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Hometown newspaper read by Tom and Nancy Curb

S Class of 2002 graduation set May 30

Class of 2002 invites family and friends to attend its Commencement Exercises 7 p.m. May 30 at the Bell County Expo Center in Belton.

Candidates for graduation are the following:

Joyful Alderman, Emily Joe Dobson, Jenny Eding-Bates, Leticia Benavidez, Tiffany Blair, Whitney Brown, Megan Burson, Craig Camp, Frank Carlson, Chrystin Coe, Kelli Cook, Jon Culin.

Alderman, Dady, Reina DeLaHoya, Misty Knight, Hunter Lindsay Quirk. ton, Carrie Everett, Megan Fleck, Aaron Gonzales anie Edgar Gonzales, Jeremy Grimm, Nina Hernandez, Kate Mentzel, Justin Hosch, Echo Jacobsen, Jessica Keeney, Court-

Konzen.

Chris Ledbetter, Steph-Marley, Clint Marshall, David Matthews, Brian Miller, Sarah Moon, Jere Moore, Marc Oxenrider, Elizabeth Dachs, Seth ney Kelley, John Kirk, Chalice Peters, Justin Pool.

Randi Rader, Adria Raley, Dillon Reichert, Amanda Rivers, Nathan Roberts, Aldo Rocha, Haley Scruggs, Candace Simpson.

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Thaler, Jose Tonchez, Alex Torres, Knealie True, Mandy Tsosie, Randy Tubbs, John Tyson, Matt VonGonten, Miles Wallace, Matt Ward, Candice Williams and Robyn Womac.

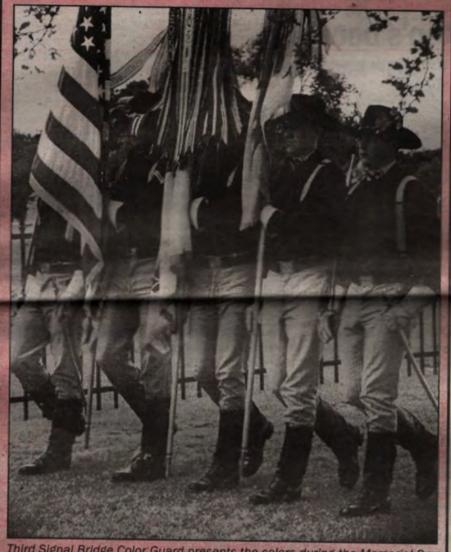
Belton meets to annex more to south

Belton City Council met 5:30 p.m. May 28 at the Municipal Court Room, 711 E. 2nd Ave. to consider annexing 25 acres along and on both sides of 1-35, south of the current city limits.

The council has conducted public hearings on the proposed annexation, which will bring its city limits to the northern extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) of Salado. where its city limits abut Salado's ETJ.

However, Belton's ETJ will extend one mile in each direction from the new city limits, cupping Salado's ETJ of a half-

In fact, the Wild Rose Subdivision will be split by the two cities' ETJ. The northern portion of the subdivision will be within Belton's ETJ and the southern half of the subdivision will be in Salado's subdivision.



Third Signal Bridge Color Guard presents the colors during the Memorial Day Service at the Salado Cemetery May 29. More photos, page 9A. (PHOTOS BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

Students continue to surpass state scores on annual TAAS test

BY TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado students continue to surpass the state averages for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, but lower scores by students in special populations may keep campuses and the district from the much-

met the minimum expectations on the TAAS test averaged in the 90s, except for third grade mathematics, at 82 percent, and eighth grade social studies, at 84 percent and writing, at 89 percent. The third grade dropped nine points in math, compared to last year, while the eighth grade jumped nine points in social studies. This is the first year for the social studies portion of the test to be incorporated into the accountability rating for schools in SEE TAAS, PAGE 4A

Education Agency confers accountability ratings based on TAAS performance and other Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) factors as the following: Low Performing, Acceptable, Recognized and Exemplary.

To achieve Exemplary must have 90 percent or more students meet minimum expectations on all portions of the TAAS test. The accountability stanfor recognized schools is 80 percent or more meeting minimum

The accountability standard extends to special populations of 30 or more. Typically, Salado campuses meet that threshold for Hispanic and Economic Disadvantaged students.

Parents will receive a copy of their students' per-

SISD property values jump 24%, taxpayers to feel bite

BY TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado I.S.D. property values jumped 24 percent this year as the Bell County Tax Appraisal District estimated values at more than \$293 million.

The values represent the total taxable values after all deductions and exemptions are taken from the total market value of properties in the school district. The total market value of properties in Salado school district reached \$514 million, compared to \$389 million for last year's levy values.

The new values will raise more than \$900,000 in local property taxes rate in 2002-03.

The school district is appealing the values assigned to the district by the State Comptroller for 2001. The State Comptroller assigned total taxable values for the district at \$289 million, more than \$25 million higher than the local tax roll value of \$265 million for 2001.

According to Carl Moore, chief appraiser with the Bell County Tax Appraisal District, the county electronically submits its tax rolls in July. The state takes those figures to determine the local tax roll values and compares it to its own studies

value of properties in the district was \$289 million for 2001.

Comptroller assigns the state values for properties to its funding formula when the local tax roll values do not come within a threshold of the state values.

If the school district is successful in its appeal to the Comptroller, then the prior year values used in the formula will be \$265 million, not the \$289 million that the state estimated for 2001 values.

The state also incorporates the values estimated for the upcoming school year in its funding

without an increase by of property values in the formula. According to Cabaniss, the district has used prior year values for its estimate because it has not had the local appraisal values complete in time to incorporate into the school's budget process.

Cabaniss has estimated the impact of the new values on the state funding process for trustees to consider as they work on the budget this summer.

Superintendent Robin Battershell said May 24 that the district will prepare its budget with two funding state funding formulae: one that uses the lower local values and one that uses the higher stateestimated values.

trustees in the \$1.57 tax area. The Comptroller's Finance Director Lyndal certified by the Comp- values and average daily troller, the district will better realize the amount of state funding Salado schools will receive in 2002-03.

The district can generate \$4.6 million in local revenues without increasing the tax rate, more than \$1 million above what it generated last year with local taxes.

As property values increase locally, the state pares down what it funds to the district. Last year, the district received \$2 million in state funds.

Cabaniss estimated earlier this month that state revenues may dip as low as \$1.4 million, if Salado

Once the values are ISD is assigned the state attendance figures do not

> The state funding formula incorporates previous year's property values, estimated property values, prior year tax efforts, proposed tax effort and average daily attendance for both regular student populations and special education populations.

> School districts with a taxable property value of \$308,000 per student (weighted ADA) are considered property school districts.

An increase in ADA may keep Salado from the Chapter 42 identification as a property rich school.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Taking a page from Clinton's book

It will be remembered as one of the most enduring images of the Clinton presidency not involving an intern: the handshake between Yasser Arafat and Israeli President Yitzhak Rabin that President Clinton greatly prodded them into on the White House lawn in September 1993.

The famous handshake is taken to represent what the peace process is supposed to be all about: a deeply "engaged," nurturing even, American president pressing rival Israeli and Arab leaders reluctantly to give up their animosity.

The image of the handshake grossly distorts American views of the Middle East peace process to this day.

Clinton might have been deeply "engaged' in making the handshake happen, but that's only because he wanted to associate himself, after the fact, with a negotiation that happened without him.

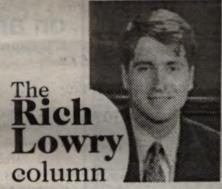
The deal was called the 'Oslo," not the "Washington," agreement exactly because U.S. officials had nothing to do with it. This wasn't a mere accident, but was crucial to its success.

Oslo was the brainchild of a Norwegian sociologist who wanted to give the Israelis and Palestinians an unofficial off-the-record forum to discuss their differences.

The informal, secret nature of the talks gave advantages to both sides.

The Palestinians could bargain without being pressured by other Arabs, especially the Syrians, not to make concessions to the dastardly Israelis. The Israelis, on the other hand, could talk to the PLO without officially recognizing it (recognition was the Israelis' chief bargaining chip).

The secrecy also meant there wouldn't be American pressure, which ensured that both sides had to be serious about



talking themselves.

The Camp David Accords establishing peace between Israel and Egypt hold similar lessons. Like Clinton, Jimmy Carter swooped down at the end to take credit for a deal that had mostly been hammered out in secret by the two parties without him.

There is another contributing factor to peace that the conventional wisdom tends to ignore: successful Israeli wars.

Egypt had been beaten in 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973; Egyptian president Anwar Sadat had decided to give up the Brooklyn Dodgers slogan, "wait till next year," when it came to destroying Israel and grabbed the olive branch instead.

Contrast the success of Oslo and Camp David with the disastrous outcome of the talks forced by President Clinton, panting after a Nobel Prize near the end of his term. They collapsed with Arafat's rejection of a generous offer from Ehud Barak, and eventually led to the second intifada.

So, if Bush is going to take a page from Clinton, it should be the Oslo page. He should stand aside and hope to read in the newspaper one day about how the two sides have been secretly meeting in some faraway capital to work out a deal—while we were busy complaining that

Bush wasn't fully enough "engaged"

Student test scores climb statewide; will teacher salaries do the same?

Statewide TAAS test scores have made an overall move in the right direction with students showing improvement in nearly all academic areas examined this Spring. TAAS is the acronym for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills - which not only gives educators a glimpse into what students have learned over a given period of time but also, fairly or not, grades teachers on how well they perform in the classroom. The latter is a highly questionable way of evaluating teachers, as is the overall benefit of the massive amount of testing taking place in the state's public schools.

At any rate - this testing frenzy began back in the early-eighties, no-thanks to Governor Mark White who made a major political misjudgment in forcing the legislature to pass laws requiring the testing of teachers (even those already certified and teaching) and then exacerbated the problem with a second hot political potato - the "no pass, no play" rule that outraged students, parents, coaches and that vast unwieldy group we call athletic boosters.

Thus began the era of mass testing of teachers and students. The most immediate result of that movement cost White his reelection while providing lawmakers a way to stymic future teacher pay hikes by promising rewards if it could be proven that kids were learning.

Test scores & pay linked

How to do his? Test kids annually - of course, said the less brilliant members of our befuddled political class! And that started the current series of increasingly difficult standardized tests given annually, that foolishly provide school boards and the public, a totally inaccurate way of measuring the effectiveness of entire school districts, individual campuses, and each classroom teacher.

As a result, teachers began teachingthe-tests at the expense of some regular classroom instruction - reading, writing and ciphering.

This unfortunate mess came to a head when politicians, after years of hemming, hawing and loopholing, finally said that if the product improves (the product being the kids, of course), as measured through test results - so would salaries, thus establishing the connecting link between higher test scores and compensation.

OK Legislators and Governor. The test scores are certified and show improvement statewide. Definite proof that teachers are teaching and kids are learning - all based on the testing yard-stick fashioned by lawmakers themselves.

Now, what about the salary increases?

Another broken promise?

Comptroller Rylander says we are \$5 billion in the hole for the next State budget cycle. Most lawmakers and the Governor are saying "no" to increased taxes on sales & franchises and absolutely "never" to the income tax. Gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez opines he can squeeze the money needed for education out of what is wasted by the state's bureaucracies.

Unfortunately, all this spells doom for pay raises during the next two years.

State employees have already been told flat out - "no biennial pay hikes."

Teachers will probably be the next group to hear this same dismal dirge.

Another broken promise - in a long line of broken promises over the years. And, the underlying reason why Texas will face a shortage of more than 35,000 certified teachers next year!

BROKERAGE FIRM PAYS BIG FOR
"INAPPROPRIATENESS"
The Merrill Lynch Company, arguably

Off the Record
by Ken Clapp



Since the 1980's, lawmakers have promised teachers more money if kids show they are learning. Will this just be another broken promise?

the nation's most well known investment firm, agreed last week to pay \$100 million to settle a New York State civil suit that included a number of other States, all united against Merrill for "misleading investors with tainted stock research".

This is the first in a series of law suits expected to hit the leading brokerage houses around the country. These cases and the on-going federal investigations and accompanying clean-up laws, following the Enron collapse and coupled with misleading accounting and investment schemes by nationally known firms, will eventually become the most far reaching review of the American entrepreneurial-investment system in history.

It was interesting to note that at no time did Merrill-Lynch ever say they were guilty of anything "illegal or wrong". What they did say was that they were "sorry" that some of their analysts had made "inappropriate" comments that "may have been inconsistent with Merrill's published recommendations."

What a pettifogging statement - says nothing and means nothing!

Reminds us of the comedic public statements made by companies and individuals charged with a complaint, who decide to pay a fine rather than face trial: "We have done nothing wrong and we promise never to do it again!"

SAY IT ISN'T SO

For those of us with historical experience, (sounds better than "old folks" or worse), the almost daily revelations concerning the disarray within the Federal Bureau of Investigation, creates deep feelings of sadness.

We remember the days of J. Edgar Hoover, who we kids admired as we did the G-Men who "always got their man" and did so with discipline, flair and self-effacing dignity. Hoover may have been a cross-dresser but he brooked no internal squabbling. He was the boss and his agents knew that what they turned up in the field would get into the right hands at headquarters and evil-perps would always get their due.

What is going on today at the Hoover building in Washington, gives many of us the same depressed feeling that one youngster expressed when he learned that his hero, Chicago White Sox super-hitter "Shoeless Joe" Jackson, was accused of helping toss the 1919 World Series and was to be banished from baseball for life.

The youngster reportedly walked up to Joe and with tears in his eyes said "Say it isn't so, Joe, say it isn't so!"

Our plea today, to the FBI Director and his bosses at the Justice Department and White House, is to get things back on track and restore pride to that great agency - so we won't ever have to express the plaintive plea of "say it isn't so" concerning charges made against the fine men and women of our FBI.

That's -30-

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More options for public school kids

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison U.S. Senator



Private school parents have many options for their children's education, including all-boys or allgirls schools or classrooms. But due to bureaucratic barriers, parents whose children attend public schools have been denied this choice. But things are about to change.

In January, President Bush signed the "No Child Left Behind Act" into law. One of the landmark reforms in this legislation gives public school systems the flexibility to offer single-sex classes and schools. The Department of Education will issue guidelines on implementation of these programs and parents and other concerned Americans have until July 9 to give public comment on this important issue

I was proud to sponsor the amendment to remove the obstacles preventing public schools from offering single-sex programs to parents and students who request them. We wanted to provide this as an option -not a mandate - for America's public schools.

Most of the time, co-educational classes are going to be the right answer for a child's learning needs. But studies conclude that in some circumstances students do better in a single-sex atmosphere. We want parents who might not be able to afford private school to be able to go to their school board and request, for example, an eighth-grade math class for boys, or a chemistry lab for girls.

Until recently, most public school systems have avoided the legal hassles that typically accompany any attempt to offer single-sex programs. Only 11 public schools in the country have dared to challenge the status quo and offer these innovative choices.

In 1972, legislation was passed to ensure equal educational opportunities for boys and girls. While some people have argued that single-sex schools go against this standard, it is in fact within the spirit of educational equality that we passed this legislation. Equality of opportunity means that all students here in Texas and across the country should have the options in a public school setting that they could choose in private education.

Numerous studies have shown that single-sex programs can reduce barriers to learning by providing a less intimidating and more productive classroom. Research shows that some girls have more confidence to express themselves in the classroom and they pursue more courses in mathematics and science in same-gender programs than they do in a co-educational school.

Public, all-boys programs in other states have successfully offered young men the tools they need to succeed by instilling in them discipline, self-respect and leadership. In one school, eighth-grade boys have outperformed their peers in state writing and mathematics benchmarks by nearly two-to-one.

Another example of the benefits of single-sex classrooms is the Young Women's Leadership School in New York City. The school opened its doors in 1996 to seventhgrade girls and in its first year, the students had the the district and they experienced academic success across the board. Last year the school produced its first graduates and all were accepted to four-year colleges. One student chose to serve her country in the U.S. Air Force.

These kinds of results demonstrate why we must open the door for more public schools to explore similar educational alternatives.

Congress, the President and Secretary of Education Rod Paige have encouraged innovation and creativity in our public schools. Our goal is to have the best education system in the world. One of the options that should be available if parents ask, is a single-sex educational opportunity in public schools. I encourage you to voice your opinion on this important issue.

To tell the Department of Education what you think, contact them regarding the "single-sex notice of intent to comment" via e-mail at ocr@ed.gov or via postal mail to Gerald A. Reynolds, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Room 5000, Mary E. Switzer Building, Washington, D.C. 20202-1100.

FORUM



TexasNextStep offers college to all Texas high school grads

By Carole Keeton Rylander State Comptroller

When I was sworn in as Texas Comptroller in 1999, I set ten principles for Texas in the 21st Century. The first three are education related, with the first being to develop a better-educated workforce. My goal was clear then and, it is clear today -- I want Texas to have the most educated workforce in the nation!

TexasNextStep make that happen. By le eling the playing field and offering all Texas students the opportunity for higher education, TexasNextStep makes it possible for every Texas high school graduate to attend college for two years free at any public community college, technical or two-year institution. It truly makes K-14 education the norm and provides a step up for those who seek to advance their education as far as their talents can take them.

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts that by the year 2030, 60 percent of Texans will have only a high school diploma or less. I say, "Hogwash." TexasNextStep will prove them wrong! The key to Texas' economic future is a better-educated workforce. We no longer talk about education in terms of K-12, but K-16 and beyond. This generation of Texans must compete not only with those from New York and California, but Europe and Asia as well.

Asia as well.

I believe TexasNextStep is a bold, new, unprecedented, but necessary, step to ensure a better-educated workforce for the 21st Century. The May 14issue of the Christian Science Monitor cited TexasNextStep as an "idea that has amplified the conversation about college accessibility" nationally. In an

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article entitled "How to Build anEducated Workforce," the publication lauded the plan as an example for other states to follow, saying "students who say they need to work before college wouldn't have to delay the education part of joining the 'edu-

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cated workforce."

TexasNextStep provides the key to Texas' economic future -- a better-educated workforce -- by providing every Texas high school graduate with up to 60 semester credit hours (plus additional hours for remediation if needed) at any public community, technical or lower-division institution in the state.

With K-14 the norm, it gives students the education they need to enter the workforce directly, at a higher salary with upward mobility; or, they continue their education by transferring to a senior-level college or university.

Funded by a small portion of lottery revenues, (I have identified cost-savings in state government to replace these dollars), TexasNextStep would pay tuition and required fees, plus the cost of textbooks, to every Texas student who enrolls within 16 months of high school graduation. It addresses two of the major challenges facing Texas higher education in the 21st century: the state's rapid student population growth in areas of the state

where there are relatively few four-year institutions of higher education; and the ever-increasing cost of college attendance. TexasNextStep would make it possible for many students to live at home and avoid additional living expenses.

Nothing is more important than education. As a former public school teacher, a former school board president and founding member of Austin Community College, but most importantly, as a mother and a grandmother, I have a deep and abiding interest in education excellence for all Texas children.

TexasNextStep takes advantage of one our greatest educational resources -- our community colleges and their ability to locate and expand rapidly through the use of shared facilities, which helps hold down the cost of providing facilities for the thousands of new students who will enroll in Texas colleges and universities in the coming decades.

Research consistently shows that community colleges can be an excellent stepping-stone to a four-year university. In national studies, for those who receive an associate's degree at a community college and transfer to a university, the bachelor's degree completion rate is 70 percent, often higher than it is for entering freshmen at that same university.

TexasNextStep will create a seamless transition from high school into higher education and an educated workforce, and guarantee, at the very least, K-14 and beyond for our most precious resource -- all Texas children. It is, indeed, a very necessary next step!

The growing electricity ripoff



Jim Hightower

The jig is up and the whole gang is going down, down so deep that nobody can spring them this time. They nailed "Fat Boy" and "Shorty," and "Ricochet," too. The Godfather himself can't fix this.

It reads like a bad Mafia novel, but the latest chapter in the Enron saga reveals the smoking gun to prove that the Crooked E Gang really was rigging the price of electricity in California last year, leading to massive shortages and skyrocketing prices. "About \$30 billion was extorted from this state," fumed California's governor, still hot over the fact that people's electric bills quadrupled overnight, with Enron being the chief profit taker.

At the time, Enron rejected accusations that it had anything at all to do with the hit on California. With a dismissive wave of his hand, the Boss of Enron said, "Every time there's a shortage or a little bit of a price spike, it's always collusion or conspiracy or something."

But now we have the smoking gun of internal admitting that Enron thugs were indeed conspiring and making a killing. They deliberately jiggered the supply of electricity and artificially jacked prices. The describe the use "phantom congestion" and "megawatt laundering," as well as other rip-off tactics that carried such code names as "Fat Boy," "Ricochet," and "Load Shift."

These latest revelations also run the Enron scandal all the way to the corporation's chief fixer: The Bush White House. It was George W and Dick Cheney who kept refusing to use federal power last year to help Californians while their electric bills were going through the roof.

"Price caps are not a help" barked Cheney, who blamed environmentalists for the energy crunch.

Enron delivered more money than anyone else to the Bush-Cheney campaign, and they were simply returning the favor. While Enron was gouging Californians, Bush and Cheney were like police commissioners who look the other way while the Mafia makes a gangland

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formance on the TAAS test when report cards are mailed home.

Next year will be the first year that third graders will be required to meet the minimum expectations of the TAAS test before being advanced to the fourth grade. Principal Rod Stockstill said he has plans to implement individualized attention to next year's third graders who do not pass both portions of the test on their first try. The TAAS will be offered more than once to third graders.

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Texas Assessment of Academic Skills

SISD to poll parents on school performance

Salado ISD is conducting a parent survey. Parents can complete this on-line. It should take no . more than 15 minutes and will provide Salado ISD

with invaluable information on how to improve our educational program.

The survey is available in English and in Spanish. If you do not have a computer at home, you can use the Salado Public Library or District computers.

The address is: http://

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ymous," Superintendent Robin Battershell stated. "Take this opportunity."

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Salado Intermediate School bands performed their Spring concert May 22 for parents and friends. The Sixth Grade band was first to perform, followed by the Seventh Grade Band, Symphonic Band and Eighth Grade Band. The Symphonic Band is composed of the top instrumentalists in the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade bands. Band director David Christian is shown above directing the Seventh Grade



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Govenor declares Texas Reading Club Day

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed June 3, 2002, "Texas Reading Club Day," the official kick off for the Texas Reading Club 2002, "Read Across Texas!" More than 425,000 children are expected to practice their reading skills and participate in a variety of free programs at their local public libraries throughout the summer.

A partnership between the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and Texas libraries, the Texas Reading Club is a summer reading program that encourages children and their families to become library users and lifelong readers. This year's theme, "Read Across Texas!" invites children to explore the culture, history, and geography of Texas through the portal of books and their local libraries.

Director and Librarian Peggy D. Rudd notes, "Research has shown that children maintain or improve their reading skills if they participate in some kind of summer reading program. That's what makes the Texas Reading Club so important. The interactive programs offered at the local level stimulate kids mentally, physically and culturally, while fostering a lifelong love of books and read-

Almost 700

Texas

libraries are hosting creative summer reading programs for their Communities using the "Read Across Texas!" theme. Local libraries bring the theme to life with special story times for all ages, reading incentives and prizes donated by local businesses, reading certificates, special speakers and programs, and prize drawings. Artwork for this year's program was created by noted illustrator and artist James Warhola.

New this year, Singer/ Songwriter Willy Welch composed the official Texas Reading Club 2002 theme song, "Reading Across Texas." The playful song will be used by librarians in their programs this summer. The song is recorded on Welch's CD . Won't Eat That! Snappy Tunes for Kids of All Ages, © 2001 (ASCAP), Playing Right Music, Dallas, Texas. Listen to the song on the State Library's Web site, http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/ ld/pro

jects/trc/2002fmanual/ intro/themesongs.html.

The Texas Reading Club often brings the whole community together. The local schools begin promoting the program through announcements and posters before the school year ends. Local businesses donate money or in-kind gifts for use during the program. Speakers from local

businesses and organizations such as the police department, hospitals and veterinary offices volunteer to host educational programs at the library. Library volunteers and Friends of the Library groups help plan special events such as hot air balloon demonstrations, community-wide picnics, and magic shows. The Texas Reading Club focuses entire communities on a common goal: to foster the love of reading and books in children.

Particularly in smaller communities, where there may be few free or inexpensive activities available for families, the Texas Reading Club provides an array of free educational and fun activities for the duration of the summer.

In addition, children practice their reading skills so they begin school again prepared for success. As a public librarian noted, "Teachers tell us that children who join the reading club do better with maintaining and improving their reading skills

State Library and Archives Commission has worked with local libraries to implement the Texas Reading Club. The State Library provides each years theme, along with an idea manual, posters, bookmarks, reading logs and certificates to local libraries. The libraries use the materials to plan programs for their communities. Visit

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Library summer reading program begins June3

Salado Public Library will be corralling elementary school age cowboys and cowgirls for a big Texas roundup of stories and fun crafts in June.

The Summer Reading Program begins 11 a.m. June 3, at the Salado Public Library, 601 N. Main Street and continues on each Monday on June 10, 17, and 24.

The opening will begin Thomas and his magic guitar singing some favorite western songs. The Summer Reading Program will also include Glenda Nelson, exciting storyteller from Mexia, Texas.

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Vacation Bible School begins June 10 at Church of Christ

The Salado Church of Christ announced that the Vacation Bible School program will begin at 9 a.m. June 10, with registration and a general assembly. Classes will be held for children starting at age four, and on through those youngsters who will be completing the fifth grade at the conclusion of the current school year.

Carolyn Chavers, director of this year's VBS, noted that this year's program will feature another trip to the famous "Veg-

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gietown", home of Bobthe-Tomato Larry-the-Cucumber two delightful characters that this year will take the children back to that grand story of Jonah, found in the Old Testament "a man who was eaten and lived to tell about it."

The young children will learn about Jonah's predicaments with the "great fish" and how he came to trust and obey God as a result of his "overboard adventure," lessons that youngsters can take with

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The children will enjoy bible lessons, crafts, videos, games and refreshments throughout the fun filled learning experience each morning from the 9 a.m. starting time until the 11 a.m. ending bell. The school will be held June

Parents who have children in the age group that will be attending the always pleasant morning vacation bible school and who might have questions concerning this year's program are asked to call Director Chavers 947-5870 or Helen Clayton, 947-3533.

SUMC sponsors Outreach event at Wildfire Ranch

Rope and Candice Myers will perform in Salado at 5 p.m. June 8 at the Wildfire Ranch The outreach/ concert event is sponsored by the Salado United Methodist Church.

Rope and Candice music into a ministry designed to evangelize, build up and encourage. Their ministry includes services at rodeos, cowboy and mainstream churches, Bible studies and concerts.

Rope Myers is the 2001 World Champion Steer Wrestler, and a Gold Medal winner at the 2002 Olympics in the Steer Wrestling eyent. In addition to competing at PRCA rodeos. Rope ministers at Rodeo Cowboy Church services and holds Steer Wrestling Schools across the coun-

Candice Myers has used the talent God gave her to minister in song. She will perform songs like her just released single, "Life Goes On."

The Myers ministry, White Riata, meaning white rope, is based in east Texas, where they live with their sons, Layton and Holden.

This family evening is open to all in the community. Wildfire Ranch is located at 101 FM 2268.

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is a good thing, and so we want it - right now. It is natural tendency to plant seeds this morning and then to really want to harvest a crop this afternoon. But that is not a patient attitude. The Bible emphasizes the importance and value of patience over and over again. Whether it is with people, with things, or with God, we all need more patience. After all, God is patient with us. Don't we owe the same courtesy to others? Let's learn together how to have more of this virtue called patience.

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John Scott Denison passes away May 16

Services for John death by a daughter, Scott Denison, 83, of Carla Denison White. College Station and formerly of Salado, were May 21 at Memorial Funeral Chapel in College Station.

The Rev. Phillip McLarty of the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan officiated. Burial followed in the College Station Cemetery.

Denison died May 16 in the Scott and White Hospital in Temple.

He was born in Waco June 18, 1918 and received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from New Mexico State University and a master's degree from Texas A&M University. He was director of the Electric Power Institute and was retired as a professor of electrical engineering at Texas A&M. He was a member of the Texas and National Society of Professional Engineers and the Institute of Electrical & Electronic Engineers. He also was a member of the National Education Committee and the Power Society.

Hc served on the President's Faculty Advisory Committee and was chairman of the Planning Committee for the Conference for Protective Relay Engineers and the University Utilities Advisory Committee. He was on the planning committee for the Annual Municipal Electric Short School, the Power Distribution Conference at the University of Texas and was responsible for the Annual Short Course for Electrical Metermen.

received outstanding faculty award, "Engineer of the Year" Brazos Chapter, the Convair Award and the IEEE Centennial Medal. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was a Presbyterian.

He was preceded in

Children's book reviewed **Monday Club**

The Monday Club will meet 2 p.m. June 3 at the Salado United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

The program will be given by Bruce Peterson reviewing the children's book "Bo the Cloud."

All ladies in the Salado area are invited to attend.

a son and daughter-inlaw, Michael and Linda Denison of Richmond: a brother and sister-Denison of Waco; a sister, Jane McLendon of Little Rock. Ark. and

In lieu of flowers, Survivors include his memorials may be made wife, Minta "Doll" Den- to the Electrical Engiison of College Station; neering Department at Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas 77843-3128, to the Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box in-law, Mac and Eddie 247, Kerrville, TX 78029 or to a charity of choice.



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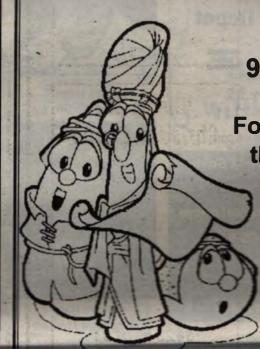
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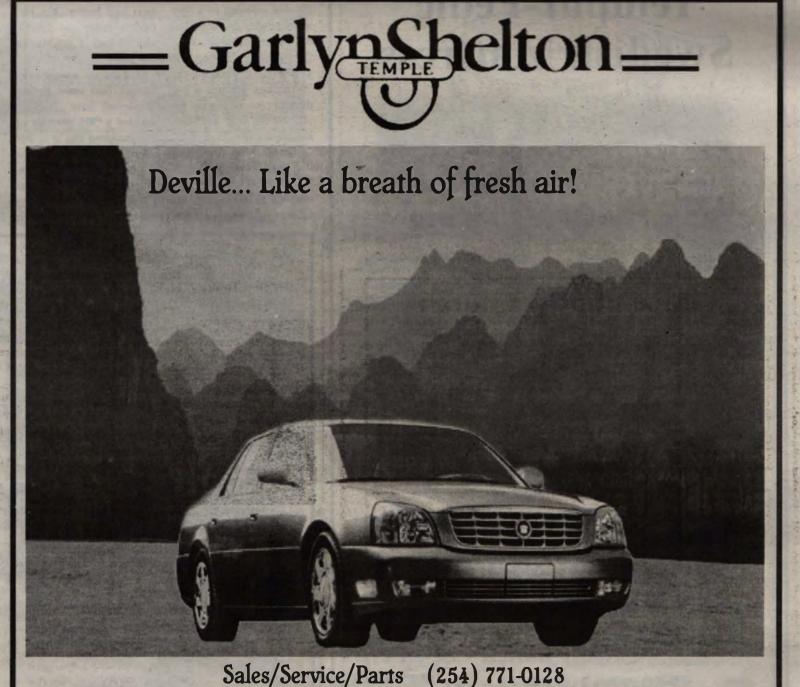
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Eagles named All District

BY MELVIN BATES

The Area Champion Salado Eagle baseball team was well represented on the 25AA all-district teams. All nine starters was named to one of the three teams. Salado had five team players, which were more than any other team in the district.

Senior Jeremy Grimm led the way for the Eagles. He was selected as a first team pitcher and was the only unanimous selection. Grimm was 11-2 on the year with 111 strikeouts in 70 innings. He had a 6-1 district record. Jeremy hit .412 on the year with five home runs and 36 rbi's.

Grimm was also given the prestigious honor of being chosen for the coaches all-star game. He is only the third Salado player to ever receive this recognition.

Miles Wallace, a senior, was chosen as the first team third baseman. Wallace hit .417 on the year with four home runs, 11 doubles and 33 rbi's. In district play Miles hit .391 with three home runs.

Hunter Konzen was also a first team selection. Konzen hit .340 on the year and had a .325 batting average in district. Hunter had 11 doubles on the year.

Roland Buckley a junior earned first team honors at second base. Buckley yielded a .333 average on the year and hit at a .340 pace in district. He led the team with 16 stolen bases.

Sophomore Scott Bates rounded out the Eagles first team selections. He received recognition as the designated hitter. Bates finished the year with a .466 average. He had 12 doubles, five home runs and 35 rbi's. Scott hit .413 in district play.

Salado's lone selection to the second team was junior catcher Lane Wolff. Wolff had a .357 average during district play.

The Eagles had three players named to the honorable mention all-district team. Senior first baseman Randy Tubbs, senior outfielder John Kirk and junior outfielder Heath

Tubbs was recognized for his fine defensive play. Kirk was honored for his ability to get on base as his .500 on base percentage indicates. Hale hit .300 on the year with 12 doubles.

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We send our apologies to the families of the veterans whose names were omitted from our Veterans Memorial roll call. The names are as follows:

James W. Patterson, US Navy, WWII;

Luther H. Walton, US Army, WWII;

J.T. Finney, US Army, WWII; Johnny C. Warrick, US

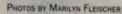
Navy, Korean War; Jimmy Wristen, US Army, Korean War;

Earnest Boney, US Army Reserves, Peace-time;

J.R. Holland, CSA (buried at Summers Mill);

Archibald C. Willingham, War of 1812 (buried at the Willingham Family Cemetery);

Jessie Clyde Ragsdale, KIA, WWI, buried in Flanders Field, France.

















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Gardener sows seeds in Texas

BY TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Ben Wickersham remembers the good old days in East Texas when you could throw out a handful of seeds and, a few weeks later, a garden would shoot up from the sandy

Getting a plant to grow in the hard clay caliche soil of Central Texas takes just a little more effort.

From Wickersham's talk to the Rotary Club of Salado May 21, it's easy to see that it takes a lot more

Wickersham shared his 27 years of experience of planting and growing gardens in Central Texas during the Rotary Club's May 21 meeting.

One of the secrets to having a successful garden -- the kind in which you end up giving away most of the produce to the neighbors -- is preparation.

"You should start in November for a spring garden," Wickersham said, "especially if you haven't had a garden before."

First, Wickersham says, turn the soil over with organic material like old leaves, grass cuttings, sand, horse and chicken manure.

Wickersham uses the raised bed approach to gardening, because of the hard caliche soil in Central Texas. He develops a bed



Ben Wickersham

of three feet or so of good soil that can be furrowed. By having a three foot bed, you can reach across it from either side, Wickersham said.

The compost is worked in on top of and tilled into the soil, he said.

He also uses 4-2-1 fertilizer ratio of nitrogen, phosphates and potassium.

After preparing the bed for planting, Wickersham and his wife Beverly take extra care when planting

three times the size of seeds according to the indi-

the seed," Wickersham said, adding that they sow their seeds by hand and double and triple plant their crops.

"We will thin them out later," he said.

He said that they add water and fertilizer in the area before planting the seed and covering it with soil. "When the seed comes up, then we water it," he said. "Otherwise, it has to break through a hard crust of soil."

Using a board with

vidual crop's needs. "We put fertilizer on either side of the row of seeds, rake it in and water the area so that the seed won't burn," he said

He uses a hoe handle to space his tomato plants. He uses a gallon jug with holes in it buried in the soil as a watering and fertilizing device. "We mix a slurry of water and fertilizer and pour it into the jug," he explained, "and it waters both tomato plants without getting water on the plants themselves."

He also buries nails in the soil to keep grubs away from his tomato plants. Wickersham recommends planting tomato plants deeply into the soil so that they "won't be ravished by the wind."

Wickersham pulls suckers off his tomato plants so that they won't "rob the plant of water and nutrients." He picks his tomatoes as soon as they begin to turn pink so that they aren't eaten by birds. "If they stay on the vine too long," he said, "the birds will get them. They can ripen off the vine in three or four days."

Wickersham mends tomato plants for anyone just starting a vegetable garden. Other plants like peas and potatoes are harder to grow in the heat

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Long Range Plan approved

BY TIM FLEISCHER EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado ISD Trustees approved the Long Range Plan prepared this spring by a committee of teachers and community members at their May 20 meeting.

The board unanimously approve the Long Range Plan, which is divided into six topic areas: curriculum, technology, facilities, communication, safety, discipline finance.

Long range plan sub- Citrix/Terminal committees developed a list of goals and objectives for each school year through the 2006-2007 year.

The plan will be a guide for the board of trustees to use when setting its goals and adopting its budgets for the coming years.

When available, estimated costs were assigned for each objective for board planning. The Technology and Facilities plans will have the most impact on the upcoming school district budget, if implemented as scheduled.

The Technology plan includes the following objectives for 2002-2003:

· Hire assistant tech-

director; \$23,000-25,000.

· Integrated voice-over IP phone system on all campuses in each classroom, \$75,000 over five years.

· Upgrade copiers to LAN, \$750.

Rotate technology inventory; \$15,000 for software, \$35,000 for hard-

· CD game software to \$10,000-\$15,000.

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· Recognition for techin order to drive additional

The Facilities objectives for 2002-03 are these:

· Community task force to study future purchase of land and what the next school should be.

· Repair west wall in TAE computer lab.

· Add a minimum of one new bus per year.

Football storage built.

· Improve Ag livestock facility.

· Retile on all cam-

puses as required, to include broken floor tiles and stained ceiling tiles and TAE kitchen.

· Purchase large capacity, heavy duty washer at SIS, \$1,000.

· Purchase paint sprayer for fields, \$1,500.

· Remodel and expand SHS technology office,

Top dress SHS football

· Replace light pole in SIS parking lot.

· Two new flag poles at

 Provide new wall mats for high school gym.

· Redo plumbing for athletic wing for hot water.

· Replace benches in nology accomplishments high school foyer, \$250 each.

> · Purchase new mixer at cafeteria for 60 qt.

> · Purchase garbage disposal system; determine effect on septic system.

> · Air condition and heat TAE nurse's office.

· Repair gym leaks through SIS wall west side.

Other Business

In other business, the board approved a bid of \$43,178 from John F. Clark to replace the bleachers CONTINUED ON PAGE 16A

HEALTH

Grand Court Senior Community gets new name... Garden Estates

The Grand Court senior community at 5320 Loop 205 in Temple announced that it would now operate as Garden Estates. Residents of the independent-style and assisted living senior community voted on and selected the community's new name. Leading seniors housing provider and manager Senior Lifestyle Corporation will continue as manager of the community.

"While we have a new name, the professional and caring staff of Garden Estates remains committed to providing the highest quality of service and care to our residents and their families," said Missi Dayringer, Executive Director of Garden Estates.

Resident Dorothy
McNamara says, "Over
the last four years at
Garden Estates I've
grown very close to a
great number of wonderful people, both residents
and staff. There is always
something to do, some-

where to go or some one to talk with; I just love living here."

Garden Estates provides independent-style retirement living as well as assisted living. Residents of Garden Estates enjoy services such as transportation, house-keeping, activities and supportive care, in addition to restaurant-style dining.

Senior Lifestyle Corporation (www.senr.com), the manger of Garden

Estates, provides residential services and care to America's senior adult population. The company has been in the development, operation and ownership of senior housing since its inception in 1985.

Garden Estates is located at 5320 Loop 205, Temple, TX. For more information about the services and care provided at the community please call 254-770-1017.

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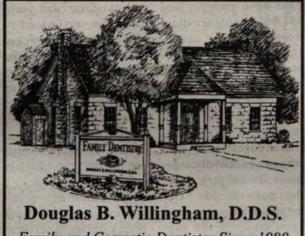
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Women 55-65 are showing up on AIDS statistical charts

BY: MATILDA CHARLES

Several years ago I reported on a rise in AIDS among senior men. 65 and older. At the time, it was suggested that the men may have become infected years earlier and that the virus had laid low, as it were, for 10, 15 or even 20 years before symptoms appeared. There were also reports that a number of the spouses of the infected men were, in turn, infected by their husbands.

Now, we're learning that more women 50-65 and older are starting to show up on the AIDS statistical charts. And in most of the cases, unlike the earlier, largely married group, they were not infected by husbands who had strayed from the marital path.

This new group reflected women who were divorced, widowed or separated. Having grown up in a society that had tolerated sex between unmarried partners, they felt com-

fortable starting new sexual relationships. And because they were almost all post-menopausal, and no longer likely to get pregnant, they didn't consider the need for their partners to wear condoms. According to a member of the Center for AIDS Prevention and Studies at the University of California at San Francisco, as a result (of their attitude about condoms) these women are quickly becoming part of a growing high-risk

AIDS activists are also alarmed by the naivete in this older group. Younger people are more aware of the risks of being infected with HIV during unprotected sex. Older people, especially those who had been largely monogamous, are not as aware of those risks. As one observer notes, "These older people just don't know the facts of life and, unfortunately, they could die much too soon

Make fitness a priority

BY: ANDREA WYATT

Over the past several years, I've had the privilege of assisting and encouraging many people to understand and reach their health and fitness goals. My training background has allowed me to meet an interesting and diverse array of clients, ranging from athletes to momsto-be to persons with disabilities.

Amazingly, everyone seems to want the same thing a healthy (fit), functional and enjoyable (fun) life. After hearing this, my main focus with my clients, and my challenge to you, is to Make Fitness a Priority in Your Life.

When beginning with a new client, there are several steps that I take to develop a safe and effective fitness plan. 1. Medical History: It is very important to evaluate the medical history of anyone who is beginning an exercise program. Risk factors (heart disease, high blood pressure, etc.), past injuries or current fitness needs to be cleared with your physician before starring a fitness program.

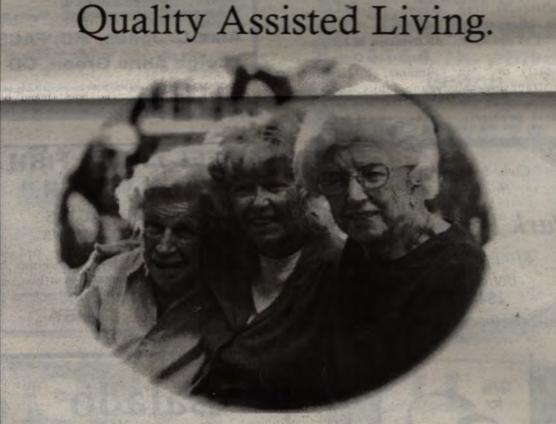
2. Goal Setting: Goal setting is the key to achieving the results you desire. Practical goals might include training for a race, increasing upper body strength to carry the kids, or sleeping better.

3. Program Design: Develop a realistic and safe fitness program that fits into your lifestyle. This will include aerobic and resistance/strength training done at home or at a gym.

4. Program Evaluation:
See Fitness Page 13A

because of their ignorance."

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What you should know about pediatric epilepsy

Most children categorize good days as those when they have won a baseball game, received an "A" on a book report or were allowed to order pizza and stay up late. Other children categorize a good day as one in which they are seizure-free. These are epileptic children.

According to the Epilepsy Foundation, more than two million Americans have epilepsy and 181,000 people are diagnosed with the condition each year. A substantial number of these people are children. In fact, there are thousands of children who do not respond to anti-epileptic medications, and who are excellent candidates for surgery. Over the past decade, tremendous advances have ally experience physical been made in the success and safety of epilepsy for children.

There is no known cause for epilepsy in children. Frequently identified causes may include: trauma at birth or a high fever, head injuries that cause scarring of the brain tissue and certain drugs or toxic substances when taken in large doses. Symptoms of epilepsy, though difficult to detect early on, can include strange sensations, emotional or behavioral problems,

convulsions, muscle spasms and loss of consciousness.

The main symptom of a child with epilepsy is a seizure. Seizures may occur throughout a person's lifetime from infancy to old age. Children may develop seizures at the time of a high fever. In some cases, severe head injury can lead to seizures or epilepsy. Seizures in children are very common, estimated to occur in four percent of children nationwide. They are defined as individual events or episodes, indicative of a temporary electrical "misfiring" in the brain. When seizures occur repeatedly, the child is said to have epilepsy.

"Children can actuinjury during a seizure, impairment of learning and attention and negative side effects from medications. Long term effects include brain injury due to seizures and disruption of family life." says New York neurosurgeon Howard Weiner, MD, a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

An Overview of Epilepsy **Surgery for Children**

Infants, children and young adults with frequent seizures may be considered for epilepsy

surgery when conservative treatment with anti-epileptic medication fails. Neurosurgical intervention at an early age can very frequently cure children of their seizures that can result in dramatic improvements in their develop-

There are two main surgical procedures performed to treat children with epilepsy. Resective surgery removes the source of seizures, whereas disconnection surgery disrupts the pathways that spread seizures.

Hemispherectomy is another type of epilepsy

surgery performed in children.

While epilepsy is not 100 percent curable, for some people it does eventually go away.

It is important to take precautionary steps to avoid severe head injury such as wearing seat belts in cars and using helmets when riding a bicycle or playing competitive sports.

For more information on epilepsy, or to find a neurosurgeon in your area, visit the Web Site of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons at www.aans.Org.

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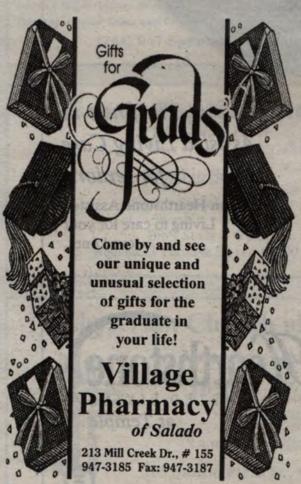
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If you have a good credit history and credit rating, you are generally in line for what is called a prime loan -loans given at the lowest interest rates and costs to the consumer because they present the lowest risk of default to the lender.

But people with spotty (or nonexistent) credit histories are candidates for sub prime loans, loans that involve more costs to the borrower in the form of fees or interest, or both. These are the loans that sound too good to be true, and are.

Predatory lending is a set of unfair lending practices that take advantage of consumers by misleading them about the exact terms and conditions of the loan.

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by David Uffington

The practice is spreading, especially in low-income neighborhoods. To help consumers avoid these unscrupulous lenders, the Metro New York Better Business Bureau in conjunction with HSBC Mortgage Corporation has produced a brochure and online Web resource titled "Your Rights as a Borrower: What You Need to Know about Predatory Lending."

Here are a few tips to keep in mind:

Don't:

- · Sign anything with false or inaccurate infor-
- · Be rushed into signing a loan because it is a "limited time" offer.
 - · Pay up-front fees with-

out adequate explanation.

· Do business with lenders that you haven't checked out.

·Assume that you can't go to a major or neighborhood bank, check out your options.

Do:

- · Be very cautious about lenders or contractors who come to your door.
- · Get all fees and terms explained.
- · Know what your loan will cost you each month and in total.
- · Ask questions get full and thorough explanation.
- · Review all documents or have someone you trust review them for you.
- · Know that you have three days to cancel loans signed at home.

· Know that you generally have three days to cancel home improvement contracts.

If you think that you have an inflated or predatory loan, here are some steps you can take, You can report the problem to agencies such as HUD, your state attorney general's office or the Federal Trade Commission. If your problem loan involves a home-improvement contractor, report the contractor to your local Department of Consumer Affairs and the Better Business Bureau.

To download a copy of the brochure in English or Spanish, visit the New York Better Business Bureau site www.newyork.bbb.org predatory_lending, or call the BBB Foundation Consumer Education Hotline at (212) 358-2872.

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is on the decline in youth,

and the results are more

children. According to the Surgeon General, in 1999, 13 percent of children and adolescents were overweight. The numbers have increased over time. If children are our future, we must do what we can to make it a brighter one.

The prevalence of obesity in children is a significant health issue because obesity increases our risk for conditions, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and some forms of cancer. Increasing numbers of young people are being treated for these diseases when some cases can be prevented. As adults, we can start by set-

ting a good example. Children learn what they see. Let them see you enjoying a healthy variety and balance of grains; fruits, vegetables, lean meat and ans, and low-fat dairy products. Choose foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol. Although we live in a "supersize" world, we can be sensible with our portion sizes to avoid excess calories. Physical activity not only helps weight maintenance, but it can give you energy, reduce stress, and improve sleep as well.

As we look forward to the summer season, let us not forget the children. Their health is important

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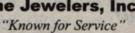
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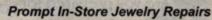
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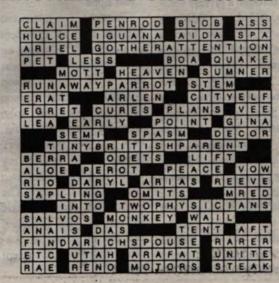
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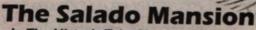
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Jennifer Courtney Hanson, a graduate of Salado High School, recently completed her junior year at Texas Tech University. Her degree is in Early Childhood Education where she maintains a 3.80 grade point average receiving the honor of the University Deans List.

Jeni is the daughter of Steven Hanson, residing in Pell City Alabama, and Susie Hanson of Temple. Her grandparents are Buddy & Jerri Hanson of Rockport and Margaret Pittinger of Fort Worth.

Jr League celebrates successful year The Junior League of and elects new officers

Bell County recently ended its, year with a celebration at the Wildflower Country Club. The Spring Dinner is an annual event that allows the League's members to reflect on past accomplishments and receive a charge from the incoming President of what's to come in the future.

The Children's Advocacy Center and Healthy Families both received funds raised by the League's New Year's Eve Charity Celebration. Over \$30,000 was given to aid in the prevention and fight of child abuse.

Other community organizations were honored for contributions to the League. Two Community Partner Awards were given, the first to Woods Flowers for their continued support and second to El Conquistador Restaurant, which has donated



Shawn Simmonds and president-elect Libba Skarnulis of Salado present a check to Leslie Keeling, Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center.

products and services for the last two years.

Each active member received a certificate of award. "The women in this organization who are dedicated to our cause are simply remarkable. The recipients of our awards went to those that went above and beyond what was expected or required and made the Junior

League a stronger organization because of their vision." said president -elect Libba Skarnulis, of Salado.

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in the Coach Smith Gym. Superintendent Robin Battershell told trustees that the bleachers should be completed in mid-September.

The board also approved \$9,248 for asbestos abatement on the air conditioning units, foyer flooring and rest rooms in the high school and payment of \$369.49 to Wallace group for blueprint reproduction.

Trustees also authorized placement of a sign honoring Salado High's state UIL Champions on the school property. The design will be presented to trustees for approval before work

The board approved rehiring teachers who have retired from the school district through a private company, JR3. Larry Salisbury will be the first teacher to be rehired through this program. Other teachers who will qualify for the retire/rehire program in the next five years are Dennis Cabaniss, Marilyn Salisbury, Donna Driggers, Rod Stockstill, Mary Ribeiro, Betty Lum and Debbie Clements.

Deborah Aldridge will be the board's representative on the Salado Education Foundation and Miriam Ervi will be the board's Legislative representative. Both positions were previously held by Lynn Epps.

From 10A

Trustees re-elected Miriam Ervi as President of the Board following an executive session to discuss the matter. Frank Carlson nominated Jackie Burson for president and John Konzen nominated Ervi. Ervi had four votes (Ervi, Konzen, Aldridge and Trey Little) and Burson had two (Burson and Carlson). The board then elected Jackie Burson as Vice President and Darrell Street as Secretary. Street was absent from

SHS Class of 2002

SHS honors Brown and Cook

BY: CHRIS MCGREGOR STAFF WRITER

Whitney Brown Valedictorian

Whitney is the daughter of Steve and Donna Brown. She is the granddaughter of M.J. and Larue Cowan of Georgetown.

Brown will graduate with an impressive 101.48 GPA. In addition to being a student at Salado High, Whitney was also enrolled at Temple College in dual-credit classes.

She has been a UIL participant in current events and science. Brown is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club. She is also the Vice President of the Student Council,



Whitney Brown Valedictorian

in addition to being a member of the Fellowship of Christian Students, and the Science club. She has also worked as a volunteer for the Rotary

Brown has also contributed a great deal outside the classroom. She participated in the National Honor Society's high-



Salutatorian

pickup. blood-drives for the American Red Cross. the March of the Dimes, Friends Feeding Friends, the Walk for 9-11, the Knights and Dragons program for the Salado Library and a Toiletry Drive for the Student Coun-

includes

Senior Class President and being voted Most Studious. Her work in FFA activities earned her a Reserve Grand Dairy Goat in 1999. From 1999-present, Brown has had perfect attendance and hasn't left the All-A honor roll. She is the recipient of the PEO Scholarship and the Temple Inland Scholarship.

Brown will attend Texas A&M University in the fall and will major in landscape architecture.

Kelli Cook Salutatorian

Kelli Cook was announced as this year's salutatorian. Kelli is the daughter of John and Earlene Cook, and is the

granddaughter Kelly and Adele Cook of Temple, and Marie Brister of Pleasonton.

Cook was a three-Salado UIL State Championship teams, participating in Spelling and Headline Writing. Kelli was academic also a member of the award-winning One Act Play troupe in 2001 and 2002.

By her peers, Cook was also a recipient of the Most Studious voted an Absolutely the walk for 9-11. Incredible Kid by Camp Fire.

school career, Kelli sity with plans to has been a class representative and trea-

of surer for the FCS, and. at various times, has served as the treasurer and president of the NHS. She has been time member of the in the Spanish Club for four years, as well as the Gifted and Talented program.

Complimenting her achievements, Kelli has been on the tennis team and has been a Varsity cheerleader.

She is a member of voted most the FBC of Salado, dependable, and she and has also taken part in Red Cross Blood Drives, the award. She was also March of Dimes, and

Cook, along with Brown, will attend Over her high Texas A&M Univermajor in radiological health engineering.

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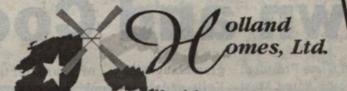
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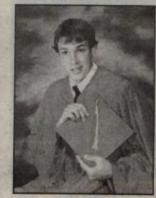
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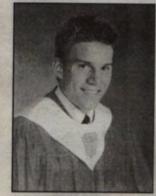
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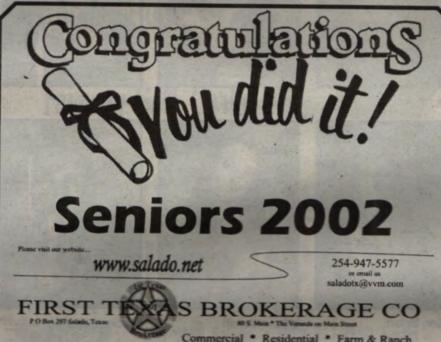


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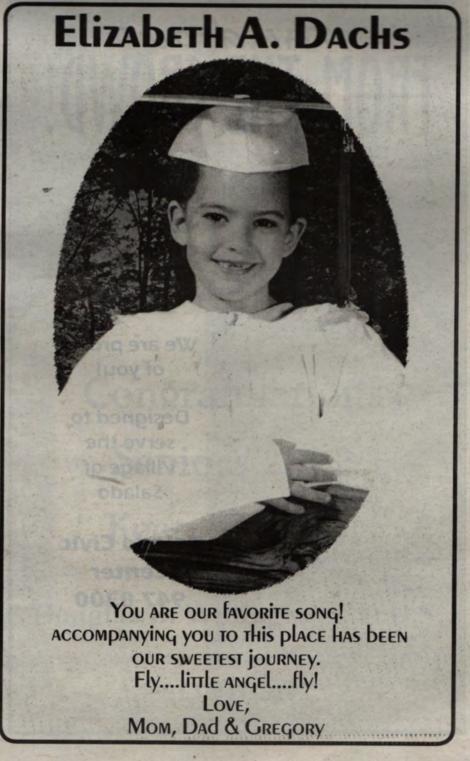


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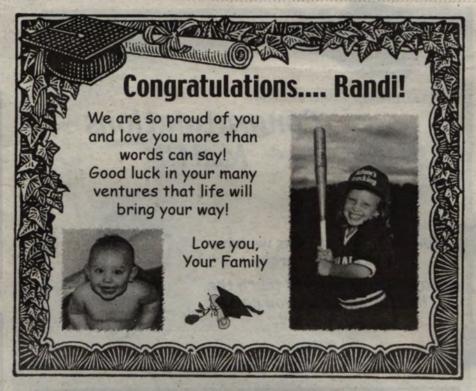
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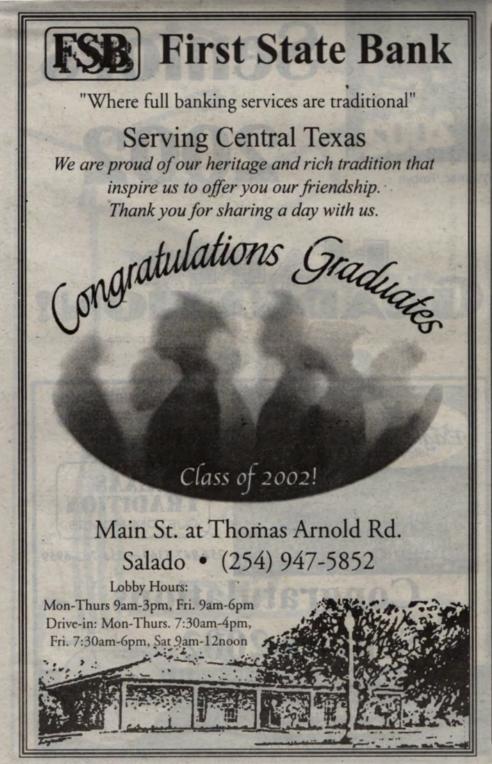
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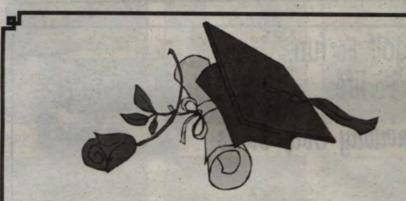
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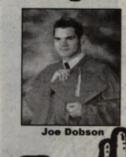


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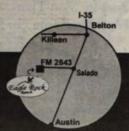
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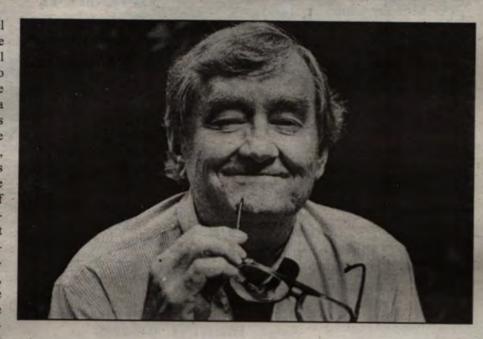
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Festival honors A.C. Greene

The fourth annual Judy and A. C. Greene Festival, June 5-8, will honor A. C. Greene who died this past April 5. The final event will include a presentation of his wife's favorite photograph of the noted author. She says, "He looks so mischievous and devilish; I'm sure he was telling one of his stories." Coincidentally, A. C.'s most recent book, Chance Encounters, featuring his anecdotes, essays, editorials, and some of the yarns he enjoyed spinning, will be available at Festival performances.

Tickets for all shows will be available for the general public beginning June 3, and a telephone reservation number will be announced at that time.

The following plays are scheduled for per-



formances on dates and at locations indicated: Annie and the Church of the Loving Spirit by Mary Cimarolli, Wednesday, June 5, 7pm, the home of Shirley & Mike Cornett, Tenroc Ranch: Of Murder, Mayhem and

Magnolias by Tanya Williamson, Thursday, June 6, 7pm, the home of Doris & Robert Denman, 1508 Old Mill Rd.; The Parlor by Marilyn Gilbert Komechak, Friday, June 7, 7pm, First State Bank of Salado; and

Marching to Zion: Thurston & Elaine Morton's Tour to the Holy Land with Brother Jerry by Guest Author, Robert Flynn, Saturday, June 8, 7pm, Salado Civic Center.

Williamson County Historical Museum host to new exhibit Tornadoes: Into the Storm"

Williamson County Historical Museum is pleased to host a visiting exhibit "Tornadoes: Into the Storm" through July 6.

Fourteen Rockdale High School students have spent three days in Georgetown assembling their exhibit. The exhibit was the culminating product of a two-year study by Rockdale ISD students of all ages whose goals were to educate themselves and others about tornado safety, the history of tornadoes, and the science that explains

these powerful natural Following its stay at the phenomena. A unique feature is that the story of the May, 1997 Jar- Institute of Texan Culrell tornado as told by a tures in San Antonio then six-year-old survivor is woven throughout the various displays.

Having received a TIF technology grant which provided laptop computers for the use of all RISD high school students, district teachers and staff guided students in using technology to produce interactive learning spaces for youth as well as those young at heart.

museum, the students will reassemble it at the where it will stay from July 13-Aug. 12. It is the first student-made exhibit to be shown at the Institute.

The Rockdale students and their sponsors spent three days at the ITC last summer working with exhibit designers and constructors to learn techniques to use in planning and building their exhibit.

> The Williamson

Historical Museum is located at 716 Austin Avenue in Georgetown. Museum hours for this exhibit are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Groups are welcome, but are asked to call at least two days ahead at 869-6220 or 863-4916. There is no admission charge.

Additional volunteers are also needed to work as hosts at the museum during this exhibit. If interested, call the numbers listed above. No experience is needed.



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

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

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

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 Ouilters: 1-4 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Mon. in the Salado Village Artist Building.

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

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

Exercise Class: 9:30 a.m. except 1st. Mon. at 10:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center.

Tuesdays

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

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

Yoga Classes: 6:45 p.m., at Celebration Center in Royal Street Courtyard. Salado Village Artists: 10 a.m. at Salado Art Center.

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

Chisholm Trail Chapter ABWA: 2nd Tues. 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn. Salado High School Band Boosters: 2nd Tues. of every month 7 p.m. in the Band Hall.

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

Wednesday

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

Salado Creekside Cloggers: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Thursdays

Village of Salado Board of Aldermen: Regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. 6:30 p.m. at Salado Civic Center unless otherwise posted.

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

JUNE 1-2

Mohair Teddy Bear Classes at MJ's Country Corner. Class size is limited. For information 947-8885.

JUNE 3

The Monday Club meets 2 p.m. at the Salado United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

JUNE 4

The Rotary Club meets 11:30 a.m. at Stagecoach Inn. Guest speaker Judge Ted Duffield

JUNE 5-8

Fourth Annual Judy & A.C. Green **Festival** Literary sponsored by Living Room Theatre, featuring performances of works by prize-winning short story writers in homes of Salado hosts. Times and places to announced.

JUNE 8

Salado Reunion 9:30 a.m. at the Intermediate School

JUNE 11

Salado Rotary will meet 11:30 a.m. at the Stagecoach Inn. Guest speaker will be Temple City Atty. Julian Grant.

JUNE 15-16

Ranch Wildfire Rope America. 947-9988.

JUNE 18

Salado Rotary meets 11:30 a.m. at the Stagecoach Inn. Guest speaker will be Mr. Sequin, Chief Operating officer at Scott & White

JUNE 20

Salado Area Republican Women Past residents Brunch 10 a.m. at Ruby Field's Home. Borah Van Dormelen speaker. Call 947-3617 for further information.

JUNE 21

Salado Rotary will meet in the home Bill and Anne Price for change of command party.

July 4

Salado Historical Society annual picnic 6:30 p.m. at Pace Park Pavillion.

JULY 20 & 27

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

AUGUST 1

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

AUGUST 3-4

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

SEPTEMBER 8

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

SEPTEMBER 12

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

SEPTEMBER 21-22

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

SEPTEMBER 28

ABWA Style show 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Salado Civic Center. For more info call 947-3617.

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

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

OCTOBER 11-12

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

OCTOBER 26-27

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

OCTOBER 30-31

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NOVEMBER 8-10

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

NOVEMBER 14

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

NOVEMBER 15-17

Team Ropers Association at Wildfire Ranch 947-9988.

DEC. 6-8

Annual Salado Stroll. Christmas 947-5040.

DECEMBER 6-7

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

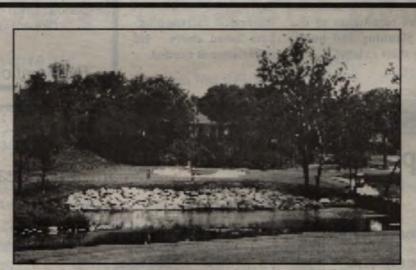
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Do you recognize any of the children in this photo taken in June 1966? They are the first Title I Headstart class in Salado, taught by Bill Kinnison, son of the late Col. Paul Kinnison and Virginia Kinnison Matthews. The picture was taken on the west side of the old Salado school, which now houses the Salado Civic Center. The photo will be framed and displayed upstairs in the Salado Civic Center, outside of the Salado ISD Superintendent's Office. If you know any of these kids, please call the Salado Public Library at 947-5191 or Karen Kinnison at

187th Infantry meets at Salado Mansion

The 187th Infantry of Rakkasans have been the 101st Airborne Division Air Assault group, or the Rakkasans, will hold its chapter meeting at 1:30 p.m., June 1 at the Salado Mansion.

The Regiment has been on continuous activ- Citations and 23 Battle

deployed in Afghanistan since December.

The 187th Airborne Regiment is one of the most decorated in U.S. military history. They have garnered 15 Battle ity since 1942, and active Campaign Streamers over

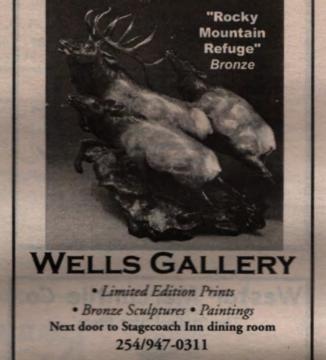
four wars; WWII, Korea, they have engaged in Vietnam and the Persian

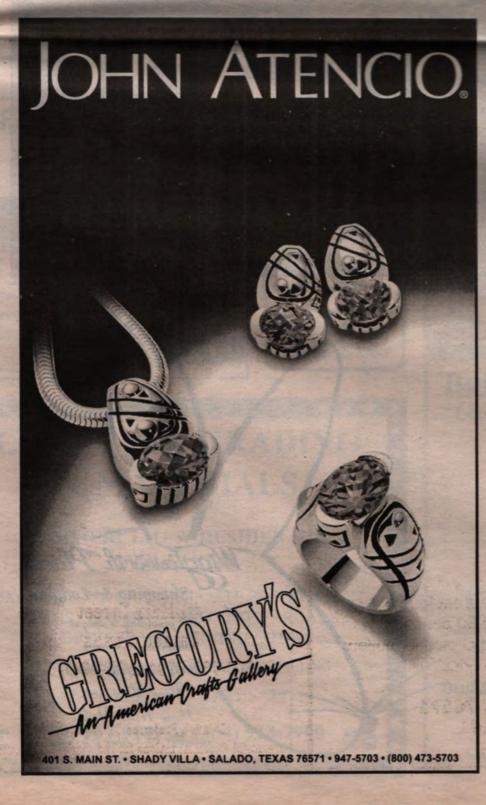
The Regiment participated in the liberation of two allied nation capitol cities and the conquest of two enemy nation capitol cities, and

combat against six different enemy armed forces.

This chapter meeting is even more special to Afghanistan









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The fifth grade class at Salado Intermediate School received certificates for completing the DARE program at the DARE graduation on May 15. From 9 a.m.-1 p.m., May 23, the students will have a DARE picnic at the soccer fields in Salado. DARE essay winners are, Front row L-R: C.J Little, Jenna Ferrell-Raborn, Maegan Kincheloe, Rob Little; Back row from L-R: Katy Constancio, Karen Volck, Colton Lewis, Stephen Reagan, Clayton Weatherly, Clayton Whitmire, Reta Buckley and Katie Foster.



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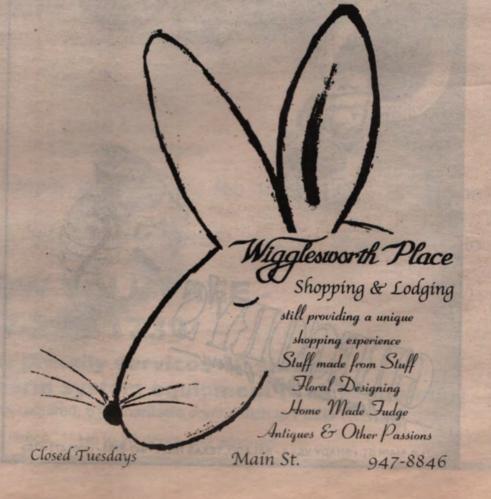
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Shull elected Chairman of the Board

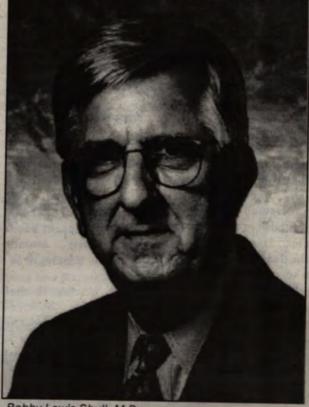
The Board of Trustees of the Institute for the Humanities at Salado is pleased to announce the election of Bobby Lewis Shull, M.D. as its chair-Dr. Shull is a specialist in obstetrics and gynecology with the Scott & White Memorial Hospital and Clinic in Temple.

Dr. Shull is vicechairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Texas A&M University College of Medicine and serves as president of the Society of Gynecologic Surgeons. He has served as president of both the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the North American Obstetrical and Gynecological

Society. Dr. Shull is a frequent visiting professor, speaker, conference participant, and reviewer in his fields of research and practice.

The Institute for the Humanities at Salado serves the central Texas region with programs and seminars for institute members and the general public. It offers a non-partisan forum for public discussion of personal and community values and renewal. Dr. Harry Wilmer founded the institute in 1980 as independent, non-profit, educational enterprise.

For further information, please contact The Institute for the Humanities at 254-947-5729 or ifh@vvm.



Bobby Lewis Shull, M.D.

ocal Red Cross chapter seeks donations

The Mid-Tex Chapter of the American Red Cross is experiencing a strain on current resources as a result of a recent increase in disaster activity in its fourcounty jurisdiction. In the past week alone, Mid-Tex has responded to five fires in Bell and Hamilton Counties and has participated in large-scale Mass Casualty Exercise on Fort

Mid-Tex American Red Cross is staffed primarily with local volunteers who give their time and energy to serve their community.

Red Cross disaster volunof the day and night to provide comfort and care for those who have been struck by disaster, often in the form of food, clothing, and shelter. No other local agency provides on-scene assistance in this manner, and those who have benefited from the Red Cross understand the importance of the Red Cross mission. s an outright gift.

"In the past 10 months, the Mid-Tex Chapter of

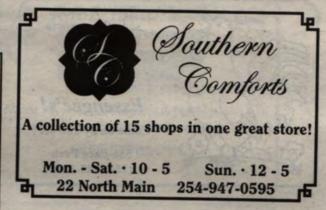
teers respond at all hours has spent approximately \$110,000 in response. That's \$10,000 over our normal annual budget and this current fiscal year is not over. We are not a government agency, and we receive no funding at the state or federal level. We count solely upon the support of individuals and businesses within the community to provide All Red Cross assistance us with the financial means

the community in the event

of disaster," said Dana Car-

penter, Director of Emergency Services for the Mid-Tex American Red

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Last year, almost 200 former students, graduates, teachers, family members and friends gathered for the reunion. This year, special recognition will be given to the class of 1952 for their 50th reunion, and to the class of 1962 for their 40th reunion.

All former students, teachers, their families and friends are encouraged to

fun, food and friends. Entertainment will be provided by Fred Fuller, a former student (class of

For more information about the reunion, or for reservations by June 1.

attend this event to enjoy information about making reservations for lunch, contact Reunion Committee members, Sydney Vicnair Boren at (254) 939-3452 or James W. Brock (254) 947-4260. Please mail in

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If a dealer doesn't cooperate or if you have an uneasy feeling, walk

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I have several chests of older tools. Most of them belonged to my grandpa, who was a wood worker during the 1920s. In addition to wooden planes, I have various clamps and hand-forged tools. Where can I find a buyer?

Answer:

In recent years, tools have become one of America's most popular collectibles. Milt Boyd has collected and written extensively about wooden clamps, or hand screws. His e-mail address is clampguy@

Johin Whelan is the author of "Wooden Plane: Its History, Form, and Function." Although he does not buy planes, his book might be helpful and may be ordered by contacting him at 38

Colony Court Murray Hill, NJ 07974. His address e-mail jmwhelwdpl@aol.com

Question:

I have three very old thimbles that appear to be brass. Can you advise me of anyone to contact regarding the possible value of these items?

Answer:

One of the better groups for enthusiasts is Thimble Collectors International, 6411 Montego Bay Road, Louisville, KY 40228.

Question:

When my husband was a boy, his grandfather gave him a small, cast-iron hatchet that appears to be a joke of some kind. The blade is shaped like a woman's the handle read, "All Nations Welcome But Carry."

Answer:

You have an anti-temperance collectible. It refers to the saloonsmashing activities of Carry Nation (1846-1911), one of America's most famous advocates of the temperance movement. She was known for using a hatchet to smash saloons in her home state of Kansas. She was often jailed for her activities, and she paid her fines from speaking fees and sales of souvenir label pins shaped like hatchets. Your grandfather's iron hatchet was a protest against Mrs. Nation and her antisaloon activities.







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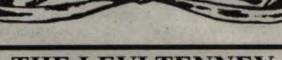
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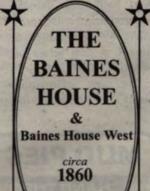
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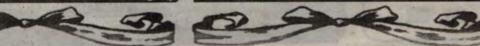
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"They were running behind in the bending. They needed a sideboom operator. They decided they'd borrow Tangle-Eye Tye.

"Now Tangle-Eye was a good tractor driver. You just never did know exactly where on going. he was looking.

"I was working at a road crossing as a Tangle-Eye raised that boom up and here he comes: Had it in sixth gear. Those D-7 Cats go fast in sixth gear. Here he comes. were everywhere wiring

Straight down the rightof-way

"You'd think he'd be ford of Honey Grove looking down the rightof-way where he was driving, but he was looking way over to his left driving that side-boom.

"Well here he comes to this road crossing. Wide Open. That sideboom was up the air about twenty-five feet. Now at this intersection there were about a hundred power lines over the roadway. He caught every one of them. He pulled posts up for four hundred yards on each

Finally all those wires snapped and Tangle-Eye just kept right

"All the utility companies got called. Electric, Telephone, everything. It was a big 911 emergency to get all those people out there to repair the lines. It was on a weekend. Trucks

that mess back together, poking those poles back in the ground and every-

"Hours later their work was done. They were tired and ready for some weekend rest and relaxation. As they were pulling off their coveralls at the site they were cussing these Texas pipe liners up here in Canada tearing up everything.

"But they knew their work was over and they were ready to party. They were looking forward to Saturday night.

"And about that time" here comes a side-boom coming back from the other direction to go back to the lowering in

"It was Tangle-Eye Tye. He had it in seventh gear.

"You're probably ahead of me on this.

"He come on down. His head was looking way off to the side. He come by this time and he hit those lines again.

"And he had to change gears three times because they put those posts in the ground real good this time. But changing gears three times worked. He got them all down.

"Those old boys who had their coveralls half off just started pulling them back on."

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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.

Summer Squash Slaw

2 small yellow summer squash, julienned 2 small zucchini, julienned 1 small sweet red pepper, julienned

1/3 c. sliced onion 3 T. vegetable oil 1 T. mayonnaise

2 T. cider or white vinegar

1/2 tsp. dill weed 1 tsp sugar 1/2 tsp garlic 1/4 tsp. celery salt 1/4 black pepper

In a large bowl, combine squash, zucchini, red pepper and onion. In a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients; mix well. Pour over squash mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate. Serve with a slotted spoon.



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One Woman's Journey

By CHRIS McGREGOR STAFF WRITER

Usually, she was up with the sun. Yawning away the remnants of the night, she would shudder and hug herself against the chill crisp of the early-morning air, for there was no electricity to heat the home. But it was not minded much. It was routine. After all, there were chores to be done before school, animals to be tended to: cows, geese, chickens, the family horse. Occasionally, with her mother leading the way, she would help prepare food for the men. There was a garden, too, tilled and manicured with the implacable sweat of the peasantry.

The family was selfsufficient, neighborly and happy. Sans the trappings of materialism, it was a pastoral utopia. This was Hungary before the second World War.

The town was Vertesacsa, a tiny hamlet of only a few hundred villagers, located about 30 miles outside of Budapest, and the girl was Theresa Palkovits, now Theresa Sutton of Salado, the darling baby of a family that included an older brother and sister.

Outside of the chestpounding, nationalist politics and hostilities of early 20th century Europe, life in the town went on much as it had for hundreds of years prior. Agriculture, the primary economic vehicle of the nation, still reigned supreme. Farming was the way of life, a system

passed on from one generation to another, not questioned or philosophized, but accepted, for life itself depended on what a family could manufacture.

"My parents were farmers, I guess you would call them little farmers," Theresa said, "not big like we have here in America. But we had everything. We had chickens, pigs, cows, a horse, a garden behind the house with all the vegetables we needed. We also had a vineyard, outside of fown, not big, only three acres."

"We had nothing, but we were very happy." She grew up in a home with only three rooms, small and cramped, but comfortable. There was a kitchen, living area, and a bedroom, where the entire family slept in separate, but always homemade, beds. No automobiles would have been seen tearing through the narrow streets of Vertesasca, horse and buggy remained the only mode of transportation. Foreign ideologies had yet to reach their doors, the words of Marx meant the same to them as those of Franklin or Jefferson; family and community being the most important. The home had no running water, no bath area, and the only lighting was provided by petroleum candles.

She, along with the entire family, worked hard. Her day started early, and when school was over, she and the town's other young girls would lead all the animals to the village's watering hole. She rarely



Theresa and D.L. Sutton

returned home before dark. Still, she did not find herself wanting for anything, and there were celebrations, occasions for a dance and the uncorking of wine, a welcome diversion from the tedium of farm life, "We had a harvest of the grapes every year, and the neighbor's helped us, and us them. Always the neighbors and friends helped each other." The sense of community was strong, people pulled for each other, but there was always a reward, "We grapes, cherries, apples, pears and plums, and after the harvest the wine was made, we always had a big celebration and dance with singing and music."

Life was good, but soon circumstances pushed an unwilling Hungarian citizenry head-long into World War II. In the 1930's, Hungary signed a trade agreement with Nazi Germany, virtually allying the countries should war break out. And war did break out. In 1941 Hungary declared war on

the United States and the Soviet Union, but it was not a popular war. Franz Palkovits, Theresa's father, served in both World War I and II. Her brother also followed her father into military service, though neither actually had a choice. The government made the choice for them: it was either fight or die.

During the war, with the men away, existence became primal. Hungary was not yet an occupied nation, that wouldn't come until 1944, when Hitler, fearing a Hungarian withdrawal from the war, invaded and overtook the nation. But it was food, or the lack thereof, that quickly became a rising concern. "In the war, we didn't have much food," said Theresa in her thick accent, that still, after 40 years in America, betrays her as an immigrant.

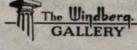
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families in Vertesasca; one had a shoe store, one a clothing store, and one a Kosher store. "They were the best people in the world," she says, "if we needed something, like a pair of shoes, but didn't have the money, they would always help us out." But soon, they too were gone, "They were either killed, or moved away, we didn't know." The inhumanity of war still stirs Theresa, "I will always hate them for what they did, not the German people, but the Nazis," she said.

World War II devastated Hungary. She saw over 40 percent of her material resources destroyed. Five hundred thousand Hungarians lost their lives, and another half-million Jews were exported to German death camps. "When I go back to Hungary, I can still see the bullet holes in the buildings," she said. However, it wasn't until the coming of the Soviet Army that the Palkovits family felt the full breadth of war.

By 1945, the war was over for Hungary, and the men were back home. "When the Soviets came, they made everyone in the town help them, and if you didn't they shot you, and they shot a couple of people in our town, two or three maybe, and some in other towns too, we heard about that." The Soviets immediately put the town to work, they converted the church into a hospital and the school into a barracks.

From all the terror of the Nazi regime, the sight of the Soviet army still elicited more fear in the citizens of Vertesasca. When the Soviets arrived, there wasn't enough room in the town to house all the soldiers, and because of this, Soviet soldiers were boarded in the homes of the town's families. The Palkovits' housed several in their small house.

In addition to boarding the soldiers, the villagers were responsible for feeding them. This created a tense situation. The agrarian economy of the nation simply could not provide enough food to feed army and civilian, and it was the civilian that suffered.

"The soldiers all loved chicken, and if they wanted chicken for dinner, we had to kill one of our own and cook it for them." Inevitably, though, supplies ran low. "If the Soviet soldiers ate all our food, they went and stole more from the neighbors."

Hungry bellies were not the only worry when dealing with the Russian army, however. "There were a lot of women in the Russian army, they would take the girls from all the towns, they took my sister too.---

"Two houses down from ours was the town's post-office, and it was the biggest house in the town. An old woman and her two daughters lived there, all of them single. One of the daughters was also the town's pharmacist, so they were wealthy. Because of that, they had built the best bunker in town. After one bad bombing raid, we left our family's hand-built bunker for their sturdier one, but when we got to the house, they were all three dead, they had killed themselves with poison so the Russians wouldn't take them," Theresa remem-

On the battlefield that was once Vertesasca, the bombings were intense, and the fighting between Nazi and Soviet became one of attrition.

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Hungary, though, was a nation not unaccustomed to foreign occupation. Dating all the way back to the Romans, Hungary has seen overlords ranging from the Huns, Ostrogoths, Avars, and the Magyar tribes from the Urals in Russia. Then came the Mongol hordes, the Ottoman Turks and the Austrians. In 1687, Hungary recognized the claim of the Hapsburg empire to the nation, and remained a

part of it until its dissolution at the end of the first World War.

This dominion was met with disgruntled acceptance by the Palkovits family. More than anything, it was a struggle to survive. For the villagers themselves were not safe from the bombs and fire fights, bullets can't tell a soldier from a civilian.

"There was one time,"
Theresa tells, "a bomb fell
down right above our bun
ker, it fell through a tree in
our front yard, and made a
big hole in the tree, but the
bomb didn't go off. If it had
we'd all be dead." It seems
that something or someone was watching over the
family.

Theresa recalls another story, "We had a well outside, and my father and a Russian soldier went out to fetch water. My father was hoisting the water bucket while the soldier was waiting with the other bucket to carry back into the house. There were other soldiers also in the back yard. All the sudden, a machine gun went off, and killed the soldier next to my father, as well as several of the other nearby soldiers. My daddy told me 'I don't know why things happen this way, it could have been me that got shot, there must be

something protecting me'

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Through all these trials, the Palkovits' retained their familial sense of independence. Caught up in the fervor of war, some residents of Vertesasca became Nazis, some Communists. "One thing my dad always said to me was 'One thing I'm not gonna do, I'm not sure how they do things. this way or that, but we're not gonna be either, if these are the only choices, then we'll be nothing.' I'll always remember that."

But there were other choices. Soviet occupation of Hungary came to an end in 1946, when Theresa was 11. She remembers the Americans arriving in town with a proposition. "They came into town and told all of us, whoever wants to be a communist can stay, and whoever wants to be free can come with us."

This proposition split the family. Theresa's sister was recently engaged to a Hungarian man, they had a home, and her fiancee did not speak a single word of German, a language the Palkovits family spoke fluently, due to their dual German and Hungarian ancestries. Free Germany was to be the place CONTINUED ON PAGE 128



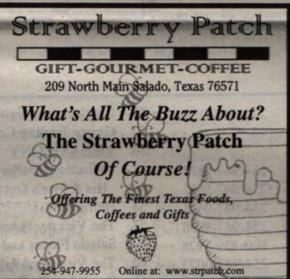
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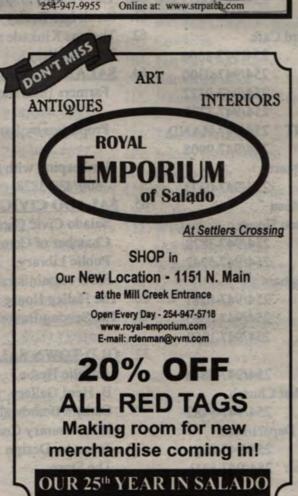
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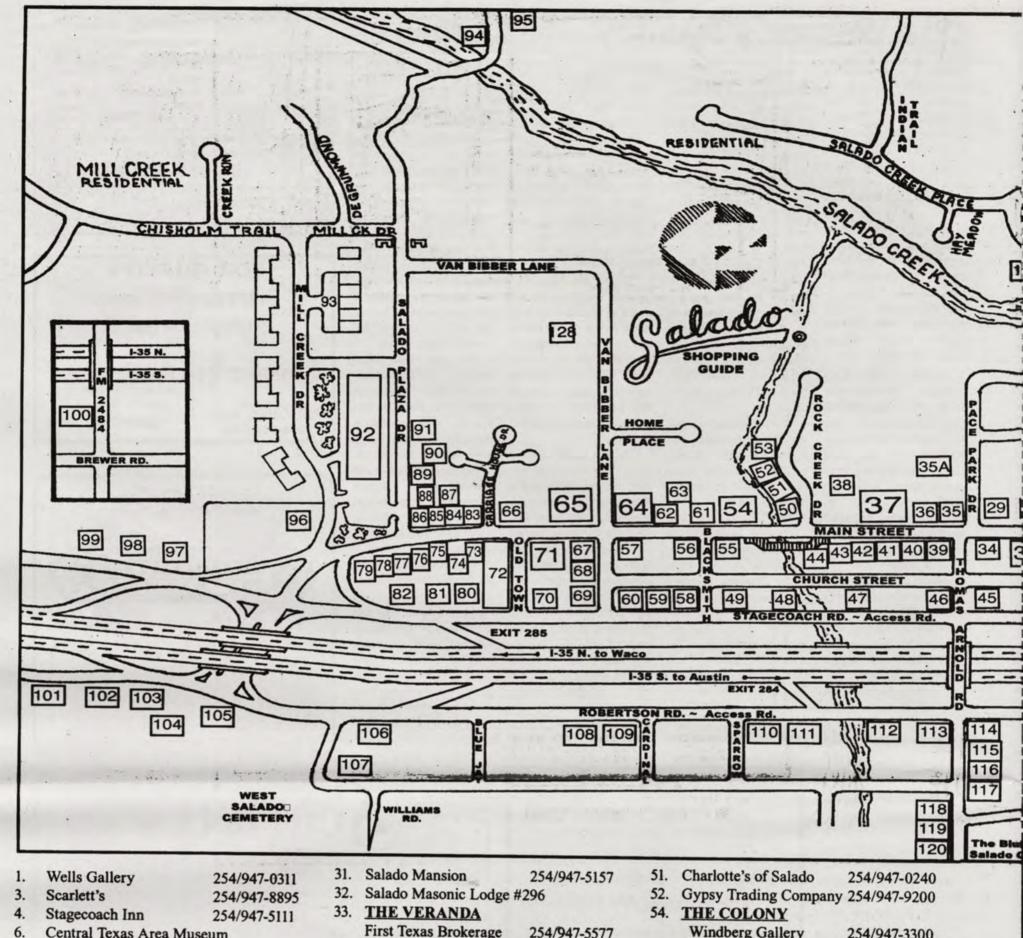
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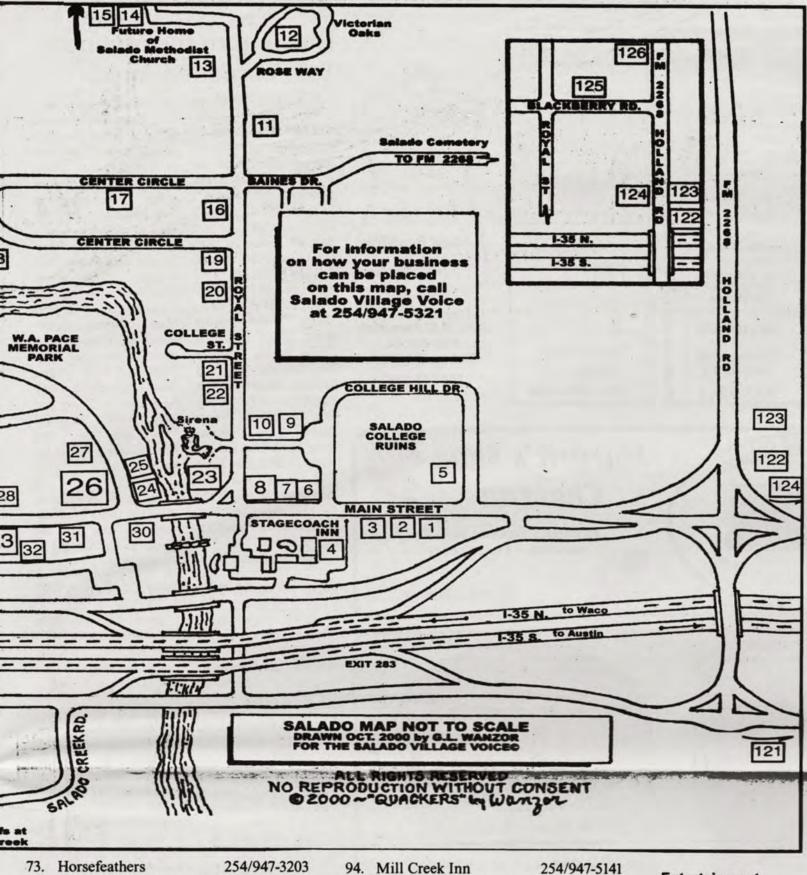








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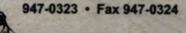
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One Woman's Journey — From 9B

where the refugees would relocate. The decision was made for her sister to stay. "Some people did not want to give up their homes and farms, so they became communists," Theresa

So it was that Theresa, boarded a cattle train loaded beyond capacity with other Hungarians seeking freedom.

They were taken to a monolithic converted barracks in Germany, where they were fed three meals a day, more food than they had had in years. "We stayed there a couple of months, then the Germans came and divided us into what towns we would be moved to."

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"I'll tell you," says Theresa "I went to bed hungry a lot of times. When we went to bed, one stomach would start growling, then another, then another, and I'll never forget that. It was bad times, let me tell you."

But the bad times would not last forever. More jobs and better housing came to Nurtingen. Theresa worked in a dress factory and cleaned houses on the side. But she was also a restless teenager, and against the protestations of er family, she moved to Stuttgart with a few of her girlfriends.

She worked as a waitress and a hat-check girl at the American officer's club, where she met her husband, D.L. Sutton, an old Salado boy, who drove the officer's to and from the club in a jeep.

D.L. was not an officer. so Theresa had to sneak him into the club. A favorite hiding spot was the closet, where she would funnel him drinks and food, all-the-while trying not to get caught. It was a

D.L. and Theresa eventually married, and when D.L. left the service in 1960, he brought his bride back to Salado, where they still reside.

America, as we see it today, is a nation that was built from scratch by immigrants, people that were expelled from their homelands, or left with hopes of a better life. This diversity, not some imagined homogeny, is where our foundation rests. All that is great about us, has its roots there. Theresa Sutton is an example of this, as are countless others in the annals of our country, both in the past and the present. America has stood tall, and will continue to stand tall, so long as the hunger for a life free from oppression is alive in men's hearts.

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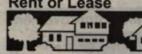
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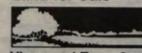
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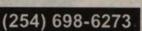
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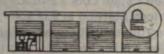
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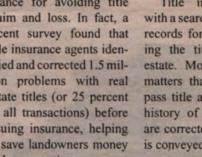
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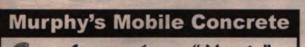
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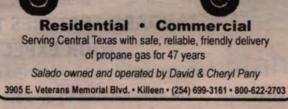
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- \$269,000 Overlooking Green #3 on Mill Creek Golf Course #2, 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 dining.
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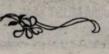
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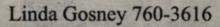


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\$189,900: New, 4/3/3 pock repart split bedrooms, bonus room, and Office patio.

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