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Salado Legends slates summer performances

Tablerock's outdoor musical drama, Salado Legends, is gearing up for its 12th presentation on July 24, July 31 and Aug. 7, at Tablerock's Goodnight Amphitheater, located on Royal Street, three blocks east from Main St.

Lead roles for this year's performance will be handled by Brandon Baca, who will play the lead role of Andrew McIver for the second consecutive year, and Sarah Sanderford, a 2004 graduate of Belton High School, who will play Lucy McDougal, the female lead. Baca has appeared in Legends for five years, and Sanderford has filled other roles in her past three years with the

production.

Adult show tickets are priced at \$15, while children 12 and under are \$5. Dinner is optional for \$8 per child or adult.

Tickets to Salado Legends may be purchased in Salado at First State Bank, Fletcher's Books and Antiques, Compass Bank, The Salado Mansion or at the Salado Civic Center.

In Belton and Temple tickets may be purchased at Compass Bank. Tickets may be charged via phone at The University of Texas Box Office in Austin by calling 1-512-477-6060. HEB grocery stores in Pflugerville, Round Rock, Georgetown

and Austin require cash.

At Fort Hood, ITR, you may purchase tickets by credit card or cash. Tickets over internet are available at www.texasboxoffice.com.

To book tour or church group rates, contact Jackie Mills/Tablerock at 254-947-9205, or tablerock1@aol.com.

For more information about Tablerock see www.allcentex.com/tablerock.

Additionally, on July 30 the Salado Legends cast will give a free performance for the 1-4 Aviation Battalion, 4th Brigade, 4ID at Fort Hood, as part of Salado's Military Appreciation Day.



Sarah Sanderford and Brandon Baca have lead roles for this year's Salado Legends performances. Salado Legends is slated for July 24, July 31 and Aug. 7 at Tablerock's Goodnight Theatre.

Grants, goals personnel on tap for tourism

The Salado Tourism Council will discuss the resignation of Tourism Director April Allen at its 1:30 p.m. July 8 meeting at the Salado Civic Center.

Allen is leaving the Salado tourism office July 16 to take a position with the tourism division of the Waco Convention Center.

In other business, the council will discuss tourism grants, advertising updates, Lamar billboard and the budget process.

The council will also discuss a Strategic Plan Workshop slated for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 15.

Grant workshops will be 10 a.m. July 14 and 4 p.m. July 19 at the Salado Civic Center. Non-profit organizations in Salado are encouraged to attend the workshops to learn more about the grant making process of the Tourism Council. The Council will review and approve grants 1:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at the Civic Center.

Council members will also be updated on the Salado Fort Hood Day slated for July 30.

According to Charlotte Douglass, one of the organizers for the Fort Hood Day, the Village will join other Texas communities in paying special tribute to Military Units. "Our unit is 1-4 Aviation Battalion, 4th Infantry Division. These men and women have recently returned from Iraq and are highly deserving of a day in Salado," Douglass said.

Organizers are asking that shops and restaurants give a 10 percent discount on sales that day to those soldiers and families who will be guests that day and will be wearing wristbands to identify them both for discounts and so that Saladoans can say "Thank you" for serving our country. "We also hope everyone will put their yellow ribbons back out. The Chamber will be stocking more ribbon if you need it," Douglass said.

"I need volunteers from our community to be greeters and guides," she said.

Points of contact are Douglass 947-0240 or 947-9130 or Jackie Mills 947-9205.

Real estate, resignation top aldermen agenda

BY TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen will discuss real estate and personnel issues in executive session during their regular meeting 6:30 p.m. July 8 at the Municipal Building on Stagecoach Rd.

Tourism director April Allen has taken a position with the Waco Convention Center. Her last day with the Salado Tourism Office is July 16.

Aldermen will discuss the process of filling that position. The Tourism Council is likely to conduct the search and narrow candidates down to a recommendation for the board.

Aldermen will also discuss village restrooms. Salado Chamber of Commerce is working to install new restroom facilities on the north end of the Pace Park pavilion. As part of its operating agreement with the Village, the Chamber of Commerce must have the permission of the Village of Salado before making any improvements in Pace Park.

Alderman Jack Schrock will discuss a village newsletter with the board of aldermen. Salado Chamber of Commerce, of which Schrock serves as 2004 president, is pursuing publishing the village newslet-

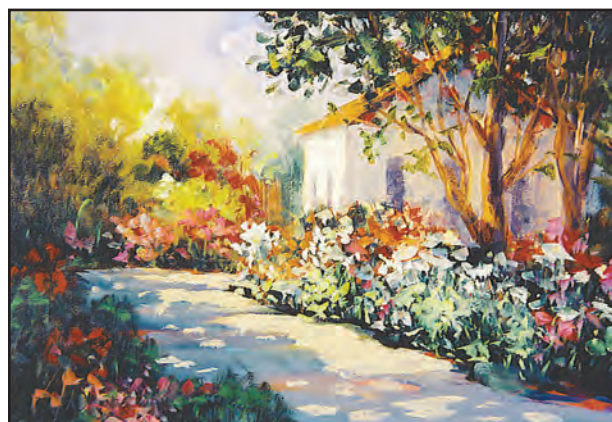
ter by having organizations in Salado purchase column space (at \$9.25 per column inch according to a solicitation letter from the Chamber) in the newsletter to make their announcements. "It is also proposed that local advertisers would be welcome on a space available basis, possibly further reducing the total cost," Schrock stated in a letter to the Salado Business Association.

One of the earlier actions of the Board of Aldermen was to name the *Salado Village Voice* as the official newspaper for the Village of Salado. The Village publishes public notices via the newspaper, which also makes space available at no charge to the mayor and/or other aldermen for topical columns from the Village government.

The board will also consider forming a zoning board of adjustments. The board of aldermen has acted as the zoning board of adjustments for the Village. The board of adjustments is an appeals board that considers rulings by the planning and zoning commission that are brought to it. By appointing a zoning board of adjustments, the board of aldermen will no longer act in the appeals process.



Jewelry artist Beth Schmitz will return for the Salado Art Fair.



Nancy Luse work in oils and will return for the 38th Annual Salado Art Fair Aug. 7-8.

Chamber plans 38th Art Fair for Aug. 7-8

Salado Chamber of Commerce will host its 38th Annual Salado Art Fair, Aug. 7 - 8. The Fair will be held in Pace Park from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Aug. 7 and 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Aug. 8.

Over 100 artists and craftsmen from Texas and throughout the Southwest will be on hand. Works will feature oil, acrylics, watercolors, pastels, photography and mix media including woodwork, sculpture, jewelry, glass-works, metal work and handmade clothing.

Nancy Luse is making a return appearance to this year's show. Nancy has been painting for approximately 25 years, exhibiting across the United States in galleries, one person shows

and group events. After years of trial and error and hard work with relaxed confidence, she transfers her long love of beautiful flowers to canvas. Nancy selected oil as the media in order to meet the wide hue requirements to describe the brilliant foliage of the subject and the surroundings. Nancy Luse can duplicate nature, but she cannot copy it because she puts on canvas what she feels.

Jeweler Beth Schmitz, also returns the annual Art Fair from Austin. "A simple curve or color-feature inspires me." Using mathematics, science, gemology and art when creating jewelry, each of Beth's designs has unique characteristics. Beth

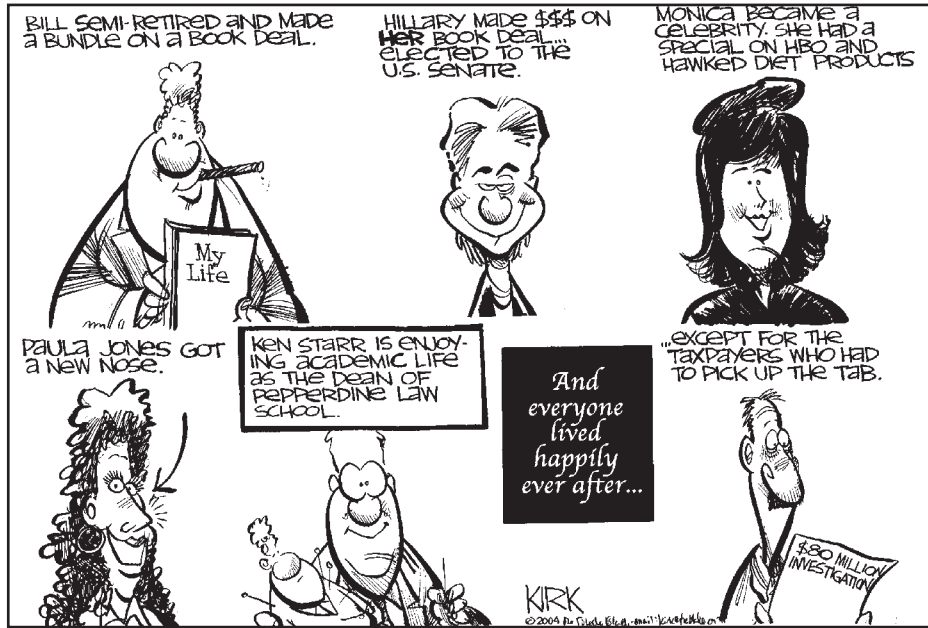
works in sterling silver because she loves its contrast with the gemstones she chooses. She also chooses stones for the story they let her tell when set in silver. "My jewelry is about passion", Beth Schmitz said, "I want people to feel a deep connection to these gemstones and my designs."

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to the Children's Art tent sponsored by the Salado High school Art club. Children will be able to participate in various hands-on art and have their faces painted.

Admission to the Art Fair is \$3, with children 12 and under admitted free. Parking is free throughout Salado.

FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



U.S. occupations now and then

A year into the occupations of Japan and Germany, supporters of World War II should have been having second thoughts -- at least if America then were operating by contemporary rules. In his provocative new book, "Colossus: The Price of America's Empire," historian Niall Ferguson recounts the troubled rebuilding efforts in Japan and Germany that lend perspective to the "disaster" that has been the American occupation of Iraq during the past year.

Has the Bush administration's Iraq occupation been ever-shifting, contradictory, beset by bureaucratic squabbles and undone by events on the ground? So were the occupations of Japan and Germany. Rebuilding a foreign country in the wake of a war is necessarily untidy business, and can only succeed if a wide berth is given for surprises and mistakes.

Ferguson outlines the stark contradictions of our Japan policy: "On the one hand, by a combination of war crimes trials and purges, the Japanese elites were supposed to be cured of their militaristic, undemocratic ways. On the other, MacArthur could not govern Japan without the assistance of the existing Japanese bureaucracy." In the event, only 1 percent of senior Japanese civil servants lost their jobs, so necessary proved their expertise. The echoes of Paul Bremer's on-and-off de-Baathification in Iraq are obvious.

Meanwhile, reality undercut America's best-laid economic plans. The United States initially sought to weaken the Japanese economy to keep it from ever again funding a military machine and to loosen the grip of huge monopolistic companies. In 1947, more than 300 companies were slated for dissolution. But the need to make Japan stronger in light of the budding Cold War waylaid these ideas.

Although purging Japan of its militarism was a significant accomplishment,

Rich Lowry



Japan was hardly made anew, despite our ambitions. As historian John Dower has written, the new Japanese regime was based on a "tripod of big business, bureaucracy and conservative party."

The German occupation had similar fits and starts. The administrator of post-war Germany, Gen. Lucius Clay, hoping to finish his unwanted job as soon as possible, set July 1, 1946, as the date for a handover to a civilian government, a deadline that didn't hold. The initial years of the occupation were marred by an internecine conflict between the State and War departments. Have a familiar ring?

Of course, Japan and Germany turned out to be sterling achievements. The broader argument of Ferguson's book is that America is not naturally gifted at nation-building, and it only succeeds when the United States commits to a country for the long-term, giving it the opportunity to get things right despite inevitable setbacks.

Patience, of course, is now in short supply. By the exquisite standards of today's media and the critics of the Iraq War, the men who rebuilt Japan and Germany were incompetents. They had to muddle their way to success through policy failures and bureaucratic infighting. Incompetence can achieve the same success in Iraq, if it's given the chance.

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Reaction to medication costs could force price controls despite campaign donations

The definitions that come closest to defining today's pharmaceutical industry are "exploitive" and "avaricious," to which we must also add "politically all-powerful" and just plain "greedy."

These characteristics can properly be applied to the drug companies and their plutocratic heads who are today reaping untold billions from people who desperately need the medications these cold blooded companies produce at a fraction of the price they charge.

These companies are as rapacious in seeking excess profits as they are mean spirited in doing this at the expense of helpless people who many times must choose between medicine and food.

The most recent (and unnerving) example of what will eventually cause voters to demand price controls be applied to the drug industry, is news from AARP that **drug makers increased the price of their products shortly before the so called "discount" drug card program went into effect.** This took away any insignificant sting the Croesus-like companies might suffer from selling drugs at less than retail under a program that has attracted relatively few seniors.

AARP was the first to hop on board the Bush Medicare reform express. Today, this 35-million member senior-lobby group, has made a 180 degree turn and is now demanding the government halt the obscene profitability of the drug manufacturers.

INSULTS CONTINUE

Added to this most recent insult, is the legal injury foisted on taxpayers that prohibits the Medicare program from requiring low bids for prescription drugs they buy (in massive quantities) for participants in the new Health Reform program - a potential savings amounting to billions of dollars.

Congressional lawmakers (under drug lobby direction) killed all "Reform" provisions that called for bids on medications and then urged regulators to halt the purchase of less expensive American made drugs from Canada.

Oh yes - and just how much profit do these pill peddlers actually make annually? Hard to uncover - but information gleaned from company and governmental documents indicate sales, for just one cholesterol drug - the popular Lipitor, were nearly \$8 billion in 2002. Unofficial sources close to the industry report these pills cost very little to produce, thus creating profits that are staggering.

QUESTION IS "HOW COME?"

How could such an arrangement, that creates so many moral injustices, continue to survive within our Democracy? Quite simply - because drug making profiteers, who reap billions from their products, are able to buy enough members of Congress and State political leaders, to keep this terrible system legally intact and protected.

Members and leaders of both political parties - directly involved or not - are guilty of allowing this societal crime to perpetuate and thus help destroy the well-being of millions of our citizens.

ULTIMATE ANSWER

The eventual result of this horror, will be **price controls on all prescription drugs.** Followed by a federal health plan that no one really wants. And when that takes place, as it will if this plundering by health insurance and drug magnates goes unchecked, these tycoons and their paid lawmakers will (in shock) wonder how it could have happened.

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Easy answer: "You guys did it to yourselves and as a result we are all losers."

NEWS THAT BAFFLES

Couple of interesting political tidbits made news last week under the caption of "unusual" or if that word fails to conjure up the proper tone - try "baffling or arrogant!"

First item - datelined Washington, June 22, involved our **potty-mouthed Vice President Dick Cheney** who, along with President Bush, arrived in D.C. in 2001 riding the white horse of "Changing The Tone of Washington." Alas, this assistant paragon of civility suddenly and publicly exposed a heretofore hidden side of his vocabulary.

Oh sure - we all get frustrated and say things we shouldn't, but spouting the "mother of all vulgarisms," on the floor of the Senate by its presiding officer, in front of other Senators and staff, leaves much to be desired. **But that's really not the most serious problem here.**

Cheney's snarling obscenity hurled at Senator Pat Leahy (D-Vermont) became even more puzzling for millions of head-scratching citizens who had heard about the foul-mouthed episode. **Seems that after using the "bleep" word, the Veep failed to pass on a normal "Oops, sorry Pat, that slipped out! War going badly! Lots of problems! Etc."**

Ohhh no - Cheney told everyone in earshot and later to reporters (incidentally, he feels the same way about the media as he does Leahy) **that he "felt better" after saying what he said!**

He then compounded his verbal outrage by dragging some upper house cronies into the mess, predicting other Senators no doubt agreed with his crude suggestion to Leahy.

So much for the new "civility tone" the "S & S" team brought to our nation's capital. That's "Smirk and Snarl" for the uninitiated.

NAME REQUIRED

Item Two: Supreme Court ruled that a person interrogated by a law enforcement officer, must (if asked) give his correct name. Case began when a man suspected of a crime in Nevada, failed to tell an officer his name and was arrested and fined. Guy challenged the law; charged "privacy invaded"; case ended up before the high court.

Most citizens don't (or shouldn't) mind giving their names to police officers. The tale-twister comes after a person refuses to give a name and is arrested. Took a syndicated cartoonist, after the "give your name" ruling, to draw an appropriate cartoon that moderated the decision's impact, while providing us with a chuckle.

First cartoon panel had a cop telling a man that the Supreme Court required giving his name. Next panel - man arrested for failing to do as requested. Last panel has the same cop reading the man his rights which began: **"You have the right to remain silent.....!"**

Grateful thanks to political cartoonists who, with a few drawings, can tell a story more succinctly, and to the point, than the rest of us who spend countless hours and words explaining the life and times that engulf us daily.

That's -30-

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Capitol Comment



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



From the moment the first bomb dropped in Baghdad last March marking the launch of Operation Iraqi Freedom, our nation's dialogue has centered on seeing the mission through to a successful end. Since declaring a date for the official transfer of power, American and Iraqi diplomatic and military leaders have been preparing the nation for the June 30th handover.

Late Night Surprise

However, on June 28, we awoke to the news that sovereignty had traded hands during the night – two days ahead of schedule and under a cloak of secrecy. The early transfer was an inspired step and a testament to how far the budding government has come under the newly minted leadership of President Ghazi Al-Yawer and Prime Minister Ayad Allawi.

Officials cited security concerns and the threat of attacks by insurgents as the principal reason for the change and, in addition, the new Iraqi government said they were ready to take the reins of their nation's future. Iraqis had already been in control of all ministries, from defense to electricity, and this official transfer was the final symbolic act, dissolving the Coalition Provisional Authority and solidifying Iraqi control. The swiftness and ease with which the handover took place was an early, hopeful sign that the interim government was prepared to run the country.

The U.S. goal in Iraq was never one of occupation. The goal was the removal of Saddam Hussein and the threat he posed to the U.S. and the entire free world. Within hours of the departure of Iraq's acting administrator, Paul Bremer, the new U.S. Ambassador to Iraq, John Negroponte, landed in Baghdad and took his seat as our nation's envoy to the fledgling Republic.

A New Beginning

In a *Washington Post* column that ran hours before the handover, Prime Minister Ayad Allawi clearly captured the vision

for the nation's future when he wrote, "We want a free, democratic Iraq that will be a source of peace and stability for the region and the whole world." Yet within that same breath of optimism, he also recognized the enormity of the task that lies ahead. "The challenges are great, and the stakes are high, both for Iraq and the world. We must not underestimate the magnitude of the task that lies ahead. Despite the hardships, we Iraqis are determined to work together and assume responsibility for our country...With these efforts, God willing, Iraq will take its rightful place among the free and prosperous nations of the world."

To move forward with these goals the interim government has outlined the following goals:

1. Establish security
2. Address the dire economic situation
3. Develop a strong and independent judicial system
4. Accelerate the nation's political process and march toward democracy

These four goals will not be met overnight and they won't occur without international support. U.S. troops will remain in Iraq in an effort to achieve the first goal and assure the remaining can take root. It is our hope that other nations who have stood on the sidelines will see the progress in Iraq and step up to the plate. We did receive welcome news that the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) has agreed to help train Iraq's security forces, but it is also time for NATO to send troops to support the critical mission of stopping the terrorists.

It is clear that we have more work to do, most notably to stamp out the treacherous attacks against innocent Iraqis and U.S. soldiers. But, with this important transfer of power, we are closer to establishing a fully democratic Iraq and sending an unequivocal message to the terrorists that their tactics will fail and their time is up.

FORUM

For sake of the children

Capitol Update

by State Representative
Dianne White Delisi



The first day at a new school for any child means a host of potential pleasures and disasters, from what kind of clothes will be "cool" and making new friends to finding a place to sit in the cafeteria. For children of military families, like our neighbors at Fort Hood, that first day can come all too often.

In our present military, 66 percent of the soldiers are married, there are some 19,000 military couples, and 3.7 percent are single parents. There are approximately 1.4 million children of active duty military parents and these children move an average of every 2.9 years. We have a saying in Central Texas: "The Army giveth and the Army taketh away. God bless the United States Army."

In addition to typical transitional complexities, military children face challenges in graduation requirements, record interpretation, and testing. To address these issues, I successfully passed HB 591. This critical legislation requires the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to seek reciprocity agreements for exit-level exams with other states that have large military populations. This allows a high school student to transition from one of these states to Texas or vice versa more seamlessly.

I was also honored to coauthor additional legislation this past session benefiting military children such as HB 261, which allows military dependents to pay tuition and fees provided to Texas residents, and HB 682, allowing for certain military dependents to qualify for automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions.

On top of the frustrations of changing schools, these children must also balance the pains of acclimating to new surroundings, cultivating new friendships, and the ever-present possibility of a parent's deployment.

As Central Texans are

keenly aware, deployment can be a difficult time, for both the soldiers and the families they are leaving behind. Between our Fort Hood soldiers and local Guard Reservists, there are approximately 12,000 military children whose parent or parents are currently deployed. Recently, I was able to meet with the counselors of KISD to hear up close and personal of the needs of children who have a mother or father in Iraq or Afghanistan.

In 1997, a national conference was held to discuss the ways to support military children. One of the main goals established at the conference was the formation of an alliance among school systems, military installations, and national organizations.

One year later, the Military Child Education Coalition (MCEC) was chartered. MCEC, based here in Harker Heights and led by Central Texas' own retired General Pete Taylor and Dr. Mary Keller, is a nonprofit organization which seeks partnerships and provides for networking of military installations and school districts to address transition and other education issues related to military children.

With hundreds of members worldwide, MCEC seeks to include all military installations, schools, concerned organizations, and caring individuals. Their expertise, energy, and resources are focused solely on improving predictability for these mobile families. The work and heart of MCEC is summed up in their charge: "All the work of MCEC is for the sake of the child".

In the short life of this honorable group, MCEC has set forth its goals and is meeting them daily: assisting student adjust-

ment due to transfers or deployments; addressing the emotional needs of transitioning students, promoting the involvement of parents in the student's education; improving the availability of information and transfer of student records; promoting consistency in the exchange of information; and maintaining relationships between military communities and schools.

One recent partnership that was formed was the result of a meeting I had with Dr. Keller and TEA Commissioner, Dr. Shirley Neeley. From that meeting, TEA committed to working with MCEC and serving as an additional link to information for military families. This past month, TEA launched a webpage (www.tea.state.tx.us/mil/index.html) specifically for military parents. This resource contains links to sites on military, schools, curriculum, and general state information.

MCEC has also found a partner and supporter in First Lady Laura Bush. During a recent luncheon of the Congressional Club, the group and Mrs. Bush recognized Dr. Keller and the efforts of MCEC. Mrs. Bush pointed out that groups such as MCEC are doing their duty on the home front by honoring the wishes of our soldiers to "help take care of their children."

I was recently asked to select my favorite charity for a donation. Without hesitation, I chose MCEC. While many of Central Texas' soldiers are on the front lines of the war abroad, I believe MCEC is on the front lines here at home, giving their best to our soldiers' children while these great Americans give their best.

Economics of privatized war can be ugly



Jim Hightower

Sometimes it takes the unspeakable horror of war to unveil ugly truths about national policies that our so-called leaders don't want us to notice, much less discuss.

Take, for example, the horrible news coming out of Iraq about contract workers for Halliburton and other war corporations being brutally killed and their bodies barbarically desecrated. Naturally, the first reaction is shock and outrage--but then obvious questions come to mind: Why has so much of our military been corporatized, and who are the Halliburtons getting to take these dangerous jobs?

The first question reveals the ugly fact that the military itself has become a for-profit enterprise. Corporations not only provide the weaponry, but increasingly they also provide the war personnel--everyone from armed troops to essential supply squadrons. This is rationalized on the basis that a Halliburton can do it cheaper. But do they? To get people to go to Iraq, Halliburton pays \$80,000 to \$100,000 a year for a truck driver or mess cook, plus health care and life insurance. Not to mention the overhead and guaranteed profit that Halliburton tacks onto each of the pay stubs it submits to us taxpayers. A soldier doing comparable work is paid a fourth of that.

The second question speaks volumes about America's ugly economic policies. By deliberately pushing outsourcing, union-busting, and low-wage Wal-Mart jobs, our corporate and political leaders have created a huge pool of the working poor.

These are the people who, out of necessity, will take Halliburton's pay check, even though it means separation from family, 14-hour days seven days a week, and exposure to kidnapping, torture, and death. Unlike soldiers, these contract workers are poorly prepared--they get only one week of training.

What we have here is an immoral system of war profiteering at the expense of taxpayers, the working poor...and America's democratic values.

Reader takes umbrage with letter-writer's rant

To the Editor:

This is in response to the letter from the lady on a self-described rant. She was just beside herself that the truly refined people who share her disapproval of President Bush can never seem to have their denigrations published without some vulgar

Your Voice

Readers Opinion

plebeian having the effrontery to submit a coarse rebuttal.

Since her letter, the saturation coverage of Saddam Hussein's own

rant at his arraignment, in which he called President Bush a criminal, should afford her a measure of comfort. For in a political climate in which even a

mass-murdering war criminal is given the world stage to criticize our President, no one who wishes to add their personal expression of support to such sentiment is likely to be denied.

Thus, her bizarre usurpation of Teddy Roosevelt's words in an effort to attach the word "treasonable" to anyone with the temerity

to challenge criticism of the President was wholly unnecessary. I'm sure that, in a calmer moment, even this lady would concede that expecting letters from one point of view to enjoy immunity from challenge is unrealistic.

Randall Lucas,
Salado

CHURCH NEWS

ABWA leadership seminar July 17

Jeff Crilley, an Emmy Award winning television reporter in Dallas, will be the keynote speaker at the Central Texas Area American Business Women's Council leadership seminar July 17 at Central Texas College, Fine Arts Building, Room 121.

He will speak on free publicity for businesses and organizations. During his 20 years in television news, Crilley has made hundreds of national news appearances, including CNN, CNN Headline News, Fox News, the Discovery Channel, Good Morning America and the CBS Early Show. Recognized by his peers with dozens of national and regional awards, he has just been named by the Texas Associated Press, "The Best TV Reporter in the State."

Another presenter will be William Witt, founder and president of Alamo Financial Counselors, a "4th Quarter Coach." He

views life as a game, and winning or losing depends on what happens during the fourth quarter, or a person's retirement years. Witt has 30 years of financial management experience as an entrepreneur, marketing and sales executive and financial counselor.

The third seminar is a question and answer session, "Benefits of ABWA Membership," featuring a panel of four ABWA members and a moderator, discussing different types of memberships.

The event begins at 8 a.m. with registration and seminars start at 8:30 a.m. Cost per person is \$20 and includes a continental breakfast and luncheon. Registration deadline is July 12, and checks should be mailed to Vivian Lewis, 1713 Greenwood, Killeen, TX 76541, or contact her at 254-634-1096.

Each registrant will receive a red hat to be decorated for the hat-judging contest. All area women are cordially invited to attend.

Youth Fair Boosters raffle trailer

The Salado Youth Fair Boosters have announced its first fundraiser of the year. The Boosters are currently selling raffle tickets for a 14 ft. WW stock trailer painted gray. Tickets are \$10 each.

The trailer will be on display at the Tenroc Ranch goat show July 10.

For more information about the raffle contact Deanna Christian at 947-1564, or Brian Pyle at 534-3800.

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Pre-K thru 12th
6:30 - 7:40 p.m.
Wednesday

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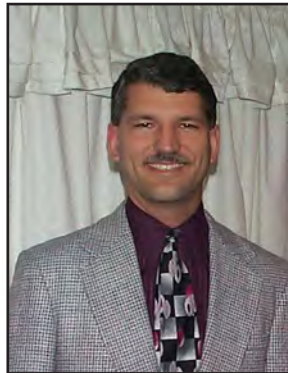
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Contemporary Worship/Bible Study	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	4:45 p.m.
Traditional Worship/Bible Study	10:30 a.m.	Jr. High Halftime	5:15 p.m.
Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.	Fellowship Meal	5:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Service	6:15 p.m.
		Team Kid (Age 3 - 6th grade)	6:00 p.m.
		Bible Drill (4th - 6th)	7:00 p.m.
		High School Halftime	7:00 p.m.

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The Salado Church of Christ
welcomes you to our services this week

Sunday Morning Service • July 11, 2004



Joe Keyes
Minister

Our guest speaker this morning will be Tom Allen, who for the past 18 years has been an instructor of Bible in Old and New Testament survey courses at Central Texas College in Killen, where he has also taught classes in World Religions. Please come and join us!

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Evening Worship • 6 p.m.
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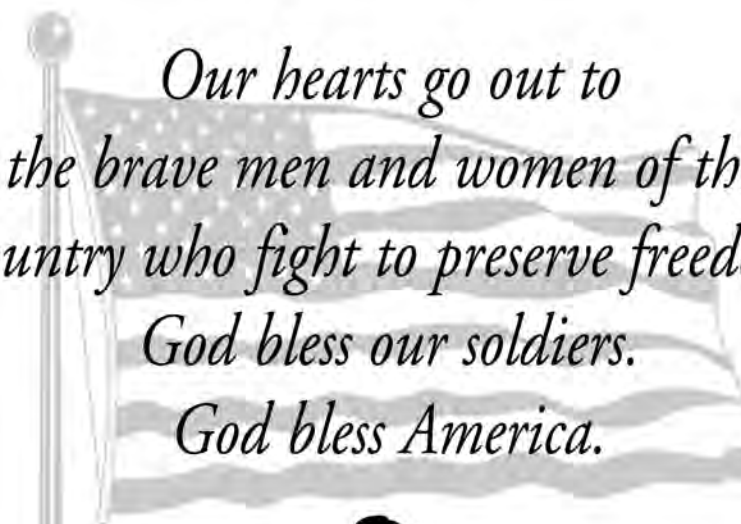



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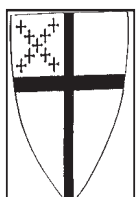
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Chartered as a non-profit organization, the Central Texas Stardust Ballroom Dance Club uses member dues and guest admissions to provide live music in a grand setting for dancers of all ages and skill ranges.

The Ken Ragsdale Orchestra of Austin will be the July 10 feature at the Cultural Activities Center, 3001 N. Third St. in Temple. Non-member admission for the evening, which is 8-11:30 p.m., is \$10 per person. The enforced dress code is coat and tie for men, "after five" attire for women.

Singles are welcomed.

The Gary Lee Orchestra of Dallas on Aug. 14 and the Dick Thomas Orchestra of Killeen on Sept. 11, will round out the current fiscal year.

Orchestras for the 2004-05 fiscal year will be the following:

Oct. 9, Ken Ragsdale; Nov. 23, Dick Thomas; Dec. 11, Moonlight Express; Jan. 8, Bill Haskett; Feb. 12, Dick Thomas; March 12, Harold Wood; April 9, Gary Lee; May 14, Moonlight Express; June 11, Dick Thomas; July 8, Ken Ragsdale; Aug. 13, Bill Haskett and Sept. 11, Gary Lee.

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The Salado Indians recently wrapped up a perfect 13-0 regular season to advance to the Sophomore Boys TTBA district tournament in Belton, beginning July 12. Back row, l-r: Coach Greg Fritsch, Matt Fritsch, Kevin Jackson, Josh Benolken, J.D. Kinsey, Clayton Whitmire, Coach Randy Jackson and Coach Ken Kinsey. Front row, l-r: Rob Little, Westin Koiner, Josh Rodriguez, Logan Foster and Lee Wayne Inglesby.



Close to 60 Salado youth are participating in SHS's strength and conditioning camp, which began June 7 and will conclude July 15. Above, a group is led through an agility drill. (PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

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Pitching camp set for July 10

Second Annual Dan Sheppard Softball Pitching Camp will be 9 am. July 10 at the Salado High School Softball field.

Incoming fourth-12th graders are welcome to attend. Salado and non-Salado students are welcome. Cost is \$35,

including a camp t-shirt.

Sheppard is regarded as one of the top softball coaches in the state, having won a state championship as a high school coach and a Western Conference championship with UMHB in 2002.

Registration deadline

was June 25, but late registration can be handled the day of the camp. Organizers request that Coach Jerod Womack be contacted ASAP. Womack can be reached at 254-771-0025, or through jwomack@saladoisd.org.

New coach leads youth camp

Scott Copeland, new Salado Lady Eagles head basketball coach, will conduct a girls basketball camp July 26-29 in the SHS gym.

The camp will be divided into two age divi-

sion. Incoming fourth through sixth grade girls will have camp 9 a.m.-noon daily, while incoming seventh through ninth grade girls will hold camp 1-4 p.m. daily.

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Beginning July 12, registration forms can be picked up at all three Salado campuses. Enrollment forms can be turned in to Coach Copeland at the High School.

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The Continentals "Airborne," a group of young performers and musicians traveling the United States, as part of their fall 2004 tour, was presented in concert at the First Baptist Church June 30. In their aspiration of reaching higher, they transmitted a lot energy -- clapping, jumping moving, singing and praising.

PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER

2005 parents to meet July 19, will discuss Project Graduation

The parents of the Class of 2005 will hold an organizational meeting 7 p.m. July 19 in the SIS Commons to start planning for the annual celebration on graduation night. Fundraising and the event location will be the main topics for the evening. All parents of the class of 2005 are needed to help plan this annual celebration.

Dems schedule Town Meeting July 15 in Morgan's Point

Bell County Democrats will hold a Town Meeting 7 p.m. July 15 at Morgan's Point Community Center. This will be an opportunity for everyone to meet the Democratic Candidate for Congress, District, 31 Jon Porter.



During a recent visit to the Salado Public Library, Lane Renfro keeps his stack of children's videos from toppling. He said that he was really wanting to watch "Lord of the Rings".

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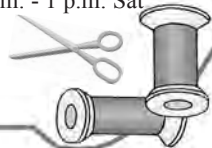
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Hope for the Hungry holds week of workshops

Hope for the Hungry in Belton is hosting a week of workshops entitled "Banner Over the Nations," running 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 2-6.

An array of topics will be offered, including those designed for mission-minded individuals who are anticipating going on long or short-term mission trips. "Banner Over the Nations" is a training opportunity for those who have a passion to make Christ known around the block or around the world.

Speakers throughout the week include: Dan Kirkley, Rebecca O'Banion, Ben Ray, Dr. Eva Dyke, Dr. Mike Thomas, Charlie Robinson, Koni Bailey, Randall and Pat Jones, Lillie Rogers and Nan Dickson.

Some of the topics to be addressed are evangelism, world religions, cross-cultural communication, raising support, language acquisition, leading short-term mission trips, prayer-reading the Bible, spiritual gifts, and spiritual warfare.



Dan Kirkman will lead "Banner Over the Nations" workshops.

Tuition is \$20 per day or \$100 for the week and includes lunch and materials. Couples can register for \$30 per day or \$150 for the week. Scholarships are available. Deadline for registration is July 26. For more information, contact Candace Rigsby at candace@hopeforthehungry.org or call 254-939-0124.

Hope for the Hungry's mission is "Sharing the bread of life with a starving world." The non-profit organization, founded by Dan and Kandy Kirkley, recently celebrated its 21st year of service. Rebecca O'Banion is the executive director.



Evelyn Foster, artist, and long time member of Salado Village artists, was recently honored at a member luncheon at the home of Sharon McGlasson, former SVA president. Through the years, Foster has exhibited her art works, won ribbons and commendations for her art work in the Central Texas area. She has shared her experience by teaching classes at the art center as well. Since she will soon be moving, members expressed their appreciation by creating this collage of memories as a memento for her.

County receives grant to battle narcotics-related crimes

Gov. Rick Perry on July 2 announced a \$337,674 grant to the Central Texas Narcotics Task Force serving Bell, Coryell and Milam counties.

"It is important to all Texans that we support programs that protect the public, administer justice, and offer hope and healing to victims," Perry said. "This collaborative drug enforcement program will help provide a safer living and working environment not only for local residents but Texans statewide."

The task force will assist other agencies in reducing drug related crime through undercover surveillance investigations, targeting street level

drug sale and distribution, and prevention initiatives.

The grants are awarded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD) from federal funds. Under the governor's direction, drug task forces must serve two or more counties to be eligible for funding and are overseen by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Each year, CJD provides more than \$130 million in grants to help Texans at the forefront of the fight against crime. CJD funds a variety of programs for juvenile justice, crime prevention and victim services grants - all aimed at making Texas a safer place.

Republican Women thanked at Ft. Hood for Care Packages

On July 1 Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison and General Simmons, Commander of Fort Hood, participated in a ceremony thanking Texas Federation of Republican Women for all the care packages accu-

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Athletic club gearing up for reverse raffle

The Salado Athletic Booster Club will hold its second "nearly annual" reverse raffle 5 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Salado Intermediate School cafeteria.

Proceeds from the event will be used to supplement funding provided by the Salado Independent School District for all high school athletics, both boys and girls.

Booster Club president Jerry Smith says the last reverse raffle held in Aug. 2002 raised over \$23,000 for high school athletic programs. No raffle was held in 2003, pending the Booster Club's attainment of tax-exempt status from the IRS.

Raffle tickets are now on sale for \$150 each and will entitle the holder to four dinner tickets, participation in a silent auction, and a chance to win the grand prize of a \$10,000 shopping spree at Home Depot.

In a reverse raffle, the last ticket drawn is the grand prize winner. A second chance to have your ticket drawn, or "mulligan," may be purchased for an additional \$50. Smith emphasized that the cost of the raffle tickets may be shared by two or more people, families, or entities.

At the last Booster Club reverse raffle nearly 60 silent auction items were available and included autographed sport memorabilia and photographs, original artwork, guided hunts, and items provided by area merchants.

Also during the evening, \$1 raffle tickets will be sold for drawings for such items as barbecue grills and lawn mowers.

To purchase tickets to the reverse raffle, contact a booster club member or call Jerry Smith at 947-1093.

Lions raffle to raise funds for scholarships

For \$10 a ticket, or three for \$25, the Salado Lions Club is giving people a chance to win one of four prizes, each valued at approximately \$1,000.

The Lions will sell only 900 tickets for the raffle, and the drawing - which will select two winners - will be held either Oct. 1 or whenever all the tickets are sold.

Each of the two raffle winners will pick from one of the four prizes available. All funds raised will be earmarked for the Salado Lions Club Scholarship Fund.

To purchase raffle tickets, call 947-8300.



Kathy Gilmore presented Rep. Chet Edwards' wife Lea Ann with yellow roses during an appreciation gathering for the couple at the Goodnight Ranch July 2. Edwards has represented Bell County in Congress for more than a decade before redistricting split the district. Edwards told the crowd of supporters and well-wishers that while they may be losing him as their representative, "I'll be the best neighbor you could ever hope for." (PHOTO BY MARILYN FLEISCHER)

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Far more than 50 million U.S. households own mutual funds, according to the Investment Company Institute, the professional association of the mutual fund industry. Yet, it's a pretty good bet that many of these people don't seek out some basic information about what they are buying — and this lack of curiosity can cause problems later on.

So, before you invest in any new mutual funds — or while you're reviewing the funds you already own — ask the right questions. Here are a few to consider:

* What is the fund's goal or objective?

Some people are disappointed with their mutual fund's performance because they had unrealistic expectations when they invested in the fund. When you buy shares in a mutual fund, it's essential that you know the fund's goal or objective. For example, if you are interested in achieving the maximum capital appreciation possible, and

Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



you're willing to take on a relatively high degree of investment risk, then you might be interested in an aggressive growth fund in the appropriate amount. However, if you'd like to help to moderate your risk level, but still work toward achieving some growth opportunities, along with potential dividend payments, you might want to invest in a growth-and-income fund. Or, if you're concerned about your tax situation, you might want to invest in a mutual fund that invests primarily in tax-free municipal bonds, which may be subject to state, local, and/or alternative minimum tax. Every mutual fund has an objective — just make sure it matches yours.

* What is the fund's investment strategy?

Even within the parameters of a mutual fund's stated objective, a portfolio manager has considerable latitude in choosing the types of securities — such as stocks or bonds — that go into the fund. You'll have a much better sense of what your fund looks like — and how it fits into your overall portfolio — if you know why the portfolio managers make their "buy" and "sell" decisions.

* What is the portfolio management's history?

If a fund changes portfolio managers, big changes can result. That's why you'll want to acquaint yourself with the management history behind a fund. When did the fund open? Is the original manager still with the fund? If not, what changes has the successor made? How have these changes affected the fund? If a new manager comes aboard with a different investment philosophy, you may need to reevaluate your reasons for holding the fund.

* What is the

fund's long-term performance?

When you look at many personal finance magazines, you'll see headlines touting "Today's Hottest Mutual Funds." But by the time you get around to investing in these "hot" funds, they may already be cooling off. That's why you shouldn't get carried away over a fund's short-term performance. Instead, go back five or ten years. How has the fund performed in a variety of economic environments? How has it performed in comparison to funds with similar objectives? A mutual fund is a long-term investment — so you'll want to know its long-term history.

By getting the answers to these questions, you'll learn a lot about what you can expect from your funds. Of course, you still need to remember that no mutual fund is risk-free; equity funds are subject to market risk, including the potential loss of principal. Even growth-and-income funds, which are designed to pay dividends, may not always do so.

So consult with your investment professional to find the funds that offer the asset mix, return, and risk level that meet your individual needs. Make sure to review the prospectus carefully before investing — the more you know before investing, the better off you will be.

CTC named top college by industry publication

Central Texas College was named 16th in the nation among the 100 Top Associate's Degree Producers by *Community College Week* magazine in that publication's June 21 issue. CTC was second in

the nation among African-Americans who received degrees.

According to Community College Week's website, www.ccweek.com, "This year's analysis of associate-degree and one and two-year certificate conferrals is based on 'preliminary' data for the 2002-03 academic year. The U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics conducts an annual completer's survey through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System program. Institutions report information about the number of degrees and other formal awards granted in academic, vocational and continuing professional education programs."

CTC was also ranked in the top 100 in several other categories including 18th for Criminal Justice and 45th among Hispanic-Americans. To see the complete list, visit www.ccweek.com.

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Defibrillation reduces heart attack fatalities

This year, over 17,000 Texans will suffer from sudden cardiac arrest. The most common cause of cardiac arrest is an abnormal heart rhythm known as ventricular fibrillation, which prevents the heart from pumping blood. Although CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, can keep oxygenated blood flowing to the brain and heart, the victim's heart will ultimately need to be defibrillated to survive.

An Automated External Defibrillator, or AED, is an emergency device that works by delivering an electric shock to a heart that's not working properly to help reestablish normal contraction rhythms.

Every minute that passes before returning the victim's heart to a normal rhythm causes the chance of survival to drop by 10 percent. The good news: Hospitals and emergency rooms are equipped with AEDs. The bad news is that the vast majority of heart attacks occur outside of the hospital setting - close to 80 percent.

That's why the American Heart Association considers the widespread deployment of AEDs in public places one of its most critical life-saving initiatives. The American Heart Association advocates for AED placements in emergency first responder vehicles, public buildings and workplaces, airports and airplanes, shopping malls, health clubs and stadiums, and even schools. By placing AEDs in settings where there are large numbers of people, survival rates for cardiac arrest victims can increase significantly.

AEDs are safe to operate by trained volunteers. A defibrillator is roughly the size of a laptop computer and usually weighs around four pounds. It also provides voice instructions to the user and will not deliver an electric shock unless it is needed. Studies have demonstrated that even elementary school kids can effectively use an AED.

But an AED can't save anyone's life if it's not in the right place at the right time.

• Last September, a 10-year-old boy collapsed at Pflugerville Middle School from sudden cardiac arrest due to a heart condition called cardiomyopathy. Emergency medical personnel arrived on the scene with an AED from their vehicle, which saved the boy's life.

• Two years ago, a 30-year-old man in Beaumont collapsed one morning from cardiac arrest. He had never had any serious

health problems. His co-workers performed CPR and emergency personnel administered a shock to

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a magazine published four times a year by the *Salado Village Voice* newspaper. The next edition will have 20,000 copies printed on 50# white offset paper. The heavier paper stock gives the magazine a longer shelf-life, as well as making it more attractive. The Jewel is distrib-

uted in every store, shop and restaurant advertising in the magazine as well as stand distribution. Hotels, and bed and breakfast inns put the magazine in their rooms for visitors to read and take home. The Chamber of Commerce, real estate agents, bus tours, and groups planning to visit

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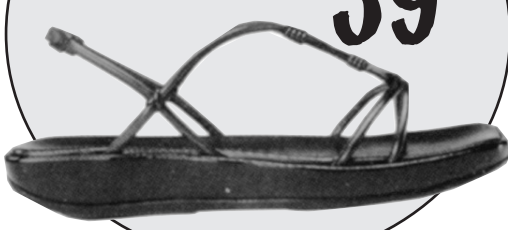
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JULY 10

Second Annual Dan Sheppard Softball Pitching camp, beginning 9 a.m. at Salado High softball field. Open to incoming fourth-12th grade girls. Cost: \$35, includes t-shirt. Registration info: Jerod Womack, 254-771-0025, or Doug Harrigan, 947-3255.

JULY 12-16

Salado United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School. Theme: "Lava, Lava Island." Open and free to all children of the community. 9 a.m.-noon daily. Registration info: 947-5482.

JULY 12

Monday Club out of town trip to Temple's



JULY 9 - People's Choice will perform 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at Bo's Barn. For information or to reserve a table, call 947-8111 or log on to www.bosbarn.com. (PHOTO ©PEOPLE'S CHOICE)

Railroad and Heritage Museum. Leaving Methodist Church at 10 a.m. All ladies invited to attend.

JULY 13

Salado Storytelling Guild, first meeting. 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. Will meet regularly 6:30-8 p.m., second Tuesday of the month, at

the Civic Center. Everyone welcome. Info: Joan Schrock, 947-9040.

JULY 14

Tourism grant workshop, free to Salado non-profit organizations. 10 a.m. at the Salado Civic Center. No pre-registration necessary. Info: April Allen, Salado Tourism office, 947-8634.

JULY 16

Women's Seminar and free workout, 7-8 p.m. at Salado Civic

Center. Session will include deep breathing exercises and self-defense techniques. Led by personal trainer and massage therapist Bill Donham. For girls/women ages 13 and up. RSVP and info at 947-8300.

JULY 17

Annual Genealogy Workshop at Central Texas Area Museum. Speaker Shelby Phillip Smith on "My Heart Belongs to Scotland." Registration: 9 a.m. Work-

shop: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. with lunch. Cost: \$25. Info: 947-5232.

JULY 19-22

Football camp for incoming third through ninth graders, 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily at the High School field. Cost: \$40. Registration info: 947-6977.

JULY 19

Tourism grant workshop, free to Salado non-profit organizations. 4 p.m. at the Salado Civic Center. No pre-registration necessary. Info: 947-8634.

Parents of Class of 2005 organizational meeting, discussing fundraising methods for Project Graduation. 7 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

JULY 20

Creative Innovations Wreath Making class, 6:30 p.m. at 220 Royal Street. First in a series of design classes. Info and reservations: 760-2620.

JULY 22

Mud Pies Pottery make a bowl for the Salado Family Relief Fund. Dinner is provided. Bring your own drink. Free, but limited to 10 people. Reservations accepted. For reservations call 947-0281.

JULY 24-28

Grace Baptist Church "Son Games 2004"

Vacation Bible School. Olympic-themed games and activities about Bible heroes, open to children ages four through sixth grade. 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 25-28, stories and craft activities nightly. Registration info: 947-5917.

JULY 24

Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance dinner 7:15 p.m., Theater 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. For more information call 254-947-9205 or visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock. Tickets: adult \$15, child 12 and under \$5.

JULY 26-29

Girls basketball camp, for incoming fourth through ninth graders, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. daily at SHS gym. Cost: \$40. Led by Scott Copeland, new Lady Eagle basketball coach. Info: 947-5429 ext. 1303.

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JULY 31

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AUGUST 7-8

38th Annual Salado Art Fair in Pace Park. For more information call the Salado Chamber of Commerce, 947-5040.

AUGUST 21

Salado Athletic Booster Club Reverse Raffle, 5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School. Info: 947-1093.

AUGUST 26

Thomas Arnold Elementary Open House. Details TBA.

AUGUST 27

Annual Salado Lions Club Lasagna Supper, 5 p.m. at Salado Intermediate School.

SEPTEMBER 4-5-6

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JULY 24, 31 AND AUGUST 7 - Salado Legends 12th Annual Performance, dinner 7:15 p.m., show at 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheatre. For ticket information call 947-9205 or visit www.allcentex.com/tablerock.

SEPTEMBER 11

Mill Creek Community Association Fall Social at Mill Creek Restaurant. 6-7 p.m. happy hour, 7 p.m. dinner. Info: 947-3901.

SEPTEMBER 18-19

10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Tablerock's **Fantasy Faire & Shakespeare Play** 8:15 p.m. at Tablerock Amphitheater. Tickets: adults \$5, children \$3. Shakespeare tickets: \$10 adult, \$5 child. Call 254-947-8933.

SEPTEMBER 20

Wine & Wildflower Festival sponsored by Public Arts League of Salado. For more information call 947-3429.

SEPTEMBER 25 -26

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OCTOBER 8-9

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OCTOBER 23

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OCTOBER 30-31

7 p.m.- 11 p.m. **Fright Nights Family Halloween Fun** at Tablerock's Trail. Adults \$5 Children \$3

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NOVEMBER 5-6-7

10 a.m.- 10 p.m. **Chisholm Trail Days** Shops, Shoot Outs, eat at a campfire, cowboy poets and songs. Admission: adults \$10, children \$5. For more information call 254-913-0366.

NOVEMBER 12-14

Gathering of the Clans at Robertson Plantation & College Hill.

NOVEMBER 18

7 p.m. **Salado Historical Society Annual Chili Supper**, Salado Civic Center.

NOVEMBER 23

Noon deadline for Salado Village Voice newspaper Dec. 1 publication.

NOVEMBER 25-26

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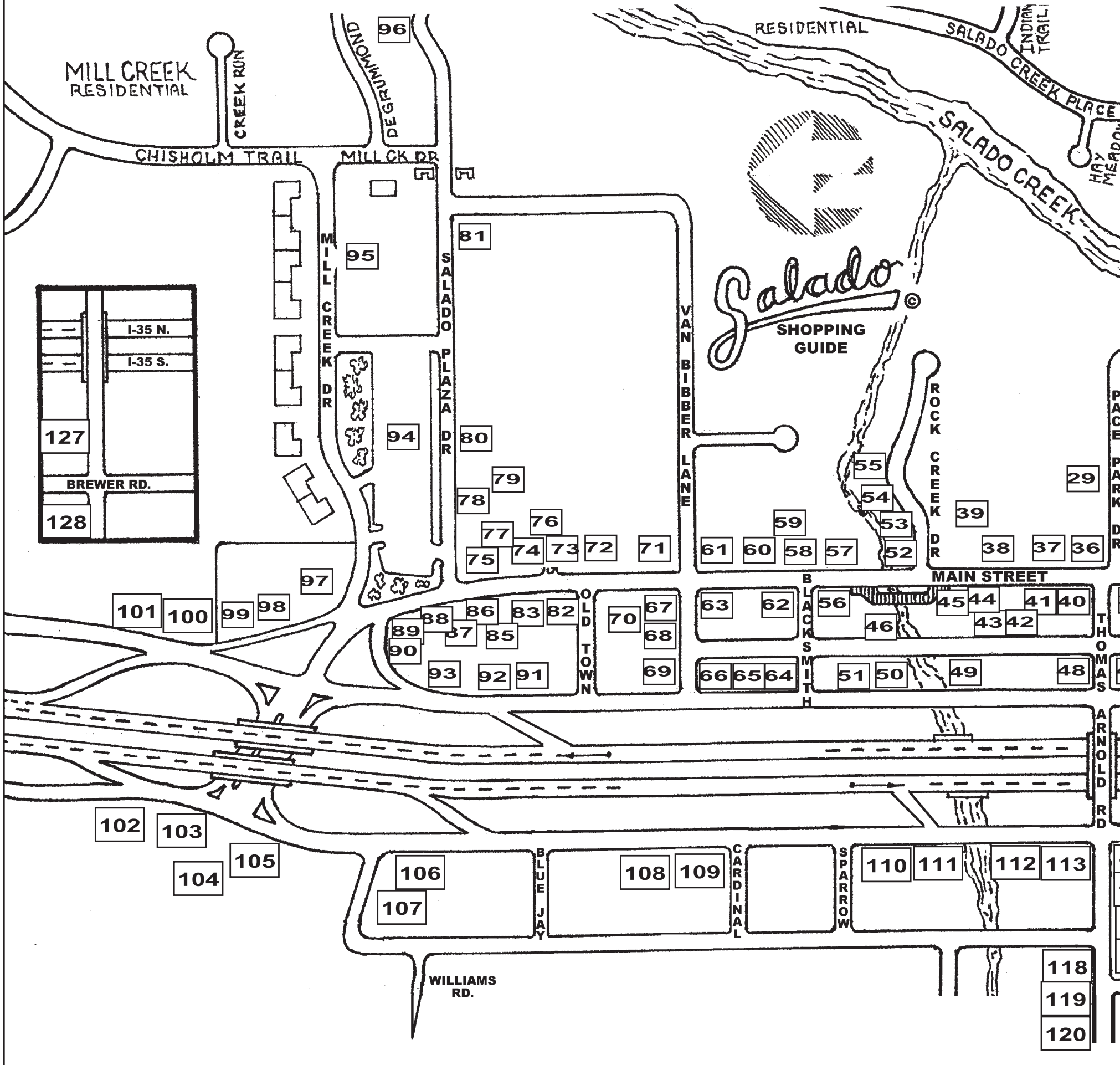
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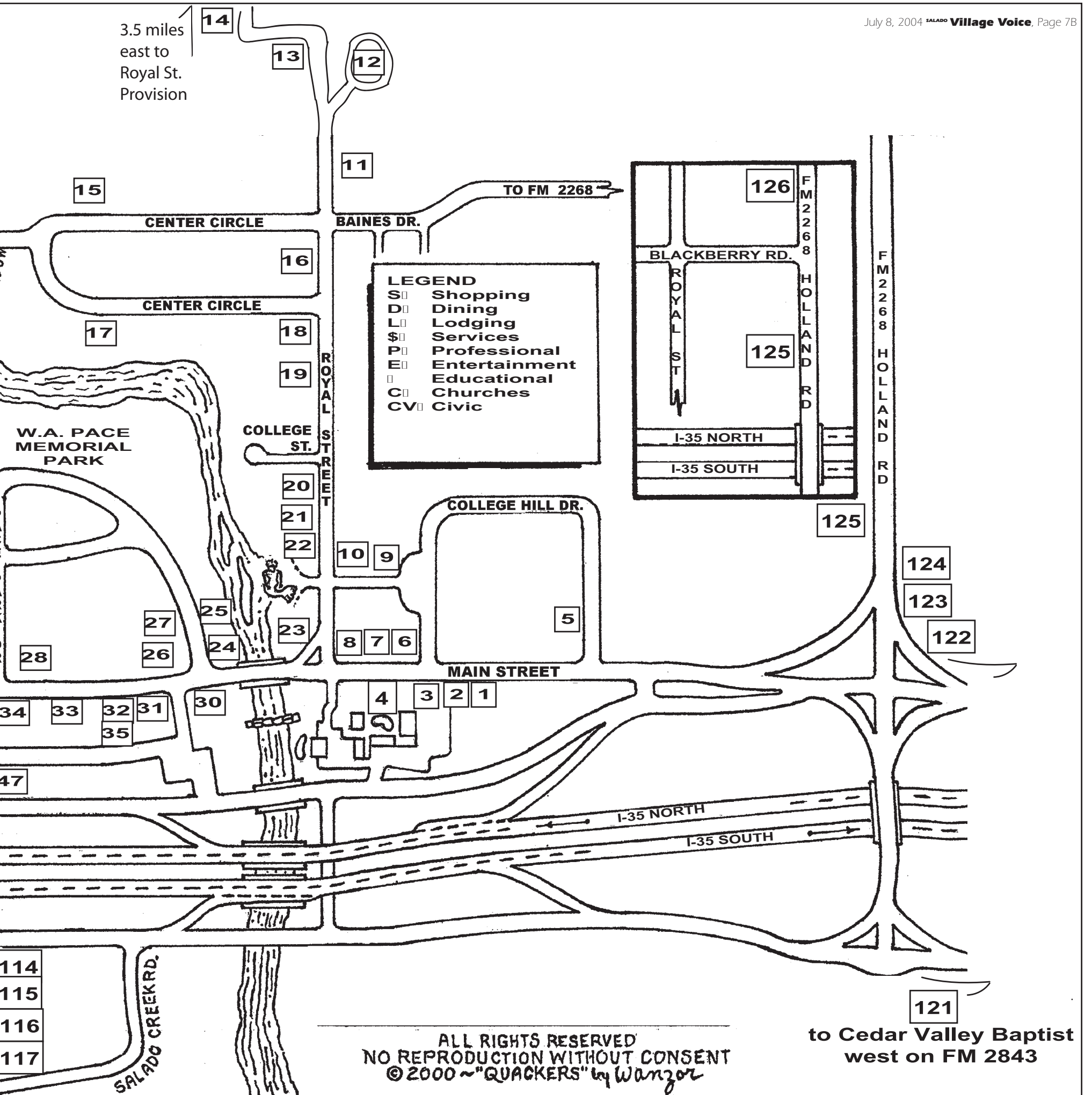
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Cold Mountain salvaged by Zellweger

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Hollywood really should have learned its lesson by now. The tossing in of non-Southerners into Southern roles has got to stop. It's past the point of being acceptable. Think about it, was there anything worse than the hatchet-job accents perpetrated in recent movies like *Varsity Blues* or last year's remake of *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*?

Those were bad enough, but nothing compared to *Cold Mountain*. With this film, that disquieting trend is taken one step further, as the Australian-born Nicole Kidman is paired with Englishman Jude Law in a Civil War drama set in North Carolina. By the way, the director, Anthony Minghella, is also British.

Kidman and Law are both fine actors, and Minghella - the man behind *The Talented Mr. Ripley*



In *Cold Mountain*, Jude Law's quiet character Inman doesn't have much opportunity to butcher a Southern accent.

- is a bona fide director, so that's not to imply that a convincing job can't be done with the material. But think of the uproar if, say, Matthew McConaughey signed on to play 007 in the next Bond flick. What's next? The kid from Harry Potter showing up as Huck

Finn? Fortunately for *Cold Mountain*, Kidman does a decent job, an enigmatic Law is granted precious few chances to muck-up his accent - as his character is basically mute - and Texan Renee Zellweger gives a career-defining performance as bumpkin-esque Ruby Thewes.

In its favor, the film doesn't rely on plot contrivance to form its backbone. Inman (Law) is a shy, rather dull guy who, like his fellow residents of Cold Mountain, gets ensnared in the jingoistic bloodlust that marked the onset of the Civil War.

After sharing just a single, reserved lip-lock with his love Ada Monroe (Kidman), following months of awkward courtship, Inman joins the parade of recruits being drummed and cheered out of town on their way to war, vowing to return. This puts Ada - daughter of the ailing Rev. Monroe (Donald Sutherland) - in a bad way. A delicate city girl with no practical skills to her name, Ada is

forced to fend for herself after the Reverend's death. She's about two stages past desperation when the hard-scrabble Ruby shows up on Ada's dilapidated doorstep, demanding not a handout but a business partnership.

Inman, meanwhile, sustains some serious battle wounds and decides he's had his fill of war and wants to go home, so he deserts.

The majority of the movie jockeys back and forth between Inman's quest to return home and Ada and Ruby's travails to scratch a living off the land, while avoiding the lecherous hand of Teague (Ray Winston) - commander of the Home Guard - a gang of thieves and murderers that treat Cold Mountain like a private fiefdom.

Visually, *Cold Mountain* is impressive, and Minghella's treatment of the horrific Battle of the Crater is numbing. Numerous worthwhile cameos from established names like Giovanni Ribisi, Natalie Portman, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Ethan Suplee and even Jack White from the White Stripes - who plays a guitar-strumming deserter known only as Georgia - add substance to the story.

It's not really a romance movie, nor is it a war movie. But it is effective in its simplicity: you hate the bad guys and like the good guys in a very black and white sort of way.

Ultimately, *Cold Mountain* is salvaged by the presence of Zellweger, who single-handedly makes the movie good. Which, sadly, leaves one with the lingering impression that *Cold Mountain* fails to meet its potential. With a little more depth added to its lead characters, this would instantly be a film flattered with superlatives, not second-guessed for what might have been.

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Plants need to be watered. Watering properly is not always as easy as you may think. Important things to remember are to water in the morning, water only when your plants need it, don't wet the leaves, water deeply, and do not over water. If the soil feels dry, and you have a plant wilting, it is time to water. A wilting plant could also be drowning.

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If you have not yet renewed your layer of mulch this year do it now. A little sweat equity now will pay big dividends by lowering your water bill and will help save your plants. Mulches help keep the soil cooler and help it retain moisture. Cooler soil means less stress on the plants. Since water does not evaporate out as quickly you can go longer in between watering. Mulch will also help prevent soil compaction and have an added benefit of breaking down; adding more organic matter to your soil over time.

Monitor plants that produce fruit or berries closely. If they dry out,

Master Gardener

by Debbie Lauer

they will frequently drop the fruit. Examples of plants to watch are American Beautyberry and holly plants.

Caladiums also require plenty of water and fertilizer if they are going to stay beautiful through this part of the summer and into fall. Use a 21-0-0 fertilizer at a rate of one-third pound per 100 square feet.

July and August is the time to divide your spring flowering perennials. Plants such as liriopie, galardia, Shasta daisies, iris, day lilies and cannas can be divided now.

You can prune old dead and diseased wood from trees and shrubs. Wait until mid winter to do any major pruning. Be sure to treat all wounds on oak trees with black latex paint as soon as the cut has been made to prevent infection with the oak wilt fungus. Wind damage to oak trees should be removed and wounds treated as soon as possible.

A late summer pruning of roses can be beneficial. Remove dead canes and brushy growth. Be sure to fertilize and water after pruning and your roses will reward you with a great crop of fall blooms.

You can still plant warm season annuals such as marigolds, zinnias, and periwinkles. These plants will need some extra care until they are well established but should bloom late into fall. When planting this time of the year take extra precautions. It

is best to plant in the morning or early afternoon so that plants are not stressed immediately by the worst of our sun. Water them in well with a transplant helper such as a root stimulator and mulch well around the plant.

Do not let mulch touch the plants. Monitor the plants carefully for the next two weeks to ensure they do not dry out and they should do well the rest of the summer and into fall though the heat may cause slower growth at first.

Continue to pick off the old blossoms from your annuals and perennials. This will encourage them to continue to bloom. Annuals generally do not need to be fertilized in July. Continue to fertilize container grown plants. Only fertilize perennials that are actively growing. Hot weather can stress and slow perennial growth. If you fertilized in June do not do so in July.

Now is the time to sow seeds for fall transplants. You can have pansies, Johnny-jump-ups, calendulas, and other cool season plants like lettuce. Start them now and they will be ready to put in the garden in September or early October.

As summer does take it toll, remove dead plant material. Always remove dead and dying vegetation to reduce pest and disease problems. Now would be a good time to start a compost pile. You will already have a place to put all those fall leaves.

Finally remember that your turf grass needs one to two inches of water a week this time of the year. Apply the water slowly in early morning allowing it to soak in (not run off) and water deeply to a depth of six inches if you have that much soil under your turf. Continue to mow before it gets too tall as longer grass uses more water. Fortunately hot weather also slows grass growth and you will not have to mow as often to keep your turf healthy.

If you feel strongly that you must fertilize your Bermuda lawn, use a Nitrogen only, slow release, fertilizer and water it in well to avoid fertilizer burn. Watch out for dry and dead patches that can be caused by hot weather pests such as chinch bugs and white grubs. For chinch bugs treat only affected areas, white grub problems require the entire yard to be treated with an appropriate pesticide.



The Rotary Club of Salado installed its new slate of officers at a June 29 dinner held at the Village Steakhouse. Above, Immediate Past President Eldon Carey receives a plaque of appreciation presented by new Club President Carmen Berrier. Other officers for 2004-05 are: President-Elect, Jake McClure; Treasurer, Stephanie Hughes; Secretary, Gerry Reihsen; Sergeant at Arms, Rip Van Winkle; and Parliamentarian, Gene Hoelscher.



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Poor diet and inactivity hurt children and states' future

By LINDA FUCHS
Co. EXT. AGENT - FCS

Empty calories and empty playgrounds could lead to empty coffers in Texas. More than a third for the kids in Texas schools are overweight, according to Texas Health Commissioner, Eduardo Sanchez, and that means future health hazards for children and fiscal hardships for the state.

In April, Sanchez told the Joint Interim Study Committee on Nutrition and Health in Public Schools that the number of overweight Texans will double by 2040. Their health care costs are also expected to double. Obesity not only causes serious illnesses, such as diabetes, heart disease and gallbladder disease, but it is also draining state resources, he said.

In 2001, overweight or obese adults cost Texas \$10.5 billion. That includes the direct costs of health care and the value of lost productivity, illness, disability and premature death, according to Dr. Margaret McCusker, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) representative assigned to the Texas Department of Health (TDH).

Moreover, Texas' children are more overweight than the national average, McCusker said. Thirty-five percent of Texas' school-age children are overweight, compared

with an average of 15 percent nationwide.

"The number of children in the U.S. who are defined as overweight doubled in the past 30 years, and we assume the same trend applies in Texas," she said. "And as the number of children who are obese or are at risk of becoming obese increases, the cost of obesity also will increase." The CDC reported overall public and private spending of more than \$5.3 billion in Texas for obesity-related illnesses in 2003.

That figure does not include lost work time, decreased productivity or other indirect costs. The CDC estimates that in 2003, the Texas Medicaid program - sponsored by the federal and state government to provide health care for the poor - spent \$1.2 billion on obesity-related illnesses. State and federal Medicaid spending for elderly Texans topped \$1.2 billion for obesity in 2003, according to the CDC.

The CDC announced in March 2004 that a combination of poor diet and physical inactivity is the second-highest cause of preventable death in the country after tobacco, claiming 400,000 lives in 2000, a 33 percent increase over 1990. The CDC also predicted that poor diet and physical inactivity will be the top killers by 2005. Children do not get enough physical activity because they watch too much television, play too many video

games and spend too much time on the Internet, according to the TDH's Statewide Obesity Task Force's February 2003 Strategic Plan for the Prevention of Obesity in Texas.

A 12 year-old child who is overweight, has a 75 percent chance of being overweight as an adult. Moreover, an obese 30 year-old has roughly the same medical costs as a 50 year-old of normal weight, the task force reported. The treatment of obesity in children is just as ineffective as in adults, the task force concluded. The group said prevention is a much more logical approach to weight control. The Texas Legislature and state agencies are trying to help children develop healthy eating habits and routines of physical exercise that could help them stay fit.

On July 22, Texas Cooperative Extension will conduct a Wellness in Texas Conference at the Blackland Research Center at 808 East Blackland Road in Temple from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. "Fitting Fitness In" will be the major focus of this conference.

The morning key note speakers brought to the Temple site via TTVN Polycom will include Dr. Tim Church, M.D., PhD, M.P.H. Vice President for Laboratory Research The Cooper Institute and Dr. Jenna Anding, Assistant Professor and Extension

Nutrition Specialist. Dr. Church's topic will be "Physical Activity and Your Health: Separating Truth from Fiction". Dr. Anding's topic will be "Eat Less Move More".

Speakers for the afternoon sessions at the Blackland Research Center will be Terri Kemp, Program Specialist Cardiovascular Health and Wellness Texas Department of Health, who will be conducting interactive fitness activities and Dr. Stephen Green, Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist Child Development who will present ideas to engage families.

This conference is targeting anyone who is interested in helping to prevent childhood overweight problems - parents, childcare providers, youth directors, educators, medical professionals, etc. - the entire community needs to be concerned with solving the childhood overweight issue.

Registration for this conference will be \$35 if received by July 12. Registrations received after July 12 will be \$50. Registration forms are available at the Bell County Extension Office located at 1605 North Main, Room 102, Belton.

For more information, contact Linda Fuchs, Bell County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences at (254) 933-5305.

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Muleshoe doctor takes his 10 kids to Africa

Kyle Sheets grew up in Farwell and attended college in Abilene. He was in his senior year majoring in biology, with hopes of one day becoming a coach, when he and his brother started a janitorial business. They started doing high rise buildings all over the southwest and soon their company had 700 employees. They began selling cleaning supplies as a related enterprise.

By Tumbleweed Smith



They sold the business after twenty years and Kyle retired.

"After about six months of retirement I decided I needed something to keep me busy so I went back to college and finished my degree, then went to medical school."

He had eight children and was 42 years old when he entered medical school.

"It was a late in life change. Most people, including my wife, thought I had gone crazy and was going through a pretty serious mid-life crisis."

He was the oldest member of his class. His fellow students called him Pop.

"It was a good experience. I was president of my class and just had a fun time in medical school. It was really enjoyable. It's hard when you're older, but you also have some advan-

tages. You have a few life experiences that some of the younger kids don't have."

He had two more children while he was in medical school.

"My ten kids range in age from 27 down to seven. So about every two to three years we'd have another one. But I finally went to medical school to figure out what was causing it."

After four years of medical school and 3 years of residency, he started a family practice in Muleshoe. "I've loved every minute of it since I got into medicine. It has been a wonderful experience and I'm really doing what I like to do."

Some years ago he was asked to volunteer at a hospital in Zimbabwe, Africa. He has gone there every summer since.

"People are very poor there. The country has gone through political upheaval, violence and strife. But we fell in love

with the people of Zimbabwe. They are for the most part a very gentle people and happy, kind-hearted and generous. When they invite you to their home for a meal, they might not have enough food for everyone, so they don't eat."

The first time he went over there, he took the entire family. "It was a life-changing experience for every last one of us,

including the young ones. Since that time I haven't been able to take the whole family, but I take one or two children with me each time I go. I took three of my sons last summer."

Dr. Sheets has been saving his money and says this summer he'll once again take the entire family. "It's the first time we've all been back in a number of years."

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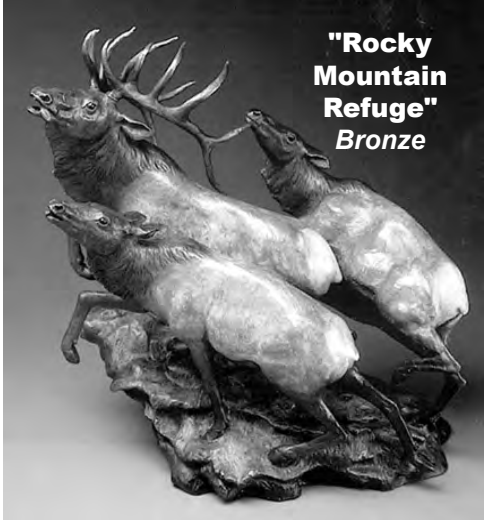
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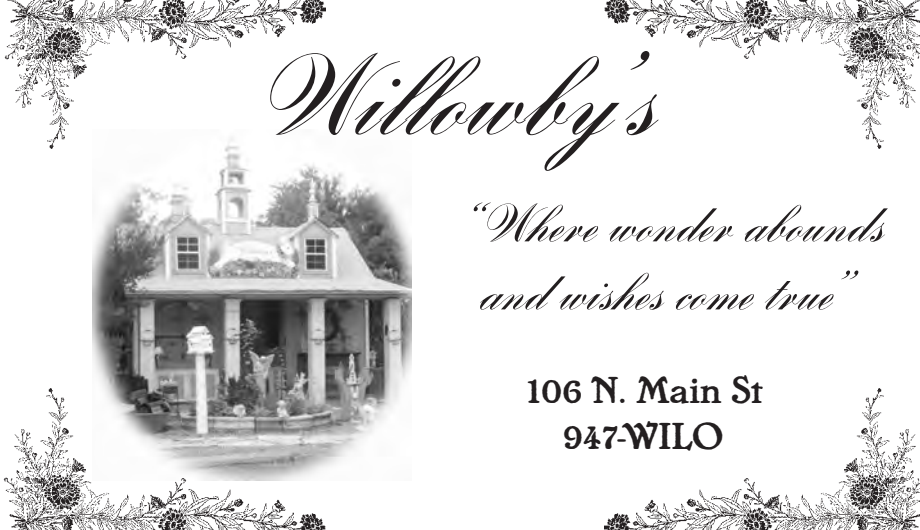
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Central Texas Area Museum plans July 17 conference on genealogy

One strategy for battling the Texas summer heat is to make a refreshing escape. You don't have to go far to immerse your mind in the Scottish Highlands at the annual Genealogy Conference 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 17 at the Central Texas Area Museum on Main St.

Scottish-American enthusiasts, as well as those who love the past, will have their senses plunged into keynote

speaker Shelby Phillip Smith's presentation, "My Heart Belongs to Scotland." Smith will appear in full highland dress and describe the history and use of each piece of clothing, along with swords, dirks, knives and other military weapons. In addition to discussing Scottish trivia, how to perform genealogical research, and other topics, he will expound on the role of Scottish Americans in the Civil War, especially in the Confederacy.

Smith, who hails from San Antonio, is president and chief executive officers of Sword and Thistle, Inc., a non-profit organization founded to further Scottish history, culture and study. Through this organization, he has given numerous presentations on Scottish culture. He is also the High Commissioner and a lifelong member of Clan Muir as well as being a lifelong member of the Clan MacRae Society of North America. A Navy veteran, he is past president of the San Antonio Highland Games Association and past vice-president of the Scottish Society of San Antonio. He is well-traveled in Scotland, where he spent time working, as has also traveled to other parts of Great Britain and Europe.

Taking a step further

back in time, Bill Covington, a history professor from Cedar Hill, will transport participants to the days of the American Revolutionary War with a costumer presentation of "the Colonial Soldier."

Covington, who previously taught public school in Dallas for 14 years, has been doing historical interpretive presentations for the last five years. Along with giving his impressions of a Continental soldier he will discuss how he researched his own Revolutionary War heritage.

Those interested in learning to investigate family trees going back even further can garner information from Janet Cook's discourse on "Genealogy in the 1700s." Cook will share about migrations trails, transportation, old maps, site names, Indian rolls, post office records and more.

Cook, an Air Force veteran and career civil servant, is a member of the Scottish Society of San Antonio and writes a genealogy column in the society's newsletter, Crann Tara, called "Wee Bits." A member of Toastmasters International, she also conducts genealogy evenings at libraries.

Bringing the program closer to home will be

Mary Foster Hutchinson's dialogue on one of the pioneers who helped settle Central Texas as a member of Robertson's Colony. Hutchinson will discuss her book, "Texian Odyssey," about Col. Eleazar Louis Ripley Wheelock. Wheelock was born the grandson of the founder of Dartmouth University, but chose to head west through Ohio, Kentucky and Arkansas before joining the group migrating to Texas in 1824. His career included turns as a captain in the Texas Rangers, a silver miner, a founder of a fort and a town along the Brazos River (Wheelock), and Indian agent, a surveyor, rancher, a land agent, a lawyer and a political hopeful.

Hutchinson contributed to the "New Handbook of Texas." She is the author of numerous Dallas-area magazine articles.

Registration for the conference will begin at 9 a.m. with the first presentation at 10 a.m. Cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Coffee and snacks will also be provided throughout the day.

To pre-register, call Central Texas Area Museum at 254/947-5232.

Jean Black paintings featured at Scott & White Gallery through July 30

The Scott & White Art Gallery is pleased to feature paintings by Jean Black July 7-30.

Jean Black of Temple has been painting for over 43 years. This year she received a first place award in graphics from Killeen Civic Art Guild. Prior to that honor Black won the 2004 best of show and a first place in portraits in the Barclay Arts Show.

Most of her work is commissioned, and she uses

photographs. She is presently working on a portrait of a child from Richmond, Virginia, by the grandmother's request. She says grandmothers are her best clients.

With 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren, her love of music and the arts, Black's biggest challenge is managing her time. She has many interests and loves to teach children. In 2003, she taught a class in portraits at the

Bell Fine Arts Association. The paintings that will be on display in the Scott and White Gallery are available for sale and Black is available for commissioned work. She can be contacted at 254-899-2329.

The Smith Art Gallery is located on the first floor of Scott & White Memorial Hospital adjacent to the entrance to the McLane dining room. The gallery is open 8 - 5 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

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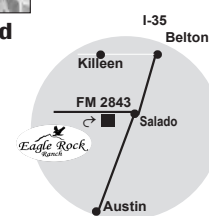


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"I sometimes think that the saving grace of America lies in the fact that the overwhelming majority of Americans are possessed of two great qualities- a sense of humor and a sense of proportion." Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882 - 1945)

travel expenses that build up every year, and you'll probably end up with a sum that would make a tidy downpayment!

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