, Sugarek, Pustejovsky, Holub, Haidusek, Kosa, Konvicka, Broz, and Holub.

Many CHS members are direct descendants of these courageous Czech Texans. If you can trace your heritage to Dubina, please let us know so we will be able to recognize you during the state meeting on March 10, at the Rosenberg Civic and Convention Center, Rosenberg, TX. Please contact Pat Parma 281-3424898 or e-mail parma@nstci.com

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will be served at 11:30 a.m. for those who have made reservations by calling their chapter president or by calling Pat Parma, 281-3424898, or Florence Krejci, 281-232-6424. You do not have to be a member to attend the meeting, but please make a meal reservation.

"DUBINA"

In the 1850s, a town originally called "Navidad" sprang up on the east bank of Navadad Creek and about five miles northeast of Schulenburg. Czech immigrants began settling in this black land farming community in November 1856. Soon, Augustin Haidusek's father renamed the place "Dubina," which in the Czech language means

"oak grove." In 1858, Joseph Peter, Sr. built a log house in which Roman Catholic services were conducted until 1877, when the first church was built.

By 1900 Dubina was a thriving community with a cotton gin, a grist mill, a general store and saloon, a blacksmith shop, a church, and a school. Dubina suffered a tropical storm in 1909 which destroyed the church. And in 1912, a fire devastated the cotton gin, grist mill, blacksmith shop and general store. The store was rebuilt, but the small business did not survive, and the community never recovered from the disasters. Today Dubina stands as a ghost town.

Logo contest may determine new look

The Village of Salado is conducting a village logo contest, in which the winner will be announced April 16. "The newly incorporated Village of Salado is in need of a logo for official use on stationary, signs, posters, newsletters, Village property and various items," stated Jackie Mills, Village of Salado marketing committee chairman.

"Salado Village and the

surrounding cities have many talented citizens," she added. "Both professional and amateurs are invited to submit an entry."

Rules for the logo contest are as follows:

1. The logo needs to depict the essential character of Salado.
2. Submit a simple drawing on white paper in black ink.
3. Colored or shaded

drawings may be submitted in addition to black and white.

4. Entries are due by March 23 at the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

5. Name, address and phone number must accompany each entry.

6. All entries will be on display at the Salado Wildflower Art Show March 31-April 1.

7. Winners will be announced April 16.

8. No prizes will be given. Awards will be public recognition and letters of recognition for each entry.

9. The winning entry or entries will become the property of the Village of Salado.

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Don't be misled by tax schemes

The Internal Revenue Service issued a nationwide alert to taxpayers warning them not to fall victim to tax scams. These schemes take several shapes, ranging from promises of special tax refunds to illegal ways of "untaxing" yourself.

"Each year, con artists shamelessly take advantage of people, sometimes charging fees for illegal tax schemes," IRS Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti said. "People should be on guard for these scams. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

If people think something may be unscrupulous, they can report suspected tax fraud to the IRS at 1-800-829-0433.

The IRS urges people to avoid these common schemes:

- * **NO TAXES BEING WITHHELD FROM YOUR WAGES.** Illegal schemes are being promoted that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or employment taxes from wages paid to their employees. These schemes are based on an incorrect interpretation of tax law and have been refuted in court. If you have concerns about your employer and employment taxes, you can get help by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

- * **"I DON'T PAY TAXES - WHY SHOULD YOU?"** Con artists may talk about how they don't

file or pay taxes and then charge people a fee to share their "secret." The real secret that these people don't reveal is that many of them actually do file and pay taxes -- they just won't publicly admit it. Again, the IRS reminds people that failure to file or pay taxes is subject to civil and/or criminal tax penalties.

- * **AFRICAN-AMERICANS GET A SPECIAL TAX REFUND--** Thousands of African-Americans have been misled by people offering to file for tax credits or refunds related to reparations for slavery. There is no such provision in the tax law. Some unscrupulous promoters have encouraged clients to pay them to prepare a claim for this refund. But the claims are a waste of your money. Plus, those who file subsequent claims can be subject to a \$500 frivolous return penalty.

- * **PAY THE TAX, THEN GET THE PRIZE --** The caller says you've won a prize and all you have to do to get it is pay the income tax due. Don't believe it. If you really won a prize, you may need to make an estimated tax payment to cover the taxes that will be due at the end of the year. But the payment goes to the IRS - not the caller. Whether you've won cash, a car, or a trip, the prize giver generally sends you and the IRS a Form 1099 showing the total prize

value that should be reported on your tax return.

- * **UNTAX YOURSELF FOR \$49.95.** This one's as old as snake oil, but people continue to be taken in. And now it's on the Internet. The ads may say that paying taxes is "voluntary," but it is absolutely wrong. The U. S. courts have continuously rejected this and other similar arguments. Unfortunately, hundreds of people across the country have bought "untax packages" before finding out that following the advice contained in them can result in civil and/or criminal tax penalties being assessed. Numerous sellers of these bogus packages have been convicted on criminal tax charges.

- * **SOCIAL SECURITY TAX SCHEME.** Taxpayers shouldn't fall victim to a scam offering them refunds of the Social Security taxes they have paid during their lifetimes. The scam works by the victim paying a "paperwork" fee of \$100, plus a percentage of any refund received, to file a refund claim with the IRS. This hoax fleeces the victims for the upfront fee. The law does not allow such a refund of Social Security taxes paid. The IRS processing centers are alert to this hoax and have been stopping the false claims.

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BIG REFUND...FOR A FEE!" Refund scheme operators may approach you wanting to "borrow" your Social Security Number or give you a phony W-2 so it appears that you qualify for a big refund. They may promise to split the refund with you, but the IRS catches most of these false refund claims before they go out. And when one does go out, the participant usually ends up paying back the refund along with stiff penalties and interest. Two lessons to remember: 1) Anyone who promises you a bigger refund without knowing your tax situation could be misleading you, and 2) Never sign a tax return without looking it over to make sure it's honest and correct.

- * **IRS "AGENT" COMES TO YOUR HOUSE TO COLLECT.** First, do not let anyone into your home unless they identify themselves to your satisfaction. IRS field auditors and collection officers carry picture IDs and will normally try to contact you before they visit. IRS special agents also carry picture IDs and distinctive credentials. If you think the person on your doorstep is an impostor, lock your door and call the local police.

To report IRS impostors, call the Treasury Inspector General's Hotline at 1-800-366-4484.

You can deduct certain taxes on your federal income tax form

Did you know that you may be able to deduct certain taxes on your federal income tax return? You can if you file IRS Form 1040 and itemize deductions on Schedule A. There are three types of deductible non-business taxes:

- * State, local and foreign income taxes;

- * Real estate taxes; and
- * Personal property taxes.

Generally, you can take either a deduction or a tax credit for foreign income taxes, but not for taxes paid on income that is excluded from U.S. tax.

Deductible real estate taxes are usually any state,

local, or foreign taxes on real property. If a portion of your monthly mortgage payment goes into an escrow account and your lender periodically pays your real estate taxes to local governments out of this account, you can deduct only the amount actually paid during the

year to the taxing authorities.

You can find more information on non-business deductions for taxes in Publication 17, "Your Federal Income Tax," under Chapter 24, "Taxes." Check out Pub. 17 from the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov,

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Students Rachel Hargrove, Kat Marshall and Kelsey Smith, were recognized and presented with cash awards as winners of the 2000-2001 Peace Poster Contest which was recently completed in the Salado Intermediate School. The Peace Poster Contest is a "Lions International Contest" and the Salado Lions Club takes great pride in sponsoring this contest in the local school. Kate Marshall's poster was the first place winner and was sent to the Lions 2x3 District Governor for further competition. Chairman of the competition Wayne Lowery presented the honors.

PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER

Tamra Denny named artist of the month

For Salado Village artist Tamra Denny the excitement of art is always "in the air". She says that her inner and outward eyes constantly arrange artistic patterns from shapes, colors, objects and scenes. She is thrilled by the creative experience of boldly applying paint to canvas or molding clay into shapes. According to Denny art has been her life since she was young, drawing cartoons,

making paper mache animals and carving a bar of soap to make a bust of George Washington. Painting classes reinforced her pleasure in art and led to her appointment as a staff artist of her high school newspaper.

She has an Associate in Arts Degree from San Jacinto Junior College, a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from the University of Houston with a specialty

in Graphic Communication, and has studied at the Honolulu Academy of Art. She has been employed in the visual arts field since 1982 and has designed props for fashion shows, fund-raisers, and in-store events.

Her work has been exhibited in the student art shows at San Jacinto College and the Sarah Campbell Blaffer Gallery at the University of Houston, the

Honolulu Academy of Art, the Killeen Art Guild Art Show and at the Temple Civic Theatre's exhibit of Pacific Art.

During the months of February and March examples of her work will be displayed at two area banks, First State Bank and Compass Bank on Main Street, Salado, where they may be viewed during business hours.

Air quality improves with vehicle maintenance

With more than 16 million cars and trucks on the road in the Lone Star State, Texans can help improve air quality and save money just by properly maintaining their vehicles. One vehicle in bad repair can produce 28 times as much air pollution as one vehicle in good repair.

In Texas, vehicles contribute as much as half of the harmful air emissions that create air pollution. Each year, the average car causes over 600 pounds of air pollution. When vehicles are not properly

maintained they get poor gas mileage and you spend more money on gas. For example, under inflation shortens the life of a tire and decreases gas mileage. If your tires are 12 pounds per square inch (psi) below the proper level, this can result in an increase of fuel consumption of five percent.

Here are a few money saving, maintenance tips for air quality:

- * Change your oil and oil filter regularly.
- * Keep your tire pressure and alignment cor-

rect.

- * Change your fuel filter and air filter.
- * Monitor hoses, wiring, and belts.
- * Have your vehicle tuned up regularly.
- * If a warning light comes on, find out why and fix the problem.

Be sure to check your owner's manual for service intervals and follow the automobile manufacturer's service recommendations.

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nails. It helps bond nails that are splitting or peeling.

Formula 3: a nail protein for naturally hard, dry nails.

After Artificial Treatment, a therapeutic treatment for nails recovering from artificial nail use, intended to be used within two months after removing nails. It's a package of sev-

eral things, including cuticle and skin gel, Formula A (25 percent protein and 65 percent conditioner) and Formula B (more protein than Formula A). Nailtiques recommends this treatment, using up all of Formula A before starting on Formula B. Other Nailtiques formulas are too strong for nails destroyed by artificial nail use, the

company says. Nail Moisturizer: a collagen and aloe-based nail cream that promotes moisture and flexibility within the nail. This moisturizer should be used in conjunction with the appropriate treatment product mentioned above.

You can purchase Nailtiques products at the Village Pharmacy.

Scott & White announces opening of Pediatric Lipid Clinic

Scott & White announced the opening of a pediatric lipid clinic one half day a month, beginning in late February.

The need for a specialty clinic for children suffering from lipid ailments arose with the increased number of incidents of hypercholesterolemia in children. The clinic will offer screening for children at risk for developing high cholesterol as part of an approach at the primary prevention of early atherosclerotic disease.

"A review of the cholesterol levels from our pediatric patients last year would suggest that we are screening only a small percent-

age of children who are at risk by virtue of their family history or personal risk factors," Scott & White pediatrician Dr. Catherine McNeal said. "Opening this clinic not only allows us to better serve our younger lipid patients but to increase awareness of this problem, which may help to improve the health of children as adults."

Like the adult lipid clinic children will see a team that includes physicians, dieticians and pharmacists. They will also receive counseling regarding diet exercise and, when appropriate, lipid lowering medications.

The National Cholesterol Education Panel (NCEP) and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends screening children over the age of two years

* If their biological parents or grandparents have a history of premature coronary artery, cerebral vascular or peripheral vascular disease.

* If either of their biological parents has a total fasting cholesterol level greater than or equal to 240 mg/dl.

* If the child has two or more personal risk factors for developing atherosclerotic disease, including

tobacco use, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, sedentary lifestyle or whose family history cannot be ascertained.

Any child (age 6-18 years) that meets any of the risk factors described above may also be eligible for free screening through a research study designed to investigate the efficacy and safety of therapy in children with hypercholesterolemia, as well as its effects on endothelial function.

To arrange an appointment in the pediatric lipid clinic call 724-KIDS, ext. 1492, or e-mail at rdelgado@swmail.sw.org.

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

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

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

ADHD is an acronym for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

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

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

"Many children are not diagnosed until after they start school because this

is the first time that some children are required to sit down and be quiet," said Dr. Beverly Sutton, an Austin area child and adolescent psychiatrist.

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

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

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

ADHD is challenging to diagnose because symptoms do not show up during conventional health exams and, furthermore, some physical and psycho-

logical problems imitate the symptoms of people with ADHD.

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

Diagnosing ADHD is something of a collaborative effort since parents, teachers, and caregivers usually observe the first symptoms. They may notice academic underachievement and failure, disruptive behavior, carelessness, problems with establishing and/or maintaining social relationships, and poor self-esteem.

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

Before a child diagnosed with ADHD begins a drug treatment regimen, the physician and parents should discuss treatment expectations. Behavioral strategies such as contingency management (point-

token reward system), parent training (where the parent is taught child management skills), and clinical behavioral therapy (the parent, teacher, or both are taught to use contingency management procedures) may be suggested as possible treatment options for ADHD. Although clinical behavior therapy, parent training, and contingency management have been beneficial in treating ADHD, more significant outcomes have resulted from medication.

If you are concerned that your child is showing some of the symptoms associated with ADHD, talk to your physician. Early recognition, assessment and management of this condition can redirect the educational and psychosocial development of most children with ADHD.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of more than 36,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Labaj named Dean of Scott & White School of Nursing at University of Mary-Hardin Baylor

Dr. Grace Labaj has been named the new Dean of the Scott & White School of Nursing at the University of Mary-Hardin-Baylor.

Dr. Labaj joined the UMHB faculty in 1970 as an Instructor of Nursing and progressed through the academic ranks becoming a professor in adult health in 1987 and became the Associate Dean of the School of Nursing in 1994, under then dean, Dr. Nancy Schoenrock, who passed away in November 2000.

Dr. Labaj received her diploma in nursing from the Scott & White Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Temple. She later received her Bachelor of Science and Nursing at Texas Christian University and did post graduate work at Baylor University. Labaj received both her Masters of Science and Nursing and PhD from the University of Texas at Austin.

She is a member of the American Nurses Association, Texas Nurses Association, District 7 Nurses' Association, and is a member of Sigma Theta Tau. She has held positions in the district of president and numerous

committee memberships. Since coming to UMHB, she did clinical experience through faculty development in Ontological nursing at M.D. Anderson Hospital during the summer of 1994. Later she participated at the Texas Consortium of Geriatric Education Centers. In 2000, Dr. Labaj worked on the Community Academic Partner with Weston Inn Nursing Home, in Temple. She served as mentor and advisor for graduate students practicum in 1991 at U.T. Austin and again in 1992 at U.T. in El Paso.

From 1992 to 1994, Dr. Labaj did intensive literature review in redesigning curriculum framework and curricula structure. She gave a presentation on the history of the nurse-patient relationship in 1997 to the Texas Nursing Association, District 7 conference.

Dr. Labaj has been a speaker for UMHB convocation in 1996; served on the university Sesquicentennial committee in 1995; and worked as the university liaison for the East Texas Area Health Education Center in 1999.

Dr. Labaj has served



Dr. Grace Labaj, Dean of Scott & White School

Temple Brethren Church in leadership roles including Sunday school director, Building committee, chair of the Policy Board and Board of Elders.

UMHB has over 100 students in the nursing program currently and over 300 declared nursing major. There are a total of 13 full-time faculty in the program. In 2000, the UMHB first-time graduates of the nursing program had a 97.8 percent performance on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX). Seven of the past ten years the nursing graduate performance has been over 95 percent.

Blood Drive hosted by National Honor Society

National Honor Society is sponsoring a Scott and White Blood Drive at SHS 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Feb. 21.

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Responsibility I

I was incensed by a recent front page article in the October 8 Dallas Morning News entitled, "No easy cure seen for youth-vote drop". This article described how fewer young people are voting. I do not disagree with this point, however the article went on to say that college professors and parents have been unable to motivate our youth to vote, and that our public schools are partially to blame.

A professor of political science at Texas A & M stated that his students do not seem particularly interested or informed, and that he has tried to encourage and motivate them to get involved in politics to no avail. He stated that when he was 18, he wasn't particularly interested in politics. He said high schools are part of the blame for not emphasizing government enough. Well, maybe one of the reasons we are not emphasizing government enough is that we are trying to emphasize reading, mathematics, science,

social studies, discipline, mental and physical health, and computer skills to name a few. We are trying to provide a quality, somewhat flexible education to ALL students while still trying to live under a myriad of laws and rules, cans and cannots. We try to provide the very best education with a budget that many private businesses would consider paltry.

Another expert in the field said that an emphasis on youth voting needs to begin in elementary school. He is quoted as

Supt's Corner

By Dr. Robin Battershell

saying, "With all the emphasis on reading, writing, and math, social studies are not getting enough emphasis." If a child comes to school with an illness, or no breakfast, or not enough sleep the night before, they cannot read. If a child cannot read, they cannot work through a social studies textbook. Many times, public schools are taking students to the nurse, feeding them breakfast, or trying to keep them awake. Once these basic needs are met, our wonderful teachers are teaching them to read.

My point is that schools are pedaling as fast as they can. Schools are the scapegoat and the expected panacea. Schools, like churches are communities and communities, by definition, are organizations of people, comprised of professors, parents, children, business owners, teachers, staff, and administrators. Instead of the professor cited above pointing the finger, maybe he should become part of the solution. We all need to stop pointing the finger at someone or something else. All of us working together, can model what it is like to be life-long learners.

Any questions may be directed to Dr. Battershell at 602 N. Main, Salado, TX 76571.

IH 35 to become more dangerous when Mexican truck ban is lifted

If you think Interstate Highway 35 is crowded now, just wait a few weeks and see what the most recent change authorized by the Federal Transportation office will do - and then run for your life!

Or rather, drive with extra caution as if your life depends on it - which it probably will!

The Feds approved, with the President's OK, the temporary lifting of a U. S. imposed moratorium that had prohibited the unlimited passage of Mexican trucks into and across this country until they were inspected and approved as being safe to travel on our highways.

The unilateral ban by this country, of potentially dangerous foreign trucks, was felt to be a violation of the North American Free Trade Agreement signed by the United States, Mexico and Canada that allows the free flow of goods between the three nations.

More to the point, the safety checks on incoming trucks took a great deal of time and backed up Mexican trucks at the border stations for miles. It also forced unsafe trucks to trans-ship their goods to American carriers thus adding to the delay and cost that put a crimp in the steady and less expensive flow of Mexican produced goods to America's wholesalers and retailers.

So with business interests now calling the shots in Washington, it is no surprise that the ban was lifted with only a faint hope that any unsafe and uninsurable foreign vehicles will be caught by State Troopers on duty up and down the interstate highway system!

Trucks will still be stopped by Border Patrol and Immigration Service officers and checked quickly and easily for illegal workers and narcotics smuggling.

However, with manpower already stretched thin within the Texas Department of Public Safety, only a relatively few for the Mexican 18-wheelers can be spot-checked on the road and given the time consuming inspection to see if they meet American truck safety standards.

NAFTA was established in 1994 and quickly made Mexico our second largest trading partner while helping fuel the economic boom enjoyed during the past six years.

On the downside of the hemispheric accord, that was steamrollered by some of the nations's most powerful business interests, little thought was given to the infrastructure that would be needed to handle the traffic - most of which would be trucks using highways not built for the increased usage and strain.

The President should push for fast-track implementation of regulations that will govern the entry of potentially unsafe heavy-haul trucks, both foreign and domestic, into the country and onto our interstate highway system before more lives are sacrificed on the altar of free trade and high profits - the latter no doubt forcing political pressure that prompted the lifting of the unsafe truck ban in the first place.

LOCAL TRUCKS IN VIOLATION

While on the subject of trucks, there appears to be a consistent violation of law relating to haulers of gravel, road base, sand and dirt here in Bell County. The requirement is that any truck carrying such loads and driving over the speed of 30 miles per hour must, and we repeat "must", cover their loads with a tarp to avoid having

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



JP IVEY PLANS DEPARTURE IN CONTINUING SAGA OF THE DISAPPEARING DEMOCRATS. "PRAYER" AND GOP HEAD-COUNT NOTED AS REASONS FOR END OF ONCE SOLID DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONTROL.

their cargo blow back and damage cars driving behind these trucks.

This is especially true of the countless trips made daily by trucks hauling loads of loose material up and down FM 2484. Few of these truckers take time to cover their loads unless one driver spots a cop, alerts his buddies via radio and suddenly all are in compliance.

Speeding has long been a complaint lodged by car and school bus drivers who are forced to share the busy, narrow roadway with the loaded trucks and fear grows daily that an accident, involving children being transported to school or home, will occur.

Truck company owners need to supervise their drivers to the point that all rules of the road, especially the speed limits, are obeyed and that courtesy towards auto drivers is extended - but rarely seen on FM 2484.

JP IVEY GETS GOP-RELIGION

No sooner had last week's edition of the Salado Village Voice hit the newsstands with a report that only three Bell County Democratic office holders were left on duty following the ship-jumping by Bell County Treasurer Charles Jones to the Grand Old Party, than yet another Democrat - Precinct 3, Place 2, Justice of the Peace G. W. Ivey notified the world he was decamping for greener votes as a Republican.

Actually Ivey did not talk about the growing number of GOP-votes in the County but did state: "After much thought, prayers and talking with family members and supporters, I have made the decision to change my affiliation to the Republican Party."

There are now but two Demos left in elected positions in the county - Vada Sutton, Clerk of the County and County Court-at-law Judge Ed Johnson, both of whom are up for reelection in 2002.

Ms. Sutton told Temple Telegram reporters that she was sticking with the Demo party and would: "rather fight than switch"!

Judge Johnson has already drawn a Republican opponent for the '02 election and has not made public his future political plans.

If Johnson bows out, Sutton may end up being the only member of her party to hold public office in Bell County especially since her popularity and voter appeal appears strong on both sides of the political fence.

A political feat that would keep the county GOP bosses from scoring a 100% "take no prisoners" victory!

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Too much profit is not enough

There once was a boisterous bar in my hometown of Austin, Texas, that had a rollicking, good-time slogan: "Too Much Is Not Enough."

Unfortunately, this could be the motto these days of big business executives and Wall Street investors who no longer are happy to make a good profit or even a fat profit. They want to make a killing, no matter who or what gets killed.

I'm not only talking here about the high-tech greed-heads, globalizing downsizers, and profiteering polluters, but also about companies that once showed some commitment to public service, such as the newspaper business. For sure, few newspapers ever spurned profits, but now the insistence on ever greater profits is killing journalism itself.

Good-to-great papers

Jim Hightower

have prided themselves on solid, investigative muckraking, measuring success by stories that bring the arrogant and avaricious to account. But instead of competing against other papers on the basis of high journalistic standards, the chain owners of America's press now vie on the basis of high profit margins--and too much is never enough. A 10 percent return on investment would provide owners a mighty handsome living, but Wall Street analysts now scoff at such a level, demanding 25, 30, 35 percent annual return, and more.

With newspapers having a hard time increasing sales, this level of profit has to come by cutting reporters, along with reporters investigative budgets. For example, Knight Ridder, owner of the proud Philadelphia Inquirer, has made such cuts in order to more than double profits from that paper since 1995. But 19 percent return is not enough, say the chain owners of the Inquirer, so they're now cutting another 100 people from the paper's staff, seeking to put a 21 percent profit margin in their own pockets.

And you can bet that this won't be enough, either. More cuts will come to satisfy insatiable investors at the expense of readers, who'll get ever less muckraking and ever more fluff making from their daily press.



FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Two war scenario makes good recipe for budget pork

The media often speculates about the prospect of a power struggle among Bush's top advisors, and in the area of foreign policy, some in the Bush cabinet have real disagreements about America's world role. But unfortunately, in the most important area of national security strategy -- determining the role of America's military -- there is no disagreement. Bush's advisors are marching in lock step, and they are marching to an outdated tune.

Specifically, the Administration hums along to the discordant notes of the two-war strategy. Bush's top advisors -- Secretary of State Colin Powell, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, and Vice President Dick Cheney -- all support this plan. It's a strategy that

calls for our military to be able to fight two large wars on opposite sides of the globe at the same time, without the help of our allies.

Treated as sacrosanct since its inception in the early 1990's, the two-war strategy serves as a textbook example of the Pentagon's unwillingness to change.

America's military is far and away the world's best funded, trained and equipped. This year, we will spend nearly \$310 billion on national defense, more than the next 10 countries combined. America has the world's largest air force, the world's most powerful navy, and a nuclear arsenal with thousands of warheads. America is the only nation on earth to keep thousands of troops stationed overseas on a permanent basis. Yet the Pentagon argues that, if the military cannot take on

two wars at once without help, it is just not prepared.

If this standard sounds ridiculous, it is for good reason. Not since World War II has America had to fight on two fronts; even then, the war in the Pacific was fought mainly as a holding action until the war in Europe was near its end. Moreover, in World War II, America enjoyed massive allied support. All throughout the Cold War the U.S. maintained a one-and-a-half war strategy without consequence. In the past 50 years, America has fought wars in Korea, Vietnam, the Persian Gulf and Yugoslavia, and each time has committed the bulk of its military to the conflict. Yet at no time during any of these four wars did a second aggressor confront the U.S. The two war scenario is entirely unrealistic and without historical precedent.

This two-war preoccupation is not only expensive, it is also dangerous. Few military experts believe that future conflicts will be large-scale land battles, yet it is exactly this kind of fighting for which the military plans. If the Pentagon remains focused on the wars of yesterday, it cannot plan for the threats of today or tomorrow. The National Defense Panel, an independent board created by Congress to assess Pentagon strategy, concluded in 1997 that "a significant share of the Defense Department's resources are focused on the unlikely contingency that two major wars will break out at once, putting greater risk on our long-term strategy."

So why has the strategy not been abandoned for something more appropriate? The answer, of course, is money. In an era of tight budgets, the Pentagon

has hit on a solution: set a standard that addresses 10-year-old threats, and that is unattainably high. Then ask for more tax dollars. The National Defense Panel shared this assessment, and called the two-war plan "a force-protection mechanism -- a means of justifying the current force structure."

Instead of being wedded to its Cold War tactics, America should have a force that is more realistic. The Pentagon could safely cut 130,000 troops, or about 10 percent of the total force. Doing so would free up resources to help prepare the military for the much more likely threats of ethnic unrest, peacekeeping, terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction. With this restructured force, America could fight and win a major war, while at the same time holding back enough air and naval

power to punish a second aggressor with air strikes and cruise missiles. An additional Army Division could be retained to serve as peacekeepers, should that become necessary.

Challenges to America in the 21st Century are many and varied. Will the Pentagon respond by recognizing these threats and moving to meet them, or will it continue to embrace a strategy born in the Cold War? Only time -- and the Bush Administration's upcoming review of the military -- will tell.

However, if the public statements of his top advisors are any indication, President Bush appears prepared to confront the next century's security challenges with last century's strategy and tactics.

Jeremy Bratt is a Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellow for the Council for a Livable World Education Fund in Washington DC.

Bi-partisan plans to work with President Bush

By CHET EDWARDS, CONGRESSMAN

On January 20th, I had the great privilege to sit on the platform at the U.S. Capitol, as George W. Bush was sworn-in as our nation's 43rd president.

Hundreds of Central Texans were in Washington to witness this historic event and to lend their support to our new president. It was an honor to join so many Texans in our nation's Capitol and hear President Bush lay out his agenda for America.

I was encouraged by his call for bipartisanship and for an end to the type of

scorched earth politics that leave important issues unresolved and people feeling bitter.

I am eager to push forward on many of the issues that I also consider my top priorities--improving education, strengthening defense, passing a fiscally responsible tax cut, providing prescription drugs for seniors and reducing the national debt.

Education—Education initiatives should include providing values based character education, ensuring discipline and demanding accountability from

public schools. Schools must also be given the flexibility and local control to meet these important goals. The federal government does have an important role by supporting better education for all children through programs such as Head Start, reading programs and college loans.

Defense—I support a proposal to increase military pay by at least \$1 billion immediately, accelerate modernization programs and uphold a commitment to quality of life by improving housing,

health care and education. Our military families deserve a pay increase and our armed services need the resources to ensure that our fighting forces remain the best equipped and trained in the world.

Tax cuts—I support tax cuts given the projected federal budget surplus. The size of the tax cuts should be fiscally responsible, so we can continue to reduce the national debt, while protecting Social Security and Medicare. Tax cuts must be fair to hard-working middle and low-income working families. Finally, common

sense should remind us that the 10-year budget surplus projections are just that--projections.


Prescription drugs—The groundwork is in place to provide a prescription drug benefit for seniors. President Bush and the Congress should work together to provide a benefit that will help millions of older Americans stay healthy, both medically and financially.

Fiscal responsibility—America has a unique opportunity to reduce the \$5.7 trillion national debt. A smaller debt means the

government will borrow less and lower interest rates. Lower interest rates make it easier to borrow the money families need to buy a home, start a business, pay for school or make other major purchases.

I hope that President Bush will move forward on these important issues. I look forward to working with him to maintain fiscal responsibility while providing programs that help hardworking American families.

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Crazy For You is pure magic, the one show in years to bring back the lost paradise of the American musical in all its glory. This 1992 Tony Award-winning "Best Musical" has been hailed by critics and audiences alike from New York to London, Tokyo to Toronto, Australia and beyond.

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Polly. To win her affection, he tells Polly that he knows Zangler personally and can convince the show biz legend to put on a show to save the theatre. He ends up impersonating Zangler, and importing the chorines himself to put on the show he has promised. When Irene, and then Zangler himself show up, complications ensue. With daz-

zling choreography, Crazy For You is a visual treat filled with unforgettable songs, phenomenal dancing, and sparkling showmanship.

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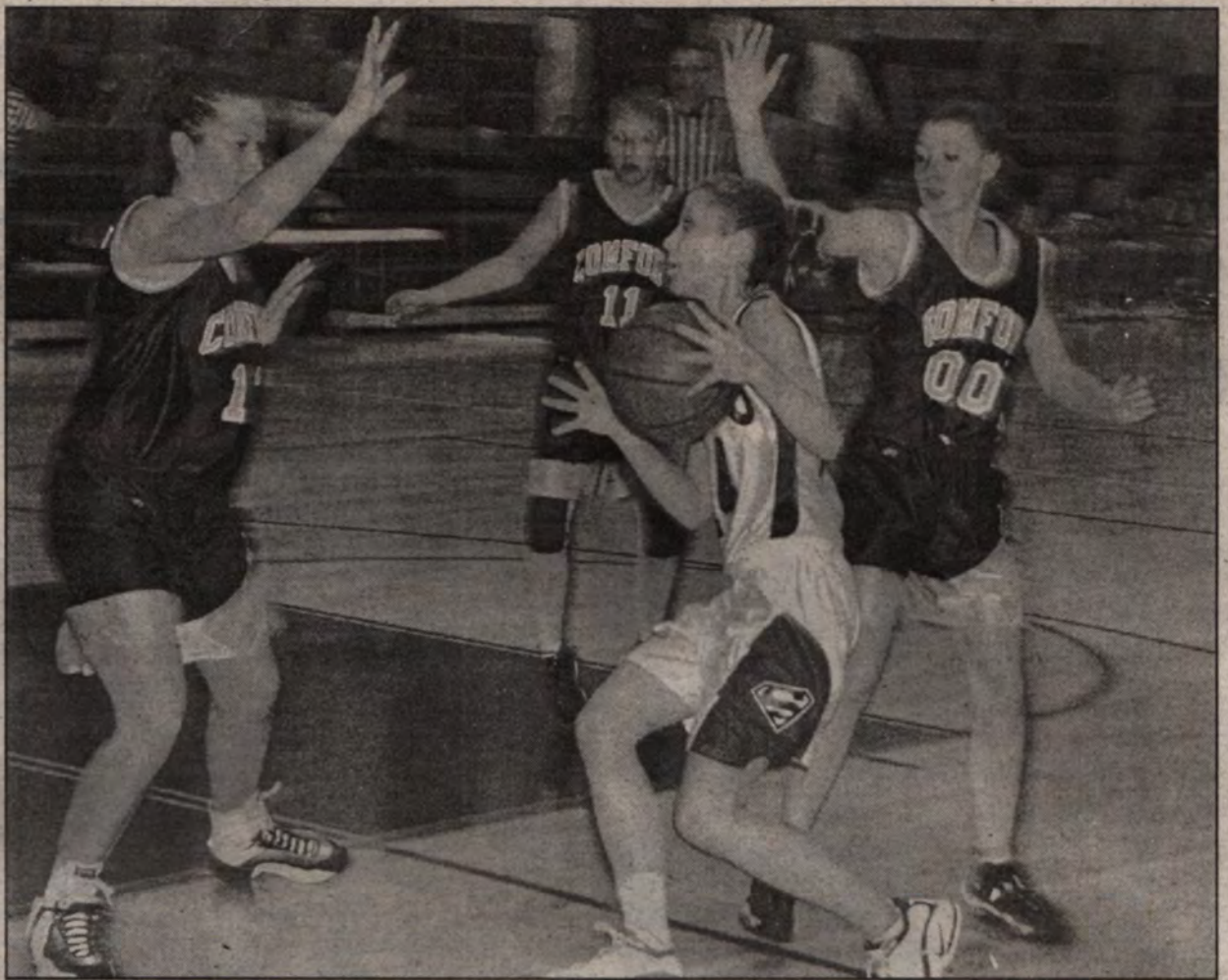
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(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
 Tessa Schreiner dribbles into heavy traffic against Comfort Feb. 13.

Lady cagers continue to win playoffs



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
 Julie Couchman tries to pass into the Comfort defense during Salado's 43-42 overtime win Feb. 13.

Salado Lady Eagles played what coach Larry Salisbury called "the best three quarters of basketball they've ever played" in their 54-45 win over Van Vleck Feb. 17 in LaGrange.

Salado could have taken a nap in the fourth quarter, after amassing a 49-30 lead at the end of the third quarter. Even allowing Van Vleck to score 15 points in the fourth quarter, Salado coasted to an easy win to qualify for the next round of the girls high school state playoffs.

The Lady Eagles traveled to Pflugerville to face Schulenberg Feb. 20. The game was after presstime for this issue and will be reported next week.

But, "if we play like we did Friday night, we'll

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Eagles end season with loss

Salado Eagles lost to Jarrell Feb. 13 in their final basketball game of the season, 65-53.

The Eagles hardly seemed to show up in the first quarter, scoring just four points, while Jarrell scored 15.

The Cougars held a commanding 35-20 lead at the halftime, stretching it to 52-27 in the third.

Salado scored almost as many points in the fourth quarter as they did in the first three, while Jarrell operated on cruise control. Even though Salado scored 26 points in the fourth, Jarrell coasted to a 65-53 win.

Jacob Mirabal led the scoring for Salado with 15 points. He scored 11 of those points in the fourth quarter.

Stephen Fewell

followed with 11 points, including two three-pointers.

Also scoring for Salado were Jeremy Grim, 8 points; Jarrod Whitfield, 7 points; Roland Buckley, 4 points and Caleb Thompson and Matt Ward, 3 points each.

Salado finished the season with a 14-15 record.

EAGLES JVA 40

JARRELL JVA 30

Salado Eagles JVA beat Jarrell Feb. 13 40-30.

Salado led throughout most of the game, jumping out to a 10-4 first quarter lead. The Eagles took a 21-9 lead to the lockers and held on for a 27-18 lead at the end of three periods.

Cody Quirk led the scor-

ing for Salado with 18 points. He was followed by Omar Torres, who had 9 points and Heath Hale, who had 8 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Joshua Wright and Stephen Hayes, 2 points each, and Devon Rex, 1 point.

SALADO JVB 22

JARRELL JVB 31

In a low-scoring game,

Salado's JVB squad lost to Jarrell 31-22 Feb. 13, their final game of the basketball season.

Salado trailed through most of the game as Jarrell held a 17-10 halftime lead and 23-16 lead at the end of three periods.

Chase Simpson led the scoring for Salado with 6 points, followed by Cale Cox and Jarod Rogers, who both had 4 points.

Lady golfers take 1st

The Lady Eagle golf team composed of team members: Kaci Fritsch, Paige Cameron, Katy Mentzel, and Emily Lilly shot a team total of 370 to win First place in the Moody girls invitational held Feb. 12 at Greenbrier Golf Course.

Kaci Fritsch finished as second medalist and Page Cameron finished as third medalist.

Individual scores are as follow: Kaci Fritsch, 88; Paige Cameron, 91; Kate Mentzel, 94; Emily Lilly, 98.

TAE PTO raising funds for new Sport Court

Thomas Arnold Elementary PTO is currently conducting a fund drive to raise money for a new Sport Court to benefit all children at Thomas Arnold Elementary for recess and P.E.

The goal of PTO is to raise \$3,000. The PTO will donate \$4,000 to cover the total cost of \$7,000. The organization would like to

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 Robyn Womac tries to shoot over (or through) three Comfort defenders.

NHS inducts members

The Salado High School chapter of National Honor Society held an induction ceremony 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15, in the High School library.

The officers of the chapter are Stacy Blodgett, President; Jon Teer, Vice President; Mandy Tsosie, Secretary; Kelli Cook, Treasurer; and Tessa Schreiner, Reporter. These officers lead in the induction of the new members.

The four characteristics upon which the National Honor Society is founded are scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The members being inducted are Brian Miller, Jake Brizendine, Sara Culver, Elizabeth Dachs, Tabitha Lawson, Lauren Mewhinney, Narissa Mohammed, Chelsea Norman, Kyle Salisbury, Rome Urquiza and Tiffany Young.

UMHB invites seniors, juniors for Preview

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will have over 300 high school juniors and seniors from around Texas and neighboring states the weekend of March 2-3.

"Spring Preview weekend is for prospective high school students to visit the university to learn

about the academic programs, financial aid, and scholarships," said Steve Theodore, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management and Director of Admissions.

"About 75 percent of the students who attend Spring Preview apply to attend

LADY EAGLES FROM PAGE 2 B

be around for regionals," Coach Salisbury said from his office Feb. 19.

Salado had a huge first quarter, jumping out to a 19-10 lead, as Robyn Womac scored eight of her team-high 20 points. The girls added eight more in the second for a 10-point halftime lead of 27-17. In the third quarter, though, Salado came out hot, scoring 22 points and holding Van Vleck to 13 points.

Lindsay Quirk also had double figures for the Lady Eagles with 10 points on the night. She was followed by Julie Couchman, who had 6 points.

Also scoring for Salado were Lauren Mewhinney and Whitney Taylor, who each had 5 points, and Meagan Joiner and Tessa Schreiner, who both had 4 points.

LADY EAGLES 43
COMFORT 42

Salado qualified for the game with Van Vleck, despite almost giving the bi-district game to Comfort Feb. 13, eking out a 43-42 win in overtime.

Overtime almost didn't though. The head ref waved off a last-second call that would have sent a Comfort player to the free throw line for two shots with no time left on the clock.

It was reminiscent of

Salado's state semi-final game, which was won at the free throw line with no time on the clock. This time, though, the shoe would have been on the other foot.

In overtime, Womac hit two of four free throws, the only points for Salado in the short period. She made the second free throw with less than three seconds on the clock, to give Salado the 43-42 edge.

Salado was just six of 17 at the free throw line, while Comfort was seven for 12.

Comfort looked like a one-women show in the first quarter as Kasey Feller scored all 14 points, including four three-pointers.

Salado shut her down the rest of the game, and made up the first-quarter deficit for a 25-24 halftime lead.

The teams fought back and forth through the second half, as Comfort closed Salado's slim 32-28 third-quarter lead to tie the game in the last seconds.

Womac led Salado with 10 points on the night, followed by Couchman, who scored all of her 9 points from long-range.

Also scoring for Salado were Taylor, 8 points; Quirk and Schreiner, 5 points each and Joiner, 3 points.

college at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor," said Theodore.

During the weekend, the students will stay in dorm rooms, sit in on college classes, and meet with President Dr. Jerry G. Bawcom, professors,

coaches, and college students.

Dr. Bawcom will host a dinner for parents on Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. He will share some of the history of UMHB, as well as plans for the future. At 7 p.m. in the W. W. Walton Chapel, students will hear the contemporary Christian group Small Town Poets.

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New officers were introduced at the recent Salado Historical Society meeting. New officers are 2nd vice-president Eleanor Dugger, secretary Hulda Horton, president Miriam Jordan, and treasurer Robert Denman. The new officers began their duties on Feb. 15

Current directors of the Salado Historical Society are Charles Abbitt, Mary Jean Boston, David Evans, Cricket Jones, Jack Herrington, Jim Pringle, Karen Walker, Merie Stallcap, Frances Utey, Johnny Watson and Margaret Williamson.



Local historian and past president of the Salado Historical Society, Pat Barton presented a Birds Eye View of Salado at the recent general membership meeting of the organization. Her writings have appeared in Salado publications on many phases of history and development of Salado.

The Historical Society is in need of a Chairman for the annual Homes Tour, which is their major fundraiser. If you would like to participate call Miriam at 947-5254

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ten male voices.

The group is rehearsing music for the spring concert and show which will be performed on May 10 at the civic center.

It isn't too late to become a member of the

chorus and participate in the May 10 concert, so people who enjoy singing are invited to join. The chorus rehearses on Tuesday afternoons at the Civic Center. The women begin at 5 p.m. and the men arrive

at 5:30.

Betty Thorn directs the group, Katherine Wende is director of production, and Marge Kirkman is accompanist.

Tarleton State University announces 2000 Fall graduates

Tarleton State University announced the 2000 Fall graduates including two from Salado.

Sharon L. Keeney-Black received a Master of Sci-

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Why do we say Gesundheit?

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I don't remember my parents saying "God bless you" or "Gesundheit" after I sneezed. Is that a yankee thing? The practice wasn't in use much during my college years at Baylor. I heard it a lot when I was in the Army, mostly from guys up north. I heard the phrase most when I attended classes in Mexico. When someone sneezed, the whole class shouted "Salud!" (health).

I really don't like to hear the phrase. I'm so shaken up during the violent upheaval going on in my nose and mouth during a sneeze I don't feel like saying "thank you."

It appears the practice of blessing sneezers originated in ancient Greek

or Roman times, or perhaps even earlier. In 77 AD, Pliny the Elder, a Roman naturalist, asked why Tiberius Caesar, who was most unsociable, would insist on a salutation when one sneezed.

According to folklore this custom comes from the idea that you are sneezing out your soul. People thought the soul could separate from the body, escaping through the sneeze or through a yawn, leaving one open to evil spirits. A variation of this idea is that the heart stops when you sneeze.

Some believed that because sneezing indicated the onset of illness, a blessing was invoked for protection.

Other folklore of sneezing: A sneeze before breakfast is the sign that

you will hear exciting news before the end of the day. Always say "God bless you" when you sneeze to keep the devil from flying down your throat.

Five consecutive sneezes will bring you something new. If you sneeze at the table, you will have one more person to the next meal. When someone sneezes say "God bless you and may the devil miss you." When someone sneezes say "Gesundheit" (health). The sneezer must answer "Gesundheit ist besser wie krankheit" (health is better than sickness). Sneezing between noon and midnight is a good omen. Sneezing between midnight and noon is a

bad omen. If you place a hand in front of your mouth when you sneeze, you soul won't escape. A cat sneezing is a good omen for everyone who hears it. A sneezing cat means rain. Sneezing to the right signifies prosperity.

When I turned to the internet for information on sneezing, it directed me to some websites with erotic stories about sneezing. It said sneezing after sex prevents pregnancy. Does everything on the internet take you to sex sites? I searched the internet for the phrase "God bless you," expecting to find loads of information about that. There was only one. It dealt with religion.



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Q: I am in my 80s

and want to leave my antique platform rocker to my daughter. I would like to give her some history and an idea of the chair's value. According to the original nameplate attached to one leg, it is a "Hunzinger duplex spring platform rocker patented September 26, 1882." The rocker has an upholstered seat and a U-shaped back made of dowels and spheres.

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

Strawberry Divinity

Rita Zbranek

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| 3 c. white sugar | 1 pkg. strawberry jello |
| 3/4 c. water | 1 tsp. vanilla |
| 3/4 c. white corn syrup | 2 egg whites |
| 1/2 to 1 c. chopped nuts | |

Boil first 3 ingredients (sugar, water, syrup) to hard ball stage or light crack stage on candy thermometer. Beat egg whites until fluffy; add jello and beat until peaks form. Pour hot syrup in a thin stream over the whites and beat until it holds soft peaks. Add vanilla and nuts. Drop by teaspoon onto waxed paper, or pour into pan and cut into squares. Yield: 3 to 4 dozen.

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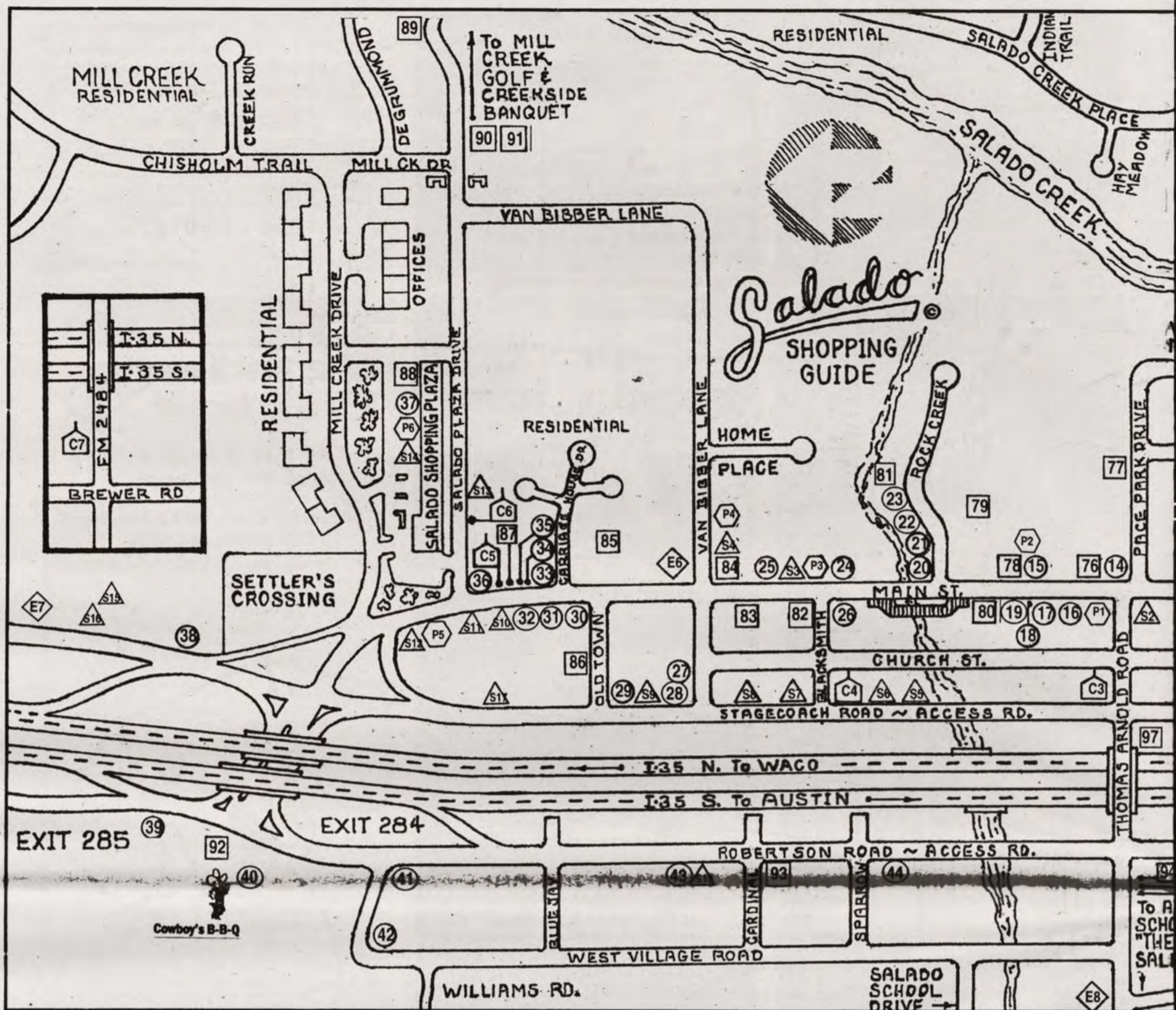
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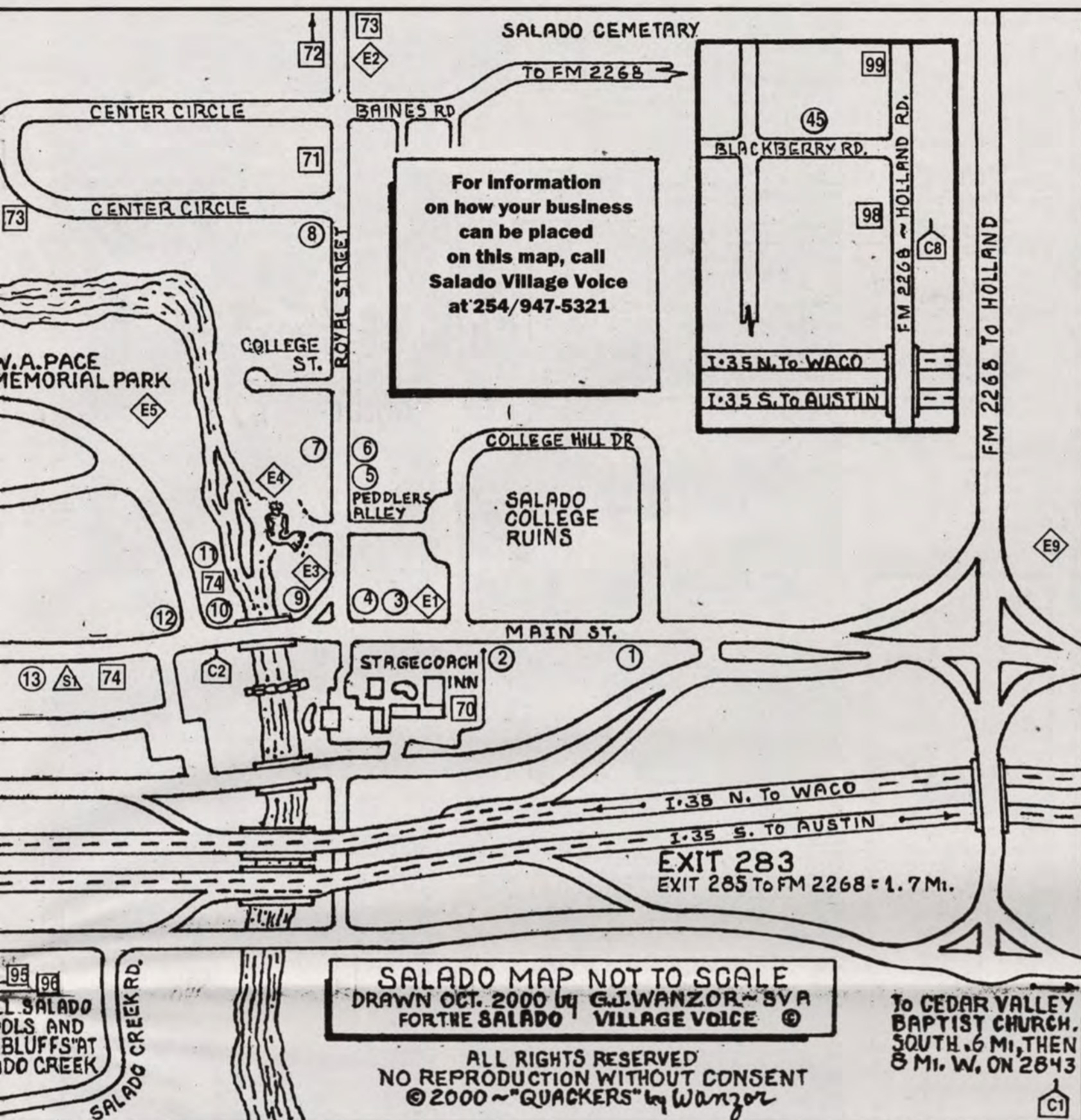
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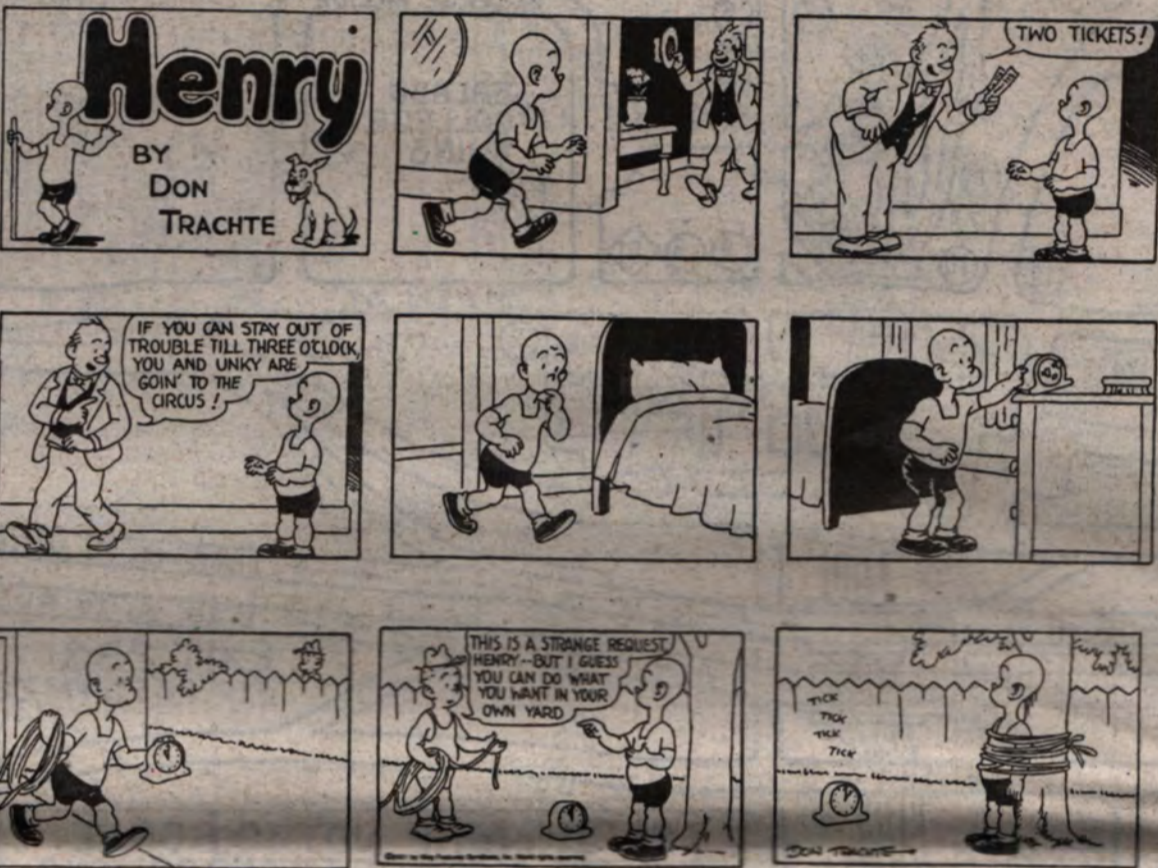
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- 1 Thieves
 - 5 Dress down
 - 10 Accomplished
 - 13 English explorer
 - 18 French spa
 - 20 Home on high
 - 21 A mean Amin
 - 22 "Pygmalion" role
 - 23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret
 - 26 On the up and up
 - 27 Director Sergio
 - 28 Grazing ground
 - 29 Overact
 - 31 Have a mortgage
 - 32 Become engaged?
 - 34 EMT's skill
 - 36 "La Boheme" girl
 - 39 Depravity
 - 42 Heavy metal instrument?
 - 45 Mellow
 - 47 Rajasthani rhythm
 - 48 Coach Parseghian
 - 49 Kayak commander
 - 50 Part 2 of remark
 - 54 Verbal explosion
 - 56 Pittsburgh player
 - 58 Skirt feature
 - 60 Tangle
 - 61 "May I interrupt?"
 - 62 Vision
 - 65 Cookbook phrase
 - 66 Impressive lobby
 - 68 Catches cod
 - 71 Runner Sebastian
 - 72 Karras or Haley
 - 73 Part 3 of remark
 - 77 Suggestive
 - 80 — Na Na
 - 81 Beloved
 - 82 Type of aircraft
 - 85 Maestro de Waart
 - 86 Fusillade
 - 88 Khartoum's river
 - 90 Hopeless case
 - 92 Jeeves or Passepartout
 - 94 Focused
 - 97 Watchful city?
 - 98 Part 4 of remark
 - 101 Perfect
 - 103 One of the Marches
 - 104 Anesthetize
 - 105 Fitting
 - 106 Manuscript enc.
 - 107 Goofy Gomer
 - 108 Field event
 - 111 — the fields we go ...
 - 113 Ballet movement
 - 115 Overwhelm
 - 116 Recruit personnel
 - 118 Good times
 - 121 Sari site
 - 124 Rent
 - 127 End of remark
 - 131 Party present
 - 132 Myriads of moons
 - 133 "Midnight at the —" ('74 hit)
 - 134 — Gay
 - 135 Fight site
 - 136 Room for relaxing
 - 137 Marine leader?
 - 138 Hardware item
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Sports official
 - 2 Face shape
 - 3 Ill temper
 - 4 She knew how to get a head
 - 5 Droop
 - 6 Do overhead plastering
 - 7 Sarah — Jewett
 - 8 Pale purple
 - 9 — volente
 - 10 "Carpe —"
 - 11 Turn of phrase
 - 12 Bother
 - 13 "Fantasia" frame
 - 14 Fish-and-chips accompaniment
 - 15 Chauvinist
 - 16 Conductor Seiji
 - 17 Yarn
 - 19 Muse count
 - 24 Snuggle up
 - 25 "The Aeneid" author
 - 30 Jacob's twin
 - 33 Tint
 - 35 — Rider" ('85 film)
 - 37 Neighbor of Libya
 - 38 Kite part
 - 39 Places to dye
 - 40 One of "The Three Sisters"
 - 41 Jeweler's weight
 - 43 41st or 43rd President
 - 44 Be there
 - 46 Gets by, with "out"
 - 49 Impromptu
 - 51 Author Jong
 - 52 Patricia of "Hud"
 - 53 Wild wind
 - 55 Deck out
 - 57 Edit a text
 - 59 Duty
 - 61 Menotti title character
 - 63 Have thirds and fourths?
 - 64 Cure
 - 67 — Minor
 - 69 Peg for Palmer
 - 70 Footballer Lynn
 - 72 Option
 - 74 Maritime abbr.
 - 75 Turning point
 - 76 Actor Bruce
 - 77 Part of IRS
 - 78 Elliot's — "Bede"
 - 79 Fountain order
 - 83 Foe
 - 84 Party hearty
 - 86 Walk like a rooster
 - 87 Recruit-to-be
 - 89 Helen of Troy's mom
 - 91 Wrath
 - 93 Cubist Rubik?
 - 95 Warning
 - 96 Tivoli's Villa d'—
 - 97 Ancient tongue
 - 99 Little devils
 - 100 Bordered on
 - 102 Kreskn's letters
 - 107 Know-it-all
 - 108 Vow
 - 109 Throw forcefully
 - 110 Resort lake
 - 112 Bucolic
 - 114 Memo start
 - 115 — Romeo
 - 117 Actress Sherilyn
 - 119 "Yo!" at the library
 - 120 Move a bit
 - 122 "Blame — the Bossa Nova" ('63 hit)
 - 123 Bill of Rights grp.
 - 125 Every guy is one
 - 126 Cy Young stat
 - 128 Debtor's letters
 - 129 Govt. agency
 - 130 Beaver or beret

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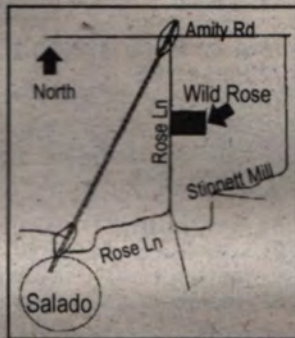
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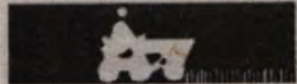
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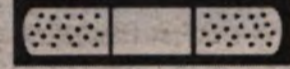
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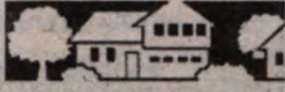
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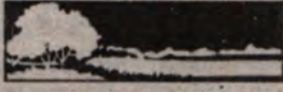


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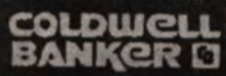
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
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Rock Creek B&B Retail Store
Not one, but TWO buildings located in the commercial area of Rock Creek Drive. First, a quaint retail store for those "one of a kind" gift items that Salado is known for. Second, a unique two story granary building, presently being operated as a B&B. But, let your imagination run wild with lots of rooms, both upstairs & down, and Decks too!! The LOCATION and the setting overlooking the creek is really something to see & behold!

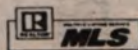


Salado Creek Guest Houses
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Gardening: What to do in the month of February

TO DO
 The word in February is Prune. Roses, trees, and summer flowering shrubs can all be pruned this month. Wait until flowering is finished before

pruning spring flowering shrubs.
 February is the month for pruning rose bushes, but not the climbing variety. Using sharp shears that make clean cuts

remove dead, or weak canes. Leave four to eight healthy canes, but remove one third to one half of the top growth along the height of the plant. Antique roses require less pruning

back.
 Now is also the time to prune fruit and nut trees, landscape trees, evergreens, and summer-flowering shrubs.

Gardeners can begin hardening tomatoes and peppers that have been growing in cold frames or under grow lights by putting them outside in the sun during the day, and bringing them in on nights when the temperature will be below forty degrees.

TO PLANT
 February is a wonderful month to choose and plant bareroot and container grown roses.

Trees and shrubs can continue to be planted. However do not fertilize newly planted trees or shrubs until after they have begun to grow, and then fertilize them only lightly.

Keep in mind when buying plants that biggest is not necessarily best, especially with bare root plants.

Begin planting gladiolus corms six inches deep in well-drained soil.

Potatoes, beets, and parsley can be planted now.

FERTILIZE
 Continue lightly fertilizing cool season flowers such as pansies, stocks, and cyclamens. Remember to water after fertilizing.

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Salado's Home Team

Residential

- \$68,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA manufactured home in the country. Under Contract.
- \$99,500 - New construction. 1/2 acre lot. 3 BR, 2 BA. Under Contract.
- \$99,900 - Old farm house, barn fences on 61.53 acres. Under Contract.
- \$127,900 - 3 BR, 2 BA home on 2 acres in quiet neighborhood. Storage bldg.
- \$130,000 - 3 BR, 2 BA new home on wooded lot. Split bedroom plan.
- \$132,800 - Walk to Mill Creek Country Club, garage has door for golf cart.
- \$135,900 - Close to Mill Creek Pro Shop. Master BR on first floor.
- \$137,900 - 4.1 acres. Fenced backyard, fireplace, raised ceilings.
- \$139,900 - 4 BR Mill Creek home on cul-de-sac. Deluxe master, large den.
- \$149,900 - Patio home on the golf course. 3 BR, 2 BA, studio above garage.
- \$152,500 - Two cabins and metal workshop on 26.02 acres with hilltop view.
- \$169,900 - Lots of open space. 4 BR, 2 BA, great master suite. Under Contract.
- \$169,900 - Walking distance to Pro Shop. Granite counter tops.
- \$175,000 - Cliffs on Canyon Creek. 4 BR, 2 BA, great master suite.
- \$179,000 - Quiet cul-de-sac in Mill Creek. 3 BR, office, 2 dining.
- \$187,000 - 4 BR, 2-1/2 BA, formal dining, breakfast nook.
- \$192,000 - 4/2/2 on large lot. Heated pool & jacuzzi. 2" wood blinds throughout.
- \$199,321 - 4 BR, 2 BA located in Mill Creek Springs.
- \$199,800 - 4 BR, 3 BA on 2 wooded acres. Hot tub!
- \$210,000 - 10' ceilings, fireplace, breakfast nook, 4 BR, 3 BA.
- \$215,000 - 10 acres of trees surround custom built stone home.
- \$219,900 - 7-1/2 acres, fenced, wood burning stove, oversized kitchen.
- \$237,021 - Overlook 14th Fairway. Immaculate home. Gameroom.
- \$239,500 - Rock home with barn & roping arena on 10 acres.
- \$242,800 - A showcase home with tons of extras. Separate 2 story building.
- \$245,000 - 3 BR, 3 BA Mill Creek home with indoor pool and hot tub.
- \$259,000 - Cornerstone home with upgraded energy saving package.
- \$289,000 - Country home with 7 wooded acres and wrap around porch.
- \$299,021 - Elegant home within walking distance of downtown Salado.
- \$548,900 - 5 BR, 2-1/2 BA overlooking Creek and 8th Fairway on golf course.



\$136,500 - Lovely Mill Creek home on quiet cul-de-sac street. Priced to sell! 4th BR could be a home office or playroom! Large den has vaulted ceilings, fireplace & ceiling fan. Deluxe Master suite has large bath with separate shower & garden tub.



\$210,000 - Mill Creek Springs equals first class! New Home under construction in new golf course community. Large great room, bright and open - 10' ceilings with fireplace and built-ins. Breakfast nook & formal DR. 4 BR, 3 BA.



\$179,000 - Quiet cul-de-sac in Mill Creek. 3 BR, office, 2 dining with landscaped front and backyards. Open dining and living combination. Fenced back yard.



\$149,900 - Patio home on the Golf Course. 3 BR, 2 BA with studio above the garage. Excellent view, trees, sprinkler system.



\$150,000 - Prime location on Main Street, Salado. 2 BR, 1 BA with lots of potential.



\$137,900 - A Country Welcome Home on 4.1 acres. Oak trees frame the lovely brick home. Fenced backyard, fireplace, raised ceilings, large master suite & bath are extras.



\$192,000 - Custom home with heated pool & raised jacuzzi. 4/2/2 on large lot. Light bright & open with lots of windows and 2" wood blinds. Master suite has his/hers vanities with marble garden tub/separate glass shower, plant lodge & ceramic tile. Kitchen with built-in microwave oven, flat cooktop. Large covered porch overlooks pool.

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Commercial Property

- \$69,900 - Duplex with excellent income potential. Belton location. Under Contract.
- \$110,800 - Commercial or investment opportunity. Approximately 1401 S.F.
- \$129,000 - Commercial building on I-35 in Belton. Office & warehouse. Under Contract.
- \$150,000 - Prime location on Main Street. 2 BR, 1 BA. Lots of potential.

Acreage Available

- 163 acres near Davilla in Milam Co. Under Contract.
- 150 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- 15 acres on I-35 at Exit 277. Road on 3 sides.
- 8.77 acres on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- 3 acres, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake.
- 23.4 acres 14 miles S. of Killeen, All woods, good hunting. \$75,000.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- Chisholm Trail - \$26,900
- #12 Lane - \$39,900 Under Contract.

Other Lots

- Amanda Circle (2 lots) - \$9,500 each
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$22,000
- #8 Oak Park - \$8,000
- Lot #8, Great Oaks - \$42,000 Under Contract.

- Mill Creek Springs - \$30-\$75,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$36,000

- Betty Place - \$22,000
- Royal Oaks - \$30,000
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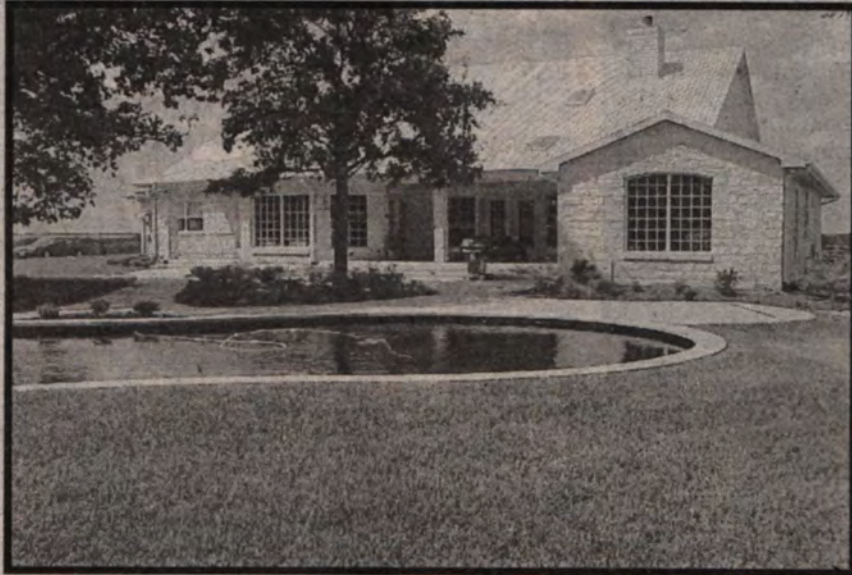
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\$115,900: Austin stone home on 2 acres in Woods of Salado! Recently updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath one car garage small workshop.

\$115,900: 2.7 acre wooded lot with beautiful rock 3/2 home.

\$116,500: Recently completed Austin stone with tin roof on approximately one acre lot. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car carport.

\$129,900: 4/2 Austin Stone with tin roof. This home features Anderson wood work, beaded board crown mouldings, above ground pool and many other custom items. Salado I.S.D.

Acreage Available

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Salado Lots

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Indian Trail - 90x188 - \$34,000.

Quail Hollow at Indian Trail, corner lot - \$39,000.

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Phase II

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