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Public meeting draws over 100

TXDOT talks I-35 expansion

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Texas Department of Transportation officials met with over 100 Salado area citizens March 27 to further discuss TxDOT plans to expand Interstate 35 through Salado.

TXDOT officials showed two preliminary plans for expansion of I-35 from four lanes to six lanes with capacity for eight lanes; a narrow plan that would take little or no right-of-way through the village proper and a wide plan that would take approximately 100 feet of right-of-way on the west side of the interstate.

Over 200 people attended the first public meeting, which covered the expansion of I-35 from the Williamson County line to Belton. Because of that, TXDOT officials divided that area into three sections for discussion during

the second round of public meetings. TXDOT officials met earlier in March with residents and concerned parties about expansion plans from Williamson County to just south of Salado and from just north of Salado to Belton.

Construction would also be broken into three phases on the stretch of interstate from Williamson County to Belton. "No one wants to drive through 16 miles of construction," Project Engineer John Obr told the audience.

To the north and south of the village, TXDOT plans to take right-of-way on both sides of the interstate: 70 feet of ROW on the east side and 30 feet on the west side.

Through Salado, though, officials are likely to choose the wide option, based on the input they receive from area residents and businesses.

The majority of people

attending the March 27 meeting apparently preferred the wide option to the narrow option because of access and safety.

The wide option is also "technically preferred" by TXDOT engineers, Obr told the audience.

Even with the wide option, Salado will lose five ramps, reducing the number of ramps from 15 to 10.

Some area businesses have suggested that the wide option include as many exit ramps as possible. In fact, Salado Business Association is circulating a letter to TXDOT from its members supporting the wide option with additional exit ramps.

Others oppose the wide option. Milton Kirchmeier, owner of Kirchmeier's Auto Excellence, said he supported the narrow option because it offers the least effect on businesses. "People will find Salado

whichever way you do it," Kirchmeier said. "People want to come to Salado. They will find us."

"Go through Troy or Ft. Worth if you want to see what the narrow option is like," said Robert Pasco, who is building his home in Salado.

"Access is critical, but it is worthless if the businesses who need the access are gone," County Commissioner Tim Brown said, adding that the expansion of I-35 is "not a long-term solution for the congestion" and encouraging TXDOT to continue to work to provide long-range relief on the most traveled interstate in the country.

TXDOT officials will continue to review input from the meeting before working with engineering firm Kennedy Consultants on the final plans, which will be presented in a public hearing this fall.

After the public hear-



TXDOT expects daily traffic counts through Salado to reach 82,650 in 2035. Now, traffic counts are over 41,000 every day. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

ing, TXDOT will take input for 10 days before beginning the process of acquiring right-of-way.

The expansion of I-35 through Salado is part of a 94-mile project to expand

the interstate from Williamson County to Hillsboro. The \$1 billion project will bring the minimum number of lanes on the interstate to six. In many places, there will be eight lanes.

Salado Village Voice wins 4 state awards

By TIM FLEISCHER
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Salado Village Voice staff members returned April 1 with four state awards from the annual Texas Community Newspaper Association (TCNA) convention held at the Omni Bayfront hotel in Corpus Christi March 30-April 1.

Longtime political writer Ken Clapp took first place in Best Original Column for his "Off the Record," which has appeared every Wednesday in the Salado Village Voice since the Fleischer family purchased the newspaper in March 1988.

Clapp's first place award is based on three columns representative of his work during the year: "Democ-RATS howl with glee as Bush campaign sputters" on Sept. 20, 2000; "Disgraceful flu shot price gouging highlights drug industry's greed" on Nov. 8, 2000 and "Supremes' 5-4 decision end election, Bush wins presidency by one vote" on Dec. 20, 2000.

His column shared first place with a columnist from San Antonio's South-

side Reporter, a community newspaper with over 20,000 circulation. "Peppy and opinionated, with a nice edge," judges wrote of Clapp's column. "Tight writing; active verbs."

This is the second award that Clapp has won with his "Off the Record" column. In 1997, the first year Salado Village Voice began competing in the TCNA awards competition, Clapp tied for third with his column.

Clapp is not the only Salado Village Voice staffer to win multiple awards from TCNA. Editor Tim Fleischer added a second place award for community service and a third place award for editorial writing to three other state awards he has won at TCNA conventions. Managing editor Marilyn Fleischer added a third place award for her photography to her previous second place award for community service.

Tim's editorial, "Policies, Technicalities and Truth," published about April 26, 2000, addressed the Salado school board's decision to reduce the suspension of several student athletes from three months

to three weeks. "Good background, good opinion and solid," judges said of Fleischer's editorial.

This is the second time Fleischer has won a state award for his editorial writing. He also won first place for editorial writing for a response to a letter to the editor four years ago about incorporation and growth in the village. He also won third place for Best Original Column in 2000 and Third Place for best original black and white ad (large format) in 1997.

The newspaper won second place for community service for its coverage and leadership role in last year's successful incorporation election. "The momentum toward incorporation began with a small article we carried about Belton annexing south along I-35," Fleischer said.

Coverage of incorporation included over 30 articles, photos, editorials and letters to the editor from April 19, 2000 until the successful Aug. 12, 2000 election. The newspaper wrote four editorials during the debate over incorporation.



Ken Clapp

"This award is what it's all about for community newspapers," said TCNA executive director Bill Altman before announcing the winners. "This is why we do what we do, to serve our communities and our neighbors."

"You proved that giving them the facts results in informed readers who can cast an educated vote," judges wrote of the coverage over four months by Salado Village Voice.

First place winner was the Northside Recorder, another San Antonio weekly suburban newspaper.

Marilyn Fleischer won third place in Best Black and White News or Feature Photo for her "Rainy Day Fun" that appeared Sept. 20, 2000. "Great the kids aren't aware of the photographer," judges com-



Marilyn Fleischer

mented on the photo. "Really caught that feeling!"

"We were working one Sunday afternoon at the office, when a downpour came. It was the first rain we had in months, so I told our kids who were bored with being at the office, to put on our ponchos and go play in the rain," Marilyn Fleischer said. "I didn't think I would win an award for the photo or that their rain dance would bring so much. I don't think it's stopped raining since then."

Marilyn has also won a TCNA state award for her work with the Salado Family Relief Fund, which provides Christmas to over 30 families and 100 children in the Salado area. Even though she continues her work as the chairman of the Salado Family Relief



Tim Fleischer

Fund, it can qualify for the award only one year.

In addition to the Awards Banquet, the staff members attended classes during the convention. Newest staff member Alberta Urquiza attended classes on "Customer Relations and Your Bottom Line" and the annual Idea Fair, in addition to others.

Ad composer Judy Shumate learned more Photoshop techniques, especially working with and improving the quality of digital photos.

Marilyn sat in on business classes and editorial classes, including "Get Close, Shoot Fast and Don't Be Afraid to Bite the Dust," a class on photography.

Tim attended class for editorial staff, "How to Be Your Reader's Newest Best Friend."

What's happening around here?

APRIL 5

Cooking class at The Range 9:30 a.m. "Party Items". Book signing at the The Range, John Mariani, award winning cookbook author and journalist. 7:30 p.m.

APRIL 7

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

APRIL 10

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

APRIL 12

Cooking class at The Range

9:30 a.m. "Healthy Meals in a Hurry".

Monthly meeting of Salado Republican Women, 6:30 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center.

APRIL 12

Salado Ladies Auxiliary meets 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and 10 a.m. meeting follows. Community Chorus will perform

APRIL 14-15

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

APRIL 15

Easter Sunrise Service 7 a.m. at Pace Park Pavilion. Bring folding chair

APRIL 19

Salado ISD Education Foundation Spring Fling Dinner and Dance at Jack's Barn, 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 each proceeds benefitting SISD Education Foundation scholarship fund. Tickets available at SISD office, 254/947-5479.

APRIL 19

Cooking class at The Range 9:30 a.m. "Spring and Summer Desserts".

APRIL 29

Cooking Class at The Range 3:30 p.m. "A Spring Affair".

MAY 3

Cooking class at The Range 9:30 a.m. "Barbecue".

MAY 6

Cooking class at The Range 3:30 p.m. "Wine Pairing Dinner".

MAY 7

Salado Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament. Four person scramble. Lunch at 11 a.m. at Salado Lions Park. Tee-off at 1 p.m. at Mill Creek. Lots of prizes. \$50 per player. Call 947-8300 for more information and registration forms.

MAY 8

ABWA Chisholm Trail Chapter 6 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. meeting "Volunteering Opportunities" presented by MaryBelle Brown at Texas Road-

house B&B on VanBibber Lane. Dinner \$10 Call for reservation 947-0561

MAY 7

Salado Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament. Lunch 11 a.m. at Civic Center.

MAY 10

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

MAY 10

Cooking class at The Range 9:30 a.m. "Cooking Class with John Bay".

MAY 17

Salado Historical Society general membership meeting 7 p.m. at Civic Center.

MAY 20

Cooking class at The Range 3:30 p.m. "Dinner Party".

JUNE 5

Salado Legends begins rehearsals 7-9:30 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater

JUNE 6-9

Third Annual Judy & A.C. Greene Literary Festival sponsored by the Living Room Theatre. Time and places to be announced.

JUNE 12

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

JULY 10

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

JULY 21

Salado Legends performance at Tablerock

JULY 28

Salado Legends performance at Tablerock

AUGUST 4

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AUGUST 4-5

35th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. For more information call 947-5040.

St. Stephens pancake supper served April 6

St. Stephens Catholic Church will hold Mass 6 p.m. April 6. At 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be presented by Youth Ministry.

A pancake Supper will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 6. Donations will be directed to the youth ministry. Funds will aid youth in attending rallies and conventions.

The public is invited to participate.

Bring a new book to CIO on April 7

CIO A unique ladies boutique invites everyone to get on board The Reading Railroad 10- 5 p.m. April 7 at Salado Square.

CIO, Brighton and Thomas Arnold elementary school are joining hands to gather books for the school library. During

April 7 you can donate a new hardbound book suitable for grades K-4th grade.

All books collected will go the school library and everyone gets to sign up for the drawings to win a pair of Brighton readers Brighton sunglasses.

Local author Mary Hodge will be on hand to sign her book "A History in Postcards- Salado & Bell County."

Virginia and Jenny extend their personal invitation to you to join them for this special day of fun, entertainment, refreshments and a chance to help the library at Thomas Arnold elementary.

Easter Lily quilt pattern up for discussion April 9

The Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild meets 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the First United Methodist Church at 507 N. 8th St. in Killeen.

Nancy Judd will speak on the Easter Lily quilt pattern at the April 9 guild meeting.

Community Chorus performs for Auxilliary

The Salado Community Chorus will perform at the Salado Ladies Auxiliary monthly meeting on April 12 at the Civic Center. Directing will be Dr. Betty Thorn and Pianist will be Marge Kirkman.

Fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the 10 a.m. meeting and entertainment to follow. Dues for 2001 will be accepted at this meeting.

Salado Village Voice collects items for Ronald McDonald House

Salado Village Voice newspaper now collecting items to fill wish list for Ronald McDonald House in Temple. The following items can be dropped off at the newspaper office:

phone cards (small increment 30 and 15 minutes), cleaning products to include room freshener, sponges, scrub brushes, glass and all purpose cleaners, 9 volt and C batteries, plastic eating utensils, disposable cameras, mattress covers (twin extra long), individually wrapped candy (small candy bars, suckers), hand soap and refills, disinfectant wipes (clorox or lysol), hair dryers, feminine products, journals for families to write in), handmade quilts, computer discs for IBM 1.4 mega byte, sharpies, masking tape, gift certificates to area restaurants, department and grocery stores.

Ronald McDonald house is a home away for home for families and seriously ill children receiving medical treatment at local hospitals. Since opening in Sept. 1986 the Temple House has provided a temporary haven for over 5,500 families. The cost to house one family at Ronald McDonald House in Temple is about \$35. Each family is asked to pay a \$10 donation per night, but no one is turned away because of an inability to pay.

Items collected at the Salado Village Voice will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House by May 16, 2001.

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Presbyterian plans for Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, April 8, the children of the church will process down the aisle with the traditional palm branches singing "Palm Sunday Peace". A special music program is also being planned.

On Maunday Thursday, the church will share a simple fellowship meal in the manner of the Passover Meal shared by Jesus and the disciples. This meal is to be 6:30 p.m. April 12.

Following the meal, a sermon will be presented by The Reverend Marilyn Wedell-Legge titled *The Last Seven Words of Christ*.

This is a service planned for families and children. The public is invited and encouraged to participate. Childcare for very young children will be provided following the fellowship meal.

Regular meetings

Mondays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

Board meets 2nd Wed. 8 a.m. Mill Creek Community Association Board: 3rd Wed., 6 p.m., at Civic Center

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

Saturdays

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

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

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Dr. Larry Kemp speaks at Annual Community Sunrise Service at Pace Park.

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(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
 Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Texas joined local Masons in presenting the final shipment of books to the Salado Intermediate School Library. Local Masons have raised \$2,500 for the library with a matching grant of \$2,500. Grand Master of Texas Masons David B. Dibrell is shown above behind the books.

Masons present books to school

Grand Master of Texas David B. Dibrell joined Salado Lodge #296 Master Phillip Kabler in presenting books to Salado Intermediate School last week. Salado Masonic Lodge #296 raised \$2,500 for books in the Salado Intermediate School library, which was matched with a grant from the Waco Consistory of Scottish Rite Bodies.

Local Masons raised the \$2,500 with fish fries held in the spring of each year. Masons fried fish again March 31 to benefit the Communities in Schools program and lodge scholarships to local graduating seniors.

Local Masons who presented the books to Superintendent Robin Battershell, Principal Joe Palmer, Librarian Susan Shobe, school trustee Carse Williams and Salado fifth graders were the following: Master Phillip Kabler, Gerald Bridges, treasurer; Tim Rivers, PM, George Bushee, PM and Secretary; Bill Piper, PM, Coopwood Smith, PM, and Tim Fleischer, PM.

Representatives from the Grand Lodge of Texas and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Waco were these: Grand Master David B. Dibrell, Allen H. Tuell, Grand Marshal; Alton Deviney, Scottish Rite Americanism chair; Tom Young, District Deputy Grand Master for district 48; David Harris, Grand Historian; Michael Waldrop, General Secretary for Scottish Rite Bodies of Waco and Charles Bruce Smith, General Membership Chair for Scottish Rite Bodies.

Salado Masons have raised over \$15,000 for local organizations.

Aldermen may adopt more fees

Salado aldermen will meet 6:30 p.m. April 5 in the Salado Civic Center to consider setting franchise fees for waste disposal and cable television service among other items of business.

The board will also consider ordinances that will set a permit system for buildings and an establishing a system to permit outdoor burns within the village.

Aldermen will also receive updates on road maintenance, the village logo contest and the potential police department.

In new business, the board of aldermen will discuss an offer from the Salado Civic Center Foundation on the use of the Civic Center grounds for village offices. The board will weight this option with purchasing a building in the village.

The board will also approve a letter to the Texas Department of Transportation about the I-35 expansion.

Aldermen will approve a request for proposal for developing a comprehensive plan for growth and building within the village limits.

If you would like to address the board during the open portion of the meeting, please contact the village office at 947-5060 to be placed on the agenda.

The next meeting of the Board of Aldermen will be 6:30 p.m. April 19 at the Salado Civic Center.

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Salado High wins Championship in UIL Academics

Salado High School won the District 26AA Championship in UIL Academics. Salado came home with 413 points.

Calculator: Greg Dachs, 1st; Sarah Culver, 2nd; Clint Marshall, 3rd; Evan Clements, 5th.

Calculator Team: Dachs, Culver, Marshall, 1st.

Computer Applications: Ashley Kelley, 1st; Jeremiah Bradhurst, 2nd; Brian Miller, 4th.

Computer Science: Jeremiah Bradhurst and Dachs tied for 3rd; Clements, 6th.

Computer Science

Team: Bradhurst, Dachs, Clements, 1st.

Literary Criticism: Culver, 1st; Miller, 2nd; Brinn Newman, 3rd.

Literary Criticism Team: Culver, Miller, Newman, 1st.

Mathematics: Dachs, 1st; Culver, 2nd; Devon Rex, 3rd; Chris Ray, 4th.

Mathematics Team: Dachs, Culver, Rex, 1st.

Number Sense: Dachs, 1st; Ray, 2nd; Rex, 3rd; Miles Wallace tied for 4th.

Number Sense Team: Dachs, Ray, Rex, 1st.

Poetry: Adria Raley, 4th; Mandy Tsosie, 5th.

Prose: Hope Buchanan, 3rd.

Science: Lindsay Quirk, 3rd; Dachs, 4th.

Spelling: Jon Teer, 1st; Kelli Cook, 2nd; Stacy Blodgett, 3rd; Casandra Clark, 4th.

Spelling Team: Teer, Cook, Blodgett, 1st.

Ready Writing: Teer, 4th.

Feature Writing: Narissa Mohammed, 5th; Raley, 6th.

Headline Writing: Newman, 2nd; Cook, 5th.

News Writing: Tsosie, 2nd; Raley, 6th.

Editorial Writing: Culver, 5th.

CX Debate: Dachs, and Joanna Worden, 4th.

One Act Play: Gregory Dachs, Culver, Cook, Dustin Correa, Angela Hogwood, Jon McHaney, Elizabeth Dachs, 1st.

Individuals who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd and 1st place teams qualified for the Region IV Academic Meet which will be held in San Marcos, April 20-21. Salado High School has won the Region IV Academic Championship for three consecutive years.

Magic Marc and his Amazing Magication Machine appear April 14

Picture a room full of children all ages, all nationalities. They are glued to their seats with wide eyes and even wider smiles etched across their faces; their minds are poised like little sponges, ready and willing to absorb all of the important life-lessons enacted on the stage. Arid who's on the stage? Magic Marc and His Amazing Magication Machine!

April 14, at Abrams Physical Fitness Center, join Magic Marc, his six-

foot furry sidekick Showbiz, his singing and dancing assistants The Showstoppers, and his Menagerie-four lovable LIVE animals, as he entertains and educates children and adults alike. There will be two shows-the first one starts at 3 p.m. and is directed at younger children, the second show starts at 7 p.m. and is aimed towards older children and adults. Both shows are family oriented and focus on a combination of magic and education

Magication! - that is used to instill positive values, increase knowledge, and boost self-esteem. The second show has some high-level illusions that may be scary for the little ones.

Prices for the shows are \$5 per person for the 3 p.m. Kids' Show, and \$10 per person for the 7 p.m. Adults' Show. This exciting event is open to the public, so bring your kids, your friends, and your friends

kids! Tickets are available now through ITR, all Fort Hood Youth Centers, Renaissance Records, Under One Roof, and the Killeen Baby Food Center. Doors will open one hour before each show, so come early and prepare to be amazed!

For more information about Magic Marc and His Amazing Magication Machine and other MWR events, contact Abi Beaty at (254) 287-3580.

Cultural Activities Center organizes bus tour to visit Dallas Museum of Arts current exhibit of Henry Moore, Sculpting the 20th Century

The Friends of Visual Arts at the Cultural Activities Center is organizing a bus tour on April 21 to the Dallas Museum of Arts to see its current exhibit, "Henry Moore, Sculpting the 20th Century." Cost is \$30(\$28/senior). Admission fee includes the Antenna audio tour on compact disc.

Organized by the Dallas Museum of Art with the collaboration of the Henry Moore Foundation, this exhibition will be the first major retrospective of Moore's work to occur in the United States in almost 20 years. Covering

the artist's entire career, the retrospective focuses on Moore's seminal role in the evolution of early abstract art, stressing the artist's primary role as a carver and contributor to modernism.

Dallas is one of only three venues where the Moore Exhibit can be seen. When it closes on May 27, this major international exhibition will travel to the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, and to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

Additional exhibits are also on display, including

two at no additional cost.

See emerging artist Matthew Ritchie's "The Slow Tide," a visually stunning wall drawing representing a new chapter in the story of the creation and functioning of the universe. For Ritchie, knowledge of the intersection between systems such as art, religion, and science offers deep, rich insights into our complex world.

Through May 6, visitors may view "Thomas Moran and the Spirit of Place." Through paintings, watercolors, and lithographs, Thomas Moran celebrated the American west, high-

lighting areas that became national parks such as Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon, and introducing to the public some of the more remote and spectacular scenery in America. The bus will meet on the front steps of the CAC, April 21, leaving at 8 a.m. sharp, returning around 6-7 p.m. Those attending may bring a sack lunch, or visit one of several nearby eateries.

To register, call the Cultural Activities Center at (254)773-9926, or contact Visual Arts Coordinator Marilyn Ritchie.

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Boyd to marry Harris June 9

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Boyd of Salado, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Amy Boyd, to Caleb Michael Harris. Caleb is the son of Linda and Bobby Hardwick of Beaumont, and the late Jerry Harris.

Elizabeth is a 1997 graduate of Salado High School. She is a senior at Texas A&M University where she is majoring in Human Resource Management. She plans to graduate from Texas A&M in August. Boyd is employed by American Dance/Drill Team of Salado.

Caleb is a 1997 graduate of Westbrook High School in Beaumont. He is a senior



Elizabeth Amy Boyd & Caleb Michael Harris

at Texas A&M, majoring in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. He plans to graduate in December. Harris is employed by B&B Laboratories in College Station.

The couple plans a June 9 wedding at First Baptist Church of Salado.

Townsend passes away at age 93

Funeral services for Thelma Townsend, age 93 of Salado were held April 2 at the First Baptist Church in Salado with the Rev. Billy Johnson and Rev. Brian Dunks officiating. Burial followed at the Salado Cemetery.

Townsend died March 30, at a Bartlett nursing home.

Townsend was born October 25, 1907 in Bell County to Walter and Annie (Izard) Holt. She married William Leslie

Townsend December 23, 1926. Townsend was a member of the First Baptist Church in Salado where she taught Sunday school for many years. She was preceded in death by her husband and a daughter, Joleen Townsend.

Survivors include two sons, Weldon Townsend and wife Shirley of Round Rock and Bruce Townsend and wife Ellen of Pensacola, Florida; one daughter, Virginia Guess and hus-

band James of Salado; one brother, Walter "Pete" Holt of Rockport; two sisters, Wilma Saage and Dorothy Lorenz both of Bartlett; 6 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Building Fund at the First Baptist Church in Salado.

Dossman Funeral Home of Belton was in charge of the arrangements.

Methodist to add fourth Sunday morning service

Salado United Methodist Church will offer a 4th Sunday Morning Service beginning Easter, 15 April.

The Service will be from 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. The Worship Service will not be as formal as the

other three morning worship services as it will be built around praise and worship music. The pastor will conduct the service.

Presently, Salado United Methodist offers 3 Worship Services: 8, 9,

and 11 a.m. Each service is 45 minutes. Sunday School will remain at 10 a.m.

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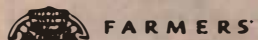
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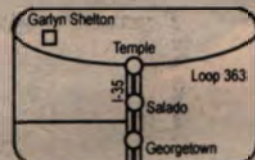
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Dr. Kemp speaks at Annual Community Easter Sunrise Service in Pace Park

The annual community wide Easter Sunrise service will be 7 a.m. April 15 at the Pace Park Pavilion. The Cedar Valley Singers under the direction of Donnie Jackson will bring the special music. Those assisting with the music are: Jerry Sanders, Judy Taylor, Clayton Capps, Linda Jackson, and Syble Wallace.

Dr. Skip Blancett, Salado United Methodist minister, will bring the welcome and invocation.

Dr. Leroy Kemp, of Salado will bring the message. Those planning to attend should dress warmly and bring their folding chairs.

Dr. Leroy Kemp is a Native of Bell County. He graduated from Temple High School in 1948. Dr.

Kemp Earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Baylor University and a Doctorate of Theology from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft. Worth.

He has been a pastor for 32 years, 20 of those at the First Baptist Church in Belton.

Dr. Kemp has been past President of the Belton Lions Club, Director and Drive Chairman for United Way of Central Texas, Vice President of the Belton Chamber of Commerce. In 1972, he was honored as the Belton Man of the Year and in 1987 he was named Outstanding Citizen.

He is presently a Professor of Religion at the University of Mary Hardin Baylor and serves as the Interim Pastor of First Baptist Church of Florence.



Dr. Larry Kemp

Second Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be April 7

All children 10 and under are to be at the Civic Center 3 p.m. April 7 to gather over 1,000 eggs. There will be special areas for each age group to hunt. An adult must accompany each child.

The event, hosted by the Salado United Methodist Church, is provided by Brookshire Brothers, Village Pharmacy, Cathy's Boardwalk Cafe, Charlottes of Salado, Dry Wall System Inc. and Paul and Jean White. There will be prizes for the best decorated egg.

The Easter Bunny will make a guest appearance. Artists will offer face painting for children.

The entire community is invited to the Second Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. In case of rain, the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 14.

Stations of the Cross presented by St. Stephens Youth Ministry

St. Stephens Catholic Church will hold Mass 6 p.m. April 6. At 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross will be presented by Youth Ministry.

A pancake Supper will follow at 7:30 p.m. Donations will be directed to the youth. Funds will aid youth in attending rallies and conventions.

The public is invited to participate.

Republican Women meet April 12

The monthly meeting for the Salado Republican Women will be held 6:30 p.m. April 12 at the Salado Civic Center. The featured speaker will be Judge George Dulany who will be speaking on parliamentary procedure.

The dinner will be catered by Sherry Bonnett of Texas House Bed and Breakfast. The menu will include roasted turkey or smoked ham with cornbread dressing; sweet potato casserole; green bean crunch casserole; green salad, bread and dessert of chocolate or Italian cream cake. The cost for the dinner will be \$12 and will be collected at the door. Reservations must be made by noon April 10 by contacting Barclay McCort at 947-3617 or bam2@flash.net

The public is invited to the meeting but reservations are necessary for the meal. Information on joining the local group is available from LeNora Miller at 947-8556.

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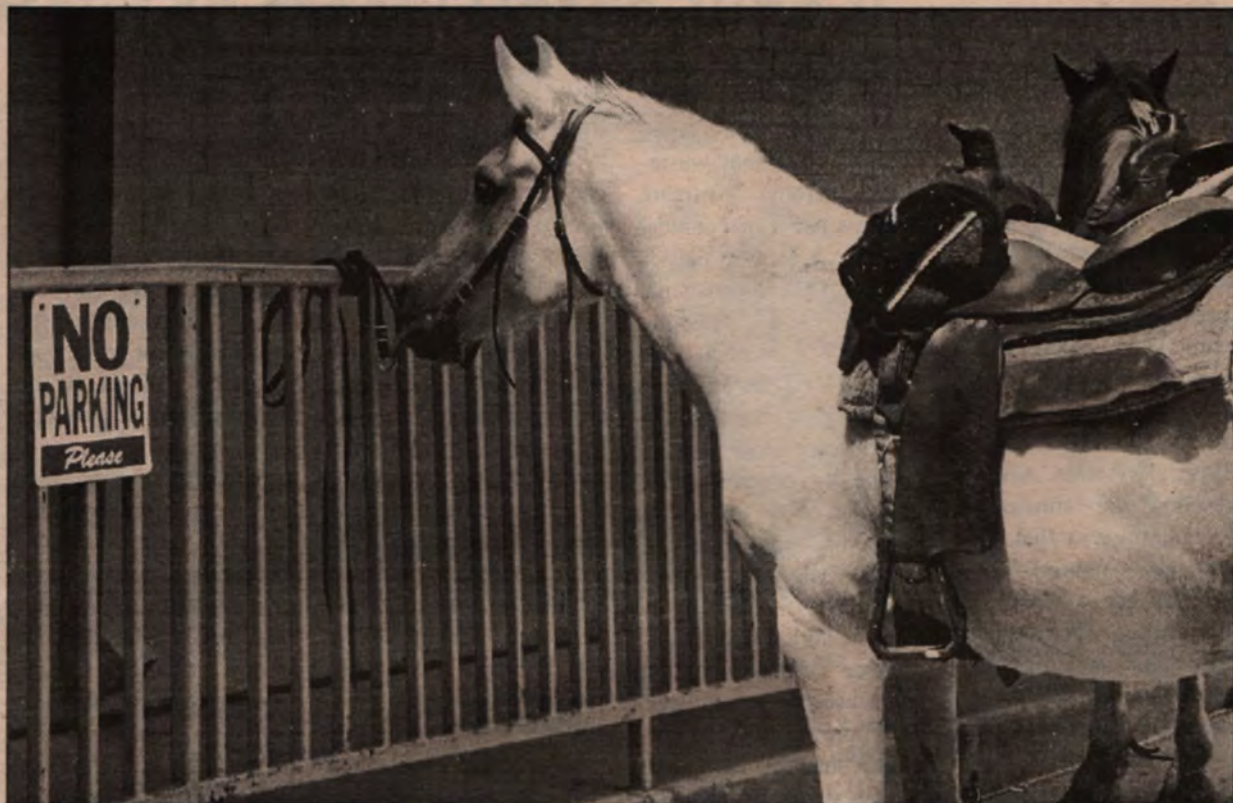
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Texas A&M Agronomist analysis the planting situation in Central Texas

JAMES DAVIS
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT

The following is a notice sent out by Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Professor and Extension Agronomist at Texas A&M University about the planting situation in Central Texas.

The window of opportunity is quickly closing for farmers in Central and North Texas looking to plant the 2001 corn crop. Continuous rainfall throughout early spring has saturated fields, forcing farmers to sit idle and delay planting.

The optimum window, from a calendar standpoint, has already past for corn planting in much of Central and North Texas. We are in a window of time in which the effect of delayed planting on potential yield of corn is anybody's call.

After April 1, it's definitely downhill. If we get another significant rain this week, we're done. We're past the point where they can get into the field again.

The early planting of

corn is critical in relation to achieving optimum yields, according to a four-year study conducted by Coffman Test trials in College Station and Thrall used hybrid corn with three different maturity rates (medium-early to medium maturity, medium-late maturity and late maturity).

The study examined the following: How much reduction in yield potential is to be expected due to delayed planting time? If there is a delay in planting date due to weather, is there a point where a farmer should reconsider the maturity of hybrid they are using?

Between mid-February and mid-April, a total of six different planting dates were used. The objective was to make the first planting 10 days before the optimum planting date for the test area and continue using 10-day intervals in the study.

The results from Thrall

test trials indicated the highest grain yield was obtained each year either from the first or second planting date-usually in mid to late February. The grain yields for all later dates were lower than mid to late February plantings -with significantly lower yields obtained when the corn was planted in late March or in early April.

The yield results at Thrall indicated producers in Central Texas planting their corn in the last week of February or the first week of March are most likely to optimize their yields.

When we look at those four years of data, as a farmer postpones or delays planting past the optimum window for a given location, yields begin decreasing modestly at first, then greatly reduced even later up to five, even six bushels per acre per week.

Current conditions in the Brazos Bottom are not as bad as in the Central and North Texas area. Many

farmers placed large orders of corn seed earlier this year, as grain prices for corn generally are more favorable than for sorghum. But if planting continues to be delayed, they may opt for sorghum seed instead.

Very little corn has been planted in the Brazos Bottom. As you move west and north through Temple, Bell, Milam, those crops are normally planted a long time ago. In Williamson County, very little has been planted. Basically, the Blacklands remains unplanted at this time.

But even the corn that is in the ground, and coming up, is so yellow, it's struggling to stay alive. Warmer temperatures and full sunshine will be very beneficial to the emerged crop.

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April 6: Cinnamon Rolls, Baked Ham, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

April 9: French Toast Stix, Baked Ham, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

April 10: Ham, egg & Cheese Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

April 4: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Pineapple, Hoagie, Baked Potato, Milk

April 5: Nachos with Ground Beef, Corn, Fruit, Cornbread, Hoagie, Baked Potato, Milk

April 6: Cheeseburger, Salad, French Fries, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Baked Potato, Milk

April 9: Chicken Nuggets, Crisscut Potato, Peaches, Hot Roll, Sugar Cookies, Hoagie, Baked Potato, Milk

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used for spray disposal. To supply the oxygen necessary to treat wastewater, aerobic treatment systems use a mechanical blower or aerator that is operated by a control panel located in a basement, crawl space, or on an outside wall. Pumps and controls for the spray disposal system are also a part of the treatment system. Because of the mechanical components involved, aerobic treatment systems must be serviced by a factory authorized maintenance professional at least three times per year. This preventive maintenance insures that the wastewater being disposed is safe and can be applied to your lawns and shrubbery.

If you have an aerobic unit and need to locate a factory certified technician, check the inside cover of the system's control panel. The name and phone number of the company providing service to your system should always be on the control panel. Your local health department can also direct you to a qualified service technician. When the service technician arrives for routine service, he will check all mechanical components to insure that they are operating properly, thoroughly inspect all sprinkler heads and test the treatment system to insure that it meets Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission requirements.

Lastly, system maintenance also includes filling the system with chlorine tablets to reduce levels of potentially harmful bacteria before it is disposed of onto the lawn. This is especially critical in wet spring weather when the ground may be saturated with water. Purchasing chlorine tablets and refilling the chlorinator is usually up to the homeowner. Only use calcium hypo chlorite tablets labeled for wastewater treatment. Do not use tablets or sticks sold for swimming pools. The wrong type of disinfecting tablet can harm your lawn and possibly cause a fire or explosion. The correct type of wastewater chlorine tablets are available in 10 pound pails from major home improvement stores, hardware stores, or can be ordered online through www.norweco.com.

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Wyoming. This is part of an ongoing workload redistribution among the ten IRS centers. When it is completed next year, two centers will process all business tax returns and the other eight will process individual tax returns.

This year, individual taxpayers in 12 states are sending their returns to a different IRS center than they have in the past. The states are Alaska, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, West Virginia and

Taxpayers should also take care to send their federal tax return in the IRS envelope and their state return in the envelope addressed to their state tax agency. Each year, the IRS and the state agencies receive thousands of returns that should have gone to the other. Although the agencies forward the returns to their proper destinations, taxpayers may find their refunds delayed because of their mistakes.

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black specks are producing spores which will spread the disease to other plants, if left untreated.

Low levels of this fungus usually cause little more than cosmetic damage. However, they are a source for future infections. Also, severe infections cause early and heavy defoliation, greatly reducing the landscape screening value and increasing the plant's sensitivity to cold injury, other diseases and insects. Isolated healthy plants or hedges often remain healthy since the fungal spores only splash over short distances.

Several cultural practices reduce the chance for disease. Space plants to improve air circulation around them and to pro-

mote rapid drying of leaves.

If it's necessary to water plants, do it in the early morning so the leaves dry quickly. Drip or flood irrigation is another method to keep the leaves dry. Watering in the evening extends the period of leaf wetness and this encourages disease development.

Fallen diseased leaves must be removed as they are a source of future infections. This disease cannot be effectively managed without their removal.

Do not water or fertilize more than necessary to avoid promotion of excess new growth, which is more susceptible to disease.

During extended cool, wet periods, protective fungicide sprays may be

necessary to control Entomosporium leaf spot. Fungicides also may be necessary whenever there is abundant new growth. No fungicides are needed or should be applied during hot, dry periods. For fungicides to be effective, there must be thorough coverage of the foliage. Use of surfactants will improve coverage. Start fungicide sprays when the disease first appears. Don't wait until the disease is out of control.

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Have you noticed spots on your red tipped Photinia and Indian Hawthorns? They are caused by a fungus called Entomosporium.

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John owned and managed Saringer Mechanical Contractors in Dallas for many years. He and Toby also enjoyed working together on their ranch.

Toby Saringer, Class of 1937, was a schoolteacher, and she organized the preschool program at Buckner Home for Children in Dallas. Toby was named outstanding alumna in 1972, served as a university sponsor for the 1970 Crusade for Christ in Japan, and attended the Baptist World Alliance meetings in Stockholm, Sweden, and Alaska. She was a member of the

alumni council and a trustee, serving two years as vice-chairperson.

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor is full of

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Special considerations for aging female patients

The best time to manage the health risks associated with menopause may be before they happen.

It is essential for women to educate themselves about what's involved in managing their health before menopause, say experts at The Hormone Foundation, a non-profit public education organization.

Hormones are responsible for many of the body's normal everyday functions. Menopause, which is the time of life when ovaries stop making the female hormones, estrogen and progesterone, should be a concern to women because they are losing the beneficial effects that estrogen has on their body, particularly the bones and possibly the heart.

Symptoms of menopause can include hot flashes, problems with sex, problems with the bladder, itching or dryness in the vagina, and mood

problems. Health risks of menopause include weak bones and a stronger likelihood for heart problems.

Opinion Research Corporation International recently conducted a survey on behalf of The Hormone Foundation, asking women whether they had any concerns about going through menopause. The concern most frequently mentioned was hot flashes (35 percent). In the same survey, 60 percent of the respondents expressed no health concerns about menopause.

According to Dr. Robert Jaffe, President of The Hormone Foundation and Director of The Center for Reproductive Sciences, "the survey results suggest that most women are more concerned about the symptoms of menopause rather than the serious health problems that may affect a woman's body during and after menopause."

Medical experts stress that women must learn

more about the physical changes that the body goes through during menopause and the associated health problems, such as osteoporosis and heart disease.

"While women may feel comfortable about raising the issue of menopause with their health care provider, they may not be fully aware of enough of the health issues to ask the right questions and have the most beneficial conversation with their doctor," said Dr. Jaffe. "However, there are many proactive steps women can take before the onset of menopause."

For example, to minimize the risk of heart disease and osteoporosis, which rises after menopause, medical experts suggest that women eat a low-fat diet, quit smoking, cut down on alcoholic drinks, take a low-dose aspirin every day, keep their cholesterol and body weight low, and take 1500 mg of calcium every day

(a mix of dairy products and calcium).

In addition, many doctors recommend that women take hormone replacement therapy to help combat these health risks.

The Hormone Foundation produces free educational materials on menopause and other hormone-related health issues. The latest publication on menopause is *Menopause: Managing Your Body's Changes*.

To learn more about menopause and to order these publications, call 1-800-HORMONE or visit www.hormone.org.

Founded in 1997, The Hormone Foundation is the public education affiliate of the Endocrine Society.

Disclaimer: It is important to seek the advice of your family doctor or a specialist, such as a reproductive endocrinologist, to help you make informed decisions about your health

Scott & White Sleep Disorder Center presents the common types of sleeping disorders

Daylight savings time, this year beginning on April 1, brings yawns to many because of that "lost hour" of sleep.

The sun will still rise, but the clock of society will be an hour ahead as we "spring forward." The annual experience causes many to feel sluggish and tired for a few days, but it gives most of us an idea of how people with sleep disorders feel everyday.

"Sleep is an important part of life, essential for everyone's mental and physical restoration," said Francisco Perez-Guerra, M.D., F.C.C.P., director of the Scott & White Sleep Disorders Center. "People with sleep disorders can suffer from a wide range of problems, such as impaired concentration and falling asleep on the job. They are also at higher risk for accidents and the health consequences can be severe."

Dr. Perez-Guerra says the most common complaints of patients with sleep disorders are: excessive daytime sleepiness; difficulty falling asleep and/or remaining asleep; parasomnias (things that go

bump in the night, including sleep walking); and circadian problems (related to the sleep wake cycle, including jet lag and shift work disorder). The trick he adds, is to find out what is the cause of the symptoms that bring a patient to see the doctor.

Among the common types of sleeping disorders are:

* Sleep Apnea- a pause in breathing. Apnea is more frequent in the obese and can occur at any age and both sexes. Key symptoms are habitual snoring and daytime sleepiness.

* Narcolepsy- associated with episodes of transient muscle weakness precipitated most frequently by laughter. Treatment of narcolepsy has improved dramatically in the last few years and should not be confused with sleep apnea since the treatments are very different.

* Insomnia- difficulty in falling asleep or remaining asleep. The causes can be psychiatric like anxiety, depression, stress or medical problems like restless legs syndrome or chronic pain. Many with insomnia

have neither a medical nor a psychiatric explanation for their symptoms.

* Parasomnias includes sleep walking and sleep terrors. While harmless in most occasions, some can cause bodily harm to the patient and even the bed partner.

Accredited by the American Sleep Disorders Association, the Scott & White Sleep Disorders Center is staffed and equipped to evaluate and treat patients of all ages with a wide range of sleep problems. It consists of a sleep clinic for initial evaluation, a sleep laboratory, and consultants in a wide variety of specialties.

In most cases, the primary-care physician determines the need for a referral to the sleep disorders specialist.

For more information, call the Pulmonary Clinic at 724-2554. To schedule an appointment, call the Sleep Disorders Laboratory at 724-3227 or (800) 792-3710.

Sidebar:

For most people, some simple guidelines are a restful night:

* Wake up about the same time every day.

* Make sure your bed is dark and well ventilated.

* Establish relaxing pre-sleep rituals, such as a warm bath, a light bedtime snack or 10 minutes of reading.

* Exercise regularly. If you exercise vigorously, do this at least six hours before bedtime. Mild exercise can be done up to four hours before bedtime.

* Maintain regular times for meals, taking medications, doing chores and other activities. This helps keep your "inner clock" running smoothly.

* Avoid caffeine and alcohol four-to-six hours before bedtime and when you are sleepy. Tiredness can intensify the effects of alcohol.

* If you smoke, cut down your use of cigarettes during the day and avoid smoking close to bedtime.

* If you take naps, try to do so at the same time every day. However, sleeping too much during the day can interfere with getting to sleep at bedtime.

Are you getting enough calcium in your diet?

In order for our bodies to function properly, we must consume foods that have adequate vitamins and minerals. Vitamins are organic-compounds that function as metabolic regulators in the body; minerals are organic substances needed in the diet in small

amounts to help regulate bodily functions.

Calcium is a mineral that, when it is deficient, people associate with osteoporosis. This is a disorder, primarily affecting women, in which bone density decreases and sus-

ceptibility to fractures increases.

Calcium functions in the body to produce strong bones, teeth and muscle tissue; it helps regulate heartbeat, promote muscle action and nerve function, and regulates blood clot-

ting. Although this mineral is so important, the average American female consumes only 500 milligrams of calcium daily, well below the recommended 1,000 milligrams for men and women age 19-50.

Texas Medical Association joins Physicians and Medical societies in Federal racketeering suit against for-profit managed care plans

Texas Medical Association, the country's largest state medical society, today announced it is joining class action lawsuits that allege serious violations of federal anti-racketeering laws by two of the state's largest for-profit health plans.

TMA's suit alleges that Humana and CIGNA have purposefully enriched themselves as part of a scheme to defraud physicians and their patients. TMA is joining its sister medical societies in California and Georgia, as well as the Denton County Medical Society and 20 individual physicians in California, Alabama, Colorado, Kentucky, Florida, Georgia, and Texas in consolidated suits whose defendants include Humana, CIGNA, Aetna, Wellpoint, Foundation, and PacifiCare.

"Physicians from coast to coast are standing up to these investor-driven managed care giants and saying, 'Stop. You're spoiling our profession. You're hurting our patients.

You're destroying the physician-patient relationship. Our duty lies in what's best for our patients, not in what's best for the insurance companies' bottom line," TMA President Dr. Jim Rohack said at a news conference in the History of Medicine gallery at TMA's Austin headquarters building.

Dr. Rohack stressed that the 37,000-member professional association entered the legal action reluctantly, after more than a decade of helping to draft strong patient protection laws in Texas, working with state and federal regulatory agencies, and lobbying for a comprehensive federal Patients' Bill of Rights.

"We are backed into a corner," he said. "This is our Alamo. This is our last chance to halt these HMOs' predatory and destructive business practices that cannot be remedied through the well-worn paths to the Legislature, the Congress, and the regulatory agencies."

The lawsuits, currently consolidated under a U.S.

district judge in Miami, seek an injunction that will compel the health plans to comply with all state and federal laws.

"We want these plans to stop the practice of putting profits first," Dr. Rohack said. "The association is seeking only injunctive relief from this industry, we just want it to stop shaking down the physicians who have earned an honest fee. We want this industry to stop hiding among a confusing and contradictory morass of state and federal laws. We want it to stop extorting us to do its dirty work."

The TMA president emphasized that the goal of the lawsuits is not to destroy HMOs, but rather to force the plans to manage care as well as costs, and to help rather than hinder physicians' efforts to provide high-quality curative and preventive medical care to their patients.

"We're looking for a few good plans," he said. "We want managed care to be all that it can be."

Archie Lamb of Birmingham, Alabama, co-lead counsel in the case, said he was very pleased that TMA and the Medical Association of Georgia had joined the other plaintiffs today.

"We have today filed our complaint in conformity with the court's order," Mr. Lamb said. "We welcome as additional plaintiffs several individual physicians and two more of the nation's most-influential medical association. Their presence in this lawsuit is a resounding reaffirmation of medicine's resolve in this matter.

Texas Medical Association is a professional organization of nearly 37,000 physician and medical student members. It is located in Austin and has 118 component county medical societies around the state. The Association represents 85 percent of the doctors of medicine licensed and residing in Texas. TMA's key objective is to improve the health of all Texans.

Physicians and spouses invade Austin to support patient protection

More than 150 physicians and their spouses from around the state will convene in Austin on Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss important health issues with their legislators, offer health screenings, and showcase community service projects during Texas Medical Association's Capitol Salute.

During the two-day event, sponsored by TMA and the TMA Alliance, physicians and Alliance members will make personal visits to legislators' offices in an effort to seek to educate them about important health issues including the need to simplify Medicaid enrollment and fund the Texas

Cancer Registry.

They also will talk with lawmakers about legislation that would require managed care plans to pay physicians in a timely manner and to reduce the number of baseless, frivolous lawsuits filed against physicians.

"Legislators face a steep challenge when confronting some very complex health care issue," said Robert Gunby, MD, a Dallas obstetrician who chairs TMA's Political Action Committee. "As physicians, we think it's important to help our senators and representatives understand the impact their actions have on our

patients and the practice of medicine."

In conjunction with Capitol Salute, the organizations also will sponsor Capital Check-Up, a health fair that takes place in the lower Capitol rotunda, Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Representatives of county medical societies and alliances from across Texas, as well as several state medical specialty societies, will provide information about cholesterol, diabetes, and skin cancer screenings; breast cancer risk assessment; organ donation; and many others health-related issues of interest to the public.

Since 1989, Capitol Check-Up has offered medical tests and screenings, free of charge, to members of the Legislature, their staffs and to Capitol visitors during each legislative session.

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TMA Alliance is a 9,000-member organization of physicians' spouses engaged in community service and advocacy projects on behalf of medicine and medical patients.

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An Open Exchange of Ideas

Work of Texas senate on track

By Lt. Gov. BILL RATLIFF

When I was elected to serve as Lieutenant Governor by the Texas Senate in December, my goal was to bring order, efficiency and leadership to my role as presiding officer without the personal statewide agenda Texans normally expect from their officials in Austin. After all, my new dual role as Lieutenant Governor and Senator is unique -- without the historical precedent that often guides government in uncharted waters.

Midway through the biennial legislative session, I am pleased to report that the work of the Senate in 2001 is on schedule. Although many capitol insiders feared the decennial chore of redistricting would mean a legislative logjam, we have been able to get down to the business of serving Texans even more quickly than last session.

Budget issues have taken center stage with enormous legislative and public support for a state health insurance plan for Texas teachers, efforts to expand medical care to more uninsured children, pay raises for our prison guards who have been overlooked often in our criminal justice system, and pay raises for our state social workers who are on the front lines protecting abused and neglected children, our elderly, and other Texans who cannot care for themselves -- all crucial areas that are seriously threatened by shortages and high employee turnover rates.

Road construction and other transportation needs are other areas that have captured the attention of senators who are well aware of the need to improve the Texas highway system and relieve the traffic congestion that is choking so many parts of our state. Proposals for more toll roads and other funding methods are percolating in the Capitol along with plans to improve the safety of commercial trucks that have surged through Texas since North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect in 1994.

Criminal justice reform is another issue that is getting statewide attention it deserves. A bill giving prisoners the right to request DNA testing on biological evidence passed the Senate in February by a unanimous vote. Other important legislation under consideration would guarantee indigent defendants the right to the competent counsel equal justice demands, and another bill

senators are working on would give Texas juries the option of sentencing criminals to life in prison without the possibility of parole as an alternative to the death penalty.

The Senate also has been working diligently on election and campaign reform and recently passed a bill that would reform Texas election law to ban the use of punch card ballots and mechanical voting booths and replace those antiquated systems with new technology that would be phased in equally throughout Texas counties. Among other changes designed to improve fairness and accountability in our election systems, the bill also requires political candidates to report more detailed information to the Texas Ethics Commission and lowers the minimum amount on campaign contributions and expenses that must be reported to the state.

Once the current session ends on Memorial Day, preparations for the next one will begin. And during the interim, I firmly believe the Legislature needs to readdress one of the toughest issues the Legislature has ever had to tackle -- public school finance.

The recapture plan Texas is using today was passed in 1993 to get our public schools out of court while avoiding a state income tax. This stop-gap strategy, which was designed to bring more equity to the state's system of school finance, was never meant to be anything more than a quick remedy to address a critical problem, and current data shows it is approaching the end of its useful life. Texas House Speaker Pete Laney agrees with me, and we plan to adopt a joint commission to study new ways the state can fund public schools in the future that will be fair and equitable and remain legal under the Texas Constitution -- using the valuable time before the next legislative session to give this important issue the careful time and attention it deserves.

As Lieutenant Governor, I am proud of the members of the Texas Senate. They continue the time-honored tradition of working hard on the issues our state is facing while keeping the best interests of all Texans close to heart. There is truly no greater honor than to be chosen to serve as Lieutenant Governor by the men and women Texans have elected to represent them at their State Capitol.

McCain-Feingold campaign bill clears Senate. Is Bush reversing stance?

The McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2001, sailed out of the Senate Monday following two weeks of oftentimes rancorous debate. Senators John McCain (R-Arizona) and Russ Feingold, (D-Wisconsin), after six long years of toiling in the political vineyards, finally moved enough votes in the evenly divided upperhouse to approve a measure that is a major "first-step" towards righting a longstanding wrong in American politics - namely the debilitating influence that uncorralled money has on elected officials from a President on down to the County Hide Inspector.

Despite the conniving of top lobby "lap-dog" Senator Mitch McConnell, (R-Kentucky), who for years successfully fought off all attempts to reform the way we finance campaigns in America, the Senate closed the door on "soft money" which is unregulated while doubling the regulated "hard money" individual donation up to \$2000. The bill also forces labor and industry to abide by the newly regulated rules concerning contributions - a major coup in and of itself.

McConnell's final shot to his colleagues was: "This bill is stunningly stupid"! We presume he knows this from first hand personal experience!

We will see what happens to this excellent piece of legislation over in the House and then worry about President Bush's newly adopted "flip-flopping" attitude towards major issues. He once stated unequivocally that he would sign any campaign finance bill that comes out of Congress. Now he says - he will "wait and see if the bill improves the system" - which is code for "maybe".

TANGLED WEB WEAVED

BY PRO&CON REFORMERS

What is not generally known, but widely believed in Washington, is the sub rosa "gentleman's agreement" between President Bush, House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Majority Whip Tom Delay to "kill the campaign reform bill - if at all possible".

Tough assignment since the only way to stop the momentum of this reform movement is to weaken it so badly in conference that it gives Bush a hundred reasons to veto and survive politically.

Adding to the danger of this coyness by the White House, is an abiding fear that if any attempt to sabotage the McCain-Feingold bill surfaces, Senate minority leader Tom Daschle (D-S.D.) will use his carefully controlled reform coalition (all 50 democrats and a handful of moderate GOPers) to kill the Bush budget which has his tax cut deeply entrenched in it.

This would be a political disaster for Bush II and he knows it - so the trick is to gut McCain-Feingold without leaving fingerprints. If this appears impossible the plotters will back off and the reform bill will be signed as a disingenuous favor to McCain and Daschle in order to preserve the questionable tax cut.

Talk about a tangled web being weaved. Bush and his gang need to be reminded they are playing a devious and politically dangerous game with the loser expected to receive major body part burns!

I-35 EXPANSION COULD HURT SALADO

One of the State Highway Department's current ideas - termed a "narrow" option, would close all the interstate's on-off ramps through the middle of Salado. This explosive information sent cold shivers up and down the collective backs of merchants whose very livelihood comes primarily

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



"OH, WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE,
WHEN FIRST WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE!"

SIR WALTER SCOTT

from tourists who currently find it easy to exit I-35 and shop 'til they drop in our fair village.

Hopefully there will be enough howls expressed through the formal complaint structure designed by TxDot, as well as pressure exerted by our politicians to cause engineers to cancel the "narrow" option as part of the multi-billion dollar expansion of the NAFTA roadway. The alternate "wide" option would at least allow cars to have a few off-ramps through the center of Salado rather than providing entryways only at FM 2484 (north) and FM 2268 (south).

This is an eight year project but final decisions are imminent - so organizationally, a strong public supported approach would be the best route to take in this matter - as was exhibited by our City, Chamber and Business Association leaders during a recent highway hearing.

Best way to kill a thriving community is to cut off highway access which appears to be one "not-so-good" option being considered by the highway planners.

AMA & BAR ON BUSH BAD LIST

No one with reasonable awareness of today's political scene questioned Bush's decision to eliminate the American Bar Association's participation in vetting candidates for federal judicial appointments - effective immediately.

After all, lawyers - particularly trial attorneys, (who most conservatives consider pettifoggers of the first water), are not in high repute among White House Bushies.

In addition to generally supporting Democratic candidates, trial barristers spend most of their waking hours suing business, government and industry on behalf of workers and consumers. A real GOP "no-no"!

However - when Bush snubbed the annual American Medical Association's convention two weeks ago, it was apparent that a new group was being added to the list of those not scheduled to receive White House Christmas cards this year or anything else for that matter.

Why? Simple as Simon - the AMA has been on that attack against many Health Maintenance Organizations for what the doctors consider a "profit over patient care" mentality. Battling these insurance HMO giants and their "bean counting" decision makers over control of patient treatment - has caused the AMA to not only enter into legal suits against HMOs, but a number of doctors have committed the "unpardonable sin" of forming unions to fight the HMO's medical decision making power - power that doctors feel should be theirs alone.

This defection by solid conservative medicos will not be tolerated by the Bush administration, due in large measure to the fact that the nation's HMOs are near the top of the Bush financial support list.

And this is "pay back" time.
Ergo - "arrivederci" AMA and "howdy-do" HMOs!

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Cross Border Lottery Scams

By: JOHN CORNYN,
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ASK THE AG



JOHN CORNYN

Q. Recently, my mother received a large check in the mail with a letter informing her that she had won a lottery in Canada. She enters lots of sweepstakes and lotteries, but she doesn't remember entering this one. I keep telling her it is a scam. Is it?

A: Unfortunately, it probably is. The Consumer Protection Division of my office is receiving an increasing number of complaints about foreign lottery scams, many of them originating in Canada. The scams take many forms, including sweepstakes and prize promotions.

One Canadian consumer protection agency reports that Texas has one of the highest rates of consumer victims in the United States. In 2000, there were 249 reported incidents of consumers sending an average of \$5,300 to Canada because of scams.

Canadian authorities estimate that on any given day, 200 to 600 telemarketing rooms that specialize in these scams are in operation.

Sadly, the number of victims who file reports is probably a fraction of those who are scammed. Many are elderly and are embarrassed to have been taken advantage of. They don't want their family and friends to know that they have lost money.

SCAMS

The types of scams reported fall into several categories, including foreign lottery winnings and money recovery programs.

In one version of the foreign lottery scam, the victim receives a phone call from an enthusiastic telemarketer saying that he or she has won the Canadian lottery. The victim is then told to wire money to cover taxes to an account and that as soon as the wire is received, he or she will receive a prize. Unfortunately, there is no lottery and the money is never seen again.

In a variation on this theme, the telemarketer asks the victim for his or her bank account numbers so that the winnings can be deposited directly. Instead, the victim ends up with an empty bank account.

Victims of these scams report that one of the rea-

sons they fell for the con was the professionalism of the caller. The scam artists are so enthusiastic and friendly that victims let their guard down.

In another version of the scam, the victim receives a letter announcing that he or she has won the Canadian lottery and a check for a large amount. After the victim deposits the check, he or she is immediately contacted and informed that taxes are owed for the winnings and told to send a check or wire transfer to a location outside the United States. The prize check is eventually returned as counterfeit, and the victim is out the amount that he or she has sent in "taxes."

Sadly, many victims of these scams are revictimized by recovery schemes. The victim is contacted by a "recovery center," usually operated by the same con artists who run the lottery scams, and informed that, for a fee, the company can recover the lost money.

The victim sends off \$500 in hopes of recovering his or her money, only to never hear from the recovery center again.

PREVENTION

If someone calls you asking for your bank account numbers to deposit a prize, HANG UP. If you have received a lottery check from Canada, or from any lottery you don't remember entering, be very suspicious.

Canadian law enforcement agencies are working together to combat these scams.

Project PhoneBusters accepts complaints about these scams. For more information, visit the Project PhoneBusters Website at www.phonebusters.com.

You can call PhoneBusters at (888) 495-8501. If you have received one of these offers, or lost money, you can report it to PhoneBusters by sending an e-mail to info@phonebusters.com.

Remember, anything that sounds too good to be true, including foreign lotteries, probably is.

By CHARLES SIMS
OWNER, SPIRIT LIQUOR STORES

Our state legislature is currently involved in a heated debate about whether or not wineries should be allowed to sell alcohol directly to Texas consumers over the Internet or through a toll free telephone order. While I value our state's wine industry and feel fortunate to maintain good relationships with many in state and out of state vineyards, two myths about the distribution of alcohol must be addressed.

Every day, six days a week, 52 weeks a year, I put my business, my employees, and my reputation on the line so that my company will successfully outsmart the 13,000 kids in my community who regularly try to obtain alcohol from my stores. However, two bills at the Texas Legislature House Bills 892 and 1046 would make a mockery of my efforts by allowing companies to sell alcohol over the Internet and through toll-free numbers. While the bills says companies should ensure that cheap wine does not fall into the hands of minors, they do not contain sufficient enforcement mechanisms-particularly for out-of-state companies who are already in the business of illegally selling alcohol to anyone who has a credit card and checks a box on a Web site "promising" that they are 21 years old. It is an unfair and unsafe discrepancy to not hold these companies to the same strict rules and penalties that I face every day.

I admit that I have a business interest in this debate; however, I truly believe there are valid public health concerns about the direct-to-consumer sale of alcohol. Today, Internet commerce, especially for highly regulated products such as alcohol, cannot ensure that companies who break the law are held accountable. This lack of e-tailer accountability is in stark contrast to the very strict regulations that are placed on licensed Texas retailers - who can face significant fines, loss of our annual license, and even jail time for infractions

against Texas's "zero tolerance" policy when it comes to kids buying alcohol.

The debate is not about high-end wine sales that won't interest minors. On the contrary, this debate is about both high-end and low-end sales of all types of alcohol that underage children will most definitely take advantage of. If our Texas Legislature allows direct shipments of wine, our state is starting down the slippery slope with liquor and beer. After all, Internet companies have already shown a willingness to violate our state's laws by selling illegally into Texas.

I challenge every member of our Texas Legislature to order a bottle of alcohol off the Internet in the name of an underage daughter, nephew, or grandchild and see if the delivery is made. Choose from one the hundreds of sites boasting low cost, distilled spirits, and I assure you, you will have a delivery made to your home with just a few clicks of the mouse. Out of state shippers will tell you that a credit card guarantees that the recipient is of legal drinking age. Yet, I am sure we all know teenagers who have access to credit cards these days. It is a rare 18 year old college student who does not have a credit card.

Why would Texas vote to allow "unaccountable" and "anonymous" retailers to provide alcohol to minors?

My company works hard to stop underage access to alcohol. Our stores, like many licensed Texas's retailers, invest significant time and money to ensure that Texas's zero tolerance policies are upheld. For example, we require that each of our employees attend a Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) training class before ever stepping foot behind the counter. My employees also go through an in house training supplement to the TABC course, to make certain they obtain a complete understanding of my company's strict policies regarding sales to minors.

In addition, I've hired

off duty police officers to patrol my stores, believing their presence will prevent minors from obtaining alcohol. In the last two years, my company has spent over \$12,000 to ensure that minors are not sold alcohol in my facilities. The officers site approximately three to four minors each night for attempting to purchase alcohol from our stores.

We keep track of upcoming events where minors will inevitably try to purchase. We start gearing up about three weeks early for the onslaught of high school kids preparing for prom nights, rush week, spring break, and graduations of all ages. If you don't think kids plan ahead for these events and will order alcohol ahead of time, I encourage you to visit San Marcos three weeks before the next prom and watch us turn down teenagers left and right.

Online companies say that by requiring an adult signature at the point of delivery, sales to minors will be prevented. However, the UPS delivery person is not trained to check IDs. Does the Texas Legislature really expect UPS and FedEx carriers to take the extra time to make sure that the person receiving the product has valid identification? Will they hold these common carriers legally responsible, like they would a licensed retailer, in the event that alcohol gets in the hands of a minor? What if it gets shipped into a dry county?

Please don't let companies ignore the long arms of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code. Your trust in these Internet companies makes a mockery of everything Texas retailers and TABC law enforcement agents do to prevent minors' access to alcohol. Please don't let them sidestep court action, costs, and liability issues in Texas. The TABC, along with licensed manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers must continue to be responsible for upholding our state's alcoholic beverage code, and direct shipments should remain illegal.

Lies the CIA tells us



Jim Hightower

BY: JIM HIGHTOWER

You know the scenario by now: Some president wants to drum up a war, or Pentagon contractors want to goose up military spending by several billion bucks, so suddenly the media begins to report that "classified intelligence information" shows that Grenada needs to be invaded by the Marines, or that an aspirin factory in Sudan needs to be bombed, or that a stupendous Star Wars military defense shield needs to be built.

You get the feeling that these so-called "intelligence reports" are classified because our officials make the damned things up! They do.

Recently, the CIA stepped forward to admit that for more than a decade during the Cold War, its dire warnings about the Soviet Union's massive build-up of nuclear weapons were hype. The CIA now concedes that every major intelligence report on Soviet power from 1974 to 1986, covering the Ford, Carter, and Reagan presidencies, "substantially" overestimated the Kremlin's plans to expand its nuclear arsenal. Whether you want to call it "overestimation" or "propaganda," the fact is that these false CIA reports were not benign documents that sit on a shelf gathering dust. During that decade, they had a dramatic impact on U.S. policy.

Presidents waved them around as "proof" of the imminent nuclear threat from the Big Bad Russkies. Also, they were leaked to key media outlets, which dutifully delivered the alarming "news" about the ongoing build-up of Soviet weapons of mass destruction. Especially during the Reagan administration, these CIA reports were used as the rationalization for huge increases in Pentagon spending, diverting federal funds from real domestic needs to hoked-up military needs.

Indeed, it was the supposed surge in Soviet nuclear missiles that Reagan used to justify dumping billions of our tax dollars into his Star Wars fantasy.

If the CIA was jiving us then, why should we believe the CIA now? Always question authority.

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TWC reports Texas has remained under 4 %

The Texas Workforce Commission recently announced that Texas has remained under 4 percent for three consecutive months for the first time since 1974.

"The unemployment rate in Texas has dropped eight tenths of a percentage point in the last year and has been lower than the national rate for three months in a row," said Commissioner O'Mahoney.

"The retail trade indus-

try grew by 8,800 jobs in February, which was the third largest monthly increase in the last two years," said Commissioner representing Employers, Ron Lehman.

The lowest unemployment rate was 12.7 percent in McAllen, Edinburg, Mission followed by 7.7 percent in Brownsville Harlingen, 7.4 percent in El Paso, 6.8 percent in Laredo and 6.6 percent in Beaumont, Port Arthur.

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Wildflower Art Show

The recent spring rains abated for the weekend so that visitors could enjoy the First Annual Wildflower Art Show on the grounds of the Salado Civic Center March 31 and April 1.

"God blessed us with great weather for our first show," Chairman Becky McAulay said. "Several times late Sunday we had good crowds. The artists' were happy with the Main Street location and expressed their interest in the potential for the show."

"All the artists were impressed with the breakfast Nancy Light and her crew fixed," she added.

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Experience emotions of pride, anger, disbelief and sadness by reading *MacArthur's War*

By DICK WESTLAKE

Book Review

Listen Up. Here's the situation. During the summer of 1950 the North Korean army invaded South Korea. The South Koreans were totally unprepared and the United Nations forces under the command of General Douglas MacArthur in Japan were ill-prepared.

The North Koreans made great advances and were hindered only by the disarray of the South Korean army and the hordes of South Korean refugees rushing south.

James Brady, a former Marine platoon officer, has placed this all in perspective in his novel "The Marines of Autumn." This recounting is established through three fictional

characters: Captain Tom Verity, USMC, a widowed reservist college professor recalled to active duty who must leave a young daughter at home: radio operator Gunnery Sergeant Tate a hard nosed career marine and jeep driver Mouse Izzo a free-wheeling enlisted man of questionable character.

Captain Verity, a World War II combat veteran, had a cultural background in China and spoke the language fluently. His assignment was to travel north with the Marines to monitor Chinese military radio field dispatches to pass along to higher command for interpretation. China's

possible entrance into the conflict was of major concern. Subsequently the Chinese did in fact cross the Yalu River (border between China and Korea) and overran the United Nations forces.

The real meat and potatoes of this narrative describes the withdrawal of the Marines and Army's 7th Infantry Division in the dead of winter. This takes place along the eastern side of the Chosin Reservoir in the highlands of Korea to the port city of Hungnam a distance of sixty miles. The subfreezing weather, in addition to fighting the Chinese, was brutal. Wounds did not bleed, they froze.

Brady weaves into the story the philosophical differences of the conflicting military leaders. As a reader you will experience the emotions of pride, anger, disbelief and sadness. A lot of sadness. It was publicly stated that our troops would be home by Christmas. Needless to say they were not.

If military history is one of your reading subjects you will find this a very readable novel. It is contemporary history for many of us. Regardless, you will undoubtedly appreciate the price paid for the freedoms we enjoy today. A corollary reading is the non-fiction book *MacArthur's War* by Stanley Weintraub also available in the Salado Public Library.

ABWA Style Show and Luncheon helps fund scholarships for area students

You can have fun, see great fashions, taste good food, and help provide local scholarships all at the same time at the Chisholm Trail ABWA Fashion Show and Luncheon Benefit April 7 at the Salado Civic Center.

Two area businesses, Christy's of Salado, and The Store in Old Town Salado are providing the latest in eye-catching apparel.

This is the sixth year The Store and Christy's

have worked with the local ABWA organization in its only major annual fund-raising event. Each year, the salad-and-dessert luncheon and fashion showing is highlighted by the music of Salado's Marge Kirkman performed on the grand piano in the second floor of the remodeled Salado Civic Center.

The ladies of the Chisholm Trail ABWA have fun working together, greeting and serving

guests, and supporting their local scholarship recipients. And every year, guests from throughout Central Texas report equal enjoyment at the annual event.

Chisholm Trail ABWA thanks the Salado merchants who provide door prizes, Marge Kirkman, and especially Christy's owner Christy Arner and Becky McAuley of The Store for their contributions to making this an event eagerly anticipated and

enjoyed every Year.

Tickets are \$15 for this annual event, which is sponsored by the Chisholm Trail Chapter of the American Business Women's Association.

This could be a sell-out event, so attendees are encouraged to call either store for advance ticket reservations: Christy's at 947-0561 or The Store at 947-9000.

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Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

In 1978, Dan White shot and killed the mayor of San Francisco, George

Moscone, and the first openly gay city Supervisor, Harvey Milk. Six months later, a jury found White guilty of voluntary manslaughter rather than first degree murder based on the infamous "twinkie" defense—a decision many believed was based on homophobia and permitted the defendant to "get away with murder." *Execution of Justice* is based on court transcripts and personal interviews and brings together the official testimony of trial witnesses

with the untold stories of others who were touched by the deaths of Milk and Moscone and their aftermath.

The Department of Theatre at Southwestern will also be sponsoring a symposium April 21 on the university campus. This riveting, multimedia production presents an opportunity for discussion and debate on many criminal justice issues currently facing Texas Legislators, law enforcement officials and the public. Speakers

and panelists will include local elected officials, community advocates, and university faculty members. Tickets for this event include the symposium, dinner, evening performance, and a post-show reception and are free for Southwestern students and \$15 for the general public. Reservations are required. Please call the box office at 512-863-1378 for more information on the symposium and for tickets for other performances.



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UMHB holds Annual Easter Pageant April 11

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According to Larry Reeves, director of student activities, "Our students are pleased to bring this Biblical story to life in Belton. We encourage school teachers and retirement communities to bring their groups to the 2 p.m. performance, and for folks who cannot attend until after work, we have a second performance at 5:30 p.m."

Over 90 UMHB students, as well as many children from the community, will be participating in the pageant. The production includes scenes from the life of Christ, such as His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, His trial and crucifixion, and ending with His resur-



Over 90 UMHB students and children from the community are participating in the Easter pageant.

rection and ascension.

Dr. Jerry Bawcom, president of UMHB, chooses an outstanding student each year for the high honor of portraying

Jesus. The recipient of this tribute for 2001 is Kevin Cornelius of San Antonio.

A new feature will be the voice of Mary, the

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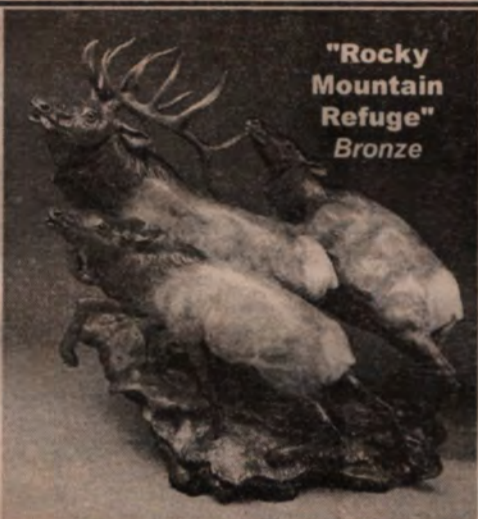
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One Act Play wins District on March 26

The Salado High School One Act Play "The Shadow Box" won the District 25-AA competition at Temple High School on March 26. The play will now advance to the Area Finals at Baylor University on April 5th. This award winning drama team continued their impressive progress through the UIL competition. The play has been the most awarded

presentation that the High School has ever had, earning more honors at each level than last year's regional finalist production of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest".

Gary Askins, the faculty director for the play, said, "I really don't like to compare fine art projects because they are all unique and have their own merits. I will state unequivocally

that this cast and crew have worked more cooperatively and creatively than any other group I have had the pleasure to work with here in Salado." The student production won the North Zone contest with outstanding performances by all the cast members. Matt Stowell was singled out by student director Greg Dachs for, "single handedly pushing the pace of the performance to allow the cast to finish in the allotted forty minutes." The critic judges at zone and district both singled out this very creative cast for official recognition. Hope Buchanan won best actress at zone and all-star cast at district. Adria Raley won best actress at district and all-star cast at zone. Mandy Tsosie has won all star honors at both zone and district. Caleb Thompson has won all star cast at both zone and district, as have Josh Aplaca and Cody Melton. Erin Lummus and Joe Dobson have both received honorable mention all star cast.

"This show is really not about who stars or takes center stage," Askins said,

"but about telling a story worth telling. These students, lead by the best crew we've ever had, continue to surprise me with their dedication and work ethic. I refuse to second guess what their limits might be... if they even have any." The crew lead by Dachs includes, Sara Culver, Kelli Cook, Dustin Correa, Angela Hogwood, Jon McHaney and Elizabeth Dachs. "This crew has assembled all the props, sounds, costumes and lights that are required and they have at each level of the competition gone into a strange theatre and delivered...on time, in style and with a smile. They are incredible." said Askins. "I have very high expectations for this performance group. I think they are continuing to improve and their talent level is such that most of the time I just have to get out of their way. I guess I really would like for them to have the opportunity to present this play at least three more times. That's not expecting too much. Once in Waco, Once in San Marcos...oh and one last time in Austin. No pressure right?"

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Lions hold annual golf tournament at Mill Creek Country Club May 7

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.

Prior to the tee-off, players will enjoy lunch under the trees at Lions Park, on the grounds of the

Salado Civic Center.

Proceeds from the tournament are used to maintain Salado Lions Park.

Special prizes will be given for a hole-in-one on the following holes: second hole, \$10,000; sixth hole, two American Airlines round trip tickets to anywhere in the continental United States; 12th hole, a Callaway irons set; and 16th hole, Sonyview camcorder.

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.

Second place team will win \$200 cash and the third place team will win a box of golf balls for each player.

Registration forms and more information is available by calling Lion Hulda Horton at the Salado Civic Center, 947-8300.

Dinner and signing of *The Italian American Cookbook* at The Range

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.

Mariani is one of the most knowledgeable culinarians of the time. He has collaborated with his

wife Galina to offer a fresh look at America's take on Italian cuisine in the recently published *The Italian American Cookbook*.

The Marianis have applied their vast knowledge and culinary skills to produce an outstanding selections of recipes rep-

resenting the new Italian-American cuisine.

The cookbook will teach you how to prepare these favorites in your kitchen.

To make reservations for this delightful dinner and book-signing, call The Range at the Barton House at 947-3828.

Central Texas College holds annual open house April 7

Saturday Start, Central Texas College's annual open house, will be held 9 a.m.-noon April 7 in the Nursing & Science Building 150 on CTC campus. During the event, prospective students can meet professors and talk with representatives from sev-

eral four-year universities to discuss credit transfer options. Participants can tour campus, including the sports complex, residence hall, library, bookstore, and instructional departments. A financial aid workshop will also be offered.

Saturday Start is rec-

ommended for all first time students and their parents. Current students, military personnel and their family members are also welcome. Reservations are recommended. For information, call (254) 526-1105 or (800) 792-3348, ext. 1105.

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UHMB presents Kaycee Isball, mezzo-soprano

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor School of Fine Arts presents Kaycee Isbell, mezzo-soprano, in voice recital 7:30 p.m. April 5 in Hughes Recital Hall on campus. The

recital is free and open to the public.

Jessye Whitis, adjunct instructor of music, will accompany Isbell. Jennifer Griffith, junior music education major from

Gatesville, will assist with the recital.

Isbell is a junior music education major with a double applied emphasis in violin and voice. She is a member of the recruiting ensemble "One Voice" and serves as the student director for the University Concert Choir. She has been appointed as the 2001 director of Broadway Spectacular, which will take place in October at the university.

In addition to her studies, Isbell teaches violin for Music Conservatory at UMHB. She is the voice student of Dr. Caia McCullar, a former UMHB music instructor and Lisa Clement, a current UMHB instructor of music.



Cassie Collins (center) of Salado was the tenth high individual in Horse Judging contest during the 2001 State Wide Invitational FFA Career Development Event held at Tarleton State University. The top 20 individuals in each of 11 judging contests were presented with plaques and caps. The top five in each event received a book bag. The Career Development Event is sponsored by the University's College of Agriculture and Human Sciences. Directors of the Horse Judging contests were Tarleton faculty members Dr. Don Henneke and Dr. David Snyder.

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What's the value of your precious possessions?

By: **TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

I heard about this auction stuff. Where you take things in, get them appraised. The amounts for some items are astronomical. One question: Who the heck's gonna buy them?

So you happen to have a Foujita drawing valued at \$15,000. How do you find a buyer? I like putting a value on things the old fashioned way: if you like something enough to keep, and it means a lot to you, it's valuable.

Someone suggested I visit with a man who had a collection of pocket knives. It was, in my opinion, a modest collection. Just a cigar box full of knives. He wouldn't let me interview him because he thought someone would read about the collection and come steal it.

I ran into the same sit-

uation with a woman who had a table she bought in England. It weighs just under a ton. She did let me interview her, but called back and didn't want me to use her name or where she lived. She thought someone would hear about the table, hunt her house down, break in and take the huge table. I heard a radio program this past weekend where a couple of guys were appraising books. People came to the live broadcast carrying books that had been in their possession for years. The book guys were knowledgeable, and seemed to really get a kick out of telling someone who was extremely proud of a "first edition Charles Dickens" that it really wasn't a first edition, that it was a second printing and worth only six dollars and ninety-five cents. The owner, of

course had hoped to have it appraised at half a million dollars.

On the other hand, a woman brought in a book that she considered worthless and it was appraised at two thousand dollars. Again, is there a big market for an early edition of "The Little Engine That Could?"

There seems to be more and more of this type of programming on weekend radio. One person had a collection of mustache cups, in fact had written a book on the subject. I think that would be a rare book.

People collect everything, I guess. A friend of ours collects eye wash cups. You don't see many of those. That is, unless you're looking for them. Then they turn up everywhere.

A man in Lamesa collects hymn books with shaped notes. Not many of those around today. Somebody in Woodville collects hornets' nests, the ones that look like small barrels. The only place I've ever seen one of those is in his collection.

In the regular course of life, you run into people all the time who collect pencils, coins, stamps, records, Edsels, barbed wire or books by H. Allen Smith. You seldom run into someone who collects two story houses. But I know two people to do. They have several of them all lined up on their acreage.

It's a good thing people enjoy their collections because finding a buyer for their stuff would be difficult. Anyway, to them it's invaluable.

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. 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 generations. 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 U.S. 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. Large furniture pieces are sought by today's collectors. 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.

Texas Chicken Casserole

Apple Johnson

- 1 c. chicken, cooked & diced
- 1 c. corn
- 1 c. cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 c. whole wheat bread crumbs
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 T. buttered crumbs
- 1 c. stewed tomatoes
- 1/8 tsp. pepper

In a large bowl, mix all ingredients, except buttered crumbs, thoroughly. Turn into a greased 2 quart baking dish. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Yield: 4 servings.

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Central Texas College holds annual Eagle Trot 5K Run

Central Texas College will hold its annual Eagle Trot 5K Run on 9 a.m. April 6. Runners will be placed into different classes and divisions for men and women. The divisions, based on age, are 17-25 year-olds 26-30 year-olds; 31-40 year-olds; 41-49 year-olds; and 50 and over.

All contestants should meet at the gymnasium located on the CTC campus which will serve as the starting line.

T-shirts will be awarded to the first place winners in each division. The Eagle Trot 5K is open to the public. For more information, contact Tina Holden at 526-1495.



Recently 4-Hers competed in the following: District Fashion Show in Waco. Pictured are Brittany Tucker 6th grade, placed 3rd in Comparison Shopping and she placed 2nd in Textiles. Laura Manna 4th grade, placed 5th in Comparison Shopping and also pictured is Christine Coe.

Tips to minimize losing the one that got away

I'm often told stories about "the one that got away." Although all of us who fish have these stories, the reason fish get away can be blamed on specific things. Maybe you didn't set the hook hard enough, or the fish broke your line, or the fish got tangled in the brush and pulled off. Whatever the reason, you lost the fish.

There are some things you can do to minimize losing fish. First off, make sure your equipment is in good shape, which includes fresh line, the proper drag setting on your reel, sharp hooks, the right action rod, and smooth rod guides (check these by inserting a cotton swab in them. If small strands of cotton stay in rod guide, replace the guide).



Keith Warren

Although these are all common sense things, you wouldn't believe how many times these simple things are overlooked and then when the "big one" gets away you're kicking yourself for not maintaining your equipment.

If asked which of the things listed above is the most common cause of losing fish my answer would be failure to use quality fishing line and using the wrong action rod. This applies primarily to novice anglers who don't understand the importance of both these products and

how they work.

First off, mono filament fishing line will deteriorate. If not changed often, it will dry out and weaken. All mono filament lines are this way. I recommend re-spooling at least every other fishing trip and if your line stays on the reel in dry storage for over 6 months, change it. I use Berkley Trilene Big Game and XL lines. They are smooth casting, tough and have low visibility. As far as line size, a good range in most situations is 12-17 pound test.

Secondly and perhaps even more important in landing a lunker, is your fishing rod. Many fishermen use rods that are not suited for the type of lure they are throwing. There are many different action fishing rods on the market.

The serious angler understands the reasons for selecting the right rod to be used with a specific lure. However, the novice may overlook this.

Retailers sell inexpensive rod and reel combos. These are for beginners. The rod action is way too weak to land fish, say, in the three pound plus range. Sure, they'll work sometimes. But by using a stronger back boned, heavier action rod you will have a better chance of landing a lunker.

Don't overlook any aspect of your fishing equipment. If you do, you're liable to have another great excuse when you lose your next fish.

Keith Warren is the host of *Fishing & Outdoor Adventures* along with *Hunting & Outdoor Adventures*, both of which broadcast nationwide! Check our website for broadcast and The Outdoor Channel air times. You can write to us at P.O. Box 310601, New Braunfels, Texas 78131-0601, or visit us online at www.fishingandoutdoor.com.



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When buying beef, cost per serving is the best way to get the most for your money

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When shopping for beef most consumers consider the price per pound because that figure is printed on the label. But buying beef according to the cost-per-serving is actually the best way to get the most for your money.

Different beef cuts have different percentages of fat and bone, so each one doesn't necessarily give you the same number of servings per pound. Some cuts that cost more per pound also give you more servings per pound, which will make their cost-

per-serving comparable to lower-priced cuts.

To compute the cost per serving of any cut, you need to know about how many servings you'll get from a pound of each different retail cut. Then divide the approximate number of servings per pound into the cost per pound and you'll have the cost for each three-ounce serving for that cut.

Here are the number of three-ounce servings you can expect from different retail cuts of beef.

* Two servings per pound: porterhouse steaks, T-bone steaks, top loin (club) steaks, rib steaks

and roasts, chuck steaks and blade chuck and arm chuck roasts.

* Two-and-a-half servings per pound: sirloin steaks and boneless chuck roasts.

* Three servings per pound: rib eye steaks and roasts, tenderloin (filet mignon) steaks, round steaks, flank steaks, sirloin tip roasts, boneless rump roasts and boneless briskets.

* Four servings per pound: ground beef, stewing beef cubed steak and liver.

Shopping with cost-per-serving in mind means you can buy according to how

much beef you'll be able to put on the table for your meat dollar.

The Bell County Extension Education clubs are having a baked goods/crafts sale in front of Lowe's 6:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. March 31. Proceeds will go to fund ongoing activities of the Association which includes educational, 4-H and community projects.

Extension programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability.

Troopers graduate from the TX Department of Public Safety's Training Academy

An additional 136 troopers will soon be reporting for duty across the state following their graduation from the Texas Department of Public Safety's 119th Training Academy.

"DPS is a vital organization in protecting the citizens of Texas," said State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, who addressed the graduating class at Toney Burger Center in Austin. "Texas will be a safer place thanks to the men and women before me today."

In about two weeks,

the troopers will report to more than 100 different duty stations across the state from Brownsville to Amarillo and El Paso to Texarkana. Most are assigned to the Highway Patrol Service, while others will work as License & Weight, Driver License or Capitol troopers. After a one-year probationary period, they will earn \$35,000 annually.

"It's an exciting day for DPS and the citizens of Texas," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS. "Communities

across the state of Texas are waiting for these troopers to join in the battle to improve traffic safety and get drunk drivers, drug-traffickers and other criminals off Texas roads."

The troopers began the six-month training academy in September. The 1,250 hours of instruction covered more than 100 subjects, including traffic and criminal law, arrest procedures, accident reconstruction and first aid. They also received extensive firearms, driving, self defense and physical fitness training.

The DPS training academy won't be silent for long. Recruiting efforts are already underway to fill the next trooper academy in September.

Interested candidates should contact the nearest DPS office or visit the DPS Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us.

"Today, we pause to wish our new troopers the very best, but tomorrow we intensify our efforts to find the best and most diverse candidates we can to fill our September class," said Davis.

Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce seeks vendors and exhibits

The Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce is seeking vendors and exhibitors for their first annual "Treasure Chest Antique Fair On The Square" to be held 9 a.m.-6 p.m. May 26. This unique and exciting new event will showcase quality antique, vintage,

and collectible items for purchase.

The antique fair will be held at the Courtyard Square in historic downtown Lampasas.

Vendors interested in showcasing their wares need to contact the Lampasas County Chamber of

Commerce for a registration packet. All vendors will receive a 10' x 10' booth space. The fee for vendor space is \$35. Vendors that contact the Lampasas Chamber by April 15 will receive \$5 off their booth space.

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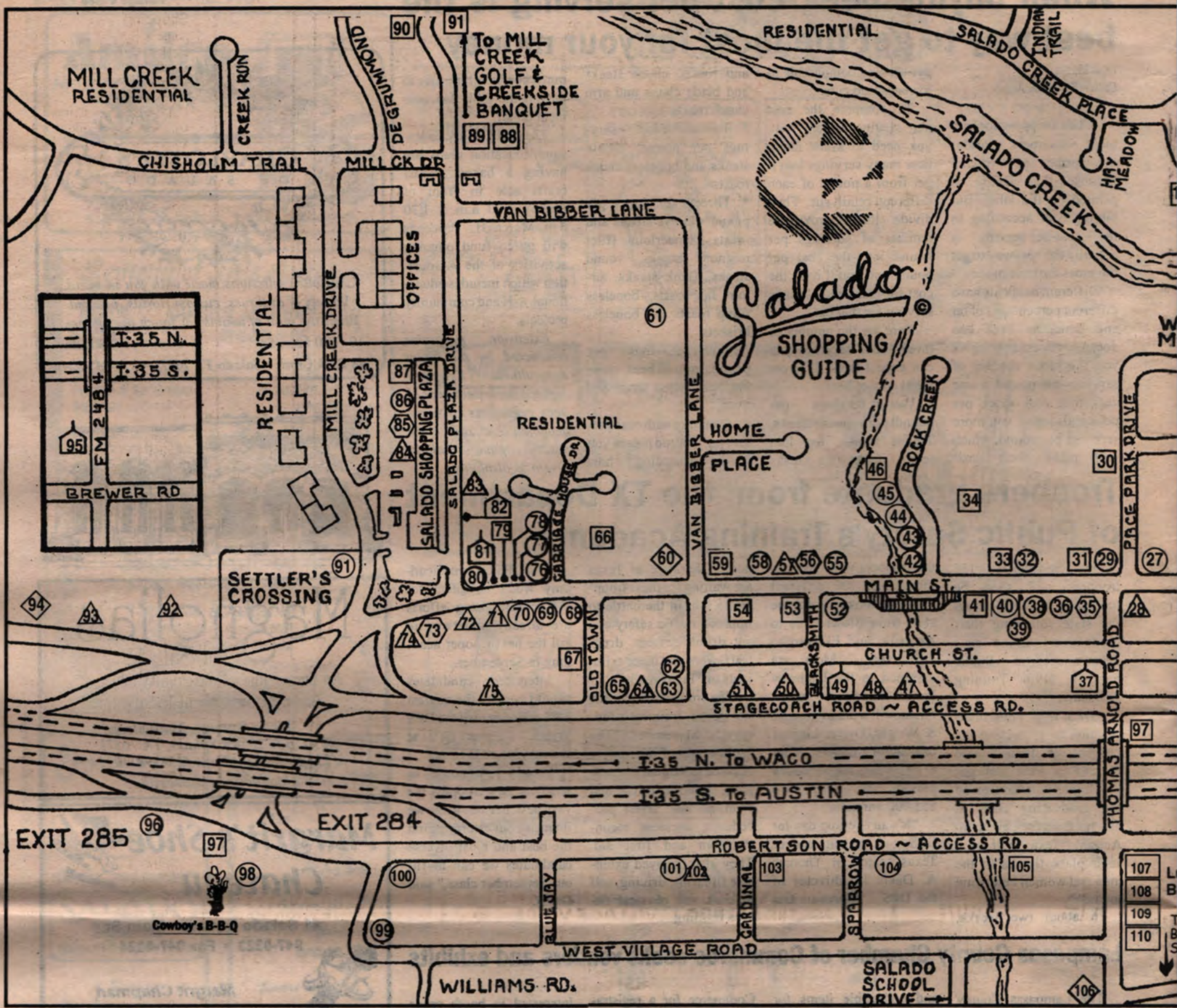
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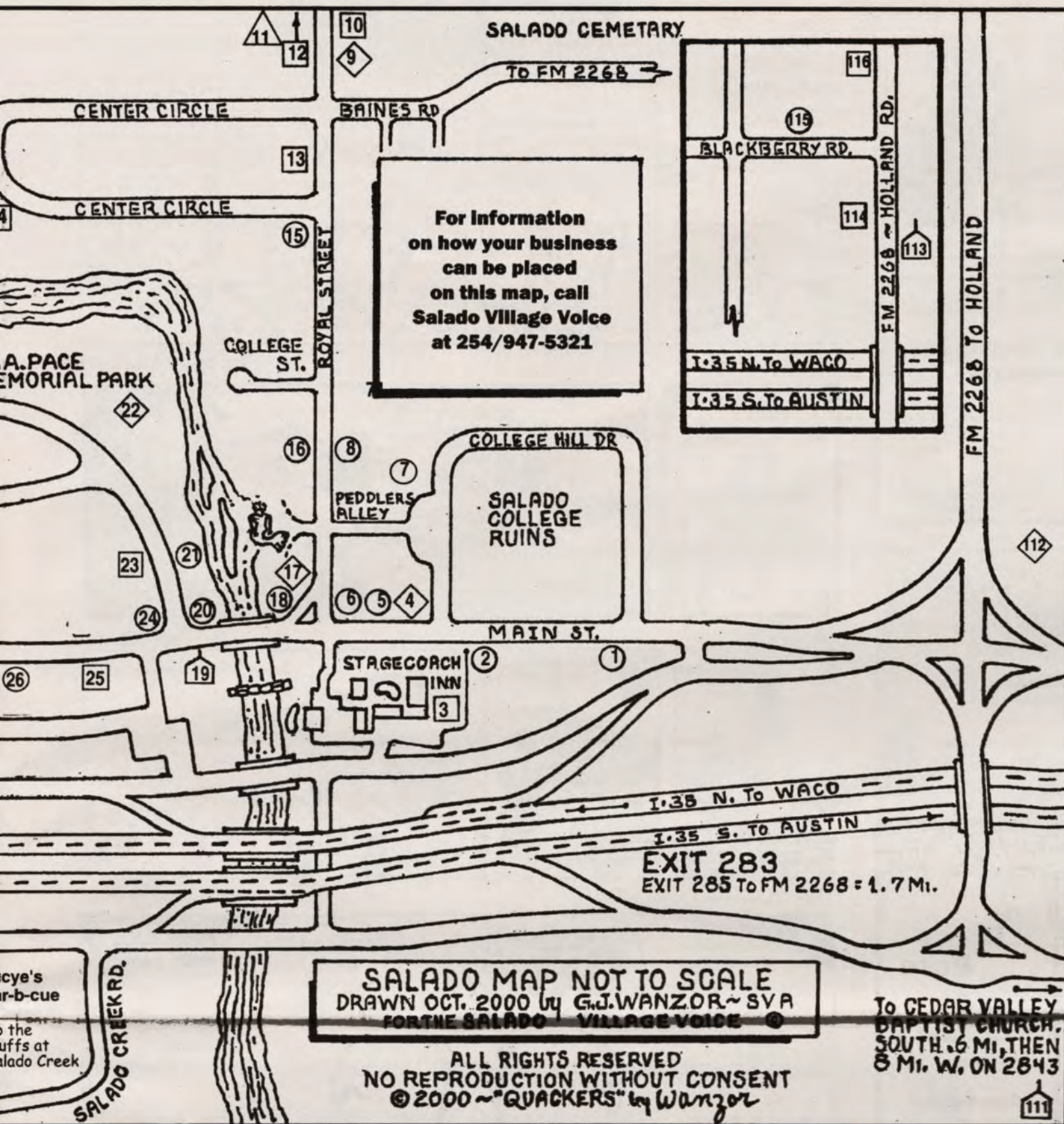

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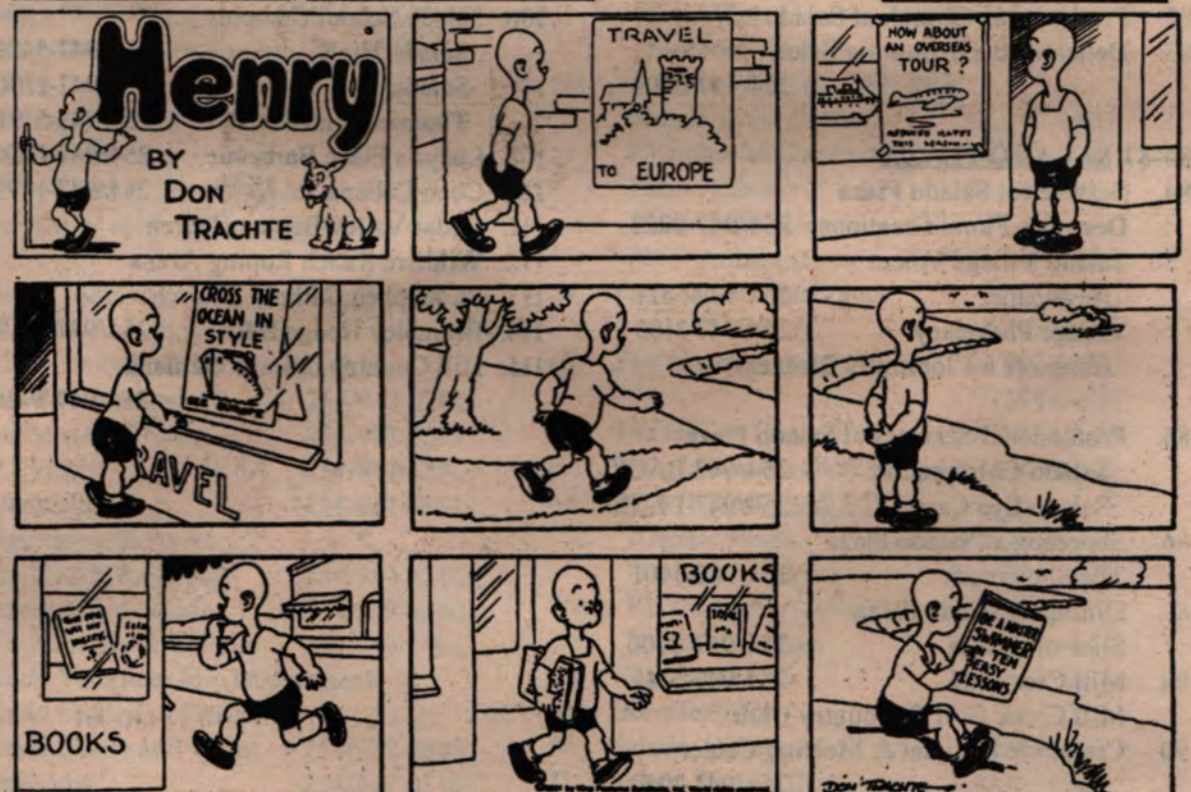
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- 1 Mushroom part
 - 4 Demonic
 - 8 Vatican-related
 - 13 Heiss on the ice
 - 18 Hasten
 - 19 Pianist Lupu
 - 20 Venus' sister
 - 21 Speak one's mind
 - 22 Art Carney role
 - 24 Art Tatum recording of '49
 - 26 Paper quantity
 - 27 — the Hyena (Capp character)
 - 29 Two — kind
 - 30 Organ of equilibrium
 - 31 South American capital
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 - 38 Wholly
 - 41 Art Rooney's team
 - 46 Palindromic dictator
 - 47 Wing-ding
 - 48 Croquet arena?
 - 49 Model Carre
 - 52 Pub orders
 - 54 Flask
 - 57 Zimbabwe, formerly
 - 61 Celebratory suffix
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 - 65 Hosp. areas
 - 67 Stable youngster
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 - 75 Art Garfunkel's partner
 - 78 Travelers' aids
 - 79 Food fish
 - 81 Lhasa —
 - 82 Drink like
 - 81 Across
 - 83 Business abbr.
 - 84 Conger or moray
 - 85 "Jeepers!"
 - 88 "Back in the —" ('68 song)
 - 92 Composer Verdi
 - 95 Ms. Van Tassel
 - 97 Yearn
 - 98 "Hook" heavy
 - 99 Chutzpah
 - 101 Watch pts.
 - 103 "Bali —" series
 - 104 Art Malik
 - 110 Annoying
 - 113 Depart
 - 114 Tabriz currency
 - 115 Society column word
 - 116 Claire or Balin
 - 118 Bouquet
 - 121 Kite part
 - 124 Art Sansom cartoon
 - 130 Art Fleming hosted it
 - 133 Arrested
 - 134 Hire
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 - 136 Sportscaster Berman
 - 137 Stout
 - 138 Boca —, FL
 - 139 Kansas city
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 - DOWN**
 - 1 "Dark Lady" singer
 - 2 Helper
 - 3 Gridiron calls
 - 4 Drop a brick
 - 5 Tub
 - 6 Superstar
 - 7 Debussy's "Clair de —"
 - 8 Schoolboy's shot
 - 9 Joan Van —
 - 10 Mile High Center architect
 - 11 Part of A.D.
 - 12 Permissible
 - 13 Dovecote sound
 - 14 Mil. address
 - 15 More mature
 - 16 Actor Patrick
 - 17 Suspicious (of)
 - 20 Reduce to smithereens
 - 23 Skip
 - 25 Abcinate
 - 28 Say please too often?
 - 32 Flavor enhancer
 - 33 Problem solver?
 - 35 Tropical spot
 - 36 — impasse
 - 37 Fresh
 - 39 Walked
 - 40 Ferrara first family
 - 41 Chanteuse Edith
 - 42 Eric of "Nuns on the Run"
 - 43 — Bator
 - 44 Rampur royalty
 - 45 Fermi or Caruso
 - 50 Long Island resort
 - 51 At — and sevens
 - 53 Baby bird?
 - 55 Soybean product
 - 56 "— Gay"
 - 58 It holds plenty!
 - 59 Lennon's widow
 - 60 Tune
 - 66 Caviar
 - 68 Nile slitherer
 - 69 Composer Franz
 - 71 Actress Thurman
 - 72 — New Guinea
 - 73 Frenzied
 - 74 Take place
 - 75 Nest noise
 - 76 Accuse tentatively
 - 77 "Wuthering Heights" setting
 - 79 Russian jet
 - 80 Agt.
 - 82 Head
 - 86 Fade, as a flower
 - 87 Move like molasses
 - 89 Academic
 - 90 "The Young Lions" author
 - 91 Harness part
 - 93 Tipplers
 - 94 Canyon sound
 - 95 Swiss artist
 - 96 — breve
 - 100 Shoemaker's tool
 - 102 Biol. or chem.
 - 105 Mideastern title
 - 106 Decathlete Bruce
 - 107 Tower material?
 - 108 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
 - 109 Pro — (proportionately)
 - 110 Foreword, for short
 - 111 Change for the better
 - 112 New Hampshire city
 - 117 Soprano Gluck
 - 119 California resort
 - 120 Try again
 - 122 Concept
 - 123 Actress Fontanne
 - 125 Encore exclamation
 - 126 "— Bad Apple" ('71 song)
 - 127 Select, with "for"
 - 128 — -mo
 - 129 Tons of time
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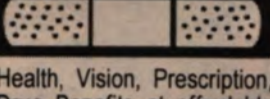
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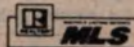
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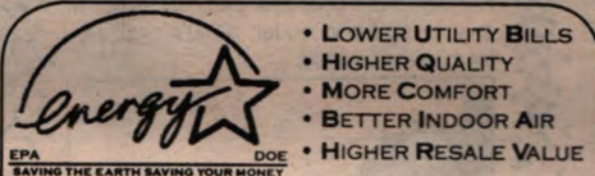
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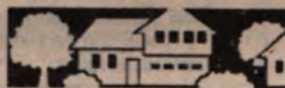
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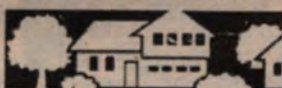


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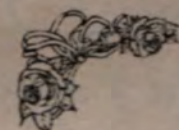
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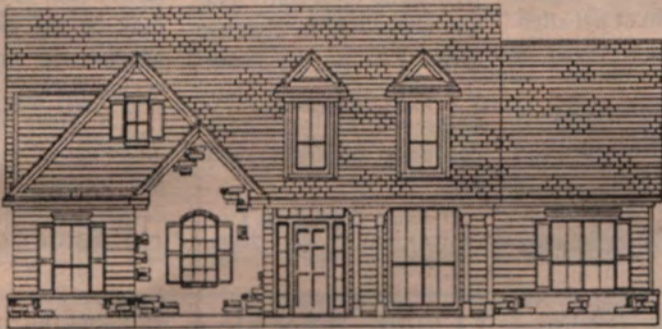


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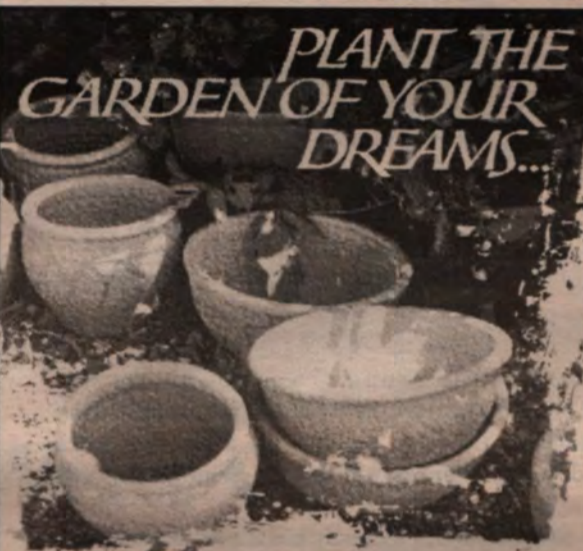
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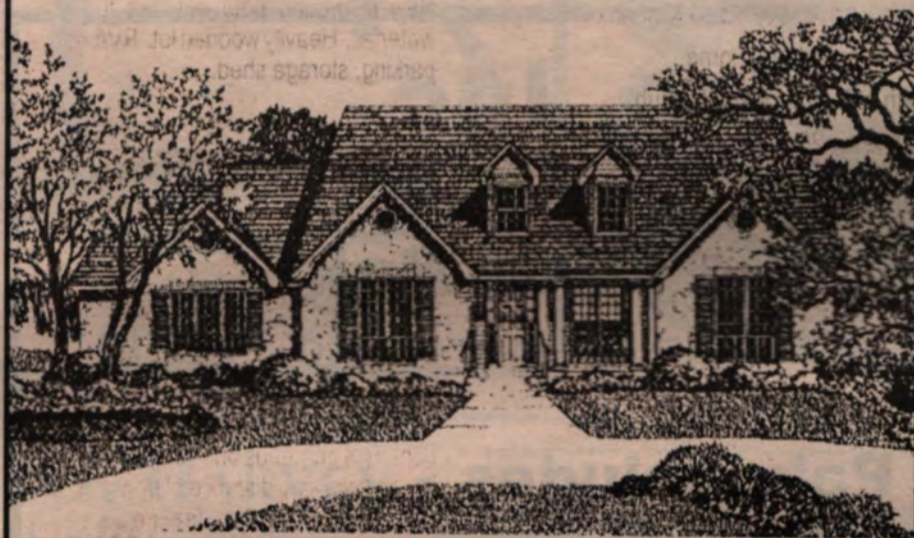


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- **\$548,900** - 5 BR, 3-1/2 BA overlooking Creek and 8th Fairway on golf course.



\$228,000 - Ranch style Austin stone home with tin roof is nestled among many oak trees on 20 acres. Great room is accented with wood burning stove. Breakfast nook and formal dining room. Fourth BR or bonus room is upstairs! Master BR has gas-log fireplace. Wood and tile floors throughout 4 BR, 2 BA.



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



\$438,000 - Roomy Texas style ranchette. Completely updated with tile and hardwood floors. Very large rooms. New in ground pool with hot tub & waterfall. Heavily wooded lot. RV/boat parking, storage shed.



\$299,021 - Location, Location, Location! This gorgeous one year old home is within walking distance of downtown Salado. Many custom features make this home elegant, yet cozy.

Commercial Property

- **\$110,800** - Commercial or investment opportunity. Approximately 1401 S.F.
- **\$150,000** - Prime location on Main Street. 2 BR, 1 BA. Lots of potential.
- **\$400,000** - Commercial building on I-35 frontage road & 2 mobile homes on 1.86 acres.

Acreage Available

- 150 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- 85 acres on Shanklin Rd. 2 miles Southwest of Belton.
- 23.4 acres 14 miles S. of Killeen, All woods, good hunting. \$75,000.
- 15 acres on I-35 at Exit 277. Road on 3 sides.
- 8.77 acres on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- 3 acres, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake.
- 3 acres along I-35, at Amity West.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- Chisholm Trail - \$26,900
- 700 Indian Trail - \$36,000
- Old Mill Rd & S. Ridge - \$39,900

Other Lots

- Amanda Circle (2 lots) - \$9,500 each
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$22,000
- #8 Oak Park - \$8,000
- Whispering Woods - \$12,000 (Belton)

- Mill Creek Springs - \$30-\$75,000

- Betty Place - \$22,000
- Royal Oaks - \$30,000
- Royal Oaks - \$45,000

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