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Col. ESC Robertson home open for tour this weekend

One of the most complete historical landmarks in Texas, the E.S.C. Robertson Plantation in Salado will be on tour April 18-19.

The 1852 plantation home of Col. E. Sterling C. Robertson has 22 rooms, two stairways and four porches, according to Mrs. Sterling C. Robertson, who lives in the house and offers it to benefit the Central Texas Area Museum.

The Robertson home is so complete because the house, grounds, slave quarters, stables and family cemetery have been used and maintained by one family for over 130 years.

The two-acre yard is bisected in three directions by walks, and the white columned house stands in a grove of oak trees. Lumber for the house, cypress for the exterior, cedar, pine and oak for the interior, was brought by oxcart from saw mills.

Built in Greek Revival architectural style, the home features a central

The home features five "service rooms" of native limestone: dining room, kitchen, servant's dining, inside laundry and meat room.

hallway with symmetry on both sides.

At either end of the front porch are Col. Robertson's office and the Stranger's guest room. The wide double entry doors open into a high-ceilinged hall which runs the entire length of the house.

The entry-hall stairway is a fine example of Texas craftsmanship as each of the balusters were hand-crafted on the site.

Visitors this weekend will be shown the 12 rooms downstairs.

Five of the rooms on tour were "service rooms" made of native limestone. They are the main dining room,

kitchen, servants' dining room, inside laundry and meat room, which has dirt floors for a fire to smoke meat.

The front and back parlors will also be featured. The back parlor has portraits of Gen. James Robertson (1742-1814), E.S.C. Robertson in Confederate Brigadier General's uniform and other family members. Col. Robertson was a soldier, patriot and leader in Texas, Bell County and Salado.

Much of the furniture and other furnishings are original to the house.

Some of the documents to be displayed had a direct bearing on the formulation of plans for the Republic of Texas.

Tickets for the tour are available at the door. They are \$4 per person to benefit the Central Texas Area Museum on Salado's Main St. Tour hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. April 18-19. The Robertson Home is located south of Salado proper off Robertson Rd.



Col. E.S.C. Robertson home



Col. Robertson's desk

Belton Historic Homes Tour features McWhirter home, beginning of 19th century Sanctificationist movement

Martha McWhirter. Her name still conjures up visions of wealthy, well-educated women abandoning their husbands and their homes and moving with their children into Martha and George McWhirter's fine new house on Pearl Street in Belton to become part of the Sanctificationist Religion.

The fine new house (1867-70) and probably Central Texas' first split-level house, which really housed the only successful commune in the United States, is a part of the 15th Annual Belton Historical Homes Tour April 25-26.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Kimball, the Bell County limestone house at 400 N. Pearl St. carries a bullet-hole in the north parlor door facing, shows off the original water well and six-inch-wide cypress floors as part of adaptive living for 1992.

Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for students age six through college. Tickets are available at all five tour sites plus tour headquarters in the Bell County Museum at N. Main St. and 1st Ave. Other tour sites are the 1866 Summers Mill, a grist mill and its accompa-

nying ranch house dating from 1870 through 1902, the 1893 elegant Baggett-Lastovica Victorian mansion, the 1914 Watters-Kelley mail-order catalogue bungalow and the replica of an Antebellum Texas-Style Ranch House.

All tour proceeds go to the maintenance and operation of the Bell County Museum in the 1904 Belton Carnegie Library building, one of 11 Carnegie buildings left in Texas.

The Sanctificationists grew out of a dispute between Martha McWhirter and the Methodist preacher on "when, how

and by what means a person was 'sanctified' in light of New Testament teaching." The group was really the first arrangement of battered wives banding together for help from each other.

The Sanctificationists never numbered less than 20 nor more than 70, never attempted to bring others into their belief, and did not have any religious creed, no Bible study and seldom attended the church they had belonged to before they joined the group.

They worked hard, owned and operated a ho-

tel, a laundry, dairy, two farms, a wood yard, catering service and household maid business in Belton and hotels in Waco. They dressed well and traveled extensively over the United States, but kept aloof of Belton residents.

At first, they made fun of Martha McWhirter, Maj. George McWhirter's red-headed wife. Then they asked her to join the

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Other People's Money

rated R
starring Danny Devito, Gregory Peck,
Penelope Ann Miller
Our rating: **

by **Tim Fleischer**
Editor-in-Chief

Other People's Money is a silly twist on **Wall Street** with Danny Devito as the money-hungry corporate raider. But what **Wall Street** had (soul, character, guts), **Other People's Money** lacks.

Other's People Money tries to be humorous, but is not. Devito is a better actor than the movies he has done in the past two years. Unfortunately, he continues to play the same stereotype.

The saving grace of **Other People's Money** is Gregory Peck, as Andrew Jurgenson, CEO of the company Larry the Liquidator (Devito) sets out to dismantle. But Peck is not enough to save **Other People's Money**.

Our rating system

* A dog ** A dog with spots *** Reaches mediocrity
**** Better than most ***** One of the best

Late last week, Governor Ann Richards unveiled her education plan that will be presented to the Special Session of the Legislature set to begin sometime in May. The idea is one more in a stream of schemes to equalize spending of education dollars among the millions of public school students in Texas. Three times the State Supreme Court has shot them down.

Each time the hang-up revolved around both the method and constitutionality of taking money from property rich areas of the state and giving it to poor districts. Especially without a reference to a popular vote amending the state Constitution.

Governor Richards plan would allow the state, rather than the schools, to tax all businesses and commercial activities within a school district. These dollars would go to Austin and then be redivided among schools on some sort of an equalizing formula designed to achieve the elusive per pupil dollar equality that some feel would allow "poor" students to compete with their rich contemporaries.

Property taxes on

Off the Record

by **Ken Clapp**



homes and agriculture would continue to be collected by the local schools and used to pay normal operations and capital improvements. No doubt these local funds will also be used to enrich school programs above and beyond state minimum mandated levels. Unless of course the state decrees that this would cause further inequalities and sets "caps" on local per pupil spending.

One immediate problem with the Richards plan is that it lacks sufficient approval by enough members of the legislature to pass it into law much less the necessary two-thirds to place the statute before the public in a constitutional amendment form by November. Another problem is the position members of the legislature put themselves in at reelection time by voting out a controversial tax bill that will have built-in opposition by

the anti-tax segment of the population. Most observers feel that there are too many equality "plans" already floating around Austin at this time and too many problems associated with each idea to make calling a session at this time practical. At any rate it will be most important gathering of the lawmakers in many-a-year!

Wish I Had Said That

Ross Perot was quoted by the *Austin American Statesman* recently in a way that was too good not to repeat. Asked about the national debt, Perot quipped: "The total national debt was \$1 trillion when President Reagan took office. It is now \$4 trillion. Maybe it was voodoo economics. Whatever it was, we are now in deep voodoo!"

The feisty Perot may not become president but he will be more fun to watch and listen to than the major party front runners who are afraid to say anything approaching common sense and truth for fear of hurting some voting

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Tim Fleischer, *Editor-in-Chief*
Marilyn Fleischer, *Managing Editor*
Ken Clapp, *Political Commentary*

Village Foods offers free trees

Village Foods IGA announced this week that over 700 trees are available for planting in this area.

"We are offering these trees to civic organizations and individuals who will plant and care for the

trees," said Village Foods manager Dale Kehn.

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Eagles blast Academy, 10-2

In the bottom of the first inning against the Academy Bumblebees, the Salado Eagles opened district in a big way with six runs. Salado never looked back enroute to a 10-2 victory.

The Eagles were aided by the wild throwing of Academy pitchers in the first inning. Salado received four base-on-balls and one hitter was struck by a pitch. Richard Berumen's rbi single and Shawn Morris' two-run double were the only hits of the inning.

Salado added to their lead with three runs in the bottom of the third. Bubba

Moore started things with a one-out single. After the second out had been recorded, consecutive singles by Morris, Chris Jackson and Jeremy Fischer produced the runs for the Eagles. This increased Salado's lead to 9-0.

Academy was able to put a few hits together in the fifth and sixth ining and produced single runs each inning.

Salado's final run came in the sixth inning. It was produced by consecutive singles by Robbie Ray and Ty Warrick.

The Eagles collected nine hits in the game, led

by Shawn Morris, who 2-3 with 3 rbi's.

Ray pitched the complete game for Salado. He gave up six hits and four walks while striking out 14 batters. Ray's record is now 5-2 while the Eagles improve to 12-4.

The Salado JV also won their game against Academy. In a time-limit shortened game, Ben Bray tied the game in the bottom of the fourth. Brent Cabaniss then delivered a two-out single to produce the winning run. Jereme Hosch was the winning pitcher for Salado. He struck out 8 batters in the four innings.

Country Place opens here

"Country Place", a bed and breakfast has opened three miles from downtown Salado on FM 2268, the Holland Road. The owners and operators are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Tope who purchased the property nearly a year ago and have transformed it into a typical Texas country house with an attached bunkhouse accommodating four bedrooms and baths.

In an idyllic setting on six acres, the Topes are offering their guests a restful stay of country living among large trees, wildflowers, domestic animals and grassy lawns. A home-cooked full breakfast will be offered each morning with a variation of eggs, grits, ham, bacon, sausage, biscuits, muffins pancakes and fresh fruits.

They will also serve the usual coffee, tea or milk and cereal as guests prefer.

The home is a two-story Texas country house with a wraparound porch, picket fence, red barn and memories of "Grandma's house". The family quarters are in the front part of the home and connect to the bunkhouse by dining and sitting rooms that are for guests enjoyment. Each room in the bunkhouse, all with private bath, is decorated in a stylized motif: Victorian Room, Country Room, Texas Prairie Room, and Tartan Plaid Room. Each has painted floors and stenciled walls and is furnished according to its

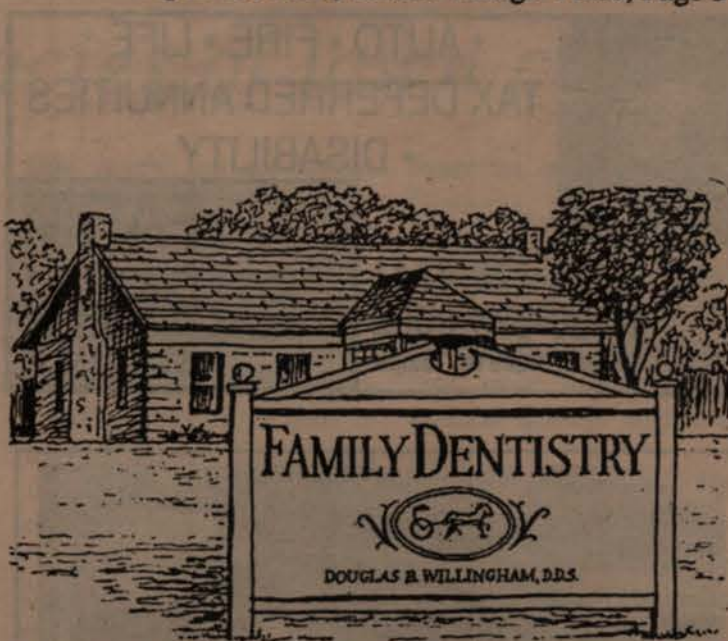
special style. All rooms look out onto the country

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For reservations and rates, call Elinor Tope at 817/947-9683 or write to Country Place, Route 1, Box 19VA, Salado, TX 76571.

Directions are I-35, exit 283, east on FM 2268 for 2.5 miles. Country Place is on the left side of the road.

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Helpful hints on Easter eggs

by Ilene C. Miller
County Extension
Agent - HE

Our modern custom of decorating and giving eggs at Easter is a symbol of the Resurrection, but history reveals that the custom originated more than 5,000 years ago with the Persians celebration of spring. Colored eggs were exchanged as tokens of goodwill. It was the Pennsylvania Dutch who brought the Easter egg to the New World in 1728 and invented the custom of egg rolling. First Lady Dolly Madison popularized the tradition of egg rolling contests on the White House lawn in 1810.

If you will be preparing Easter eggs this week, here are some tips from Extension poultry specialists you'll find useful.

High heat and overcooking toughens the protein in the egg white or albumen. Overcooking also intensifies the union of sulfur from the albumen with iron from the egg yoke, forming the harmless but unattractive dark iron sulfide ring.

1. To prepare hard-cooked eggs, use enamel, steel or glass pans. Never use iron or aluminum. A chemical reaction between the iron and aluminum pan and the egg shells may keep the color from adhering properly to the shell.

2. If you want to empty an egg, make a small hole in one end of the shell and a slightly larger one at the other end and then blow through the small end. Contents will be forced through the larger hole. You'll also find that the yoke can be more easily removed if eggs are at room temperature and if you briskly shake the egg before piercing the hole to break the yoke.

3. Hard-cooked eggs often do not peel easily because they are so fresh. For picture perfect eggs, use older eggs and store the eggs small-end up to help center the yoke before cooking.

4. Finally, be sure you don't overcook the eggs.

5. To cook eggs use one of these methods:

*Place eggs in room temperature water, bring to a boil and remove from the heat. Cover and let stand 18-20 minutes. Immediately run cold water over the eggs or place in ice water until they are cooled.

*Bring water to a boil and carefully add eggs which have been tempered in warm water. Reduce heat and simmer for 18 to 20 minutes. Cool eggs promptly in cool water.

*To color and decorate eggs, follow instructions on egg coloring kits. Hard cooked and decorated Easter eggs can be stored safely for several days in the refrigerator.

New releases books, videos available at Salado Library

Texas Bluebonnet Award books for children:

- Urban Roosts by Barbara Bush
- Flight by Robert Burleigh
- The Magic School Bus Lost in the Solar System by Joanna Cole
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- The Sum of All Fears by Tom Clancy
- Blindsight by Robin Cook
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- Passion for Life by Muriel and John James (Memorial book in memory of Lynette Roundtree)
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26. Sir Wigglesworth
27. Seasons of Salado
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30. Gospel Gifts
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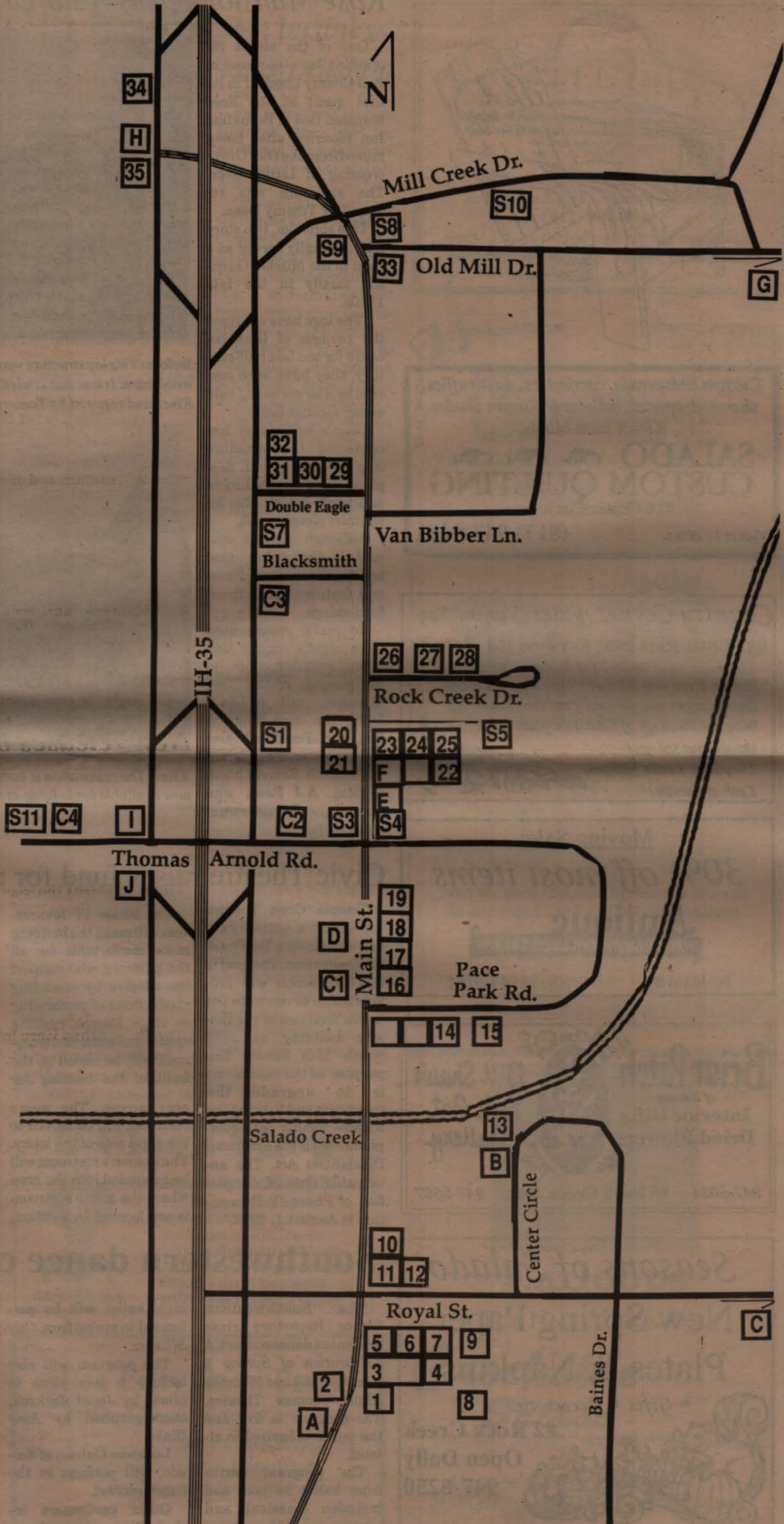
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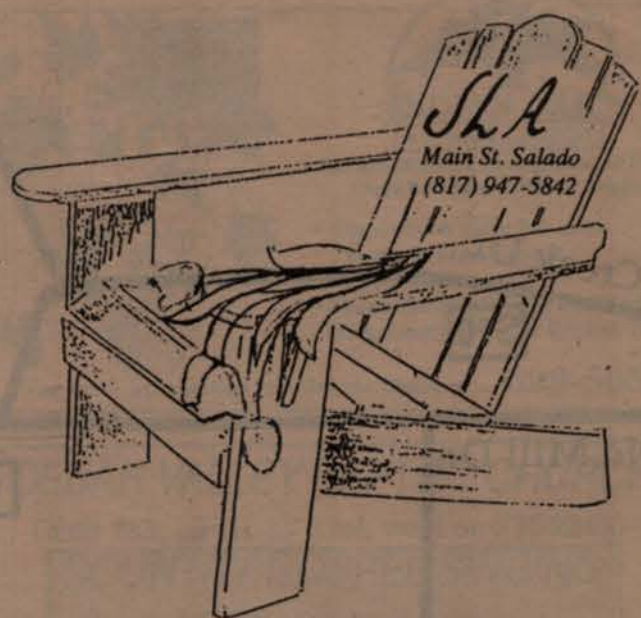
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Rose Mansion opens restored log cabin



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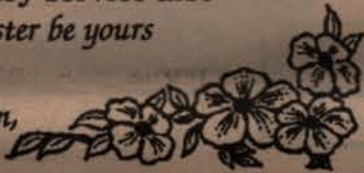
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This split elm, two story find originally served as a barn to the Mitchel Garrison family in the late 1840s.

"The logs have survived the ravages of time because for the last half-century, they have been covered by a larger barn," said owner George Kolb.

Dean's renovation has converted the structure into a log cabin with fireplace, add-on bathroom and porch below, plus an upstairs sleeping loft.

Although cleverly concealed, the cabin also boasts central air and heat and features early Texas furnishings.

To make reservations for a night's stay in this quiet, secluded cabin on the grounds of the Rose Mansion, call 817/947-5999. The Rose Mansion Bed and Breakfast also has rooms in the original 1870 Greek Revival home of Maj. A.J. Rose, who started the Grange movement in Texas.



Before: This log structure was discovered under a standing wood barn. It was dismantled, moved to Salado from Little River and restored by Tommy Dean.



After: The restoration is complete and the old log cabin is now available for lodging at the Rose Mansion, 947-5999.

Civic Theatre raises fund for renovation

Temple Civic Theatre has begun a capital fund drive to finance its Phase IV Renovation. The goal is \$30,000, which will provide funds to renovate the public facilities of the theatre building at 2413 South 13th Street. The purpose of the renovation is to upgrade the restrooms and to bring the theatre facility into compliance with the American Disabilities Act. The anticipated date of completion of Phase IV Renovation is August 1, 1992.

The Phase IV Renovation will make the building more comfortable for all the patrons who support the theatre by attending productions of performing on stage. Ramps, parking spaces and a marked crosswalk will be added in the front of the building for easy access. The men's restroom will be moved to the right side of the lobby. The women's restroom will be expanded into the area where the men's restroom is now located. In addition,

handrails along the entry walls will be altered, headsets will be available for the hearing impaired and more spaces will be available to accommodate wheelchairs.

Donations may be delivered in person or mailed to Temple Civic Theatre, 2413 South 13th St, Temple, TX 76504. Your contribution is tax-deductible and the Theatre will provide the necessary documentation for tax purposes.

Southwestern dance concert set

The Southwestern Dance Repertory class presents a dance concert, *A Celebration of Spring* 8 p.m. April 24 and 25 in the Alma Thomas Theatre. The program is free and the public is invited to attend.

The program varies from ballet to jazz and includes classical and modern music. A western-

style ballet will be performed to music from *City Slickers*.

The program will also include a jazz piece to music by Janet Jackson, choreographed by Amy Blake.

Lonanne Culver, of Salado, will perform in the dance concert.

Other performers include George Armendariz,

Maria Avalos, Laura Ayers, Christin Beggins, Amy Blake, Brad Carey, Victor Chen, Brian Coughlin, Scott Cox, Serena Debeer, Ginger Gaines, Regan Hardin, Sheila Handeler, Robert Linhart, Diane Morris, Dora Nemeth, Amber Newkirk, Rebecca Phillips, Jenny Terry, Traci Trotti and Sarah Yarbrough.

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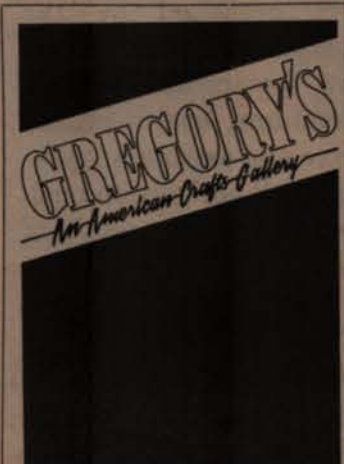
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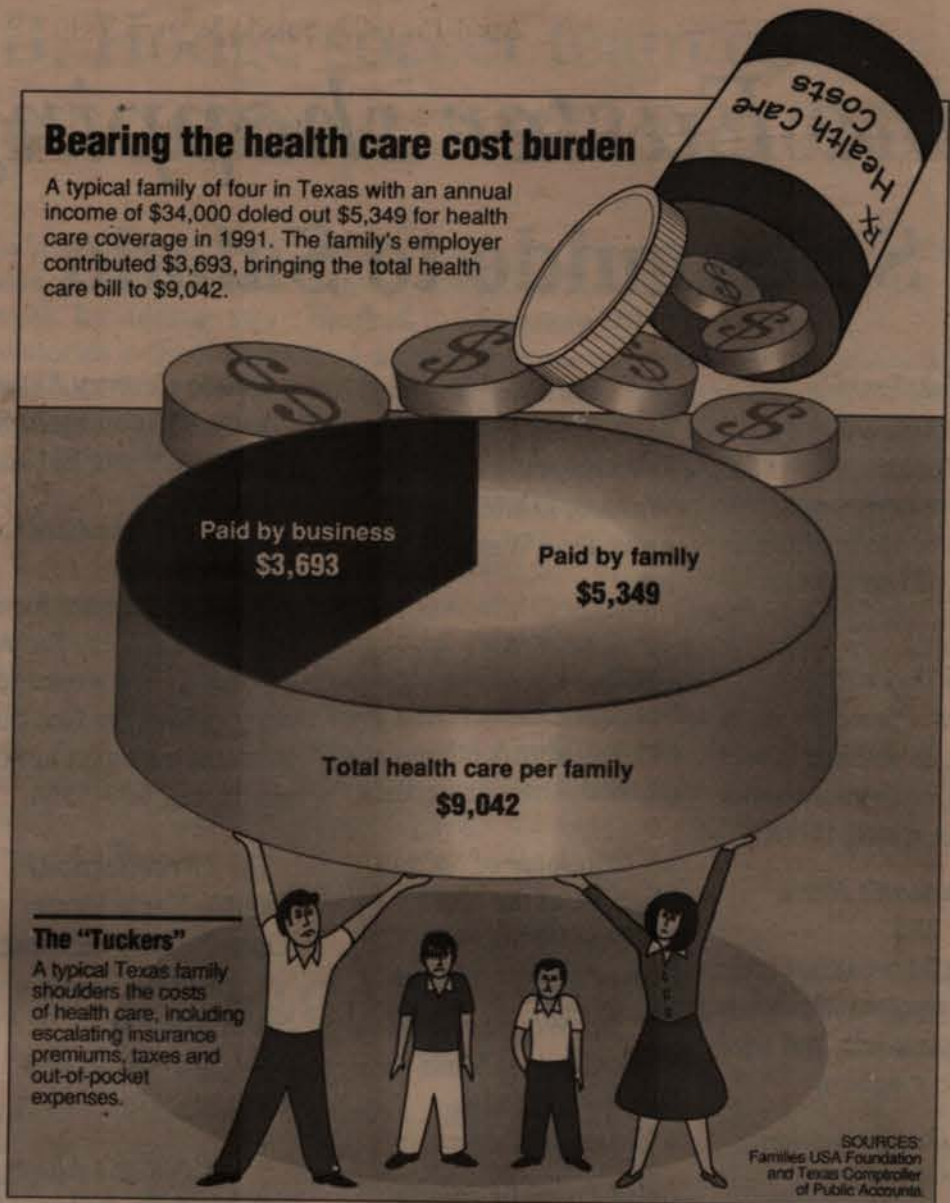
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Healthcare costs skyrocket

"The skyrocketing cost of health care in Texas is akin to a run-away elevator that threatens to fly through the roof," reports State Comptroller John Sharp.

"Escalating costs to business to provide health insurance for employees is so serious that many employers view it as one of the major survival tests of the 1990s.

"The family picture is certainly not rosy either. An analysis by the Comptroller's Office and a national study by the Families USA Foundation both indicate that family spending on health care in Texas more than doubled during the last 10 years, and is likely to double again in the coming decade," Sharp said.

"We found that a so-called 'typical' Texas family that was insured and earning an average income in 1991 still doled out \$5,349 for health services and supplies.

"On top of that, the same family's health care bill was augmented by an employer's contribution equaling \$3,693, to bring total spending on health care per family to \$9,042," Sharp said.

The latest issue of *Fiscal Notes*, a monthly publication of the Comptroller's Research Division, presents a "typical" Texas family that is insured, receiving two paychecks and

copied with pressure of day-to-day financial matters.

With two paychecks, the family earns a combined \$34,000 a year, which reflects the average family income in Texas. The family income has increased by 74 percent from 1980 to 1991, but the family health bills rose by 128 percent during the same period. In 1991 about 16 percent of the family income went to pay health care expenses, including \$1,749 in premiums to participate in a company-sponsored health care plan.

"But there's more," Sharp said. "There are many other health care costs that the average family may not consider because they don't directly affect the family budget when it comes time to pay the monthly household bills."

Fiscal Notes reports that Texans pay a variety of taxes to finance the health care system. Some payroll taxes fund the federal Medicare program for senior citizens and the disabled. Some of the proceeds from individual income taxes and other taxes paid by individuals and businesses are used to fund numerous federal health care programs.

State taxes are used to provide the state match for the federal Medicare Program for the poor and dis-

abled. The state operates mental hospitals, maternal and child health programs and other public health activities.

Cities and counties statewide also rely on general revenues to fund other public services, such as health clinics and city hospitals. State city and county health departments spent an estimated \$437 million in 1990, about half of which was federal funds.

Businesses also spend an average of \$228 per family each year for other health care needs such as workers compensation, temporary disability and industrial in-plant clinics. These businesses in turn have a built-in cost related to health care on the price of products they sell to their customers.

The issue of health care will be explored in detail in an upcoming special report prepared by the Comptroller's Office on how the spiraling cost of premiums, health-related taxes and expenses is taking a toll not only on businesses but on workers' take-home pay.

The special report, *Critical Condition: Soaring Health Care Costs Plague Texas Businesses*, will soon be available without charge from the Comptroller's Office. To obtain a copy of the report call 512-463-4900, or toll-free at 1-800-252-5555.

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C.B. Hodge soccer team continues to win in Ralph Wilson league

Salado's C.B. Hodge soccer team continue to win this week by adding two more victories in the Ralph Wilson Youth League.

They began by blasting Temple's Jaycees 6-0. Josh Lee and Taylor Hutton led in the scoring with two goals each and Ryan Hodge and Tate Hunter assisted the scoring with excellent passes. The Salado defense shut down all but one scoring opportunity for the Jaycees, a play that found their forward wide open in front of the

Salado goal, but Salado goalie Brady Johnston blocked the booming shot and managed to crawl on his knees to smother the rebound for the save.

Salado took the second game, defeating Temple's Heartland by a 2-1 score. The entire Salado front line assisted the first goal, scored on Tate Hunter's shot after passes from Lee to Taylor Hutton to Hodge, who passed to Hunter. Hodge scored the winning goal after threading

through several defenders and beating the goalie with a shot to his right. Salado found another good goalkeeper the hard way in this game. With David Kirk out of town and Brady Johnston aggravating an injury, Mitch Lindley handled Salado's goal most of the game. He was aided by a strong defense led by Robin Culp, who played a tough man-to-man defense.

C.B. Hodge now has a 4-1 record in league play.

Easter pageant set April 15

The 53rd Annual Easter Pageant will be held for students and the community at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor 5:30 p.m. April 15 at Luther Memorial.

A cast of over 150 in Biblical costume will portray the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Portraying the role of

Christ is Krista McNary, from Dripping Springs. This role is the highest honor given to a senior. The pageant director is Natalie Turner, from Temple. Both students are selected for these honors by the UMHB President.

The assistant director is Darrell Fishbeck from Blanco.

Students are selected by the director and pageant committee to fill main roles. The pageant includes scenes from the life of Christ, beginning with the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem and ending with the resurrection and ascension. The roles are pantomimed to taped narration and music.

4th Annual Taste of Georgetown April 28

Fourth Annual Taste of Georgetown is 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 28 at the Georgetown Community Center.

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Loren Michelle Schuster is the daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. Tony P. Schuster.

Sgt. Schusters have new baby girl

Loren Michelle Schuster was born March 23, 1992 to Sgt. and Mrs. Tony P. Schuster, of Hinesville Georgia. Mrs. Schuster is the former Angelyn Evans of Salado.

Loren was born at Winn Army Hospital at Ft. Stewart. She weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Loren has two brothers Michael Neal Madison, age 9 and Robert Ellis Schuster age 4 years.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack D. Evans of Salado and Mrs. Betty Schuster of Redman, Oregon.

Great-grandmother is Mrs. Sadie Lou Holland of Salado and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie C. Evans of Gatesville and formerly of Salado.

IRS offers free business tax workshop

For people just starting business, the IRS has scheduled a free Small Business Tax Workshop in Austin.

On April 21, a workshop will be held at the Muchison Community School, 3700 North Hills Dr. 6-9 pm. Topics include recordkeeping; self-employment taxes; employment taxes; and how the IRS works.

The workshop is free, no reservations are needed, but seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information call the IRS Volunteer and Education office at 512 499-5314.

Salado Strutters talent show set 7 p.m. April 25

The Salado Strutters Drill Team will hold a Talent Show 7 pm. April 25 at the cafetorium. Adult tickets are \$2, children and student tickets are \$1.

Refreshments will be sold.

Edwards supports balanced budget

US Rep. Chet Edwards urged Congressional leaders last week to bust the multi-billion dollar budget deficit by unleashing their hold on a constitutional balanced budget amendment.

"The real check scandal of 1992 is the \$400 billion hot check the federal government will write to cover this year's deficit," Edwards said. "I believe the American people want real change in Congress. They

don't want cosmetic change, window dressing or petty, partisan games."

Edwards was joined in his call for major reform at an April 6 press conference by conservative Democrats Pete Geren of Texas, L.F. Payne of Virginia, Charles Luken of Ohio, Gary Condit of California and Bill Brewster of Oklahoma.

The interest payment on the 1993 federal deficit will be about \$27 billion. The debt is estimated at

\$3.8 trillion or more than \$40,000 for each household in the U.S.

"The American taxpayer is covering the federal government's hot check and getting burned in the process," Edwards said. "Talk is not cheap when the budget deficit climbs \$12,600 every second Congress talks about reform. What we need is fiscal sanity and financial security built into the system now."



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Sunrise service 6:30 a.m. April 18

The annual community-wide Easter Sunrise service at Pace Memorial Park Pavilion is set to begin at 6:30 a.m. April 19.

Those on the program are Deacon Jordan Pfuntner, of the Catholic Church, Rev. Georgia Adamson, pastor of the Salado United Methodist Church. Rev. Mike Bergman of the First Baptist Church and Dr. Billy Hanks, president of the International Evangelism Association in Fort Worth.

Virginia Cosper will be the accompanist for congregational hymns under the direction of Rev. Joe Bentley, Bell County Fire Marshall.

Miss Mary Bentley will be soloist and special guest will be Rose Adams a piper from San Antonio.

Those who wish to be seated during the service are reminded to bring a folding chair and dress warmly.

A no-host buffet breakfast sponsored by the United Methodist Youth Group will be held at the Salado Methodist Church fellowship hall following the sunrise service. Serving hours will be 7 a.m.-9 .m. Cost of the breakfast will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. It will be a buffet. Reservations are not required but may be made by calling 947-5482. The breakfast is open to the community.



Carla Lyn Rosencrans and William Scott McKinney

Rosencrans to wed McKinney in June

Lt. Col (USAF-Ret.) and Mrs. Herb Rosencrans of Salado, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Carla Lyn Rosencrans of College Station, to William Scott McKinney of Navasota.

The groom is the son of LaVelle Glass of Las Vegas and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McKinney of Nederland. The couple plans a June 13 wedding at First Baptist Church in College Station.

Seaman Baldwin completes Morse course in Mass.

Navy Seaman Sean P. Baldwin has completed the electronic warfare signal intelligence Morse

interceptor course at Fort Devens, Ayer, Mass.

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Baldwin is the son of Glen N. and Janice L. Baldwin of Belton.

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Recent research exposes fallacies of lawn care

Sound research over the past 25 years has helped expose some of the fallacies of lawn care. To help make your lawn care efforts more productive, for the next three weeks we will discuss some of the more common fallacies:

Fallacy No. 1: Shade is not a problem for a lawn. You can overcome the effects of shade with fertilizer and water. Unfortunately shade is a problem with lawns. Sometimes parts of lawns will be affected for the first time because the tree canopy has become more dense over the years.

The leaf shape and leaf arrangements of grasses are such that they need high light intensities to absorb adequate energy (radiation) to carry on photosynthesis. At low light intensities, even so-called shade-tolerant grasses such as St. Augustine and tall fescue have low levels of photosynthesis activity. As a result, the grasses produce only minimum amounts of

the carbohydrates needed for growth. Reserve carbohydrates stored in stem, crowns, and rhizomes of grasses are utilized to produce leaf tissue. In grasses, root growth is secondary to leaf growth and roots suffer when energy (food) reserves are depleted.

Under continuous low light intensities reserve carbohydrates are depleted, roots deteriorate, leaf blades elongate and enlarge to absorb more light and the growth of the grass (new shoots or runners) slows significantly. Under those conditions any additional stress such as disease, drought or severe cold may kill the grass. As an example, the freeze in December, 1989 killed most of the St. Augustine grass in shaded lawns (unless it was protected from the north wind.)

Fertilizer, water or anything else you can put on the lawn will not overcome the effect of shade. Increasing light penetration

by thinning trees or removing trees is the only practice that will help the grass.

Grasses differ in their tolerance to shade. Among the warm season grasses, St. Augustine grass is the most shade tolerant. Tall fescue, a cool season turfgrass, will persist under deciduous shade trees where St. Augustine grass dies out. Even though the shade tolerance of the two grasses are similar, tall fescue rejuvenates in late winter and early spring before the tree canopy recovers.

Fallacy No. 2: Grass clippings cause thatch. Many people routinely catch and remove grass clippings because they think the clippings are the cause of thatch. Grass clippings produced by mowing consist primarily of leaf blades that readily decompose if left on the lawn. Clippings from lawns that are mowed at least once a week during the growing season contribute very little to thatch. The excep-

tion might be on lawns that are excessively fertilized. The abundance of clippings on excessively fertilized lawns can lead to thatch problems.

Thatch consists primarily of plant tissue that is high in lignin (fiber) such as stolons (stems), roots, crowns and leaf sheaths (the lower part of a grass leaf that is not removed by mowing). Those tissues accumulate over time as a

function of growth rate. Grasses that produce abundant solon (or tiller) growth such as the hybrid bermuda grass, zoysia and bluegrass should be fertilized only moderately to reduce thatch accumulation.

Regular mowing (5-6 day intervals) and moderate fertilization reduces potential thatch problems and eliminates the need to remove grass clippings.

Fleas Are Year-Around Problem

Getting rid of fleas can be a year-around problem if homeowners aren't careful to eliminate them with a multi-pronged attack according to Lisa Cortner, executive director of The HomeCare Council, the consumer education arm of Enforcer Products, Inc.

Most people don't realize that fleas, during the pupa stage of their life cycle, can stay dormant in carpets or other areas for up to one year. Fleas are highly sensitive to vibrations and heat. When a pet or human host comes along, their movement or body heat triggers an adult flea to emerge from its cocoon. That is why it is important for homeowners to treat the following areas simultaneously to control the problem:

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•Other Home Areas—Eliminate fleas in other areas by using products with an "insect growth regulator" that biologically inhibits a flea's life cycle and prevents an infestation for up to seven months.

•Pets—Shampoo a pet with a PH-balanced pet shampoo. Don't forget to treat a pet's bedding and other sleeping areas.

•Yard—Treat outside areas where the family pet travels.

For more information about ridding fleas and taking care of the home, write The HomeCare Council for a HomeCare Kit at P.O. Box 609, Emerson, GA 30137.



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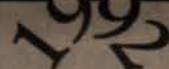
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group's feelings. We used to laugh at ourselves and each other in a good natured sort of way. And this was good therapy for all concerned. Today we hide our thoughts about others deep within ourselves. And this too often causes hate and isolation.

Salado Test Scores

Salado students recently completed a series of standardized tests and the results were outstanding! Reading and math skills were tested along with other learning disciplines and our kids reached the 99th percentile rank in nearly all subjects. That's almost perfect and was far ahead of other students in Bell County and the State. Our congrats to our students, teachers and parents. Learning is not easy and the cooperation between school and home is difficult to achieve. Apparently the

folks here in Salado have found the answer and we should all feel proud.

Many folks, including a goodly number of Saladoans, have, in the past, loudly stated they had no objection to paying taxes to the schools provided the product emerging after 12 years of training was able to enter the work force or college without trouble.

The product here in Salado has now improved - up to a 99 percentile level on test scores - which means these kids will be ready to roll when they graduate.

Wonder what folks will be talking about next when it comes time to pay school taxes this year?

In any event a lot of good work has been accomplished by our boys and girls, our teachers and parents and our administration and school board. Great team at work here in the village!



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Businessmen's Club, made her club president and followed her business advice... after all, she had pyramided a fortune and had controlled a bunch of women.

The house is a prime example of 1992 living in a house over a hundred years old, with a bathroom made on the stair landing by removing a portion of the wall and going into the

attic. All fireplaces are operable and the stairs down to the third level of the house was moved inside in 1929.

The house was the home of the family of two U.S. Army four-star generals, Walton Harris Walker and his son Sam Sims Walker.

The bullet-hole in the parlor door... the women who fled to the McWhirter home with broken bones,

broken hearts and their children left behind unhappy and irate husbands. One day, one of these husbands galloped his horse by the house and fired a pistol. The bullet went through the front screen and hit the parlor door.

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Salado band students compete recently

Salado band students recently attended Solo and Ensemble competition in Troy.

Junior High 6-7 grade students placing in Division I rating were: Shane Berrier, tympani solo; Annie Daniel, flute solo; Sarah Deaton, flute solo; Matthew Fiebig, trumpet solo; Mitch Lindley, trombone solo; Paul Mashburn, trumpet solo; Chris Michna, trombone solo (5th grade); Adam Smith, trumpet solo; John

Woolard, baritone solo; Chris Frazier and Ryan Morris, trumpet duet; Annie Daniel and Sarah Deaton, flute duet; Dan Alcozer and Courtney Dodge trumpet and sax duet; Lindsay Owen, Annie Daniel, Sarah Deaton and Jennifer Stowell flute quartet.

Division II Rating: Courtney Dodge, saxophone solo; Joseph McGregor, snare drum solo; Chris Daniel, Tia McKee, Christina Fuhs, clarinet

ensemble.

High School grades 8-12 band students placing in Division I: Clayton Capps, tuba; Nathan Daniel, french horn, Cara Fuhs, flute; Valerie Hobbs, flute.

Division II rating: Sharon Herring, clarinet solo; Cara Fuhs, Valerie Hobbs and Cheri Locke, flute ensemble; Sharon Herring, Lisa Mitcham, Calorie Michna, Tina Friedrich, clarinet ensemble.

Centex Honor Band Members: Clayton Capps 1st band; Cara Fuhs 1st band; Ben Daniel, Jason Hosch, Tina Friedrich, Valerie Michna, Vinnie Michna, Billy Schuch and Billy Wilson.

Division II Rating: Joey Agee, choir, bass solo. Concert and Sightreading Contest held at MCC in Waco. The 7th Grade on March 31 received a Division III Rating in concert and Division IV rating in Sightreading.

The High School received a Division II rating in Concert and Division II Rating in Sightreading.

The Spring Concerts will be held 7:30 p.m. May 11 for 6th and 7th grade and May 18 for the High School.



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