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Hometown newspaper of Donald and Tammy Haire

Aldermen might have to finish 1st year before staggering their terms

Village of Salado aldermen expected to draw straws June 7 to determine how their terms are staggered, but Alderman Michael Cooper informed the board that it may have to wait until after the May 2002 election to begin staggering terms.

Cooper said he discovered that an ordinance staggering terms had to be adopted before the May election, not afterwards.

Cooper will call the Secretary of State's office to determine if the aldermen must wait until after the May 2002 election to begin staggering terms.

The board adopted Ordinance 2001.15, calling for staggered two-year terms.

In other business, the board amended its burn permit ordinance and extended its sign regulations ordinance during the June 7 meeting.

The ordinance clarifies that citizens may burn storm damage material, but not household trash, and that limbs and leaves may be burned only on the property from which they came. The Salado Volunteer Fire Department has the authority to determine the length of time that the burn permit is valid.

The Board extended its Ordinance 2000.02 on sign regulations until Dec. 31 on a motion by Alderman Vic Means.

Alderman Raymond Carver reported that once a franchise fee with Sprint begins, it will bring approximately \$50,000 per year to the Village.

Village of Salado has applied for membership in the Bell County Health District, paying its membership fee based on the census population for the Salado zip code. Mayor Charlotte Douglass has requested the Bell County Health Department to continue to inspect and permit septic systems in Salado.

Five persons have applied for the Chief of Police position, according to Alderman Rick Ashe. Applicants are Alan Rogers, Killeen I.S.D. police department; Charles Thompson, Texas Criminal Justice Department; Danny Krumnow, Riesel Chief of Police; Crawford Sprague, Holland Chief of Police; and Todd De La Garza, of Little River.

A committee of Ashe, Douglass, Tom Brown, Joe Holt and Cathy Sands will begin interviewing candidates this week. Ashe said he hopes to bring a final candidate before the board by July 1.

Ashe also reported that Barry Simpson, of Big Tex Autoplex in Belton, has donated a 1991 Chevy Police Car to the Village of Salado.

Lodging facilities within the Village of Salado began to collect the four percent hotel/motel tax approved by the Board of Aldermen.



A glimpse of future

Jarrell residents and businesses recently got a glimpse of what it will be like to live along the NAFTA Interstate in the coming years. Crews laying a pipeline to carry water from Stillhouse Hollow Lake to Georgetown Lake dug their way through Jarrell. The pipeline will deliver several million gallons per day of water from Stillhouse to Lake Georgetown for use by Williamson County. Fortunately, much of the work in downtown Jarrell was completed last week and this week. While the pipeline missed Salado proper, the expansion of I-35 in the coming decade will go straight through the Village. Texas Department of Transportation will conduct another public hearing on the expansion in August.

(PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Sales tax rebates up for library district, Bell County & across state

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander sent checks June 11 to Texas cities and counties totalling \$213.3 million in monthly sales tax rebates. June payments to the 1,108 Texas cities and counties that impose a sales tax are up seven percent compared to the \$199.3 million rebated in June 2000. Year-to-date sales tax rebates are up 5.4 percent compared to 2000.

The Comptroller sent a payment of \$13,825.38 to the Salado Public Library District, which collects a half-percent sales tax within its boundaries that are the same as the Salado school district. The check is 19 percent more than last June's payment of \$11,600.99.

The Library District's year-to-date payments of \$86,387.27 is just slightly less than last year's

payments of \$86,720.33 through June.

Bell County, which also levies a half-percent sales tax, received a check totaling \$635,917.92 for June, an increase of almost three percent compared with last June's payment of \$618,350.84. So far this year, sales tax payments of \$4.3 million to the County is 3.44 percent ahead of last year's payments of \$4.2 million through June.

Sales tax payments to Killeen and Temple were \$848,061.22 and \$760,581.43, respectively.

The Comptroller sent \$1.82 million to 10 cities within Bell County that levy up to 1-1/2 percent sales tax. The year-to-date payments to Bell County cities is 5.4 percent more than last year, at \$13.4 million.

Village of Salado begins to levy its one per-

cent sales tax on July 1. Businesses will report and pay the collected taxes in August. The comptroller will make the first sales tax payment to the Village of Salado in September.

STATEWIDE SALES UP

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax rebates totalling \$196.8 million to Texas cities, up seven percent from last June, and \$16.8 million to Texas counties, an increase of 6.4 percent

over last June.

In addition to city and county sales tax rebates, the state's six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$73.5 million. Another \$7.3 million went to 59 special purpose districts.

June sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in April and reported to the comptroller in May.

What's happening around here?

JUNE 13-15

Salado United Methodist Church invites children to "Chill Out" on a Polar Expedition to be held 9 a.m.-noon.

JUNE 14

Salado Chamber of Commerce Ladies

Auxiliary meeting with interior design specialist, Connie Tatum and "If walls could talk" 9:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center.

Tim Brown, County Commissioner, will speak on local water

resources during Salado Area Republican Meeting 6:30 p.m. at Civic Center. Public is invited. More info call Jackson at 527-3649.

Planning meeting for "Celebrate Salado" 5:30 p.m. at Civic Center.

JUNE 16

Salado FFA carwash at Brookshire Brothers' parking lot 10 a.m.-5p.m.

Fred Fuller the singing cowboy will be at the Stagecoach Inn.

JUNE 23

Fred Fuller will be singing at the Stagecoach Inn.

JUNE 25-29

First Baptist Church of Salado will hold its annual Vacation Bible School 9 a.m.-noon June 25-29. For more information call 947-5465.

JUNE 30 & JULY 6

Fred Fuller, the singing cowboy will be at the Stagecoach Inn.

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 13 & 20

Stagecoach Inn presents Fred Fuller, the singing cowboy.

JULY 21

Salado Legends performance at Tablerock.

JULY 23-26

Salado Football Camp 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Salado High School. For more information call Coach Cheatham at 947-0803.

JULY 23-27

St. Stephen's Catholic Church Vacation Bible School 6-9 p.m. Information call 947-8037.

JULY 28

Salado Legends performance at Tablerock.

AUGUST 3

Stagecoach Inn presents Fred Fuller, the singing cowboy.

AUGUST 4

Salado Legends performance at Tablerock.

AUGUST 4-5

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

AUGUST 7

The 17th Annual National Night Out.

AUGUST 18

Fred Fuller will be singing at the Stagecoach Inn.

AUGUST 17-18

"Razzle Dazzle" 8 p.m. at the Salado Middle School Auditorium. Sponsored by the Salado Chamber of Commerce.

AUGUST 25

Stagecoach Inn presents Fred Fuller, the singing cowboy.

OCTOBER 6

"Celebrate Salado" formal reception 5:30 p.m. at Civic Center. City wide Bar-B-Que dinner 7 p.m. at Pace Park.

OCTOBER 12-13

Christmas in October 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Civic Center. For information, call Salado Chamber of Commerce, 254/947-5040.

THE BEAT

Democrat girls gather June 16

The Bell County Texas Democratic Women will meet 10 a.m. June 16 at the Bell County Annex (USDA Service Center) 1605 N. Main street in Belton.

Social refreshment time will be at 9:30 a.m.

Members will receive a report on the success of the Beans and Jeans fundraiser and make final plans for the Summer retreat for Texas Democratic Women to be held July 20-21.

Democratic women and interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

FFA car wash set June 16

Salado FFA will be having a car wash and bake sale in the Brookshire Brothers' parking lot 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 16.

Donations will be accepted. Support FFA by getting your car washed

Football camp set

Head football Coach Jeff Cheatham will conduct the Salado Football Camp 8:30-11:30 a.m. July 23-26 in the Salado High School Football Stadium.

This football camp will teach the fundamentals of passing, catching, kicking, punting, and many other necessary skills required for playing football.

This is the first Annual Eagle Football Camp. You may pickup registration forms at the SHS athletic office. All forms must be returned by June 29. The camp is open to incoming 3rd-9th graders. Cost is \$40 and includes a Salado Football Camp Shirt. For more information call Coach Cheatham at 947-0803.

Retired officers to meet June 15

A meeting of the Retired Officers Association will be held noon June 15 at the Fort Hood Officers Club.

The speaker will be Richard Kitterman, of the Killeen Better Business Bureau. He will speak on identity theft and traps for seniors.

The Board will meet at 11 a.m. in the dining room prior to the regular meeting.

Saladoan makes list at SWTSU

Southwest Texas State University announced that Bethany N. Stout of Salado earned "Dean's List" recognition for excellent academic performance for the Spring 2001 semester.

SWT students must complete 12 semester hours and earn a minimum GPA of 3.5 to be recognized for the "Dean's List."

Clarification:

Dr. McNeil is Becky's dad

In last week's article on the Republican Party of Bell County dinner and auction, we quoted Texa Gov. Rick Perry as saying that Dr. N.A. McNeil was one of the reasons Perry is Governor right now. Perry took Dr. McNeil's genetics course at Texas A&M University in the early 1970s. The course dissuaded Perry from becoming a veterinarian and the rest is political history. What we did not mention is that Dr. McNeil is Becky McAulay's father. "He was one of the first professors at A&M to push for admitting women," she said.

Regular Meetings

Mondays

Democrats: 1st Mon. 7 p.m. at Civic Center. Will not meet until August.

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 Salado Intermediate School.

Tuesdays

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

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 Center

Wednesdays

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.

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Mary Hill celebrates her 90th birthday 4-6 p.m. June 19 at the Halley House.

Comptroller prepares for budget challenges

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander certified the 2002-03 biennial budget June 6, but warned legislators that next session, the state budget could be \$5 billion in the red.

"Appropriations for the 2002-03 biennium from General Revenue, at approximately \$61.7 billion, balance with the \$61.7 billion in funds currently expected to be available," Rylander said. "This balance masks underlying discrepancies that could make the budget next session a challenge."

The appropriations base

for General Revenue for the subsequent biennium (2004-2005) will be at least \$1.4 billion more than the \$61.7 billion because Senate Bill 1 includes funding for only one year of teacher health insurance at \$1.25 billion and delays the last Medicaid payment of \$150 million.

Rylander said that 2002-03 budget also relies on a projected \$2.9 billion surplus from this biennium as part of the revenue base used to fund the \$61.7 billion in appropriations and additional \$800 million is funded by one-time measures that can not be

repeated next biennium.

"While this does not necessarily mean that there will be a \$5 billion shortfall next biennium, it does imply that the seeds have been sown for significant challenges for budget writers next session," Rylander said.

Rylander said that she is "pleased the Legislature took my advice and chose not to raid the state's Rainy Day Fund." Rylander expects the fund's balance to increase to more than \$1.1 billion by November 2003.

The budget Rylander certified appropriates a

total of \$113.8 billion from all funds for the 2002-03 biennium. Of that amount, \$61.7 billion is from General Revenue, \$4.5 billion is General Revenue-dedicated, and \$47.5 billion is from federal and other funds.

When the Legislature adjourned two years ago, total appropriations from all funds was \$98.2 billion. All funds appropriations of \$113.8 billion for the next biennium represents an increase of 15.9 percent compared to an increase of 11 percent for the 2000-01 biennium over the 1998-99 biennium.

Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment up

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced on June 11, that 16,125 children were enrolled in the Texas Tomorrow Fund during the program's sixth enrollment period, which ended May 25.

Enrollment increased 30 percent compared to the 12,400 children who enrolled last year. The total number of children enrolled in the Texas Tomorrow Fund now stands at 155,534.

"I am happy to report that enrollment in the

Texas Tomorrow Fund has increased for the second consecutive year and the program has just completed its most successful enrollment period of the last four years," Comptroller Rylander said.

Comptroller Rylander said several factors contributed to the increase in the Texas Tomorrow Fund's enrollment:

*The Texas Tomorrow Fund board doubled the program's advertising budget to \$2.5 million

*A convenient new online enrollment option

allows families to submit Texas Tomorrow Fund enrollment applications electronically and to use a credit card to pay the \$50 application fee. This year, 39 percent of Texas Tomorrow Fund applications were submitted online.

*A slow economy and stock market declines may have led parents and grandparents to an attractive feature of the Texas Tomorrow Fund—the guarantee that the state will pay for their children's college tuition and required

fees, no matter how much those expenses increase in the future.

"With the Texas Tomorrow fund, Main Street Texans don't have to worry about Wall Street volatility," Comptroller Rylander said.

Enrollment in the Texas Tomorrow Fund is currently closed, except to newborns. Enrollment will reopen later this year. For more information about the program, visit the Web site at www.texas tomorrow fund.org or call 1-800-445-GRAD (4273).

Hupp congratulates Lyon on 2nd amendment essay

State Rep. Suzanna Hupp (R-52) congratulates Samuel Stafford Lyon who was selected to participate in the National Rifle Association's sixth annual Friends of NRA Youth Education Summit (YES) in Washington, D.C. this June.

Lyon, who is a sophomore at Hill Country Christian School in San Marcos, interviewed Representative Hupp for his essay on the second

amendment. He recently visited Representative Hupp at the Capitol to thank her for her help. He was one of 40 students nationwide who was selected to participate in this 6-day all expense paid educational experience for outstanding sophomores and juniors.

Lyon was required to complete an extensive application which included the submission of transcripts, write a five page

essay about the Second Amendment, and obtain three personal recommendations.

Lyon swims with the UT Aquatics team in Austin. His goal is to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. The Youth Education Summit is in its sixth year, the National Rifle Association launched the program in an effort to encourage America's youth to become active and knowledgeable citi-

zens on both national and local levels. All funding for the program is provided by The NRA Foundation through monies raised by Friends of NRA. Friends of NRA is a grassroots fundraising program organized by local volunteers. Since the program's inception in 1993, Friends of NRA has funded thousands of local projects that include youth education efforts, firearm training, and wildlife conservation projects.

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DATE REPORTED	OFFENSE	LOCATION
04/25*	Possession of Marijuana	FM 2115
04/30*	Terroristic Threat	Ramblin Trail
05/01	Theft under \$50	IH-35, exit 282
05/02	Burglary of a Vehicle	Yellow Rose
05/02	Burglary of a Vehicle	Yellow Rose
05/02	Burglary of a Vehicle	Yellow Rose
05/02	Burglary of a Habitation	IH-35 North
05/02	Harassment by Communication	Vanessa Street
05/02	Family Violence	Salado Springs
05/03	Criminal Mischief	Mill Creek Drive
05/04	Theft Under \$50	Robertson Road
05/04	Theft Value Unknown	Royal Street
05/05	Theft Under \$50	Mill Creek Drive
05/06	Theft Under \$50	Mill Creek Drive
05/07	Theft Over \$1,500	FM 2843
05/08	Theft Under \$50	Mill Creek Drive
05/08	Terroristic Threat	Thomas Arnold Rd.
05/09	Theft Under \$50	Mill Creek Drive
05/09	Unauthorized Use of Vehicle	FM 2843
05/10	Criminal Mischief (over \$50)	Chisholm Trail
05/11	Criminal Mischief and Criminal Trespass	Crows Ranch Rd.
05/12	Aggravated Robbery	Robertson Rd.
05/12	Disorderly Conduct/Affray	Stagecoach Drive
05/12	Assault by Contact	IH-35 South
05/16	Harassment by Communication	Robertson Road
05/17	Theft Under \$50	Mill Creek Drive
05/17	Terroristic Threat	Thomas Arnold Road
05/18	Found Property	Thomas Arnold Road
05/18	Theft Under \$50	Mill Creek Drive
05/19	Theft Under \$50	Robertson Road
05/20	Theft Under \$50	Mill Creek Drive
05/21	Burglary of Coin Operated Machine	Crows Ranch Road
05/21	Theft Under \$50	Mill Creek Drive
05/22	Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle	Stagecoach Drive
05/23	Welfare Concern	Stagecoach Drive
05/24	Theft Under \$50	Mill Creek Drive
05/26	Attempted Burglary of Coin-Op Machine	Main Street
05/28	Terroristic Threat	FM 2115
05/28	Theft Under \$50	Robertson Road
05/28	Theft Over \$50 Under \$500	Gravel Crossing
05/30	Possession of Gambling Device or Equipment	Robertson Road

* These offenses were not available for the April report

DPS lists top ten sex offenders on internet

The DPS has released a list complete with photographs of 10 convicted sex offenders who are wanted by authorities.

These "high profile" sex offenders had child victims and have fled from their parole obligations. Some also have other arrest warrants outstanding for additional crimes.

"We need the public's assistance in locating these convicted sex offenders who prey on children before they strike again," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS.

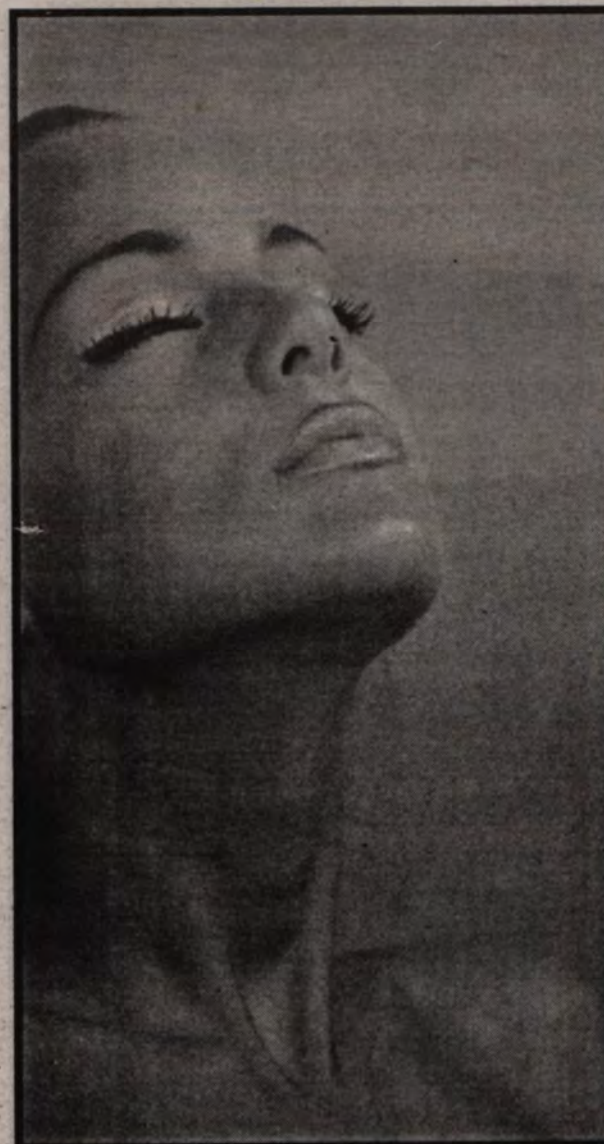
The list was developed in response to a recent series of incidents where a Texas sex offender fugitive kidnapped several young girls while hiding from law enforcement authorities.

"We consider these offenders who have fled their parole to be highly likely to commit additional sex crimes. These offenders who have fled don't want to be found. Informing the public of dangerous offenders who have fled from their parole can only help make our neighborhoods safer," Davis said.

The convicted sex offenders on this list should be considered dangerous. Anyone who believes they have information on the whereabouts of any of these fugitives should immediately call their local law enforcement agency or Texas CrimeStoppers at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). Citizens should NEVER attempt to apprehend a fugitive themselves.

The list of offenders can be found on the DPS website at <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/sosearch/top10.cfm>.

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One practical solution is a wall safe that can be easily hidden, yet is readily accessible. Choices range from small security safes, about the size of a medicine cabinet, to larger fire safes that offer dual protection.

Installing a large wall safe is best left to a construction professional. However, safes that are no more than 14½ inches wide and eight inches deep can be easily installed by the do-it-yourselfer. Here's how:

1. Select a convenient location where you won't encounter electrical wires or plumbing. If the safe is deeper than four inches, it will protrude through the wall behind it, so choose a spot that is backed by a closet.

2. Using a stud finder, such as the Zircon Stud-Sensor™ SL, locate and mark the placement of two adjacent wall studs, generally about 14½ inches apart from edge to edge.

3. Position the opening template that comes with the safe between the wall studs so the top shelf inside the safe is at eye level. If the safe is narrower than the space between the studs, position the template flush with one stud.

4. With a utility knife or key hole saw, cut the opening.

5. If the safe opening is smaller than the space between studs, nail plywood or 2 x 4 shims to the far stud so the surface is even with the opening edge.

6. If the safe will protrude



Finding the studs behind your walls is the essential first step when installing a wall safe.

through the back wall, use a level to mark a straight line across the wall studs from each corner of the opening to the back wall. Because this is a low-light situation with awkward visibility, the Zircon VideoLevel®, with audio level indicator, is a good choice for this job. *Caution: If the safe protrudes more than four inches through the back wall, additional support may be necessary; consult a construction professional.*

7. Carefully poke a hole through the back wall in each of the four corners with an awl or ice pick.

8. On the other side of the wall, connect the corner holes and cut the wall. Add shims if necessary. (See step #5.)

9. Insert the safe and anchor to the studs per the manufacturer's instructions.

10. Hang a picture or other object over the safe to obscure it from view.

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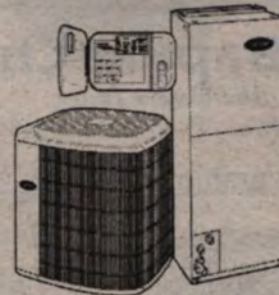
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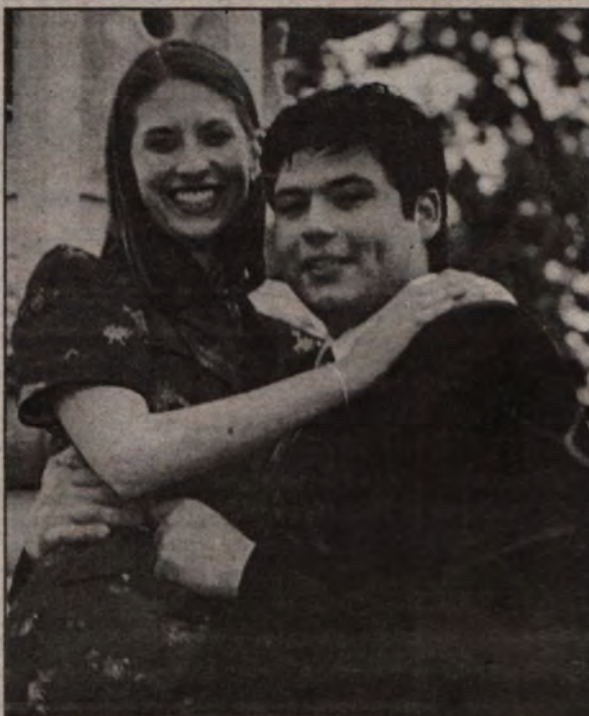
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Foster to wed McGregor

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Foster is the daughter of Douglas and Connie Foster of Pittsfield Pennsylvania.

Foster and McGregor

are students at Rick's College.

The couple plans to wed on July 14, 2001 in the Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Mesa Arizona.

A reception will be held in their honor on July 21, at the LDS Chapel in Temple, Tx.

Methodist youth leave for Chotaw

Indian Resettlement on June 17

Members of the Youth Group at Salado United Methodist will leave for the Chotaw Indian Resettlement Area in Hugo, Okla-

homa June 17.

The group will take part in an intensive one week mission of service working with youth from across the nation. This interdenominational work camp offers youth an opportunity to perform hands on home repair projects for needy families. Typical projects include carpentry, roof repair, painting and dry wall. Each evening the youth will gather for music, worship, Bible study, drama and prayer. For the past six weeks the group has been preparing for the trip with Bible Study, team building, and safety training. A special commissioning service was held June 10 at the worship service.

Youth and adults taking part in the mission are Kasey Keller, Paige Herrick, Annie Correa; Mandy Wigley, Frank Carlson, Amy Carlson, Tessa Schreiner, Johnna Konzen, Randi Rader, Mary Burgamy, Kathy Keller, and Vicky Sartor.

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Come and see, says Philip.

Apparently Nazareth has an unsavory reputation. It would seem unlikely to any devout Jew that a spiritual leader could arise from such a place.

John 1:44-46

St. Stephens holds Bible School July 23-27

St. Stephen Catholic Church invites all the children in Salado and the surrounding area to join them at Son Creek Junction.

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"We're looking forward to this very special opportunity to share with the children and the parents in our community. We

hope they will join us at Son Creek Junction as we discover the adventure of living and growing in God's family."

The Son Creek Vacation Bible School begins 6-9 p.m. July 23-July 27. For information, call 947-8037.

Father's Day celebration commemorates first building at Foundation United Methodist

Foundation United Methodist Church at Lakewood is hosting "Our Father's Day Celebration" 10:30 a.m. June 17 to commemorate the ground breaking of Foundation's first building, the Family Life Center.

Foundation's, 9,600 sq. ft., Family Life Center will be erected on church property 10.9 acres, located at 10701 W. Adams. The two story structure will consist of "Austin Stone" Masonry Facade; aluminum storefront clear tempered insulated glass, stained glass and metal panel roofing.

The builder is CRW of Temple. The architect is Lewis Design Group of Belton. The Project Cost is \$867,640; building specifications exceed state and local requirements.

The public is welcome and invited to attend "Our Father's Day Celebration" and Ground breaking Ceremony. Lunch will be provided by Bob's Bar-B-Q of Round Rock. Look for the big red and white tent on West Adams. Church members and visitors are asked to bring lawn chairs and a blanket.

Activities for children include a Moonwalk, Dunking Booth and Face painting. Foundation United Methodist Church is currently meeting at Lakewood Elementary School. Christian Education at 10 a.m. and Celebration service is at 11 a.m. Babysitting is available.

Adult and Children's Vacation Bible School kicks off with a hot dog supper 5 p.m. June 10 at Lakewood Elementary. Children's VBS will meet 6-8 p.m. June 10-14 at Lakewood. The theme

is "Way To Go!" Good Neighbor Tours. Hop Aboard the big Red Trolley! Tours departing daily. An ice cream social is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. June 14.

The adult workshop "Finding Your Spiritual Gifts: Who are you and what were you born to become," will be led by Pastor Steve Buchele and begins June 10. Adults will meet 6-8 p.m. Sun-Thurs. This workshop is designed to help people find their specific God given gifts.

Pianist offers master classes

University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Conservatory of Music will be hosting Jenny Albanese-Grand from Guadeloupe, French West Indies who will be offering Master Classes on June 15, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Hughes Recital Hall in Presser Hall on campus. Performance fee is \$15. The general public is invited to attend the master classes and recital for free.

Four high school students who are accompanying Albanese-Grand to Texas will present a piano recital at 5 p.m. in Hughes Recital Hall that

will include solo piano works and "Bolero" by Ravel and "Le Cygne" by Saint Saens for two pianos.

Albanese-Grand began studying the piano at the age of four in Algeria. At the age of six she then entered the Conservatory of Algeria to continue her piano studies with Gaby Serra, the first female orchestral conductor in France. Upon leaving Algeria for Morocco, Albanese-Grand, studied at the Conservatory of Meknès and Conservatory of Casablanca. At the age of seventeen, Albanese-Grand's growing pas-

sion for music lead her to continue her piano studies at the Paris Conservatory with Pierre Sancan, winner of the "Grand Prix of Rome." Later in Guadeloupe, French West Indies, where Albanese-Grand currently resides, she was elected president of the "Alliance des Arts" (Arts Alliance) which promotes young artistic talent.

In 1990, she founded the first "Inter Caribbean Piano Competition and Festival of Piano" which is under the esteemed patronage of the French Minister of Culture. This piano competition and festival

has welcomed as concert artists, judges, and master teachers many of Europe's leading musicians such as Princess Caroline Murat Haffner, twentieth century composer Roger Tessier, concert artist Michel Beroff, Alexei Golowin, and Eric Heidsieck. In 1999, Jenny Albanese-Grand gave master classes in Waco, Texas; Saint Domingo, Caribbean; and in November of 2000 she was elected Honorary President of the first "International Piano Competition of Haiti."

Contact Deborah Jones, at 295-4145 or Jonathan Gary at 295-4145.

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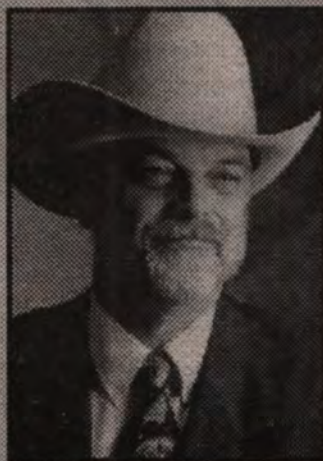
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Evaluate yourself and the job you do before asking for a raise

Dollars & Sense

by David Uffington

Do you think you're not getting compensated enough for the job you do? Maybe you should ask your boss for a raise. But before you do, make sure you have a clear idea about what you contribute to your company and what your job is really worth.

Many employees make the mistake of asking for a raise because they need more money. Your personal budgeting and financial problems are not your company's problems. Instead, your request should be based on an honest evaluation of your contribution to the company and the going rate for what you do, both inside and outside the company.

Take a look at your job description and determine whether it's missing some key tasks that you now perform. Collect copies of past written evaluations. Make a list of your contributions to the company, and try to assign a dollar value to them.

Research salaries in your area for similar jobs. Two good Web sites to check out are BestJobsUSA.com or salary.com. Keep in mind that salaries will vary from one region to another, so you should be sure to find some local information as well.

Also consider the value of benefits and other perks. If your company pays for all or part of your health insurance, this is as good as money in your pocket. The same is true of a 401(k) match, tuition assistance (if you're taking college courses), etc.

Find out your company's policy on salary increases. Some companies review all employees at the same time each year, and give out raises only at that time. Departments may have a budgeted amount

for raises, with so much for each employee or for the department as a whole. These things can greatly affect how much flexibility your boss has in giving out raises.

Come up with a number--how much you'd find acceptable for a raise. You don't have to state what it is up front, but you should have a good idea of the amount you'd find acceptable and be able to defend it.

Keep in mind your company's financial state. Is it in the middle of tough times? If you can't get your boss to agree to a raise, he or she may be willing to negotiate additional benefits, such as a promotion, overtime, stock options or extra paid leave.

Whatever you do, do NOT give ultimatums. This puts your boss on the

defensive and may force you to choose between quitting your job and going along with the company's position. Your goal here is to convince your boss you're worth more money because you are providing a more valuable service to the company than you are currently being compensated for.

And if you get the raise, go out and celebrate - you deserve it!

But what happens if you're not successful? Do not get angry. Ask your boss what you'd have to do to receive an increase, or a promotion accompanied by a pay adjustment. Then renew your efforts to meet those expectations. Keep track of your accomplishments and ready yourself for the next discussion. You will impress your boss with the diligence and self-confidence you show.

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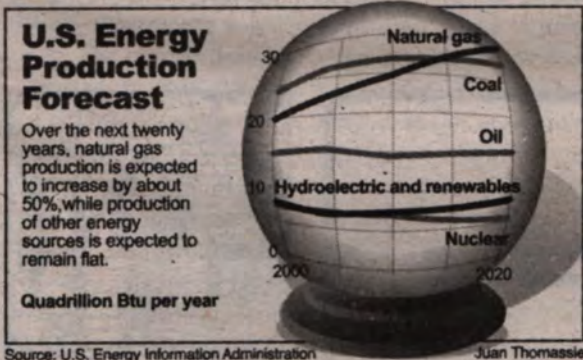
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Cameron gets All-American honorable mention from National College Athletic Association

Temple College Golf Team captured its first-ever national championship at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division II National Tournament June 5-8 in College Station.

The second-ranked Leopards finished the tournament with a 1,150 shot total, 13 strokes better than third-ranked Indian Hills of Iowa, the team that edged them for the D-II national title in last year's rain-shortened event at A&M.

TC freshman Chad Faucett, of Katy, tied for second place with Russell Bergstedt, of South Mountain in Arizona, with a -1 total of 285. Teammates Casey Carnes, of New Braunfels, finished with a 287 total and sixth place, Brad Besler, of Blessing carried a 288 total and seventh place. All three

received All-American honors for finishing in the top 15.

Blake Cameron, of Salado, posted a 295 total, finishing 18th overall and earning All-American honorable mention. He is the son of Mike and Ruby Cameron, of Salado.

Ben Griffin, of Victoria, British Columbia, finished with 306 for Temple College.

This is the first NJCAA title for the Golf Team, coached by Bill Willis, although the Leopards finished second last year and TC golfer Justin Schulze won the 2000 national individual title.

Seventeen teams played in the tournament, which had two rounds at the Texas A&M golf course and the final two rounds at Pebble Creek Country Club golf course.

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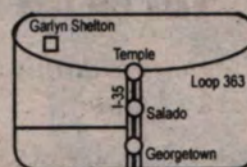
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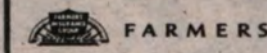
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Five Saladoans among University of Texas graduates

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The May 19 Commencement celebration marked the 118th observance of UT spring graduation and drew nearly 30,000 people to the campus.

The evening University-wide ceremony was the capstone event of a weekend of festivities (May 18-20) designed to honor the graduates. The ceremony, which was high on pageantry, music, colorful regalia, dramatic fireworks and the triumphant lighting of the Tower, has become such a popular event that seating capacity

was increase again this year.

The celebration began with music by UT Steel Pan, the UT Austin steel drum band, a student group under the direction of music Professor George Frock, followed by the Commencement concert and the grand procession of graduates and faculty members. The University Wind Ensemble and the Texas Chorale performed during the concert with members of the Longhorn Band drum line and color guard leading off the procession of degree candi-

dates.

Steven Weinberg, world-renowned physicist and Nobel laureate, delivered the main Commencement address. Weinberg holds the Josey Regental Chair of Science at UT Austin, where he is a member of the physics and astronomy departments. His research in elementary particle physics and cosmology has been honored with numerous prizes and awards, including the Nobel Prize in physics in 1979 and the National Medal of Science in 1991.

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Q: Recently, I received an invitation to join a "gifting club." To join, I must present a "gift" of \$2,500 to another member. Once enough new members have joined, I will receive my gift. This sounds fishy to me. What do you think?

A: What you have described is a classic pyramid scheme, and under Texas law, it is illegal. The Consumer Protection Division of my office has received hundreds of inquiries and complaints about these groups.

Pyramid schemes are a violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Violation of the Act is a state jail felony, punishable by jail time and hefty fines. A person can be found in violation of the Act by operating, establishing, advertising, or promoting a pyramid scheme.

The difference between pyramid schemes and multi-level marketing plans is the source of



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income for participants. In a multi-level marketing plan, a member earns income through the sale of a product or services. The member can increase his or her income by recruiting new members who also sell a product or service. In a pyramid scheme, however, the sole source of income is the membership fees of new participants. For members to receive money, they have to recruit new participants.

In a typical "gifting" or "dinner" club, eight new members join by presenting a "gift" to the person at the top of the pyramid. The gift amount is anywhere from \$2,500 to \$5,000 per person. The person at the top of the pyramid takes the gift, \$20,000 to \$40,000, and leaves, and the eight members move up a level. They are each expected to

recruit new members.

Now let's do the math. For the eight new members to receive their gifts, 64 new participants must join. For those 64 members to receive their money, an additional 516 people need to be recruited. For those 516 members to benefit, 4,096 new members have to join. These groups dissolve long before that many participants join, and the last members to join lose their money.

Many of these groups target women, preying on their willingness to help other women. They tell recruits about single mothers who were able to buy houses, about cancer victims who were able to pay for treatments, and about women who have founded charitable organizations.

What they don't tell are the stories we hear. We hear from single mothers who have emptied entire savings accounts only to lose all of their money, and from women who have charged their credit cards to the limit or taken out loans only to be left with payments they can't afford. It is a sad fact that many times, the women who are scammed by these groups are the ones who can least

afford to lose any money.

My office has heard reports that these groups are luring members in by saying that the Office of the Attorney General has endorsed the club and deemed it a legal operation. This is absolutely FALSE. My office does not endorse any organizations. And I have never issued a statement that these organizations are legal. Calling the money a "gift" and having you sign a piece of paper saying that you don't expect to receive income is part of the scam and does not make the pyramid scheme legal, no matter what anyone in the organization says.

If you have already joined one of these pyramid groups and lost your money, contact your local police department. Many police departments are already investigating these groups, and prosecutors are filing charges against organizers and promoters.

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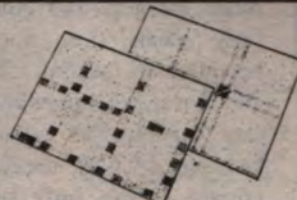
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MEDICAL NEWS

Liposuction is not a way to lose weight

Dear Dr. Donohue:
What's happened to "peptic" ulcers? I used to hear people talking about them all the time. Now I don't hear of them. Why?

Answer: "Peptic" is a reference to pepsin, one of the stomach's digestive enzymes. At one time, pepsin enjoyed the reputation of being the main player in ulcer formation. The pepsin idea has bitten the dust. Now thrust into star status is the bacterium *Helicobacter pylori*. It is the principal cause of ulcers. You can think of an ulcer as an infection.

Two other words used to describe ulcers, gastric and duodenal, refer to

To Your Good Health

by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.



ulcer location. Gastric ulcers are confined to the stomach. Duodenal ulcers are located in the first section of the small intestine, the duodenum.

To answer any additional ulcer questions, please accept a copy of the ulcer report. Readers can obtain one by writing: Dr. Donohue No. 25W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents), No. 10 envelope and a check or money order for \$3. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Dear Dr. Donohue:
What are your thoughts on liposuction?

I'm considering having it done. When they drain out the fat, can it come back? I'd hate to invest a lot of money and end up in the same situation I am now in.

Answer: I have nothing against liposuction.

It is useful in removing fat from places seemingly immune to the effects of dieting. The "love handles" at the sides of the abdomen are examples.

Liposuction is not a way to lose weight. It's a way to sculpt the body and get rid of resistant pockets of fat.

By puberty, people have their complete quota of fat cells. Siphoning them off through liposuction prevents fat from coming back to the treated areas.

Dieting removes fat from fat cells. It does not remove fat cells. Those cells hibernate until a person overeats. Then they grab onto fat and store it once again.

Nine basic health essentials

Normally in this column I try to focus in on a specific area of health and fitness. This week, however, I'd like to pass on what I believe are nine basic health essentials. If you adhere to all of them, you will drastically improve your health.

1. **Move it.** Make it a daily challenge to find ways to exercise your body. Climb stairs if given a choice between that and escalators or elevators. Walk your dog, mow the lawn, chase your kids. Think "move" in small increments of time. It doesn't have to be an hour in the gym or a 45-minute aerobic or spinning class (though that's great to do when you can).

2. **Cut Fat.** Avoid the obvious such as fried foods, burgers and other fatty meats (i.e., pork, bacon, ham, salami, ribs and sausage). Choose low-fat versions of dairy products such as cheese, cottage cheese, milk and

From Start to Fitness

by Kelly Griffin, B.S., C.S.C.S.



cream. Moderate your consumption of nuts and sandwich meats, mayonnaise, margarine, butter and sauces.

3. **Quit Smoking.** Ever since 1960 when the Surgeon General announced that smoking was harmful to your health, Americans have been reducing their use of tobacco products that kill. Just recently, we've seen a surge in smoking in adolescents and teens. Could it be the Hollywood influence? It seems the stars in every movie of late smoke cigarettes. Warn your children of the false romance or "tough guy" stance of Hollywood smokers.

4. **Reduce Stress.** There are lots of ways you can

do this. Think positive thoughts. Spend 30 minutes a day doing something you like. Get a massage, a facial or a haircut. Meditate. Count to 10 before losing your temper or getting aggravated. Avoid difficult people when possible. Believe me, reducing stress will really improve your health.

5. **Keep the air clean.** You might not be able to live in a smog-free environment, but you can avoid smoke-filled rooms, high-traffic areas, breathing in highway fumes and exercising near busy thoroughfares. Exercise outside when the smog rating is low. Exercise indoors in air-conditioning when air quality is poor. Plant lots

of shrubbery in your yard, it helps deter pollution and dirt from the street.

6. **Buckle up.** Seat belts add to longevity of life and help alleviate potential injuries in car crashes.

7. **Floss.** There's a direct connection between longevity of life and teeth flossing. Nobody knows exactly why. Could it be that people who floss tend to be more health conscious than people who don't?

8. **Moderate the excess.** A glass of wine or one drink a day (two for men) can help protect against heart disease, but more than that can cause other health problems such as liver and kidney disease and cancer.

9. **Stay positive.** There's a definitive connection between living well and healthfully and having a cheerful outlook on life.

Kelly Griffin, B.S., C.S.C.S., is a personal trainer and the owner of Power Break Fitness.

Sunglare accidents can be prevented by polarized sunglasses

It's happened to all of us, we're driving down the road and suddenly the sun is directly in our eyes. We're temporarily blinded by the glare. It often passes quickly and we continue down the road. But what if a child had run in front of the car at that moment? Or a biker veered from the edge of the road? Or a car had stopped suddenly because that driver was also blinded? The scenarios are endless and scary.

Accidents due to sun glare occur much too frequently, but there is a

simple way to help prevent such tragedy. Polarized sunglasses are available from your eye doctor and not only protect your eyes from dangerous UV rays, but also protect you from the dangers of sun glare.

"Your eyes are very sensitive to the sunlight, particularly after surgery or a procedure," said Dr. Michael Cohen, an optician. "Sunglasses are very important during outdoor activities and polarized lenses offer additional protection that traditional sunglasses don't offer!

Many sun glare accidents happen in the early morning or late afternoon, when the sun is on the horizon and little protection is offered by a car's sun visor. Unfortunately, these times coincide perfectly with rush hour and the beginning of school days, making accidents more likely.

"People are often in a rush in the morning, getting to work or getting the kids to school," said Dr. Cohen. "They're thinking about a lot of different things and if they aren't using the proper vision

correction, they could be putting themselves, their kids and their neighbors at risk."

Although the tragedy of sun-related accidents is heart-breaking, consumers are only slowly becoming aware of the need for proper sun wear. Currently, the sun wear business is only a \$4 billion industry in the United States, but the athletic shoe industry is a \$15 billion industry! Americans are spending four times as much on their feet as they are on their sunglasses.

Sleeping Beauty auditions July 10

Missoula Children's Theatre will present two performances of "Sleeping Beauty" at the Cultural Activities Center in Temple July 21 and your child could have a starring role. Auditions will be held 10 a.m.-noon July 10, casting between 40 and 60 local students, ages kindergarten to 12th grade, to appear in an original, musical adaptation of the classic children's tale.

Beginning with the birth of a new princess, the ensuing celebration is clouded by a misplaced invitation, bringing the wrath of the vicious Scarella to bear upon the poor infant in the form of a spell. Although her fairy godmothers try their best to break it, Scarella enlists some nasty trolls to make sure the princess pricks her finger before her 16th birthday. She lapses into sleep for the next 500 years before awakening in a Rock 'n Roll dream.

The nation's largest touring children's theatre, Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) has included the CAC on its tour of over 800 communities for the 2001-2002 season. The MCT tour team will arrive in Temple with a set, lights, costumes, props and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play, except the cast.

Casting requirements for this production include 14 roles for children ages 5-7, 25 roles for children 8-12, and 21 roles for children 12-18.

Assistant director positions are also available for jr. high and high school students who will learn to operate equipment and assist with set mounting. Not everyone who auditions will be selected to participate. Children who are cast in the musical production will be charged a \$50 participation fee. No advance preparation is necessary, but children who audition should arrive on time and plan to stay for the entire two-hour session.

The show is rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances will be presented at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 21, explained David Pennington, Executive



Director for the Cultural Activities Center. General admission tickets are \$5/adult and \$3/child.

"Additionally, three 45-minute workshops are presented by the Tour Actor/Directors from MCT, at \$3 per participant. The workshops include Aunt Abby's Attic for grades 3-5; Let's Make-Up - all ages, and Language of Shakespeare for grades 9-12.

Aunt Abby's Attic is available for up to 30 students, 3-3:45 p.m. July 17. Asking "What do a crown and a gown tell about a character?" participants will explore the contents of a trunk found in Aunt Abby's attic and learn to create a character through use of props and costumes.

Let's Make Up is available for up to 60 students, 3-3:45 July 19 and focuses on how

make-up can create visual imagery for performers, allowing them to portray a broad spectrum of characters. This participatory workshop demonstrates corrective, old age and fantasy make-up techniques.

Anon, Alack, Forsooth: the language of Shakespeare's plays has proven to be the biggest stumbling block for readers, actors and audiences. This workshop, Language of Shakespeare, is available for up to 60 high school age children and adults, designed to help remove that block and find the fun in this classic author.

Noting its reputation as one of the nation's preeminent children's theatre companies with workshops and residency programs in demand all around the world, Pennington describes MCT as a

non-profit organization based in Missoula, Montana, casting nearly 50,000 cast members across the globe. "The CAC is very pleased to host this unique and entertaining program as a special summertime treat to our younger patrons and friends!" he says.

To purchase tickets, register to audition, attend workshops, or receive a registration brochure, contact the Cultural Activities Center at (254)773-9926.

In addition to Missoula Children's Theatre, other summer children's programs at the Cultural Activities Center include classes in clay, ceramics, and creative dramatics, summer arts camps and dance camps. Call or visit the website, at www.cacARTS.org.



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Country clubs deny Clinton

My friend and columnist Sidney Zion has broken a titillating and inspiring story. In the *New York Post* last month, he reported that Bill Clinton allegedly cannot join any of the most prestigious golf clubs in the New York City area.

"Bill Clinton will not make the cut," writes Zion, "into the toniest golf clubs in New York. He has reached out to influential friends coast to coast to clear the way, for he cannot afford to apply without an OK in advance.

"The bitter answer, Bill, you have no chance. Winged Foot, near his home in Chappaqua, is out. The Westchester Country Club is out. Deepdale, on Long Island, also."

This is very good news. Clinton, after all, has committed an assortment of felonies, including perjury and subornation of perjury. He routinely groped women in the Oval Office and had a disgraceful relationship with a White House intern. Of course he should be barred from any club that has decent standards. Why have your teen-age daughter groped by Bubba?

Clearly, and Zion has good sources in New York, Clinton himself knew that he was on pretty thin ice in

Commentary

by Jeffrey Hart



It might be thought that Clinton was denied by these clubs because of politics, most of the members probably being Republicans.

trying to join a good club. He did not want to apply formally and risk rejection. So he had influential friends scout out the situation and see if he could be guaranteed admission. Hooray and happy day, the answers came back negative. There are islands of decency and observed standards, and celebrity does not overrule everything.

It might be thought that Clinton was denied by these clubs because of politics, most of the members probably being Republicans. No. I have no doubt that they would welcome Jimmy Carter. But Clinton? No chance.

Historically, and this is

an interesting bit of history, the idea of the "club" was born in England in the early 18th century—in England, because England was the first nation to modernize economically and socially. That is, early in the 18th century, with growing wealth and commerce, there arose in England a vigorous and numerous middle class of wealthy merchants, bankers and so forth. The "gentlemen's club" was a mechanism for refining their manners. No spitting on the floor. No blowing your nose on your cuff.

It is not surprising that the famous clubs in America were mostly built in the period following the Civil War. Sudden new wealth was accumulating through railroads, real estate, coal and iron, and finance. The clubs were a mechanism to civilize the newly wealthy.

Today, doing their job, the good golf clubs did not want to bother with Bubba.

Political rumors running amuck in Austin, College Station & D.C.

If flying rumors are any indication, the 2002 political silly season is upon us earlier than expected, thanks in part to the historically unprecedented shift of power in the U. S. Senate leadership.

The bits and pieces of gossip, idle chit-chat and downright rumormongering, plus enough plausible facts to make folks sit up and take notice, have produced ripples over the always churning political waters along the Colorado River in Austin, up through the Brazos watershed and on to the choppy shores of the Potomac in D. C.

This onslaught of tittle-tattle involves both houses of Congress and the president's second term vis-a-vis the 2002 elections; the race for high public office in Texas; and strangely enough - the next president of Texas A. and M.

To sort this out, we need to examine the cast of characters involved - some of them well known while others are newcomers to the always amazing "Alice in Wonderland" style of political "hucksterism" that is practiced nationally as well as here in Texas.

LOTT OUSTER TALKED UP

The natural point of departure has to be the U.S. Senate and thanks to one of this column's most reliable sources in Washington, the "word" from the upper house is that GOPers are maneuvering to dump their new "minority leader" Trent Lott - and soon!

The two candidates at the top of the successor list, in this not so subtle inner circle coup - are Senators Don Nickles of Oklahoma and our own Phil Gramm!

Seems the White House in particular, is looking for a scapegoat to keep the Jeffords debacle from camping on their doorstep (where it belongs), so the sacrificial goat apparently will be Lott.

GRAMM-A&M DEAL RESURFACES

Last week's headlines announced that Texas A. and M. President Ray Bowen will resign effective June 30, 2002.

Initial reports on Bowen's future plans were vague but his possible replacement resuscitated rumors that have circulated around the college on the Brazos for months - namely that Senator Phil Gramm will be the next Aggie chief!

Fueling the story is the fact that Gramm, despite a reelection war chest in the millions, reportedly wants to return to College Station and take up the good life of a university prexy.

Gramm's current six year term ends next year and to date he has made no official move to announce plans to activate his reelection campaign. The timing is perfect.

Gramm's wife Wendy, who incidentally is an A&M System's regent, pooh poohed the idea of Phil giving up his Senate seat (too loudly some opined) and referred all queries to her husband in Washington.

This rumor is a little hard to fathom since Gramm's reelection is all but assured, if money and a State full of Republicans count - and they most certainly do.

However, stranger things have happened in the upside-down world of Texas politics.

STATE RACES DRAW INTEREST

Lt. Governor Bill Ratliff, announced on May 26, that he planned to run for election to the office he won by a single vote of his Senate peers, after "up-the-ladder" moves by George Bush and Rick Perry last January.

Ten days later, on June 5, he did an abrupt about-face before a shocked press conference in Austin with a remarkably candid withdrawal statement: "Rais-

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Insiders claim Lott to be sacrificed. Will Gramm go to A&M? Top Texas political jobs up for grabs. Ratliff out; Sharp and host of GOPers in!

ing this kind of money (\$10 million) requires a level of politics that I'm just not comfortable with. I cannot remain independent as I have been for the past 12 years and be successful in a race like this."

David Sibley, Waco's senator and Greg Abbot, supreme court jurist - both Republicans, waited a full day before declaring their intentions to run for what is arguably the most powerful political job in Texas.

Land Commissioner David Dewhurst, another Republican and millionaire many times over, will toss his hat in the ring this week. Probably has the edge since he won't have to beg for money. He'll use his own.

The general election will pit the winner, from the growing stable of GOPers, against former State Comptroller John Sharp, who announced his intentions last Thursday to give the Lt. Guv's race another shot.

Democrat Sharp wasted no time in outlining his campaign theme - "Repubs wasted the State's surplus and now face a \$5 billion deficit!"

NEXT GOVERNOR?

One of the real mysteries is who will be the next Governor of Texas? Guv-by-succession Rick Perry has announced he will run for his own four year term. Garry Mauro, who failed miserably against Bush in 1998, might try again, but odds are he would never make it past the primary.

Another Democrat standing on the gubernatorial sidelines waiting for the "right" moment is Tony Sanchez, wealthy Laredoan and Bush appointee. Two other Demos have already taken the "I'm running" plunge - Marty Akins (UT gridiron hero) and name-changer John WorldPeace from Houston.

No truly "exciting" figure yet but it may be one of those years when an "out of nowhere" candidate emerges, captures the public's imagination and wins going away.

2002 CONGRESS UP FOR GRABS?

The fate of Congress and eventually that of President Bush, may be riding on next year's mid term elections that, although not yet underway, are making noises that warn us of a long campaign season starting early this summer and ending with the November ('02) general election.

Members of the House of Representatives are all up for reelection and Republican pundits, pollsters and advisors are worried that any foul-up, on the national scene that is blamed on either Congress and/or the President, will tilt the balance of power in the House while adding to the Senate majority.

This would then force the President to face a difficult-to-coral Democratic majority in both houses of Congress, thus making his '04 bid for reelection that much more difficult.

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What retired woman?

To the editor and Tumbleweed Smith,

I read your article, "The joy of working and not retiring" in the *Salado Village Voice* with interest. By the way, what an appropriate name you have for all your perambulations! I was especially intrigued by your remark that you had never met a retired woman. I ask you, "From what would women retire?"

I am a "retired" teacher, yet I still have my household to run as all women do. I still have cooking, cleaning, washing, yard work, feeding animals, bill paying, errand running, etc. to do. So am I really retired? Even if I had hired help, I would still have

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to "manage" the household. I'll bet that behind Mr. Tumbleweed Smith is a woman-support force at work! My grandmother died in her sleep during a nap she was taking after completing her morning tasks, so maybe that's the only kind of retirement available to women. Otherwise my contention is, Mr. Smith, that there is no such things as a retired woman!

Sincerely yours,
Mary Lee Black

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Cynical about bio-tech? You're right



Jim Hightower

No matter how cynical you get," says Lily Tomlin, "it's almost impossible to keep up." The current Champion of Cynicism is the infamous biotechnology industry. It's game is to fool with the very DNA of the world's food supply -- putting animal genes into tomatoes, pesticides into corn, etc. They've done this without testing for its long-term impacts on our health and environment, then they rushed their products to market without informing the public or even labeling these Frankenfoods.

So, naturally, consumers worldwide are in outraged rebellion, the stocks of these companies are collapsing, and such corporate manipulators as Monsanto are in disgrace. How does the biotech industry plan to salvage it's image? By launching a multimillion-dollar PR campaign that exploits the illnesses of impoverished, Third World children. Their PR weapon is a new product named "Golden Rice," which has been doctored in the labs of European biotech giant Syngenta to produce extra beta-carotene, which the body can convert into Vitamin A.

Noting that about 500,000 children go blind each year from Vitamin A deficiency, suddenly the biotech firms saw a killer opportunity to hush their critics, seize the moral high ground... and sell their tampered food-stuffs as "medicine." So now we get television ads with soft-focused shots of poor children and a heart-tugging message that says we must support bio-engineered foods, or Third World kids will go blind. But, wait -- scientists are now pointing out that Golden Rice's humanitarian pitch is a cynical corporate ruse.

It turns out that a 4-year-old would have to eat at least 27 bowls of this rice every day to get his or her minimum daily allowance of Vitamin A! Far better, cheaper, and less dangerous, say the scientists, is simply to provide Vitamin A supplements to these children.

Golden Rice is only golden for biotech profiteers.. not for the poor children its purveyors are exploiting.

On Flag Day, celebrate America: reason, rights & science

By EDWIN A. LOCKE

Flag Day is not, at root, a celebration of the American flag, but of what that flag represents. The Stars and Stripes symbolize what our country stands for and what makes America the greatest country in the world. But it cannot remain great unless we understand the causes of its greatness.

In this age of diversity-worship, it is considered axiomatic that all cultures and countries are equal. Western culture--and its most consistent and highest expression, America--is declared, is in no way superior to that of any other culture, not even to tribes of cannibals. To deny the equality of all cultures, claim most modern intellectuals, is to be guilty of the most heinous of intellectual sins: "ethnocentrism." It is to flout the "sacred" (and false) principle of cultural relativism. But the relativists are wrong--absolutely.

There are three fundamental respects in which American culture is objectively the best. The core values and achievements of American civilization--the values that made America great--are:

1. Reason. The Greeks were the first to identify philosophically that knowledge is gained through reason and logic as opposed to mysticism (faith, tradition, revelation, dogma). It would take two millennia, including a Dark Ages and a Renaissance, before the full implications of Greek thought would be realized. The rule of reason reached its zenith in the West in the 18th century--the Age of Enlightenment. "For the first time in modern history," writes one philosopher, "an authentic respect for reason became the mark of an entire culture." America is the epitome of Enlightenment thought.

2. Individual Rights. An indispensable achievement leading to the

Enlightenment was the recognition of the concept of individual rights. John Locke demonstrated that individuals do not exist to serve governments, but rather that governments exist to protect individuals. The individual, said Locke, has an inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of his own happiness. This was the founding philosophy of America. (America made a disastrous error by tolerating slavery, which originated elsewhere, but it was too incongruent with America's core principles of reason and rights to endure and was corrected in the name of those principles.)

3. Science and Technology. The triumph of reason and rights made possible the full development and application of science and technology and, ultimately, modern industrial society. Once man's mind was freed from the tyranny of religious dogma, and man's

productive capacity was freed from the tyranny of state control, scientific and technological progress followed. Men began to understand the laws of nature. They invented machinery. They engaged in large-scale production, that is, the creation of wealth. This wealth, in turn, financed and motivated further invention and production. As a result, horse-and-buggies were replaced by automobiles produced by Henry Ford, wagon tracks by steel rails produced by Andrew Carnegie, and candles by electricity harnessed by Thomas Edison. At last, after millennia of struggle, man became the master of his environment.

The result of these core achievements was an increase in freedom, wealth, health, comfort, and life expectancy unprecedented in the history of the world. These Western achievements were greatest in the country where the principles

of reason and rights were implemented most consistently--the United States of America. In contrast, it was precisely in those (third-world) countries which did not embrace reason, rights, and technology where people suffered (and still suffer) most from both natural and man-made disasters (famine, poverty, illness, dictatorship) and where life-expectancy was (and is) lowest. It is said that primitives live "in harmony with nature," but in reality they are simply victims of the vicissitudes of nature--if some dictator does not kill them first.

The greatness of America is not an "ethnocentric" prejudice; it is an objective fact. This assessment is based on the only proper standard for judging a culture or a society: the degree to which its core values are pro- or anti-life. Pro-life cultures acknowledge and respect

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What Legislature has done for -- and to -- our schools

As my husband has many times said about the Texas Legislature, "It is good they only meet once every two years." Every time the Legislature reconvenes, it means a change in school finance and school law. Since redistricting occupied many of our legislators' agendas this session, school law did not undergo radical changes; however, there were some.

The most notable change is the approval of a state health insurance plan for all school district employees. Small school districts have had difficulty finding affordable health insurance for their employees. This plan will be mandatory for school districts with 500 employees or less and will be administered by a reluctant Teacher Retirement

Supt's Corner

by Dr. Robin Battershell

System (TRS).

Beginning in September 2002, all Texas school districts will annually receive \$1,000 for each participating employee from the state for some type of benefits or compensation. In addition, each district will receive \$900 annually, or \$75 per month, for each participating employee on an equalized basis for a mandatory state health insurance plan. This means that districts with greater property wealth will receive substantially less than \$900 per employee.

This is a concern in Salado, because we do have fairly high property values, indicating that we will

receive less state funding for employee insurance. Additionally, the State-approved plan may cost more than our existing insurance plan. In summary, Salado ISD may be picking up a larger share of employee insurance through local tax dollars.

In school finance, the Legislature approved increasing the guaranteed yield from \$26.37 to \$27.14 and the basic allotment per Weighted Average Daily Attendance and local tax effort from \$2,531 to \$2,537. Remember that a more expensive, mandated employee health insurance program may eat away

this increase State funding in 2002-2003. Funding was also provided for districts showing a decline in enrollment of greater than two percent.

Other approved legislation included establishing a uniform school state date where all Texas public schools begin classes during the week of August 21, increasing the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) multiplier from 2.2 to 2.3, encouraging districts to encourage students to graduate under the recommended high school program instead of the minimum program; designing a statewide dyslexia assessment by 2005-2006; increasing accountability for charter school; and awarding some Texas school districts an exemplary gold status,

over and above an exemplary rating.

Funding for then-Governor Bush's reading initiative was decreased, while money was increased for a new math initiative. Politics at work! The Legislature did not directly address teacher certification; however, school districts have gradually been given more autonomy in dealing with certification issues.

Texas Education Agency is now tasked with making sense out of the legislation and putting laws in to practice. Time will tell how the ideals of law play out in the reality of public schools.

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

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Greene Literary Festival held

Living Room Theatre of Salado awarded \$1,500 to Charles Stites, author of the winning-play *I Used to be a Brooklyn Dodger*, during the Judy and A.C. Greene Literary Festival.

The Festival included performances of the three finalist plays: *Leaving on the Wind*, *The Game* and *I Used to be a Brooklyn Dodger*. It culminated with a Saturday performance of Elmer Kelton's short story "Continuity."

Values

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man's nature as a rational being who must discover and create the conditions which his survival and happiness require--which means that they advocate reason, rights (freedom), and technological progress.

Despite its undeniable triumphs, America and its flag are by no means secure. Its core principles are under attack from every direction--by religious zealots who want to undermine the separation of church and state, and by its own intellectuals, who are denouncing reason in the name of skepticism, rights in the name of special entitlements, and progress in the name of environmentalism. We are heading rapidly toward the destruction of our core values and towards the dead end of nihilism. The American flag, which means the core values and achievements of America, must be waved proudly and defended to the death. Our lives depend on it.

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Southwestern to present 3 shows

This summer, the Department of Theatre of Southwestern's Sarofim School of Fine Arts will produce three shows.

Running in repertory June 14-July 22 are: "The Arkansaw Bear," by Aurand Harris; "You Can't Take It With You," by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart; and "Dames At Sea," with book and lyrics by George Haimsohn and Robin Miller, and music by Jim Wise.

"The Arkansaw Bear" is a Theatre for Young Audiences production which tells the story of nine-year-old Tish and her magical meeting with The World's Greatest Dancing Bear, a magical Star, and the ominous Ringmaster, set in a sparkling circus atmosphere. With the help of her new friends, Tish begins to learn the meaning of both life and death.

All three shows will be performed in repertory, with "The Arkansaw Bear" previewing 7 p.m. June 13 and opening 7 p.m. June 14 in the Jones The-



"The Arkansaw Bear" (from left) Sydney Brewer as Tish, Becky Lynch as The Mime, Joshua Lellis as The World's Greatest Dancing Bear. PHOTO BY MARGARET SLOAN

ater. Performances of "The Arkansaw Bear" will take place 7 p.m. June 13-16, 2 p.m. June 18 and 7 p.m. July 10 and 17. There will also be special matinee performances at 1 p.m. for groups of youth with tickets at \$5. These performances are July 1-2, 5, 7, 10-12, and 17-19.

Summer Stage Repertory Theatre provides students with an intensive experience in a

professional summer stock company as actors and technicians. Company members are selected through a highly competitive audition/interview process on the Southwestern University campus and at regional audition sites throughout Texas. Summer Stage Repertory Theatre brings the most professional quality of family-oriented theatre to Georgetown and sur-

rounding Austin communities during the summer months.

The box office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. Discounts are available for groups of 15 or more, seniors (62 and over), students and youth (17 and under). Save money and guarantee seating for all three shows by becoming a season subscriber. All tickets can be charged by phone at 512-863-1378.

CAC is place for kids to be this summer

The CAC is the place to be for your children this summer, with programs ranging from Summer Art Camp to children's theatre, clay and dance classes and camps.

Registration is now being accepted for the CAC's Pre-K art camps for children featuring a circus theme for children under 5. Dates are June 25 -29. Cost is \$45. An additional camp is planned in July.

Registration is limited and classes fill quickly.

Early registration is advised.

Kids Clay Classes will be July 3-Aug. 16 in the CAC Art Room. Classes are also available for adults. The children's classes will be offered Tuesdays, July 3-Aug. 14, 1:30-3 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.; also Thursdays, July 5-Aug. 16, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m.-Noon. Classes are open to students of all levels, beginner to advanced. Tuition is \$30 plus a \$5 supplies cost.

Registration is limited to 10 students per class.

Summer Dance Camp begins July 9 at the CAC. Broadway I, offered 9:30-11 a.m. is a beginner level class for ages 8-12. Cost is \$50 and includes a T-shirt. Broadway II will be offered 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for intermediate level dancers ages 13-18. Cost is \$60 and includes a T-shirt. Reservations require a non-refundable deposit of \$20, due June 29. Contact JoAnna Lang-

thorn at 778-1816 for more details.

Also beginning July 9, Debbie Allen will teach a simple, fundamental approach to theatre for children ages 6-11. Creative Dramatics will be offered 1-3 p.m. July 9-13, including finger play, puppet play, songs and charades. Class size is limited to 15 students and the cost is \$75.

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Additionally, The Porcelain Art Guild is hosting its annual exhibit with a fine collection of hand-painted pieces on display in the Carabasi Gallery.

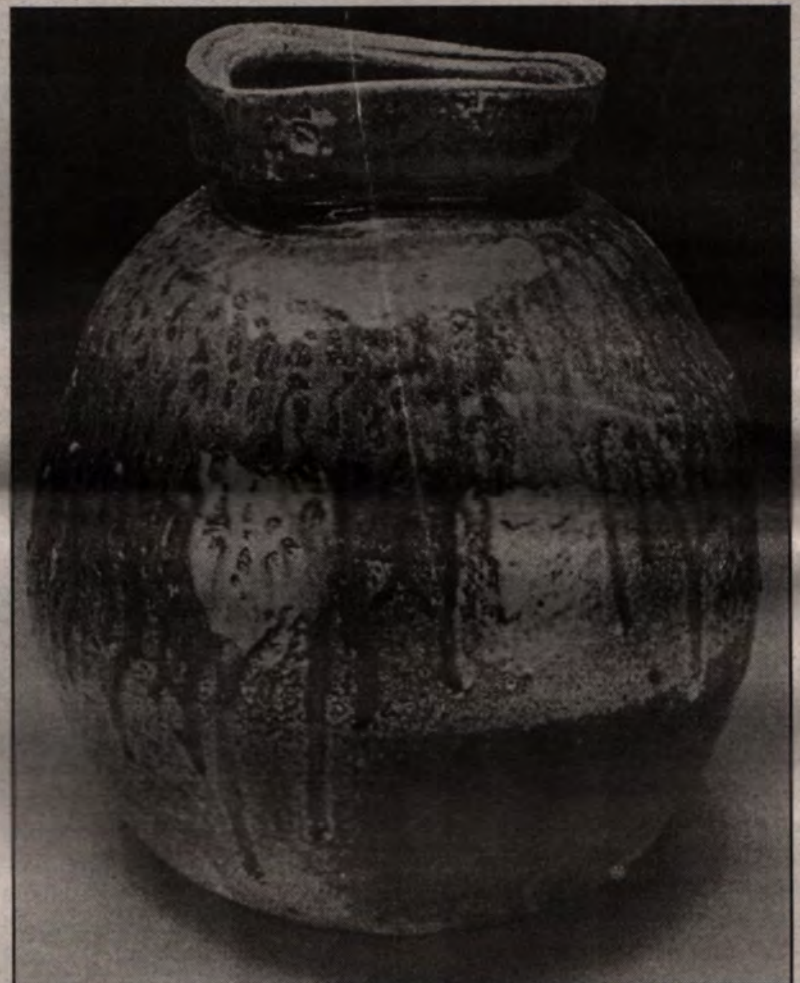
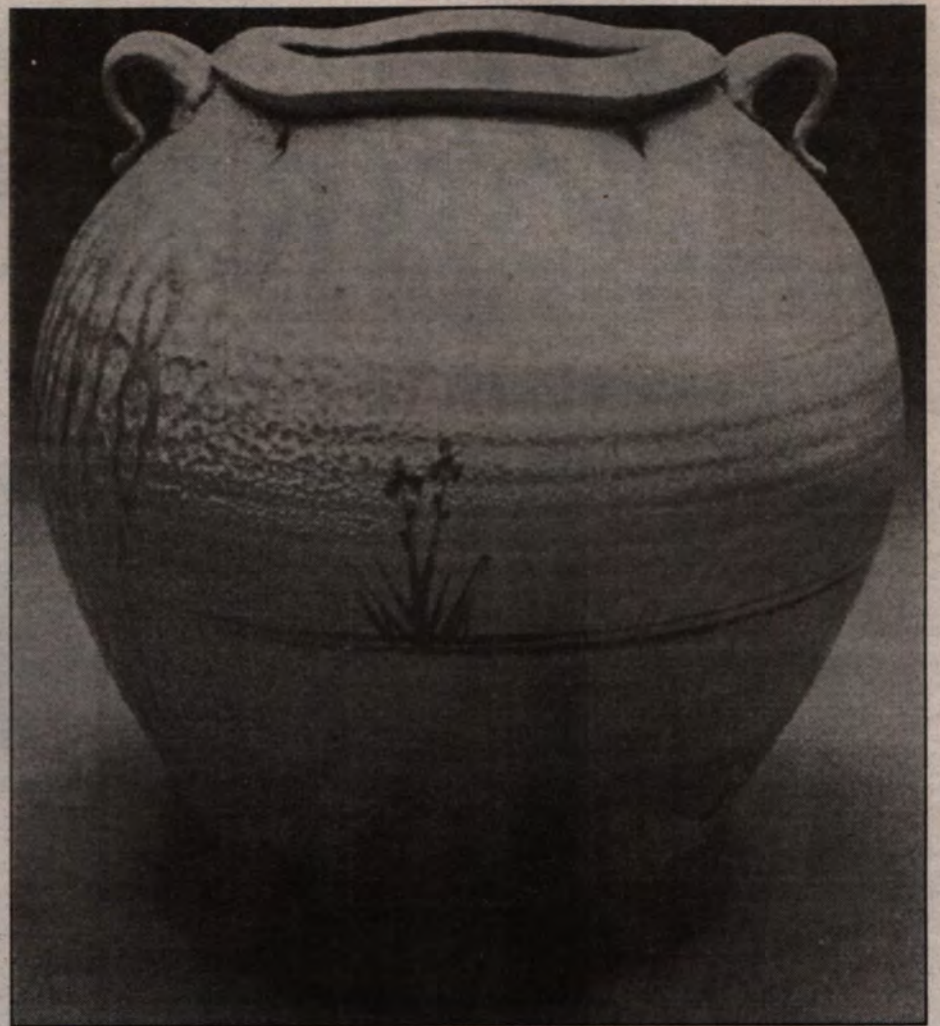
"We are thrilled with the excellent response we have received to our Teacher/Protégé Exhibit," relates Marilyn Ritchie, Visual Arts Coordinator. "While most of the exhibitors are from the senior college level, we also have artists from elementary through senior high school."

Exhibitors include pairings from UMBH, Baylor, University of Central Texas, Southwest Texas State University, Southwestern University and Central Texas College, as well as high schools in Temple, Belton, and Westphalia, a Waco elementary (Hillcrest) and a private school, Rains Art Academy.

Group tours for any of the gallery exhibits may be arranged through the Cultural Activities Center.

Galleries are open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

For more information about the exhibits, visit www.cacARTS.org, or contact Marilyn Ritchie, CAC Visual Arts Coordinator, at (773-9926).



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July 4th Rodeo exhibit open soon at Bell County Museum

A new exhibit that presents the rich history of the Belton July 4th rodeo will open 5-7 p.m. June 30, at the Bell County Museum.

The opening reception for "Grand Traditions: The Belton Rodeo" is part of Belton's July 4th celebration, and will feature a cattle drive up the Chisholm Trail, a rodeo clown and clown face painting, cowboy stories, and a longhorn steer on exhibit. Barbecue sandwiches and fixin's will also be available on the museum grounds by Schoepf's Old-Time Pit Bar-B-Que.

The Belton Rodeo has officially existed since 1924, when a group of local cowboys decided to add bronco busting to Belton's Independence Day celebration. Since then, the rodeo has grown in reputation and participation to become one of the most widely known "livestock picnics" of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

The exhibit features numerous photographs and artifacts of notable Belton and Bell County cowboys, including Tad Lucas (trick rider) and Doc Lucas, Johnny Mellon, Johnny

and Eddie Boren, Less Hood, Bill and Cotton Proctor, Bill and Red Walker, Paul and Bud Humphrey, Dan Utley, and the "father of the Belton Rodeo," Ellis White Holland, Sr. The exhibit also will feature rodeo and cowboy songs sung by Belton's Foy Willing and his band, Riders of the Purple Sage. The music is taken from recordings sung by the band on the All Star Western Theatre from 1945-1947.

The cattle drive, organized by Red Randolph, will feature about 30 head of cattle, cowboys, and a

chuck wagon traveling up Central Avenue and Main Street. The cattle drive replicates those drives through Belton and Bell County made between 1867 and 1887, when the area served as a main feeder route for the Chisholm Trail. The cattle, chuck wagon, cowboys and their horses make the drive a must see for young and old alike.

The Bell County Museum is located at 201 N. Main in Belton. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Tue-Sat. Free Admission and guided tours.

Mulch, mulch, mulch to protect plants from blistering summer heat

By ILENE C. MILLER
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT-FCS

Here are some June gardening guidelines from the Bell County Master Gardeners and Extension Horticulturists. For more information on plant selection for Central Texas or landscape maintenance, contact us here at the Bell County Extension office.

During the summer, soil moisture becomes extremely important and essential for good plant production. Because continual watering is often times costly and time consuming, it pays to conserve the moisture around plants. This is best done by mulching. A good mulch will retain valuable moisture needed for plant growth, and improve overall gardening success. Mulches are usually applied 2-6 inches deep, depending on the material used. In general, the coarser the

material, the deeper the mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cottonseed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal Bermuda hay.

There is still time to plant some of the colorful, heat-tolerant summer annuals. You can direct seed zinnias and portulaca, and purchase plants of periwinkle, salvia, marigold, and parslane. Be sure to water transplants as needed until roots become established.

Check for insects and diseases. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Select a chemical or organic control or use insecticidal soap.

Removing faded flowers from plants before they set seed will keep them growing and producing more flowers. A light application of fertilizer

every 4 to 6 weeks will also be helpful.

House plants can be moved out of doors this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out so quickly. Water pots, container plants and hanging baskets often. Monthly feedings of house plant fertilizer will encourage continued growth.

Fertilize rose beds every 4-6 weeks. Apply small amounts of an organic or chemical fertilizer immediately after a flush of bloom or every 4 to 6 weeks.

Now is the time to



Through the years, various cultures have used the petals from the rose to make salads, pies, syrups, wine, sweets, tonics and sorbets.

plan for next spring. Consider digging and dividing any crowded spring bulbs. Once the bulbs have matured and the foliage has turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every 3 to 4 years.

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Adding phosphorus to the soil in a garden promotes good root growth, and helps make plants more resistant to disease.

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By JAMES M. DAVIS
 Co. EXT. AGENT

Conservation tillage, weed control and management procedures for processed/source-verified feeder calves are just a few of several topics that will be featured as part of the 38th annual Stiles Farm Foundation Field Day scheduled June 19.

The morning sessions, which include 2 CEU's for applicators, will run 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. with lunch served at noon. Afternoon sessions begin at 1:30 p.m.

The morning session will kick off with concurrent sessions at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Cloyce Coffman, Extension Agronomist, will lead a demonstration on conservation tillage practices, while Dr. Paul Baumann, Extension Weed Specialist, will discuss weed control programs in corn, sorghum, soybean and cotton, as well as the latest in research findings and new technological advances. He will also discuss the Herbicide Application and Decision Support System (HADSS), a decision-aid software useful for integrated weed

management in cotton. Stiles Farm has some exciting demonstrations every producer will want to take part in, according to Archie Abrameit, farm manager. They are zeroing in on some topics of discussion that are on the minds of every producer. They will have several demonstrations, including some equipment showing residue managers and planter closing wheels. This will be of interest to a lot of folks who are talking about doing some conversion to conservation tillage.

Other feature speakers include Dr. Tom Gerik, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station researcher specializing in crop physiology and production. Gerik will discuss the Sorghum PROFIT program, including spacing and population. Dr. Robert Lemon, Extension Agronomist, will lead a discussion on improved fiber qualities in new varieties.

Walking tours will be held 1:30 -5 p.m. Concurrent sessions also begin at 1:30 p.m. with Dr. David Bade, Extension Forage Specialist, leading a presentation on forages,

discussing establishment issues concerning Tifton 85, as well as Coastal Bermudagrass. Dr. Twain Butler, Extension agronomist, will also discuss seeded grasses.

Dr. Larry Boleman, Extension beef cattle specialist, will present "Process and Source Verified Calves." A working demonstration will be held with some examples of different breeding programs and how to market calves. Electronic identification will also be discussed.

Boleman will be joined by Dr. Buddy Fames, Extension Program Leader for Veterinarian Medicine as well as Dr. Steve Hammack, Extension beef cattle specialist, and James Davis, Bell County Extension Agent-Agriculture.

Gary Wagner, wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will lead a discussion on Wildlife Management for Land Tax Valuation. At 3:30 p.m., Jerry Falke, an animal damage control specialist, and Lisa Lemmon, Extension Agent-Integrated Pest Management, will discuss Rodent and Pest Control.

A field tour will begin

at 3:30 p.m. and will be nonstop, featuring current field demonstration plots. Riding tours will also be a part of the afternoon sessions.

The highlight of this year's field day will be guest speaker Representative Mike Kursee, District 52, followed by the annual evening barbecue meal sponsored by the Taylor Chamber of Commerce.

Stiles Farm Foundation, formerly a 3,000-acre family farm, was given to Texas A&M University in 1961 as a place where research and education on Blackland production practices could be conducted. The farm has had a field day annual for producers and area residents to examine the research and demonstrations in progress each year since 1963, except for 1996 when it was canceled due to drought.

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Ag chair hails funding bill, up for approval this month

Chairman Henry Bonilla presented the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee with the agriculture funding bill for 2002 on June 6. The legislation was approved by the subcommittee and is expected to gain full

approval by the House of Representatives by the end of June.

"This is an excellent budget that both sides of the aisle can agree upon," said Chairman Bonilla. "It's a perfect example of responsible spending: we're taking care of our nation's farmers and ranchers while keeping our nation's consumers healthy and happy."

The appropriations bill funds \$15.519 billion in discretionary Budget Authority, which is just above the request made by the president. The bill includes an increase of \$119 million for the Farm Service Agency; an increase of \$765 million for the Agricultural Credit Programs; an increase of \$70.2 million for conservation operations; and an increase of \$79.4 million for the Agricultural Research Service. The bill also includes funding increases for the Food Safety and Inspection Service, Child Nutrition Programs, Food Stamp Program and Food for Peace Program.

"In addition to funding a wide range of important, traditional programs, we're also looking ahead to prevent future problems our nation may face, including foot and mouth disease," said Chairman Bonilla. "Agriculture fuels our nation's economy. This

appropriations bill is going to help keep the agriculture industry strong and prosperous."

The legislation provides funding to combat possible outbreaks of Foot and Mouth Disease and Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE). The Food and Drug Administration, which oversees Foot and Mouth Disease prevention, will receive an increase of \$120.4 million. This additional funding is intended to aid the FDA's prevention exercises and prepare them for any outbreaks. The subcommittee also provided \$5 million for BSE research that will help with detection and diagnosis of the disease as well as safe disposal of carcasses.

Important Texas projects will also receive funding from the appropriations bill. The subcommittee will provide continued funding for the Weslaco bee research program; bovine genetics research will receive a funding increase of \$900,000; the plant germplasm research at College Station will receive a funding increase of \$1.5 million; and nutritional requirements research at the ARS Human Nutrition Center in Houston will receive an increase of \$500,000.

Additional programs

based in Texas that will receive funding support include: the new U.S. Plant Stress and Water Conservation Laboratory in Lubbock will receive \$750,000 for staffing needs; Dairy and meat goat research, wool research and livestock and dairy policy research will receive funding through the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service; and the boll weevil and cattle tick pest management programs will receive funding through the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

Other Texas programs that will receive funding include: the Texas Wildlife Services Program will receive a funding increase of \$1 million; Texas pecan research will receive an increase of \$300,000; the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative will receive an increase of \$2 million bringing the total funding to \$20 million; the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will receive \$500,000 to facilitate water conservation and efficient irrigation activities in the Bexar, Medina and Uvalde counties of the Edwards Aquifer; and additional funding through NRCS for the Bexar-Medina Atascosa Watershed Project.



Rob Rynearson, glass artist, teaches glass blowing techniques to UMHB students.

UMHB students learn to blow glass

After three weeks of all-morning sessions, 12 students wrapped up the first University of Mary Hardin Baylor glass blowing class at the Ryno Glass studio in downtown Temple on June 1.

Hershall Seals, Chairman of the Art Department at UMHB and Bob Rynearson, owner of Ryno Glass in Temple, began planning the class when Bob transferred from Texas Tech into the UMHB Art Department. "This is something we've wanted to do for years," said Seals. "Bob's new studio and his skills as a teacher and glass blower have given us a great opportunity to offer glass blowing classes to UMHB students and those pursuing independent study."

"Glass blowing has really taken off as an art form, and we're happy to offer training in this medium to our students," said Seals. "You can't go to an art show these days without seeing art glass and the artists who make it. It's hard to deny that this art form has arrived - we're lucky to have a glass studio right here in Central Texas," added Seals.

"Hershall has glass blowing experience and is familiar with the art. We worked together in creating the curriculum," said owner and artist Bob Rynearson. "While there was some emphasis on the history and physics of glass blowing, virtually all of the classes were conducted 'at the bench' with Hershall, Ryno Glass artist Giovanni, and me working hands on with the students to master the basics and begin creating pieces of art."

"One of the students told me that this was her favorite class ever because it is the only college course whereby every time she came to class, she got the wits scared out of her," said Hershall with a smile on his face.

"The adrenaline level rises when you open the furnace to gather glass melted at over 2000 degrees. The natural reaction is fear. Just as you overcome that reaction, you realize, as

you're working the piece, that the only thing between the hot glass and your skin is a wet newspaper." The paper marver, consisting of a folded page of newspaper soaked with water is held with an open hand and is one of the tools used to shape the molten glass.

"Our students have been enthusiastic about this course and are insisting that it be added to the schedule on a permanent basis. We're talking seriously about adding more Intro courses in the fall with advanced classes to follow," said Hershall.

"Each student had the disappointment of losing a piece at the last minute when something went wrong and their project crashed on the floor; but they have learned that everyone who blows glass

breaks something...and needs to always avoid getting burned.

"In their final week, the students were producing larger and more colorful works for which they are quite proud. The students are learning more than just basic techniques; they are really learning about risk taking, and trusting and communicating with their partner." Glass artists traditionally work in pairs. The UMHB students took turns being the artist and being the assistant.

The 12 students who attended are: Joanna Cummings, Jennifer Dornak, Daisuke Endo, Heather Gillespie, Roger Hampton, Dawn Hilligas, Jordan Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Delia Mathison, Lisa O'Brien, Rachel Tomasek, and Glenn Wallace.



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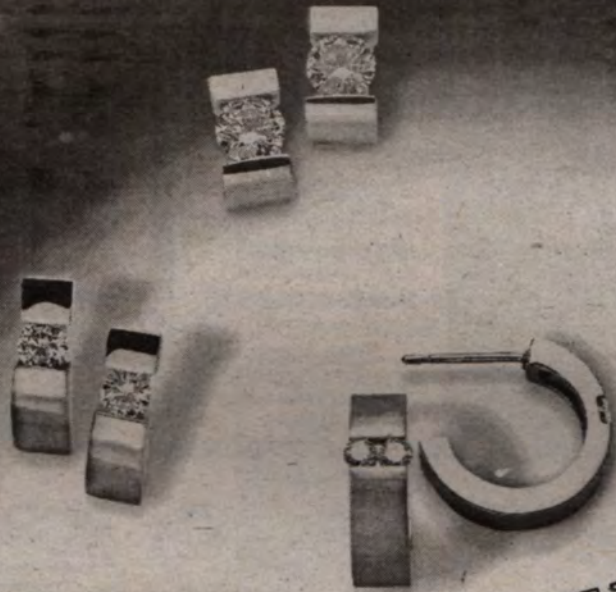
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—Benjamin Franklin

The Salado Public Library is conducting an exciting Summer Reading Program. The theme, "To the Library and Beyond," invites children to explore the world, past, present, and future through the portal of books and their library.

On June 11, Tim Thomas presented an Egyptian village he built and discussed ancient Egyptian life; then the children made Egyptian jewelry and musical instruments. Alayne Fuller-Ramsden and Emmy Alvarez were the storytellers for the program.



The remaining program events will be held June 18 and June 25 from 10:30 to 11:30 am.

The program will conclude on June 25 with Jack Bird who will do his juggling act plus create balloon animals for the children. All the

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I traveled to Snook to report on an outstanding high school basketball team. I went to Somerville to report on the most unique mascot in Texas, the Yegua. And I interviewed some interesting characters in Caldwell, the county seat of Burleson county.

Being from dry west Texas, it's always fascinating to visit a county with three-fourths of its boundaries marked by water: the Brazos and Yegua rivers.

It's great to be in the land of kolache and schnitzel and klobasa. Of rolling hills, picturesque horse farms and beautiful wildflowers, Caldwell is located right in the middle of 85 percent of the population of Texas. That's one reason why 40 thousand people attend the city's Kolache Festival, the major Czech festival in Texas.

Two state highways, 21 and 36, bring people to town from all over. There's a deep appreciation of nature in Burleson county. Lake Somerville offers recreation and the

countryside is home to deer, fox and waterfowl. Post oak and live oak trees decorate the landscape.

Burleson county is a living history of ethnic migration. Of Tonkawas and Caddoes, Mexicans and Anglos, Germans, Czechs and Italians. All blended together to make Texans.

Caldwell is located on the El Camino Real, the great thoroughfare of early Texas. The highway for traders, smugglers, adventurers, settlers and armies.

Fort Tenoxtitlan was established to discourage Anglo settlement in the area. But when pioneers encountered the fort, they considered it just another inconvenience, a minor distraction. They used their resourcefulness to make friends with the soldiers. Finally the fort was abandoned and the frontier became civilized.

That vision and courage and determination exemplified in previous generations carries through to the residents who live there now.

Caldwell was born out of the great Czech migration. Families from the oppression in Europe landed in the port of Galveston. Filled with

hope and sensing their new freedom, farmers and tradesmen began looking for fertile farm land. They followed the rivers and streams inland, looking for that special place.

In the Brazos valley they found a combination of reddish brown soil and dark prairie loam. They planted seeds and produced abundant crops.

In the 1800's Caldwell became the shipping point for cotton, sugarcane and wheat. Other industries came in and now Caldwell is one of the most interesting, stable and inviting cities in the state.

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.

King Ranch Casserole (Golden Oldie)

Thelma Fletcher

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| 1 hen, cooked and diced | 1 can mushroom soup |
| 12 tortillas, broken | 1 can cream of chicken soup |
| 1 onion, chopped | 1/2 can chicken broth |
| 1/2 can tomatoes & green chilies | 2 c. grated cheese |

Combine soups, broth, tomatoes and chilies. Blend until smooth. Place layer of chicken in casserole. Add layer of tortillas, ending with cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 325° for 1 hour. Yield: 6 to 8 servings.

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A googly eye is almost a circle, with a dark circle of color inside for the pupil. The large eyes added a "cuteness" factor to the childlike figures with large, round heads and tiny mouths and noses. Collectors today like the wide-eyed children and pay high prices for all types.

Q: My preteen daughter has plastered yellow smiley faces all over her bedroom. Do you know when the smiley face was first used? Is it a trademark?

A: The bright-yellow smiley face was first used

on 7/8-inch celluloid and metal buttons. They were distributed to employees and customers of the Worcester Guarantee Insurance Co. of Worcester, Mass., in the mid-1960s.

Company employees had been asked to create an upbeat logo, and they decided on bright yellow. A supervisor came up with the upturned mouth, and a commercial artist hired by the company completed the design.

The buttons were wildly popular within a few years, but the design was never copyrighted. By the early 1970s, entrepreneurs all over the country were making cookie jars, T-shirts, lunch boxes, banks, clocks and pitchers using the smiley face.

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- Patio Picnic Salad**
 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
 5 - 6 cups torn lettuce or 1 package (10 to 12 ounces) salad mix
 1 small ripe tomato, cut into wedges
 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
 1/2 cup sliced celery
 1/4 cup chopped red onion
 1/4 cup chopped red pepper
 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

- Dressing:**
 1/2 cup mayonnaise
 1 cup plain yogurt
 1 package (1 1/8 ounces) Williams Chicken White Bean Chili Seasoning

Using a Williams Smoker Bag for Poultry, locate "This Side Down" imprinted on the Bag and place it facing down on counter. Place chicken breasts in Bag in a single layer. To seal, double fold open end of Bag. Place Smoker Bag on grill grate over hot coals. Cover grill and cook 20 minutes. Carefully remove Bag from grill and allow to rest 10 minutes before opening. (If desired, follow package instructions and bake in oven.) Cut chicken into bite-size pieces.

Toss together lettuce, chicken, tomato, peas, celery, onion, and red

pepper in salad bowl.

For dressing, blend together mayonnaise, yogurt, and Williams White Chili Seasoning. Pour dressing over salad and toss. Garnish with shredded Cheddar cheese.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Smoked Pork and Vegetables

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 4 center-cut, bone-in pork chops, about 1 to 1 1/4-inches thick
- 1 green or red pepper, cut into 1 to 2-inch pieces
- 2 potatoes, cut into 1 to 2-inch pieces

Combine seasonings. Rub about half of seasonings on pork chops. Using a Williams Smoker Bag for Beef or Pork, locate "This Side Down" imprinted on the Bag and place it facing down on counter. Place pork chops in Bag in a single layer. Sprinkle vegetables with remaining seasonings and arrange in a single layer around pork. To seal, double fold open end of Bag. Place Smoker Bag on grill grate over hot coals. Cover grill and cook 20 minutes. Carefully remove Bag from grill and allow to rest 10 minutes before opening. (If desired, follow package instructions and bake in oven.)

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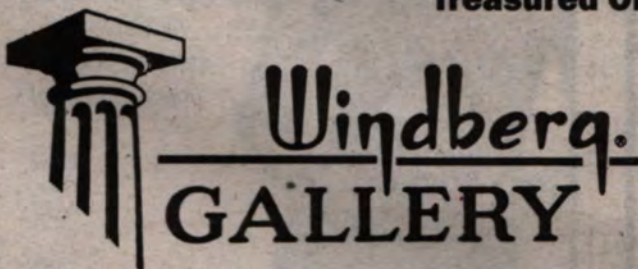
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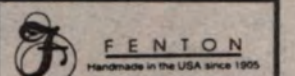
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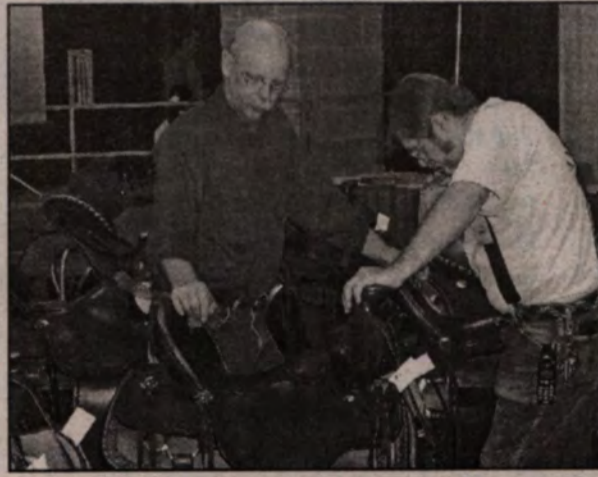
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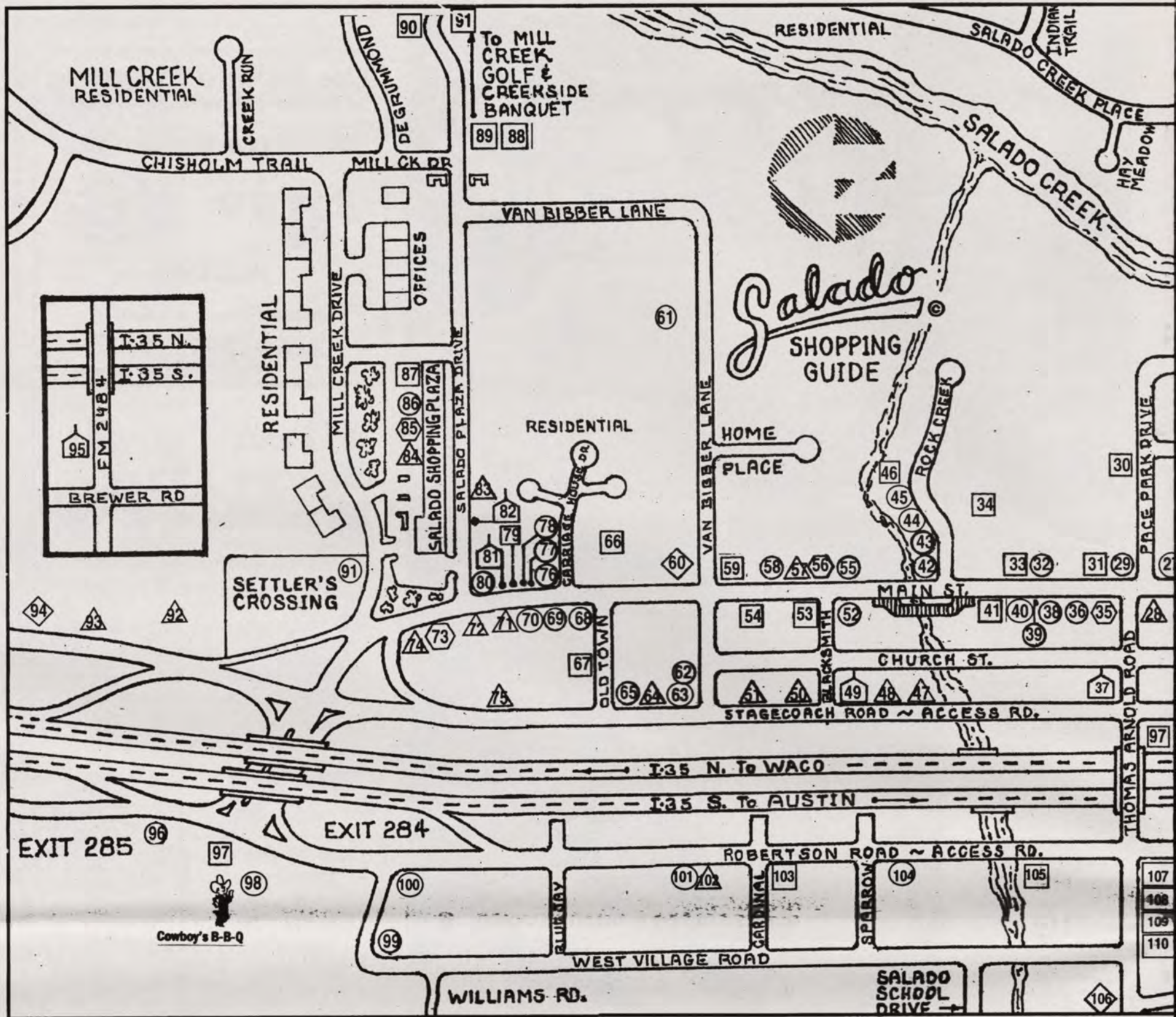
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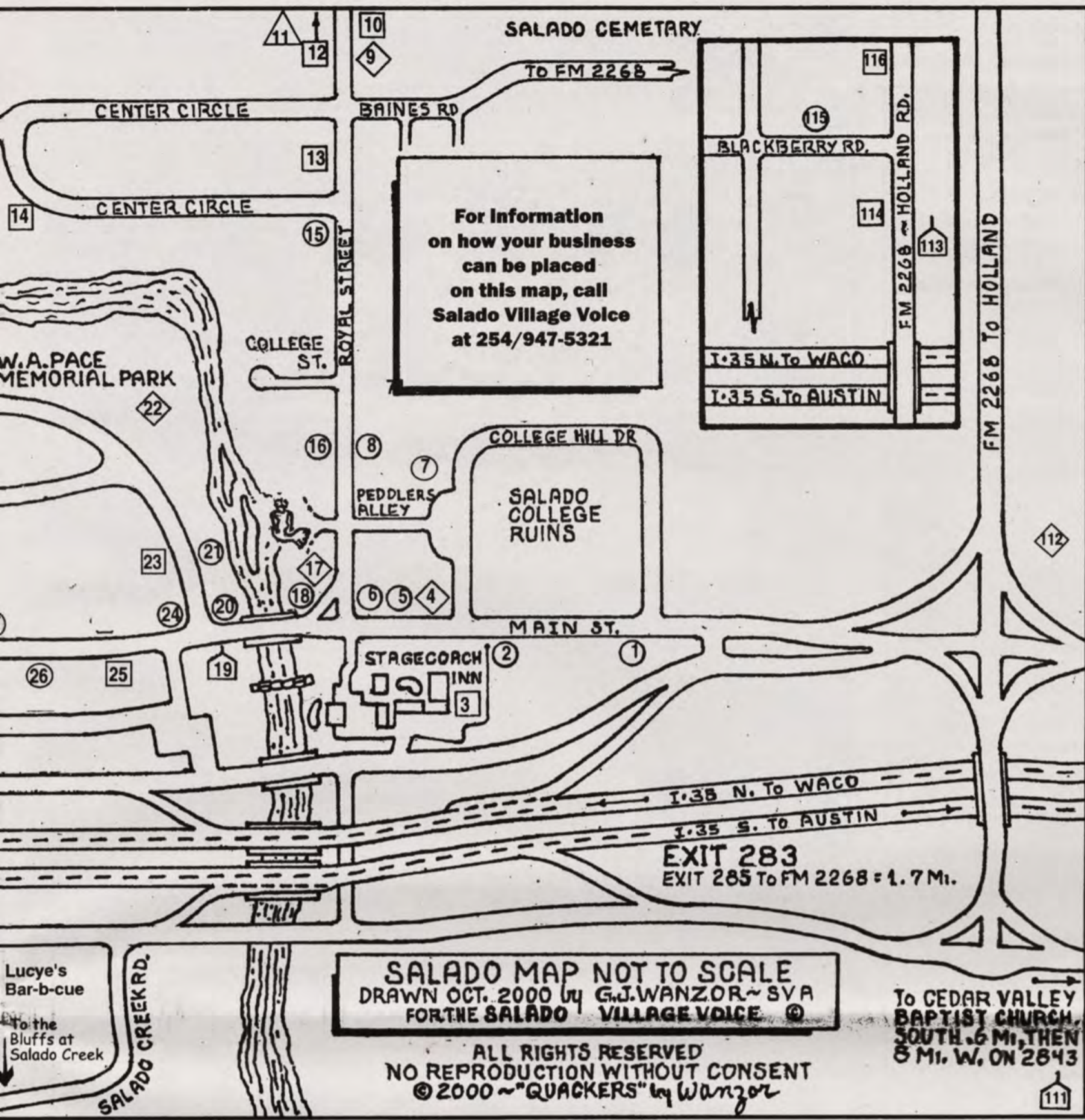
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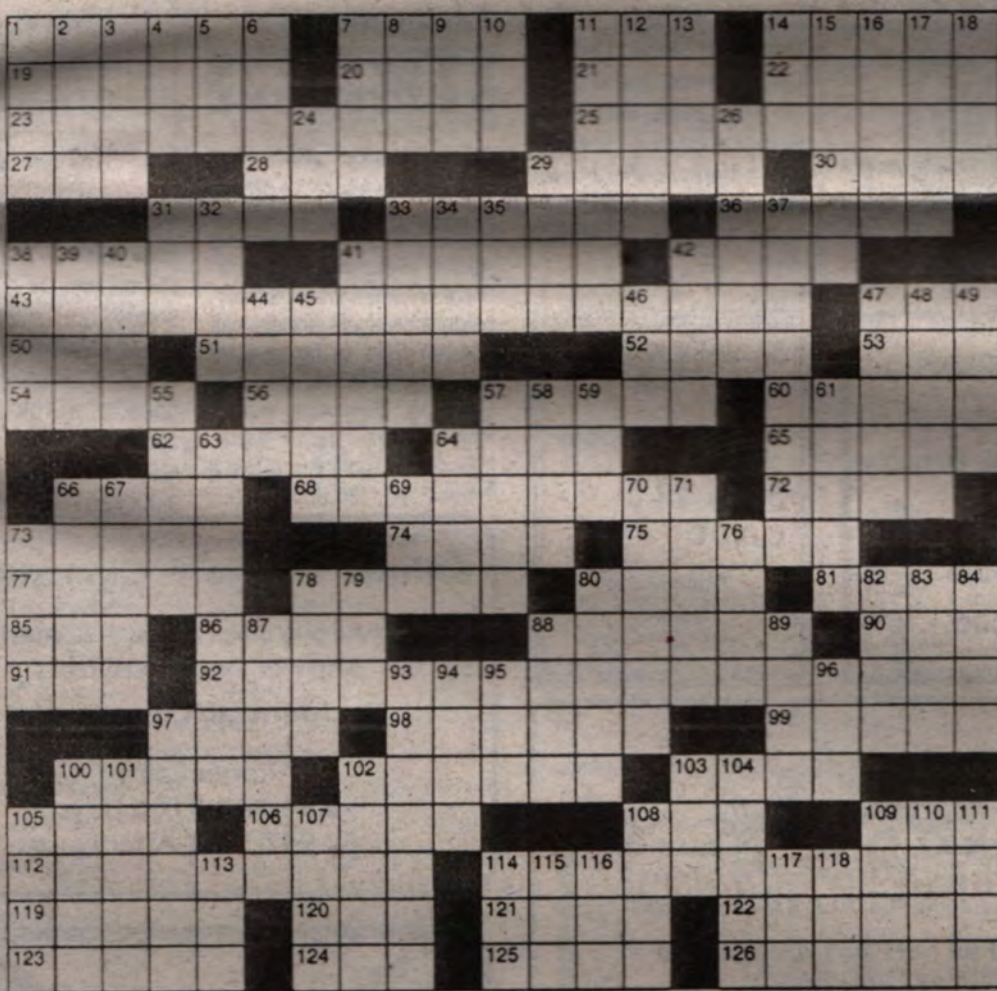
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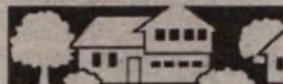
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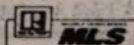
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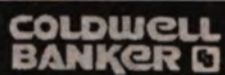
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Use an attic fan during the summer months to save on high electric bills

Q: My attic space gets really hot in the summer. Could this cause the higher power bills I receive during that season, and if so, how do I cool that space?

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

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

Most homes have vents installed under the eaves and along the ridge of the roof, providing energy-saving circulation by drawing cool air into the attic as hot air rises up and out. However, in certain areas this circulation

isn't enough to lower the attic temperatures.

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

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

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

bolted directly beneath a static roof vent, usually without adding framing boards.

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

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

Gardening is for all ages

Gardening is one of the best legacies parents can give their children. It helps create a love of the earth and joy in seeing things grow: and it provides an outlet away from an increasingly complicated and technological world. According to Children's World Learning Centers, a leading provider of early care and education programs in the United States, gardening also is a great way for children to learn all sorts of scientific concepts, such as:

- Vegetables don't grow in supermarkets.
- Sun, wind, water and cold affect plants.
- Plants follow a growth cycle from seed to plant to flower to fruit to seed.
- How to distinguish

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Secluded Arrowhead Dr. in Mill Creek, 3 BR, 2 BA, with formal living/dining combination with exquisite crystal chandelier. **Under Contract!** 9' ceilings in all rooms, security system and sprinkler system. Large master bedroom! \$159,000.



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Quiet, but convenient cul-de-sac location, with a landscape planned for low maintenance. Two Bedroom Suites, mostly tiled floors, all on one level, over 2,100 sq. ft. heated area. Oversized garage with rear exit from Mill Creek! \$169,000's.



Royal Oaks! Views! Fantastic - 3 BR plus study - immaculate single level home custom built for this owner. 9' ceilings throughout except for tall cathedral in family room - hardwood floors! Double whirlpool tub and huge shower in master. \$319,000.



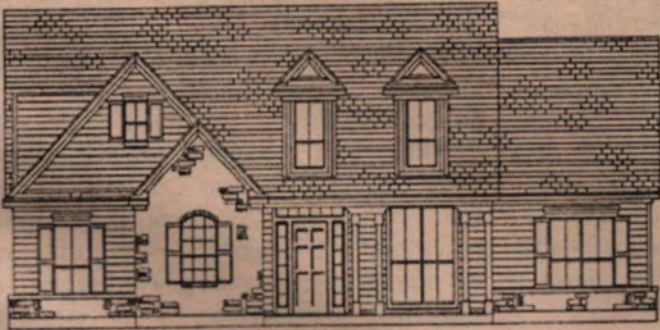
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Take one of the most breath-taking and beautiful drives in Salado on FM 2484 and see Holland Homes' Coventry, in the South Shore subdivision.

This approximately 1800 square foot home, which rests on 1/2 acre lot, beckons you to enjoy the country life with its large front and back covered porches. This 4 bedroom 2 bath home welcomes you with its open floorplan and 10 foot ceilings in both the living room and master bedroom. A large master bedroom closet and master bath garden tub are inviting amenities. A breakfast dining bay window looks out upon the spacious covered back porch while the tiled covered kitchen counter tops add a cheerful warmth to this well designed home.

Now building in South Shore in the prestigious Salado I.S.D. from \$120's

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Holland Homes presents the Avery. This home, now featured in the Wild Rose subdivision, is especially designed to show-off its beautiful features. Four large columns majestically stand on the front porch while a blend of brick and limestone, from the Salado Quarry, encase this stately home which rests on a 1/2 acre lot.

As you enter the Avery, the 10 foot ceilings elegantly invite you to view every inch of its approximately 2300 square feet. This is a spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath home. A beautiful fireplace and built-in cabinets grace one wall of the large living room. Pull up a chair and sit at the kitchen bar and admire the beautifully covered granite counter tops or stroll into the master bath and gaze at the corner whirlpool tub. The bonus room upstairs, complete with a full bath, allows you the freedom to choose its purpose. Should it be your guest room, a kid's playroom, or a bedroom for an older child?

If any of this peaks your curiosity, take a drive today to the wild Rose subdivision and see what Holland Homes has to offer you. You may want to hurry, Holland Homes usually sell before construction is completed.

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Texas was founded on the principle of protecting private property, and property owners are among the big winners now that the 77th Texas Legislature is over, according to the Texas Association of Realtors.

John Eckstrum, chairman of the Texas Association of Realtors, credits state lawmakers for protecting the rights of consumers during the 2001 session, which ended May 28.

Eckstrum cited these issues as examples from the 77th session:

***Home warranties.** In Texas and nationwide, it is common practice for a home seller to provide a residential service contract (home warranty) as a benefit to the buyer. However, because of a quirk in Texas law, home buyers could unknowingly have

their coverage rescinded during the first three days after closing. Legislation championed by the Realtors' association fixes the problem, ensuring that home warranties become effective immediately when a buyer takes possession of a home.

*** Homeowner associations.** In several highly publicized cases, Texans lost their homes to foreclosure because they fell behind in paying mandatory-membership homeowner association fees, or violated other association rules. Texas Realtors supported legislation to curb abuses by overly aggressive associations, implementing safe-guards that take effect before the associations can foreclose.

*** Manufactured housing.** By the late 1990s, one in three housing starts in Texas was a manufac-

ture home, according to the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M. As manufactured-home owners begin to trade up, move or look for new housing, often they find it difficult to resell partly because of unfavorable financing terms on their original purchase. The Texas Association of Realtors wanted legislation requiring consumer disclosures on financing terms, hook-up fees and other costs related to buying a manufactured home. Legislation with those terms along with other consumer protections passed.

*** Electronic signatures.** Passage of the Texas Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) paves the way for legally valid electronic signatures. Once the remaining few technological and practical hurdles have been cleared, Texas Realtors and their

clients will be able to conduct real estate transactions almost entirely via the Internet, saving consumers time and headaches.

*** Mortgage brokers.** During the previous legislative session in 1999, Realtors, consumers and mortgage brokers worked together to implement a licensing system and regulatory authority over mortgage brokerage businesses in Texas. This session, they improved the existing law by instituting standardized forms for pre qualifying and commitment letters, which will help consumers to better understand the loan application process.

All of these new bills will become law Sept. 1, unless vetoed by the governor. For more information, visit the Texas Association of Realtors' Web site at www.texasrealestate.com.

Gardening

between weeds and vegetables.

- How to distinguish between different vegetables by observing their leaves.

- The effect of insects and diseases on plants, and what can be done to protect the vegetables.

- Pride and satisfaction in creating, maintaining

and harvesting a garden.

- How to work together.
- A good feeling for working outside with nature.

When gardening with your family, keep in mind:

- Children make mistakes. They may pull out a plant instead of a weed or pick a zucchini before it's ready. Being prepared for

these incidents helps avoid conflict.

- Be sure to emphasize the fun, discovery and sense of accomplishment, not the responsibility and hard work. That will come later.

- Remember, what appeals to adults about gardening might not impress children. Try to support

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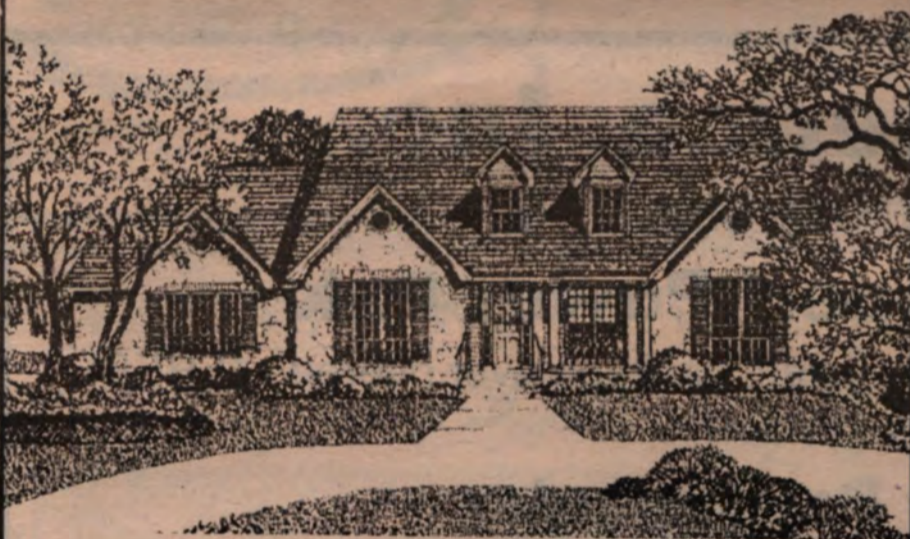
your child's enthusiasm in big worms, red roots, funnyshaped leaves and "plants that look like rabbits."

A few safety tips that should be observed:

- Never use gardening machinery around young children.

- Make sure your child doesn't eat any plants until you check them.

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\$148,900 - New construction on large lot. Peaceful and serene with a country-style exterior accented with stone. A bonus room is upstairs with the versatility of a 4th BR, office or game room. The living room is accented with a vaulted ceiling and fireplace. Five minutes from Stillhouse Lake. 4 BR/2 BA home near completion.



\$159,900 - 13 acre horse farm with 8-stall barn. Peaceful setting in the country. 12 x 40 screened porch is perfect for relaxing in the evening or enjoying your morning coffee. Amenities also include a separate shed and shop. 1,800 SF home was built in 1994.



\$214,900 - On 7-1/2 acres between Belton and Salado. Fully fenced for extra privacy. Beautiful foyer opens to dining and formal living areas. Wood burning stove adds extra heat throughout. Oversized kitchen. Surround sound speakers. Covered patio, storage shed and well house.



\$144,900 - Patio Home on the Golf Course. 3BR/2BA with studio above the garage. Excellent view, trees, sprinkler system.



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Residential

- **\$129,900** - 4 BR Mill Creek home on cul-de-sac. Deluxe master, large den.
- **\$144,900** - Patio home on the golf course. 3 BR, 2 BA, studio above garage.
- **\$148,900** - New construction. 4 BR, 2 BA five minutes from Stillhouse Lake.
- **\$149,000** - Wrap-around deck overlooking the woods and Salado Creek.
- **\$149,500** - On a quiet cul-de-sac in Mill Creek. Hardwood floors, enclosed porch.
- **\$159,500** - View of golf course and lake from this townhome. Under Contract
- **\$159,900** - 13 acre horse farm with 8 stall barn. Storage shed & shop.
- **\$169,900** - On almost 10 acres, this new home allows you to enjoy country living.
- **\$169,900** - Walking distance to Pro Shop. Granite counter tops.
- **\$169,900** - Only minutes from Salado, Belton or Temple. New home on 10 acres.
- **\$175,000** - Cliffs on Canyon Creek. 4 BR, 2 BA, great master suite.
- **\$189,000** - Overlook the creek, across the street from Mill Creek Pro Shop.
- **\$189,900** - 3 BR, 2 BA on 11.51 acres. Outbuildings included. Under Contract
- **\$199,000** - On the golf course, overlooking Salado Creek. 2 BR, 2 BA.
- **\$199,321** - 4 BR, 2 BA located in Mill Creek Springs. Under Contract
- **\$199,900** - New construction in Wild Rose. 4 BR, 3 BA countryside view.
- **\$210,000** - 10' ceilings, fireplace, breakfast nook, 4 BR, 3 BA.
- **\$214,900** - 7-1/2 acres, fenced, wood burning stove, oversized kitchen.
- **\$225,000** - 3 BR, 3 BA Mill Creek home with indoor pool and hot tub.
- **\$228,000** - 4 Br, 2 BA ranch style Austin stone. Under Contract
- **\$259,000** - Cornerstone home with upgraded energy saving package.
- **\$269,900** - Hardwood floors grace this 3 BR, 3 BA home. Pool.
- **\$279,000** - Country home with 7 acres and wrap around porch. Under Contract
- **\$299,021** - Elegant home within walking distance of downtown Salado.
- **\$329,000** - Custom home in Royal Oaks. 3 BR, 3-1/2 BA.
- **\$389,000** - Texas style ranchette. In-door pool, hot tub & waterfall. Wooded.
- **\$529,000** - 5 BR, 3-1/2 BA overlooking Creek and 8th Fairway on golf course.

Commercial Property

- 3 acres along I-35, at Amity West.
- **\$110,800** - Commercial or investment opportunity. Approximately 1401 S.F. Under Contract
- **\$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.
- **\$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- **\$650,000** - Main Street. Commercial property w/large showroom, office, apartment and rental office space.

Acreage Available

- 150 acres on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- 22 acres on Loop 121 in Belton many possible uses, has water & sewer.
- 23.4 acres 14 miles S. of Killeen, All woods, good hunting. \$75,000.
- 10+ acre tract in Hilltop View Farms off FM 2115. \$5,500 per acre.
- 8.77 acres on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- 5+ acres Windmill Hill.
- 3 acres, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- Chisholm Trail - \$26,900
- Chisholm Trail - \$27,500
- 700 Indian Trail - \$36,000

Other Lots

- Amanda Circle (2 lots) - \$9,500 each
- Live Oak Road - \$37,000
- Hodge Canyon Dr. - \$22,000
- Whispering Woods - \$12,000 (Belton)

- 808 Mill Creek Dr. - \$30,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30-\$75,000
- Winner's Circle - \$50-\$58,000
- Old Mill Rd & S. Ridge - \$39,900 U/C

- Royal Oaks - \$30,000
- Royal Oaks - \$45,000

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\$269,900 - Walk in and feel at home. This elegant, yet cozy, home is simply gorgeous! Hardwood floors grace this home. Solid surface kitchen countertops add to the beauty of the spacious kitchen. Enjoy the warmer months as you sit around the pool.



\$225,000 - A heated indoor pool and hot tub, on a favorite street and wooded lot in Mill Creek! The Seller has updated all the flooring with hardwood floors, tile and plush carpet. The work is done updating this home with appliances, electrical requiring, new 30-year roof, repainting inside and out and more. A large deck and separate golf cart garage with workshop.



\$400,000 - Great value & rental income in Salado! Commercial building with over 5000 SF on I-35 frontage road. Includes 1994 and 1982 mobile homes with storage buildings on 1.86. Gross monthly income is \$4,250.



\$169,900: Relax on your long front porch after a day on the golf course. This home is within walking distance to Mill Creek Pro Shop and Swimming Pool. Hardwood floors throughout the living room. The kitchen consists of tile floors and granite countertops. Large Master BR with granite countertops in Master Bath. The second floor boasts a wonderful loft, a bedroom and a bathroom. Wooden blinds throughout the home.

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Custom Built Country Home. Rustic country home on secluded 4 acres, covered with large trees. This 3 BR, 3 BA, 3 Living, formal dining, front and back porches plus several out buildings. **\$220,000.**



Classic restored railroad depot with tank on 16 rolling Hill Country acres. 3+ bedrooms, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, original beams, floors and windows in addition a 2 car garage with a tack room, workshop and three stalls. A must see!! **\$495,000.**



Home facing FM 2484 has 4 bedrooms and 3 baths, large family room and a extra large stone fireplace. Home sits on 2.99 acres covered with trees. **\$132,000.**



"Tee in Mill Creek" 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, exercise room, large shop, beautiful landscaped on #2 at Mill Creek. A must see! **\$249,900.**



Charming 2 story country cottage secluded on 2 acres covered with large native trees. Small guest room in garage. **\$160,000.** Additional acreage available.



Looking for that small home on acreage? This Austin Stone 3 bedroom with 2 baths has 2.5 acres of trees and is only 2 years old. Close proximity to Killeen and Temple. **\$116,000.**

Residential Listings

\$94,900: 3 BR/2BA/1 Car Garage within walking distance to Main St. Salado.

\$132,000: House facing FM 2484 has 4 bedrooms and 3 baths, one large family room and a extra large stone fireplace. This home sits on 2.99 acres covered with beautiful trees.

\$169,900: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Formal living and dining, outstanding backyard.

\$249,900: 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, exercise room, large shop, beautiful landscaped on #2 at Mill Creek. A must see!

\$360,000: Unique country setting on 33 heavily wooded acres with a charming country cottage secluded in a park like setting.

Acreage Available

- 1/2 acre facing FM 2484. \$12,500.
- 2 one acre lots on Sam Neil. \$15,000 per acre.
- 2 acres: Blackberry, two wooded acres - \$39,900.
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Zoning: Deed Restrictions

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Belton Area

\$86,000: Near Belton 3/2/2 only one year old. Easy access to Killeen and Temple.

Country Homes

Ranch House with barn. This home offers 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 5 acres covered with live oak trees. Unique setting! **\$150,000.**

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Salado Lots

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

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

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

Bluffs at Salado Creek

Phase II
Lot #1 SOLD