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Hometown newspaper read by James & Golda Brock

WWII vets will be honored at Chamber banquet Jan. 28

Tickets to the annual Salado Chamber of Commerce banquet are available at the Chamber office in the Salado Civic Center on Main St.

The Salado Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet will be held 6:30 p.m. Jan. 28, at the Longhorn Room of the Stagecoach Inn. Attire is semi-formal.

The theme of this year's banquet is "A Salute to the Armed Forces," and the address will be given by Retired Four-Star General Tom Schwartz. Schwartz was the former Commander of the III Corps, based at Fort Hood.

The chamber will be

recognizing World War II veterans that reside in Salado at the Annual Banquet on Jan. 28. To help with this, if you served in WWII, please contact the Chamber office at 947-5040 by Jan. 17 with details as to years of service, branch of service and any special accommodations received while in WWII.

Three awards will be given out this year: person of the year; business of the year; and a special award to the hall of famer. This is a first for the Chamber.

The Chamber will be selling chances for door prizes at the banquet that

will offer something for everyone: dining, lodging, shopping and recreation. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Businesses that will have prizes as part of the evening are Mill Creek, Brambley Hedge, Royal Street Provision, The Range at the Barton House, Main Street Place, Magnolia's, Sweet Dreams, Inn on the Creek and Mud Pies Pottery.

Attendees will receive a choice of prime rib or chicken cordon bleu for the entree, and the price is \$25 per person. Anyone interested is asked to RSVP by Jan. 17. Call 947-5040.

Aldermen will consider health & safety ordinance Jan. 16

Salado aldermen will meet 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Municipal Building to discuss the proposed Health and Sanitation Ordinance.

In other business on the tentative agenda, aldermen will hear a report from Police Chief Alan Rogers concerning weather warning sirens and the municipal building alarm system.

Tourism Director April Allen will report on the monthly visitor count,

upcoming ads and trade show, the Salado website and a unity dinner.

Business items on the agenda include these:

- Financials and quarterly investment report by treasurer Eldon Miller.
- Review and possible adoption of annexes to the Emergency Operations Procedures manual.
- Easement abandonment on Methodist Church property.

• Upcoming general city election. Three two-year terms on the board of aldermen will be filled in the May election. The seats are currently filled by Rick Ashe, Vic Means and Jackie Mills. Mayor Charlotte Douglass', Suzi Epps' and Michael Cooper's terms expire in 2004.

The meeting is open to the public. To address the board of aldermen, complete a request form prior to the meeting.

January is school board recognition month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January 2003 as School Board Recognition Month. Districts across the state will use this opportunity to show their appreciation and bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

"Texas' public education system is key to the success of its citizens, providing young Texans across this great state with a solid foundation for the future. School boards guide our public education system at the local level. Working without pay, dedicated school board members give of their time and expertise, to ensure that young Texans have the

skills needed for lifelong success," Perry said.

"For more than 200 years, school boards have served our nation well and helped shape our future leaders. As we look to the future and the challenges ahead, school board members will continue to play an increasingly important role to ensure that young Texans are prepared to excel," he said.

"The Texas Association of School Boards, created in 1949, represents and serves school board members throughout our great state. To raise awareness of the valuable service that school board members provide to the schools and children of Texas, TASB conducts an awareness campaign during Jan-

uary. At this time, in support of this outstanding effort, I urge all Texans to recognize the contributions that local school boards make to our education system. Through their service, they are building the future of Texas," Perry said.

"Today's public schools face enormous challenges and great opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director. "Local trustees work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts.

TASB is a nonprofit association established to serve school districts.



New Ambulance rolls

Scott & White Hospital in Temple began providing emergency ambulance service to the Salado area earlier this month. Scott & White entered into an agreement with the Village of Salado to provide the ambulance service. Ambulance crews are housed at the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd. Prior to the agreement between the village and Scott & White, the city of Belton provided emergency ambulance services to the Salado area. Pictured above are EMS crew Tasha Maxon and Cody Newman. (Photo by Ashley Smith)

Sales tax rebates mixed for village, local library

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent \$283.1 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments Jan. 10, including 11 Bell County cities and the Salado Public Library district. Sales tax allocations are down one percent compared to January 2002.

The Village of Salado bucked the trend for Bell County cities as its check of \$22,625.52 was almost four percent higher than the previous January payment of \$21,762.56.

Temple was down four percent compared to the previous year, while Killeen was three percent higher. Eleven cities in Bell County received a total of

\$2 million in sales tax rebates, about half a percent less than in January 2002.

Salado Public Library district was down almost five percent this month, with a payment of \$14,021.96, compared to a Jan. 2002 payment of \$14,697.20.

Bell County, which levies a half cent sales tax, was down slightly compared to the previous year. The County received a rebate check of \$660,796.81, compared to \$665,002.35 in January 2002.

Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$190.7 million to Texas cities, down 0.1 percent compared to city sales

tax rebates in January 2002. Texas counties received \$16.4 million, down 2.7 percent compared to January 2002. Seventy-five special purpose taxing districts received \$7.9 million, up three percent compared to one year ago, and Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$68 million in sales tax revenue, down 3.4 percent.

January sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in November and reported to the Comptroller in December. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was \$1.1 billion, a decline of 1.3 percent compared to a year ago.

TASB offers free candidate training

The Texas Association of School Boards is providing free training throughout the spring for individuals who are interested in running for the school board.

Applications to file for a school board position will be available at Feb. 3 at the Central Office located in the Civic Center.

The first day to file an application is Feb. 17. The last day to file an application is March 19. Election day is May 3.

The training at Region 12 Service

Center, 2101 W. Loop 340, Waco, is scheduled on February 20, 7-9 p.m., (254) 297-1101. No registration is necessary.

They will discuss:

- What it's like to be a trustee;
- Key responsibilities of the board;
- Division of authority with staff;
- How to campaign constructively;
- Where to find more information.

For information about these workshops, call 800-580-8272, extension 6104, e-mail at brenda.canul@tasb.org, or visit www.tasb.org.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Sometimes it's okay to discriminate

Alan Yorker is being discriminated against, and President Bush thinks it's a good thing.

Last October, the United Methodist Children's Home in Decatur, Ga., refused to interview Yorker for a counseling position upon realizing that the otherwise eminently qualified psychotherapist is Jewish. Why would our famously compassionate president not only not condemn such rank acts of discrimination, but actively fight to make them easier?

On Dec. 12, Bush issued an executive order clarifying that religious charities that receive federal funds are permitted to discriminate on the basis of creed. This extends to recipients of federal grants a carve-out for the hiring practices of religious groups that already existed in the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and had been affirmed in the 1987 Supreme Court case *The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints v. Amos* (in that case, a long-time employee at a Mormon-run gym had been fired for not getting certified as a Mormon).

When Bush tried to extend this exception legislatively as part of his new faith-based initiative, he encountered bitter resistance in Congress. The provision barely escaped the House and died in the Senate, making it necessary for Bush to resort to the executive order.

Gay groups in particular have waged war on the hiring exception. The Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund is suing the United Methodist Children's Home on behalf of Yorker and a former counselor named Aimee Bellmore, who was fired for being a lesbian. The home has a policy of employing only Christian heterosexuals who are married or celibate.

Since the Methodist home receives about 40 percent of its funding from the State of Georgia, the Lambda suit maintains "that Georgia is violating the federal and Georgia Constitutions by financing a

The Rich Lowry column



religious institution that discriminates on the basis of religion."

Is the home's hiring policy discriminatory? Yes. But any religious faith is inherently discriminatory. Is the policy rational by a strict secular standard? No. But it helps make the United Methodist Children's Home uniquely Methodist.

Other religious groups are welcome to hire on the basis of their own beliefs. Such competing visions, freely and vigorously pursued, would be a pretty good definition of pluralism.

But the otherwise-sacred quest for "diversity" abruptly ends when it runs up against something liberals find offensive. So, the Methodists have to prove their commitment to diversity by becoming just like everyone else, or at least just like everyone else who thinks hiring on the basis of religion or sexual orientation is always wrong.

The idea of Bush's faith-based push is to open the essentially secular social-service functions of religious charities to government funding, without undermining the faith that animates them or funding their proselytizing. It's an admirable goal, but a delicate one, especially when government funding is subject to political pressure by groups with stilted notions of "tolerance."

One wonders: In contemporary America, is it too much to ask that we be tolerant of Methodists?

Republicans have "interesting" time opening Congressional & State sessions

Last week's column predicted there would be "heady" days ahead for Republicans as they take over the reins of government at both Congressional and State levels. That was a "tongue in cheek" remark, meant only to point out how pleased and proud the GOPers are to control so much lawmaking at so many levels. Little did we imagine how it would play out during the first few days of this new political year.

In Washington, shortly after the House of Representatives opened for business, the Republican leadership (that's Speaker Hastert, Tom DeLay, and other faithful minions) surreptitiously inserted in the new "Rules of the House" package, some highly questionable ethical "adjustments" that will enhance their normal free-loading tendencies! House Rules are prepared each session by the majority party and normally approved on a "pro forma" basis.

This time the loyal opposition (Democrats) caught the rule change dupery and forced an open discussion and "record" vote, eventually won by Republicans along party lines 221-203. So what was the commotion all about? The changes had to do with the 1995 ethical dictums (put in place by "GOP-Contract" lawmakers under Newt Gingrich) that prohibited any House member or staff employee from accepting free travel, lodging, food and other freebies from charitable groups or lobbyists.

The new "rules" scuttled those "old" high minded ethical axioms and at least for the 108th Congress - the food, drinks, gifts and travel will flow like wine, sans limitations or regulations!

How's that for a great start? Small wonder right-wing columnist Cal Thomas wrote last week that "Conservatism is optimistic and fun!"

Also gave us the inside skinny on why Repubs (and others) in the House are smiling as they dream of free meals while planning some great trips.

COMPTROLLER MARRIES WHILE MEMORY FAILS

The pre-opening festivities of the 78th Legislative Session in Austin over-shadowed even the fun filled first days of Congress, thanks to a neat twist this year that included a real life "love story" culminating with the marriage of State Comptroller Carol Keeton McClellan Rylander (and now) Strayhorn to her old school beau Ed Strayhorn on January 4, followed by a combined Swearing-in ceremony and delayed wedding reception a week later in the Senate chamber before a large crowd of well wishers.

Carole and Ed were long distance high school sweethearts - she from Austin High and he from Pyote. They later attended the University of Texas at Austin where their love blossomed. Carole's dad put the quietus on the matter of marriage and Ed drifted off into the army, and until just a few months ago the two remained apart, although apparently still in love.

At any rate - this inexorable tale of love ended happily as the 63 year old grandmother finally married Ed. Carole is an old acquaintance and we sincerely congratulate the newlyweds and thank cupid for his help in promoting this romantic senior interlude.

"Interlude" is the proper word, because the blushing and giddy Mrs. Strayhorn, after being re-installed as Comptroller and following appropriate words about her new husband, immediately launched into a finger pointing harangue directed at last session's lawmakers for having a "party in 2001 and spending every dime available," with a resultant multi-billion dollar budget shortfall facing the 78th session, that began yesterday.

MEMORY LOSS

Either the excitement of a later-life love-marriage, or just plain aging taking its toll, it is feared that Carole Keeton McClellan Rylander Strayhorn has developed a severe

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



House GOPers "kick-off" Congress by repealing critical Ethic rules; Texas Comptroller gains new hubby while losing some of her fiscal memory.

memory loss. The new bride has forgotten that it was she who told former Governor Bush that taking the State's surplus in 1999-2000 and supposedly returning it to taxpayers, would not in any way hurt the treasury or the high flying state economy.

During the 2001 session, Strayhorn certified the current two year budget as having plenty of money, with a neat surplus predicted at the end of the current biennial rainbow.

Today, with no money in reserve and the national economy still in a free-fall, the Comptroller decided it was time to shift blame from her office - over to lawmakers (mostly the bad old liberal Democrats, of course) for having a "party" and spending all the State's money during the last session.

A party, we might add, that some legislators complained they were never invited to, nor attended.

NAME OF THE GAME

None of this blame-gaming should surprise anyone since it is an easy, albeit temporary, way to implicate those who went before - for the problems of today. With the GOP now in complete control in Texas and nowhere to hide, plus a dopey "no new or additional tax" pledge staring them full in the face - the matter becomes political "life or death." Therefore, it's time to impute the Demos and see if that sticks, while tackling an impossible mission that will end up including both tax hikes and service-personnel cuts.

Enough to take the blush off the new session, as well as the newly married Comptroller.

GOP THINK-TANKERS IN EARLY SCREW-UP

On December 18, this column reported that the Texas Public Policy Foundation (TPPF), a super conservative "think tank" that has long been active in Republican circles was, for the first time, being invited to work personally with the Governor's office and the rest of the State's elected and appointed hierarchy as they come to grips with real life problems of state government including the massive deficit and related spin-off problems such as service and personnel cutting.

The group's "help" will arrive via a twin workshop vehicle organized by the TPPF, to be held in Austin in late January and again in February. The conference will feature speakers from this "tank of thinkers" who firmly believe the key to resolving all government problems comes through the judicious use of standard right wing principles - particularly freer enterprise, less government through privatization and lower taxes.

STICKY START

The TPPF got off to a sticky-start during the planning stage of the upcoming convocation when the hard-line advocacy group used the names of Governor Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick in a fund raising letter to lobbyists - money to be used to pay for the conference that is estimated to cost upwards of \$500,000 (so far).

The first problem that hit the fan arose when it was discovered TPPF had used Perry, Dewhurst and Craddick's names without permission! This triggered a second and even more serious "step-in-the-poop," namely that the fund raising letter

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New ambulance service for Salado

By RICHARD ASHE
ALDERMAN, VILLAGE OF SALADO



Richard Ashe

If you have been by the village office in the last few weeks you would have noticed that there is a new garage next to the building. This garage houses the new Scott and White ambulance that is now serving the Salado area. Scott and White will have an ambulance stationed here in the Salado area 24 hours a day and will respond to all emergency medical calls with the Salado Volunteer Fire Department (VFD).

In the past, Salado has had to rely on the Belton Fire Department to send their ambulance to Salado for medical calls. The city of Belton has only one ambulance so this has been a problem in the past. The Salado VFD has been concerned about the need for an ambulance service closer to Salado for several years now. The village, working with the VFD, was able to negotiate a contract with Scott and White Hospital to house one of their ambulances here in Salado. This ambulance will be part of Scott and White's effort to cover the entire county, which includes ambulances in Holland, Troy and Moffat. This contract calls for the village to house the ambulance and crew at the village building. It will be a minimal expense for the village and will provide a professional ambulance service that could cost the village up to \$400,000 a year if we attempted to provide our own service. The only way to fund this

would have been a property tax.

In the coming weeks, you should start to see Scott and White personnel around the village. They will be trying to get to know their way around the village and the citizens of Salado. We believe that this should provide a faster response time to medical personnel for transport to local hospitals. The Salado VFD will continue to be the first responders on all medical and fire calls. Even though it is a Scott and White ambulance, you will still be able to be transported to any hospital in the area you choose.

We are currently looking at ways to improve the look of the new garage to better fit in with Salado. If anyone has any ideas or would like to donate time or materials on that project, please contact the village office or Alderman Ashe.

As with most other projects of this size there are bound to be glitches and problems, so please bear with us as we work through this new system. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact any of the Aldermen, or the village office.

Republicians — From 2A

left a strong suggestion that the money was being raised "to assist" the "top three" officials during a legislative session - a big fat statutory "no-no" that caused not only embarrassment but had legal implications as well.

All this was caught by reporters who were alerted by low-level muttering from harried lobbyists who felt they were being "pressured" to cough up big bucks to gain special access to Republican officials during the conference sessions.

GUV & PALS TO ATTEND

The Governor and his pals quickly distanced themselves from the fund raising letter and TPPF admitted they were in error by using the official's names. Regardless of the flap, the top officials have told the press they certainly plan to attend the convention, which is no surprise since they had asked the TPPF to set it up in the first place. After all, Perry and Dewhurst are beholding to TPPF, thanks to

donations and perks given them and the Republican Party over the past three years that totaled nearly \$2 million.

EDITORIAL ON TARGET

Few Salado conservatives take time to read the editorial pages of the Austin American Statesman. "Too *##@*! liberal" is the nicest thing they generally say about the paper, but regardless of that disclaimer - the January 7, main editorial was on target and noted in part: "We hope our top elected officials continue to remember that, however much help they get...(from TPPF)...the offices they won belong to all of us."

We also need to remind ourselves and those we select to represent us, about the truism that negatively impacts the intrinsic core of our Democracy: "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely."

That's -30-

FORUM

NEWS ITEM: 6 OUT OF 7 YOUNG AMERICANS CAN'T FIND IRAQ ON A MAP (WHICH IS A SOURCE OF AMUSEMENT FOR THE REST OF THE U.N. INSPECTION TEAM)



Continuing work of our Founding Fathers

In 1789 the members of the first federal Congress convened with the noble goal of creating a solid foundation on which to build a great nation. Knowing that the responsibility for the success or failure of America's Revolution laid squarely on their shoulders, they began to create the legislation that would become the blueprint for our system of government.

This January, 214 years after our nation's experiment with democracy began, we convene for the 108th Congress to continue the work of our Founding Fathers.

107th Congress (January 2001-December 2002) The 107th Congress came to a close having achieved a number of important accomplishments. When we set out in January of 2001, we could never have envisioned the tragedy that would strike our nation on September 11th. While our primary focus was rightly on securing our homeland and protecting our citizens, we were able to accomplish a great deal on other key issues.

- Economic Opportunity - Congress passed sweeping tax relief to create jobs, strengthen the economy, and put more money in Americans' pocketbooks. We also passed Trade Promotion Authority to give the President a strong hand to negotiate trade agreements and open new markets to U.S. products. Congress enacted an economic stimulus bill giving short-term help to displaced workers and providing long-term stimulus to help businesses create more jobs. We also addressed the need for terrorism insurance to help building projects recover.

- Improving Public Education - Congress passed the "No Child Left Behind Act," the most historic education reform in a generation to increase funding, infuse accountability into our public

Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



school systems, and create opportunity to ensure that every American child has a chance to succeed.

- Corporate Accountability - Congress passed tough corporate accountability legislation to punish acts of corruption, help restore confidence in corporate America, and protect small investors. It also established stricter standards for auditor independence by prohibiting accounting firms from providing most consulting services to the clients they audit.

- National Security - While the U.S. military has expertly prosecuted the war on terrorism, and rooted out al Qaeda from Afghanistan, Congress has worked to provide the tools and resources they need. We passed a defense bill to give our men and women in the Armed Forces upgraded equipment, technology and infrastructure, and better housing and pay for the difficult job they perform.

- Homeland Security - President Bush signed legislation creating the Department of Homeland Security, which will help the U.S. government to better protect our nation against terrorism and preserve the liberties and freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

108th Congress (January 2003-December 2004)

The new Congress begins with a full plate to help us grow and prosper as a nation. Here are some of the top priorities:

- Extend unemployment benefits for Americans who need them;

- Finish the appropriations bills left over from last year's Congress to fully fund the initiatives and programs on which

people rely;

- Enact an economic stimulus package to bolster our economy and strengthen the stock market; and

- Reform Social Security and Medicare with a prescription drug component to bring those venerable programs up to date and ensure they will be there for generations to come.

- Enact an energy bill to make our country more self sufficient.

Finishing the Job

We will complete the work we undertook with the Department of Homeland Security. We must ensure the Department is fully funded and operational as soon as possible. Though the transition will take time, Congress will work with the president and the new Department to ensure the move is seamless and efficient.

Congress must also develop and implement a comprehensive national energy policy. Though we worked tirelessly toward that end last year, we were ultimately unable to send a bill to President Bush. I'm confident we will pass a bill that will encourage domestic production and release our nation from the grip of Middle East oil dependency.

Undoubtedly, there are many other issues that will be brought before this Congress, and our priorities may shift with the needs and concerns of the American people. But we enter this year with the echo of the first Congress' noble goal foremost in our minds: we will continue to build upon the solid foundation they began and ensure that America continues to be the beacon of freedom and liberty for all people around the world.

Snooper duper spying machine



Jim Hightower

Here it comes, another Gooberhead Award, presented to those in the news whose tongues are going 100 miles an hour, but who forgot to put their brains in gear.

Today I've got a Double Goober for you! Both our winners are excited about a Big, New, Whiz-bang Technological advance they call "Total Information Awareness."

The T.I.A. is another fine product brought to us by those fun-loving techno-wizards at the Pentagon, and you should become totally aware of their latest gizmo, because they definitely plan to include you in their fun.

T.I.A. is a super-sophisticated, super-fast computer system that is designed to scoop up every last detail of every transaction that you and I and everyone else makes. Your bank withdrawals, prescriptions you buy, books you check out, trips you make, documents you file, Web sites you visit, emails you send, your job records, complaints you make to authorities, complaints made against you, all of it is to be dumped into what T.I.A. enthusiasts call "a virtual, centralized grand database," which will be available to various local, state, federal, and international agencies.

Sound like fun? Surely they're kidding, right? Nope. It's all part of Bush's Homeland Security Act, just passed by Congress.

And guess who's in charge of this new snooper-duper scheme? John Poindexter.

Yes, the disgraced former-Reagan official and Iran-Contra sleaze who was convicted on five felony counts of lying to Congress! He's our Goober Number One for breezily asserting that everyone's "transaction space" must be monitored in order to ferret out terrorists.

Goober Number Two is Don Rumsfeld, Bush's Pentagon chief who arrogantly declared that critics who express alarm about this T.I.A. intrusion into our lives are doing a "dis-service to the country."

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**Keeney recipient of Lastovica
Angus Farm scholarship**

Jessica Keeney, a 2001 graduate of Salado High School, is the recipient of the Lastovica Angus Farm scholarship. Harry Sweet, Tablerock board member and director of A Christmas Carol, presented the scholarship to Jessica at the last performance of Salado's seasonal Christmas play. Jessica attends Temple College. She has been cast in Salado Legends and A Christmas Carol for the past two years and has been a Tablerock Fright Trail actress for three years.

**Sarophim School of Fine Arts
presents "Disappeared" Feb. 1-9**

The Sarophim School of Fine Arts at Southwestern University will present "Disappeared," a play by Phyllis Nagy, Feb. 1-2, and 6-9., at the Jesse H. and Mary Gibbs Theatre on the Southwestern campus.

The play is set in Hell's Kitchen, New York City, before Sept. 11. It is described as a story about "Sarah Casey, a travel agent who has never been anywhere, a woman who rejects the expectations of a conventional world, sits and drinks and dances in a neighborhood bar one evening, and then, quite simply, disappears. An investigation ensues. Peculiar, endearing characters emerge to solve the mystery. You'll be drawn into a

quirky, oddball world that is mesmerizing, murky and hilariously funny."

Show-times are as follows:

8 p.m. Feb. 1, 7 and 8;
2 p.m. Feb. 2, 8 and 9;
and 7 p.m. Feb. 6.

Tickets may be purchased in person or over the phone with a Visa or MasterCard by calling the box office at 512-863-1378 Mon.-Fri. between 1 and 5 p.m. Adult ticket prices are \$10 and youth prices are \$8. Season subscribers gain a 30 percent discount on ticket fees. There are also discount seats available for groups of 15 or more. Call the box office for more information.

"Disappeared" will be directed by Kathleen Juhl.

**Meeting of the Military Officers
Association of America held Jan. 17**

There will be a general membership meeting of the Military Officers Association of America, MOAA (Formerly TROA), in the Wilshire Room of the Fort Hood Officers Club Jan. 17 at noon. The speaker will be Ginny Alloway, President of the Texas MOAA

Council of Chapters. Alloway will induct the new President and Board members for 2003.

Renew old friendships, enjoy the fellowship and be informed about major initiatives the club is involved with in the current Legislature, says the MOAA.

**III Corps Units at Fort Hood receive
deployment orders for Jan. 14**

Elements of III Corps stationed at Fort Hood have received deployment orders to reposition forces as required to support the President's global war against terrorism. Units from the 13th Corps Support Command at Fort Hood have been directed to prepare to deploy in the event they are required.

This repositioning of forces provides increased military capabilities in the ongoing war on terror. Any further employment of those forces deploying in a future combat role is a

Presidential decision.

III Corps and its units based at Fort Hood have responded from the outset of the war on terror, and will continue to deploy forces to places such as Afghanistan, Central Asia, Southwest Asia, Cuba, and Europe. All III Corps units remain trained and ready to deploy on short notice as required to defend America's interests at home and worldwide.

The 13th Corps Support Command, which provides logistical and medical sup-

port units to III Corps, will now deploy an Engineer unit and a Medical unit on Tuesday (Jan. 14). The deploying soldiers will conduct manifest operations and conduct a departure ceremony with friends and family members on Tuesday afternoon.

For security reasons, specific numbers of troops deploying and deployment destinations will not be announced at this time, and III Corps officials will not speculate on future employment of forces.

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Bring \$10 for handouts. An optional fitness booklet will be available (approximately \$15). Olga Figueroa has been a certified personal trainer since 1997. Class meets Jan. 22-Feb.

26, Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$41. Register at least 3 days in advance to avoid a \$5 late fee.

Interior Design Basics -- Take your basic design skills a step further. This course will cover interior design projects from reading blueprints and floor plans to selecting interior finishes. Learn how to weigh the pros and cons of using different materials, plan spaces using templates and determine cost, preparation and practicality of design choices.

Bring \$6 to class for handouts. Andrea Ellison has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interior Design along with six years of commercial and residential design experience. Class meets Jan. 23-Feb. 27, Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$39. Register at least 3 days in advance to avoid a \$5 late fee.

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Anger Management & Conflict Resolution --

Anger is one of the most poorly handled emotions in society. Learn how to resolve your anger without blaming others. Class discussion will focus on anger control, conflict resolution, successful communication techniques, aggressive versus assertive, strategies for handling difficult people and more. Michael Kiefer is a professional school, marriage and family counselor.

Class meets Jan. 22-January 23, Wed. and Thurs., 6:30-8 p.m. Cost is \$11. Register at least 3 days in advance to avoid a \$5 late fee.

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

Edwards: Central Texas 4C selected for \$750,000 head start grant

U.S. Representative Chet Edwards announced recently that Central Texas 4C (formerly Temple Coordinated Child Care Council, Inc) has been selected for a U.S. Department of Health & Human Services grant of \$750,000 to operate an Early Head Start program in Bell County.

Central Texas 4C has been a Head Start agency since 1978, and provides Head Start services and childcare for more than 500 children in Temple, Belton and Killeen. Bell County, however, has been an unserved area for Early Childhood pro-

grams for children under the age of three. There are more than 3,800 eligible children in the area.

Under the new grant, Early Head Start services will be available for 60 pregnant women, infants and toddlers. Early Head Start programs offer child development and family support services to low-income pregnant women and families with children up to age three to enhance children's physical, social, emotional and intellectual development.

In a letter to the Department of Health & Human Services recom-

mending Central Texas 4C's application, Edwards praised the organization's commitment "to ensure that children are given every opportunity to meet their full, God-given potential." He said the community-based non-profit agency "has been a successful Head Start delegate agency for 20 years, and has the experience to administer a much needed Early Head Start program for Bell County."

Janell Sherwood, Central Texas 4C's Executive Director, said, "This was our third time to write this grant, and we feel that the Congressman's sup-

port helped make this year's application a successful one. We will be able to meet the needs of families in Temple, Belton, and Killeen."

"This is a comprehensive program that provides assistance to the whole family, in an effort to teach them how to help themselves," Sherwood explained. "It gives families hope rather than just a band-aid. This Early Head Start grant, combined with the funds received for the Head Start program, means that over \$3 million is coming to Central Texas to assist families."

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Sandi Lewis will perform a free concert Jan. 19.

Free concert at FBC of Salado

Christian recording artist Sandi Lewis will perform in concert 6 p.m. Jan. 19 at the First Baptist Church of Salado, on Main St. The public is invited to this free concert.

"A woman called by God to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ in song," Kelly Gilman said of Sandi Lewis in *People Talk* magazine. "It's a true blessing to witness and experience such a dynamic blend of music and ministry."

"Whether in concert or ministering in a small gathering, Sandi Lewis is anointed to reach every waiting heart. There are no age limits in the Kingdom of Heaven -- any heart after God can receive Sandi's ministry," Gilman wrote of the singer.

The concert ministry of Lewis has impacted the lives of thousands. A member of the Conference of Texas Baptist Music Evangelists, Sandi has been singing praises to the Lord professionally since 1995. Her recordings have included such favorites as "I Stand in Awe," "In the Garden," "My Jesus, I Love Thee," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Oh, the Glory," "Holy, Holy, Holy," "Amazing Grace," and many other gospel and contemporary Christian music favorites.

Lewis attended Baylor University and graduated from North Texas State University.

She and her husband co-teach a 12th grade Sunday School Class and she is a featured soloist at Champion Forest Baptist Church in Houston.

She says, "God wants His people to come to Him in praise and worship. We choose to either seek Him or be distracted by the world. It is my desire to minister to people's hearts and share with them that God is only a choice-away."

"I believe that the Holy Spirit uses each of us in a unique way to communicate His love to each other," she said. "The way He uses me is through music. I want to worship and to help lead those who listen to a higher place of worship."

The concert is free of charge. A love offering will be taken and Sandi's recordings will be available for purchase at the concert.

For more information, contact the First Baptist Church office at 947-5465.

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Etheredge weds Sells

Meagan Ann Etheredge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray Etheredge, of Dallas, became the bride of Christopher David Sells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Edwin Petty, of Salado, and the late Mr. Clyde David Sells, of Mount Pleasant, on Oct. 19.

The wedding took place at First Baptist Church, Dallas, Colonel C.C. Slaughter Chapel. Rev. John Martin Ferguson officiated the double ring ceremony, while Jerry Aultman played the organ and piano and Carol Aultman, both of Ft. Worth, sang.

The bride, wearing a strapless dress with a bodice of crystal bugle and round beads and a skirt of duchess satin, was given

away in marriage by her father, Kenneth Ray Etheredge. Her cathedral length veil was accented with gardenias in the bride's hair, and she carried a bouquet of Lilly of the Valley.

The bride's parents stood in attendance of the bride, and the groom's parents stood in his attendance. The flower girl was Logan Grace Etheredge, niece of the bride. The ring bearers were Grant Duane Gallas, godson of the groom, and Greyson Knowles Etheredge, nephew of the bride.

A reception followed the wedding and took place at the home of the bride's parents. The couple now resides in Dallas.

The bride graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Science



Mrs. Christopher David Sells

in Economics and a minor in Art History. The groom graduated from Southern

Methodist University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

First Baptist Church announces January events

The First Baptist Church of Salado has announced several events beginning in the month of January.

Weekly Spanish Bible Study: Beginning Jan. 15 at 6 p.m., a weekly Spanish Bible study will be held upstairs in the Education Building at the FBC of Salado. The study will be led by Belia Rodriguez. Age appropriate activities will be provided for the children. The weekly fellowship meal will be held at 5:30 p.m. Cost for the meal will be \$4 for adults and \$2

for children, with a maximum of \$12 per family.

Intimate Encounters: Beginning Jan. 19, a 10-week marriage and family enrichment study will be held. The classes will take place on Sundays, and will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Salado Mansion.

Couples who wish to enrich an already good marriage, couples who are struggling with their marriage, couples who are thinking about marriage, or any couple interested is encouraged to attend.

The classes will be led by Alan and Brenda Rogers, who have been married for 25 years. Alan is the chief of police in Salado, and Brenda is a gifted and talented facilitator with the Killeen ISD.

The Rogers' will teach couples how to identify needs and understand how those needs can affect a relationship; how to Biblically deal with hurt, anger, guilt, fear and condemnation; and how to avoid destructive thinking patterns, among many other

topics.

Guest Speaker Sandi Fatow:

On Jan. 19, during both the 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services, Fatow will speak on her experiences as part of the Bill Glass Prison Ministry.

Fatow will relate her tale, which involves settings such as San Juan, Harlem, Miami, San Quentin, the Amazon and China, among others.

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Jan. 17: Glazed Doughnuts, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Jan. 20: Waffles, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Jan. 21: Biscuits & Gravy, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

Lunch Menu

Jan. 14: Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Applesauce, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

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Jan. 17: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Pickle Spear, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk

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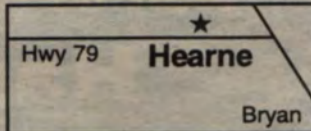
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Salado gets by Yeguas

Ladies 5-1 in district

Riding the hot hand of Meagan Joiner, the Varsity Lady Eagles picked up two more wins in games last week.

Making the road trip to Roundtop-Carmine on Jan. 7, Salado had to fight tooth-and-nail in a game where four quarters of play were not enough to decide a winner. In a come-from-behind effort, the Lady Eagles squeaked by with an overtime victory by a final of 51-47.

Things were close from the tip-off, but the first period ended with Salado down by four, 14-10. The second period was much the same as its predecessor, as the girls were only able to chip into Roundtop's lead by one point. The tally at the intermission was 22-19.

The rest between halves seemed to do the Lady Eagles some good, as they came out and played determined ball in the third. Laramie Jackson pumped in six, but Salado could only match Roundtop's 12 for the quarter, and the deficit was still three points,



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Lindsay Pruitt drives in the paint on a fast break during the fourth quarter of the Lady Eagles' win over Somerville.

34-31.

The fourth saw Salado rally and tie the game at 45 to force an overtime period, which the Lady Eagles took advantage of. Salado hit four crucial free

throws in overtime, two by Jenny Goode and two by Laramie Jackson to ice the win, 51-47.

Meagan Joiner led all scorers with 16 points on the night. Jackson was close behind with 12, and Lindsay Pruitt sank four from the field and two from the line to finish with 10 points.

Also scoring were Goode, nine; and Lauren Hogwood, four.

Hosting Somerville on Jan. 10, Salado was again able to finish with a flourish and take the game, this time by the score of 42-38.

Only four Lady Eagles were able to score offensively, but Meagan Joiner's five three-pointers and 17 total were enough to seal the victory.

Things were certainly

not easy for Salado, though. They trailed by three at the half, 19-16, and nursed a four point lead after three periods of play, 29-25. Both teams put up 13 points in the fourth, however, which was not enough for the Yeguas to pull off the win, as the Lady Eagles clung to a hard-fought, four point district victory.

Joiner again led all scorers with her 17. Jackson had another strong game, finishing with 13. Also scoring were Jenny Goode, eight; and Lindsay Pruitt, four.

The girls now boast a 16-9 record overall, with an all-important 5-1 district mark.

The Lady Eagles host Rogers on Jan. 14, and travel to Lexington on Jan. 17.



(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)
Lauren Mewhinney chases down a Lady Yegua during the Lady Eagles' 42-38 district win Jan. 10.

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Boys slide to .500 in district

The Salado Eagles dropped to 2-2 in district play, losing to Somerville and Jarrell in recent basketball game. The varsity Eagles lost to Somerville at home 63-53, even though they trailed by just a point at the end of the first half. The loss dropped the Eagles to 12-9 overall and 2-2 in district. The Yeguas lead the district with an undefeated record in loop play.

Somerville took over the game in the third quarter, scoring 29 points and holding the Eagles to eight points. Yegua post Ellis scored 25 of his game-high 35 points in the second half of the game.

Matt Caskey had 18 points, including two three-pointers to lead the Eagles squad. Blake Mascari shot three three points on his way to an 11-point effort on the night.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Devon Dunn, seven points, Travis Clark, seven points, Evan Durham, six points, Jarrod Whitfield, three points and Joshua Wright, one point.

The Eagles lost on the road to Jarrell Jan. 3 during the Christmas holiday, 50-57, the squad's first district loss. The Eagles



Devon Dunn guards the key against Somerville last week. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

trailed by eight at the half, 23-15, after scoring just four points in the second quarter. The Cougars extended the lead to 38-26 in the third quarter before Salado scored 24 points in the fourth quarter to close the game to 50-57.

Caskey had 25 points to lead the team, including two three pointers. Dunn also managed double figures, with 10 points. Also scoring were Clark, nine points, Mascari, four points and Durham, two points.

Salado dropped a non-district game to Jim Ned Jan. 7 50-63. The Eagles trailed by 28 points at the end of three periods of play, 55-27, before closing the gap to 13 points with 23 points in the fourth period.

Caskey led the team with 20 points, 14 in the second half. Clark followed with 13 points. Also scoring were Mascari, eight points, Dunn, three points and Matt Jennings, Ben

Marsh and Wright, two points each.

The Eagles took third place in the Rosebud-Lott Tournament over the Christmas break, losing in

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Boys in games last week

It's beginning to look as if this season's hard work is starting to pay-off for the JV Eagles, as they've won their last two contests at the expense of Jarrell and Somerville.

Versus the Cougars, the boys put up enough points in the first half to hold-off a Jarrell rally in the second. Salado won the game 34-31.

Joseph Shumate was the high-scorer on both sides with his 10 point performance.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Jacob Williams, four; Chris Stineman, six; Dallas Butts, six; Nick Everett, five; and Garrett Askins, three.

On Jan. 10, Salado hosted the Somerville JV in a district game.

The Eagles led by only six points at the half, 18-12,

thanks mostly to Chris Stineman, who scored 12 of his 14 points in the first half, including 10 in the second period alone.

Salado opened it up offensively in the game's second half, pulling away with an 18 point fourth to take the game by a final of 46-23.

Stineman's 14 led all scorers.

Joseph Shumate and Garrett Askins both chipped in with five points, while Jacob Williams finished with six.

Also contributing were Nick Everett, four; Nathan Grigsby, four; Dallas Butts, two; and John Gregurek, two.

The JV boys will face off against Rogers on Jan. 14, in Salado, and Lexington on Jan. 17, in Lexington.



Strong under the boards, number 30 Laramie Jackson scrambles for a loose ball versus Somerville. (PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

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Competition falters as JV girls keep up winning ways

The JV Lady Eagles double-dipped their opponents last week in convincing fashion.

On Jan. 7 the girls travelled to Round Top-Carmine. Salado jumped-out to a 12-6 lead after the first period, which saw five different Eagles get into the scoring column.

The final really wasn't in question for Coach Kurt Salisbury's squad, as they led by 12 at the half, 22-10. A 25 point second half by Salado ensured the victory, with the final being 47-18.

Elizabeth Dunlap shouldered the offensive load with 17 points. Seven other Lady Eagles also contributed. Brittani Goodnight had seven, and Kate Marshall and Rachel Hargrove each had six.

Other scorers were Brandi Warren, five; Kelsey Smith, Lacey Bartlett and Nicole Weatherly each had two points.

Salado then hosted Somerville on Jan. 10 and whaloped the Yeguas by a score of 65-10.

The Lady Eagles had offensive production from all sides in the game, with four players reaching double-digits in scoring.

Leading Salado for the second consecutive game was Elizabeth Dunlap, who finished with 14 points. Following close behind, teammate Kate Marshall had 13, 10 of which came in the first half.

Lacy Bartlett scored 11, and Kelsey Smith had 10 points for the game.

Rounding out the scoring were Brandi Warren, six; Brittani Goodnight, five; Nicole Weatherly, four; and Rachel Hargrove, two.

The Lady Eagles host Rogers on Jan. 14, then go to Lexington Jan. 17.

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the second round to state-ranked Centerville, which won the tournament.

In the first round, the Eagles thrashed the Rosebud-Lott JV 75-24. Dunn led the scoring with 20 points. Also scoring for the Eagles were Marsh and Cody Quirk, 10 points each, Wright and Mascari, six points each, Whitfield and Jennings, four points apiece, Durham, three points and Caskey, two points.

The Eagles lost to Centerville in the second round by one point, though they trailed by five points after three periods of play. Mascari and Clark both hit two three pointers during the fourth quarter as Salado scored 17 points and held Centerville to just 13 points.

Mascari led the squad with 16 points, 12 of them on three pointers. Also scoring for the Eagles were Clark, nine points, Caskey and Dunn, eight points each, Whitfield and Marsh, three points each.

Salado beat Leon in the final round for third place in the tournament, winning by five points.

The Eagles trailed 42-43 at the end of the third, but poured on 18 points in the fourth to take the win.

Dunn had 17 points to lead the team. Mascari had 11 points and Whitfield had 10 points to follow.

Also scoring for the Eagles were Caskey and Clark, nine points each, Wright and Marsh, two points each.



Travis Clark works for breathing room.
(PHOTO BY TIM FLEISCHER)

Never too old to play ball, Alumni Game set for Feb. 15

The Salado Eagles baseball season doesn't officially kick-off until Feb. 18, but a few days before, on Feb. 15, the old-timers will get a chance to show the young guns they can still play ball, at the second annual Salado Eagle alumni game.

"The format for this year's reunion and game will be a little different," said head coach and organizer Melvin Bates. "The

old-timers (those who graduated in '95 or before) will play against one another in a game beginning at 11 a.m. That game will be followed by the homerun contest. The younger graduates will then scrimmage the Varsity at about 1:30 p.m."

Over 40 alumni, or has-beens, as they are also called, laced their spikes and oiled their gloves for

last year's game.

Coach Bates said the game in 2002 was a time for reminiscing and catching up with old teammates and classmates. "It was a great time for all," he said. "And believe me, no one is too out of shape to play, but if you do not want to participate, at least come and fellowship."

The fee to play in the game is \$10, which covers

the cost of a T-shirt, which each participant will receive. The cost for the homerun contest is also \$10. Prizes will be awarded for first and second place in the homerun contest.

If you are planning on playing, contact Coach Bates at the Intermediate School, 947-1700, or e-mail at mbates@saladoisd.org, so he can get a count on the number of players.

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Rick Strong, manager of the Salado Brookshire Brothers and Salado resident, won the employee portion of the "Home for the Holidays" contest that took place throughout the holiday months in the grocery store. Strong is the winner of an undisclosed cash prize.

UMHB announces honor roll

The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor announced that 572 students have been listed on the fall 2002 Vice President's Honor Roll. To receive this recognition a student must achieve a 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. The Salado students receiving the award are: Adrienne Akins, Meredith Akins, Cynthia Gonzales, James Johnston, Lori Maughan and Russell Porterfield.

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Several Salado Eagles are named to all-district squads

In the wake of a football season which saw the Eagles turn some heads on the way to ending a three-year playoff drought, the team found themselves well represented on the all-district squads.

Juniors Scott Bates (QB) and Cale Cox (OL), along with seniors Omar Torres (TB), Roland Buckley (WR), Jarrod Whitfield (WR), and Kyle Salisbury (OL) all represented Salado on the first team.

On the defensive side, freshman Jesse Rodriguez (S), juniors Bill Tubbs (DL), and Scott Bates (LB), and seniors Roland Buck-

ley (DB), Brad Ray (LB), and Bryan Johnston (DL) made the first team as well.

Sophomore punter Devon Dunn achieved first team recognition for special teams.

Buckley and Bates were the only Eagles to make first team on both sides of the ball.

Seniors Fran Ruiz (FB) and Evan Durham (OL), and junior Ben Marsh (OL) made second team on offense.

On the second team defensively, seniors Issac Berumen (S), Ryon Clifton (DL), and Fran Ruiz (DL), along with junior Cale Cox (DE) represented Salado.

Junior placekicker Chase Simpson made the second team also.

For honorable mention, seniors Heath Hale (LB), Adam Coffman (LB), and Bryan Johnston (FB), along with sophomores Jacob Williams (TE), and Tommy Lyssy (OL) rounded off Salado's all-district honorees.

Kyle Salisbury was also included in the recently announced academic all-state squad as a second-teamer.

Coach Jeff Cheatham will return six starters on both sides of the ball for the 2003 campaign.

Crystallis Dance Company coming to Salado Jan. 24

The Crystallis Dance Company is coming to Salado on Jan. 24.

There will be two student performances during the day and an evening performance of the full ballet at 7 p.m. at the SIS Auditorium.

Tickets for the evening performance are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, children under 5 are free. These will be available later in the week at the school district and campuses offices.

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PHOTO BY ASHLEY SMITH

Training provided by school board

The Texas Association of School Boards is providing free training throughout the spring for individuals who are interested in running for the school board.

Applications to file for a school board position will be available at Feb. 3 at the Central Office located in the Civic Center.

The first day to file an application is Feb. 17. The last day to file an application is March 19. Election day is May 3.

The training at Region 12 Service Center, 2101 W. Loop 340, Waco, is scheduled on February 20, 7-9 p.m., (254) 297-1101. No registration is necessary.

They will discuss:

- What it's like to be a trustee;
- Key responsibilities of the board;
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Farm Bureau says Mexico Water Agreement too little too late

The president of Texas' largest farm organization described the recent water agreement between the U.S. and Mexico as "far too little and much too late."

"Essentially, Mexico has said that it will honor the terms of the treaty for the coming year only, and much of it too late for the current growing season," said Kenneth Dierschke, president of the Texas Farm Bureau. "Mexico has repeatedly refused to address the water debt from previous years."

The Associated Press reported Friday that Mexico agreed to provide

350,000 acre-feet of water by September 30 of this year and an additional 50,000 acre-feet if climatic conditions allow it. The agreement calls for 200,000 acre-feet to be delivered by January 31, in time for spring planting.

Mexico has been in violation of a 1944 treaty between the two nations that obligates Mexico to release 350,000 acre-feet of water into the Rio Grande annually. The U.S. must allow 1.5 million-acre feet to flow into Mexico from the Colorado River. The U.S. is in compliance, but Mexico now

owes a water deficit of more 1.7 million-acre feet. Farmers in the Rio Grande Valley charge that the treaty violation has cost them millions in a time of severe drought.

The Texas Farm Bureau has called for actions, including withholding water for use on the U.S. side of the border. That water cannot be channeled to the Rio Grande Valley, however.

Mexico's ability to repay the water debt remains in dispute. Officials of the Mexican government claim they do not have enough water to

honor the treaty. Texas and U.S. officials have charged that the water has been impounded south of the Rio Grande for irrigation in the interior of Mexico.

Dierschke says Farm Bureau has asked for sanctions to encourage Mexican compliance. These include, compliance language in pending U.S.-Mexico legislation, Congressional inquiry into the U.S. State Department's inability to force resolution, withholding water obligated to Mexico from the Colorado River and embargo of Mexican imports.

Groundwater availability model (GAM)

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is holding a Stakeholder Advisory Forum for the GAM (Groundwater Availability Model) for the northern segment of the Edwards (BFZ) aquifer. The Clearwater Underground Water Conservation District is a stakeholder in this project and has worked with the TWDB to hold this Forum in Bell County.

The Forum will be held

on Jan. 16, from 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. The purpose of the meeting is to update interested parties on the progress of the GAM development and to solicit input.

The GAM is a computer model that will estimate the amount of water available in an aquifer. The model will include information on aquifer recharge; geology and structure; rivers, lakes

and springs; water levels; aquifer properties; and pumping. The computer model will be used to assess groundwater availability through the year 2050. The GAM for the northern segment of the Edwards (BFZ) is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2003. Additional information on the GAM program is available at the TWDB web site: www.twdb.state.tx.us/gam.

SHS hosts financial aid presentation Jan. 22

Salado High School will host a financial aid presentation for parents of college-bound seniors 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22 in the high school library.

The workshop will be presented by Annabelle Smith, Financial Aid director at Central Texas

College. Information concerning types of financial aid available and methods for obtaining financial aid will be given. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms will be available, as will additional brochures on financial aid and schol-

arships. All parents are welcome to attend, and parents of seniors are urged to attend this informative workshop.

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The Internal Revenue Service recently announced that taxpayers began e-filing their individual income tax returns on January 10.

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At the start of the filing season, the IRS also reminds taxpayers that they should make sure they have the right income documents before e-filing. Taxpayers should have copies of all the Forms W-2, W-2G and 1099-R they expect to receive before they e-file. These forms report wages, gambling income and retirement income. In addition, tax professionals are prohibited from submitting electronic returns to the IRS without getting all Forms W-2, W-2G, and 1099-R from the taxpayer. Payers should provide these forms to the recipi-

ents by Jan. 31. E-filers using a personal computer enter the data from Forms W-2, W-2G, and 1099-R themselves. This is similar to attaching the forms to the face of paper tax returns. Taxpayers who rely on end-of-the-year paystubs to submit tax returns sometimes may not have complete, accurate tax information. For example, some paystubs do not separate pre-tax deductions - such as 401(k) contributions - from total income.

Almost 47 million Americans chose IRS e-file options in 2002 - 16 percent more than the year before. The IRS expects about 54 million e-filers in 2003, as more and more taxpayers who file through a computer or a telephone find that e-filing is faster, more accurate and provides confirmation of receipt.

The IRS provides information on its Web site, IRS.gov, about how individuals can e-file. The site includes a list of many software products taxpayers can use to e-file. There is also contact information, by zip code, of tax professionals

authorized to e-file their clients' tax returns. Faster refunds and more accurate filings are just some of the benefits of e-filing. Taxpayers who choose IRS e-file and the direct deposit option may receive their refunds in as few as 10 days from the time they e-file. The average e-file refund is issued in 14 days, compared to four to six weeks for a paper tax return. Taxpayers who e-file have more accurate returns, because IRS computers quickly and automatically check for errors or other missing information.

There are three ways a taxpayer can e-file. Individuals can file from a home computer, through a tax professional, and some can file from a touchtone telephone.

Taxpayers with a computer, a modem or Internet access and tax preparation software can e-file their tax returns from home any time, day or night. To do so, a taxpayer sends a completed, electronic tax return to a transmitter. The transmitter converts the file to an IRS-approved format and then sends the converted return file to the IRS. Within 48 hours, the IRS notifies the taxpayer

through the transmitter whether or not the return is accepted. In 2002, 9.4 million taxpayers e-filed their returns from home - 37.9 percent more than the year before.

Taxpayers can go to a tax professional who is an authorized e-file provider to e-file their tax returns. Computer filing through an authorized provider has been the core of e-filing since its debut in 1986. Using this method, tax professionals send clients' returns electronically to the IRS. Some prepare their clients' returns and send them, others take returns prepared by their clients, enter the data, then e-file it with the IRS. Authorized providers filed 33 million returns in 2002, up 15 percent from the previous year.

Some taxpayers can even file their tax returns over the telephone. Taxpayers who are eligible and who receive a special TeleFile instruction booklet from the IRS can file their tax return with an easy 10-minute telephone call. It's the easiest way to file. More than 4 million people chose TeleFile during 2002.

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- **Special Tax Refund for African-Americans:** Promoters are shamelessly preying upon African-Americans offering to file for tax credits or refunds related to reparations for slavery. There is no provision in the tax law that allows African-Americans to get tax credits or refunds related to slavery reparations. Some unscrupulous promoters have encouraged clients to pay them up-front to prepare a claim for this refund. In the end, the victims discover their refund claims are rejected, and their money and the promoters are long gone.

- **No Taxes Withheld From Your Wages:** Illegal schemes are being promoted that instruct employers not to withhold federal income tax or employment taxes from wages paid to their employees. These schemes are based on an incorrect interpretation of tax laws. Employers are required by law to withhold employment taxes from their employees. Employers who do not comply with the employment tax laws may be subject to criminal and civil sanctions for willfully failing to pay employment taxes.

- **Big Refunds...** for a Feel These scam artists

Dollars & Sense

by David Uffington

approach you wanting to "borrow" your Social Security number or give you a phony W-2 so it appears that you qualify for a big refund. They may offer to split the refund with you. Keep in mind, however, that anyone who promises you a bigger refund without knowing your tax situation is most likely misleading you. Never sign a tax return without looking it over to make sure it is honest and correct.

- **Pay the Tax and Get a Prize:** If you have won a prize and the promoter claims that you have to

pay the income tax due in order to receive it, don't believe it! If you have really won a prize, you may need to make an estimated tax payment to cover the taxes that will be due at the end of the year. But the payment would go to the IRS, not the prize promoter. Whether you have won cash, a car or a tip, the prize giver generally sends you and the IRS a Form 1099 showing the total prize value that should be reported on your tax return.

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To Your Good Health

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Answer: The right and left carotid arteries are in the neck. They carry blood to the brain. Your left carotid artery was so filled with obstructing fat and cholesterol that the left side of your brain was denied its share of

artery. If it makes delivery of blood to the right side of your brain precarious, you could have a stroke that affects your left arm and leg.

There is no medicine that melts obstructions in arteries. There are, however, lifestyle changes that can stop progression of buildup and possibly reverse current buildup.

You have to be vigilant with your diet, minimizing the amount of cholesterol and fat you eat. You must maintain normal blood pressure You mentioned (in a deleted part of your letter) that you were taking a clot-inhibiting drug, and that is a plus for you. You should exercise to the limits suggested by your doctor, and you should do so seven days a week if you can.

Reversal takes time. Surgery gets immediate results. If I were in your shoes, I'd choose surgery — the endarterectomy (end-AIRE-tur-EK-toe-me). A surgeon opens the artery and scoops out the blood-obstructing buildup. It does carry the risk of complications, even death, but it works immediately, something you need.

Readers interested in learning more about stroke and its treatment can order the stroke pamphlet by writing: Dr. Donohue, No 902W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

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Fitness in the new year may begin at work

You make the same resolution new year after new year: get fit and eat right.

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Why?

Mary Guzman, a dietitian with the Texas Department of Health (TDH) says part of the problem may be your environment.

"Many people have opportunities to make better choices at work," Guzman said. "Is there a refrigerator where you can bring a healthy lunch, or

do you always have to go out and get fast food? Does your employer offer flexible time so you could exercise in the morning before work, stretch your lunch hour for a workout or leave early to go to the gym or do you just give up?"

Guzman, with TDH's cardiovascular health and wellness program, said that employees can work together with management to come up with ideas to make the office a supportive environment for

health. "It's good for both the employee and the employer," she said.

Reductions in absenteeism, employee turnover and disability are advantages for workers and employers.

"Health care costs are reduced because employees aren't visiting the doctor as often, which over time could reduce insurance rates for the company as a whole," Guzman said. "And employee morale improves because employ-

ees know that the employer cares about their well-being."

While many businesses have on-site work out facilities, Guzman said efforts need not be elaborate or expensive. Among suggestions for the workplace:

- Form teams to encourage group exercise.
- Bring a fruit or vegetable tray to meetings instead of pastries.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Go for a walk rather

than taking a coffee break.

• Deliver some of your messages in person rather than by e-mail or phone. And Guzman suggests not stopping the fitness ideas at the end of the workday. Are you going to the mall to do some shopping after work? Take a brisk walk around the mall before you start shopping. Reduce the amount of time you spend just in front of a computer screen, reading, watching television or

eating. According to Guzman, even if you only have 10 or 15 minutes, you will improve your health if you do something active several times a day. Activities such as gardening, housework or walking the dog all add up to improved fitness.

TDH has resources to help employers encourage employees to make better choices. Go to www.tdh.state.tx.us/wellness to find out more.

Blood supply at Scott and White in crucial stages

January is National Volunteer Blood Donor Month and the blood supply at Scott and White Blood Center remains at a critical level. There is a specific need for type O blood. Patients seriously injured in accidents during the New Year holiday and those needing blood during surgery, have depleted the barely adequate supply to

an exceptionally dangerous level. As of 3 p.m. Jan. 6, the Blood Center reported to have these numbers of units of blood on their shelves:

- Minimum requirement of 150 units for O+ at less than 10 units in current inventory.
- Minimum requirement of 150 units for O- at less than 28 units in cur-

rent inventory.

"Blood is a precious gift that cannot be replicated by anything artificial in a laboratory," states Mindi DeShazo, Donor Recruiter for the Scott and White Blood Center. "The only means to provide blood for those in need is through donations by healthy citizens."

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lected at Scott and White and on the Scott and White Blood Mobile remain at Scott and White to benefit all patients who are treated at the hospital.

The Scott and White Blood Center is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Mon.-Wed., 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Thurs., and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fri. It is located near the McLane Dining Room on the first


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Blood donors must be at least 17 years of age, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in general good health. They are eligible to donate if they have not donated within the last 56 days (8 weeks), as per Federal Drug Administration regulations. Each donor

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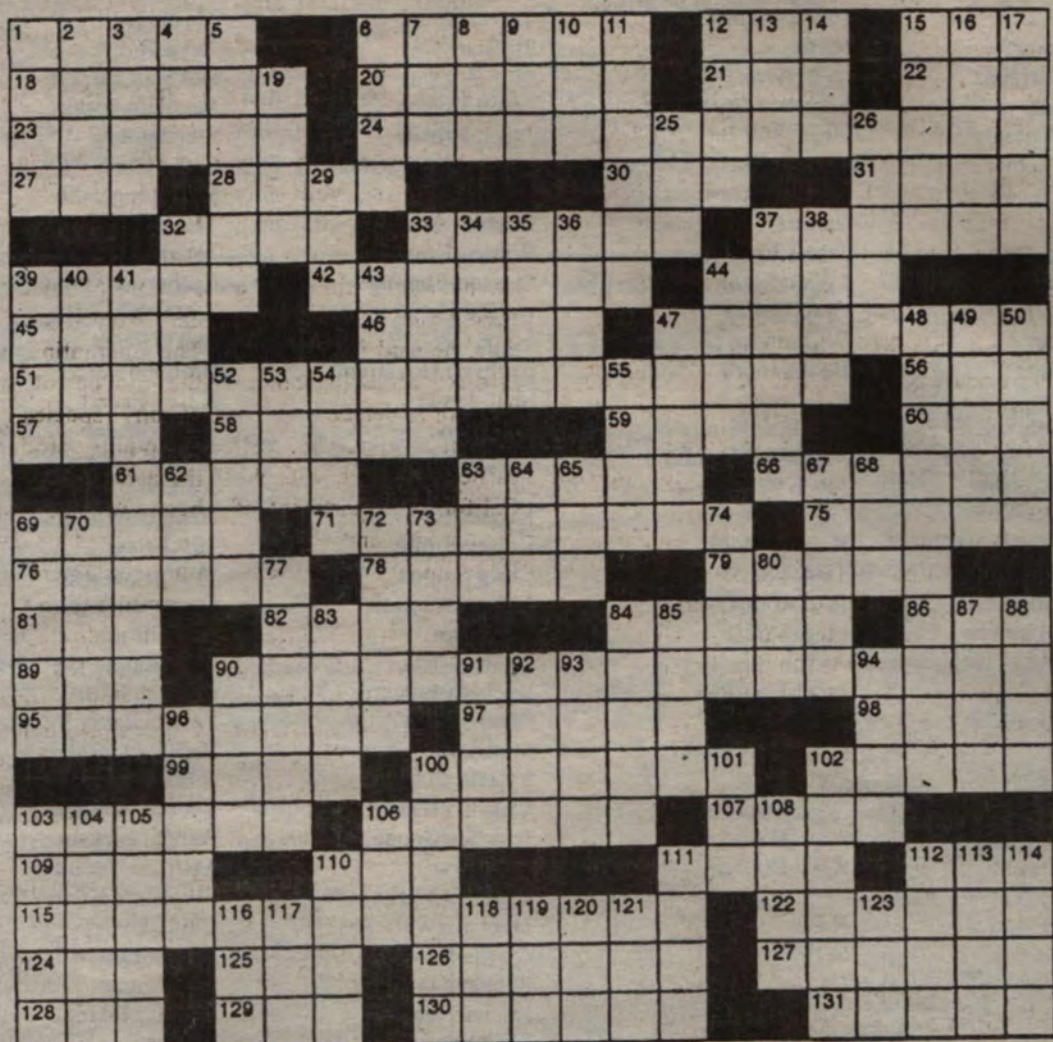
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- 12 "— Bailou" ('65 film)
- 15 Bribe
- 18 '01 Audrey Tautou film
- 20 Drifting
- 21 He gives a hoot
- 22 "Tarzan" extra
- 23 Let up
- 24 Riddle: Part 1
- 27 Fashion monogram
- 28 Beethoven's birthplace
- 30 Highest card
- 31 Japanese city
- 32 Ashbrook or Carvey
- 33 "Taxi" star
- 37 Savage
- 39 Throbbled
- 42 Jazzman Dave
- 44 Compote component
- 45 Word with dance or dunk
- 46 Conflict site
- 47 Generosity
- 51 Riddle: Part 2
- 56 Cornfield cry

DOWN

- 57 Turkish title
- 58 Indo-European
- 59 Pro foe
- 60 Cable channel
- 61 "Love Story" author
- 63 Bestow
- 65 "— of the North" ('22 film)
- 69 Botch
- 71 Ornamental material
- 75 Sheds
- 76 Cashew kin
- 78 Alpha opposite
- 79 It multiplies by dividing
- 81 Runner Sebastian
- 82 Choir member
- 84 Tennyson's "Enoch —"
- 86 Houston or Huff
- 89 — Arbor, MI
- 90 Riddle: Part 3
- 95 '74 Abba hit
- 97 Moshe of Israel
- 98 Annoy
- 99 Journalist Jacob
- 100 Part of FBI
- 102 Sapphire surface
- 103 Lysander's home
- 106 Delight

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- 107 Obote's oyster
- 109 European capital
- 110 JFK abbr.
- 111 Candid
- 112 Burglarize
- 115 Answer to riddle
- 122 Where to find a fennec
- 124 Delivery truck
- 125 Help
- 126 Rococo
- 127 Dieter's portion
- 128 Meadow mama
- 129 Sneak a peek
- 130 Shows one's feelings
- 131 Author Zola

DOWN

- 1 Player or Puckett
- 2 Leon of "Mister Ed"
- 3 Reveal
- 4 Barcelona bravo
- 5 Seafaring storyteller
- 6 Pestiferous person
- 7 Mistaken
- 8 "Treasure Island" monogram
- 9 One — customer
- 10 Charleson or Carmichael
- 11 Storm
- 12 Crypt-analyst's concern
- 13 Impress immensely
- 14 RN's specialty
- 15 '78 Peace Nobel
- 16 Glass work
- 17 Piano part
- 19 Short jacket
- 25 Rhine whine
- 26 Harden
- 29 Apprehend
- 32 Actress Moore
- 33 Part of HOMES
- 34 "Yeah, sure!"
- 35 Tahoe town
- 36 Injury after-effect
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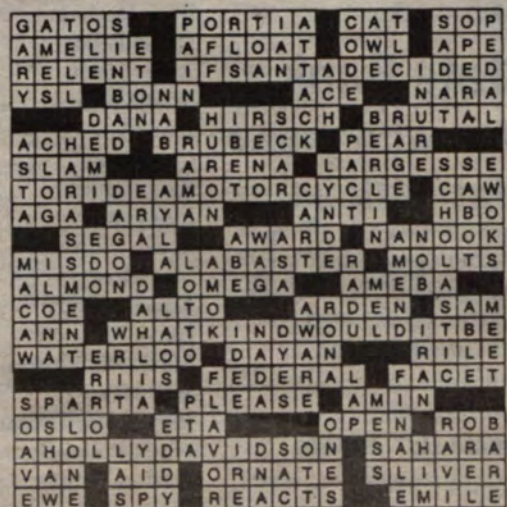
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- 63 Vigoda or Fortas
- 64 Witty one
- 65 Botanist
- 67 Correct
- 68 British big shot
- 69 Tropical screecher
- 70 Actress Massey
- 72 Government game
- 73 Out of control
- 74 Pianist Lupu
- 77 Showy flower
- 80 With 121 Down, famed Giant
- 83 Vientiane's nation
- 84 Mindful
- 85 Barrett or Jaffe
- 87 Competent
- 88 TV's "— the Press"

DOWN

- 90 Decree
- 91 "— fixe"
- 92 Nothing, in Navarra
- 93 Colors
- 94 Neighbor of Pakistan
- 96 Comic Leon
- 100 Chocolate or strawberry
- 101 Drink like a dachshund
- 102 It may be grand
- 103 White wine
- 104 "Fie!"
- 105 Isolated
- 106 School grp.
- 108 Clutter
- 110 Guitarist Duane
- 111 Singles
- 112 Sitarist Shankar
- 113 Hurler Hersheiser
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Mondays

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Boy Scouts: Each Monday, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

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

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

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

Exercise Class: Last 8:30 a.m. class is Aug. 12. Starting Aug. 19, class will begin at 9:30 a.m., except first Mon. of the month which will be at 10:30 a.m. at Salado Civic Center. Class is FREE to public.

Tuesdays

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

Salado Band Boosters: Second Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. in the Band Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesdays

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

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

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

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

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

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

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

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

Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild: 3rd Thurs. of each month 5:30 p.m. at The Sewing Basket.

Saturdays

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

JANUARY 16

Salado Neighborhood Group of the American Sewing Guild organizational mtg. 5:30 at the Sewing Basket.

JANUARY 21

Salado Rotary Club David Phillips speaker - EMS Service for Salado. 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn

JANUARY 21-24

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JANUARY 28

Salado Chamber of Commerce Banquet 6:30 p.m. at Stagecoach Inn convention center

Salado Rotary Club Robert Harper speaker - Internet Diamond Market. 11:30 a.m. Stagecoach Inn

JANUARY 30

Meet the County Officials Dinner Meeting at the Civic Center. 6 p.m. Salado Area Republican Women.

Social Committee Lunch and Meeting Noon - 1 p.m. Last Thurs. of each month.

FEBRUARY 3

Applications to file for a school board position available at Central Office in the Civic Center.

FEBRUARY 4

Salado Rotary Club Maurice Carson speaker - NASA Moon Shot. 11:30 a.m. at Stagecoach Inn, joint mtg. with Belton Rotarians.

FEBRUARY 6-7

No School - Salado ISD - Bad Weather Days

FEBRUARY 8-9

Salado Legends Auditions 2:30 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

FEBRUARY 9

Music in Salado 4 p.m. at SUMC. Viola, harp and flute trio.

FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 15

Second Annual Alumni Baseball Game. Games begin at 11 a.m. at the High School baseball field.

FEBRUARY 20

Salado Area Republican Women 11:30 a.m. at Mill Creek Country Club.

FEBRUARY 17

School Board applications - First day to file them.

FEBRUARY 22-23

Handmade Mohair Teddy Bear making class \$135 includes materials, instructions & 2 lunches. Held at the Baines House. Call MJ's Country Corner at 947-8885 for more info.

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Taste of Salado 6-8 p.m. at Jack's Barn in Pace Park sponsored by PALS

MARCH 2

Music in Salado 4 p.m. at SUMC. Saxophone player accompanied by pianist.

MARCH 6

Music in Salado Little Red Riding Hood 7:30 p.m. at SIS auditorium. Open to general public.

MARCH 17-21

Spring Break - Salado ISD

MARCH 17

7th Annual Denver Mills Golf Tournament to benefit Tablerock. Mill Creek Golf Course, \$60 entry fee. Tee off at 1 p.m.

MARCH 19

School Board applications - Last day to file them.

MARCH 22

Tablerock's 2nd Annual Invitational Music Festival. 4-10 p.m. \$3 for adults and \$1 for children.

APRIL 5-6

Wildflower Art Show

APRIL 12

Tablerock's 8th Annual Gospel Festival 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. \$5 adults and \$3 children under 12.

APRIL 18 - 20

Easter Pageant at Tablerock presented by First Baptist Church of Salado. 8:15 p.m.

APRIL 18-21

No School - SISD

MAY 3

School Board Election Day

MAY 10

4th grade play TAE students. 7:30 p.m. \$5 adults, \$3 children.

MAY 28-29

School out at noon

MAY 30

Last day of school

JUNE 21-22

A Midsummer Night's Dream Auditions 2:30 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2

Salado Legends Dinner at 7:15 p.m., \$8 adult or child. Theater at 8:15 p.m., \$15 adult and \$5 child.

AUGUST 2

Book Fair at Stagecoach Convention Center 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

AUGUST 2-3

37th Annual Salado Art Fair

SEPTEMBER 11

Central Texas Poetry Prose Reading 7 p.m. - Readings, 9 p.m. - Open mic.

SEPTEMBER 13-14

Fright Trail Auditions 3 p.m. at Tablerock's backstage room.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

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SEPT. 20, 21, 27, 28

A Midsummer Night's Dream 8:15 p.m., \$10 adults, \$5 children

OCTOBER 2

6th Annual Storytelling Festival 1st through 4th grade, \$1 per person. 10 a.m.

OCTOBER 4-5

Christmas Carol Auditions 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 10-11

Christmas in October

OCTOBER 13

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Women are shaping up at Before and After

By **ASHLEY SMITH**
STAFF WRITER

One Saladoan's personal mission to get healthy and fit may prove to benefit many local women. "I wanted to open Before and After for myself," co-owner Rhonda Meiman said, "I was tired of being unfit." Thanks to Meiman and co-owner Roxann Tucker's desires to make a change in their own lives, all the women of the village now have the opportunity to join a fitness and tanning center very close to home.

After many months of research and studying, Meiman and Tucker decided to make PACE/HydraFitness equipment the featured workout system at their new facility here in Salado. The PACE system is perfect for all types of people. "What you put into it is what you get out of it," Tucker explained.

The equipment combines both strength and cardiovascular workouts in a timely 30 minutes. PACE machines use hydraulic resistance, leaving no room for "negative" force against the muscles. Because of this innovative way to tone the body, women will not get sore or bulky muscles from using the PACE system. According to Tucker and Meiman, the most unfit person to the most fit person can gain an effective workout at



Before and After's fitness center

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Before and After. "It's safe because it matches your resistance," Tucker said.

The culmination of all the various stations in the PACE system work together to quickly change the overall shape of the user's body, as well as burn fat and increase lean body weight. Between each workout machine, there is an aerobic station that allows for the user to bring their heart rate to its target point, whether that be up or down. The interval format of work/rest/work/rest burns calories more efficiently. Only 30 to 45 seconds is spent at each station as instructed and maintained by a CD that is played throughout the workout. Because there is no beginning or ending point in the circuit system, women can join in at any

station and get as much out of it as the next person.

Uniquely enough, this process also cuts down on the amount of boredom when working out. "It's a lot of fun," Before and After member Kim Little said, "I can workout, visit and tan all right here."

The PACE workout system is the perfect solution to every woman's workout need. It is very safe and effective for all ages and body types, including the previously injured and unhealthy. "It helps me keep my blood sugar low," said member and recently diagnosed diabetic Dana Britt.

Because Before and After is strictly for the ladies of Salado, women do not need to feel intimidated by big gyms, competitive attitudes or self-conscious-

ness around men. It is also the only ladies fitness and tanning club in the village, and since the doors opened on October 14, the growth in membership has been astounding. "I don't have to go out of town to exercise," member Ruth Howe said.

Not only is its location perfect, but the ladies also really seem to enjoy the way it has changed their lives. "I joined in November and have lost seven pounds," Kathleen Letourneau explained, "but most importantly, I feel wonderful!"

Owners Meiman and Tucker are feeling quite wonderful themselves since Before and After opened. On top of fulfilling their desires to gain health and fitness, "we

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Scholarships priority number one for Salado Education Foundation

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

The Salado Education Foundation (SEF) was founded in 1999 by a dozen or so Salado residents with a stated purpose of helping Salado graduates continue their educations at the next level.

"The Foundation is a passion of mine," said Melanie Kirchmeier, who, along with sister Sue Ellen Slagel, spoke to the Salado Lions Club Jan. 9. Kirchmeier has worked with the group since its inception over three years ago.

She said the idea for the foundation came about when Dr. Robin Battershell, superintendent of Salado schools, phoned Melanie and said plainly, "We have people that want to donate money, but we don't know what to do with it," Kirchmeier explained.

That short conversation started the wheels in motion, and not long after, the foundation was on its feet.

Through a combination of fund drives and other money-raising efforts, the SEF was able to raise \$10,000 for the graduating class of 2001. They hit the same mark in 2002.



Sue Ellen Slagel and Melanie Kirchmeier. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

An impressive amount that may be, but the SEF, however, set higher standards.

Of their ultimate goals, the non-profit SEF aspires to develop an endowment, set-up exclusively to provide scholarships for every Salado graduate.

"I hope that within 10 years every student graduating from Salado High School will have some sort of funds available to them," said Kirchmeier.

Kirchmeier also stated that the Foundation provides scholarships not only to four-year universities, but

to trade or vocational institutions, such as TSTC and Devry, as well.

"Also," she went on to say, "any funds that are awarded are sent directly to the school the student will be attending. We do not give money directly to the students."

There are also certain criteria that scholarship winners must live up to in order to retain their funds. "We require that all students maintain a 2.75 GPA or higher," she said.

In addition to their work on behalf of students, the SEF also seeks to reward instructors through teacher grants that the Foundation awards to the SISD. "They acknowledge innovation in teaching," she explained.

On Jan. 9, the SEF gave out three such grants to Salado teachers. Scott Rodwell, and ESL teacher, received \$375, Special ed instructor Christy Sharum was awarded \$1,000, and

the Thomas Arnold Elementary first-grade team was given \$1,000. The money will be used to fund future teaching projects.


Primarily, the SEF holds two major fund-raisers during the year. In the spring, the Foundation holds a dinner and dance, along with a duck race, and in the fall, the Cattlemen's Ball is held. 2002 was the first year for the Ball, but the results were better than expected. Over \$30,000 was raised in that one night for the SEF.

Kirchmeier and Slagel ended by stressing that all donations are tax deductible, and volunteers are welcome. "We know," said Kirchmeier, "that there are a lot of groups here in Salado, but we really appreciate any support we can get."

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are getting the opportunity to meet great women in our community," they said in agreement. In return, those "great women" are enjoying all that Before and After offers as well. According to original member Martha Harper, "I like everything about it, and the people who own it are so pleasant all the time!"

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In the back portion of the room sits an alcove with a small 1940s-1950s



The Neighbor's Room

style writing desk. The window in the nook overlooks the Royal Street Provisions gardens and wooded acres. Also in the alcove is a bookcase adorned with books about arts and crafts, gardening, farming, fishing and sailing.

All of the fabrics in the Neighbor's Room are vintage, dating back to the 1940s and 1950s, along with the furniture pieces.

The room is decorated, by Alice Wells and her niece LonAnne Magnuson, in taupes and pale greens with a true natural atmosphere.

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Mineola used to have a baseball team composed of black players. The team was called the Black Spiders. The team was owned by a white man named Klingaman and traveled all over Texas and Oklahoma, even playing games in Mexico. Later in the year the Spiders went to tournaments in the north and mid-west. The manager of the team was Reuben Jones, who assembled a team of boys from the small towns around Mineola.

In 1937 one of the players was Marlin Carter, who established himself as the premier third baseman of the Negro Base-

ball League. He grew up near Marshall and became one of Negro baseball's finest and most durable infielders. His professional career spanned 22 seasons.

From 1920 through the late 1940's black baseball flourished in Texas sandlots and diamonds. Semi-pro black squads represented towns as large as Houston and as small as Pittsburg.

In 1926, when he was just fifteen years old, Marlin joined the Shreveport Black Sports baseball team, a member of the Texas Negro League. Marlin says life was pretty tough. "We didn't have the best means of getting to games," he

says. "Traveling was hard. We played in parks owned by Texas League teams - the white teams."

He played with the San Antonio Black Indians for five years in the late 20's and early 30's. Then, the league was composed of the Dallas Black Giants, the Houston Black Buffaloes and the Austin Black Senators. In addition to regular season games, the Black Indians often played exhibition contests against the Little Rock Travelers and the Fort worth Wonders.

In 1932 he joined the Monroe, Louisiana Monarchs, a team owned by Fred Stovall, a plantation owner who built a casino for his players. Players lived on the plantation and traveled to games in three Fords Stovall purchased.

In 1933 Marlin went to Memphis and played for the Memphis Red Sox, a team in the Negro Southern League. Two years later he went to Cincinnati to play for the Tigers.

He served in the Coast Guard during World War Two, then joined the Chicago American Giants. He finished his baseball career with the Rochester Royals in 1950.

"By the time they were beginning to integrate the major leagues, like so many of the best Negro players, I was past my prime. They were looking for young players. I was too old to be considered. I was nearly forty."

Marlin lives in Memphis with his baseball memories.

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.

Shrimp and Pasta

- 1 clove crushed garlic
- 3 T. olive oil
- 1 (14 oz.) can crushed tomatoes
- 3 T. chopped parsley
- 1 dried chili, crumbled
- 8 oz. large shrimp, precooked
- 6 oz. dry white wine
- Salt & pepper, to taste
- Pasta

Gently fry the garlic in oil over a medium heat. Add tomatoes, two thirds of parsley and chili; simmer until mixture has reduced by about a third. Add shrimp and wine; cook 2 about minutes, until shrimp are warmed thoroughly. Toss cooked, drained pasta with sauce (or ladle on top of pasta).

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Kiser promotes newest TCT production

By Ashley Smith
Staff Writer

Chicago born actor turned director, Bob Kiser, graced the Salado Rotary Club with his presence, stage presence that is, at their Jan. 7 meeting. Kiser is the guest director for Temple Civic Theater's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, which is to open Jan. 17.

Kiser has a history of directing shows both in Chicago and New York. Some of them include *Anything Goes*, *Love Letters*, *Hair* and *Interrogation*.

Before Kiser tried his hand at directing, he was a professional actor for many years. He appeared in the national tour of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* as well as *Forever Plaid*, *Evita*, *Singin' In The Rain* and with Kenny Rogers on his 1995 and 1997 Christmas tours. "I started acting in third grade," Kiser said, "when I stopped in at a theater with some friends and decided to audition



Bob Kiser

for *Annie Get Your Gun*." Needless to say, Kiser's parents got a phone call shortly after the audition saying he was cast in the play.

That audition sparked a love for theater in Kiser that could not be extinguished. He attended Illinois State University, studied theater, and enter-

tained professionally at theme parks during the summer months of college. After college, he studied at the Royal Court Theatre in London, England.

Kiser then began his career as a professional in the theater world. "As an actor you are always looking for that next job," Kiser explained. Acting is not

all glitz and glamour, but is instead a business of sorts. "An average person goes to 10 auditions in a lifetime," he said, "but actors attend 10 auditions in a week." It takes persistence to achieve just one role in a production.

The successful actor stopped acting two years ago and started directing. After the charm of acting fizzled, Kiser thought he would try something new. "Directing for me," he told the Rotarians, "is a lot more challenging." The director decides how the audience will see the production. "Everything on stage is the director's responsibility."

Directing a civic theater production has been very different for Kiser. "There's an energy about this theater that is different," he said. The dedication of the actors in *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is refreshing. "It's great to see these people's passion to tell the story."

After years and years of acting, spending most of his career in the spotlight, Kiser has finally found his passion in directing. Though it is not nearly as glamorous, being true to himself has been the greatest realization Kiser has made in his life. "My greatest challenge has been knowing what I want to do compared to what everybody thought I should do."

Kiser speaks very highly of Temple Civic Theater's production of *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. "If and when you come see the play, enjoy the story told from the children's perspective." Tickets are \$12 and currently available to the public.

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Grisham featured as "Artist of the Month"

This year the Salado Village Artists, Inc. starts with a bang by selecting Kathy Grisham as Artist of the Month. Kathy was born in Colorado City, Texas and grew up in Big Spring. She moved to Salado from Amarillo in June of 2001.

She started drawing when she was very young inspired by her grandfather and her mother who was very talented with crafts, sewing and art. Kathy says that art was her favorite subject in school and she liked to copy other people's drawing, especially horses and the *Saturday Evening Post*. In High School she had private lessons in oil painting. In College, what began as a major in Art ended up in Advertising because all the Art pro-



Kathy Grisham

fessors were into abstract art and Kathy just did not

want to work that way.

Kathy tells us that her husband is her biggest influence in continuing to study art and paint. He is her inspiration.

Ben Konis, a West Texas or Panhandle artist, has been a great teacher in pastel and oil. He is a wonderful colorist and technician and can communicate his ideas and techniques very clearly. Kathy has also taken classes with Daniel Green and Louis Escobedo. Her work has been in local Art Association Shows but mostly it is seen in her home and the homes or businesses of friends and family. Her art is displayed during January and February 2003 at the local banks.

Public Arts League of Salado (PALS) formed to promote arts in Salado

The Public Arts League of Salado was formed recently to promote all kinds of public arts in Salado, including conventional art like statuary, architecture, and murals as well as non-traditional forms like lights in trees, landscaping, etc. Other art forms like theatre, music, and literature are also included under the PALS umbrella.

Recently, the PALS Board of Directors designated the following Salado sites as "Distinctive Public Art" to illustrate what many residents view as unique to Salado. Paige Britt, PALS vice president, said, "These are examples of what we mean, specifically, to define the term public arts in Salado."

The sites are, in no

particular order of importance: The Statue of Sirena, the Mermaid, St. Joseph's Chapel at Fletcher's Bookstore, The Salado Methodist Church sanctuary, The Salado College Hill Ruins and statue, Ronnie Wells Gallery and statue, the Salado Civic Center statues, Salado Cemetery, Tablerock Amphitheater, and the Log Cabins on Van Bibber Street.

Also, the Green Bridge and Park on Main Street, the white Bicycle Fence near the Green Bridge, The Mill Creek Golf Course, and the facades of the buildings at Salado Square.

These, among other unique public art objects in Salado, are - according to Connie Tatum, secretary

of PALS, "Site specific as the trees which border our streets and Salado Creek flowing around and through town. They make Salado look like Salado!"

Raymond Carver, president of the Public Arts League, says, "The primary mission of PALS is to promote the arts and artists here in Salado, and - Don't let your eyes glaze over now when I list what that means - to identify objects and activities of current and historical distinction. We're not at cross purposes with the Historical Society. And another aspect is to provide information and education about arts objects and projects in Salado and elsewhere, and—"

He took a deep breath. "To seek and obtain

grants to fund public arts in Salado. And last but not least, to ensure Salado's public arts are maintained and presented appropriately. Who's supposed to mow the grass around Sirena? Nobody, unless it's part of somebody's - or a group's like ours - mission."

Members of PALS - in addition to officers named above - are Jeanne Barrier, treasurer, Charles Allen, Mike Cornett, Marilyn Fleischer, Ruth Howe, Troy Kelley, Don Legge, Leanna Skarnulis, and Gil Wanzor. An advisory board consists of Darwin Britt, Carolyn Dachs, Cindy Dale, Sandra Edwards, Joe Pehoski, Larry Prellop, and Ronnie Wells.

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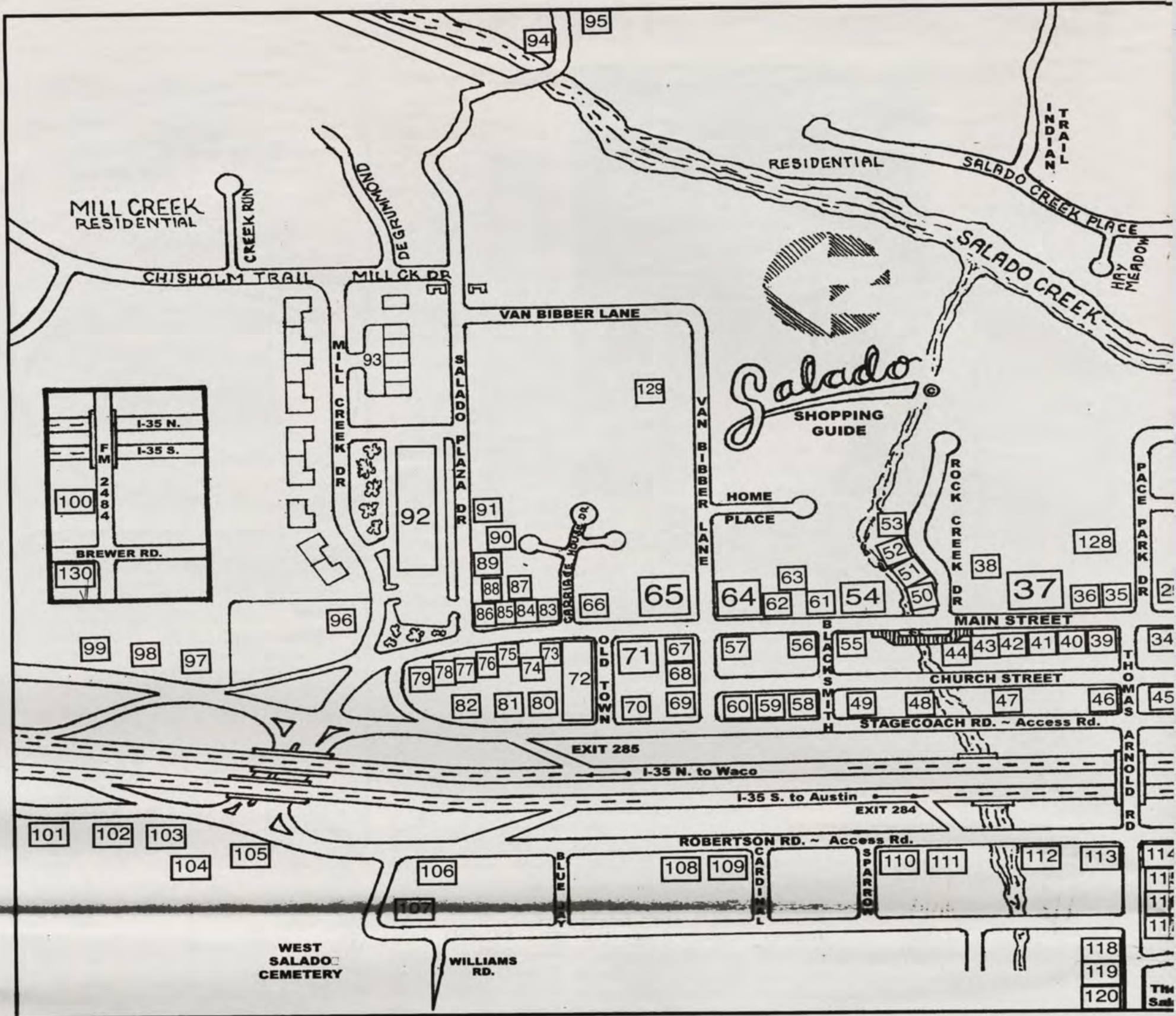
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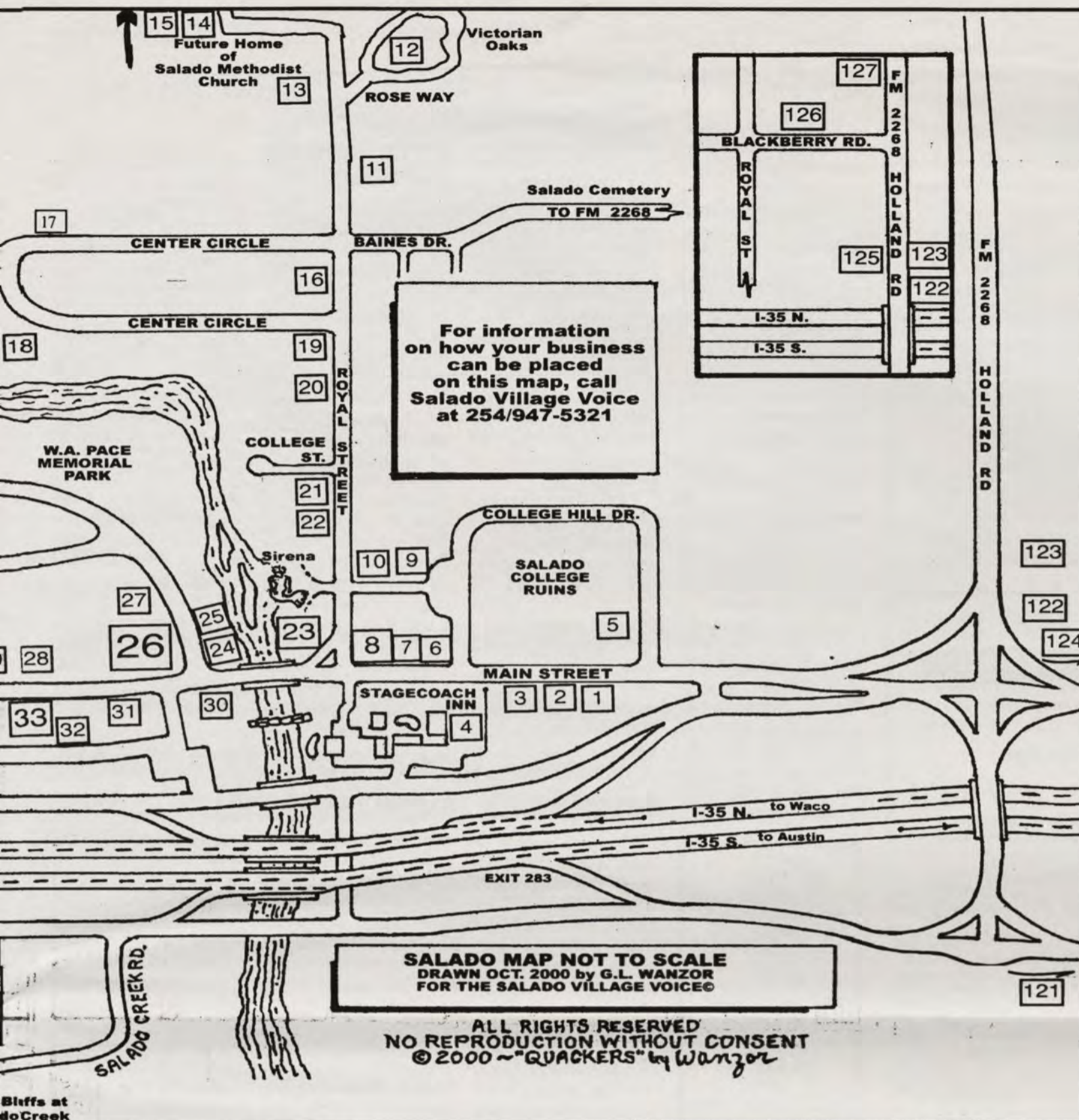
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New York City Theatre Company performs musical at Cultural Activities Center Jan 31

The Cultural Activities Center (CAC) will host a special performance for area children with an imaginative musical based on Scott O'Dell's Newbery Medal winning novel, *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, on Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the CAC Box Office.

The event is sponsored by H.E.B. and produced by the highly acclaimed New York City production company, Theaterworks/USA, which is known as America's foremost producer of theatre for children and family audiences.

As in the novel, the heroine of the musical is Karana, the daughter of the Indian Chief whose tribe inhabits Ghalas-at, the Pacific island that looks like a dolphin lying on its side. The audience is first introduced to a 12-year-old girl whose goals are limited by the laws of the tribe that forbid women to make weapons, and to

learn how to hunt or fight. When her six-year-old brother, Ramo, says he can understand the animals and other forces of nature (including the wind and the sea) she scoffs at the possibility, urging him to stick to their work of gathering and cleaning.

Karana's world is turned upside down when a ship of Aleut Indians, led by the Russian Captain Orlov, arrives on their island, demanding the right to hunt sea otter in their waters.

After tough negotiations between Karana's father and Orlov, the two sides come to an agreement. Orlov retracts the deal by foregoing on the promised payment, and a battle ignites between the Ghalas-at and the Aleuts leaving Karana's father and much of the tribe slain. With more than half of

the tribe dead, the elders decide to leave the island. As her people are preparing to make their journey across the sea to a new home, Karana discovers that her brother Ramo is not among them. She frantically begins looking for him, and sees him far off in the distance holding their father's spear, which he had gone back to retrieve. With no other choice, she goes back to get him, realizing that they are left alone on the island. The two struggle against the elements and help each other to survive hoping that someone will come to rescue them. Karana is devastated when she finds that she is unable to keep Ramo from harms way, and suddenly finds herself alone on the island, unaware that her incredible journey is just beginning.

Having lost her father, her tribe and now her brother, she is forced to face the island alone. As time passes, Karana learns to survive and discovers an inward courage she never knew she possessed. Soon the island that she felt trapped on becomes her haven, and Karana can now hear the magical language of the birds, otters, dolphins, the wind, the sea and the island itself. Although she is lonely, she makes peace with her solitary existence. When the next ship arrives, she will choose whether or not she will join the world beyond her island or remain alone.

For more information on this event or to purchase tickets, contact the CAC at (254) 773-9926 or visit www.cac@cacARTS.org.

Volunteer Ombudsmen an advocate for nursing home residents

The Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas Volunteer Ombudsman Program, a division of the Central Texas Council of Governments, is recruiting for volunteers in the Salado area to serve as advocates for nursing home residents.

An Ombudsman is a specially trained volunteer who helps residents, family and staff achieve the best possible quality of life in Texas long-term care facilities. After completing 36 hours of training, volunteers are certified by


the Texas Department of Aging. Volunteers commit to visit one nursing home in their community once a week for two hours. Training accommodations will be made for volunteers who live outside of Bell County.

The majority of nursing home residents, about 60 percent, do not receive any visitors. The Ombudsman is a vital link with the community that shows the resident that he or she has not been forgotten. Volunteers promote the resident's right to self-determination

and assure that residents are informed of their rights, as reflected by state and federal law.

Authorized by state and federal laws, Ombudsman identify, investigate and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of residents. Volunteers are supported and supervised by a professional staff Ombudsman at the Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas, which is supported in part by the Texas Department on Aging. Ombudsmen also support the development of family and resident councils.

"The Ombudsman program needs highly professional and caring people comfortable in resolving problems," said Ombudsman representative Margaret Matthews. Mileage is paid for training and facility visits. For more information, call Matthews at 1-800-447-7169, or 1-254-939-1886, or log-on to www.centexaaa.net.



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This is a great time to head to the garage, basement or attic and look over your workshop area. What needs to be cleaned up? What tools need to be out and ready for the spring thaw? What can you do to get one step closer to your dream workshop? Take out a notepad and

pencil, and start writing down ideas.

Take an inventory of everything in the shop, from the largest power tool to the smallest nail. Then, make a list of steps needed to clean and organize the area. Here's how I get my workshop in shape for the new year.

The first step should be a sort-and-toss session. Gather everything and sort it by general types: fasteners like nuts and bolts and nails, go in one pile; hand tools are stacked in another; power tools are gathered at one corner of the room; and so on. Once the items are classified, go through each pile and discard old,

unused or broken items. If your larger tools are unused but still work, or can be repaired, donate them to a charity that accepts these items.

Now, take a look at your worktable and shop area. Does the current configuration work for you? Is there enough storage for all the items in your inventory? What would you most like to change about it? Shift things around and add storage boxes, shelves or drawers as needed. If you don't have a good-sized sheet of pegboard above or near your worktable, purchase one, it's a great storage area for hand tools and small boxes.

As you place each tool in its storage space, clean it thoroughly to remove rust and debris. Coat the metal parts with an all-purpose oil, and rub a small amount of linseed oil onto wooden handles to protect them from damp, cold air and fluctuations in temperature.

Finally, decide what your first project will be this year, whether it's yard work, outside repairs or new shelves, and prepare the worktable and the necessary tools for it. When the weather finally warms up kind the home-improvement bug hits you, you'll be ready to start hammering away as soon as possible.

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If you are renting a house or apartment that is in disrepair, your landlord may be violating Texas law if he or she fails to remedy the situation. Landlords must make a diligent effort to repair anything that materially affects the physical health or safety of an ordinary tenant.

What kinds of things are considered health or safety problems?

Examples include sewage backups, roaches, rats, no hot water, faulty wiring, roof leaks, and sometimes a lack of heat or air conditioning. If the problem violates your city's building, health, or fire code, then it is more likely to be considered a health or safety risk. Problems such as broken dishwashers, walls that need painting, or grass that needs cutting are generally not covered by state law. However, your lease agreement may require the

landlord to fix those problems as well. Read your lease to find out. If you are unsure how to classify the problem, contact a lawyer, a health or building inspector, or a tenant association.

Are there exceptions to the duty to repair?

Yes. Texas law does not require a landlord to repair a condition caused by the tenant or a tenant's guest (unless the condition was caused by normal use of the premises). If specifically provided in the lease, any landlord may require a tenant to repair broken windows, screens, and doors, regardless of who broke them, as long as they did not break from normal use and the landlord did not break them. The landlord may also require a tenant to repair damage caused by leaving windows and doors open, and from sewage backups if the tenant caused the backup, as long as these things are provided in the lease.

There are also certain

exemptions that cover landlords who have only one rental unit. If you live in a one-unit dwelling, consult an attorney or tenant association for more information.

How do I obtain repairs?

The law requires that you follow specific steps when requesting a repair, which cannot be fully described here. Contact an attorney or your local tenant association for details on the steps you should take. By following those steps, you will notify your landlord of the problem and give him or her a reasonable time to fix it. If it is not fixed, you must follow up with another notice requesting an explanation and describing what you intend to do.

What if my landlord refuses a repair?

If your landlord neglects or refuses to repair a problem and you have followed the steps required by law, you may be entitled to terminate your lease, repair the prob-

lem on your own and deduct the cost from your rent, or sue your landlord.

Before taking any of these actions, consult an attorney or tenant association to ensure that you've followed the requirements of the law. If you improperly terminate your lease, withhold rent, or sue, the landlord might collect damages and attorney's fees from you. And as a practical matter, your landlord might retaliate against you by withholding your deposit or giving a negative statement to a credit-reporting agency. These actions might later be deemed illegal, but understand that you may have to go through some trouble to achieve justice.

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Tips to avoid when buying a home

With the home buying season underway, many consumers are looking for ways to lessen the frustration involved in the process.

Buying a home is a major investment and there is Avoiding no substitute for the home buyers taking time to educate yourself.

Here lists 10 common home buying mistakes and suggestions for avoiding them:

1. Not doing your homework. Enter the market well-prepared by researching location, school district, deed restrictions and taxes.

2. Trying to make a shrewd investment. Focus on finding the best place

for you and your family to live rather than trying to predict the real estate market.

3. Choosing a poor location. Consider what part of town you would like to live in and avoid homes located on busy streets.

4. Overlooking an inferior floor plan for an attractive exterior. Choose a great floor plan over a great exterior because you'll spend far more time inside the house than outside.

5. Overlooking how the home will function for your family Consider features that are most important to your family and choose a home that will

meet those needs.

6. Not having the home properly inspected when buying a resale. Hire a state-licensed, professional inspector to evaluate the home's true condition, which could save you thousands of dollars in repairs and maintenance.

7. Not having the home properly inspected when buying a new home. Research the number of homes sold, homeowner satisfaction, years in business, industry recognition and warranties offered.

8. Not getting what you want because you're impatient. If it's a used home, allow time to nego-

tiate and get the best deal possible. Refusing to rush the process could save you \$5,000 on the purchase price.

9. Waiting for a better time to buy based on the market and interest rates. History shows that those who purchased homes and kept them for three to five years or more did better than those who didn't. Waiting is one of the biggest mistakes a home-buyer can make.

10. The biggest home buying mistake is not buying at all. Buying a home will give you a place to call your own and allow you to take advantage of tax breaks and build equity.

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Showcase home in Mill Creek Springs! This lovely 4 BR home will be completed Dec. 15. Two living areas are complemented with 10' and 12' ceilings. The family room has a fireplace. Formal dining room has 12' ceilings, wood floors, and 4"

Homes For Sale

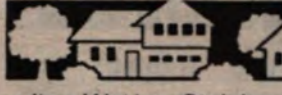


moulding. The spacious kitchen has granite cabinet tops, ceramic tile back splash, walk-in pantry. Breakfast nook, crown moulding, two-tone paint ceiling fans, covered patio porch, generous Master bath & bedroom. \$240,000 C-21 Bill Bartlett 254-947-5050

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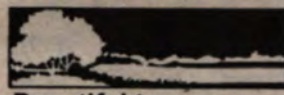


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\$197,800 - Just built in 2000 as a "last home," this 3 BR, 2 BA home has plenty of extras. One story ranch style on 1.6 acres, with dormers and long front & back porches.



\$299,000 - A panoramic view of Stillhouse Hollow Lake is what you will enjoy if you choose this contemporary stucco with tin roof home on 6.5 acres. A separate BBQ/party house & a complete guest house.



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- **\$125,800** - Under construction on 1 acre. Master BA with garden tub - **Under Contract.**
- **\$129,900** - 3 BR, 2 BA home at the entrance of Mill Creek. Master BR has sitting area.
- **\$141,900** - Nature lovers will appreciate the wooded back yard - **Under Contract.**
- **\$148,000** - 1.83 Live Oak Estates. 3 BR/2BA with open living/dining area.
- **\$149,900** - Neat, clean 3 BR/2BA. Separate laundry room, formal dining. Storage shed.
- **\$159,800** - Patio home fronts #3 Fairway. 2 BR/2.5 BA, oversized garage.
- **\$159,900** - Investment property! Newly constructed duplex. 2 BR/2 BA.
- **\$162,500** - Heavily wooded lot in Mill Creek. Copper fireplace, spiral staircase.
- **\$162,900** - Corner lot in Mill Creek. Loft upstairs is perfect play room or T.V. room.
- **\$166,000** - Floor plan with lots of windows. Raised ceiling in living room. Landscaped yard.
- **\$172,900** - Beautiful lot. Fenced in-ground pool. Split bedroom floor plan.
- **\$189,000** - On the golf course, overlooking Salado Creek. 2BR/2BA.
- **\$189,800** - Mill Creek home surrounded by large trees. Spa-type bath, handicap accessible.
- **\$197,800** - One story 3 Br, 2 BA ranch style on 1.6 acres, with dormers and long porches.
- **\$199,500** - Wonderful deck w/ hot tub & gazebo overlooks wooded lots and the lake.
- **\$199,500** - Located at the entrance to Mill Creek. Lovely setting, with many possibilities.
- **\$216,000** - Lake view from veranda. Home on 2.3 acres. Wrap around porch.
- **\$222,800** - Professional landscaping & rose garden. 4 BR/ 3 BA in Mill Creek Springs.
- **\$236,500** - 11 acres fenced with lit arena & barn. Two-story has wrap around porch.
- **\$237,890** - Split 3 BR, 2-1/2 BA, 2 DR, on shaded wooded lot. Possible bonus room upstairs.
- **\$240,000** - Showcase home in Mill Creek Springs! 4 BR. Will be completed Dec. 2002.
- **\$259,000** - Masterpiece home. Internet wired. Landscaped, 3 BR/2.5 BA - **Under Contract.**
- **\$295,000** - Mediterranean style home on 4 wooded acres. View of Stillhouse Hollow Lake.
- **\$299,000** - View of Stillhouse Hollow Lake, contemporary stucco w/tin roof on 6.5 acres.
- **\$339,000** - Gorgeous home on Mill Creek cul-de-sac. Bonus room above garage. 2 acre lot.
- **\$364,900** - Step into comfort and elegance. 4 BR/2.5 BA, 2 car garage plus golf cart garage.
- **\$365,000** - Mediterranean style home on .72 acre. Backs up to golf course and creek.
- **\$375,000** - Ranch-style Austin stone home on 29 acres. Shop, 10 stall barn, 4 pastures.
- **\$439,000** - Country Place B&B, 7 BR home features wrap around porch, large barn.
- **\$469,500** - 4 BR/4-1/2 BA Volney Home. Game room, 3 car garage.
- **\$550,000** - Located on #9 Fairway, this home overlooks the golf course & Salado Creek.
- **\$599,000** - Colonial style home on 57 acres, with guest house and barn.
- **\$699,900** - Country living, view of pool, valley, 7 acre lot, 3-stall barn, large workshop.



\$550,000 - Located on #9 Fairway in Mill Creek, this home overlooks the golf course & Salado Creek. Perfect for entertaining, with two living, two dining, large kitchen, wet bar, butler's pantry, raised ceilings, fireplace. Master suite, hot tub, all downstairs. Upstairs is a game room, two bedrooms and a bath. There is also an air conditioned office off the garage.



\$149,900 - Neat clean and new to the market. Three bedroom, two bath. Separate laundry room, formal dining. Storage shed conveys.



\$375,000 - This lovely ranch-style home on over 29 acres has Austin stone, front and back covered porches, and a metal roof. Shop, 10 stall barn. 4 fenced pastures.



\$199,500 - Located at the entrance to Mill Creek. Lovely setting, with many possibilities.

Commercial Property

- **\$429,000** - 5.66 acres commercial property off Main Street.
- **\$650,000** - Over 9,000 SF of commercial space on Main St.

Acreage Available

- **210 acres** near Holland, Bell County. Good land, good road frontage, good price, \$1,250/ac. - UIC
- **140 acres** located 4 miles Southwest of Jarrell. Part coastal, cultivation, well fenced, 2 stock ponds, lots of paved road frontage, pecan orchard. Huge metal implement bldg. with living quarters.
- **140 acres** on Hwy 36 at Temple Airport.
- **38.78 acres** on FM 2843, 8 mile west of IH-35, beautiful trees. \$190,000.
- **12 acres** between Salado and Florence. All woods, spring, secluded, view. \$49,000.
- **9.87 acres** near Youngsport. All woods, lovely view, lots of deer, community water, good road.
- **8.77 acres** on I-35 at crossover with road on 3 sides, Exit 286 at Salado.
- **5 wooded acres**, perfect for a homesite. \$60,000.
- **5 acres** heavily wooded, wet weather creek, large live oak trees. Close to Salado. \$70,000.
- **3 acres**, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake. Owner Financing. \$36,000.

Lots

Mill Creek Lots

- Winner's Circle - \$50-\$58,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- 1014 Arrowhead Dr. - \$39,900
- Lot 1 Club Circle - \$49,800

- O.W. Lowrey - \$45,000
- 808 Mill Creek Dr. - \$30,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$30,000
- Jack Nicklaus Circle - \$90,000
- Fletcher Ct. - \$69,000

Other Lots

- Royal Oaks - \$30,000
- Royal Oaks - \$35,900
- Rita Bend Drive - \$39,900
- 10 Royal View - \$45,000
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Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road on IH-35 at Exit 285. **\$219,900. Under contract**



3BR/2BA Brick home with metal roof. 60'x38' metal barn & 2 stalls on 2 acres. **\$119,900.**



New! Beautiful 3 BD/2 BA split bedroom plan. Security system, breakfast area & formal dining. Reduced. **\$149,900.**



Magnificent Estate! 5+ BR/3.5 BA featuring granite countertops, gas fireplace, wrought iron staircase, 3 car garage, security system, sprinkler system, etc... Featured in 1999 Parade of Homes in River Place Estates of Belton. **\$425,000. Under contract**



"2002 Parade of Homes winner" Spectacular home located on the 15th fairway in Mill Creek. Granite countertops, surround sound, stainless steel appliances, glass shower, 8ft. doors and 10 to 14 ft. ceilings **\$359,900.**



A beautiful hilltop 3/2 home, manicured lawn and large tank on 10 acres. Numerous windows and a huge covered deck, outstanding views. Foliage and trees enhance the beauty of the home supplying shade from the hot summer sun. **\$495,000.**



Authentic Texas style home on approx. 11 acres on Hillside. 4/2/3, extra large living room with great fireplace, kitchen with stove top and woodburning stove, 7 stall barn, new roof. **\$195,000.**



Approx. 25 partially wooded acres with a 4/3, red brick home featuring large living/den with fireplace opening to a large kitchen. Exhilarating in-ground pool and hot tub. Additional acreage can be purchased up to 63 acres. **\$279,000.**



"Charming Country Home" Private home located on 5 acres. This 3 bedroom/2 bath has a beautiful vaulted living room with fireplace. Walk around this house on its custom rock trails and enjoy the country living. **\$199,500**



Custom Built 3/3+ Austin Stone Home with loft featuring tin roof, lighted arena, 36' x 60' barn with 3 stalls in front with runs, a 20 gallon hot water heater, a cement alley way in the barn and an above ground pool. **\$275,000.**



Country Living at its best! This 3BR/2BA home on 6 acres with barn, storage shed and workshop features hardwood floors, game room, hot tub covered patio and, to complete this beautiful package, century-old live oak trees. **\$229,900**

Acreage Available

- Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
- Sand & Gravel Rd. - 2 one acre tracts. **\$17,500.**
- 2 acre lot south of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
- 2 acre lot south of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**
- 2 one acre lots on Sam Neil. **\$15,000/acre.**
- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**
- 3.018 acres on FM 2843 with large pecan trees and live water on Butter Milk Creek. **\$39,900.**
- 3.52 acres, mostly wooded. **\$49,900.**
- 4 acres South of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
- 5.13 acres south of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$49,900.**
- 53 acres southeast of Salado. **\$2,990/acre.**
- 928 acres Southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country with live creek and large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.
- Three 250 acre tracts southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling hills with large trees, live creek and water tank. Excellent views & deer country. **\$2,500/acre.**
- 425 acres, 3 tanks almost 2+ miles of road frontage. Approximately 40-50 acres of woods with balance of native pasture & fields. Roads on 3 sides. **\$1,950/acre.**



"Beautiful cabin in the woods" Home with approx. 7 acres with over 4,000 square feet. 5 BR/4 BA. The woodwork in this home is a must see. **\$439,900.**



First time on market! Custom built 3BR/2BA on .79 acres really nice kitchen & master suite with beautiful hilltop view **\$139,000.**



3/2 formal dining, fireplace, walk to Mill Creek. Great location! **\$159,000.**

Country Homes

- 3BR/2BA Brick home with metal roof. 60'x38' metal barn & 2 stalls on 2 acres. **\$119,900.**
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- First time on market! Custom built 3BR/2BA on .79 acres really nice kitchen & master suite with beautiful hilltop view **\$139,000.**
- Custom Built 3/3+ Austin Stone Home with loft featuring tin roof, lighted arena, 36' x 60'

barn with 3 stalls in front with runs, a 20 gallon hot water heater, a cement alley way in the barn and an above ground pool. **\$275,000.**

Residential

- \$149,900:** 3 BR / 2 BA, formal dining. Great area!
- \$159,000:** New on market. 3/2 formal dining, walk to Mill Creek. Great location!
- \$359,900:** Spectacular home located on the 15th fairway in Mill Creek. Granite countertops, surround sound, stainless steel appliances, glass shower, 8ft. doors and 10 to 14 ft. ceilings.

Salado Lots

- Indian Trail at Blaylock, lg corner lot, 90x188 - **\$36,000.**
- Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$34,000.**
- Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

Commercial

- 3 acres commercial property fronting I-35, Phase 3. **\$89,900.**
- Excellent Commercial: location on corner of West Village Rd. & IH-35 at exit 285. - **\$239,900.**

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