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Wildflower art show is here

Salado's Wildflower Art Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1 on the historic Salado Civic Center grounds on Main Street.

Featuring approximately 75 artists and craftsmen in a wide range of media, the Art Show will be open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, March 31 and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, April 1. There is no admission fee.

Concession stands manned by volunteers from Salado's civic, church and youth organizations and some commercial vendors will offer food and drink. Free parking is available throughout the village.

Salado Pottery is once again sponsoring the children's arts and crafts area. Children will be able to enjoy a hands-on experience with crafts such as jewelry making, sand art, sun prints and more. There will also be a coloring table for toddlers. There is no charge.

In addition, Peaceable Kingdom will sponsor face painting for children of all ages.

The Salado Chamber of Commerce sponsors this event as its 2nd largest



fund raiser. Proceeds from the Wildflower Art Show benefit the maintenance and operation of Pace Park and the Salado Civic Center, as well as schol-

arships and other community activities which the Salado Chamber of Commerce supports.

For information about this event or the historic

village of Salado, call the Salado Chamber of Commerce at (254) 947-5040 or visit the Salado website at www.salado.com.

No elections?

For the first time in Salado's history, the village may actually cancel an election.

That's right, cancel an election. In fact, it may cancel two elections.

No one filed as a write-in candidate for the Village of Salado by the March 26 deadline, leaving just the incumbents as candidates.

State law now allows local municipalities to cancel elections when there is no opposition as formal candidates or as write-in candidates.

The village aldermen may choose to cancel its May 5 election at its next meeting.

The Salado Public Library District faces the same situation as incum-

bents Susan Shobe and Lynn Epps drew no opposition in the bid for reelection to the board.

The school board is another matter altogether as it has four candidates competing for two open seats on the board.

Incumbents Frank Carlson and Carse Williams are joined by Jackie Burson and Lisa McQueen on the crowded school trustee ballot.

At the same time, May 5 will also be the date voters decide on two bon issues that school trustees called for earlier this year.

These two elections will give Saladoans plenty to mill over during the coming weeks, despite the fact that two other elections may not happen.

Aldermen learn more about interstate plans

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In either case, Obr told the aldermen that some exit and entrance ramps in Salado would be closed.

Project engineer John Obr informed Salado aldermen March 22 of two options to expand the Interstate from four lanes to six lanes with the capacity for eight lanes through Salado.

How many ramps and which ramps depend on the option the Texas Department of Transportation chooses.

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Cell biologist to reelect on sacred depths of nature during visit to Salado institute

Dr. Ursula Goodenough, President of the American Society for Cell Biology, will appear in Salado for a seminar and a lecture on March 31 and April 1. Goodenough's seminar will be held at the Stagecoach Inn 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. March 31. The title of the seminar is "Reflections on Nature and Spirit."

Goodenough's lecture, "The Sacred Depths of Nature," will be held at Mill Creek Inn 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. April 1.

Goodenough was educated at Radcliffe and Barnard Colleges where she received her B.A. in Zoology, Columbia University where she received a Master of Arts in Zoology, and at Harvard University where she earned her Ph.D. in Biology. After two years of postdoctoral work at Harvard she was Assistant and Associate Professor of Biology at Harvard before moving to Washington University.

Goodenough is the author of *Genetics*, which has become a classic textbook in its field and has gone through three editions, all authored by Goodenough. Her popular book, *The Sacred Depths of Nature*, has been widely reviewed and received great praise from critics. A colleague noted that, "Ursula gives us a new bridge between science and religion that is both eloquent and elegant. She offers us the poetry, power and passion of her vision of nature, a vision born of scientific knowledge, nurtured by religious sensibility." Her book, published by Oxford University Press in 1998, is a series of meditations which offer religious perspectives on our scientific understandings of Nature, particularly at a molecular level. "Among the difficult issues in our time 'genetic engineering' is one of the most troubling,"

Holthaus says. "Ursula can help us think about such matters, and provide a-religious as well as a scientific perspective."

A distinguished teacher as well as a researcher and scientist, Goodenough's most recent teaching has been a course called "The Epic of Evolution" which she taught this past year with a physicist and a geologist. The course is designed for non-science students. Her primary teaching over the years has been a course in cell biology for undergraduate biology majors. In addition to her work as teacher and scholar Goodenough is the Associate Editor of the *Journal of Cell Biology*; Associate Editor of *Journal of Phycology*; and is on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Zygon: Journal of Science and Religion*.

"Ursula has been singing in the choir of the Trinity Presbyterian Church,

and she has found ways to integrate her religious life and her life as a scientist," according to Holthaus. "Our theme for this year is 'Nature and Spirit' and she is an ideal person to talk with us about her passion for both those enterprises," Holthaus says. Goodenough has been a member of the Institute on Religion in an Age of Science since 1989 and has served continuously on its Council and for four years was its president. Goodenough's scientific work is supported by the National Institute for Health, the National Science Foundation, and the USDA.

The Institute for the Humanities was founded in 1981 by Dr. Harry Wilmer. The Institute's programs have been featured as part of Bill Moyers PBS series and on CNN. The Spring Series is made possible in part by grants



Dr. Ursula Goodenough

President of the American Society for Cell Biology

from the Joe and Louise Cook Foundation, the Bolton Foundation, the Brown Foundation, the Carpenter Foundation, the Amon G. Carter Founda-

tion, the Mobil Foundation, the Rockwell Fund, Inc., and Wilsonart International. For information contact the Institute at (254) 947-5729.

Q: While my daughter was in a chat room on the Internet, she was contacted by someone who made some inappropriate suggestions to her. She told us, and we have reported the person to the moderator. But there has to be something more we can do. Who investigates things like this?

A: The Internet is a wonderful resource that allows people to do so much. Unfortunately, some people use it to commit despicable acts. I commend your daughter for reporting this encounter to you.

As Attorney General, I have made it a priority to ensure that the Internet is a safe place for people to shop, do research, and communicate with each other. On September 21, 2000, I formed the Texas Internet Bureau, which will focus on Internet and computer-related crimes. Funded by a grant from the Governor's office, the Internet Bureau is staffed by specially trained prosecutors and investigators who assist local law enforcement agencies in fighting computer-related crimes.

In addition to accepting and investigating reports from citizens about cyber-crime, the Internet Bureau focuses on:

* **Child Pornography:** Internet Bureau staff work with local, state, and federal authorities to investigate and prosecute crimes involving online child pornography.

* **Computer Hacking:** Staff investigate incidents of breach of computer security.

* **Children's Privacy:** The federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) seeks to protect the privacy of children online. The Internet Bureau monitors Web sites and takes enforcement actions against those that are not in compliance with the Act.

We have had several successes since the formation of the Internet Bureau. In each case, we worked with local

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JOHN CORNYN

prosecutors to apprehend and charge people who were using the Internet to commit illegal acts.

In the first case, we assisted the Dallas Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with the arrest of a man who allegedly hacked into his former employer's computer system to distribute child pornography via the Internet. The suspect has been charged with possession and promotion of child pornography and breaching computer security. Both crimes are third degree felony violations.

The North Texas Regional Computer Forensics Lab assisted in a raid of the suspect's house and will conduct the examination of the digital evidence.

Our strong working relationship with the Dallas Task Force demonstrates the commitment we have to assisting local law enforcement agencies to put a halt to this kind of activity over the Internet.

In another case, the Internet Bureau worked with the Austin Police Department to arrest a man who is accused of soliciting a sexual encounter with a 14-year-old girl. The "14-year-old," actually an investigator from the Internet Bureau, had made contact with the accused in an Internet chat room.

You can report questionable Internet activities to the Texas Internet Bureau through our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. The Internet Bureau section of our site has an online reporting form. To report possible illegal activities, or if you believe that someone could be in danger, contact your local law enforcement agency for assistance.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



How realistic is \$5.6 trillion budget surplus

Over the next several months Congress will be faced with an important task that will have far reaching consequences in deciding on the size and substance of tax cuts.

There is no question that we will have a tax cut. I support a fiscally responsible tax cut. The question, I believe, is how large will it be and will it include real tax relief for all families?

I am concerned that rosy economic forecasts and faulty budget numbers put together by groups such as the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) could be seriously flawed. Wrong budget numbers now mean billions or even trillions of dollars added to our \$5.7 trillion national debt.

The CBO assumes the country will have an average after inflation growth rate of three percent over the next 10 years in the same CBO that did not predict our present economic slowdown

CBO assumes no cushion for errors in economic forecasts - if the growth rate is off by

Keeping in Touch

by Rep. Chet Edwards



just 4/10 of one percent, then the surplus will be reduced by \$1 trillion over 10 years • The CBO assumes zero defense increases over what was proposed in the 10-year Clinton budget

CBO includes no increased spending for Medicare prescription drugs for seniors, education and disaster relief and no funding to pay down long-term debt

How comfortable would any of us be if we were asked to bet our family's future well-being on the ability of government economists to predict exactly where the nation's economy will be 10 years from now? That is exactly what we are being asked to do with the country's economic future.

The current tax cut proposal could return us to budget deficits in a few years. Responsible

tax cuts are possible, but increasing the national debt should not be permitted. A tax cut should not be paid for with any part of the \$3.4 trillion Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

I personally support reducing the estate tax and the marriage penalty tax and expanding child tax credits, among others, but I am concerned that an irresponsible tax plan could bring back the days of deficits and high interest rates. I want responsible tax cuts, but we should not repeat the mistakes of the past and leave our children and grandchildren with an enormous national debt.

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Jim Hightower



A coup is taking place in Washington. It's not a classic coup of rogue generals rudely ousting the president, but a corporate coup being pulled off with the help of the president himself, as Little George Bush cheerfully waves in an army of corporate executives and lobbyists to take over agency after agency.

The power behind the coup is Dick Cheney, the multimillionaire former CEO of Halliburton Inc. who was in charge of Bush's search for a vice-president - only to choose himself! Once in office, Cheney connived with Bush to completely corporatize the cabinet, with 16 people that include four CEOs, two former lobbyists, and a gaggle of corporate directors. Then, the chief Washington lobbyist for General Motors, Andrew Card, was brought in as Bush's chief-of-staff -- sort of a corporate nanny for George W. Now, the coup is moving down to the operational heads of our government.

For example, the new head honcho of the Health Care Financing Administration is Thomas Scully. This is the agency in charge of Medicare and Medicaid -- the two health programs that hospital chains, HMOs, and the insurance giants want to privatize. Who is Scully? He's head of the lobbying operation for the hospital chains.

Likewise, the Pentagon is being salted with corporate executives who can work from within for a bigger weapons -- making budget to profit their former employers. For example, two companies that are major weapons makers, and would be in line to get billions of dollars for the infamous Star Wars scheme, are placing top executives on the inside -- a vice president of General Dynamics is to become secretary of the navy, and V.P. of Northrop Gumman is to become the air force secretary.

Such special interests will further twist government policies to benefit the corporate elite at the expense of the people -- a perversion that the people did not vote for in the last election, and do not want now. What we have here is a silent, corporate coup that is usurping the right of We the People to self-govern.

Readiness

clean up abandoned bases -- so they can be returned to civilian use -- turns out to be vastly more expensive than anyone anticipated, and those bills come due immediately.

4) We have to be willing to learn from past mistakes: Having watched the base realignment process from my Senate position since 1993, I can bear witness that parochial political considerations came into play early and never left the field,

despite assertions that decisions were being made in a politics-free arena. I am not convinced Congress should again delegate the responsibility for the fate of military bases to a commission that brings its own inherent political considerations to the table.

It is essential that we first determine whether the current mix of military facilities and infrastructure on American soil and overseas serves our needs as well as it could. The

United States maintains more than 74 installations outside our borders, with nearly 213,000 personnel permanently stationed in 140 countries. These commitments have absorbed funding that in some cases may have been better used to maintain or improve our critical domestic base infrastructure and training capabilities.

We need to take a closer look at the military construction projects we have undertaken abroad, which

last year totaled nearly half a billion dollars, to determine if this is the most efficient use of our defense expenditures and if it is the best way to meet our national security objectives.

As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Military Construction Subcommittee, I intend to hold hearings to determine what our future force structure should look like and what their mission requirements might be.

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Our first priority must be to ensure our military forces continue to have the training and logistical support they need to carry out the tasks we assign them. It is essential that we make these determinations first, before other decisions are contemplated.

I have not entirely ruled out the idea of another base closure and realignment commission in the future, but I will not support one until all the right questions have been answered.

School board has 4 candidates for 2 spots

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Four candidates seek election to two full three year terms on the Salado Independent School District board of trustees May 5. Candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order: Jackie Burson, Lisa McQueen, Carse Williams and Frank Carlson.

JACKIE BURSON

Jackie Burson is a native of Bell County, growing up in the Salado area, where he attended school through the ninth grade before transferring to Belton from which he graduated high school.

The father of Megan, a junior at Salado High, and Jamie, a sixth grader at Salado Intermediate, Burson has been married for 20 years to Janet.

Burson has worked as an installation and repair technician for 18-1/2 years with Sprint telephone company. Prior to working with Sprint, Burson has been the manager of a local ranch, worked in roofing and with Good-night Homes. His wife Janet works in the accounting department of Scott & White.

He has been active with

his children in raising show animals. He has been involved in the Salado Youth Fair Boosters, Salado 4-H and Salado Future Farmers of America. He served one term as a director of the Bell County Youth Fair.

Burson said he is running for the board because "if you're going to have children involved in things, the parents should be involved as well. I felt that it is time for me to serve in the capacity of the school board."

"I'm for all of the youngsters who go to our school, not just a select group of them."

"I can look at situations and try to do what is best for all of the children here," he added. "I don't have any axes to grind with anything and I am open minded about the school."

Burson said the role of a school board member is four-fold: "adopt the budget and set the tax rate, hire and fire the superintendent, set policies and communicate with the community. That's it," he said. "No board member has any authority outside of a convened board meeting. A board member should not be involved in the daily operations of the school because the final



Jackie Burson



Lisa McQueen



Carse Williams



Frank Carlson

authority rests with the board."

LISA McQUEEN

Lisa McQueen moved to Salado with her husband Al and daughter Sara Sebti two years from Harker Heights. Her daughter is in the fifth grade at Salado Intermediate School.

McQueen teaches Spanish and Cultural Anthropology at Central Texas College, where she has taught for 14 years.

She holds a B.A. in international studies from Juniata College in Pennsylvania. McQueen has an M.A. in foreign languages and linguistics from West Virginia University and is working toward a doctorate in Cultural Anthropology.

During her undergraduate course work, McQueen studied abroad at Bar-

celona. She also studied French for six months in France while working on her degree.

Al, her husband of four years, is a licensed professional counselor who works with elderly in nursing home situations.

McQueen said that she considers a school trustee to be "an important position for the community and I would like to serve in that capacity. The school board has a lot of input and important advice to give. I have a keen interest in the policies of our school district and the impact they have on our children and the community as a whole."

McQueen says her work in a community college gives her a unique perspective as a school trustee. "I see all kinds of people, from kids coming right out

of high school to older students who are returning to college after a long absence. From that, I know that education is the key to making opportunities available."

Part of her job at CTC is teaching courses online, which she says would be useful in helping Salado schools develop curriculum that teaches "the skills students need to pursue their education beyond high school."

She also understand the perspective that teachers bring to the school.

"A school board member must have a broad understanding of the needs, wants and desires of the community and the issues that come up before the board," she said.

CARSE WILLIAMS

Carse Williams completes his first term on the

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Michael K. Gunter

SISD Board of Trustees this year. He has served in several capacities on the board, including chair of the facilities committee and secretary of the board.

He has also chaired the curriculum and technology committee (two years), during which the McLane Computer Lab was brought on-line. He served on the construction committee that oversaw the completion of the Salado Intermediate School campus.

Carse and wife Bobbi have lived in Salado for almost seven years, moving here from Round Rock, where he operated a vending company for 35 years.

Carse and Bobbi have two sons and three grandchildren. Todd and Joanna lived here in Salado with Brooks, a fourth grader at Thomas Arnold, and Blake, a first grader here.

Todd is the principal of Tarver Intermediate

School in Belton ISD.

Brad and Julie are the parents of Bailey, a four year old girl on whom Carse admittedly dotes.

Brad is the principal of Smithson Valley High School in Comal ISD.

Williams said that in his three years on the board, he has developed "a proven track record. I have never missed a called meeting of the board in the three years I have served. I have returned every phone call I have received from a parent or taxpayer. I may not have always given someone the answer they wanted, but I have given people answers to their questions of me."

"I am not influenced by any particular group," he added, "other than the students and taxpayers. On all but two occasions, I have voted my convictions." When prodded about those two occasions, Williams declined to answer on record.

Williams said that he thinks the district has improved in many areas during the three years he has served, most easily seen in technology.

"We are the envy of other schools in our use of technology," Williams said. In fact, there are some things we would like to do but can't because surrounding schools cannot match us in technology. They can't do what we're doing."

An important part of technology is incorporating it into the curriculum of the school, Williams said, which is something the district is working on now.

Williams said that he is not satisfied with the academic performance of the district. "With our demographics, we should be an exemplary school district," he said, adding that the schools should strive to do more for average students. "We do plenty for gifted and talented kids and for

special education kids, but sometimes we have a tendency to neglect the average kid."

FRANK CARLSON

Frank Carlson has served two years as the President of the Board of Trustees. He will complete his first three-year term on the board in May.

He and Cathy moved to Salado 11 years ago and have owned and operated Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe since 1994. They have two children: Amy, who will graduate from Salado this spring, and Frank, who is a junior at Salado.

During his term on the school board, Carlson said he thinks that "there is a vast improvement in the school in morale from top down. I believe there's trust in the superintendent that's she's doing a good job. If you look at the

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Currently, 15 exit and entrance ramps serve the Salado area, from FM 2484/FM 1610 on the north end to FM 2268 (Holland Rd.) on the south end.

The "wide option" would reduce the number of ramps in Salado to 10 exit and entrance ramps. "The narrow option" would reduce that number to six entrance and exit ramps.

The wide option would require the purchase of 100 feet of right-of-way on the west side of the interstate, Obr said.

The wide option will close the exit and entrance ramps at Thomas Arnold Rd. as well as the exit ramps at the north end of Main St.

Under either option, the exit ramps at FM 2484/FM1610 would serve the north end of Salado, while the set of ramps at FM 2268 (Holland Rd.) would serve the south end of Salado.

Obr answered questions from aldermen and public about the effect of closing the ramps on businesses in Salado.

Alderman Vic Means asked Obr about the construction phase of the project. "Have we learned anything from Hillsboro?" he asked, adding that businesses in the Hillsboro area fell more than 25 percent during the prolonged construction there.

"That happens in Austin, in Dallas, in the Valley anytime that you have a major project," Obr admitted, "but if you don't ensure the maintenance of the interstate, you won't keep your business at all if the interstate is moved. Anytime the interstate is moved, business moves to that area."

Obr outlined the phases of construction for the Salado area. In years three and four, construction will be done south of Salado. In years five and six, construction will be done north of Salado. In year eight, construction will begin through Salado.

The next step for TXDOT is completion of the public input portion. The Department held a public meeting on the preliminary plans March 27 at the Salado Intermediate School.

A public hearing on the plans will likely be held in August. After final plans are drawn, the Department will begin the acquisition portion of the project, purchasing right-of-way.

The 94-mile project will be done for \$1 billion, according to Obr, spanning from Hillsboro to Williamson County.

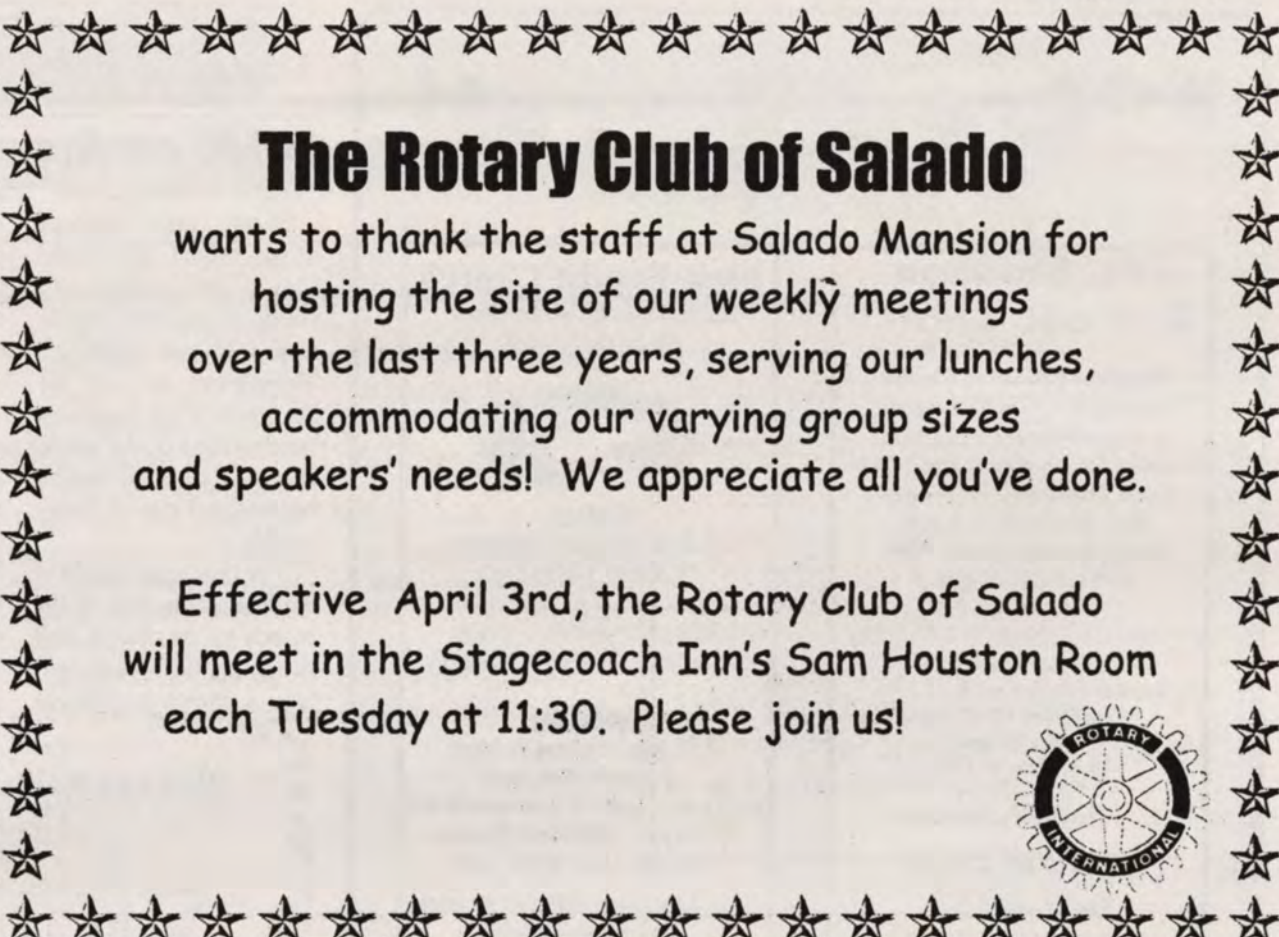
OTHER BUSINESS

In other business, the board discussed utility

franchise fees with four waste disposal services operating in Salado. Mayor Charlotte Douglass told the representatives of Clawson Disposal, Eagle Disposal, IESI and Mid-Tex Waste that the franchise fee "does not provide an exclusivity of service in the village. You can continue to provide services here."

Alton Shepherd requested aldermen to implement the franchise fee affecting his Centrovision cable television service at the same time that the local sales tax is implemented.

The board also discussed without taking action the following items: a building permit and fee structure, a burn permit structure and housing a village police department.



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 Salado United Methodist will begin Confirmation Classes for children and youth 10 and older beginning 3:30 p.m. April 25. The classes will be for six weeks. On Pentecost Sunday June 3 the members of the class will receive baptism and church membership.

The classes are taught in the Fellowship Hall of the church by the church staff building. Each child will have a church member as

a Mentor to answer questions and give guidance.

Parents who desire their children to be a part of the Confirmation class are requested to call 947-5482.

Youth Conference

This past weekend the youth from Salado United Methodist Church attended the Shepherd Ministries Conference in Ft. Worth. Nationally known speaker, Mark Matlock, led the conference. This year's topic was "The Mission: Acts and Beyond". The Chris-

tian band, MercyMe provided praise and worship music.

A new addition to the conference this year was biblical dramatics performed by Shepherd Theatre featuring Kevin Galloway, over five thousand youth from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico attended the conference, held at the Ft. Worth Convention Center.

The Salado UMC Youth Group meets Sunday night at 6:30 for bible study, praise and worship, fellowship and food.

Easter Egg Hunt

Brookshire Brothers, Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe Village Pharmacy, Dry Wall System, Inc., and Paul and Jean White are furnishing great prizes for the Second Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. Hosted by the Salado United Methodist Church, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held 3 p.m. April 7, at the Salado Civic Center on Main Street.

The event is for children 10 and under. Each age group will have a special area to hunt eggs. All children must be accompanied by a parent. Eggs will be furnished.

There will be an Easter Bunny, face painting, and prizes for the best decorated eggs.

A Dale Earnhardt pedal car will be given away by Brookshire Brothers at 4 p.m. You can register for the car at Brookshire Brothers. You must be present to win.

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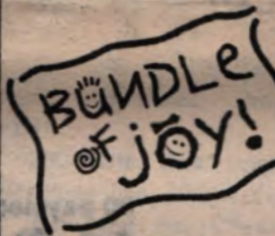
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Services celebrating the life of Charles Edward Smith of Salado were held March 26, 2001 at Heartfield's Funeral Home in Belton, Texas with the Reverend Skip Blancett officiating.

Mr. Smith died March 22, 2001 at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio.

Charles Smith was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri to Charles Judson Smith and Myrta Dyer Smith, on March 20, 1919. He lived and attended school in Urich, MO. During high school he worked at his father's rice farm. After graduating, he served in the CCC before joining the army.

While in the army, Smith earned several awards including two Bronze Medals for bravery. He was also a Golden Glove Boxing Champion. During WWII, Smith served in Europe in the CID, CIC and the military police. He was a member of the 35th Infantry Division. After leaving active duty, he served as an advisor to the National Guard Unit in Kansas City,

Missouri attaining the rank of Warrant Officer. He later worked as a chef in numerous restaurants in California, Texas and Missouri, including Harry Stakers on the Plaza, and Top of the Tower in Kansas City, Mo.

He managed Bartlett Dairy Queen and later worked at the Salado Dairy Queen.

Smith was preceded in death by his wife, Joan Claire Smith, sister Myrta Marie Hill, and son Alan Christopher Smith. Survivors are sons: Charles Grant Smith of San Diego, CA, Thomas Edward Smith of Phoenix, AZ, and Jonathon Allan Smith, daughter Theresa Elaine Smith of Camp Verde AZ, step-daughter Zusie Weber of Phoenix, AZ, sisters Katherine Louise Melchiorre and Marjorie Sterling Mendenhall of Rohnert Park, CA, sister Alice Elizabeth Smith of Kansas City, MO, brothers Ronald J. Smith and "Coach" U.G. Smith of Salado, special friend Lillian Haverland of Kansas City, MO and three grandchildren.

Memorials can be made



Charles Edward Smith
March 20, 1919 - March 22, 2001

to the Salado Volunteer Fire Dept. or the Foundation for the Blind.

Monday Club to visit "It's a Jungle"

The Monday Club will meet 9 a.m. April 2 at the Salado United Methodist Church for a trip to Austin to visit "It's a Jungle", an orchid and old rose nursery.

Lunch will be served at the Central Market. For

reservations please call 947-5482.

Charles E. Smith
March 20, 1919 - March 22, 2001

Charles E. Smith lost his courageous fight against burns at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio on Thursday. "Uncle Charles" as he was known, celebrated his 82nd birthday on the first day of Spring, March 20 in San Antonio. The Brooke Army Medical Center's staff daily amazement at Charles's indefatigable attitude and stamina caused six of his attending army doctors to arrange and sing to him their own rendition of "Happy Birthday" on the ICU ward.

Mr. Smith left this life as he lived it, with dignity, courage and compassion for others. Anyone who has visited the Dairy Queen, a volleyball game, basketball game or fundraiser knows Charles. He most often accompanied his brother, Coach Smith since eye disease took his eyesight over a year ago. This small inconvenience did not stop Charles from the things that brought him joy...working, traveling and supporting the community. It was at work at the Salado Dairy Queen that he was injured. Always the consummate gentleman, Charles insisted on assisting the employees. Due to the fast action of the two Dairy Queen ladies, Salado Volunteer Fireman were able to medi-vac him to Scott & White and on to Brooke Army Medical Center.

During his valiant fight, Charles' chief concern was for those around him. Salado has truly lost a loyal friend.

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Lions sell subscriptions to raise scholarship funds

Salado Lions have begun calling their friends and neighbors in the village to sell one-year subscriptions to the *Salado Village Voice*.

The Lions are working with the local newspaper as part of a fundraiser to support the scholarships the club gives each year to Salado High School graduating seniors. The local group will get 15 percent of the proceeds from every new subscription to the *Salado Village Voice* sold

through May 31.

Subscriptions will be mailed to customers beginning April 18, 2001. The newspaper has applied for a Second Class mailing permit, which will allow the newspaper to be mailed as a periodical, rather than as standard mail (bulk mail).

Each subscriber will get coupons for two free classified ads up to 10 words each (valid during the term of their subscription). To order yours, call 947-5321.

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team of campus principals, I think that we won't have the turnover that we have had in the past. The people in place will continue a long term commitment to Salado."

Carlson said that achieving exemplary status is a goal for which he wants the school to continue to strive.

A key component of achieving exemplary status is bringing up the scores of students who are economically disadvantaged or Hispanic,

two sub-categories of student population in which Salado has scored below the requirement for recognized or exemplary status at the district-wide level.

"Robin has put in place a great program this year to bring the Spanish speaking parents of our students into the school. We are offering English as a Second Language classes to adults for the first time," Carlson said, adding that the district has "a moral responsibility to help these parents help their children. I think we will see a dramatic improvement in our test scores from this."

Carlson added that the district is expanding the program to be a dual language course next year, which will "teach English to Spanish speakers and vice versa."

Carlson said that while he has been on the board, the district has reduced its student to teacher ratio from 25-1 to 17-1 in many classes, especially in the elementary school.

"This is one of the long range planning committee's goals," he said.

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March 30: Glazed Donut, Ham, Cereal, Fruit, Juice, Milk

April 3: French Toast Stix, Ham Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

April 4: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

March 28: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Fruit, Hoagie, Salad, Potato, Milk

March 29: Chef Salad, Fruit, Hoagie, Salad, Baked Potato, Cookies, Milk

March 30: Cheeseburger, Fries, Hoagie, Baked Potato, Fruity Freeze, Milk

April 3: Corn Dogs, Potatoes, Fruit, Hoagie, Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

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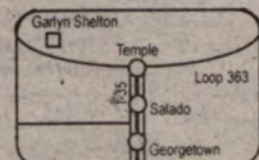
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"This is a wonderful gift being brought to the

state by the local church," says Robby Carson, JESUS Video Project of Texas State Director. "This is unprecedented opportunity for the people in the State of Texas to see Jesus' message of forgiveness."

The goal of the JESUS Video Project of Texas is to mail the JESUS Video, an 83-minute movie portraying the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, to all 8.4 million residences and to engage churches to work together in their local communities. Over

1,000 churches and over 10,000 volunteers have come together for this first mailing.

Churches still have time to get involved in the Project. Information on getting involved and the plan for distribution can be found in detail on the Texas website at www.JesusTexas.org. Web surfers may also view the entire video at the same site.

Many rallies and prayer services are taking place this weekend in prepara-

tion of the mailing. State Director Robby Carson is scheduled to speak in Waco 6:30 p.m. March 25 at the McLennan County rally to be held at Woodway Baptist Church.

Meetings and sign-up for the next mailing has begun. August 17 is the final date for church participation in the October 1, mailing. Churches and individuals may find information on starting a local team by visiting www.JesusTexas.org or by calling 830-257-0129.



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SPORTS

High school runners compete in Rogers

Four Salado High track teams ran in the recent Rogers track meet.

Salado varsity girls track team placed fourth overall in the Rogers Track Meet March 24.

Lauren Mewhinney set a meet record in the 800 Meter Run with a first place time of 2:29.53.

Cassie Fewell also earned a first place in the high jump with a mark of 5'1". Amanda Tumey was second in that event with a jump of 4'8".

The 800 Meter Relay team ran for second place with a time of 1:55.43. Run-

ners were Becky Wilson, Amanda Rivers, Staci York and Mewhinney.

Mewhinney was also second in the 1600 Meter Run with a time of 5:45.08.

Abby Buchanan ran the 3200 Meter Run in 14:03.64 for third place.

Robyn Womac was fourth in the shot put with a distance of 33'8-3/4".

Michelle Houston was fourth in the long jump with a leap of 14'7-3/4". She was also sixth in the triple jump with a mark of 31'.

Lindsey Pruitt's time of

14.16 was good for fifth place in the 100 Meter Dash. Rivers was sixth in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 29.35.

The 400 Meter Relay team of Wilson, Rivers, Tumey and York had a time of 54.01 for sixth place. There was less than one second difference in time from first place to sixth place in the event as Hutto won it with a 53.04.

Varsity boys were seventh overall with 34 points.

Stephen Fewell tied the meet record with his first place jump of 6'2".

The 400 Meter Relay of J.D. Glaeser, Jose Tonchez, Hunter Konzen and Stephen Fewell was third place with a 45.31 time.

100 Meter Dash: Stephen Fewell, 2nd, 11.09
400 Meter Run: J.D. Glaeser, 5th, 54.47.

1600 Meter Relay of J.D. Glaeser, Roland Buckley, Jose Tonchez and Stephen Fewell, 6th, 3:47.78.

The JV Boys were third overall with 71 points.

Shotput: Evan Durham, 1st, 37'4-1/2".

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Salado Intermediate sends 4 teams of tracksters to run in Rogers meet

Four Salado Intermediate School teams ran in the Rogers track meet last week. The eighth grade girls won their division of the rack meet with 120 points.

Following are the results for Salado in that meet:

Seventh grade boys were fifth overall with 53.5 points.

400 Meter Relay of Jessie Rodriguez, Wesley Ruth, Chris Marek and Chance Coe was third with a time of 53.44.

Chris Santoya was third in the 800 Meter Run with a time of 2:44.89. John Oxenreider was sixth with a 2:50.40

Rodriguez was fourth in the 100 Meter Dash with a 13.21.

Chance Coe was first in the 200 Meter Dash with a 26.04.

Brandon Peters was third in the 1600 Meter run with a 6:24.88.

Three runners placed in the 2400 Meter event: Peters was third with a

10:09.35; Craig Sniggs was fourth with a 10:32.42 and Michael Spinks was fifth with 11:08.73.

The 1600 Meter Relay team of Colby Cox, Marek, Coe and Garrett Askins was sixth with a mark of 5:01.82.

Eighth grade boys were second with 103 points.

800 Meter Run: Nick Everett, 1st, 2:20.39; Joseph Shumate, 6th, 2:37.73.

110 Meter Hurdle: Matthew Caskey, 5th, 20.87; Tyler Rooney, 6th, 20.89.

400 Meter Dash: Devon Dunn, 1st, 55.69; Breck Stephenson, 5th, 1:03.96.

300 Meter Hurdle: Tyler Rooney, 5th, 53.05.

200 Meter Dash: Josh Jacobsen, 5th, 27.67.

1600 Meter relay of Nick Everett, A.J. Lopez, Garrison Hennig and Devon Dunn, 1st, 4:00.40.

2400 Meter Run: Nick Everett, 1st, 8:28.41.

400 Meter relay of A.J. Lopez, Devon Dunn, Josh Jacobsen and Garrison Hennig, 1st with a 48.28.

Seventh grade girls were second with a total of 82 points.

100 Meter Dash: Elizabeth Dunlap, 5th, 20.87.

800 Meter Relay team of Rachel Hardrove, Katherine Haldampf, Kelcie Smith and Kate Marshall, 1st, 2:06.19.

400 Meter Dash: Rachel Hargrove, 2nd, 1:09.17.

300 Meter Hurdles: Elizabeth Dunlap, 4th, 1:01.29.

200 Meter Dash: Hillary Goodrun, 6th, 32.61.

400 Meter Relay, Joshanna Washburn, Kelcie Smih, Elizabeth Dunlap and Rachel Hargrove, 2nd place, 56.89.

1600 Meter Relay of Washburn, Smith, Lacey Bartlett and Holdampf, 2nd, 5:18.9.

1600 Meter Run: Tiffany Easley, 5th, 7:14.77.

Eighth grade girls were first with 120 points.

2400 Meter Run: Britanni Goodnight, 2nd; Jenny Ewton, 4th; Rebekah Quick, 5th.

400 Meter Relay of Val-

erie Clark, Elise Sharum, Micah Malone and Britanni Boydston, 3rd, 56.24.

800 Meter Run: Kristen Womac, 3rd, 2:54.65.

100 Meter Hurdles: Jenny Ewton, 5th, 19.27.

800 Meter Relay of Britanni Goodnight, Laramie Wilson, Elise Sharum and Jenny Ewton, 3rd, 2:06.46.

100 Meter Dash: Valerie Clark, 3rd, 13.78.

400 Meter Dash: Kristen Womac, 1:15.63.

300 Meter Hurdle: Rachel Hargrove, 3rd, 58.23; Amanda Glaeser, 4th, 1:00.28.

200 Meter Dash: Britanni Boydston, 5th, 30.66; Micah Malone, 6th, 31.33.

1600 Meter Run: Laramie Wilson, 1st, 6:49.35; Rebekah Quick, 3rd, 7:07.25; Anna Smith, 4th, 7:25.33.

1600 Meter Relay of Britanni Goodnight, Valerie Clark, Elise Sharum, and Kristen Womac, 3rd, 5:00.65

High School Track

400 Meter Relay of Fran Ruiz, Isaac Berumen, Aaron Gonzalez and Omar Torres, 2nd, 48.41.

800 Meter Run: Chris santoya, 5th, 2:20.64.

100 Meter Hurdles: Aaron Gonzalez, 6th, 19.96.

100 Meter Dash: Omar Torrez, 6th, 12.46.

400 Meter Run: Brian Johnston, 5th, 59.49.

300 Meter Hurdles: Aaron Gonzalez, 3rd, 47.81.

200 Meter Run: Isaac Berumen, 2nd, 25.34.

1600 Meter Run: Christ Stineman, 5th, 5:43.26;

Chris Santoya, 6th, 5:43.53.

1600 Meter relay of Brian Johnston, Isaac Berumen, Matt Brown and Omar Torres, 2nd, 3:56.91.

The JV girls were seventh overall in the track meet with 32 points.

Annie Correa was third in the 3200 Meter Run

with a time of 14:51.91. She was also third in the 800 Meter Run with a 3:05 run.

400 Meter Dash: Laramie Jackson, 2nd, 1:11.99; Erin Lummus, 3rd, 1:19.47.

200 Meter Dash: Laramie Jackson, 3rd, 30.65.

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Eagles split last week's baseball games

Salado Eagles hardballers split their games last week, losing 17-1 to Academy and winning 8-7 over Moody.

	R	H	E
Moody	7	10	3
Salado	8	12	1

Salado held a lead early in the game, but allowed Moody to come back. "We battled and pulled it out, though," Coach Chad Olson said.

"We hit the ball hard all night long," he added. "Our problem was that we hit it right at them."

"It feels good to get a win in district," he said.

Jeremy Grimm led the batters with a double and a triple, scoring two runs.

Miles Wallace went 2-4 with a double and triple. He scored two runs and batted in two runs.

Hunter Konzen was also 2-4, hitting a single and a double.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Randy Tubbs tries to tag out an Academy baserunner at first base.

J.D. Glaeser knocked in the winning run. He was 2-4 with a double and scoring a run.

	R	H	E
Academy	17	9	3
Salado	1	4	7

Academy thumped Salado easily 17-1, but the Eagles gave the Bees some help, committing seven

errors on defense.

"We had a hard time getting started," Coach Olson said. "They jumped on us early."

Wallace was 2-3 with a double, while Glaeser and Hunter Konzen were both 1-3. Glaeser scored Salado's only run as Konzen drove him in.

Lady Eagles win 1 of 3

Salado Lady Eagles showed a lack of consistency on the softball diamond last week, losing two games and winning one.

Leading by one in the seventh inning, Salado allowed Academy to score five runs with two outs in the final inning. Two fielding errors allowed the runs that would tie the game and then give Academy the edge 5-3.

The last two runs just rubbed salt in the wounds of the Lady Eagles.

"We simply were not getting it done defensively, not were we getting the timely hitting that we have earlier in the year," Coach Travis Ling said.

Salado took care of business the following game, rolling out a 10-run-rule victory over Hutto, 11-1.

Lindsay Quirk led the

Games at a Glance										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Salado	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3	6	8
Academy	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	7	3	2
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Salado	4	0	0	0	5	2		11	8	3
Hutto	0	0	0	0	0	1		1	3	2
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Salado	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	4	5	10
Moody	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	14	11	6

batters, going 2-4 with a triple, 3 RBIs and scoring a run.

Michelle Houston was 2-4, scoring two runs, while Tiffany Blair was 2-3, hitting 2 RBIs and scoring a run.

"We played better as a team and took care of business," Ling said. "We have to continue to work hard on fundamentals."

Salado turned around and let Moody win by 10 runs in seven innings,

14-4.

"Moody out hit, out played and out hustled us. The score is every indication of our effort level in the game," Ling said. "We have to step up in all facets of the game. Some girls hit well, but we need to be more patient at the plate, relax and play better defense."

Salado is 4-3 in district, tied in a knot for third place in district. The girls are 8-8 on the year.

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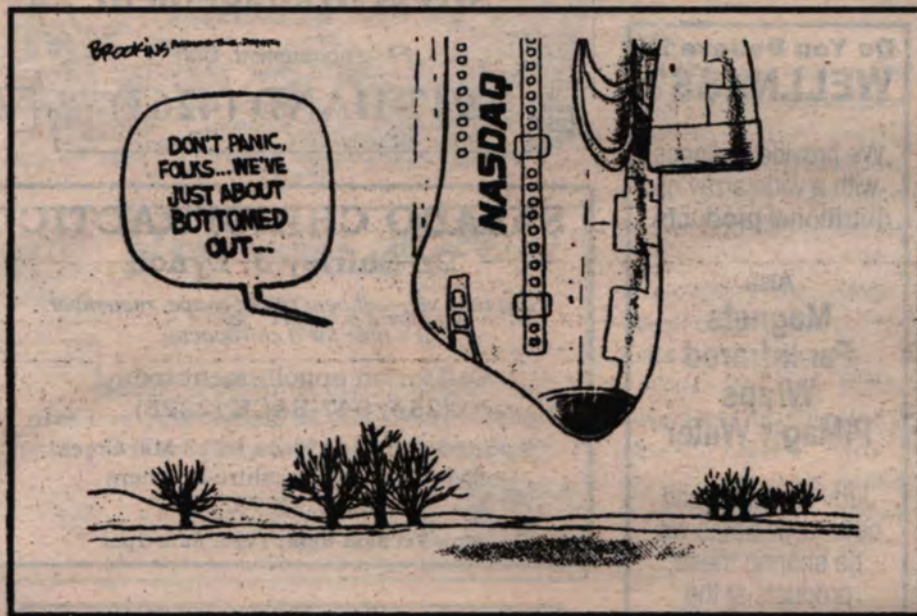
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Questions on military readiness

On March 19 the U.S. Army was forced to drastically curtail training for 65,000 soldiers in Germany for fear that their boots and equipment could spread the highly contagious hoof-and-mouth disease virus that is afflicting livestock in Europe. This will, without doubt, affect their combat readiness, and as a result, America and the world's bottom-line security.

In recent years, protesters have curtailed U.S. military training at ranges in Okinawa, Korea and Puerto Rico. With these and similar training restrictions being imposed on American troops stationed abroad, Congress may want to debate whether it makes better sense to concentrate on expanding and improving U.S.-based facilities to ensure training is conducted in our country under our total control.

As surely as Texas bluebonnets bloom in spring, the convening of a new Congress has brought calls for another round of study and debate over possible military base closures to "reduce costs" and "shape the military more efficiently." Once again, the assumption is that closing military bases on American soil is, inevitably, the only way to "reduce costs" and make the military more efficient. I'm not so sure, and these new training restrictions imposed in Europe have again cast into doubt the wisdom of prematurely closing more domestic military bases.

Before such a process even begins, Congress needs to take a closer look at several factors:

1) How should our armed forces be structured in order to reverse the decline in American military readiness we've witnessed over the past seven

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



years and keep America the preeminent global military power?

2) How can we best avoid the missteps of the last round of base closures? The fate of Reese Air Force Base in Texas is an excellent example of a plan that looked good on paper but turned out badly. Reese was one of the Air Force's premier sites for entry-level pilot training, but an Air Force analyst decided there were adequate training facilities available elsewhere and Reese should be closed. Today the Air Force is experiencing a serious shortfall in training spaces for new pilots and is desperately trying to reestablish training sites on other bases. Everyone involved agrees that Reese never should have been closed.

Or take a look at Fort Hood, downsized to just one division in 1990 at a cost of great disruption to the community. Just a little over a year later, the decision was made to bring a division back. Now Fort Hood has two active divisions and a Corps Headquarters - and is recognized as the Army's premier post. How was such a miscalculation made and how do we prevent one from being made again? Closing bases will save money only if we can be absolutely certain we will never need those bases in the future.

3) "Reducing costs" isn't a foregone conclusion. Recent rounds of the base closure and realignment process turn out to have grossly exaggerated the amount of money closures would save. To

SEE READINESS, PAGE 15A

Gramm voted for bankruptcy amendment that could gut our Texas Homestead Law

Last week we reported passage of the Bankruptcy Overhaul Act by a lopsided 83-15 vote in the U. S. Senate. That bill (S-420) was then sent to what congress calls "informal negotiations" between the two houses. Reason for this unique designation comes from the fact the Senate is evenly split and cannot reach agreement on how to share votes during normal conference committee work. Democrats want a 50-50 division of conference membership while GOPers want a one vote advantage.

The House bankruptcy bill (H333) and the Senate version might move through this "informal" conference period more slowly but there will be no derailing the plan that will hopefully halt frivolous bankruptcies which the financial industries have been seeking for years. With a GOPer currently holding the White House lease - success is all but assured.

TEXANS BEWARE

Texans should pay special attention to this bill due to a disturbing Senate amendment that caps a homestead's value during bankruptcy and would, in effect, take away most of the revered Homestead Protection Law found in our State Constitution.

One would think that both our Senators would be firmly against such an action, since homestead protection has been sacrosanct since 1876, when our current constitution was approved and which prevents the loss of a home or farm due to a financial failure.

Senator Kay Hutchison pleaded with her upperhouse colleagues to kill this feature of an otherwise good law in the making. She was voted down and later the junior senator voted against the entire bankruptcy reform package because of the amendment.

WHAT ABOUT PHIL GRAMM?

And what was our senior senator - Phil Gramm - doing while this outrage against our homestead law was being debated?

Three guesses and the first two don't count! Phil was, as always, carrying water for the Banking and Credit Card boys and to prove that point - he voted against his own constituency at home and for the amendment that would gut the Texas Homestead law!

Gramm didn't just stop there - he also came out in support of certain unfair lending practices prohibited by the 1968 Truth in Lending Act which punishes lenders for luring customers into high interest loans.

Then when it came time to stop the unlimited spreading of credit cards to those with little or bad credit history - Gramm once again hopped on the money-lender's train and voted against the consumer and for the highly profitable credit card proliferators.

If Senator Phil Gramm is going to represent the banking, credit card and other financial interests with such reckless fervor, then he needs to resign from the Senate and go to work full time for these folks.

The possible destruction of the time honored Homestead Laws of Texas; maintaining unfair lending practices by certain financial groups and the mass mailings of unsolicited credit cards to people without checking their ability to pay, are three key items hurting this otherwise good Bankruptcy Overhaul proposal. Gramm voted for all three of these bad ideas just as his masters - the financial industry - told him to do.

Gramm now needs to be told

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



ARE NEW STATE TAXES ON THE HORIZON? PROBABLY, UNLESS WE WANT TO TELL TEACHERS "FORGET YOUR HEALTH PLAN" AND STATE WORKER'S PROMISED PAY HIKE - "WAIT UNTIL 2003".

"no" the next time he comes knocking on our doors seeking support. We certainly don't need to let the financial boys do all the ventriloquizing, especially when we are providing the dummy!

NEW STATE TAX SPECTRE LOOMS

For the first time in many a legislative session, Texas House members are grumbling about the possibility of having to raise taxes to pay for some politically charged items including a co-payment plan for Texas teachers seeking health insurance and pay raises for the 28,000 state workers including our underpaid prison guards.

Rep. Paul Sadler (D-Henderson), who chairs the select committee on teacher health insurance noted last week that the unfortunate tax cuts forced on the legislature two years ago by then Governor Bush, produced little if anything for taxpayers while skimming off billions of dollars from the current biennial budget. Money that could have paid for the much needed teacher health plan and state employees pay hike.

CONSERVATIVE WRITER HITS BELOW THE BELT

We always thought that conservative writer George Will was the most Agitated of the Agitators when it came to giving Democrats, and all other liberals of low birth and antecedent, bad marks for everything they say or do including holding public office.

Cal Thomas, a new writer in the area, may take Will's title for being mean-spirited in his dislike of anything not crowned with the official imprimatur of the Grand Old Party.

Case in point: Thomas noted in a recent column in the Temple Telegram, when ranting about "Chicken Little" Democrats and the economy, that: "...Democrats - haven't had a new idea, much less a good idea - in decades...."

We wonder how this radical Tory would rank World War II's famous G.I. Bill and before that - Social Security, Federal Deposit Insurance and later, civil rights, space travel to the moon, et al. The list is filled with ideas promoted and passed by either Democratic Presidents and/or Congress controlled by Democratic majorities.

All of us have biases on how best to govern - from the left, middle, right or the extremes. There has to be room for ideas from the far reaches of political thought as well as the moderate, progressive or centrists areas. No one has a monopoly on what is always best or right.

We appreciate Cal Thomas and George Will as we do Molly Ivins and Maureen Dowd. Doesn't mean we totally agree with any of them, but ideas from all over the political and economic spectrums help us form our own opinions and in the final analysis - we Americans have generally come up with the right answers when push comes to shove.

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JOHN CORNYN

Q: While my daughter was in a chat room on the Internet, she was contacted by someone who made some inappropriate suggestions to her. She told us, and we have reported the person to the moderator. But there has to be something more we can do. Who investigates things like this?

A: The Internet is a wonderful resource that allows people to do so much. Unfortunately, some people use it to commit despicable acts. I commend your daughter for reporting this encounter to you.

As Attorney General, I have made it a priority to ensure that the Internet is a safe place for people to shop, do research, and communicate with each other. On September 21, 2000, I formed the Texas Internet Bureau, which will focus on Internet and computer-related crimes. Funded by a grant from the Governor's office, the Internet Bureau is staffed by specially trained prosecutors and investigators who assist local law enforcement agencies in fighting computer-related crimes.

In addition to accepting and investigating reports from citizens about cyber-crime, the Internet Bureau focuses on:

- * Child Pornography: Internet Bureau staff work with local, state, and federal authorities to investigate and prosecute crimes involving online child pornography.

- * Computer Hacking: Staff investigate incidents of breach of computer security.

- * Children's Privacy: The federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) seeks to protect the privacy of children online. The Internet Bureau monitors Web sites and takes enforcement actions against those that are not in compliance with the Act.

We have had several successes since the formation of the Internet Bureau. In each case, we worked with local

prosecutors to apprehend and charge people who were using the Internet to commit illegal acts.

In the first case, we assisted the Dallas Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with the arrest of a man who allegedly hacked into his former employer's computer system to distribute child pornography via the Internet. The suspect has been charged with possession and promotion of child pornography and breaching computer security. Both crimes are third degree felony violations.

The North Texas Regional Computer Forensics Lab assisted in a raid of the suspect's house and will conduct the examination of the digital evidence.

Our strong working relationship with the Dallas Task Force demonstrates the commitment we have to assisting local law enforcement agencies to put a halt to this kind of activity over the Internet.

In another case, the Internet Bureau worked with the Austin Police Department to arrest a man who is accused of soliciting a sexual encounter with a 14-year-old girl. The "14-year-old," actually an investigator from the Internet Bureau, had made contact with the accused in an Internet chat room.

You can report questionable Internet activities to the Texas Internet Bureau through our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. The Internet Bureau section of our site has an online reporting form. To report possible illegal activities, or if you believe that someone could be in danger, contact your local law enforcement agency for assistance.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



How realistic is \$5.6 trillion budget surplus

Over the next several months Congress will be faced with an important task that will have far reaching consequences in deciding on the size and substance of tax cuts.

There is no question that we will have a tax cut. I support a fiscally responsible tax cut. The question, I believe, is how large will it be and will it include real tax relief for all families?

I am concerned that rosy economic forecasts and faulty budget numbers put together by groups such as the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) could be seriously flawed. Wrong budget numbers now mean billions or even trillions of dollars added to our \$5.7 trillion national debt.

- * The CBO assumes the country will have an average after inflation growth rate of three percent over the next 10 years in the same CBO that did not predict our present economic slowdown

- * CBO assumes no cushion for errors in economic forecasts - if the growth rate is off by

Keeping in Touch

by Rep. Chet Edwards



just 4/10 of one percent, then the surplus will be reduced by \$1 trillion over 10 years • The CBO assumes zero defense increases over what was proposed in the 10-year Clinton budget

- * CBO includes no increased spending for Medicare prescription drugs for seniors, education and disaster relief and no funding to pay down long-term debt

How comfortable would any of us be if we were asked to bet our family's future well-being on the ability of government economists to predict exactly where the nation's economy will be 10 years from now? That is exactly what we are being asked to do with the country's economic future.

The current tax cut proposal could return us to budget deficits in a few years. Responsible

tax cuts are possible, but increasing the national debt should not be permitted. A tax cut should not be paid for with any part of the \$3.4 trillion Social Security and Medicare trust funds.

I personally support reducing the estate tax and the marriage penalty tax and expanding child tax credits, among others, but I am concerned that an irresponsible tax plan could bring back the days of deficits and high interest rates. I want responsible tax cuts, but we should not repeat the mistakes of the past and leave our children and grandchildren with an enormous national debt.

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Jim Hightower



A coup is taking place in Washington. It's not a classic coup of rogue generals rudely ousting the president, but a corporate coup being pulled off with the help of the president himself, as Little George Bush cheerfully waves in an army of corporate executives and lobbyists to take over agency after agency.

The power behind the coup is Dick Cheney, the multimillionaire former CEO of Halliburton Inc. who was in charge of Bush's search for a vice-president - only to choose himself! Once in office, Cheney connived with Bush to completely corporatize the cabinet, with 16 people that include four CEOs, two former lobbyists, and a gaggle of corporate directors. Then, the chief Washington lobbyist for General Motors, Andrew Card, was brought in as Bush's chief-of-staff -- sort of a corporate nanny for George W. Now, the coup is moving down to the operational heads of our government.

For example, the new head honcho of the Health Care Financing Administration is Thomas Scully. This is the agency in charge of Medicare and Medicaid -- the two health programs that hospital chains, HMOs, and the insurance giants want to privatize. Who is Scully? He's head of the lobbying operation for the hospital chains.

Likewise, the Pentagon is being salted with corporate executives who can work from within for a bigger weapons -- making budget to profit their former employers. For example, two companies that are major weapons makers, and would be in line to get billions of dollars for the infamous Star Wars scheme, are placing top executives on the inside -- a vice president of General Dynamics is to become secretary of the navy, and V.P. of Northrop Grumman is to become the air force secretary.

Such special interests will further twist government policies to benefit the corporate elite at the expense of the people -- a perversion that the people did not vote for in the last election, and do not want now. What we have here is a silent, corporate coup that is usurping the right of We the People to self-govern.

FROM Page 14A

Readiness

clean up abandoned bases -- so they can be returned to civilian use -- turns out to be vastly more expensive than anyone anticipated, and those bills come due immediately.

4) We have to be willing to learn from past mistakes. Having watched the base realignment process from my Senate position since 1993, I can bear witness that parochial political considerations came into play early and never left the field,

despite assertions that decisions were being made in a politics-free arena. I am not convinced Congress should again delegate the responsibility for the fate of military bases to a commission that brings its own inherent political considerations to the table.

It is essential that we first determine whether the current mix of military facilities and infrastructure on American soil and overseas serves our needs as well as it could. The

United States maintains more than 74 installations outside our borders, with nearly 213,000 personnel permanently stationed in 140 countries. These commitments have absorbed funding that in some cases may have been better used to maintain or improve our critical domestic base infrastructure and training capabilities.

We need to take a closer look at the military construction projects we have undertaken abroad, which

last year totaled nearly half a billion dollars, to determine if this is the most efficient use of our defense expenditures and if it is the best way to meet our national security objectives.

As Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Military Construction Subcommittee, I intend to hold hearings to determine what our future force structure should look like and what their mission requirements might be.

Our first priority must be to ensure our military forces continue to have the training and logistical support they need to carry out the tasks we assign them. It is essential that we make these determinations first, before other decisions are contemplated.

I have not entirely ruled out the idea of another base closure and realignment commission in the future, but I will not support one until all the right questions have been answered.

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March 29 luncheon honors kids, adults

3 Absolutely Incredible Kids

During the Second Annual "Absolutely Incredible Kid Day" luncheon, Ten "Absolutely Incredible" kids and four noteworthy adults will be honored 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 29 at the Bell County Expo Center. Entertainment will be provided by the CTC Choir.

"The response from the school districts in Bell and Coryell Counties was outstanding and we are excited about recognizing adults and youngsters who are serving as positive role models for their peers in today's society," said District Director Karen Allman.

Ten youths were selected from teacher, family and friend nominations based on citizenship, positive character traits such as courageous spirit and heroic nature in addition to being a positive influence in the classroom.

According to Allman

over 150 applications were received. The selection committee looked over them and 10 were chosen. Out of those ten, three of the children and youths are from Salado.

The three students from Salado are Hannah Goode, Anna Smith, and Stacy Blodgett.

Hannah Goode, age 8, is the daughter of Jim and Julie Goode.

She was nominated by her teacher Mrs. Haire.

According to Haire, Hannah Excels in all academic areas. She is a wonderful example of an outstanding student.

"Hannah stands up for her beliefs, but she does this in a very gentle way. She takes pride in the values that she possesses" said Haire.

"She has a very giving spirit. Hannah will offer to share with others in need. I have never heard Hannah make one negative remark

about others. She never complains about anything that I ask of her." added Haire.

Anna Smith, age 13, is the daughter of Barbara Yanez-Smith.

She was nominated by Robert Cottle.

Anna is a straight A Student, plays in the school band, participates in track, volleyball, basketball and is a tennis player.

She is active in her church. She participated in the Belton meals on wheels during spring break and Helping Hand Food Pantry.

According to Cottle, Anna is very self disciplined, highly motivated, and always gives more than is expected from her.

"She has a willingness to help other students who are in need." said Cottle.

Stacy Blodgett, age 18, is the daughter of Randy and Chris Blodgett.

Blodgett was nominated

by Jeanne Moran.

"Stacy works far harder than most students in her class. Her class ranking is always in the top four. She understands that study skills mean everything," said Moran.

According to Moran, Stacy has taken her free time to help others develop their computer skills.

"Stacy is so bright and so mature. She deserves every honor that comes her way." Moran Said.

"Absolutely Incredible Kid Day" arose from an existing Camp Fire Boys and Girls letter writing campaign where thousands of letters of love, appreciation, and encouragement were written anonymously to kids nationwide.

If you are interested in attending the luncheon call the Campfire office to make reservations at 773-6614. Tickets are \$18 per person.

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Mercy's Way gives free concert

Everyone is invited to attend a Danny Funderburk and Mercy's Way free concert 7 p.m. April 2 at the First Baptist Church of Salado.

Danny sings with the Gaither Gospel Hour on TNN on Saturday nights. He also was the tenor with the legendary Cathedral Quartet from 1983-1990 and sung on the Grand Ole Opry and made many different tv appearances.

Clayton Capps of Salado will also be playing a couple of opening hymn tunes on the tuba.

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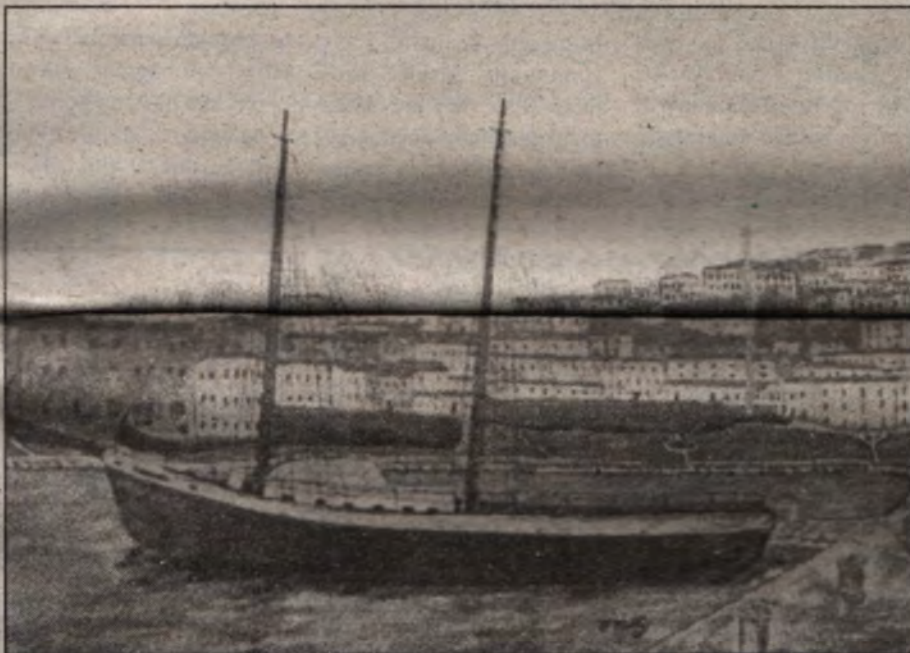
Wildflower Art Show this weekend

With roots deep in Texas, Harold Hollingsworth represents two disparate faces of Texana. A young soldier returning from France he was on the vanguard of the emerging computer science field in the late 50s. Yet weekends found him on old family ranchland in East Texas amid cattle and cowboys.

After years in the aerospace industry he suffered a severe back injury and underwent surgery in 1991. During his lengthy rehabilitation he picked up a paintbrush, and as in the computer world he knew, he taught himself. From Texas to Maine, Paris to Venice, he has captured images on canvas which have hung in galleries and in the collections of private enthusiasts.

Current projects include desertscapes, his ongoing affair with the sea and edifices of man from the old world.

Hollingsworth is one of



Artist Harold Hollingsworth will show works of art this weekend of media, the Art Show will be open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat., March 31 and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sun., April 1. There is no admission fee.

Concession stands manned by volunteers from Salado's civic, church and youth organizations and some commercial vendors will offer

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ENTERTAINMENT

Heroine Steph is a hot item

Book Review

BY KAREN KINNISON

Let me introduce you to Stephanie Plum. For those of you who have been under a rock the past few years! Stephanie is the latest on a short list of heroines with attitude, (and Cher's wardrobe), out on the mean streets. In this first of an incredibly fun series titled after the children's nursery rhyme (One for the money, two for the show, etc), Stephanie is a Jersey girl from the burg complete with a long-suffering mother yearning for grandchildren, a granny who is looking for some action, a despicable ex, eating habits that would send the AMA into cardiac arrest, and a burg full of charming characters. Written with wonderful biting wit and rich in

colorful portrayals of the Jersey 'blue-collar', all-American lifestyle, Janet Evanovich will draw you in so quickly your head will spin!

In this multiple award-winning first novel, Stephanie is down on her luck and out of a job. Determined to continue on her own (and cut the world is strongest umbilical cord), Stephanie blackmails her cousin Vinnie (isn't there always a Vinnie in the burg???) in to giving her a chance as a fugitive apprehension agent (aka bounty hunter) for his bail bond business. Low on expertise but high in determination, Steph begins her career with the help of

her friend, and now fellow bounty hunter, Ranger---undoubtedly one of the sexiest and most intriguing characters you will ever meet. Right away, things don't go well when Vinnie sends Steph to find former vice cop Joe Morell who is wanted for murder. Ladies---you don't want to miss meeting Joe! Deliciously tall, dark, and handsome (and dangerously sexy), Joe and Steph go way back and the memories still cause Steph to go into a slow burn in several ways when she thinks about it.

In this first assignment, Stephanie is an accident waiting to happen and she somehow manages to attract the attentions of

a dangerous heavyweight title contender named Benito Ramirez, a brutal womanizer. His obsession with her draws her unwillingly into his world and results in some harrowing and terrorizing encounters. And ironically, Joe Morell becomes both the hunter and the hunted making Stephanie very mixed up while she alternately lust after him and runs from him in a new kind of cat and mouse game.

Don't miss this first in the Stephanie Plum series. There are six so far, and her fans are eagerly awaiting the next one. **One for the Money** is available at the Salado Public Library--- but hurry, the copies are flying off the shelf!

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4-Hers bring jellybeans to April meeting

Salado 4-H Club will be meeting 7 p.m. April 2. The meeting location will be the Salado Intermediate School.

Members are asked to

bring jelly beans for their community service project. Also, they are asked to bring at least one Easter item to be placed in Easter Baskets that will be given

to hospice patients. The jelly bean baggies will be given to a nursing home.

Officer applications will be due at this meeting. The club will be

hosting this year's County Round-Up Contest 5-8 p.m. March 29 at Salado High School. Members are encouraged to help with this event.

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Fran and Judy present style show items

How can fashion fun and a tasty salad lunch add up to spring scholarships? It's happening at the ABWA Benefit Style Show in Salado on April 7.

Starting at 11 a.m. at the Civic Center on Salado's Main Street, the fun begins with fashions from Christy's and The Store in Old Town Salado. The event includes a salad lunch and dessert, as well as a chance at door prize give-aways. \$15 admission helps fund scholarships for students.

For many, the music of Salado's Marge Kirkman is well worth twice the price of admission all on its own. In appreciation for Kirkman's support of the ABWA style shows, the chapter designated the Marge Kirkman Music Scholarship four years ago. Marissa Mickalewicz of Salado was selected as the first recipient of this special award, and she has continued to receive this support from the Chisholm Trail ABWA throughout her musical pedagogy studies at Baylor University.

The annual Style Show Luncheon is sponsored by the 15-year-old Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), which prides itself on the scholarships it awards.



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For the 2000-2001 school year, the business women's organization again selected three students from area schools to support. In addition to Mickalewicz, Spring 2000 Bartlett High School honor graduate Bryan Evans was selected to receive an ABWA schol-

arship to begin studies at Texas State Technical College in Waco. Jennifer Tsosie, another Salado High School graduate, was also awarded a 2000-2001 ABWA scholarship. A Class of 2000 graduate, Tsosie is attending Texas A&M in College Station.

Members of the ABWA congratulate all its scholarship recipients and look forward to the opportunity to again welcome guests to join this year's fashion show benefit and luncheon to raise money for spring scholarships.

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The menu for Party Items April 5 includes a pesto pasta salad, black bean and mango relish, red fennel slaw, orange and sweet onion salad and assorted dips. The class begins at 9:30 a.m.

April 12 will feature Healthy Meals in a Hurry: grilled beef tenderloin with orzo, herb-rubbed salmon with cous cous, grilled chicken breast with grilled vegetables and Vietnamese soup. Class begins at 9:30 a.m.

Spring and summer desserts is the theme of the April 19 class. It will feature dessert crepes, sorbets, souffle glace and mango cobbler. The class is at 9:30 a.m.

A Spring Affair will begin 3:30 p.m. April 29. The class will feature the following menu: chilled grilled herb-marinated salmon on crostini, asparagus and citrus salad, yucca-crusting snapper over black bean ragout with mango salsa, and dessert crepes.

Hermann will teach his approach to Texas favorites May 3: "Barbecue." The class starts at 9:30 a.m.

A wine pairing dinner is slated for 3:30 p.m. May 6. The menu will feature Gruyere Gougeres, Mille-Feuilles d'Omelle, chilled peach soup with Riesling, sauteed red snapper over ratatouille and a roasted garlic butter sauce, sauteed vela scallopini over fettuccini with peas and ham in a Marsala cream sauce and dessert crepes.

The Range will have a

Cooking Class with John Bay at 9:30 a.m. May 10. The menu has not yet been set for the class that begins at 9:30 a.m.

Dave will teach guests how to prepare for a perfect dinner party 3:30 p.m. May 20. The menu will include Yukon gold potato clini's with sweet peppers, Belgium endive with blue cheese mousse, spicy gazpacho with avocado,

chilled grilled figs with prosciutto and lime cream, grilled scallops with chipotle marinated beef tenderloin over Shiner bock, sweet potatoes, fresh corn saute and mixed berry shortcake.

For information about the prices and reservations for the classes, call The Range at the Barton House at 947-3828

Mariani signs cookbooks April 5

Award-winning cookbook author and journalist John Mariani will visit The Range at the Barton House for a book-signing and dinner 7:30 p.m. April 5.

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Mozart Fest set April 22

A. Mozart Fest's "Solo Piano Series" concert for the season is "Haydn: Genius and Mentor." Pianist and Mozart scholar Dr. Esther Wang performs sonatas and variations by Franz Joseph Haydn and gives her own commentary highlighting the musical friendship and influence of the older Haydn on an emerging Mozart. The concert is 3 p.m. April 22, at the Armstrong Community Music School in the Mary Ann Heller Opera Center,

901 Barton Springs Road. A season highlight is the first-ever Austin appearance by the highly acclaimed Ying Quartet 3 p.m. May 6 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 8134 Mesa Drive. The New York-based Ying Quartet has played on four continents to unanimous praise from audiences and critics alike for their "clear-eyed vision of what the music means and how best to communicate that to an audience" (Detroit Free

Press). The New York Times calls their performances "riveting and uplifting." These rising stars of the classical music world will treat Austin audiences to string quartets of Mozart and Beethoven. To order tickets for either concert, call AusTix at 454-TIXS (454-8497). Preferred seating is \$28; general admission is \$18 for adults and \$8 for students and children. For more information, call 371-7217 or visit www.amoartfest.org.

Austin Chorus singing tribute to composers

The Austin ProChorus sings a "Tribute to Texas Composers" featuring contemporary choral music that's homegrown but hardly homespun. Performances are 8 p.m. April 26 at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Auditorium, 4801 La Crosse Ave., and 8 p.m. April 28 at First Presbyterian Church, 8001 Mesa Drive. Artistic director Kinley Lange has selected recent works some still unpub-

lished by Donald Grantham, DeDe Duson, Caroline Lyon, Kevin Hanlon, and other Texas-based composers for the sixteen-voice Austin ProChorus to bring to musical life with its own signature sound. Also featured is Alan Bevan of Calgary, Canada, winner of Austin ProChorus's annual National Collegiate Composers Competition. His winning work, "Three Motets on

Texts of Henry Vaughan" will receive its world premiere at the concert. In conjunction with the concert, Austin ProChorus also sponsors a composition workshop for area high school music students. Tickets are \$15 general admission and \$10 for students. To order tickets, call AusTix at 454-8497. For more information, call 302-3272 or visit www.austinprochorus.org.

Centrovision adds more channels

Centrovision cable television service announces additional channels the company has added to its monthly service. Beginning April 1, Centrovision viewers will have Odyssey, WFAA Dallas ABC affiliate, MSNBC,

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The Sound of Music to be performed at the Temple Civic Theatre in July

Tickets are on sale for the Temple Civic Theatre production of "The Sound of Music." This timeless classic will be performed at TCT July 6-8, 12-15 and

19-22. Thursday through Saturday performances will be at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

This is a special fund-

raiser presentation and is not included in the TCT season membership. The Rodgers and Hammerstein hit includes such memorable songs as "My Favorite Things," "Edelweiss," "Do Re Mi," and of course, the unforgettable title song.

All performances are expected to sell out, so early reservations are strongly encouraged.

Tickets for each performance are \$15 for adults and \$13 for children under 18. To reserve seats, visit the theatre box office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, call TCT at 778-4751 or mail payment to 2413 S. 13th St., Temple, TX 76504. Reservations paid with credit cards can be

faxed to 778-4890 or mailed to the theatre. All tickets must be paid for at time of reservation, and are non-refundable.

For more information about "The Sound of Music," contact the theatre during regular business hours at 778-4751.

PREMIER OF COMEDY

There will be "history in the making" at Temple Civic Theatre 7:30 p.m. March 29 as TCT presents the Texas-themed comedy *North Fork*.

Playwright Mark Dunn will attend the opening night performance, which will be the first staging of the play in the state of Texas. Those with tick-

ets for opening night are encouraged to come early and meet the playwright before the performance.

"We are thrilled to have Mr. Dunn come be a part of this special night with us and we invite our patrons to visit with him and give him a real Temple, Texas welcome," said TCT Managing Artistic Director Daryl R. Worley.

A few tickets still remain for the March 30 performance. Tickets are also available for March 31-April 1 and April 5-8. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the TCT box office from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays. For more information, contact TCT at 778-4751.

BOX OFFICE OPENS

The Temple Civic Theatre box office opened March 26 for the theatre's upcoming production of the play *North Fork*.

Performances of the play, which will have its Texas premiere at TCT, are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 29-March 31 and April 5-7 and 2:30 p.m. April 1 and April 8 at Temple Civic Theatre, 2413 S. 13th in Temple. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at the theatre box office from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays. Those wishing to pay by credit card can call the theatre at 778-4751 or fax 778-4980.

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London dance hall, one of the oldest in Texas

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"It doesn't look like there's much here, but there really is on Saturday nights," says Billy Ivy, owner of the London Hall, a historic saloon and dance hall in the Kimble county community of London, population 100. London Hall is one of the oldest dance halls in Texas, dating back a hundred years or more.

Billy has several other businesses in town, including a grocery store, an art gallery and liquor store. "Busy, busy," says Billy.

London Hall is open Saturday nights from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Occasionally it opens for a Sunday matinee. The saloon is open during the week.

When she bought the place, she made some

changes. "I enlarged the dance floor and put in air conditioning. Before then, there were flaps that you opened to the outside to get a breeze. But I haven't done anything to the outside."

Usually about three hundred people dance on a Saturday night in London. But hunting season is her busy time. "That's when we have maybe a thousand."

She advertises London Hall in Fredericksburg, Brady, Sonora, and San Antonio. "Everybody comes to London," she says.

The old wooden tables and benches are original. The stall door in the men's restroom is a car door. Above the urinal in the men's room is a painting of a tree out back, which once served as the place

where men relieved themselves in the days before indoor plumbing.

Billy takes care of the dance floor with loving care. "I rule that with an iron hand. We heat our wax and apply it when it's warm and rub it in by hand, then polish it. We do that about twice a year. Our floor is about three thousand square feet. It's a good one."

She says dancing on concrete is tiring. "It's not so tiring when you have a nice, slick surface."

Some famous bands have played there: Darrell McCall, Johnny Gimbel, Johnny Bush, Hank Thompson, Jody Nix and Jerry Jeff Walker. Her patrons like a variety of music.

"They like the Schottisches, Polkas, Cotton-

Eyed Joe, some of the new songs. We have people of all ages. The younger ones like the be-bop stuff, you know, the Texas Swing. When the customers want to hear something, they'll request it and the band accommodates them."

Billy grew up in London. Her family has been in the area since the 1800's. She learned to dance at London Hall. The place serves as a community center at times. Weddings have been held there.

Johnny Bush wrote a song, THE BALLAD OF LONDON HALL. It contains the phrase "It's been like this every Saturday night for a hundred years or more. They two-step with their baby 'cross the London dancehall floor."

Collector's items

Perfume-bottle collectors like to specialize in favorite types. Some want figural bottles, some brand names. Perhaps the most popular are the Czechoslovakian "large stopper" bottles. These fancy bottles were made of cut or pressed glass, sometimes clear, sometimes colored. Tops were often as tall as the bottle. Flowers, animals, women, geometric and other designs were used as decorations on the flat, glass upper sections of the stoppers. The bottle was sometimes made with a matching design, but more often the bottle was a different design or color.

These perfume bottles were filled at home and kept on a mirrored tray on a dressing table. Many women had trays with 10 or 20 bottles, each filled with a different perfume. Very fancy bottles had added gold filigree decorations highlighted with glass "jewels." The \$1 bottle of the 1920s now sells for hundreds of dollars. Because the bottles are attractive and showy, they were often kept in the family for several genera-

tions. Look around, someone in your family might be saving a treasure.

Q: Can you give me information about my unusual oak hall stand? It's 7 feet tall and has not only coat hooks and a lift-top seat but a tall clock in the center with mirrors on each side. My father bought it in the 1950s from a Texas antiques dealer. A German friend says it is European, but the clock is marked "Waterbury."

A: Your hall stand is unusual, but we have seen others with large, built in clocks. They were machine-made in the United States between 1890 and 1910, when oak furniture was at the height of popularity. The Waterbury Clock Co. of Waterbury, Conn., was established in 1857. By the late 19th century, Waterbury was manufacturing wall clocks in wooden cases as well as clock-works for other makers. So your hall tree might have been made by any one of the many oak-furniture manufacturers around the country. Your hall stand could sell for as much as \$5,000.

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

Gourmet Crab Salad

Elizabeth Shapard

- 1 (8 oz.) can crab meat
- 1 c. cooked rice
- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen peas, cooked
- 1/2 c. green onions
- 4 oz. sour cream
- 1 c. mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. Salad Supreme seasoning
- 1 T. lemon juice
- Salt & pepper

Mix above ingredients; cover and refrigerate for 24 hours.



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McLane reflects on days he owned the Astros

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane, Jr. reflected on a time when he gave star player Jeff Bagwell sage advice.

Bagwell was in the middle of a batting slump. "If you watch him at bat," McLane told the Salado Lions Club recently, "you'll see that he swings so hard."

"I told him that if he didn't swing so hard, he could get more singles and doubles," McLane continued. "He told me that he would think about it for a while."

He did. When he saw McLane again, "he told me he had thought about it. 'If I didn't swing so hard,' he said, 'I'd be driving a truck for you.'"

McLane told the Lions that he has learned a great deal about hope and confidence from his ballplayers. "They fail more than they succeed, but they are always confident that this time they are going to knock it out of the park," McLane said.

Bagwell earns \$17 million per year playing for the Astros. "We pay Bagwell to succeed three out of every 10 times he goes to the bag," he said.

"If someone came to your bank and told you that there was a 30 percent chance that he would pay back his loans, you would have him arrested," he said to his old friend and banker S.R. Greenwood. McLane recalled going to Greenwood for a \$400,000 loan to expand McLane's wholesale grocery business. "You probably heard of more wholesale grocers going out of business than going into business," McLane said with a laugh.

But thanks in part to that loan, McLane grew his business into a multinational company with thousands of employees.

In 1992, McLane said he got another "big idea."

"So I went to my dad with it," he said. "When I told him I wanted to buy the Astros, he told me to go talk to my mother about it." His mother told him to visit their long-time pastor Dr. Ed Stewart.

Dr. Stewart told McLane that he could "reach more people (through the baseball team) than I did in 39 years as a pastor. If you'll do that, I'll support you in it."

When McLane returned to his mother with the endorsement from Dr.

Stewart, she said, "we've got a new pastor... go see him about it."

McLane said that in the eight years of owning the Astros, he has learned many lessons. One of those lessons is that you cannot always apply a philosophy that works in one situation to a different situation.

He remembered spring training in 1993, his first year as owner of the Astros.

"I was telling these men about how vital teamwork is," he said. "When I looked out, I saw that a third of them were looking at the floor, a third at the ceiling and a third were fast asleep. Art Howell, the manager, told me that they didn't have a clue about what I was talking about."

"He told me that baseball is an individual sport that teams play," McLane said. "If the ball is hit at you at 200 miles per hour, you are on your own. If you catch it, you get credit. If you miss it, you get the error. If you are the pitcher, the game is between you and the batter. If you are the batter, it's between you and the pitcher."

"If you think through it, you will realize that everything those players have done to get to the majors,

they have done as individuals," he said. "Players are paid on their performance, not the performance of their teams. Some of the highest paid players play for the worst teams in the league. This is what he meant by baseball being an individual sport."

The sport of baseball is obsessed with statistics and performance. "Every time a player comes up to bat," McLane said, "your performance is there on the screen for everyone to see. Can you imagine if your P&L statement was posted on the side of your car?"

McLane told the Lions how losing used to eat at him. "Once, after a devastating loss to the Dodgers, I went into the locker room. They were laughing and joking around and I didn't understand why. Craig Biggio said to me, 'We do this 162 times a year. If we get down over this one, we'll never get back up.'"

Baseball players' ability to get back up from defeat is another lesson McLane has learned from his ownership of the Astros.

"There are two words I have learned from baseball: hope and tomorrow," McLane said.

"There are 32 teams in the league," McLane said, "and every spring each team thinks and hopes that it's going to be a champion. With that kind of hope, there's nothing you can't accomplish."

Lions hold annual golf tourney May 7 at Mill Creek

Salado Lions will tee off its annual Golf Tournament 1 p.m. May 7 at Mill Creek Golf and Country Club.

The four person scramble is open to players for \$50 per person and includes lunch, green fee, shared cart and complimentary course beverages.

The first place team will get a gift certificate for each player good for a round of golf for four with shared cart at Mill Creek.

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Salado Intermediate School 5th grader Paul Boston is posed with a restored 1971 standard Volkswagen Beetle which won first place in the division "1968 and up Daily Driver" at the Volkswagen Show held on March 18 at the Bell County Expo Center. Paul and his father, James Boston, have been working for six months to restore the Beetle to its original condition.



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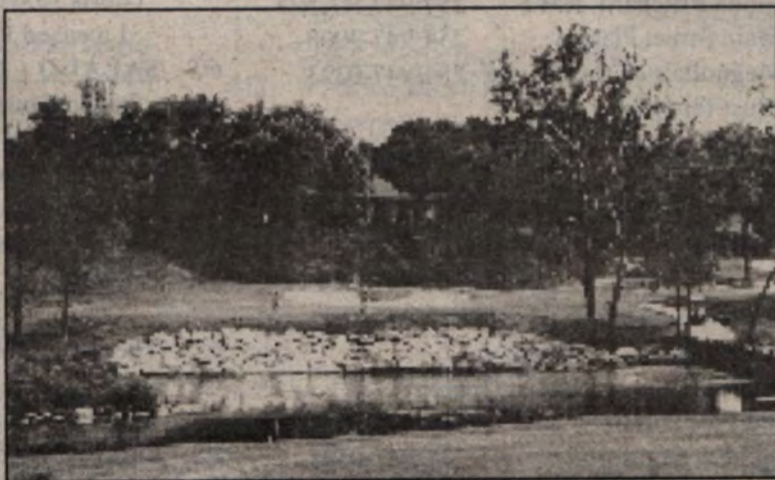
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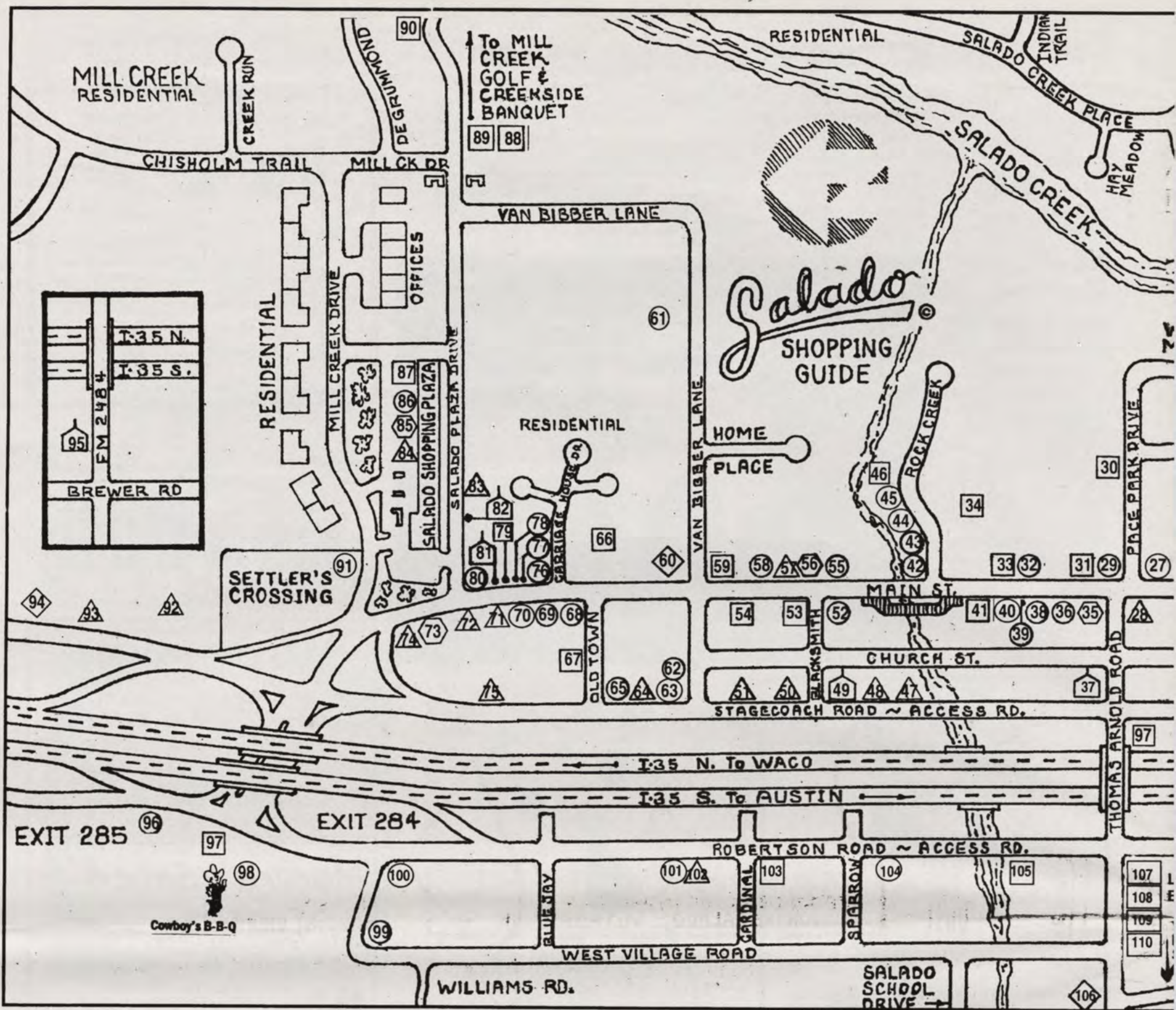


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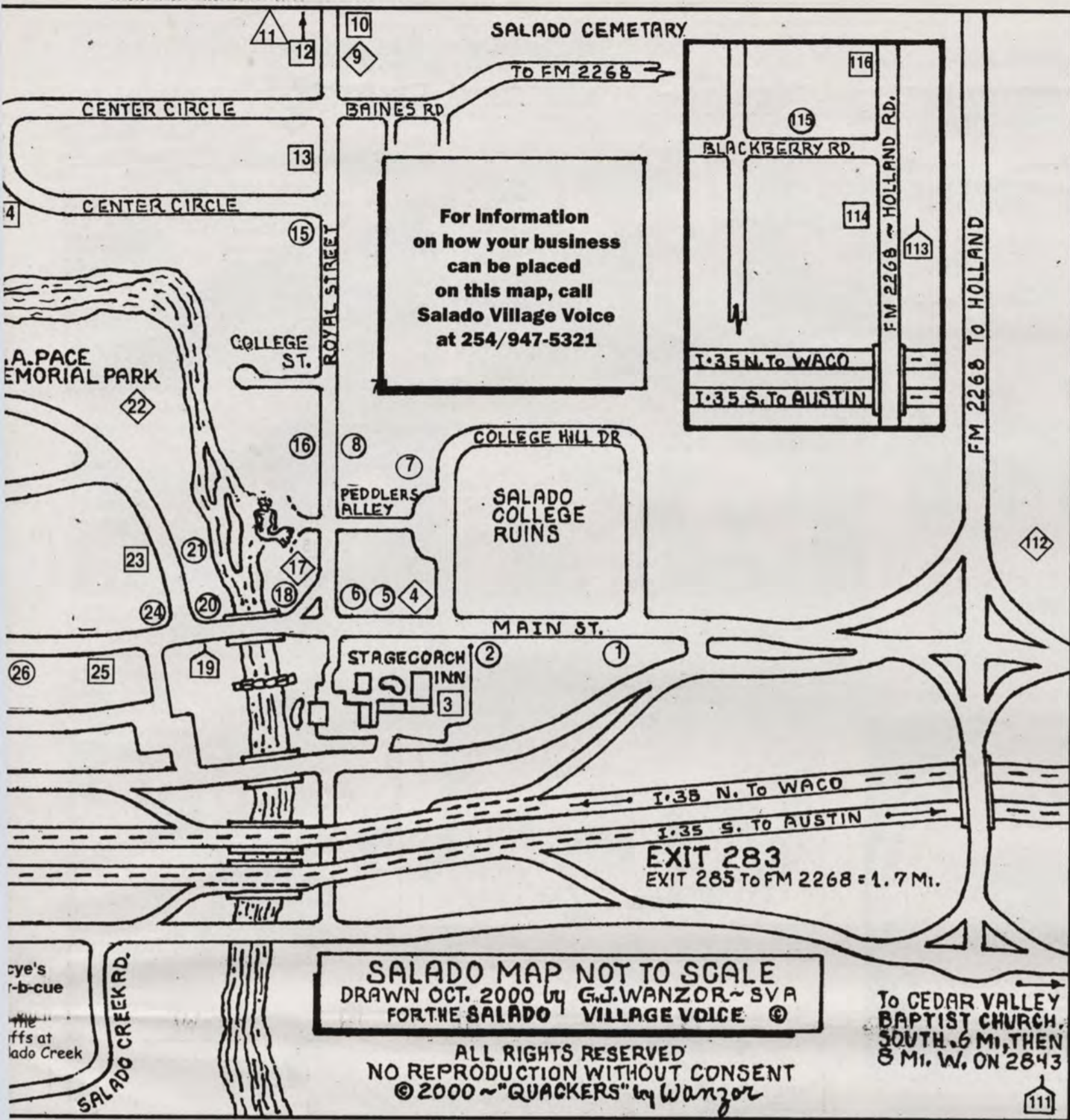
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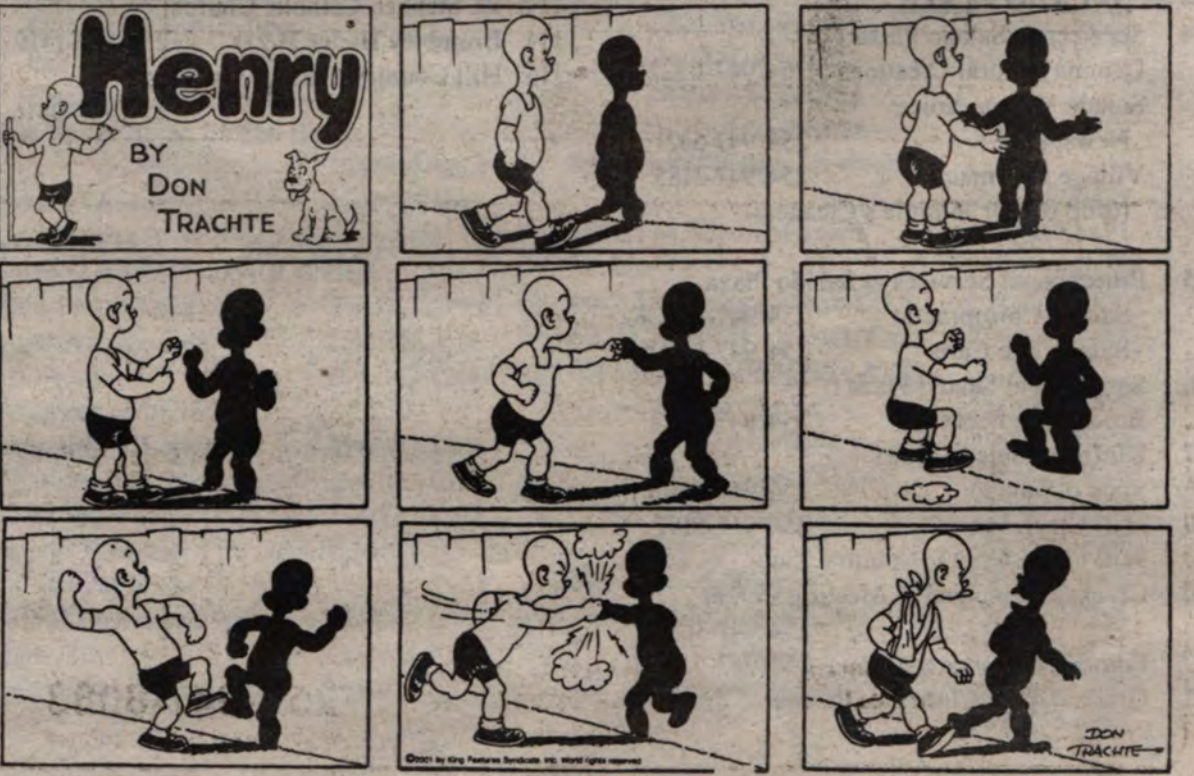
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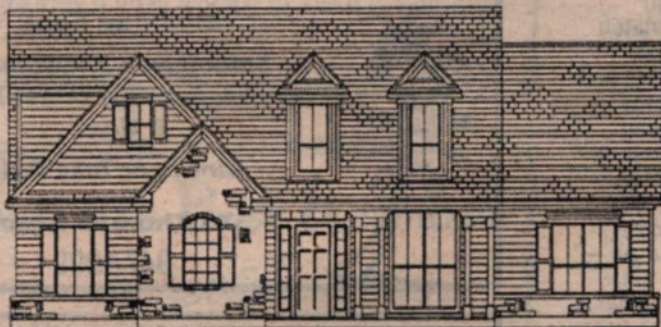
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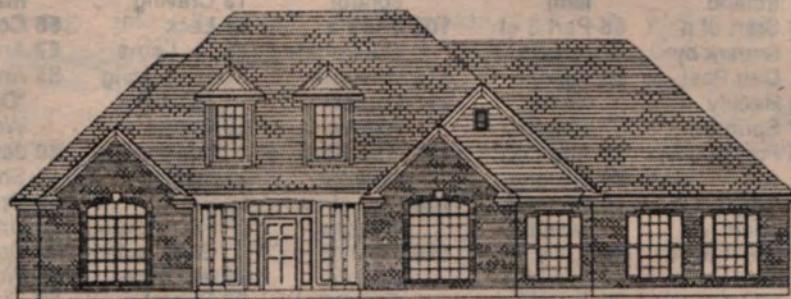


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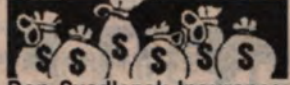
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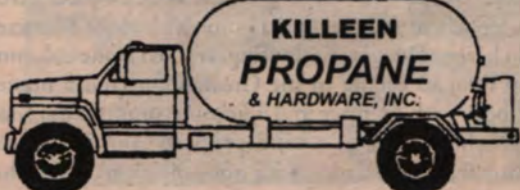
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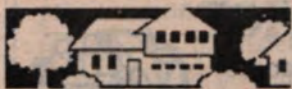
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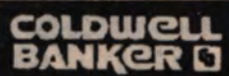
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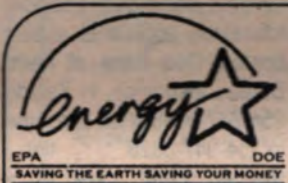
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- Does your design allow for water to drain or be stored as needed by your plants?
- Do your chosen plants

look like they "belong" with each other, with the terrain, and with the buildings on it?

Make your location a reflection of yourself:

- Do you have enough time to care for the garden you have designed?
- Or will you become annoyed at the amount of effort involved?

Does the layout complement the activities which you and your family wish to pursue in this space?

- Would you like to grow veggies, attract butterflies, raise flowers for cutting, have a place to play croquet?

Consider all characteristics of the plants:

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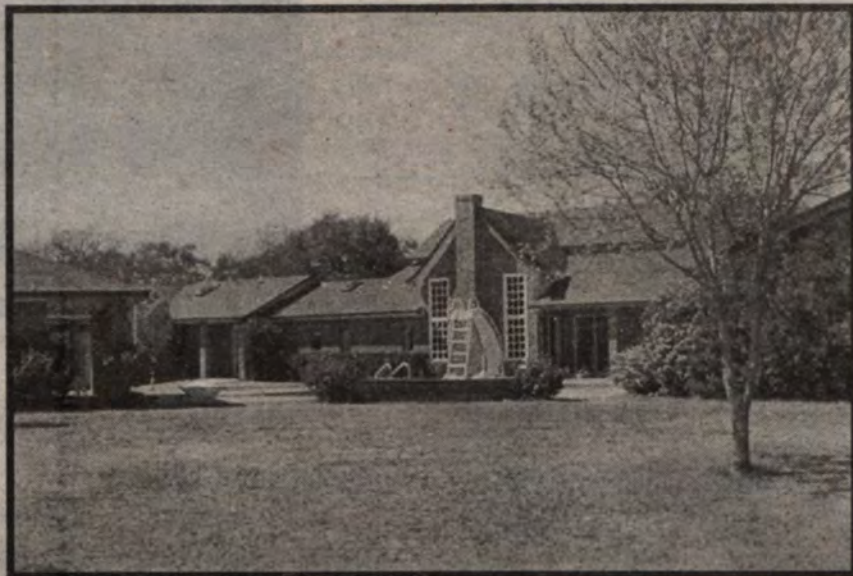
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Country Homes

Ranch House with barn. This home offers 4 bedroom, 2 bath on 5 acres surrounded with live oak trees. Unique setting! \$150,000.

Salado Lots

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

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

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

Bluffs at Salado Creek

Phase II

Lot #1 2.25 acre \$45,000
Lot #2 **SOLD**
Lot #3 1.00 acre \$39,900

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