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Hometown newspaper read by Troy and Vickie Kelley

## Masons to fry fish in benefit of CIS

Salado Masons will again don their aprons to work for the community. Salado Masonic Lodge will hold its fifth annual Fish Fry 5-7 p.m. March 8 at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

Tickets for the Fish Fry are \$6 each and are available at First State Bank, Salado Village Voice and Village Pharmacy, or from

local Masons.

The Fish Fry will raise money for the Salado Masonic Lodge scholarships to Salado High School seniors and the Communities in Schools program in Salado schools.

Since its first year, the annual Fish Fry has raised over \$20,000 given to local organizations, including the

Salado Volunteer Fire Department and Salado school libraries. Over \$5,000 in new books was given to the school libraries from local Masons.

Jessica Byer and Bill Morris, Communities in Schools counselors, will also have tickets for sale at the high school and intermediate school campuses.

## Plans made for Music Fest

Entries for the juried Tablerock Invitational Music Festival are being accepted through Mar. 3.

The March 22 Invitational Music Festival will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 10 p.m. at the Goodnight Amphitheater on Royal Street in Salado, Texas. The divisions in Jazz and Blues, Country, Gospel, Barber Shop Quartet, Classic & Classical and Young Talent will have competi-

tion from many talented Central Texas amateurs and professionals. Nominal entrance fees in each division. Cash prizes and plaques will be awarded. Food and drink booths will be open for refreshments.

Tickets may be purchased at the gate. Admission: \$3 Adults and \$1 for children 12 and under.

On March 22, the Preliminary Competitions will start at 4 p.m.. Grand

Prize Competitions will begin at 7 p.m. and Evening Performance will begin at 8 p.m. and close at 10 p.m.

To obtain entry forms and information contact Director Robert Combs at Tablerock Invitational Music Festival's e-mail address: [timfest@vvm.com](mailto:timfest@vvm.com) or call Tablerock at 1-254-947-9205.

## Chamber queries businesses

Salado Chamber of Commerce recently distributed a survey among the businesses of Salado.

The survey consisted of five questions to give business the opportunities to express their opinions and suggestions on how best the Chamber of Commerce can help meet their needs.

The five questions were the following:

1. How can your Chamber of Commerce best support your business and/or efforts? Please be specific with recommendations, suggestions and ideas.

2. Are the Annual Events (i.e. two Art Fairs, Christmas in October, Christmas Stroll, etc.) beneficial to

your business? If not, how can they be?

3. Besides the annual events mentioned in Question two, what new Annual Events would you suggest your Chamber of Commerce consider?

4. How can your Chamber of Commerce improve relations with other communities in counties surrounding Salado?

5. Would you be willing to serve on a short-term committee for a special event or on a long-term advisory committee? If so, please circle one of the following:

- Assist Chamber secretary with mailings/telephone tree/newsletter.
- Assist Chamber

Ambassadors with ribbon cuttings, etc.

- Christmas Stroll or Christmas parade.
- Wildflower Art Show.
- Salado Art Fair.
- Quarterly Mixers.
- Christmas in October.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Answers from the Questionnaire will be used for short and long term planning. Anyone wishing to participate in the questionnaire may write down and answer the questions and deliver them to the Salado Chamber of Commerce, located in the Salado Civic Center.



### Taste of Salado

About 200 Saladoans ventured out on the one winter's night we get in Texas to attend the Taste of Salado benefit for the Public Arts League of Salado (PALS). Restaurants, bed and breakfasts and caterers in the village offered a sampling of their food to the attendees. At right, Chris Hale and Alice Wells, of Royal Street Provision are shown at their booth. At top, Troy and Vickie Kelley helps Jenny Wigglin decide where her clay is going to go on the Troll sculpture.

(PHOTOS BY TIM FLEISCHER)



## Steering committee to resume work on draft Zoning Ordinance

The Village of Salado steering committee will continue work on the proposed Zoning Ordinance in a workshop session 11 a.m. Feb. 26 at the municipal building.

The workshop meeting is open to the public. Chairman Vic Means invites and encourages input from the

community during the initial drafting of the ordinance. After the draft is edited by the committee, it will be presented to the board of aldermen for its consideration.

Before the board of aldermen can adopt the Zoning Ordinance, which is a regulatory portion of

the Comprehensive Plan, it must conduct a formal public hearing of which property owners are informed by mail.

The Zoning Ordinance is approximately 140 pages long and is available at the municipal building to be reviewed.

Salado Creek got out of its banks last week when two days of showers rained down upon the area. Salado Volunteer Fire fighters responded to multiple accidents along the Interstate due to the wet conditions, including an accident south of Salado involving three 18-wheelers.



(PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

# FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



## Homeowner's Best Friend

Ron Dixon acted the way any of us would have -- if, that is, we had the same courage. He pointed his 9-millimeter pistol and fired. Dixon shot the intruder he had found rummaging through his 2-year-old son's bedroom in his home in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn, N.Y. For that, Dixon is facing jail time.

His case hits at a central blind spot of gun controllers, who discount the role of guns in self-defense and consider almost any discharge of a weapon a moral offense. For the Brooklyn district attorney, a gun is a gun is a gun, whether it's wielded by a punk or by Ron Dixon.

On Dec. 14, Dixon was still in bed around 7:30 a.m. when he heard a noise. He saw someone lurking in the hallway outside his second-floor bedroom. He waited for the intruder to leave the hallway so he could grab his 9 mm from a closet. After telling his girlfriend to call 911, a terrified Dixon confronted the man. Whereupon the burglar pretended he had buddies downstairs, shouting, "Come upstairs!" and charged Dixon.

After Dixon shot him twice, the intruder fell down the stairs with nonfatal wounds to his chest and groin. He turned out to be a career burglar with a 14-page rap sheet. But he isn't the only one facing time.

Dixon, a 27-year-old Navy veteran who works two jobs to support his family, has been charged with a weapons violation because the gun was not registered in New York. Picking up where the burglar left off, Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes wants Dixon to take a plea bargain and serve four weekends at the jail on Rikers Island. Hynes reasons that there are nearly 500 shootings a year in Brooklyn, so he can't go easy on Dixon -- thus failing to distinguish between the gunplay of drug dealers and a man defending his home.



## The Rich Lowry column

Dixon doesn't want to plead guilty to an offense that only came to light because he had to provide for his defense in the absence of New York City authorities doing so. His lawyer has asked a judge to throw out the charges, but if his case goes to trial and he's convicted, he could be sentenced to up to a year. Dixon's experience isn't rare. According to criminologist Gary Kleck, there are roughly 2.5 million defensive uses of a gun each year, although the vast majority involve only the brandishing of a weapon. Gun controllers are loath to admit these figures, and focus on the much smaller -- in the low thousands -- number of justifiable homicides a year, because the frequency of self-defense shows a healthy, necessary use for guns.

Prison inmates tell Justice Department interviewers that while committing a crime, running into a citizen armed to defend himself is one of their greatest fears. And so it should be. Hynes, and other gun-control supporters, please take note -- criminals should have to worry about the consequences of the defensive use of guns, not homeowners like Ron Dixon.

## HJR 50 could destroy the last vestige of "Checks & Balances" in Texas government

Texas Republican politicians, apparently not satisfied with controlling the Governor's Office; all other statewide elective positions; Speakership of the House of Representatives and Presidency of the Senate plus holding a majority in the House, Senate and higher court systems; now want to destroy the last vestige of what traditionally keeps democracy properly functioning as our founding fathers had in mind - specifically the matter of "checks and balances" within government.

The current Republican control of executive, legislative and judicial branches here in Texas leaves only one internal source capable of mounting a legitimate dissent-debate, namely those appointed officials who have the safety net of multiple year terms. These executives are all that's left in State government (not counting the loyal opposition) who can raise qualified "insider" views in opposition to stupidity (or worse) by elected public officials and can, when necessary, do so with an unsailable degree of standing and protection.

The men and women currently in control of Texas government who eschew contradiction, divergent opinions, arguments, or as they view it, "rabble-rousing and demagoguery," are about to try and do something about this one remaining avenue of dissent.

Keep in mind that the Texas constitution permits the Governor, with Senate "advise and consent," to appoint one third of all agency and board members every two years. If the chief executive remains in office for two terms (eight years) - which is normal if all is going well, then he will control - through "his" people, all state agencies, higher education trustees and boards, advisory groups and hundreds of lesser offices the state feels are needed to keep things floundering along.

### HJR 50

The GOP hierarchy in Austin decreed that a constitutional amendment be introduced (and it was) to allow the Governor to hire and fire (at will), all gubernatorially appointed officials, including his own, but more particularly those appointed by a predecessor, (most especially by any bad old liberal Democratic Governor), thus giving the party in power, complete control over every phase of the executive branch of State government - thereby effectively stifling all opposing views to whatever the prevailing group has in mind for the rest of us.

The proposed amendment, HJR 50, was introduced on February 18, by Arlene Wohlgemuth (R-Burleson). It was poorly written but appears to completely un hinge our State constitution's "checks and balances." If passed by two thirds of the legislature it will be placed before voters on November 4, 2003.

### A BAD PROPOSAL

This is a very bad proposal and gives way too much power to whichever political party holds the Governor's office. It needs to be squashed when it comes up for a vote in either chamber. House and Senate Republicans don't currently have a two thirds majority so unless Democrats are asleep at the switch - this power ploy can be properly defeated and never get on a referendum ballot.

However, should this horror unfortunately make it through the legislature and eventually slip by lethargic voters, only the media will be left to alert citizens, who in turn can bring pressure on the political class with the one threat that actually frightens elected officials and lawmakers - revenge at the ballot box!

### TODAY'S POP QUIZ

Good morning students. Today's "Economics 101" exam deals with factors pur-

## Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



**HJR 50, promoted by GOPers, would give Governor absolute control over all executive agencies, boards & directors, thus effectively stifling dissent & debate.**

portedly causing the price of gasoline and home heating oil to increase with such gusto. Pencils at the ready? Begin.

Please read the following statement and note below if the follow-up responses are "True" or "False":

Which of the following reasons have the major oil companies in America used over the years to explain their outrageous price fixing?

- A. Fear of going to war.
- B. Fear of not going to war.
- C. Cold weather
- D. Hot weather
- E. Inflation
- F. Deflation
- G. Low demand for gasoline
- H. High demand for gasoline
- I. Recession - production down.
- J. Full employment - production up.
- K. Republicans in charge of White House & Congress.
- L. Democrats in charge of White House & Congress.
- M. Citizens jittery about war, economics, job security
- N. Citizens not jittery about anything.

If you answered "true" to all of the above - you get A+, since these (and more) are the dubious reasons, used at one time or another, by the oil cartel and their associated sycophants for raising gasoline and home heating oil prices.

### REAL REASON BEHIND HIKES

A cursory examination of the current unconscionable hike in the price of gasoline that has created the highest profits on record for the major oil companies, gives rise to what an angry public believes is the real reason for the volatility of exploding prices - pure and simple greed!

Fact is, neither the media, our bumbling economists and certainly not the politicians - know for certain who and what sets gasoline prices .....and the oil folks won't tell!

### THANK GOODNESS FOR FED PLAN

Federal officials have been quietly building three-dimensional models of such national treasures as the Statue of Liberty and other national monuments. Reason is obvious. Should terrorists destroy the great French gift to our nation - "Lady Liberty" - there are specific blueprints available for its exact reconstruction and we say "thank goodness" and "well done" to our fed-folks.

We say this because of what is being offered by architects for the redesign of the Twin Towers in New York City. Simply put - total abstract absurdities!

The twin lights that once soared into the night from the empty site, would be far better remembrances of the towers and memory of those who perished, than the suggested monstrosities being considered as replacements for the giant twin structures.

Goodness only knows how the Statue of Liberty would end up looking, should modern architects take a crack at restoring her - probably upside down and backwards!

That's -30-

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# Carrot & Stick Our Voice

## Editorial Opinion

In extending the contract of Superintendent Robin Battershell, Salado ISD Trustees praised her for the work she has done in the district for the past two years.

Board member John Konzen stated during the Feb. 17 meeting that each day, he grows more confident in the job she does for the district.

If trustees are confident in Dr. Battershell as superintendent, they should consider a longer contract than one year. The board should consider extending the contract of the superintendent for two years, if not three years. At two years, Salado ISD will be among only 16 percent of school districts over 1,000 students who have their top administrators on two-year contract. According to a Texas Education Agency study of administrator contracts in 2000-2001, 74 percent of 96 school districts of 1,000 to 1,600 students have three year contracts for their superintendents. Another seven percent of same-size school districts have their superintendents on four and five year contracts. By limiting the superintendent's contract to a single year, Salado sits in the bottom three percent in the state on length of contracts, according to the TEA survey.

School board trustees denied Dr. Battershell's request for a two-year contract in 2002. The superintendent made no such request this year. Trustees who have opposed multi-year contracts have done so on grounds of fiscal responsibility. It is questionable at the very least whether keeping administrators on a short-term contract is fiscally responsible (or responsible in any other way, for that matter) for a district that wants long-term vision from its leaders.

The district has been involved in developing a long-term plan for the school in terms of curriculum, technology, finances and facilities. The superintendent and other administrators have been fundamental in working with the community to devise a visionary, pro-active approach to educating our children.

But one must wonder who will implement the plan next year (or the year after that), since all administrators are on short-term contracts. Should the superintendent leave for a district with a longer term contract, in what position will that put the district to attract and retain qualified applicants? Of course, superintendents and principals leave in the middle of their contracts for other job opportunities, but it is much less likely to happen when the administrator has long-term stability.

Simply put, multi-year contracts for superintendents and campus principals are a vote of confidence for administrators. The administrator knows that he has the job protection to make tough decisions concerning our students. A three year contract gives a superintendent the same term as a term of the school board. That means the superintendent can ride out a rogue board member or a group of board members. Of course, a majority of board members can vote to buy out a contract of the superintendent, but state law makes this a costly remedy that should not be taken lightly.

A three-year contract for the superintendent and a two-year contract for campus administrators gives the board of trustees both the carrot and the stick in its relationship to its employees. It also gives the administrators more authority when dealing with teachers, parents and students, which is one fundamental reason the board should act soon.

It is fiscally responsible to have administrators on multi-year contracts. Otherwise, 95 percent of Texas school districts would not do so. Salado ISD competes against these districts in the marketplace for qualified and experienced administrators. If the district wants to level the playing field with other schools, then it must rethink its short sighted approach to its administrators.

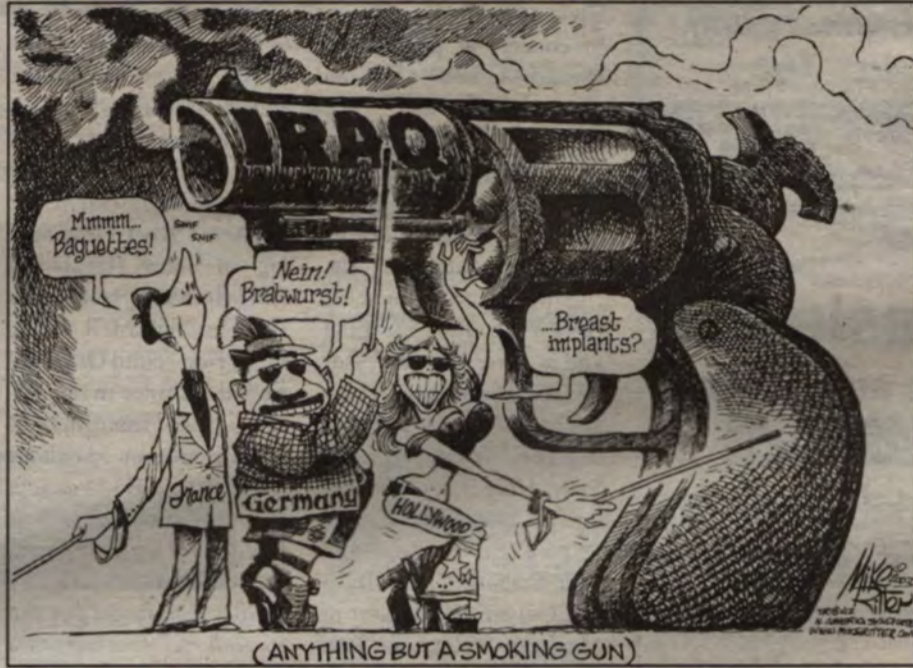
Removing individual personalities of administrators, board members, teachers, students and parents from the debate, the district must adopt a long-term approach to attracting, hiring and retaining administrators to implement the vision of the district.

If the board lacks the confidence in its current administrators to offer multi-year contracts, then those administrators should be released from employment. Otherwise, the board should offer two-year contracts to campus principals and department directors and a three year contract to the superintendent.

If you think this is a sensible approach, contract your school board members: Deborah Aldridge, Jackie Burson, Frank Carlson, Miriam Ervi, John Konzen, Trey Little and Darrell Street. Conversely, if you think this is a wasteful approach, call your school board members. They should not operate in a vacuum.

Their phone numbers are in the white pages.

# FORUM



## Texans oppose tax increases; but we must take responsibility

By MICHAEL QUINN SULLIVAN

Texans overwhelmingly oppose tax increases, that much is clear. Poll after poll, including the most important one on Election Day '02, demonstrate that we as a people generally understand the economic importance of setting taxes low.

But to keep more of our own money, each of us has the responsibility to stop asking our legislators to spend it. We already have one of the most fiscally efficient state governments in the nation. But the \$9.9 billion expected budget shortfall tells us we still have work to do.

When the governor recently addressed the state, he clearly and eloquently drew a line in the sand on tax increases. The people of our state "don't want, don't need and don't deserve new taxes," he said.

Gov. Perry also made it abundantly clear that the state government must economize, and even downsize, in tough times: "Texans elected us to set priorities, not to raise the price of government."

As citizens, though, we must recognize that Texas' fundamental budget problem is not with legislators, but ourselves. The state's budget exceeds \$100 billion. Contrary to popular belief, that cost is not driven by a handful of pet projects promoted by a few entrenched special-interests getting legislation passed in the dead of night.

There is no budgetary boogie-man; the problem isn't them, it's us. It's the letters, phone calls and gas-station chats with con-

stituents that set spending priorities for legislators, not dinners in Austin with corporate lobbyists.

Every project, every line-item, does have value. A few tax dollars for economic development? Of course. A little more to promote fine arts? Why not? Maybe expanded health care coverage for all teachers? Repaving a road here...New computers for a school there...A few more employees in that agency...A couple more vehicles for this one. Regardless of one's perspective, every line of spending in the state's budget, from economically justified and morally important, to politically frivolous and hopelessly wasteful, shares one important characteristic with every other: it adds up to a bill that must be presented to the taxpayer.

Fundamentally, the tax issue is not about taxes, it's about spending, so we can't have it both ways. We cannot one moment ask government to pay for our projects, and the next tell legislators to cut our taxes.

Certainly there are inefficiencies. And, yes, state agencies and programs can suffer from the inevitable onset of bureaucratic mission creep. The inefficiencies must be rooted out, and programs abolished when no longer useful. Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn has identified a great number of cost-saving opportunities, while the governor has produced a substantive vision for bringing state spending in line with current revenue.

You and I as citizens and taxpayers cannot be content to grouse, complain, and then simply wait for legislators to do the right

thing. We should certainly demand a reduction in spending as we converse with legislators, but more importantly we should demonstrate it in our attitudes and expectations toward state government in the daily affairs of civic life.

The Texas Legislature should move to strengthen and expand our constitution's existing spending limitations, while implementing a super-majority vote-requirement before raising taxes. We should implement sliding-scale fees for welfare services, requiring those who can pay to pay what they can. Where programs and procedures can be privatized, do so immediately. If the private sector is providing a service, state government should not. The bureaucracy must be held accountable for the first dollar spent. Ultimately, state spending must be tied to economic analysis, not wishful thinking.

It's been said nothing sharpens the focus of the mind like a noose around one's neck. If that is the case, the much ballyhooed multi-billion-dollar budget shortfall is a great opportunity for Texans to examine our priorities and demand greater fiscal constraint.

While taxes are the issue, spending is the problem. And only you and I can fix it.

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## Happily helping Republican party



Jim Hightower

My friend was clearly moved. She told me that she had received an urgent letter from Marc Racicot, the former Enron lobbyist who now is chairman of the Republican National Committee (RNC).

While my friend does not know Marc personally, she surely was impressed that he had designated her as number 072702-V2002H. Marc's letter said that she was one of "a select group of Republicans" that the RNC had chosen to serve "as a representative of all Republicans" living in her voting district. Her prestigious assignment was to be among a vanguard of party activists to take part in "an Official Census of the Republican Party."

One problem: My friend is a lifelong Democrat. Oh, she admits that she has sometimes strayed -- like the time she voted for Dick Gregory for president on the Peace and Freedom ticket. But never has she voted Republican. In fact, she's never wanted much of anything to do with them.

But here, direct from the party chair, was a cry for help that she simply couldn't ignore. Marc noted that the RNC is developing a "Blueprint" on issues to guide the party for the next 10 years, but that party leaders don't know how the rank and file feel about today's issues. So, he wrote, she is designated to "represent the views and opinions of all Republicans" in her area. Marc said it was vital that he receive her answers "in the next seven days."

Of course, my friend did her duty. But it wasn't easy. One question was: "Should we take the next step in welfare reform through faith-based programs?" Well, maybe, but what exactly is the next step? If it's to kill off all welfare moms, then probably the churches shouldn't do that.

The key question was the last one, which asked if my friend would send \$500 to the RNC. "No" was her answer... but she sure hopes that her answers to all of the other questions are used by Marc to shape GOP policies for the next decade.

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# Music in Salado presents Jacobson in concert March 2 at SUMC

Music in Salado will present Dr. Michael Jacobson, saxophone, and Elvia Puccinelli, piano, in concert at the Salado United Methodist Church 4 p.m. Mar. 2. The saxophonist will perform music of current American composers, J.S. Bach, and the "History of the Tango" by Astor Piazzolla.

Dr. Jacobson joined the Baylor faculty in 1984 and is currently Professor of Saxophone and Music Technology. He holds degrees from Arizona State University (Bachelor of Music in Theory and Composition, and Jazz Performance); Indiana University (Master of Music in Saxophone Performance); and the University of Texas at Austin (Doctor of Musical Arts in

Performance with a Jazz Emphasis). Indiana University also awarded him their prestigious Performer's Certificate.

His classical performance has taken him all over the world and earned him grants from the National Endowment for the Arts. His CD recording of John Harbison's *San Antonio*, issued in 1999 on the AUR label, was a first round Grammy Award nominee in the category "Best Instrumental Solo Performance Without Orchestra." He is active as both a clinician and adjudicator on a regional and national scale. He is a regular columnist for the *Saxophone Journal*, and also authored a column dealing with Music Technology in *Jazz Player*

magazine from 1993-1996.

In addition to his work in saxophone performance and pedagogy, Dr. Jacobson is very active in the field of music technology. He designed and teaches much of the technology curriculum now offered in the Baylor School of Music, and was responsible for the design and implementation of Baylor's four music technology centers: the Musical Instrument Digital Interface Lab (single station, state-of-the-art facility), the Music Education Resource Center (six station cross-platform student lab, with teacher presentation system), the Music Educational Technologies Applications Lab (12 station student lab



Dr. Michael Jacobson

with teacher presentation system, all Macintosh computers) and the Distance Education and Video Conferencing Center.

Elvia Puccinelli is a Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude graduate of California State University in Los Angeles. She received her M.M. and D.M.A. from the University of Southern California. She is a collaborative pianist, chamber musician, vocal coach and teacher. Puccinelli was formerly a member of the music faculty of the University of Southern California, and she served as the pianist with Placido Domingo's International opera competition, Operalia. She is an alumna of San Francisco Opera's Merola Program and twice invited to serve as rehearsal pianist for Seiji Ozawa at Tanglewood Music Festival.

Puccinelli was a recitalist on Los Angeles Philharmonic's Chamber Concert Series. She worked on piano and collaborative studies with Alan Smith and, at the Music Academy of the West, with Gwendolyn Koldofsky, and harpsichord studies with Malcolm Hamilton. Her scholarly interests include research in the field of French chamber music and vocal repertoire.

The public is cordially invited to attend this unusual program of music being offered in Salado. Donations will be welcomed at the door.

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## Crossroads to TX Quilt Guild meets March 10

The Crossroads to Texas Quilt Guild welcomes anyone that loves to sew or quilt to join them for a "Reversible Binding" program by Nancy Farmer 7 p.m. March 10.

Meetings are open to all experiences and ages, and are held on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at the First United Methodist Church, 508 N. Gray St in Killeen. For more information, call Colleen Frederick at 699-0521 or email Nicole Higginbotham at CTTQGpublicity@hotmail.com.

# Watson and Holt win Grammy award for collaboration on "Legacy" album

The Grammy awards took on a special meaning for a Salado couple. Amidst the onslaught of awards presented to Norah Jones, Doc Watson and David Holt quietly took home the Grammy for Best Traditional Folk Album.

Watson and Holt won the award for their collaboration on *Legacy*, a three disc set of music, conversations and stories shared by Doc Watson and long-time friend David Holt.

Holt is the son of Joe and Anita Holt, of Salado. He called home late in the afternoon to tell the couple that he "had just won a Grammy!"

This is the third Grammy for Holt, who appeared in concert in Salado in 2000.

Holt is a musician, storyteller, historian, television host and entertainer, dedicated to performing

and preserving traditional American music and storytelling. Holt plays 10 acoustic instruments and has released numerous recordings of traditional mountain music and southern folktales.

According to his website, davidholt.com, "Holt is well known for his television and radio series. He is host of public television's *Folkways*, a North Carolina program that takes the viewer through the Southern Mountains visiting traditional craftsmen and musicians. He served as host of *The Nashville Network's Fire on the Mountain*, *Celebration Express* and *American Music Shop*. He has been a frequent guest on *Hee Haw*, *Nashville Now* and *The Grand Ole Opry*. David can also be seen as a musician in the popular film, *O Brother Where Art Thou*.



David Holt and Doc Watson together on stage.

David hosts *Riverwalk: Classic Jazz From The Landing* for Public Radio International. *Riverwalk*, in its 13th year, is broadcast nationally from San Antonio, and combines stories of the jazz greats told by Holt with the traditional jazz music of the Jim Cullum Jazz Band and guests including Lionel Hampton and Benny Carter.

*Legacy*, his newest release, presents Doc Watson's inspiring life story in

a three CD collection of songs and interviews along with a 72 page companion booklet and a live concert recording.

**I Got A Bullfrog: Folk-songs For The Fun Of It**, features great American folk songs David has collected over the last twenty years and has garnered many awards. **Grandfather's Greatest Hits** received a 1992 Grammy Award nomination for "Best Traditional Folk" **SEE WATSON & HOLT PAGE 7A**

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Worship 8:15 a.m.  
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Adult Choir 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday

Jr. High Halftime 5:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m.  
TeamKID (Preschool - 6th) 6:00 p.m.  
Youth Choir 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Service 6:15 p.m.  
Bible Drill (3rd - 6th) 7:00 p.m.  
High School Halftime 7:00 p.m.

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<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:00</b>
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### Worship Schedule

Sunday School • 9:45a.m.  
Worship • 11 a.m.  
Bible Study • 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Praise & Prayer • 7:00 p.m.

## Presbyterian Church of Salado

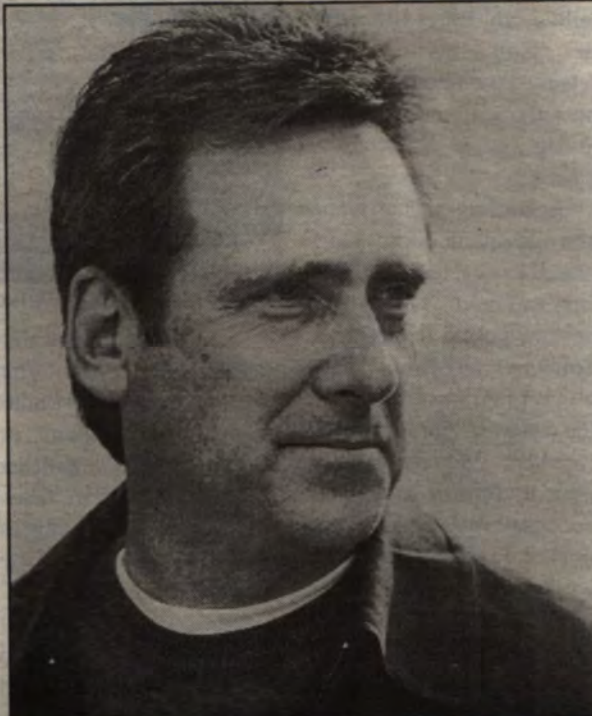


### Worship Schedule

**10 a.m. Worship**  
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9 a.m. - Adult Bible Study

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## Holm to perform at First Baptist Church

Well-known Christian music performer Dallas Holm will perform in concert 7 p.m. Feb. 28 at the First Baptist Church in Salado. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Words like forerunner, legend and pioneer have been used to describe Dallas Holm, though he is humble about his status. "I've been around a long time and by the grace of and goodness of God, He has allowed me to have a wonderful part in the Christian music industry."

Holm's influence in today's Christian music is found not only in his 30-plus years of writing, singing, and ministry, not to mention his catalog of accolades, but also is seen and heard in the lives and ministries of other Christian music artists.

Stephen Curtis Chapman, a contemporary Christian artist says, "My parents used to take me and my brother to Dallas Holm concerts. We'd get to meet him and talk to him. That inspired me a lot. I wanted to be like him and do what he did: write, sing and perform Christian music. Dallas Holm was and still is a hero to me."

The worship teams of the FBC of Salado and the Taylor's Valley Baptist Church will perform the contemporary Christian classic "Rise Again" with Holm during his concert.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the FBC of Salado, Taylor's Valley Baptist Church in Temple, Lifeway Christian Bookstores in Temple, Greater Gifts in Belton, and the Family Christian Bookstore in Killeen. A love offering will be taken to support the ministry of Dallas Holm. Attendees are encouraged to bring a canned food item or non-perishable food item to support the Salado Food Pantry. A nursery will be available for children from birth to age five.

For more information, contact any of the ticket outlets or call the FBC office at 947-5465, or visit [www.fbcSalado.org](http://www.fbcSalado.org).

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Bible Class • 9 a.m. Worship • 10 a.m.

Evening Worship • 6 p.m.

### Wednesday

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Recording." It is a collection of the great folk songs of early country music. Featured on the album are the legendary Chet Atkins, Doc Watson and Duane Eddy playing together for the first time. Homespun Tapes has released four instructional videos by David, Folk Rhythms and Old Time Banjo I, II, III.

David is recognized as one of the nation's foremost storytellers. His newest recording, *Spiders in the Hairdo: Modern Urban Legends*, was nominated for a Grammy Award for 1999 in the Adult Spoken Word Category. In 1996, *Stellaluna*, a collection of bat stories and amazing bat facts, won the Grammy Award. *Why the Dog Chases The Cat: Great Animal Stories* with co-teller Bill Mooney, was nominated for a 1995 Grammy Award.

*Mostly Ghostly Stories* is a spine-tingling collection of chilling ghost tales. In addition, his earlier storytelling recordings, *The Hairyman* and *Tailybone* both received the American Library Association's highest honor, the "Notable Recording." August House published *Ready-To-Tell Tales* and *Ready-To-Tell Tales From Around the World* edited by David Holt and Bill Mooney. The books bring together tellable stories from the nation's best professional storytellers.

The *Storyteller's Guide* by Holt and Mooney (August House 1996) is a complete "how-to" for storytellers.

A native of Garland, Texas, Holt's family moved

to Pacific Palisades, California, while he was in junior high school. He recalls his early musical and storytelling influences: "I grew up in a family of informal storytellers, and there was plenty to tell about our wild and wooly Texas forefathers. Storytelling was just a natural part of family life for me. I never thought about telling stories in public until I began to collect mountain music and came across interesting and unusual anecdotes from mountain folks. I began to use these stories in concerts and realized the power storytelling holds."

As for music, Holt says, "The only homemade music in our house was played by my father on bones and spoons that had been passed down in our family for five generations. In 1968, I sought out Carl Sprague, the first of the recorded singing cowboys. Mr. Sprague taught me to play the harmonica and regaled me with old-time cowboy stories. This experience introduced me to the excitement of learning from the source.... the old timers themselves."

After graduating from the University of California at Santa Barbara magna cum laude in biology and art, Holt turned toward the southeastern mountains to pursue his growing interest in traditional music and storytelling. He moved to western North Carolina and immersed himself in the vital folk culture there. While collecting the traditional music of the mountains, Holt discovered

folktales and true-life stories, which he began integrating into his concerts. He has been exploring and performing this unique form of entertainment ever since, using traditional music and stories in all his performances.

In 1975, Holt founded and directed the Appalachian Music Program at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa, North Carolina. It is the only program of its kind in which students study, collect and learn traditional music and dance.

Since 1981, Holt has pursued a full-time career in entertainment. Today, he brings to the concert stage the fun and spirit of old-time music and storytelling. An evening with David Holt offers tales, ballads and tunes told, sung and played on the banjo, slide guitar, guitar, harmonica, bones, spoons and jaw harp. His audiences are constantly involved, learning to play the paper bag, applauding the vitality of his clog dancing, listening to the haunting sound of a 122 year old mountain banjo, or being spellbound by a ghost story.

The songs and tales Holt has collected for the past 20 years have become a part of the permanent collection of the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. He was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to learn the unique music from the South's last traditional hammered dulcimer player, Virgil Craven. Says Holt: "Many of the people I learned from saw wagon trains; now they are watch-



David Holt

ing space shuttles. They're the last of the pioneer generation. Their music and stories still hold a great deal of meaning and pleasure for us today."

The U.S. State Department has sponsored Holt's performances in many parts of the world as a musical ambassador, taking the sounds of American folk music to such diverse lands as Nepal, Thailand, South America and Africa.

Holt is a three-time winner of the *Frets* magazine readers' poll for "best old-time banjoist." In addition, *Esquire Magazine* selected Holt for its first "Annual Register of Men and Women Who Are Changing America" in 1984."

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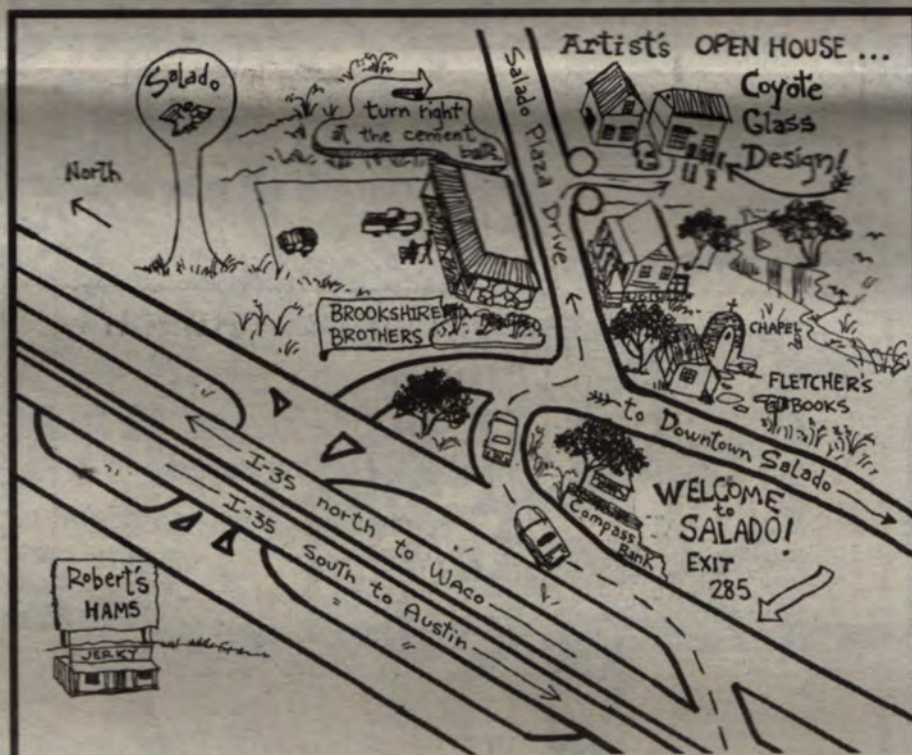
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### David and Tonya cordially invite you to Meet the Artist

Please join us for an informal "Meet the Artist" gathering for Melissa Paxton at her new Studio/Shop located in lovely Salado, Texas on Saturday, March 1st from 1 to 6 PM. Melissa has moved her long standing glass art business, Coyote Glass, from Phoenix, Arizona to our beautiful City.

Melissa has produced public art, custom, and commissioned projects for over 20 years. She has worked with many architects and home designers on both residential and commercial items. Their immediate business focus will be on her new line of unique custom sinks. A variety of bowls, sinks, mirrors and tables, plus a wide range of past projects will be on display at the studio. You can see a preview of glass products on their website, [www.coyoteglass.com](http://www.coyoteglass.com) <<http://www.coyoteglass.com/>>. Melissa will also be featured on HGTV's "Modern Masters" this May.

We hope to see you there.

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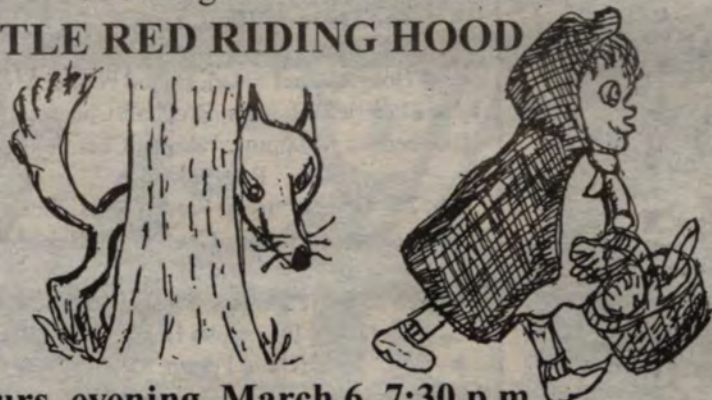


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## Eagles softball 2-0 out of gate

The Lady Eagles softball team claimed their second victory of the season with a win over the Moody Lady Bearcats Feb. 17. Playing for the second time at home, the Lady Eagles were able to blow open a close ball game by scoring five runs in the

bottom of the sixth to pull out a hard fought 8-2 victory.

The Lady Eagles would strike first, scoring one run in the bottom of the first off of two singles and a passed ball. Rachel Blodgett would get the first hit of the evening. She moved into scoring position after a bunt by Shae Janda. Blodgett then scored the first run on a Moody passed ball.

Salado then scored two more runs in the third, when Michelle Houston scored on a passed ball and Laramie Wilson crossed the plate on a double by Houston.

The offensive highlights of the evening would come in a big sixth inning. After

### Youth soccer meeting Feb. 27 at Civic Center

Salado Youth Soccer Association would like to invite all members of the community to the annual Board meeting, which will be held 7 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Salado Civic Center.

For more information call 947-3902.

Moody had closed the gap to 3-2, the Lady Eagles unleashed the bats to pull away and to give them some breathing room to finish the game out.

Soph. Kristen Womac scored on a Moody throwing error, which also allowed Stella Butts to reach base. Butts eventually scored on another passed ball. Blodgett walked, stole second, then was driven in by a Shae Janda single. Kim Dillon then doubled to score Janda, and was brought home by another double, this one from first baseman Jessica Roberts, which closed out the scoring for Salado.

Janda led the Lady Eagles at the plate, going 3-4. The girls also notched 11 stolen bases on the evening.

Janda picked up her second win of the season on the mound.

"This was a total team effort," said Coach Harrigan.

In an earlier game, Salado defeated 4-A Killeen Shoemaker 6-5 on

Feb. 11.

The Lady Eagles struck first in the game when Rachel Blodgett lined a triple, and was then driven home by a Kim Dillon sacrifice. Blodgett had three hits, two runs, a steal and an RBI on the game.

"Other than a rough fourth inning, which saw Shoemaker score three runs on five errors, I felt the team played well defensively, especially in the seventh inning" said Harrigan.

In the seventh, Shoemaker loaded the bases with only one out, but a pop up and a ground out, both handled by Houston, sealed the win for Salado.

Also playing a large part in the win, Blodgett and Janda combined to tag-out three runners at the plate who were trying to score on passed balls.

In addition to Blodgett's production at the plate, sophomore Jessica Roberts had two RBI, scored a run, and knocked in Janda who scored the winning run. Wilson and Houston also had strong games offensively.

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**Breakfast Menu**

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Feb. 27: Pig in a Blanket, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
Feb. 28: Biscuit, Sausage Patty, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
March 3: Waffles, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk  
March 4: Scrambled Eggs, Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice, Milk

**Lunch Menu**

Feb. 26: Pizza, Corn, Breadstick, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk  
Feb. 27: Fried Chicken, Broccoli/Cheese, Hot Roll, Blueberries w/topping, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk  
Feb. 28: Cheeseburger, French Fries, Pickle Spear, Fruity Freeze, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk  
March 3: Steak Fingers, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Pineapple, Hoagie, Chef Salad, Baked Potato, Milk  
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# Eagles collar 'dogs, win season opener

Salado Eagles baseball team defeated the Bartlett Bulldogs in the season opener for both teams Feb. 18.

Bartlett took an early lead with a run in the top of the first. Lane Wolff, on the mound for Salado, allowed a walk, a single and a double to give the Bulldogs the 1-0 lead.

It was short-lived as the Eagles came back in the bottom of the first for two runs and the lead. Scott Bates rapped a two-out single to get things going. Courtesy runner Travis Turk scored from first on

Wolff's triple down the right field line. Wolff scored on a ground ball by Ryon Clifton, misplayed by the Bartlett second baseman.

Salado added to its lead with three runs in the bottom of the third. Heath Hale led the inning off with a single. Roland Buckley doubled to left to put runners on second and third with no outs. Bates singled to left to score Hale. Wolff drove in his second run of the night with a ground out. A single by Clifton drove Bates home for a 5-1 Eagle

lead. Bartlett scored a run off relief pitcher Bill Tubbs in the fifth inning. They added another run in the seventh off the Eagles closer, Buckley, for the 5-3 final score.

The Eagles had nine hits on the night. They were led by Bates and Wolff, who were two-of-three on the night.

Wolff also picked up the win on the mound for Salado. He went three innings, allowed four hits and struck out seven Bulldogs. Tubbs pitched the

fourth and fifth innings and Buckley pitched the final two.

The Eagles will be hosting a tournament this weekend. The games will start 2:30 p.m. Feb. 27 with Salado playing Holland. Games will run through March 1.

- Reported by Melvin Bates

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### Salado High School 2003 Golf Schedule

#### Boys

Date	Location
March 3	China Springs at Lake Waco
March 10	Rogers at Sammons Park
March 24	Riesel at Connally
April 2	District-Mill Creek
April 7	District-Sammons Park
April 21-22	Regionals
May 7-8	State

#### Girls

Date	Location
March 4	Gatesville at Gatesville Country Club
March 10	Rogers at Sammons Park
March 24	Riesel at Connally
April 2	District-Mill Creek
April 7	District-Sammons
April 21-22	Regionals
May 7-8	State

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## Bike ride March 1 to raise funds for SVFD

Are you ready for the Smokin' Spokes Bike Ride hosted by the Salado Volunteer Fire Department? The event will be held on March 1 in Salado, Texas at 9 am.

Riders can choose from, a 5, 15, 33, 50, or 66 mile ride.

The entry fee will be \$30 for on-site registration. Participants that have pre-register are guaranteed to receive a Smokin' Spokes t-shirt.

Want to become a sponsor or need info? Please contact Kevin Reichert at 254-535-5500 or Joe Tischler at 254-718-5888.

The ride will start and end at the Salado School grounds which is located at 550 Thomas Arnold road. Sign in and On-site Registration at begin 7 a.m.

Salado Volunteer Fire Department

As one of the first Fire

Departments in the County, the Salado Volunteer Fire Department was established in the mid 1960's. It was started with one 1950 pumper truck located by Salado creek in a two-door garage type building. At that time there was no such thing as 911. Fire and emergency calls were telephoned into the Stagecoach Inn, a local hotel. In turn the firemen would be telephoned at their homes or work to respond to calls for help. Later a siren was installed close to the firestation. When a call for help came in, the siren would be set off and could be heard all over the village. When the Volunteers heard the siren they would know to come to the fire station and respond to the emergency. Today the county has established a centrally located, state of the art communication

center, that dispatches all Fire, Police, Sheriff, and Ambulance services.

The Salado Volunteer Fire Dept. has also evolved over the years. We have 25 active members and several retired and reserve members. Over the past several years we have averaged 450 Fire and Emergency Medical calls per year. We respond to Fire, Emergency Medical and Rescue calls with advanced life support capabilities, covering a response area of approximately 115 miles, along with providing mutual aid to our surrounding communities.

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ment awards over the years.

The Salado Volunteer Fire Department was honored to be named First Responders of the Year for 1997, a statewide award. In addition they have been named First responders of Region 7 several times.

The department is funded almost completely through donations from the community and fund raising done by the department. Beginning this year they are adding this bike ride to their list of fund raising activities to help cover the ever-increasing costs of a growing fire department.

"We as a department are extremely excited to sponsor this bike ride," said Reichert. "We wish to invite riders from across the state of Texas to come and enjoy the Historic Village of Salado."

# Eagles end basketball year with win over Lexington

The Salado Varsity boys ended their season on a high note, squeaking by Lexington 80-76 in overtime at Coach Smith Gym on senior night, Feb. 11. The boys just missed out on the postseason this year, but some solace should be taken in the win over playoff bound Lexington, giving the lettermen who will return next year a little spark to carry into the off-season.

The Eagles traded baskets with Lexington in the first half, and no team was able to gain the upper hand early on, although Salado did lead 29-25 at the end of two.

Lexington, however, didn't bank on junior Devon Dunn catching fire in the second half. Dunn poured in 12 of Salado's 21 third period points, and 24 of his game-high 30 were notched in the second half and overtime.

Also gaining the hot hand, Blake Mascari scored 13 of his 17 points in the second half and bonus time.

Salado had a real chance to put Lexington away in regulation, by virtue of the 50-45 lead they enjoyed entering the fourth. The Eagles in green, however, fought back doggedly and were able to creep back

into the contest, scoring 20 fourth period points to Salado's 15, which brought the tally to 65 apiece, and sent the game into extra minutes.

Dunn, as he was in the second half, was the go-to man in O.T. He had nine points in the extra frame, while solid free throw shooting from Matt Jennings, Travis Clark and Mascari helped to ice the win.

It was, in fact, the free throws that made all the difference for Coach Tom Long's bunch. Salado impressively earned 38 trips to the charity stripe in the game, and converted 24 of those attempts, which

equates to a 63 percent success rate. Conversely, Lexington gained a meager 14 chances at the line, only one-third the number of Salado's, and converted only two in the overtime period.

In addition to Dunn's 30 and Mascari's 17, Caskey accounted for nine points, and Travis Clark seven.

Spreading the offense around, Jennings dropped in six, Jarrod Whitfield had five, and Evan Durham and Josh Wright each had three points.

The boys conclude the season with a 16-13 overall mark, but finished 6-6 in the all-important district standings.

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The funds earned from the Salado Education Foundation's two annual parties is used for college scholarships presented to Salado High School grad-

uates. The Salado Education Foundation was formed in 2000 by seventeen citizens. Their goal was to give every graduating Salado student the opportunity to attend a college or trade school of his or her choice. To date the foundation has given \$20,000 as well as establishing an endowment to perpetuate the scholarships.

Local and out of town merchants are donating items for the silent auction.

If you have not been contacted to donate an item, and wish to do so, you may take your auction item to the Superintendent's office in the Civic Center or call Salado Education foundation board member Jackie Mills, 947-9205, to pick up your donation.

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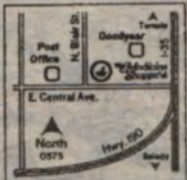
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Gil Wanzor, president of the MCCA, announced that 31 block captains have received new membership forms to be distributed in their areas to compile a new directory by March. Anyone not receiving a form may

contact Bobbie Reihsen at 937-3901 to be included in the directory.

Chairmen for committees were announced as the following: Bobbie Reihsen, Beautification and Standards; Rita Rice and Anna Lous Raney, Social Committee; Mary Lotz, Welcoming; Dr. Jesse San Miguel, liaison to local

governing bodies. Chairmen are needed for Membership and Public Relations.

Reihsen suggested a Mill Creek clean-up day for April 12. This will be a morning clean-up with a hot dog lunch at noon for those participating. Information will be forthcoming on the clean-up day.

Wanzor also informed the board of action taken by the board of aldermen to restrict weeds, rubbish, brush, filth, carrion and other nuisances.

The board will meet again 6 p.m. March 19 at the Salado Civic Center. All Mill Creek residents are invited to attend.

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## New artist, Paxton holds open house March 1

After more than 15 years in Arizona, glass artist Melissa Paxton has moved her studio to Salado.

She invites you to an open house at her studio on Salado Plaza Dr. 1-6 p.m. March 1.

Melissa Paxton has been creating custom glass art pieces, tabletops, furniture, doors and other one-of-a-kind murals for over 20 years. Her stunning creations take shape through a variety of techniques such as etching, staining, copper leafing, carving and beveling.

She has worked with many architects and home designers on both residential and commercial items.

A variety of custom glass bowls, sinks, mirrors and tables will be on display in the studio.

Paxton's larger commissioned three-dimensional works include a mural depicting a day in the life of Arizona's Sonoran Desert.

The mural took three months work to create the piece which was placed at the Glendale Library in Arizona. The 80-foot long mural was painted on sand-blasted glass and depicts plants and animals that are native to the Sonoran Desert.

Design sketches were transferred onto eight-foot panes of glass, which were masked off with a rubber cement substance to complete multiple sessions of sand-blasting.

The sand-blasting gives the mural a three-dimen-



Melissa Paxton

Photo by: Marilyn Fleischer

sional appearance. Paint was applied to the glass, with animals and plants receiving the majority of the artist's details.

Portions of the mural were covered on the back-side with copper leaf to give it an opaque look.

She has also created a 40' historical showcase of a developing 1900s west-

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**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.

**Salado Area Republican Women:** 3rd Thursday of month. Times vary. Call 947-8422 or 947-3617 for information.

## 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 7 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.

# What's happening here?

## FEBRUARY 27

**Bowl Making at Mud Pies Pottery** 5:30 p.m. - ? For more information, call Titia at 947-0281.

## MARCH 1

**Salado Volunteer Fire Department "smokin' spokes" bike ride.** \$25 per rider, ride begins at 9 a.m. Money raised to benefit SVFD. Visit [www.saladospokes.com](http://www.saladospokes.com) or call 254-535-5500 to register.

## MARCH 1

**Meet the Artist, Melissa Paxton,** 1-6 p.m. at her studio shop off Salado Plaza Dr.

## 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 8

**Salado Masonic Lodge Catfish Dinner** 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at the Intermediate School. Tickets \$6, proceeds benefit Communities in Schools.

## 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** at the Civic Center. Free parking and admission. Food and beverages available. Call 947-5040 for information.

## 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**

## APRIL 19

**Alumni baseball game make-up date,** 1 p.m. at the High School field.

## APRIL 25

**Salado Education Foundation Spring Dinner Dance,** 7 p.m. Salado Springs Celebration Center. Call 947-5050 or 947-947-5479 for info.

## MAY 3

**School Board Election Day**

## MAY 10

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

## MAY 15

**Annual SISD Band Concert & Awards.** 6-8 p.m. at Tablerock. Public welcome, no admission, concession stand open.

## MAY 28-29

**School out at noon**

## MAY 30

**Last day of school**

## JUNE 4-7

**5th Annual Judy & A.C. Greene Literary Festival** featur-

ing Fran Vick and an original show by Jane Roberts Wood. See [www.irtsalado.com](http://www.irtsalado.com) for more information.

## JUNE 21-22

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

## JULY 19, 26, AUG. 2

**Salado Legends at Tablerock Amphitheater.** 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

**Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Festival** \$5 adults, \$3 children

## SEPT. 20, 21, 27, 28

**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.** Free admission, Salado Civic Center. Call 947-5040 for information.

## OCTOBER 18

**Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show** Stagecoach Inn 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. For information call 947-3617

## OCT. 25, 31, Nov. 1

**Fright Trail Nights at Tablerock** 7-11 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children under 12.

## DECEMBER 4

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## DEC. 5-7 & 12-14

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## Czech state meeting held Mar 29

The Czech Heritage Society of Texas Spring State Meeting will be March 29 in Hallettsville. The Lavaca County Chapter will host the gathering in the Knights of Columbus Hall there.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the hall with coffee, juice and kolaches available.

The Miss Texas Czech Pageant will be held concurrently with registration.

The Rev. Joseph Hybner, recipient of the 2002 Czech heritage Society of Texas Award, will be

the featured speaker at 11 a.m. Rev. Hybner has made several trips to the Czech Republic. Highlights for the day will incorporate the theme "Remember the Past, Enjoy the Present, Launch the Future!" Heritage, customs, costumes, food, genealogy, history, language and music will be featured throughout the day.

The State Czech Heritage Society meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

For more information about the meeting, contact Laddie Knvicka at 361-798-2291.

## Applications now taken for annual Kitty Pope Memorial Scholarship

The Central Texas Republican Women Scholarship Endowment Foundation solicits applications for the annual Kitty Pope Memorial Scholarship.

The annual \$500 scholarship is awarded each year to a Bell County woman that has or is completing a high school within the county or has resided within the county for five years. The recipient may have attended either a private or public school or been home-schooled.

Requests for applications should be made to Hermon (Sonny) Pope, 5112 Sturbridge Dr., Temple, TX 76502. Completed applications must be returned by April 1.

Interviews will be scheduled for the first week of May. The scholarship recipient will be announced at the Central TX Republican Woman's May luncheon.

Her clients include: Hard Rock Cafe, Allied Bank, Zale Corporation, Jockey International, and ASID World Headquarters.



## New artist From 1B

of the time.

Paxton began working in glass while studying at the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles.

She operated her own design studio, Coyote Glass Design, in Carefree, Arizona before moving to Salado this year.

You can see her retail and commissioner work on her website: [www.coyoteglass.com](http://www.coyoteglass.com).

Or get a feel for her work during the open house March 1. The studio is on Salado Plaza Dr.

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# Rankin shows concern for bioterrorism

By Ashley Smith  
Staff Writer

At this time in our nation's history, Americans are preparing for what they feel may be the next attack on our homeland. Dr. Doug Rankin, a family practice physician and member of the South Austin Hospital Bioterrorism Alert Team, spoke with the Salado and Belton Rotary Clubs Feb. 18 about the possibility of an attack by way of bioterrorism.

"Bioterrorists want you to feel scared all the time," Rankin explained. Because bioterrorists attack with biological organisms, it is hard to physically see an attack until it's too late. Nuclear explosions are unlikely in a bioterrorist attack; however, regular bombs or explosions and chemical agents or nerve gas are very likely.

On an even larger scale, diseases are the most likely agents of bioterrorism due to their high level of contagiousness. Anthrax,

smallpox and the plague are the three most predominant possibilities for disease in America.

According to Dr. Rankin, anthrax currently lives in the soil but is not threatening until it becomes weaponized. The disease generally kills through pneumonia after beginning with flu-like symptoms. The physical proof of the disease usually begins as a vesicle (a small, membranous cavity), then evolves into a black scab.

Rankin cited the Sverdlosk Incident, a case of anthrax killing over 600 people in Russia. Russia had been producing tons of weaponized anthrax each year, and in March of 1979, a large amount of the anthrax was accidentally released.

Likewise, smallpox is a highly contagious and highly fatal virus with no treatments. "Tens of millions of people could be exposed very easily," he said. The symptoms include fever, headache



and rash, and when the virus strikes, strict isolation is suggested until the scabs are totally gone. According to various studies, over 30 percent of smallpox victims die. Currently, Homeland Security is discussing the smallpox vaccine and recommending it for doctors and people on the defense teams. It is not available to the general public yet.

"How devastating bioterrorism can be to Americans," Rankin said, "That's my point, and we're not prepared." As a doctor, Rankin showed concern for adequately preparing for bioterrorism and then taking the proper precautions against its effects. He is an advocate of preparing a safe room in your home that is sealed by duct tape.

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The Texas Early Music Project, or TEMP for short, was founded in 1987 by artistic director Daniel Johnson. The rotating ensemble of instrumentalists and singers has performed at numerous early music festivals throughout Texas and sponsored its own Mid-Winter Festival 1999-2002. In 2002-2003 TEMP adopted a season schedule of four concerts, with the last two scheduled for March 1 and 29.

31st Street Concerts was loosely organized in 1998 after founding artistic

director Ann Cogdell and husband John renovated their historic central Austin home specifically to host chamber music performances. In 2000 the organization formed a board of directors, received nonprofit status, and launched a full performance season. Its annual Valentine's Day concerts are fast becoming a local tradition. Two concerts remain in its current season, on April 25 and 27.

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Most customers who go in for a light lunch or baked goods are amazed at the different types of cookie jars. "I didn't know there were so many," says one. "They make you feel good just looking at them," says another.

"I started collecting them thirteen years ago when my mother gave me one my grandmother had," says Gale Pittman, owner of the bakery and the cookie jars. "It's a Disney. I have lots of Disney jars."

He keeps a record of

every single cookie jar. "When I get one, I take a picture of it and put the picture in a big notebook."

He buys them and people bring them to him. "Usually when someone is cleaning out their parents' house they'll see a cookie jar and they won't sell it or throw it away. They bring it here so people can see it. Some people come in just to look at the cookie jars."

The display is constantly bringing comments like the one a woman from Fort Worth made the other day: "I've never seen anything like this."

A bakery is a great place to display cookie jars. They just sort of go together. He has Elvis cookie jars, a complete set of Pillsbury jars (one

giggles when you open the top), the Wizard of Oz, Harry Potter, Marilyn Monroe, I Love Lucy, even one in the shape of a John Deere tractor. "That's a real popular one, with all the farming we have around here."

His jars include snowmen, telephones, teapots, cars, ducks, bears, strawberries, ice cream cones, Oreo cookies (four of those), Uncle Sam, Tweety Bird (that one talks when you open the lid), taxicabs, a police car with Andy and Barney beside it, Snoopy, M & M's, even one in the shape of a building with the word bakery on the front of it. The I Dream of Jeannie cookie jar has Jeannie inside it. He won't sell any of his jars.

Not all of them are on display. Some are

under counters until he builds more shelves to hold them.

He never puts cookies in them. "I do at home," says Gale.

Some people won't believe they're cookie jars. "I have three or four cookie jars that look like purses. One lady wanted to buy one, thinking it was a purse, but I told her they were cookie jars."

He put one Elvis cookie jar on layaway at a store. When he went to pick it up, that jar had been discontinued, so it doubled in value.

I asked Gale what's going to eventually happen to the jars. "Some people have asked for one and I told them to put their name inside it.

When I die, they can have it. The rest are going to the museum."

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.

## Quick Cobbler

**Sally Swisher**

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup milk
- 1 pint sweetened fruit

Cover bottom of baking dish or pan with fruit. Sprinkle sugar and spice generously over fruit. Add small bits of margarine. Cover this with a crust which has been rolled. The add another layer of fruit, sugar, spice and margarine; cover with another layer of crust. Continue this until all fruit is used. Now add water around sides of bowl or pan, but so not cover top crust with water. Bake in slow oven 350 degrees until crust is brown.

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The School of Education and University Career Services Center at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor will hold a spring teacher's job fair 2:30-4 p.m. March 4 in the Lord Conference Center at the Parker Academic Center on campus. The job fair is open to the public.

Over 30 school districts have registered for this event and 60 prospective new teachers are scheduled to attend.

School districts registered include Birdville ISD, Bryan ISD, Castleberry ISD, Central Texas Workforce Centers, China Spring ISD, Cle-

burne ISD, Copperas Cove ISD, Denton ISD, Desoto ISD, Elgin ISD, Fredericksburg ISD, Giddings ISD, Garland ISD, Houston ISD, Irving ISD, Keller ISD, Killeen ISD, Lampasas ISD, Leander ISD, Life Charter School of Dallas, Madisonville ISD, Mansfield ISD, Marlin ISD,

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For more information, contact University Career Services Center at (254) 295-4691.

## Tax Center services available to military retiree and active duty families through April 18

The Fort Hood Tax Center, located in Building 50001, next to the Clear Creek commissary, is providing free tax assistance to active duty military members, family members and retirees by appointment and on a walk-in basis.

The Tax Center will be open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1-6 p.m. Thursday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The center will be closed Sundays, Mondays, federal holidays, and training holidays.

On days with unusually high traffic, walk-ins may be stopped before the close of business to

ensure all clients can complete their business that day. Appointments are available by calling 254-287-3294. Appointments will only be made for the week in which a call requesting an appointment is made.

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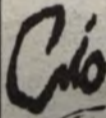
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# Agency warns of 12 common scams

In an update of an annual consumer alert, the Internal Revenue Service urged taxpayers to avoid falling victim to one of the "Dirty Dozen" tax scams. In the new 2003 ranking, several new scams have reached the top of the consumer watch list, including offshore banking and identity theft schemes.

"With the tax season in full swing, we're seeing the traditional upswing in tax trickery," said IRS Acting Commissioner Bob Wenzel. "Year after year, con artists across the nation try pulling a fast one on honest taxpayers with different types of miracle tax solutions. Don't be fooled by the 'Dirty Dozen' and other misleading scams. There is no secret way to get out of paying taxes."

The IRS and other federal agencies are aggressively pursuing and successfully prosecuting promoters of these schemes and many of their clients for fraud and tax evasion. These can result in imprisonment, fines and repayment of taxes owed with interest and penalties. Even innocent taxpayers involved in these schemes can face a staggering amount of back interest and penalties.

Taxpayers who suspect tax fraud can report it to the IRS at 1-800-829-0433. More information on tax scams and schemes is available by visiting "The Newsroom" section of IRS.gov.

The IRS urges people to avoid these common schemes:

**1. OFFSHORE TRANSACTIONS.** Some people use offshore transactions to avoid paying United States income tax. Use of an offshore credit card, trust or other arrangement to hide or underreport income or to claim false deductions on a federal tax return is illegal.

Through April 15, the IRS is offering people with improper offshore financial arrangements a chance to make things right. Eligible taxpayers who step forward will not face civil fraud and information return penalties. A taxpayer involved in these schemes who does not come forward now, however, will be subject to payment of taxes, interest, penalties and potential criminal prosecution.

People interested in participating in the program, called the Offshore Voluntary Compliance Initiative, can contact the IRS by calling 215-516-3537 (not toll-free).

**2. IDENTITY THEFT.** Identity thieves use some-

one's personal data to steal his or her financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name and even file fraudulent tax returns.

The IRS is aware of at least two recent identity theft scams involving taxes or the IRS. In one, tax preparers allegedly used information, such as Social Security numbers and financial information, from their clients' tax returns to commit identity theft. In another, fraudsters sent bank customers fictitious bank correspondence and IRS forms in an attempt to trick them into disclosing their personal and banking data.

For taxpayers, it pays to be choosy about disclosing personal and financial information. And the IRS encourages taxpayers to carefully select a reputable tax professional.

**3. PHONY TAX PAYMENT CHECKS.** In this scheme, con artists sell fictitious financial instruments that look like checks to pay a tax liability, mortgage and other debts. The con artists may also counsel their clients to use a phony check to overpay their taxes so they can receive a refund from the IRS for the overpayment. The false checks, called sight drafts, are worthless and have no financial value. It is illegal to use these sight drafts to pay a tax liability or other debts.

**4. AFRICAN-AMERICANS GET A SPECIAL TAX REFUND.** Thou-

sands of African-Americans have been misled by people offering to file for tax credits or refunds related to reparations for slavery. There is no such provision in the tax law. Some unscrupulous promoters have encouraged clients to pay them to prepare a claim for this refund. But the claims are a waste of money. Promoters of reparations tax schemes have been convicted and imprisoned. And taxpayers could face a \$500 penalty for filing such claims if they do not withdraw the claim.

In early 2002, the slavery reparations scam ranked as the No. 1 scheme on the Dirty Dozen list. Following a sweeping public outreach campaign and assistance from members of the Congressional Black Caucus and other organizations, the number of reparation scam claims fell sharply. Tens of thousands of claims were received in 2001, but the claims fell to less than 50 per week in 2002.

**5. NO TAXES WITH-**

**HELD FROM 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 law and have been refuted in court. A recent flurry of court actions has been taken against promoters of these schemes. Taxpayers who have concerns about their employer and employment taxes can get help by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

**6. IMPROPER HOME-BASED BUSINESS.** This scheme purports to offer tax "relief" but in reality is illegal tax avoidance. The promoters of this scheme claim that individual taxpayers can deduct most, or all, of their personal expenses as business expenses by setting up a bogus home-based business. But the tax code firmly establishes that a clear business purpose and profit motive must exist in order to generate and

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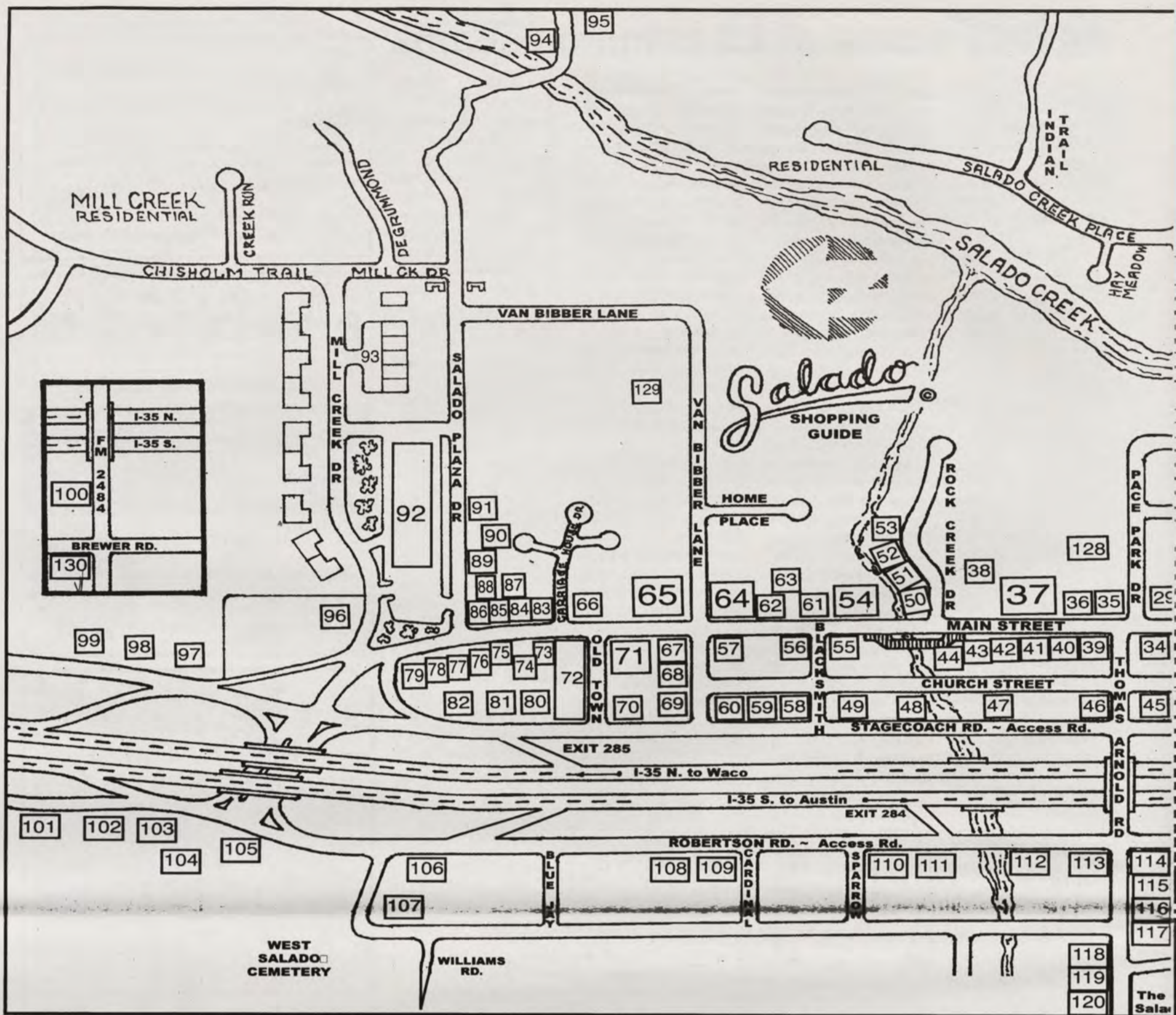
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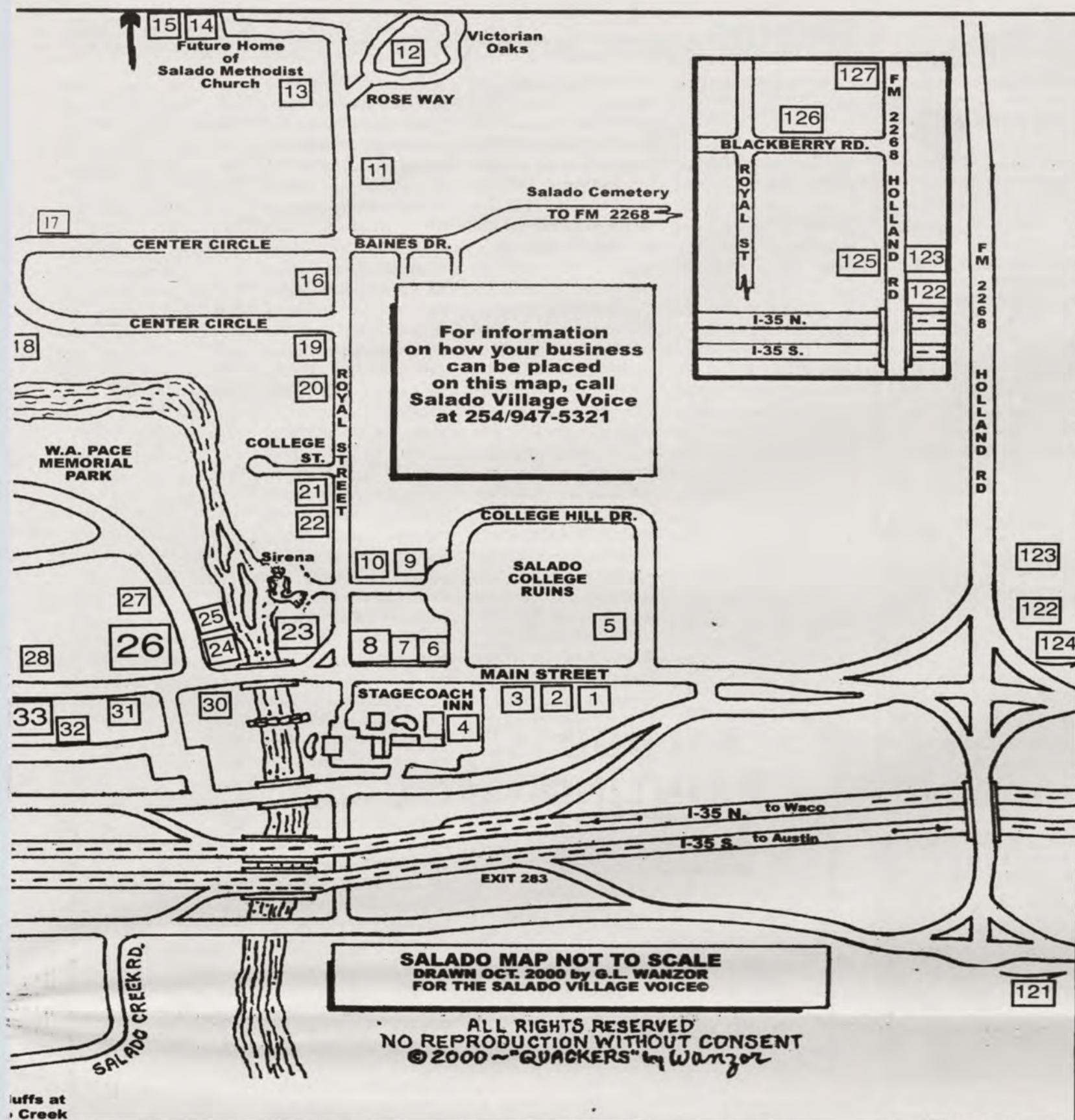
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# Scams

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7. **PAY THE TAX, THEN GET THE PRIZE.** The caller says you've won a prize, and all you have to do to get it is to pay the income tax due. Don't believe it. Someone who really wins a prize 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 goes to the IRS - not the caller. Whether the prize is cash, a car or a trip, a legitimate prize giver generally sends both the winner and the IRS a Form 1099 showing the total prize value that should be reported on the winner's tax return.

8. **FRIVOLOUS ARGUMENTS.** Frivolous arguments are false arguments that are unsupported by law. When a scheme promoter says

"I don't pay taxes - why should you" or urges you to "untax yourself for \$49.95," beware. These scams are as old as snake oil, but people continue to be taken in. And now they're on the Internet. The ads may say that paying taxes is "voluntary," but that's just plain wrong. The U.S. courts have continuously rejected this and other frivolous arguments. Unfortunately, hundreds of people across the country have paid for the "secret" of not paying taxes or have bought "untax packages." Then they find out that following the advice contained in them can result in civil and/or criminal penalties. Numerous sellers of the bogus schemes have been convicted on criminal tax charges.

9. **SOCIAL SECURITY TAX SCHEME.** Taxpayers shouldn't fall victim to a scam offering

refunds of the Social Security taxes they have paid during their lifetimes. The scam works by the victim paying a "paperwork" fee of \$100, plus a percentage of any refund received, to file a refund claim with the IRS. This hoax fleeces the victims for the up-front fee. The law does not allow such a refund of Social Security taxes paid. The IRS processing centers are alert to this hoax and have been stopping the false claims.

10. **"I CAN GET YOU A BIG REFUND...FOR A FEE!"** Refund scheme operators may approach someone wanting to "borrow" their Social Security number or give him or her a phony W-2 so it appears that the person qualifies for a big refund. They may promise to split the refund with that person, but the IRS catches most of these false refund claims before they go out. And when one does go out, the participant usually ends up paying back the refund along with stiff penalties and interest. Two lessons to remember: 1) Anyone who promises someone a bigger refund without knowing their tax situation could be misleading them, and 2) Never sign a tax return without looking it over to make sure it's honest and correct.

11. **SHARE/BORROW EITC DEPENDENTS.** Unscrupulous tax prepar-

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ers "share" one client's qualifying children with another client in order to allow both clients to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit. For example, one client may have four children but only needs to list two to get the maximum EITC. The preparer will list two children on the first client's return and the other two on another client's tax return. The preparer and the client "selling" the dependents split a fee. The IRS prosecutes the preparers of such fraudulent claims, and participating taxpayers could be subject to civil penalties.

12. **IRS "AGENT" COMES TO YOUR HOUSE TO COLLECT.** First, do not let anyone into your home unless they identify themselves to your satisfaction. IRS special agents, field auditors and collection officers carry picture IDs and will normally try to contact you before they visit. If you think the person on your doorstep is an impostor, lock your door and call the local police. To report IRS impostors, call the Treasury Inspector General's Hotline at 1-800-366-4484.

Beyond the "Dirty Dozen," the IRS sees many more tax schemes. Some examples include home-based business scams, disabled access credit for pay phones and a variety of improper abusive trusts.

"The best advice for taxpayers is to remember the concept of 'buyer beware,'" Wenzel said. "Think carefully before paying for services or signing important documents. And don't be fooled by outrageous promises. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

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# TWC favors workforce investment

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has declared its full support for President Bush's plan for the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, which is currently set to expire on Sept. 30, 2003.

"Texas has set the standard for WIA success for the rest of the country since becoming one of the first states to fully implement the system in 1999, a year earlier than required," said TWC Chair Diane Rath. "Our continued emphasis on accountability and personal responsibility will only be further enhanced by the changes outlined in President Bush's proposal."

Through the state's more than 270 Texas Workforce Centers, WIA provides employment and training services to match employers' needs. WIA also offers services for people who have

lost their jobs in mass layoffs of plant closings, or who have been laid off and are unlikely to return to their jobs.

"As our governor in 1995, President Bush initiated workforce reform in Texas based on principles that continue to guide our efforts today, ensuring job seekers and employers have access to a full range of services through One-Stop Centers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor T.P. O'Mahoney. "His proposal for WIA not only strengthens these principles, but will help our local workforce boards meet the demands placed on them by giving them the flexibility they need to assist all Texans."

The President's plan for WIA reauthorization, which is part of his proposed 2004 federal

budget, contains several strengthening provisions that provide greater local control, employer focus and overall flexibility. Specific modifications in the reauthorization plan call for:

- Defining training needs and opportunities that meet employer's demands;
- Helping the unemployed get back to work and continue their careers;
- Developing targeted initiatives for youth populations; and
- Designing workforce solutions focused on economic development.

"Local control and employer focus are critical components for ensuring greater workforce and economic development for Texas," said TWC Commissioner for Employers Ron Lehman. "I believe the President's emphasis on these factors will result in a larger, more qualified

workforce pool for Texas' employers in the near future and in the long term as well."

Another key component of the President's WIA reauthorization plan is the introduction of Personal Reemployment Accounts. These would provide certain eligible individuals receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and some UI exhaustees with a special-worker managed account of up to \$3,000 to pay for intensive re-employment, training and supportive services such as child care and transportation. Personal Re-employment Accounts will be a one-time benefit.

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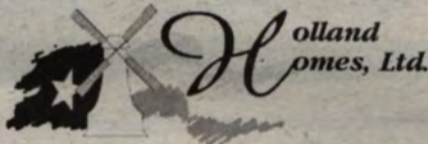
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The race will begin in front of the hospital at 2201 S. Clear Creek Road in Killeen. Check-in and late registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The 3.1-mile race course begins and ends at Metroplex Hospital, looping through the Central Texas College.

"The course has a couple gradual inclines, but is otherwise a relatively flat, fast course," said Christi Myers, race coordinator. Last year's overall male runner completed the 5-kilometer course in 16

minutes, 59 seconds. The overall female runner finished in 23 minutes. The top male walker finished in 30.53 and top female walker finished in 39.36. About 225 walkers and runners participate in the annual race, which promotes community wellness in Central Texas.

This year's event includes free health screenings for body fat composition screenings and running shoe evaluations, as well as health information. There is a free healthy breakfast for racers, long-sleeved race shirts, goodie bags and door prizes.

Separate divisions are set up for male and female runners and walkers in age

groups from 19 and under, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59 and 60 and up.

Trophies will go to the top overall male and female runners and walkers, as well as the top three runners and walkers in each age category. Entry fee is \$15.

Silver Classic participants can also register online at [www.mplex.org/news/silver](http://www.mplex.org/news/silver).

Each year, numerous volunteers from the community help with the race, including the Killeen Seventh-day Adventist Church, which provides volunteers to help in registration, as race spotters along the race course, at the finish line and at the drink station.

Proceeds from the race help benefit the Metroplex Community Wellness program, which offers numerous wellness activities, including health classes, screenings and programs throughout the community. These daily classes are offered free or for a nominal charge through the Metroplex Wellness Series. Many of these screenings take place aboard the Mobile Wellness Unit, which provides on-site health screenings.

For more information or for a map of the race, call Metroplex Community Relations at 254-519-8200, e-mail at [ccmyers@ahss.org](mailto:ccmyers@ahss.org) or visit [www.mplex.org/news/silver](http://www.mplex.org/news/silver).

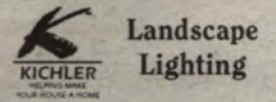
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"We're looking forward to a wonderful show that gives seniors like myself the opportunity to see products and resources available to us in the community," said Norman Lamb, director for Texas Senior Expos. "The senior population is a growing segment of the Belton, Temple, Killeen and Waco areas, and seniors hold a large percentage of the discretionary income in the community."

The Senior Expo will be held 9 a.m.-7 p.m. March 7 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 8. The event is free.

Thousands of seniors and their families are expected to visit over 40 resource booths, participate in door prize drawings and get their blood pressure checked.

"Not only is the senior expo a benefit to seniors, but it is a great opportunity for those with elderly parents to learn about available services," said Lamb.

Parking is ample and handicapped accessible. Exhibit space and entertainment opportunities are still available.

For more information call 877-537-8780 or 254-755-0068. Information and a list of exhibitors is available at



### Woman of Distinction

Salado mayor Charlotte Douglass (left) learned recently that the Bluebonnet Council of the Girl Scouts of America had named her a Woman of Distinction. She is one of 21 women in the Bluebonnet Council area to be so named this year. Douglass will be honored at a banquet and special presentation later in the year. Lucinda Peebles, of the Bluebonnet Council, surprised Douglass with the announcement during a meeting of the board of aldermen. Douglass is the third Salado woman to be named a Woman of Distinction, joining Joyce Goza and Jackie Mills.

## Business classes in Killeen

The Central Texas Business Resource Center (BRC) is providing business counseling, training and assistance to potential and existing small business owners.

March 4: Bankrolling Your Business - This free course covers information about funding sources available for businesses including grants, loans, and other sources, and how to qualify for funding. Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Location: Killeen Work-

force Center, 300 Cheyenne, Room 102. RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001.

March 11: Being Your Own Boss - This course discusses the fundamentals of starting your own business and how to prepare for self-employment. Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Location: Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne, Room 102. Cost: \$25. Please RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001.

March 18: Home-Based Business Basics - This course discusses the fundamentals and requirements involved in starting a home-based business. Time: 5:30-7 p.m. Location: Killeen Workforce Center, 300 Cheyenne, Room 102. Cost: \$25. Please RSVP at least one day in advance by calling 254-200-2001.

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**Q:** I have two questions. First, we are going to take down some old wall paneling from around the tub that was glued to Gyprock with what looks like very good glue. What, if anything, will remove this glue?

Second, can we put (imitation) hardwood flooring on the cement floor in the basement?

**A:** To your first question, I say, "oy." Removing old glue from the walls can be difficult for many reasons, including how well it has adhered to the Gyprock (paneling made up of a gypsum core sheathed in linerboard).

The glue you're dealing with is most likely a wet area paneling adhesive (a polychloroprene rubber-based sealant usually sold next to

Gyprock or Sheetrock products). It's designed to form a flexible heat- and moisture-resistant bond between the wall paneling and Gyprock in warm, humid areas of the house, such as your bathroom.

So how do you clean it off the plasterboard? Start with careful steps, and then progress to tougher measures, since the exact brand of adhesive isn't known.

First, try heating the old glue with a hair dryer or a heat gun. Bring the temperature above 140 degrees F, and then try to gently scrape away the softened glue with a putty knife, being careful not to tear the sheathing.

If this doesn't work, a

tougher measure is required. Apply mineral spirits or petroleum jelly to the glue, and let the solvents soak in for anywhere from several hours to several days. Try an adhesive remover as well, but make sure it's the right solvent for the right product (in this case, wet area paneling adhesive). As with any solvent, make sure the room is well-ventilated throughout this process.

(Note: In the United States, Liquid Nails is a popular adhesive product, with versions for several areas of the house. This adhesive was widely used in new homes during the 1970s, so if the old paneling dates from that period,

then an adhesive remover from the Liquid Nails company may work well. More information is available from its Web site: [www.liquidnails.com](http://www.liquidnails.com).)

As to your second question: Yes, it's possible to install imitation (laminated) hardwood flooring directly over cement, but I'd recommend against it. Concrete is porous, so a thin (6 millimeter) polyethylene film should be installed over the floor as a vapor barrier to keep out moisture that could cause mold and eventual warping. A foam underlayment is also recommended, to reduce noise.

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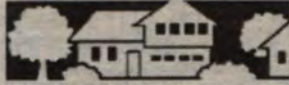
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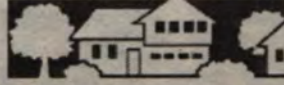
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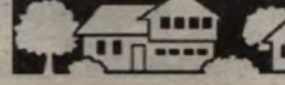
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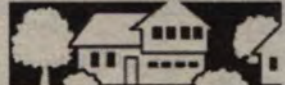
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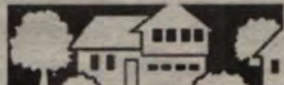
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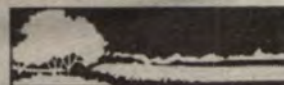
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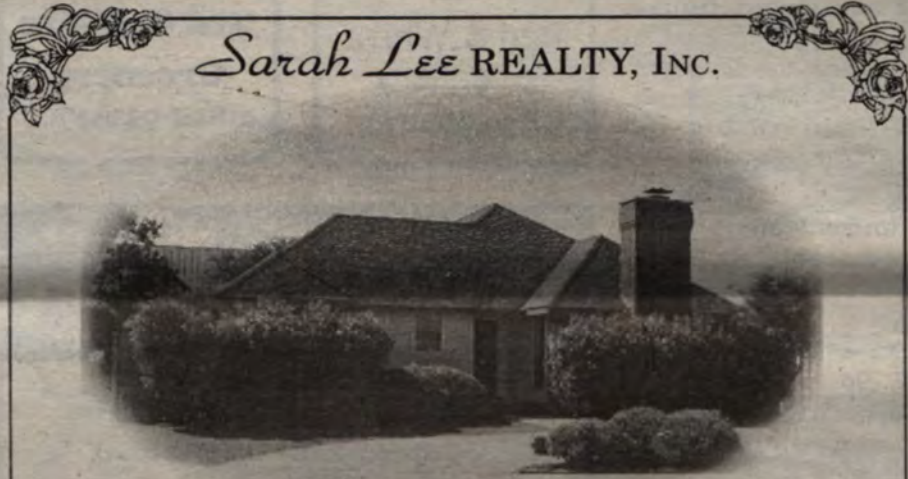
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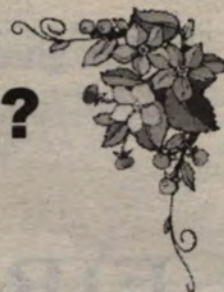
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- 5 acres heavily wooded, wet weather creek, large live oak trees. Close to Salado. \$70,000.
- 3 acres, all woods, good frontage, water available. Near Stillhouse Lake. Owner Financing. \$36,000.

### Lots

#### Mill Creek Lots

- O.W. Lowrey - \$45,000
- 808 Mill Creek Dr. - \$30,000
- Mill Creek Springs - \$30 - \$75,000
- 700 Indian Trail - \$30,000
- 1014 Arrowhead Dr. - \$39,900
- Jack Nicklaus Circle - \$90,000
- Lot 1 Club Circle - \$49,800
- Fletcher Ct. - \$69,000
- Hester Way - \$55,000

#### Other Lots

- Royal Oaks - \$30,000
- Royal Oaks - \$35,900
- Rita Bend Drive - \$39,900
- Hidden Springs - Lot 111 • \$49,900, Lot 82 • \$83,000
- Windy Hill Ranch - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000
- Baines Street - \$17,500 - Under Contract.

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Tree covered corner lot, 4BR/3.25 BA, formal dining, study, security system and many extras. **\$242,000.**



Excellent commercial location on corner of West Village Road & IH 35 at Exit 285. **\$239,900.**



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, great patio area & formal dining room. **under contract 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.**



"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.~~ **\$329,900.**



A beautiful hilltop 3/2 home, manicured lawn overlooking 3 acre lake on 13.42 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. 5 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 in Salado. Sit on your front porch and enjoy your corner lot all for only **\$119,900.**



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 6-12 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.~~ **\$225,000**



Absolutely amazing view of Salado from this home located in the prestigious Royal Oaks. Enjoy your huge living room with beautiful hardwood floors throughout the living area. 3/2/2 with study that could be used as a fourth bedroom.. **\$279,900.**



"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.**



Exquisite 4/3/2 on .868 acre lot in one of Salado's choice subdivisions. Formal and informals living & dining areas, beautiful view, custom landscaping, green house, garden room, hot tub, etc. **\$357,000.**



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

**Acreage Available**

Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**  
 Sand & Gravel Rd. - 2 one acre tracts. **\$17,500.**  
 Approximately 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**  
 2 acre lot southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**  
 2 acre lot southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$27,900.**  
 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 Southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**  
 5.13 acres southwest of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **Reduced to \$44,900.**  
 53 acres south of Salado. **\$2,990/acre.**  
 928 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country w/ live creek & large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.

Three 250 acre tracts southwest of Salado. Beautiful rolling hills w/ large trees, live creek and water tank. Excellent views & deer country. **\$2,500/acre.**  
 250 acres, 3 lakes hilltop views w approximately 60 acres of woods. **\$1,950/acre.**  
 425 acres, 3 lakes 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.**

**Salado Lots**

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

Indian Trail - 90x188 - **\$34,000.**  
 Mill Creek Lot - **\$39,900.**

**Belton**

Nice 2 BR/2BA doublewide with large living and formal dining. Fenced yard - **\$47,900.**

**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.**