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Hometown newspaper read by Sam and Carolyn Teas

Civic Center to close June 14-16

The Salado Civic Center's building and grounds will be closed to all traffic - both cars and pedestrians, from 6 a.m. June 14, through the end of the day June 16, according to an announcement from the business office in the main building. The center will reopen for business at 8 a.m. June 17.

Reason for the closure is the parking lot resurfacing project that is scheduled to begin on June 14. According to building manager Hulda Horton, the company that was awarded the bid for the parking lot work will clean the entire parking area with pressure hoses, followed by machine sweeping off all debris and then apply two coats of sealant - allowing plenty of time between each application for complete drying. The parking lot will be striped following the resurfacing work.

Affected by the civic center closing will include all personnel with offices in the building



Salado Civic Center will close its grounds June 14-16 in order to seal coat and repair the parking lot. The Salado Civic Center will reopen for business with regular hours 8 a.m. June 17. This is the first time for the Civic Center to be closed since renovations were complete.

as well as the Historical Society that operates the log cabins; the Village Artists who are housed on the campus and the baseball groups that practice on the field behind the main building.

The Salado Business Association was also informed as to the closing since the public rest rooms will also be closed in order to keep all car

traffic off the parking lot as well as preventing the sealant from being tracked into the rest rooms and throughout the rest of the building.

Funding for this project will come in part from the proceeds gained from the recent civic center auction held earlier in March.

Civic Center officials are in hopes the weather

will cooperate and that the building and grounds will only be unavailable for the one work day and weekend so as to not unnecessarily inconvenience any of the permanent offices and/or visitors who use the building on a daily basis.

Questions concerning the closing of the center should be directed to 947-8300.

Aldermen to add to police dept.

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen June 6 authorized Police Chief Alan Rogers to begin the process of adding another officer to the Village Police Department. The board will amend its budget to pay the expense for the officer and include the additional payroll costs, estimated at \$30,000 per year, in next years budget.

The board also discussed renting space at the Salado Civic Center that will be vacated by the Salado Public Library, which entered into contract to purchase the building and property at N. Main St., owned by Robert and Doris Denman.

"The library will at some point vacate their space at the Salado Civic Center," Mayor Charlotte Douglass told aldermen. "I would like for us to think about whether or not we are interested in it (the space)."

Douglass said that "the Civic Center is thought of as our town hall," adding that the current Municipal Building at 317 N. Stagecoach Rd. is "becoming too small."

The city operates its police department and municipal office in the 1,350 sq. ft. building that the Village purchased for \$107,500 last year. Prior to the purchase and renovation of the Municipal Building, the Village of Salado shared space and manpower with the Salado Chamber of Commerce. Dianna Zulauf served as part-time Chamber of Commerce secretary and part-time Village of Salado secretary. She went full-time for the city last year when the offices were moved from the Chamber of Commerce (in the Civic Center building) to the Municipal Building.

The city also conducts meetings of the Comprehensive Planning Subcommittee and the Board of Aldermen in the Municipal Building.

Mayor Douglass said that the lease of the 2,080 sq. ft. currently housing the Salado Public Library is \$1,061 per month which includes utilities. She added that the city could opt for the smaller 1,500 sq. ft. portion for \$680 per month with the Foster Room being returned to use as a meeting room.

Douglass added that considering the space would allow the city offices to operate without "infringing on the police department space."

When asked whether one of the offices in the municipal building was being used, Chief Rogers said that it was used to store evidence and, if necessary, take fingerprints and process detainees.

Aldermen discussed whether the current Municipal Building could be expanded, but septic lines may prevent expansion to the north.

"You could always go up," Chief Rogers said.

Alderman Vic Means said that he had concerns about renting space at the Salado Civic Center because it might prevent the Village from purchasing land or buildings in the future. However, he added that if the city hires a city manager in the future, then "that kind of space (at the Civic Center) may be needed."

"We need to think further down the road than where we are now," Alderman Suzi Epps said. "Renting there may buy us time. Who knows where we will be in three or five years?"

Alderman Jackie Mills offered that the city might consider buying 3/4-acre on the access road, which is available for \$155,000 at this time.

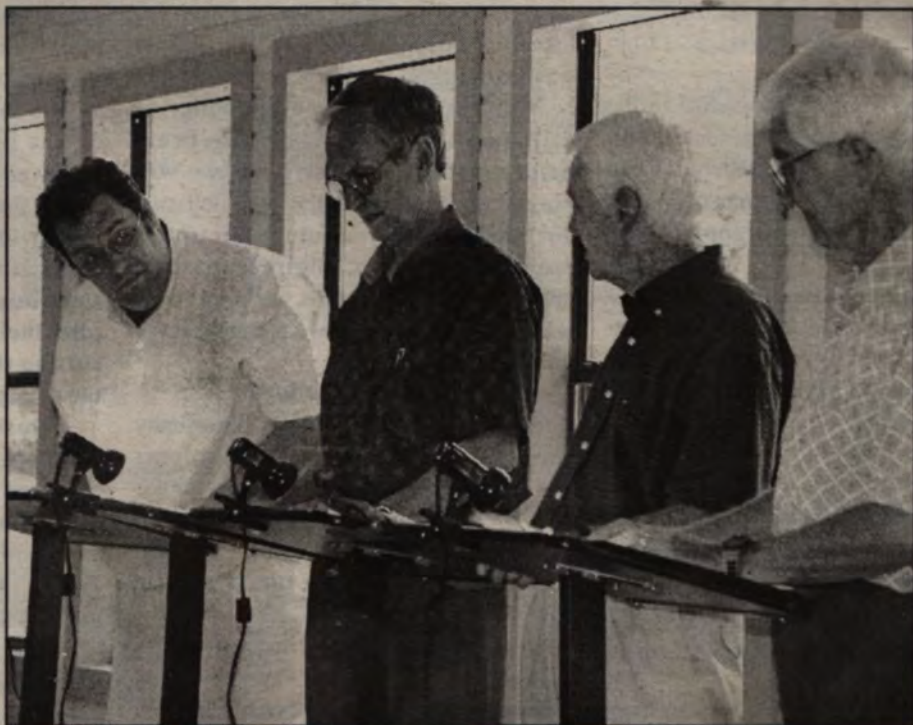
"We need to think about this," Mayor Douglass said, closing discussion on the item.

In other business, aldermen amended the hotel/motel ordinance to clarify reporting procedures, penalties, and enforcement of the code.

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Literary Festival winner named

The winner of the 2002 Judy and A. C. Greene Literary Festival in Salado is Tanya Williamson of Waxahachie, Texas, whose short story, "Of Murder, Mayhem, and Magnolias," won a grand prize of \$1,500. Ms. Williamson is a freelance contributor for the Southwest Horse Trader publication, and her work has been featured in Expressions magazine. She won the League for Innovation Literary Competition two years in a row for her short stories, "Frog Level, Texas" in 2001 and "The Granddaughter" in 2002. Tanya lives with her husband Joe on a small ranch in Waxahachie, Texas with their four horses, three dogs and six cats. Their son Ryan is a student at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. A graduate of Cedar Valley College, Tanya currently pursues her education in creative writing.



That's in the Bible!

The cast of "Marching to Zion: Thurston and Elaine Morton's Tour of the Holy Land with Brother Jerry" performed to a packed house June 8 at Royal Street Provision. The play, specially commissioned for the Festival, was written by Robert Flynn, the winner of the 2001 Judy and A.C. Greene Literary Festival. Shown above are (from left) Tim Fleischer, Bill Pinkston, Charles Barrier and John Bonnet. The final night of the four day Festival included brief vignettes from each of the finalists plays: "Annie and the Church of the Loving Spirit" by Mary Cimarillo, "The Parlor" by Marilyn Komechak and the winner, "Of Murder, Mayhem and Magnolias" by Tanya Williamson. (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Fighting terrorism at borders

The United States is spending billions on a missile defense system to deal with a growing threat - rogue state ballistic missiles - that hasn't yet killed a single American. This is called prudent planning.

But what do you call it if the United States fails to activate defenses against a threat that has killed thousands of Americans during the past decade, and is probably actively working in the country right now? You call it: a) unfathomably stupid and b) U.S. immigration policy.

"The primary weapons of our enemies are not tanks, ships or even commercial airliners, but the terrorists themselves," Steve Camarota writes in a new study on terrorism and the U.S. borders for the Center for Immigration Studies. "Thus keeping the terrorists out or apprehending them after they get in is going to be an indispensable element of victory."

In his study, Camarota examines 48 Islamic terrorists who were involved in actual or planned attacks in the United States since 1993. Twenty-one of them were either illegal aliens when they committed their crimes, or had at some point violated immigration laws.

The way terrorists have been casually waved through the system is heart-breaking:

- Mohammed Atta, lead Sept. 11 hijacker, was permitted to re-enter the country at the Miami airport in January, 2001, despite having illegally overstayed his visa on his previous visit.

- Ramzi Yousef, chief plotter of the 1993 World Trade Center attack, arrived in 1992 without a visa, but applied for asylum at the JFK airport. Since detention space was limited, he wasn't held, but was simply allowed to kick around freely in the United States while his application was considered.

- Mahmud Abouhalima, another 1993 plotter, was legalized as a farm worker

The Rich Lowry column



(!) in the 1986 immigration amnesty. One of his colleagues, Mohammed Salameh, was denied amnesty under the same law, but since the United States rarely makes anyone leave, Salameh worked and lived here until the 1993 attack.

All this is why immigration laws shouldn't be on the books just to fill space in the U.S. code.

A more serious approach to enforcement would begin with an "entry-exit" system capable of tracking visa holders and identifying those who overstay, as provided for in a bill sponsored by Sens. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Jon Kyl, R-Ariz. The Immigration and Naturalization Service also should vigorously investigate fake marriages to get green cards.

This means a massive increase in the number of INS agents (now just 2,000) assigned to internal enforcement, and in the 900 harried State Department consular officers who review visa applications overseas.

More importantly, the amount of immigration has to be reduced. The immigration workload now is so overbearing that it is like assigning one airline security worker to a major airport, and expecting airline security there to work out fine.

Enough. The borders might not be a weapons system, but they still are our first line of defense against terrorism. It is time to start deploying them.

Cold reaction to man-made heat

BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO AMERICA ON PROVEN GLOBAL WARNING: "GET USED TO IT"

The Bush administration released their 2002 Environmental Protection Agency's "Climate Report for the United States" on June 1, and surprisingly spelled out what George has been avoiding for years - namely that "human activity" has caused most of the global warming that is having a profound (and negative) effect on this country and its citizens. Up to now the administration's answers to atmospheric problems were "needs more research" and other vague generalities - with no blame assigned to the producers of greenhouse gases and other nasty by-products resulting from uncontrolled use of fossil fuels.

The administration has long believed that if we give the oil patch and other industrial giants simple voluntary rules to follow - these guys will, through self policing and discipline, clean-up the filthy air and haze that surrounds us.

Conservative Washington dreamers also harbor the faint notion that manufacturers will eventually produce clean gas-fired engines and coal burning plants that do not pollute or otherwise damage the environment, which they all admit privately is possible - but less profitable.

"Get Used To It"

The President's EPA report apparently tried to appease the environmentalists (as reelection time approaches), by putting a modicum of distance between himself and the nation's energy and manufacturing moguls. It didn't work. Negative reaction (from his core supporters) was swift, so when reporters asked if the President had new battle plans (after his ever so slight "about-face") to combat global warming, the obfuscating Bushies, admitted there will be little, if any, changes in the days ahead.

Fact is, the final word from the White House - to the rest of us: "Get used to it!"

"It" being global warming, pollution, etc. At least that's a straight answer, albeit not a very comforting one.

"No Change In Policy"

Proof of the "change-but no change" policy officially surfaced two days later, when Bush allowed as how the entire EPA report was merely the product of the "bureaucracy", (actually his bureaucracy) and that he had not changed his mind concerning "why" the planet was warming so rapidly.

"He has not changed his policy at all" noted Ari Fleischer, the Prez' main mouthpiece. Therefore, we will presumably hold fast to the "voluntarism" doctrine that leaves future control of pollution, dirty air, engine emissions and industrial haze in the hands of those who not only create, but accelerate these problems.

Haze Over Crawford?

Wonder if the "live with it" philosophy would continue in such a stolid manner if some happy entrepreneur erected a coal fired industrial plant, complete with "voluntary" belching of "killer smoke", just south of the Bush ranch over in Crawford.

Reckon the prevailing southerly breeze would blow an attitude adjustment over the matter of "getting used to it!"

HOMELAND SECURITY

The President's plan to create a cabinet level office of homeland security has been sent to Congress where it was greeted with a mixed bag of reactions. Despite the naysayers, the idea behind the plan is excellent and Bush should be commended. He will need patience however, since this is an election year and lawmakers on the hill will find it all but

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



One wonders if a coal fired plant belching dirty air just south of Crawford might inspire an attitude adjustment.

impossible not to posture and fulminate in a bi-partisan manner.

House Demo leader Dick Gephardt may have surprised the GOP (both in and out of Congress) when he announced he would do all in his power to see that the President's new cabinet proposal is approved by September 11, the first anniversary of the deadly terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

This reconfiguration of our government for the necessary purpose of protecting our native soil and citizenry is an historic matter and needs everyone's attention and support.

DRUG CZARS FINDING NEW WAYS TO SKIN US

This column is fortunate to have several sources close to the pharmaceutical industry who provide information from time to time, (mostly disturbing stuff), which should keep our angst at peak levels. The most recent of which involves these pill-profiteers who are increasing the scope of their profiteering through the use of our tax dollars!

No, don't say its impossible. Just ask our representatives in the Senate and House, how many federal grants have been awarded to the large drug companies last year for various projects, resulting in new medicines created, approved, patented and sold at a premium! If you pay any income tax at all and are forced to fork over outrageous prices for even one prescription drug - you should be furious!

And all it costs these creators of expensive necessities is a measly \$75 million a year in lobby fees, to keep this insanity going. Cheap at twice the price, they slyly claim.

Another Sneaky Trick

Another trick that these drug manufacturing mercenaries have come up with is so mean spirited that it borders on the unbelievable (unless you have followed their antics over the years). Seems that older Americans in particular - faced with having to purchase high priced medications for a variety of ailments - are buying only half the number of pills their doctors prescribe and then cutting them in half to make it through the month.

"Horrors!" - screamed the greedy potion-peddlers - we can't let this happen. So what did these crafty fellows do? Started making certain pills in strange shapes so they cannot be easily cut in half. Fact is - some can't be cut at all without causing almost complete disintegration.

One of these days - these schemers will push their avarice well past "the decency line" and the government, forced by an angry citizenry, will take over the pharmaceutical industry and everyone will be in trouble. Especially since no one knows how to make civilized-socialized-medicine function effectively at the governmental level.

In other words - we will all be losers thanks to insatiable cupidity on the part of the few, who have free reign to victimize the many.

That's -30-

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Who's minding store?

Your Voice

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor;

Having recently read the top-10 best seller, **Shakedown** (Kenneth Timmermen-author), about the illicit and immoral activities of the NOT Rev. Jesse Jackson, I was struck by the local similarities as printed in the article, "Library to buy Denman Building."

Why? If your paper can be believed, in my personal opinion, large questions surround guardians of taxpayer money, the Salado Public Library District (SPLD), and the proposed payment for the Doris and Bob Denman property of over "appraised replacement value" under duress, in a 48 hour seller imposed period, and NO public comment or input.

And what of the Lynn Epps - inspired "urgent public necessity" for an offer of contract in 10 minutes of closed, secret meetings? For a Library! These are not matters of national, state, or local security, folks. Who might

the local realtor intermediary be, if any? Perhaps, a son-in-law?

If still true, a mortgage value approximates 1 percent of a mortgage payment (rental payment); the \$2,500 a month rental fee leads me to deduce the recent construction/mortgage value of cited property would be, perhaps in the \$250,000-350,000 range (could possibly be in some public records?).

NOT the \$525,000 purchase price of taxpayer provided funds entrusted to the SPLD and to be paid to a favorite son of the "Salado Merchants Association."

Sure starts smelling like "shakedown" to me. As one citizen/taxpayer, I think the SPLD, at least irresponsible in this matter, NO matter how the SPLD "executive session" was manipulated...and who knows what some serious investigative journalism could uncover. Makes me wax nostalgic for the "ole saying, "WHO is minding THEIR store?"

T.R.Pappas,

Supt's corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

With the increase in local property values, will our tax rate go down? This will be a Board decision, but remember that the state funding formula is based upon local property wealth. The wealthier (the higher the property values) the district is, the less state revenue they receive. So as our property values rise, our state funding shrinks. We will have approximately the same amount of funding but it will come from different sources. When I came five years ago, approximately 60 percent of our total funding came from the State. Now, only 25 percent of our funding comes from the state. Local taxpayers have a larger burden in funding our local school system. In summary, don't plan on your tax rate going down.

Why did we have school on Memorial Day?

With school mandated to start later, we end later as well. We have never ended school after Memorial Day in the past and so this caught us off-guard. Although the 2002-03 calendar is built in much the same way, I will take a revision to the Board on June 17, to commemorate Memorial Day for 02-03. This will change one of the other holidays/bad weather

days. Once this approved, we will re-print the calendars and put them around town.

I heard our TAAS scores were good. With the new TAKS test, will they be as good next year? No. We have been repeatedly warned that the new test is much more difficult and that we should have a decline in test scores. The Texas Education Agency is considering having a transition year where the new TAKS scores do not count toward our accountability rating. This has not been finalized. Along with our TAAS report this year, TEA sent a report showing what we would have made on the new test. In looking at these projections, our overall passing rate would drop from 90 percent to 70 percent.

The state has not set the bar for what score constitutes passing yet. Seventy percent may not be the passing rate for the 2002-03 school year. If this test is like its cousins, the TABS, the TEAMS, and the TAAS, the passing rate will begin relatively low and slowly rise over the years. Expect a change and don't be surprised with the new results.

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

FORUM



Hold on to your wallet!

By JEFF JUDSON

Hold on to your wallet if you ever hear someone tell you that a new state income tax will cost you less money than your current taxes.

A lot of people, including those at the liberal Center for Public Policy Priorities, are running around the state promoting a state income tax for Texas-telling us we will pay less taxes if we can deduct income taxes on our federal tax form.

Don't take the bait. Their claim has a nice ring to it; we all instinctively like the idea of a magic fix to our budgetary woes. But academic research the world over makes one thing absolutely, crystal clear: implementing an income tax is a prescription for economic disaster.

Want proof? Just compare the economies of states with income taxes with the nine U.S. states without one. You'll quickly notice that the no-income-tax states like Florida, Texas, and Nevada have much stronger economies and people moving into those states than those without income taxes.

In fact, according to Dr. Richard Vedder of Ohio University, over the past 10 years, almost three million American citizens moved from income tax states into non-income tax states like Texas. This is one of the great migrations in human history that has gone unnoticed by the liberal tax experts. It is equivalent to 1,000 people fleeing high tax states every day of the week except Sunday for the past ten years.

These people and the companies that employ them moved into the Lone Star State to escape high taxes. Business after business certainly didn't go to the expense of relocating to get higher-quality TexMex food and see better football. They moved because Texas is a better place to

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do business.

Few people would consider New York to have much in common with Texas. Surprisingly, however, New York has an almost identical tax system as Texas. It is roughly the same size in terms of population, has generally the same property and sales tax rates. Yet Texas is in far better shape fiscally, has higher job growth, less unemployment, lower poverty, and our population is growing, not shrinking like New York. The difference? New York has an income tax that makes its tax burden much, much greater. Apparently, people in New York don't feel that government is worth what they are paying for it.

Right now, Texas has a relatively low tax burden. Study after study shows that lower taxes are associated with higher rates of economic growth. What's more, income taxes are closely associated with increased government spending, higher tax rates and larger deficits.

The dirty little secret about the income tax that you are not being told by progressive liberals is that it produces much more money for the government to spend than any other type of tax. Comparing the tax burdens of the various states over the past 40 years, Dr. Vedder found that states without an income tax saw their real tax burden increase by 10 percent over the period whereas states that implemented an income tax during that period saw their tax burden increase a whopping 37 percent.

No one can argue that a progressive income tax generates more revenue for

the government than any other type of tax. This means less money earned by private citizens can be used for investing in their children's education, their health, their homes, their businesses, or to make capital available for others to invest. Instead, their hard earned dollars will be given to the government to spend on the latest political fad or program of dubious value.

Sadly, state legislatures of either political party are likely to spend whatever revenues are available. And more will be available from an income tax.

It is interesting to note that for Texas' neighbor to the north, the major fiscal debate is whether Oklahoma should reject their income tax and adopt a Texas-like system.

In order to stimulate growth, many there are saying, "Let's copy Texas!"

Nothing is worth the economic harm an income tax will do to our economy.

I hope for the sake of the Lone Star State that the people and legislature turn a deaf ear to those who advocate income taxes, and instead work to reign in spending. Keep the tax system that has led to Texas' job growth and economic boom. Keep Texas in the forefront of economic advancement by keeping taxes low.

Put simply, there is no need for Texans to mess with income taxes.

Jeff Judson is the president and CEO of the Texas Public Policy Foundation, a non-profit, free-market think tank with offices in San Antonio and Austin.

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Reliant Energy - Enron light



Jim Hightower

Like an evangelist exhorting the sinners at a brush arbor revival to come forward, confess their sins, and seek absolution-the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has been calling on energy trading corporations to confess, under oath, whether they have been doing any of the down-and-dirty deals that the devilish Enron got caught making.

And, oh, there's been quite a rush to that altar. The latest is Reliant Energy Inc. of Houston, an Enron neighbor who now tearfully concedes that, yes, it too has strayed from the straight and narrow, worshipping the god of mammon over the righteous path.

Reliant, which used to go by the plain Jane name of Houston Industries now flashes its hipper, "new economy" brand name on the Astrodome and other Houston landmarks to let everyone know that it's a major money player in the high-flying world of corporate traders. The problem with high-flyers, though, is that they can lose sight of earth, and Reliant did just that when it engaged in a bit of bookkeeping fakery called "round-trip trades."

The game here is to sell megawatts of power to another company and Hocus Pocus! - buy them back all at once, which jacks up your revenue picture, even though nothing happened - no power moved, no money actually changed hands. It's designed to fool investors and artificially inflate the company's stock price. It's pure flim-flam.

Of course, Reliant's CEO, Steve Letbetter, says this is merely the work of a couple of lower-level corporate miscreants who are long gone, and that he personally knew nothing--nothing! - of this malfeasance...even though he admits that 20 percent of his corporation's business last year came from these phantom trades. Hello. One fifth of your corporate revenues are fake, and the CEO doesn't take notice? It's another Enron moment, in which today's hot-shot CEOs are "geniuses"...until they claim that they actually don't know anything about what went on in their own companies.

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CTC offers fun summer non-credit courses

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

hanging, purse or garment embellishment. Bring a wooden or metal picture frame to class (8" x10" or 11"x14"). Plan to spend a minimum of \$15 on supplies. Instructor Jodi Hickcox learned how to sew and spin from her mother, and textile art has been a favorite of hers for many years. Class meets on Thursdays, June 20 - 27, 6 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$31.

Introduction to Photo Editing - This class will teach you how to alter digital photos and images using the most common tools. Class will explore balancing tones and colors, fixing scratches and cracks, removing unwanted objects, cropping, and resizing. Participants will also learn about file formats. Bring \$4 to class for handouts. Jodi

Hickcox has worked as an artist for computer game companies and has done freelance photo repair and imaging for independent software publishers. Class meets June 22, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Cost is \$21.

Skin Care & Make-Up Application - A daily routine is the foundation for healthy, vibrant looking skin. Class will focus on basic skin care, different products and color coordination. Explore a variety of looks for different occasions. Students will have hands-on opportunity to practice what they have learned in class. Bring \$2 to class for handouts. Michelle Aylesworth, an independent beauty consultant for a national cosmetics firm, has received extensive training in makeup products and techniques. Class meets June

27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$16.

Exploring Watercolors - Learn basic techniques such as blending color and pigment. Explore texture, composition, harmony and balance in this basic watercolor class. Bring a sketchpad and pencil to the first class. Plan to spend a minimum of \$20 on supplies. Young McPherson holds a degree in fine arts and brings a unique combination of Western and Eastern cultural perspectives into the classroom. Class meets on Saturdays, June 29 - July 27 (no class July 6), 9:30 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$31.

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

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Republicans honor MaryBell Brown

Borah Van Dormolen will speak on leadership to the Salado Area Republican Women June 20. The local Republican chapter is honoring Mary Belle Brown, founder of the local chapter. Other past presidents will be honored as well. Food

will be provided by the current Board.

The meeting will be a brunch starting at 10 a.m. at the home of Ruby Field, 5268 FM 2484. Some of members who were delegates to the Texas Republican Party Convention will share some of the

highlights of the convention.

Members interested in attending need to RSVP one week early, by June 13. Reservations may be made to Barclay McCort at 947-3617 or at bam2@flash.net.

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The board also discussed maintenance in the right of way and will pursue hiring someone on an as-needed basis to clear trees and debris from roadways and right of ways after storms and at other times. Interested parties should contact the Village of Salado office at 947-5060 for more information.

The board also released Bobby Lee Vernon from a variance to its sign ordinance approved in November 2001. The variance called for construction of a sign on the north end of the property on Main St. to advertise three businesses on the property.

Instead, Vernon asked that the current sign, which he says meets the sign ordi-

nance for back entrances, be approved. Taking no action on the current sign, aldermen directed him to apply for a sign permit, at which time the city will determine if the sign falls within the regulations of the sign ordinance.

Aldermen approved an investment policy for city funds outlining what the city can invest surplus funds in, as well as defining the City Treasurer and Mayor as investment officers for the city.

The board took no action on a request from property owners to abandon Spring Street and an alleyway on a 1.7 acre tract fronting Center Circle. Before the city can abandon the street and alleyway, it will contact all property owners

potentially affected by the proposed abandonment.

Chief Rogers presented a list of proposed changes to traffic signs and new traffic signs to be placed throughout the Village.

They include the following: Church Street and Blacksmith, erect yield sign; Church Street and Thomas Arnold, erect stop sign; Arrowhead Dr. and Old Mill Rd., erect stop sign; Chisholm Trail and Old Mill Rd., take away stop sign; Salado Plaza Dr. and Main Street change yield sign to stop sign; Highland Dr. and Chisholm Trail, erect stop sign; Kevlin Dr. and Chisholm Trail, erect stop sign; Smith Bluff Rd. and Chisholm Trail, erect stop or yield sign; Smith Bluff

Way and Smith Bluff Rd., erect stop sign; Mill Creek Rd. and Chisholm Trail, erect stop sign; Arrowhead and Old Mill Rd., erect stop sign; San Pedro Rd. and San Juan Rd., erect stop sign; Santa Clara Rd. and San Juan Rd., erect stop sign; San Jose Rd. and Santa Maria Rd., erect stop sign. College Hill Circle and S. Main St., change yield to stop sign; Blacksmith and N. Main St., change yield to stop sign; Van Bibber Rd. and N. Main St., change yield to stop sign; Carriage House and N. Main St., change yield to stop sign.

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First Baptist Church announces Vacation Bible School June 24-28

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First Baptist Church of Salado invites all children who have completed Kindergarten-sixth grade to join them for their annual Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m.-noon, June 24-28. Family night will be held at 6:30 p.m. June 27.

Built around an Amazon adventure expedition, the week will be full of excit-

ing Bible stories, a lagoon of crafts, fun music in the Music Festival, and rain forest related refreshments and recreation for everyone.

To pick up registration forms, you may come by the Church Office at 210 S. Main Street. To register by phone, you may call 947-5465. T-shirts are on sale for \$8 and must be paid at the time of registration. All shirt orders must be in by June 17.

For more information you may call Peggy Odom at 947-9271.

Jones dies at age 56

Graveside services for Linda D. Jones age 56, of Salado, were held 3 p.m. June 8 at the Salado Cemetery with Reverend Bobby Ellis officiating.

Jones died June 5 in a Temple nursing center.

She was born on August 25, 1945 in Harris County to Norman Thomas Ballatin and Doris Mae Hughes. She received her associated degree in accounting from Temple College and was raised as a member of the J.L. Gidley family. Jones was a member of the Prairie Dell Baptist Church. Jones was preceded in death by two husbands, Lloyd Donald Landrum in 1966, and William Lee Jones in 1990, and one brother.

Survivors include one son, two daughters, two brothers: Ellis Stewart of Bangor, Maine and Jimmie Gidley of Salado. She also leaves behind a sister, Sheryl Yauk of Temple, and four grandchildren.

Cedar Valley Church holds VBS June 17-21

The Cedar Valley Baptist Church of Salado will hold its Vacation Bible School from 9 a.m.-noon June 17-21. The theme for this year is Amazon Outfitters-On Expedition with the One True God.

Built around an Amazon adventure expedition, the week will feature Bible stories, a lagoon of crafts, a Music Festival, and rain-forest related refreshments and recreation.

The camp is free of charge and is open to children ages third through sixth grade. For more information, call 947-5100 or 947-5541.

Cedar Valley Baptist Church holds Lions club holds Initiation June 12

The Salado Lions Club will initiate three new members at 11:15 a.m. June 12, at the Creekside Restaurant.

The program for the meeting will be brought by P.D.G. Mike Morgan of Giddings. Lion Morgan is a long time member of Lions Clubs International and is a well-known motivational speaker. He is Membership and Retention Chairman for all of Texas.

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Mollie Garner Memorial held at UMHB

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold a memorial dedication reception for the family and friends of Mollie Garner June 13, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. in the C. R. Clements building at the corner of 11th & College streets on campus.

Garner of Salado, lost her battle with cancer on October 7, 2001. Her husband, Wayne Garner, and family have established the Mollie Marie Lostak Garner Presidential Endowed Scholarship.

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Rigsby earns Master of Arts

Erin Makayla Rigsby, daughter of Keith and Candy Rigsby of Temple and graduate of Salado High School, earned her Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies (MAIS) at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago. Her Master's was granted May 18, 2002.

The MAIS degree, in which Rigsby studied, is a 36-hour academic program for a Bible graduate or a

Mollie served the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor as a secretary in the External Relations Division and in Academic Affairs. She felt she was truly blessed to have the opportunity to work at the university. She believed this experience led her to become a better Christian and a better person. She wanted to give back to the university what it had given to her. Mollie's desire was to live a life of godly character and integrity, in order to bring

people into a right relationship with Christ. "A wife of noble character, who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. Her children

arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her. Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Proverbs 31.

Mollie made a difference in the lives she touched. Her warm personality, giving spirit, sweet and loving smile, and most of all, her love for her family, students, and co-workers are deeply missed. Those who had the privilege of knowing and working with Mollie also rise up and call her blessed.

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Richard Persky graduates University of Texas with honors

Richard K. Persky graduated with honors from the University of Texas College of Liberal Arts in May. Raised in Rural Bartlett, Persky is a 1996 honors graduate of Georgetown High School and a 1996 National Merit Scholar.

He received a degree in Classics with special honors, as well as a degree in Plan II Honors. He has been a member of the University of Texas at Austin chapter of Eta Sigma Phi, the Classics honor society, for the past three years. Eta Sigma Phi, published an excerpt of Persky's senior honors thesis, "Sex Lies and Gramata: Writing in Greek Myth and Poetry. The extract, "Hippolitos and Phaidra," was published in the Spring 2002 volume of *Hapax Legomena*, a "journal of unique writings."

He is the son of Ronnie and Nelwin Persky, of Bartlett. His mother is a

charter member of Salado's Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Woman's Association.

His future plans include working a year in Austin

while selecting a graduate school. He wants to continue his studies in Classics with the intent of becoming a teacher of classical Greek and Latin.



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Sgt. Lucas trains in Alaska

By: ANDRE SANDERS

There's a joke that the daughter of a Belton couple shares with other service members stationed in this nether region where temperatures can drop to close to 100 degrees below zero and the nearest neighbor can literally be found a hundred miles away. They say that they may not be at the end of the Earth, but they can sure see it from here.

But training in this frigid land in the middle of a God-forsaken wilderness is no joke for Air Force Staff Sgt. Sandra A. Lucas, daughter of Albino G. and Vicki G. Pena, Holland Road, Belton, who spent nearly two weeks training alongside 7,500 fellow service members from all services during the air combat and coastal defense exercise dubbed "Northern Edge" and "Cope Thunder."

For Lucas and her fellow service members it was the ultimate training experience, pitting man against the elements and each other. The goal of both exercises was to sharpen their skills in support of air, ground and sea operations in an extreme cold weather environment.

Lucas supported the exercise as a communications and information manager, "My job during this exercise is to provide the deployed units with computer connectivity so they can access both classified and unclassified networks," said the 1988 graduate of Belton High School. "I'm stationed here at Elmendorf but this exercise is great training for me, too. It helps me fine-tune my skills in a high-ops tempo environment."

Some of the exercise scenarios took place in an area larger than some of the lower 48 states. The tremendous land mass of Alaska--equal to one-fifth of the continental U.S.--allowed for the employment of weapons, tactics and drills not possible in populated areas, giving the participants valuable cold-weather operations training.

During the two combined exercises, aircrews were subjected to every conceivable threat, while naval and ground forces provided coastal and land defense -- including anti-terrorism training.

"This exercise improves the readiness of the units that have been deployed here. We provide them



Air Force Staff Sgt. Sandra A. Lucas

with the facilities and the support to conduct their training," said Lucas. "At the same time, we get some good experience that will help us down the line."

Weather had an enormous effect on the exercise. About 25 percent of the scheduled combat flights were canceled, making the troops feel the harsh effects of northern tier training. The exercise was a challenge and an educational event that showed Lucas why Alaska is viewed as one of the last great frontiers.

"If you love the outdoors, Alaska is the place to be," she said. "It's just a beautiful state, and in the summer there is great hunting, fishing and hiking. In the winter there is skiing, snowboarding and snowmobiling. It's not a bad place to be."

Lucas and her fellow service members may not be at the end of the Earth, but one thing they will bring away from their experience in this frigid, isolated practice ground is the ability to fight a war there if they are ever asked.

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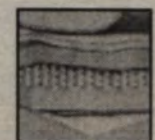


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Texas Medicine examines return of pertussis

A disease that was once essentially eradicated in Texas through vaccination is making a troublesome, even sometimes deadly comeback, reports the June issue of Texas Medicine magazine.

Pertussis cases are popping up in Texans young and old. For otherwise healthy adults or adolescents the disease poses an uncomfortable nuisance, but for infants it can kill. Texas Medicine reports more than 600 pertussis cases were diagnosed in Texas in 2001. Since 1999, 11 Texans have died of the disease. Characterized by a persistent cough, pertussis is also known as "whooping cough" because of the whooping sound a patient makes gasping for air while coughing.

"Pertussis is a huge problem. And it's not just a North Texas problem or a Texas problem. It's a national problem," said Mark Shelton, MD, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth. Public health officials say whooping cough is the only vaccine-preventable disease making a comeback today, according to the magazine.

The illness is centuries old. While it traditionally infects children,

adolescents and adults are making up an increasing percentage of new cases. That poses a unique problem, although the symptoms for adults are not typically life-threatening.

"It's a gap in our ability to respond to the disease," said Sharilyn Stanley, MD, associate commissioner for disease control and prevention at Texas Department of Health. The "gap" is a lack of vaccine produced for administering to anyone older than age 7. And because pertussis is highly contagious, it can quickly spread from an adolescent or adult with a chronic cough to an infant, especially one who has not been vaccinated, Texas Medicine reports. Texas Medicine is a monthly publication of the Texas Medical Association, America's best medical society.

Why is this disease making a comeback? The lack of effective immunization is one culprit. Often children who are immunized miss at least one of the series of five recommended vaccines, so their immunity weakens over time.

And many infants are not receiving immunizations at all. Texas ranks 50th in the nation in the percentage of children 19 to 35

months of age completing the recommended doses of several vaccines, including the one for pertussis, according to Texas Medicine. Another possible cause is a reformulation of the vaccine, which may have reduced its strength. Pharmaceutical companies began manufacturing a partial cell vaccine, rather than one made from whole pertussis cells, in 1991. That year pertussis cases began to spike higher, though they had trended upward for more a decade.

Another puzzle to public health officials is the fact that most people contracting the disease in Texas are Hispanic, for reasons not definitively known.

Physicians are being

alerted by public health officials about the resurgence of pertussis, and receiving updated information about its spread and symptoms.

Texas Medicine is the official news magazine of the Texas Medical Association, and provides timely information on medical issues that affect Texas patients and their physicians. For the full text of this article, see the June issue of Texas Medicine.

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More women know about folic acid, but still don't take it

Almost 70 percent of American women of childbearing age fail to take the B vitamin folic acid every day even though many of them are aware it helps prevent birth defects, according to the latest survey released today by the March of Dimes.

The survey found that only 31 percent of women between the ages of 18 and 45 who are not currently pregnant take a daily multivitamin containing folic acid. The figure has increased only slightly since 1995, the first year the March of Dimes surveyed women. This is despite the fact that 80 percent of all women of childbearing age now say they are aware of folic acid, up from 52 percent in 1995.

A comparison of seven annual surveys conducted nationally by The Gallup Organization for the March of Dimes also shows that the number of women who know that folic acid must be consumed before pregnancy has increased to 10 percent in 2002, up from only 2 percent in 1995. Those who know that folic acid prevents birth defects has increased to 20 percent in 2002, up from only 4 percent in 1995.

A separate state-by-state study conducted by The Gallup Organization for the March of Dimes, released in March, showed that in Texas 21 percent of women of child-bearing age, 18-44, report taking a vitamin with folic acid

daily. In Texas, 61 percent of women 18-44 report being aware of folic acid, and 21 percent of respondents reported being aware of the role of folic acid in preventing birth defects.

Daily consumption of the vitamin beginning before pregnancy is crucial because serious birth defects of the brain and spine known as neural tube defects (NTDs) occur in the early weeks following conception, often before a woman knows she is pregnant.

"Folic acid education campaigns run by the March of Dimes and its partner agencies have successfully raised the profile of the vitamin in this country," said Dr. Jennifer L. Howse, president of the March of Dimes. "But to save their babies from serious disability or death, women must do more than know - they must take that vitamin every day. We call on physicians, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, and other health professionals to use every contact they have with women of childbearing age to urge them to take a multivitamin with folic acid daily."

"Texas has experienced very high rates of neural tube defects in some areas," said Amy Case of the Texas Folic Acid Council. "That's why a group of public and private organizations in Texas have come together with the March of Dimes in a statewide campaign to not only increase awareness on the part of

Texas women but also to help motivate them to take a multivitamin daily."

Importance of Physician Advice

Women who said they did not consume folic acid daily were asked whether they would take the vitamin if their physician or other health care provider recommended it. More than half (53 percent) said they would be very likely to do so; another 37 percent said they would be somewhat likely.

"Our survey shows that many women would be willing to change their behavior and take the vitamin if that advice came from a health care professional," Dr. Howse said.

The March of Dimes is in the fifth year of its national folic acid education campaign aimed at reducing NTDs, which are among the most serious birth defects in the United States. Each year, an estimated 2,500 babies are born with these defects, and many additional affected pregnancies result in miscarriage or stillbirth. The most common NTD is spina bifida, a leading cause of childhood paralysis. Another NTD is anencephaly, a fatal condition in which a baby is born with a severely underdeveloped brain and skull.

To help prevent NTDs, all women capable of having a baby should consume a multivitamin containing 400 micrograms of folic acid every day beginning before

pregnancy as part of a healthy diet. Foods rich in this vitamin include leafy green vegetables, orange juice, peanuts, beans, and fortified grains.

The survey was conducted for the March of Dimes by The Gallup Organization under a grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The March of Dimes 2002 survey results are based on telephone interviews with a national sample of 2,004 women age 18 to 45 conducted from January 14 to February 24, 2002. For results based on samples of this size, one can say with 95 percent confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects could be plus or minus three percentage points.

Copies of the March of Dimes survey, "Folic Acid and the Prevention of Birth Defects," item #31-1677-02, can be obtained by calling toll-free 1-800-367-6630.

The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community services, education, and advocacy to save babies. For more information, visit the March of Dimes Web site at www.marchofdimes.com, its Spanish Web site at www.nacersano.org, or call 1-888-MODIMES.

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Lower your investment risk through diversification

If you own just one or two investments, you probably spend a lot of time hoping fervently that they'll prosper. When they don't, it will be readily apparent to you - and to your portfolio's bottom line.

Unfortunately, it's almost impossible to pick investments that will always perform well. And that's why you need to diversify. By diversifying, you'll help yourself in several key ways. Here are a few to consider:

- **You can help diminish the effects of "bad news".** When you distribute your investment dollars among a wide variety of financial assets - stocks, bonds, money market accounts, governmental securities, etc. - you can help reduce the risk of being hurt by some "bad news" that hits a particular asset or asset class. For example, a series of unfavorable corporate earnings reports may well hurt stock prices. Yet,

Cut Your Credit Card Debt

If you haven't already spent that tax refund, you might want to consider using it to pay down some of your credit-card debt. According to the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC), the typical credit-card-carrying household could save thousands of dollars in interest by applying a federal income tax refund to debt reduction. Tax refunds averaged \$1,143 for taxes paid in 2000, and the credit-card balances of households with at least one card averaged \$8,488 in 2001.

Let's say the typical household pays \$200 a month on a \$8,488 credit-card balance with an 18 percent interest rate and receives a \$1,743 tax refund. This household would save about \$2,390 in interest and pay off its balance 20 months sooner by using its tax refund for debt reduction.

"Credit-card debt reduction is a great investment and a lot more reliable than the stock market," said Bill Cullinan, interim president/CEO of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling.

Debt reduction is a hard struggle for most people. Using your tax return to pay down some of your credit cards might not have been what you planned, it's a step in the right direction.

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by Michael Gunter



these same reports may have no effect on bond prices. So, if you own both stocks and bonds, the negative corporate earnings statements might harm you less than they would if you were solely invested in stocks.

- **You can help increase your chances for success.** At any given time, some types of financial assets will be doing well. You'll improve your chances of finding them if you cast a wide net and invest in a broad array of high-quality investments. Of course, it's still essential that these investments suit your individual needs, goals, risk tolerance and time horizon.

- **You can help avoid**

some common investment mistakes. By following a diversification strategy, you may be able to avoid some widespread investment mistakes, such as chasing after "hot" stocks. If you don't concentrate on diversification, you may be more tempted to pursue those stocks whose price has gone up quickly. And yet, by the time you buy these stocks they may already be cooling off. But if you're truly diversified, you may already have similar stocks in your portfolio, so you'll be far less likely to "chase performance" - which is almost always a bad idea.

As you can see, diversification offers you some major benefits. And the

longer you invest, the more possibilities for diversification you'll discover. You'll find that you're not limited to diversifying across a range of investments - you also can diversify within each individual investment category. To illustrate this point, let's consider just one asset class: stocks. You could include a lot of stocks in your portfolio - but they could all be the same type of stock. It's not at all unusual to find people who "load up" on one species of stock, ignoring that if one is good, more is better. If you're going to be diversified, though, you'll need to look at the full range of stocks: blue chips, international stocks, small capitalization growth stocks, value stocks, etc.

When it comes to investing, it pays to be as broad-minded as possible. So, spread your dollars among a variety of suitable, high-quality investments. You should be pleased with the results.

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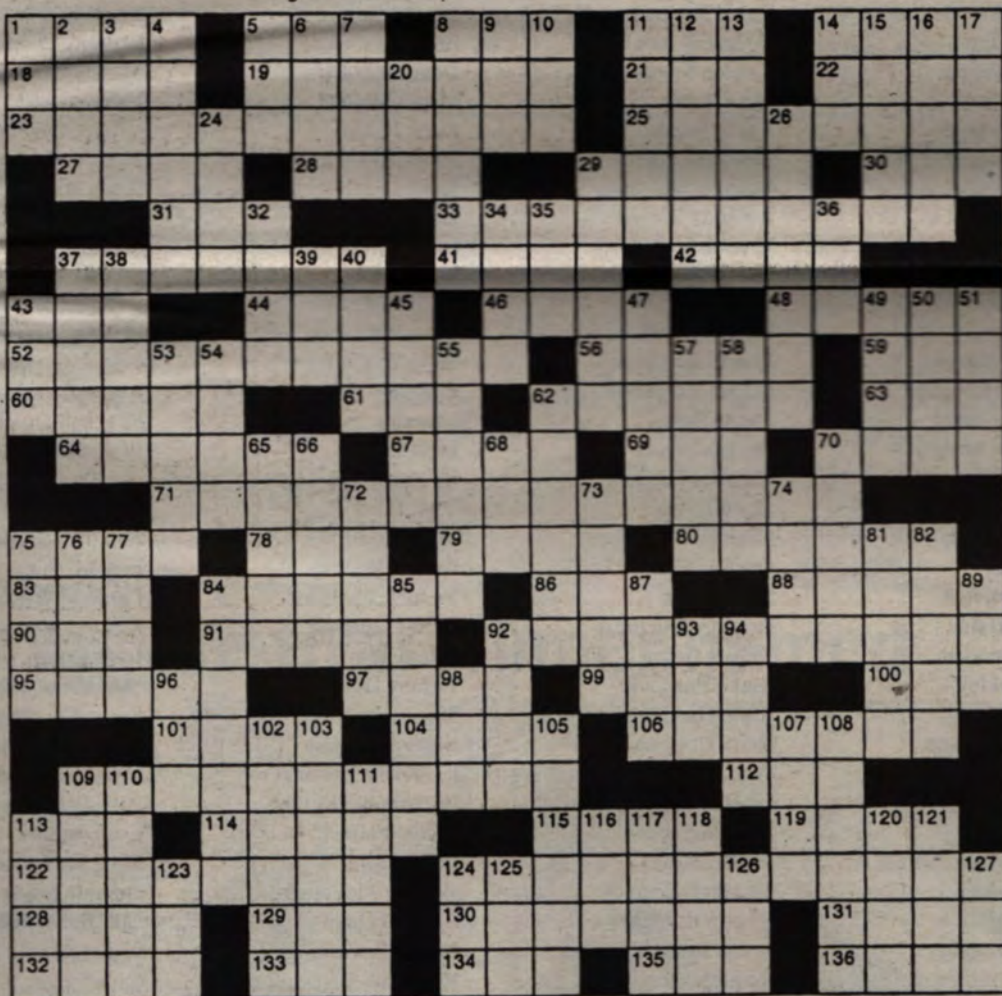
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Rose Mansion preserves antiquity

 By CHRIS MCGREGOR
 STAFF WRITER

When Major Archibald Johnson Rose built his home in 1870 to preside over his plantation, all 1,400 acres of it, Salado welcomed what would become one of her most distinguished families.

They had the credentials. Major Rose was a Mason, served in the Confederate Army defending the Texas frontier, and would go on to serve as Overseer of the State Grange as well as serving as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Texas. His wife, Sally Anne Rose, was a cousin of Stephen F. Austin.

The site he chose for his new home couldn't have been better suited for its current role, The Rose Mansion Bed and Breakfast Inn. Flanked by oak trees, some of which are over 200 years old, it is as the brochure says, "just quiet class."

Currently owned by Belton residents Andrea and Terry Potts, who purchased the home from Neil and Carole Hunter in January, the Rose Mansion stayed in the hands of the Rose family through four generations, until its sale in 1973. Kay Kelley, the Innkeeper, has plied her trade, greeting guests, and in general providing a welcoming atmosphere for travellers at the Rose Mansion for the past 13 years.

The home has changed hands several times since leaving the Rose family. In 1980, it was purchased



The Rose Mansion

by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hoffman of Austin, who began major restoration on the property. The Hoffman's put much concern in maintaining the historical integrity of the house. The siding and flooring are all original, as are most of the window panes, and ones that have been broken have been replaced with panes of a comparable age. But it wasn't until George Kolb, a lawyer from Dallas, visited the house and "fell in love with the place," that the property took on its current look. Kolb purchased the home in 1987, and set about converting it into a B&B.

Kolb moved two log cabins onto the property behind the main house, one of which is the Garrison Cabin, the oldest log structure in Bell County. It was built sometime in the 1850's and belonged to the grandfather of the ubiquitous Ma Ferguson. The other of the two log structures, George's Cabin, was

formerly a corn crib built in the 1850's. It was moved to the property from about five miles away and reassembled.

Other guest cabins have been added over time: the Chester House, built in 1855; the Innkeeper's Cottage, built in 1915 to house sharecropper's; and the Austin Cottage, a new structure built to resemble old German stone houses.

An interesting aspect to the property that still exists is the "three-hole necessity," or outhouse, which, after 13 years on the job, remains a curiosity to the Innkeeper. One would assume this befuddlement stems from the builder's belief that a three-holer was called-for. Perhaps our forebears were not as modest as once assumed. When questioned, a shrugging Kelley could provide no explanation to solve this head-scratcher.

Outside of the main building also stands the original kitchen, which

was built separate from the home to prevent a house-fire. The kitchen in use today was added in 1888. The home's original smokehouse, which also features an old icebox built into the back of the structure, is just behind the Main House.

The gentility of the Mansion is still alive after 130 years and countless occupants. Decorated with original furnishings and antiques from the Rose family, such as Major Rose's desk and clock, the building has a time-warp aura about it.

Publications such as Texas Monthly and Southern Living have featured the Rose Mansion as one of the best Texas B&B's. Regarded with esteem by past and new guests alike, the Rose Mansion is a true Salado success story. For reservations or information call 947-8200 or toll free at 1-800-948-1004, or go on-line at www.therosemansion.com.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays

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

What's happening here?

JUNE 5-8

Fourth Annual Judy & A.C. Green Literary Festival sponsored by the Living Room Theatre, featuring performances of works by prize-winning short story writers in homes of Salado hosts. Times and places to be 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 13

Salado Chamber of Commerce Auxiliary 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 10 a.m. meeting at Civic Center.

Board of Alderman meet for a goals workshop 1:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

JUNE 15-16

Wildfire Ranch Rope America. 947-9988.

JUNE 17-21

Dancing Bear Driving Range Youth Day Camp. 8 a.m.-noon, lunch provided. \$100 for the week. Contact Paul Hunt, 947-5995.

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.

JUNE 22

Salado FFA carwash at 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Brookshire Brothers.

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 p.m. 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.

AUGUST 5

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

AUGUST 15

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

AUGUST 18

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

SEPTEMBER 8

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

SEPTEMBER 12

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

SEPTEMBER 19

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

SEPTEMBER 21-22

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

SEPTEMBER 28

ABWA Style show 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Salado Springs Celebration Center; 220 Royal St. For more info call 947-3617.

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

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

OCTOBER 11-12

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

OCTOBER 17

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

OCTOBER 26-27

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

OCTOBER 30-31

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

NOVEMBER 8-10

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

NOVEMBER 14

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

NOVEMBER 15-17

Team Ropers Association at Wildfire Ranch 947-9988.

NOVEMBER 21

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

DECEMBER 6-8

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. 947-5040.

DECEMBER 6-7

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

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DECEMBER 13-15

Annual Salado Christmas Stroll. For more information call 947-5040.

DECEMBER 19

Salado Area Republican Women 11:30 a.m. Installation of Officers and Christmas Party.

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Duffield talks about role of JP

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

"You get to see me socially or you get to see me professionally. It's your choice," Ted Duffield, Bell County Justice of the Peace for Precinct One, told members of the Rotary Club of Salado during their luncheon meeting June 4 at the Stagecoach Inn.

Justice Duffield spoke to the group about the role of the JP Courts in Bell County. There are currently six JP courts in Bell County: G.W. Ivey and Eddie Lange in the Temple area; Bill Cook and Garland Potvin in the Killeen area; Don Svadlenak in the Salado, Holland and Bartlett areas, and Duffield, in the Belton area.

"We serve a county of over 237,000 people," Duffield said. State law requires four precincts in each of the 254 counties in Texas. A county may have as many as eight Justices of the Peace, however. Duffield said that there is a movement in the Legislature to abolish some of the constable and justice of the peace positions that have been unfilled for financial and other reasons. "I think those positions should be left as they are, since they are in the Constitution," he

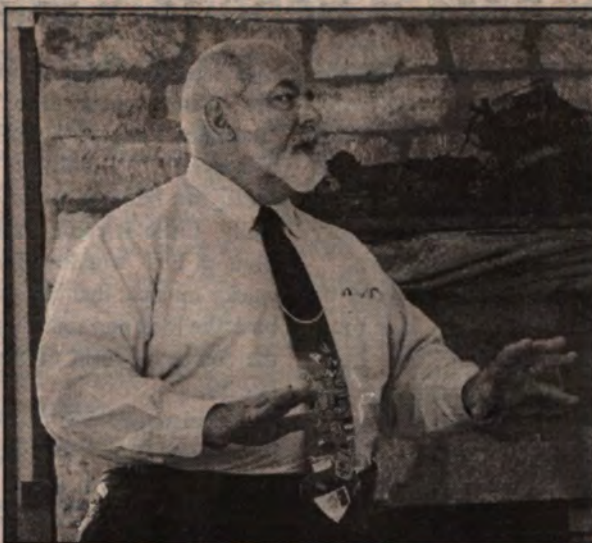
said.

Justice of the Peace courts hear both criminal and civil case, Duffield said. Cases involving claims up to \$5,000 can be heard in either the Justice court or the small claims court. A judgment in small claims court, Duffield said, "is good for 10 years and may be renewed for another 10 years."

He recalled a case that was about to come to the 10 year deadline. The original judgment was for \$600, but after interest was applied, the payment was \$4,000. "Another 10 years and it would have been \$18,000," Duffield said, adding that the JP court can be "very persuasive."

"When he realized that he could owe \$18,000 for a \$600 judgment whenever he sold the business, he went ahead and paid it off just hours before the deadline," Duffield said.

In judgments against individuals, the court is limited to some extent in the actions it can take to recover costs for the winning side. "We can't take your home or tools, but if you have boats, cars, cattle, sheep or other things specified by law, we can take those to collect on the decision," Duffield said.



Ted Duffield, Bell County Justice of the Peace

If the court does seize property to pay a debt, it auctions it off. If the amount paid is higher than the judgment, then the property owner gets the rest.

"But most cases normally don't go that far," Duffield said.

Duffield called the small claims court, "the people's court. This is the chance for both parties to tell their sides of the story," Duffield said, adding that parties come before the court without a lawyer "all the time."

In addition to his role in the criminal and civil courts, Duffield said that JPs marry people and pronounce them dead. "We make the decision to order an autopsy from Dallas by issuing an order for an inquest," he said.

JPs also issue emergency protective orders that can stop household members from going to the other person's home, work or school.

The courts handle assaults, DWIs and other alcohol violations. They also handled search warrants, animal cruelty investigations, mental health detention orders, impounding vehicles, deed restriction, eviction suits and class C misdemeanors of \$500 or less.

Duffield reported that since he took office in 1995 until April 2002, over \$2.5 million had been collected in his JP court. "We have an operating budget of \$142,000 per year," he added.

"Hopefully, you will see me on a social basis, not professionally," he said.

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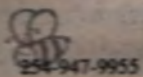
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Songs like "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee," "Summer Nights" and "Greased Lightning" recall the likes of Buddy Holly, Little Richard and Elvis in this wonderfully wacky musical that brings back the look and sound of the teenage world of the late 50s.

Performance will be 8 p.m. June 21 - Opening night; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. June 22; June 23 at 2 p.m.; 8 p.m. July 6, 7, 12, 13, 19, 20; 7 p.m. July 7 and 21.

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Guest Chef Gray prepares menu Aug. 2-3

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Chef Gray will start the evening with an appetizer of crispy shrimp wrapped in Kataifi on a bed of shaved fennel and red onion with citrus-vanilla sauce.

Followed with a first course of seared quail breast over roasted chantrelle mushrooms and sweet corn with huckleberries.

A fish course will follow the quail. A pan-seared Chilean sea bass will be served with artichokes, carrots, celeriac puree and a white wine fish broth.

For the main course, Chef Gray will offer up a dish of herb rubbed and wood fired New York strip loin of beef over shitake mushroom whipped pota-

toes, fresh veggies and Hobb's smoky bacon sauce.


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Business group covers advertising and marketing

Tourism Director April Allen told Salado Business Association members June 5 that she is organizing free hospitality training courses for retail businesses in the coming months. She will firm up dates on those courses, which are two to three hours long and intended for "the front line personnel and managers in the hospitality businesses, whether it is food service, retail, or lodging."

Allen is certified to teach the courses, which will deal with greeting the public, handling difficult customers, knowing your city or how to help visitors find their way around the village.

She will give more

details about the courses at the SBA's next meeting 8:45 a.m. July 3 at the Salado Civic Center. The Business Watch program on prevention of shoplifting will be the key item of the July meeting.

Allen also introduced Sonya Campo, of AJR Associates, an advertising agencies that represents several publications in Texas, including Texas Highways, the Texas Events Calendar and Texas Journeys, the official publication of the American Automobile Association (AAA) in Texas. Texas Highways, a publication of the Texas Department of Transportation, now accepts paid advertising. Prior to this, placement in

the magazine was highly sought-after and coveted, according to Campo. Campo discussed advertising opportunities in the publications she represents in this area, as well as the nearing deadline of June 15 to be in the January special insert in Texas Highways. For more information, contact April Allen at the Salado Tourism Office, 947-8634

In other business, Shannon Ashe told the group that plans were progressing for the annual Christmas Stroll in December.

The group also discussed a city-wide program of hanging a flag in front of a business that shows that it is open. No action was taken on the discussion.

SBA members also discussed a letter to the editor that mentioned a negative incident involving a shop in Salado. The letter praised other businesses, including Horsefeathers and the Rose Mansion, but was critical of the treatment a group of ladies received in one shop. The letter was also sent to the Salado Chamber of Commerce. The business implicated in the letter is not a Chamber or SBA member, according to Chamber of Commerce secretary Dawn Orange who told the group that the Chamber has a policy of forwarding critical letters it receives to the business involved if they belongs to the Chamber of Commerce.

Police Chief offers burglary prevention tips

By: ALAN ROGERS
SALADO POLICE CHIEF

Now that school is out, many people will be going on vacation. It is during this period of time when increases in home burglaries occur. You can help decrease your chances of being victimized by planning ahead.

First get to know your neighbors and help watch out for each other. When you do go on vacation, let your neighbors know. Have one of them pick up your newspapers and check your mail. Newspapers lying on the ground in front of a house and in a mail box are a good indi-

cator that no one is home, and thus an easy target for a burglar.

Ask a neighbor to park a car every so often in your driveway. This gives the appearance that someone is home. Have lights inside your house on timers or have a trusted neighbor or friend come into your home to turn on lights, television, radio, etc. at odd times. This also gives the appearance that someone is home.

Call the police and inquire as to whether or not they have a house watch program, and if they do, have your house put on

house watch. The Salado Police Dept. does have this program. It only takes a few minutes of your time to fill out the form, or call 947-5060 and have one filled out.

Remember, give information such as: when you are leaving; what time you will be back; if anyone else has access and permission to be in your house; who to contact in case of an emergency; who has a key to your house; will there be any lights on in your house; what vehicle if any will be parked at your house; and are there any dogs in your backyard.

The officers checking on your house will do a complete walk around of your house, checking the windows, doors, and looking for any signs of problems. The date and time of the checks will be logged on to the house watch sheet. Upon your return, cancel the house watch by calling the police dept.

These small steps will help insure that while you are one vacation, you can relax better in knowing that someone who cares is helping to watch your home.

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Question: I have an old cast-iron doorstop in the shape of a frog. Although I don't know much about it, the heirloom has been in my family for at least three generations. The paint is original and seems to be in fairly good shape. How can I find out how much it might be worth?

Answer: According to the sixth edition of the *Garage Sale & Flea Market* Annual published by Collector Books, there are three important factors to consider when buying or selling doorstops-rarity, desirability and condition. If a doorstop is interesting, well-designed and detailed, it becomes especially collectible.

Since most doorstops are made of cast iron, the condition of the original paint is important. Some important fields

that have attracted collectors in recent years include those issued as advertising premiums and others reflecting Black Americana. Animals, historic figures and elves are also desirable.

Hubley was an important manufacturer, but collectors should be aware that many of the original molds were sold to the John Wright Company, and reproductions are rampant in the marketplace. When considering the purchase of a doorstop, look carefully at the seams to make certain they fit properly. Another indication of a fake is a grainy surface or paint that seems too bright for an older piece.

Values include a Frog on Mushroom, \$200; and a Teddy Roosevelt election souvenir, \$450. Jeanne Bertoia is both

a doorstop collector and dealer. Her postal and email addresses are 2141 DeMarco Drive, Vineland, NJ 08360; and bertoiiauctions.com.

Question: I have a hinged, two piece bronze spoon mold. It is unmarked. A spoon made in the mold would have a shell design on the back of the spoon bowl. When would it have been used?

Answer: Pewter spoons were used in America from the 17th through the 19th centuries. When they were bent or broken, they were melted down and recast in a mold like yours. The mold was coated with a mixture of red ochre, ground pumice and egg whites, which kept the hot liquid pewter from sticking to the mold. The parts for the front and the back of the spoon were squeezed together,


with only a small hole at the spoon end so the pewter could be poured inside. The mold was warmed, and the melted pewter was poured inside. It hardened in about 10 seconds. Molds were rarely signed, but the style of the spoon indicates that it dates from 1750 to 1800.

Question: My grandmother's antique bag looks like it is made of metal beads. They are silvery, but not silver. What are they?

Answer: The bag is probably made of cut-steel beads. They were used extensively in Europe and the United States by the mid-1800s. They cost less than beads made from precious metals. French cut-steel beads were often colored using electroplating. They were smaller than American beads.

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It was a beautiful day for a wedding

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

California sunshine. An ivy-covered winery in Sonoma. My guitar-playing, record-producing son BZ married Margaret Schultz. My other son Kevin was best man. Kevin's son Jackson was a junior groomsman.

The activities started on Thursday when we flew to San Francisco. BZ and Margaret gave me a cap that said I was the father of the groom. Margaret's dad got one that said father of the bride. We wore them with pride.

Thursday and Friday nights we stayed at a motel in Daly City, near where the bride and groom will live when they return from their honeymoon in Hawaii. Saturday we made our way to Sonoma and camped out at a resort called The Lodge At Sonoma. It is fabulous!

Saturday night we held a rehearsal dinner at The Wild Thyme Cafe. About 75 people were there. Among the guests were Charlie, Zane, Jance, Kevin and Brian, all school buddies of BZ. They've been friends since kindergarten. They've traveled together, done a movie together and are all involved in creative endeavors. BZ is the fourth one of the group to get married.

Margaret is a trainer. She stimulates people to do better at their jobs. She's pretty interesting. She's done drama, helped open a hotel in Malaysia and travels a lot giving seminars. Her parents have a house in France.

Margaret grew up in Nyack, New York. BZ grew up in Big Spring, Texas. They met at a place in San Francisco where BZ

was playing guitar. He was impressed with her right away, but Margaret didn't become serious about BZ until she found out he was dating someone else.

They took a trip to France and Spain last year and BZ proposed at a small cafe in Barcelona.

The wedding preparations took place mostly by email. Margaret came here for a shower and made many new friends.

The wedding had humor and beautiful words of commitment. It was a formal affair held in the winery's courtyard. Margaret's veil danced in the California breeze.

One of BZ's music friends composed music especially for the occasion. Portions were played during the ceremony. The full vocal arrangement was performed by four singers.

The reception was a full dinner and dance, complete with meaningful toasts and delicious food and drink. For a couple of numbers, BZ played guitar. Nobody danced during those. They all gathered around the bandstand. That boy ought to wear a tuxedo more often! Eleven-year-old Jackson sang to band accompaniment and got thunderous applause. He took off his tux coat and tie and danced nearly every dance. His white shirt and vest became a popular sight on the dance floor.

All the tables had names. The bride and groom sat at a table for two called the Pit Stop. My wife and I sat at "Lucky 13" with kinfolks and friends.

BZ has had three fiancées. I'm glad he chose Margaret as his bride.

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Wilted Spinach Salad

2 Garlic cloves, minced
1/4 c. Olive or vegetable oil
3 T. Cider or red wine vinegar
1/2 tsp. Salt 1/8 tsp. Pepper
2 (10 oz.) Pkg fresh spinach, torn
Hard cooked eggs
Seasoned croutons

In a dutch oven, saute garlic in oil for 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat; cool slightly. Stir in vinegar, salt and pepper. Add spinach and toss to coat. Place on plates or in bowls; top with eggs and croutons, if desired. Serve immediately.

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Helping 'smallest victims' 1 at a time

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

CASA training set June 17

It's not glamorous work, to say the least.

It rarely makes headlines.

It flies under the radar screens of watercooler and coffee shop conversations.

But, tucked away in a corner of the basement level of the Bell County Courts building in Belton, the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) office has been doing much-needed work with young victims of abuse.

A small staff headed by Rosa Black, works with a couple dozen volunteers to, as Black puts it, "speak up for the child's interests before the court."

CASA volunteers, such as Salado's Linda Prewitt, commit for a year when they take a case assigned by the courts.

Typically, the child has been removed from the home and placed in foster care while the courts decide on a permanent placement for a child, sometimes through adoption, other times through placement with another willing family member.

CASA volunteers -- or simply CASAs, as they are called -- meet the child, visit his or her school, talk to teachers, friends, family members, foster parents, potential adoptive parents, and investigators in the Child Protective Services department.

From those interviews, CASAs try to determine what placement is in the child's best interest. Where will the child be safe and loved? Where will the child be able to live without the fear of further abuse or neglect?

These are the questions

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) has set its next training session beginning June 17 at the Lane Volunteer Center in Ft. Hood in order to help the "littlest victims" of abuse and neglect in Bell County.

CASA of Bell County is an organization committed to advocating for foster children in the district courts where the fate of their lives is determined.

CASA is in desperate need of loving, caring individuals willing to stand up and speak on a child's behalf. This requires attending a 30-hour training session, where volunteers will learn about the dynamics of child abuse and neglect and the workings of the foster care system and the district courts and

how they can help foster children get to a safe, loving and permanent home. CASA volunteers will interview children, parents and any individuals that can provide them with information in order to report to the district judge regarding what is in the child's best interest.

There are currently over 300 children in foster care in Bell County and this number continues to grow at an alarming rate. There are over 49 CASA programs in Texas and 900 nationwide.

Anyone interested in coming to this training and helping Bell County's "littlest ones" should contact CASA of Bell County at 939-1346.

that drive the recommendations to the courts by CASAs.

These are the kinds of questions that drive the CASA's investigation, an investigation in which the volunteer "can easily rack up the hours."

Prewitt has been working as a CASA shortly after the non-profit organization was formed in Bell County in 1998.

A member of the second training class of CASAs, Prewitt has worked with children for almost three years in the program.

Before a volunteer can begin working with individual children, that person goes through 30 hours of training.

"And a lot of reading, too!" Prewitt says with a laugh, referring to the "nice, thick book" that CASA volunteers are handed. Prewitt says she still refers to that manual when working with a case.

The CASA training exposes volunteers to cultural, psychological and emotional aspects of child

abuse in order to better understand both the victims and perpetrators.

"You learn some things that you may not normally be exposed to," Prewitt said, "so you become aware and sensitive to differing ideas about child rearing."

Despite these differing values and social mores, CASAs must keep in mind the child's safety and welfare above all else.

Even the child's wishes, sometimes.

Black, director of the CASA of Bell County, says that each child is assigned an attorney ad litem to express the child's desires.

"We are assigned to represent the child's best interest," Black continued. "Sometimes the two don't agree."

"All children love their parents. No matter what," Prewitt said. "Sometimes, the child wants to go back into an abusive home, even though they know it is harmful or dangerous to them."

And always, the parents want the child home. "I have never yet seen a parent -- when the child has been removed from the home -- that did not want that child back. Very often the parents themselves suffered abuse as a child," Prewitt said, "and I wish that there had been a CASA for them, but the bottom line is that a parent has to take the responsibility to be a good parent, not to abuse their children."

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"Even though we might like for it to be," Prewitt said, the best place for the child "is not automatically back in the parents' home."

CASAs are dismissed by the court after a final resolution is determined by the court.

Prewitt says she is able to let go of a child at that time, because "usually Rosa calls me up with another case."

There are currently over 300 children in foster care in Bell County and this number continues to grow at an alarming rate, according to Black.

Which means that CASA volunteers may be stretched to their limits.

"The real heroes here, though," Prewitt says, "are the CPS investigators. They go way beyond the call of duty. Where I have one, two or maybe three cases, they have so many more. The information they have, I rely on in my work. They are often the object of anger and hostility, but they should be held in the highest esteem in the community."

The CASAs work at time is heartbreaking, but volunteers keep coming back for more, according to Black who says that the Bell County CASA has a handful of volunteers from its very first training session in 1998.

"Sometimes it happens (being heartbroken)," Black said. "With each case, you have six agencies involved. Sometimes they are pulling in the same way, sometimes they are pulling in different ways." "We don't always win," Black says.

But CASAs always have the chance to give input, to make a recommendation. "When we see things that take us in a different way than CPS, that's okay," Prewitt said. "It gives the judge another perspective

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Vintage photos on view at Ft. Hood

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Vintage Bell County, a collection of 39 historic photographs from the Bell County Museum, is now on view in the III Corps and Fort Hood Headquarters building, Building 1001, Van Fleet Hall.

The photographs are an outreach program of the museum, and are based on the Bell County Courthouse Annex project completed in 2000. Each 18x24-inch photograph includes descriptive text.

Museum Director Stephanie Turnham said, "These photographs represent a wonderfully random view of the varied and unique history of the county. In some cases, the photographs themselves attract the viewer; in others, it is the story line that appears below the image that tells a fascinating story. Many, many people pass through Van Fleet Hall each day, and will both enjoy the exhibit and learn from it, so we are

delighted that Fort Hood is hosting the exhibit."

The photographs range in subject matter from different parts of the county to well-known and common individuals within the county, to various institutions and/or occupations found throughout the early years of the county. For example, Rogers native Alvin Ailey, founder of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, is part of the exhibit, as is Killeen

native Oveta Culp Hobby. Also, a cotton harvesting scene in east Bell County is portrayed, as is a funeral in Salado. Finally, images such as the first Kings Daughter's Hospital building and the Temple Sanitarium (later named Scott and White Hospital) are also on display.

The photographic exhibit will remain on view at Fort Hood through Thanksgiving.

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CASA

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on the situation. What the judge appreciates is information, because they are making a very, very difficult decision."

Judge Charles Van Orden oversees cases handled by CPS. Prior to this special appointment, these cases were handled by different District Judge courts at law.

Judge Rick Morris was instrumental in this, according to Prewitt. "He had the concept and wrote the grant for the current circuit system to handle abuse cases."

CASA continues to receive state and Bell County funds because of

the support of state representatives and senators such as Dianne White Delisi and Troy Fraser.

In addition, County Commissioner fund the program through their budget and through in-kind services such as the small offices in which CASA is housed.

"We get this rent-free," Black says, looking around her office as if it were the penthouse suite rather than the basement.

Volunteers help Black to stretch the dollars from the state and county, as well as donations and fund raisers, as far as possible to meet the growing need

2001 Child Protective Services

Statistics for Bell County

Child population	70,195
Alleged victims of child abuse/neglect	3,125
Confirmed victims of abuse/neglect	662
Children in foster care	300

of abused children in Bell County.

"The fact that I'm even doing this at all is heart-breaking," Prewitt says of the need for CASAs in Bell County, or any other community for that matter, adding that, "As you go through the process of gathering information,

and working with the child, you can get heartbroken."

However, "There's nothing more valuable and exciting -- for me personally -- than this. It's sad that we have to do it at all, but it is so rewarding on so many levels that I couldn't recommend it more highly."

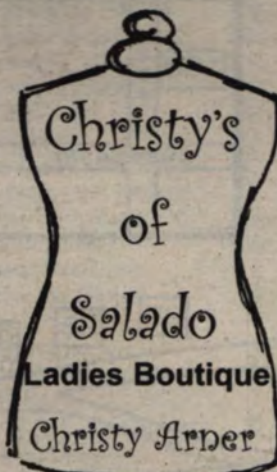


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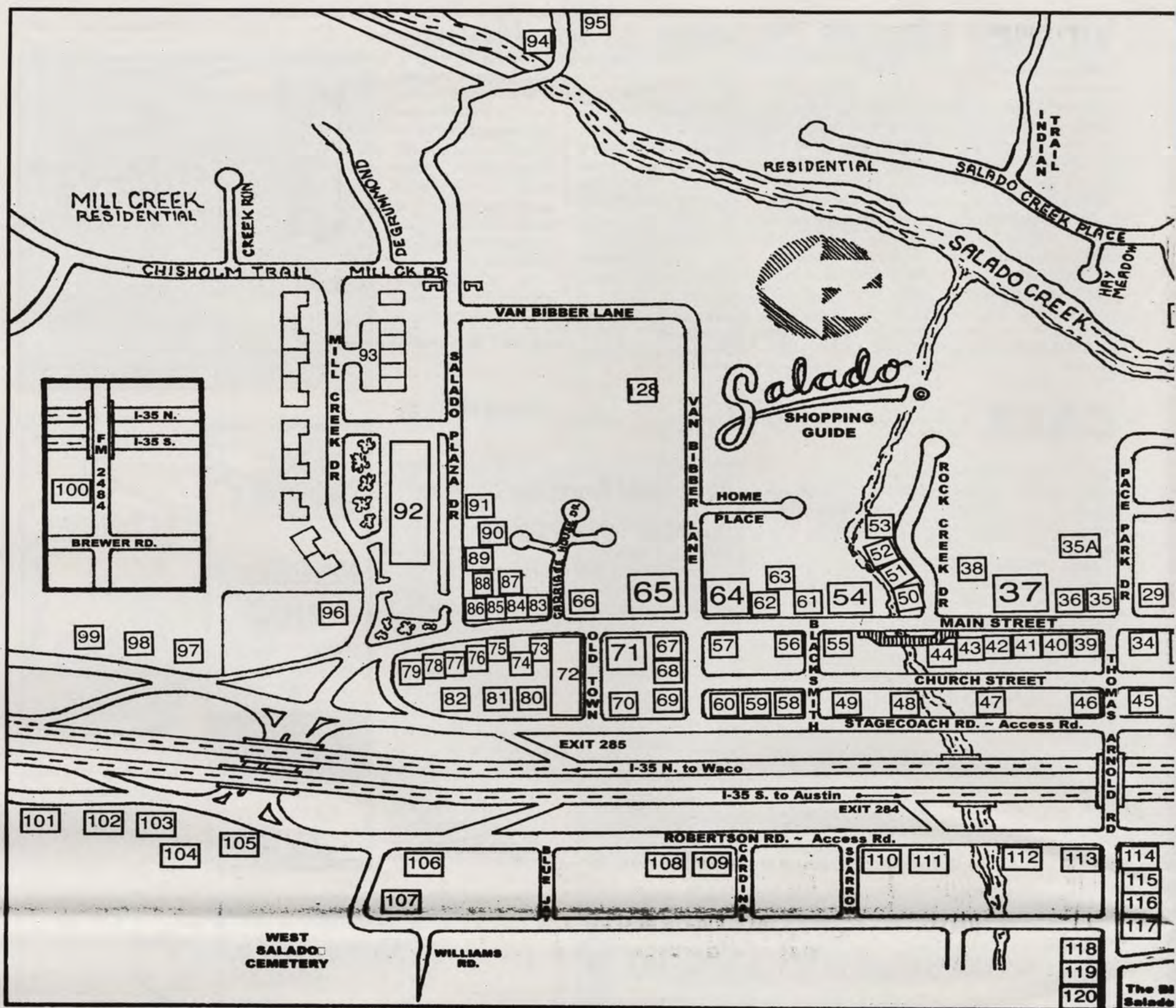


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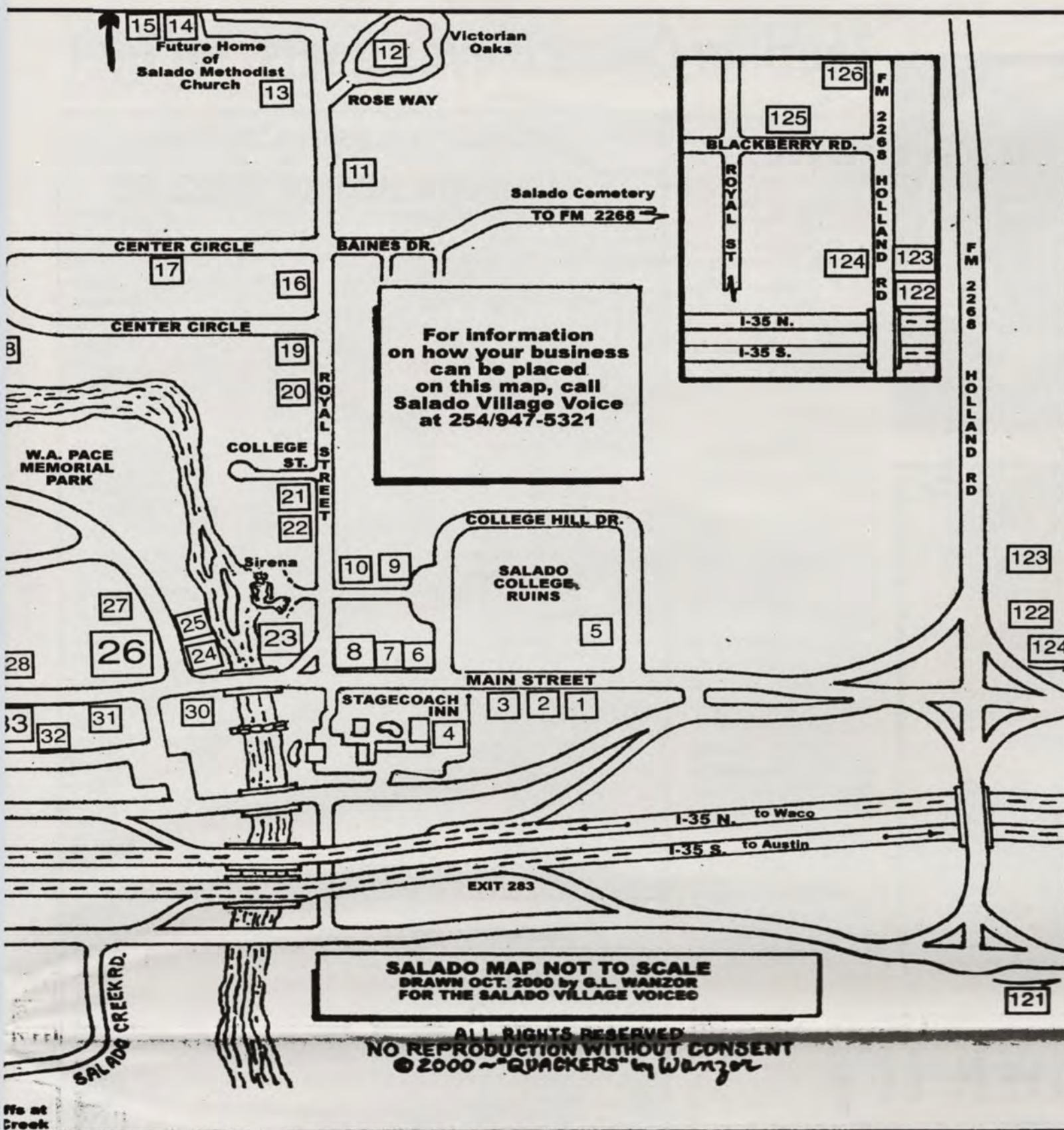


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Vintage photos on view at Ft. Hood

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Vintage Bell County, a collection of 39 historic photographs from the Bell County Museum, is now on view in the III Corps and Fort Hood Headquarters building, Building 1001, Van Fleet Hall.

The photographs are an outreach program of the museum, and are based on the Bell County Courthouse Annex project completed in 2000. Each 18x24-inch photograph includes descriptive text.

Museum Director Stephanie Turnham said, "These photographs represent a wonderfully random view of the varied and unique history of the county. In some cases, the photographs themselves attract the viewer; in others, it is the story line that appears below the image that tells a fascinating story. Many, many people pass through Van Fleet Hall each day, and will both enjoy the exhibit and learn from it, so we are

delighted that Fort Hood is hosting the exhibit."

The photographs range in subject matter from different parts of the county to well-known and common individuals within the county, to various institutions and/or occupations found throughout the early years of the county. For example, Rogers native Alvin Ailey, founder of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, is part of the exhibit, as is Killeen

native Oveta Culp Hobby. Also, a cotton harvesting scene in east Bell County is portrayed, as is a funeral in Salado. Finally, images such as the first Kings Daughter's Hospital building and the Temple Sanitarium (later named Scott and White Hospital) are also on display.

The photographic exhibit will remain on view at Fort Hood through Thanksgiving.



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CASA

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on the situation. What the judge appreciates is information, because they are making a very, very difficult decision."

Judge Charles Van Orden oversees cases handled by CPS. Prior to this special appointment, these cases were handled by different District Judge courts at law.

Judge Rick Morris was instrumental in this, according to Prewitt. "He had the concept and wrote the grant for the current circuit system to handle abuse cases."

CASA continues to receive state and Bell County funds because of

the support of state representatives and senators such as Dianne White Delisi and Troy Fraser.

In addition, County Commissioner fund the program through their budget and through in-kind services such as the small offices in which CASA is housed.

"We get this rent-free," Black says, looking around her office as if it were the penthouse suite rather than the basement.

Volunteers help Black to stretch the dollars from the state and county, as well as donations and fund raisers, as far as possible to meet the growing need

2001 Child Protective Services

Statistics for Bell County


Child population	70,195
Alleged victims of child abuse/neglect	3,125
Confirmed victims of abuse/neglect	662
Children in foster care	300

of abused children in Bell County.

"The fact that I'm even doing this at all is heart-breaking," Prewitt says of the need for CASAs in Bell County, or any other community for that matter, adding that, "As you go through the process of gathering information,

and working with the child, you can get heartbroken."

However, "There's nothing more valuable and exciting -- for me personally -- than this. It's sad that we have to do it at all, but it is so rewarding on so many levels that I couldn't recommend it more highly."

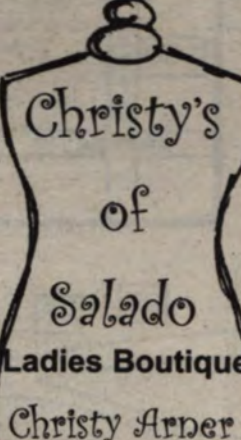


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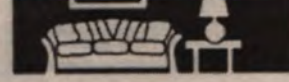
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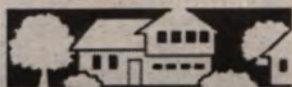
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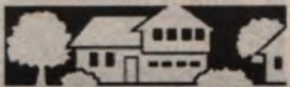
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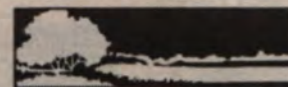
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Bell County

Stay safe during summer parties

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Almost everyone wants to just crank up the grill, start serving drinks and let the fun happen at backyard barbecues. But a little planning will ensure that everyone really does have fun, while minimizing risks to guests and yourself.

A few years ago in Atlanta, a summer party came to an abrupt (and painful) end when the host's backyard deck collapsed, sending guests plummeting more than 20 feet. Turns out the deck wasn't designed to hold more than a few people, and when the partygoers crowded out onto it to watch the sun set over the Chattahoochee River, the supports gave way.

In this case, the owner reportedly wasn't made aware of the decks structural limitations by the builder. But it doesn't hurt for you to make a safety scan of the area where the party will be

held.

In the yard or on the patio, put away tools and store garden hoses. Move potted plants out of the way to open up space. Make sure outdoor furniture is in good condition and that small debris (including Fido's little messes) are picked up. Mow the grass about two days before the party.

Make your house guest- and child-proof. Place medicines up high, out of reach. Do the same with breakable items. Items of value should be moved out of sight (hey, we all trust our guests, but there is a risk of breakage, and children are curious, too). Close the doors to rooms you don't want guests going into.

On the day of the party, place the grill in a well-ventilated spot, to the side of the main gathering area. If a prevailing wind blows all day, situate the grill so that

smoke blows away from the guests. Block off an area around the grill to discourage children from running past. Use extra chairs, a serving table, whatever works. Have all your barbecue tools nearby.

If you have a pool, have at least one adult directly supervise it throughout the party (even if no children attend). Assign shifts to responsible, non-drinking friends or family members so that everyone has a chance to party, as well. The pool "supervisor" shouldn't leave the area during his or her watch, even if the pool is empty too often, children slip away and go off exploring, and a swimming pool is an enticing place.

Keep a first aid kit and a telephone nearby for emergencies, big and small.

If alcohol is served, keep an eye on guests

to make sure they don't drive drunk. You may want to discreetly remove alcoholic beverages about an hour before the party's end. Call taxicabs for those guests who shouldn't drive, or if you have the room offer to let them stay the night.

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How to choose your home builder

If you're in the market for a new home, you should shop for your builder as carefully as you shop for your home.

Whether you are buying a house in a subdivision or a custom built house, you'll want to know that you are buying a good quality home from a reputable builder.

First, check with your local builders association to obtain a list of builders who construct homes in your area. Look in the real estate section of the local newspaper for builders and projects. Looking through the ads and reading the articles can help you learn which builders are active in your area, the types of homes they are building, and the prices you can expect to pay. Make a list of builders who build the type of home you're looking for in your price range. Local real estate agents may also be able to help you in your search. Ask friends and relatives for recommendations. Ask about builders they have dealt with directly, or ask them for names of acquaintances who have recently had a good experience with a builder.

The best way to learn about builders is to visit homes they have built and talk with the owners. Ask

builders on your list for the addresses of their recently built homes and subdivisions. Builders may even be able to provide names of some homeowners who would be willing to talk with you.

Drive by on a Saturday morning when homeowners may be outside doing chores or errands. Introduce yourself and say you are considering buying a home from the builder who built their home. Talk to several owners, and try to get a random sampling of opinions. The more people you talk with, the more accurate an impression of a builder you are likely to get.

When you talk to builders and homeowners, take along a notebook to record the information you find and your personal impressions about specific builders and homes. Doing so will help you to make comparisons later. Some questions you can ask people include: Are you happy with your home? If you had any problems, were they fixed promptly and properly? Would you buy another home from this builder? Usually, people tell you if they are pleased with their homes.

Look at new homes whenever you can. Home shows and open houses

Home Tip

Spray a light coat of cooking oil on lawnmower blades. The oil keeps cut grass from sticking and repels rust, keeping the blades sharp longer.

sponsored by builders and associations are good opportunities to look at homes. Model homes displayed in home shows are often furnished to give you ideas for using the space. You may also ask a builder to see unfurnished homes.

When examining a home, look at the quality of the construction features. Inspect the quality of the cabinetry, carpeting, trimwork, and paint. Ask the builder or the builder's representative a lot of questions. Get as many specifics as possible. If you receive the answers verbally rather than in writing, take notes. Never hesitate to ask a question. What seems like an insignificant question might yield an important answer.

Always keep value in mind when shopping. Just because a home is less expensive than another does not mean it is a better value. Likewise, a more expensive home does not automatically assure higher quality. Another important aspect of value is design quality. When you look at a home, determine whether it will suit your lifestyle. Is there enough living space? Are there enough bedrooms and bathrooms? What about storage space? Will you have room to accommodate special interests

or hobbies? Think about the amount of upkeep required both indoors and out. Consider also the location of the property. Is it convenient to shopping, schools or other places of interest to you?

One important criterion for selecting a builder is the warranty provided on the home. Most builders offer some form of written warranty. Many builders back their own warranties on workmanship and materials, typically for one year. Other builders offer warranties backed by an insurance company. Ask to see a copy of the builder's warranty.

Also, find out from each builder what kind of service you can expect after the sale. Typically, a builder makes two service calls during the first year after you move in to repair non-emergency problems covered by your warranty. The first call is usually 30 to 120 days after the move-in, and the second is around the 11th month, right before any one-year warranties on workmanship and materials expire. For emergencies, the builder should be able to send someone to your home right away.

Some questions you might ask are: How long has the company been in business? Should repair requests be in writing? Does the builder belong to a builders association?

A home is one of the biggest and most important purchases you will make in your lifetime. Do your homework and shop for a home with the knowledge that will help you make the right decision.

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Answer: An attic fan will remove hot, stagnant air from the space between the roof and the insulation, and it should make a dent in your power bills, as well.

In fact, proper ventilation in the attic (as well as the rest of the house) is crucial in preventing damage due to heat, mold and mildew.

Most homes have vents installed under the eaves and along the ridge of the roof, providing energy-saving circulation by drawing cool air into the attic as hot air rises up and out. However, in certain areas this circulation isn't enough to lower the attic temperatures.

If your attic space only recently began to heat up, check the under eave vents and the rooftop (or gable) vents for damage or debris that may be blocking airflow. Clear any debris and repair or replace damaged vents.

Sometimes there just aren't enough vents to circulate air properly, especially in larger homes. If you don't want to spend a lot of money having new vents created (something only a professional should do), then consider installing an attic fan.

These power fans can be found at any home improvement store, and are fairly easy to install. The fan mounts are designed to fit on rafters spaced 16 inches apart, meaning the fan can be bolted directly beneath a static roof vent, usually

without adding framing boards.

The fan's cable connection will need to be attached to the home's wiring system. If you don't have experience working with electrical wiring, leave that job to an expert. Have an electrician hook up the power.

Most ventilator fans can provide circulation for homes up to 2,600 square feet in size, so they work well in the average three-bedroom house. So give it a try, and see how far your power bill comes down this summer.

Tax advantages of buying and selling a new home

Buying a new home is one of the smartest purchases you can ever make. One of the reasons is that home-ownership has many positive tax implications. Because of changes to the tax code passed in 1997, these tax implications are much more favorable for most homeowners today than in the past.

According to the law, married homeowners do not have to pay taxes on up to \$500,000 in capital gains realized on the sale of their homes. The \$500,000 provision applies to married homeowners filing joint returns and is restricted to homes sold on or after May 7, 1997. To qualify, the

home would have to have been used as a principal residence for at least two of the previous five years. Taxpayers who file individual returns may claim up to \$250,000.

According to the previous rules, the tax on any profit would be deferred if the sellers of the home bought and occupied another home of equal or greater purchase price within 24 months before or 24 months after the sale of the old residence.

The previous law also allowed for a one-time capital gains exclusion. Home sellers who were at least 55 years old could realize a tax-free gain of

up to \$125,000 if the home had been used as a principal residence for at least three of the previous five years. Under the old law, home sellers could use their capital gains exclusion only once after turning 55.

Under the new law, people over 55 who have already used their exclusion can take advantage of the new tax provisions, assuming that they have occupied their new residence for at least two of the previous five years.

First-time buyers also benefit from a special provision of the new tax law. One of the largest tax obstacles to homeowner-

ship usually is the inability of potential first-time buyers to save enough money for a down payment on a home. In 1997, Congress passed a new provision allowing first-time buyers to withdraw up to \$10,000 from their IRA accounts if the money is used for a down payment on a home. The penalty-free provision can be applied to IRAs owned by the buyers, their parents or their grandparents.

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Spanish Hacienda on 3 acre hilltop, overlooking Salado. Open porches, 4BR, 5 full & 3 half baths, courtyard pool, guest quarters and 3 car garage. Mother-in-law suite, spanish tile throughout, new well. **\$375,000**



Beautiful 27 acres with excellent large metal barn. 3/2 brick home with 2 living areas. Additional homesites available beyond house & barn. **\$275,000.**



Authentic Texas style home on approx. 11 acres on Hillside. 4/2/3, extra large living room with great fireplace, kitchen with stove top and woodburning stove, 7 stall barn. **\$215,000.**



New On Market - 3/2 formal dining, walk to Mill Creek. Great location! **\$159,000.**



Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road & IH 35 at Exit 285. **\$239,900.**



Build a new 1500 to 1700 square foot home for **\$110,000 - \$150,000.** Depending on size and selections.

Acreage Available

Lots with sewage & water on Shady Lane. \$10,000/lot.

Sand & Gravel Rd. - 2 one acre tracts. \$15,000/tract.

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

1.7 acre w/small house. Center Circle, great business location.

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

2.35 acres heavily wooded on Rose Lane. \$41,900.

2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. \$29,900 or 1.35 acres for \$20,000.

51 acres, beautiful hilltop views, rolling countryside, excellent trees, 8 miles west on FM 2843, 1/2 mile north on Cedar Valley Rd. \$3,500/acre.

59.25 acres, outstanding hilltop views, 2 lakes/tanks, fronting County Road 2115, 2 miles south of Salado. \$240,000.

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

Other lots available in Mill Creek, Salado Springs.

Salado Lots

Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - \$36,000.

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

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



3/2 brick home with formal living & dining, den with fireplace, fresh paint and carpet throughout. \$110,000.

Country Homes

Authentic Texas style home on approx. 11 acres on Hillside. 4/2/3, extra large living room with great fireplace, kitchen with stove top and woodburning stove, 7 stall barn. **\$215,000.**

Commercial Listings

3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. \$89,900.

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Residential Listings

\$89,000: Investment Property: 2 Duplexes in N.W. Temple, 2 BR/1BA & 2BR/2BA.

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\$159,000: New on market. 3/2 formal dining, walk to Mill Creek. Great location!

\$275,000: Beautiful 27 acres with excellent large metal barn. 3/2 brick home with 2 living areas. Additional homesites available beyond house & barn.

\$375,000: Secluded Spanish style rock home with clay roof on 3 acres. Gorgeous hilltop view of Salado, open porches, 4 bedrooms, 5 full baths 3 half baths, 3 car garage, pool and guests quarters. Mother-in-law suite, spanish tile throughout, new well. A beautiful MUST see!

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