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Hometown newspaper read by John & Sandra Perry

Zoning meets today

Village of Salado comprehensive plan steering committee will meet 10 a.m. July 9 at the Municipal Building to continue discussion of the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

The committee has met twice since the public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance.

Chairman Vic Means reported to aldermen July 3 that the committee met for five hours July 2 to review input from the public hearing.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance is more than 140 pages in length and includes a proposed Zoning Map, which has come under fire from prop-

erty owners in the city limits.

The committee has been working in almost weekly sessions on the proposed Zoning Ordinance since recommending the Subdivision Ordinance to the board of aldermen for approval last year.

The proposed Zoning Ordinance, along with the Subdivision Ordinance, regulate construction within the city limits. The Subdivision Ordinance also regulates construction in the extra territorial jurisdiction. The Subdivision Ordinance applies to property within the ETJ of a municipality because of the potential of that prop-

erty to be annexed into the municipality and to become the responsibility of the municipality for maintenance and upkeep.

A municipality cannot, however, zone property use outside its city limits.

When the committee has completed editing the proposed Zoning Ordinance, it will recommend it for approval by the board of aldermen. Means said he hopes to bring it before the board of aldermen before September.

All steering committee meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the municipal office at 947-5060.



(PHOTO BY CHRIS MCGREGOR)

Rod Foyt, *The Great Magician*, was the first performer in the Salado Public Library's Summer Reading Program, which kicked off July 7. After being treated to a magic show, the kids went out doors to try their hand at arts and crafts. The Summer Reading Program will continue throughout the month of July. Call 947-9191 for more information.

Aldermen approve SOB ordinance, discuss noise

By TIM FLEISCHER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Salado aldermen approved an ordinance to regulate Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOB) in the Village and discussed proposed noise and solicitation ordinances July 3 before a room full of citizens.

City attorney Alan Bojorquez told aldermen that the ordinance regulating SOB's would help curtail the future intrusion of those kinds of businesses. "If you have the regulations on the books, they (SOB's) tend to take the path of least resistance, and may avoid the town," Bojorquez said.

Bojorquez told aldermen that municipalities cannot bar SOB's out of hand, but can make it more difficult for them to do business in a community by regulating where they can locate.

Bojorquez said that the SOB ordinance works together with the proposed Zoning Ordinance to regulate SOB's.

The board unanimously approved the Sexually Oriented Business ordinance on a motion by Vic Means and a second by Rick Ashe.

Aldermen discussed but took no action on an eight-page proposed noise ordinance. Police Chief Alan Rogers said the proposed noise ordinance serves "as a good measure to differentiate between a real noise problem and problems between neighbors."

To demonstrate, the meeting recessed to outside, where Chief Rogers displayed how loud 86 decibels was using a decibel level meter borrowed from a nearby police department. As he turned the volume up on the police car radio to reach the 86 decibel level, Chief Rogers explained that the measurement would not be taken at the source of the noise, but at the bounding property lines. No measurement was taken of the decibel level created by the police radio on any neighboring property.

Prior to returning inside, the group went to the front of the municipal building, where the passing interstate traffic registered 70 to 83 decibels. One citizen wondered rhetorically how the ordinance would apply to interstate traffic.

Others wondered how it would apply to such things as gas blowers, loading and unloading machinery, cars, radios and construction.

Mayor Charlotte Douglass said that the ordinance was drafted because of numerous complaints about noise and requests from citizens to regulate noise in the Village. "We have had more requests" to regulate noise than the number of people present for the meeting July 3, Douglass said.

Douglass said that the board of aldermen did not want to over regulate the Village. She then questioned the reference in the

Salado Village Voice editorial to 60 ordinances passed by aldermen. Many of those ordinances, she said, were matters of course, not regulation. Ordinances were passed to hold elections, cancel elections, annex property, order a survey of the Village and other administrative necessities, Douglass explained.

She added that altogether, the Village has approved 57 ordinance, not 60 as reported in the *Salado Village Voice*. Editor Tim Fleischer responded by saying the number 60 came from a "state of the Village" talk given last month to the Salado Lions by alderman Michael Cooper, in which he said that since its inception, the Village has passed "60 or so ordinances."

Douglass said that the Noise Ordinance enforces the Zoning Ordinance. "We encourage and want home occupations," she said, adding that there were some home occupations that were not desired in Salado, such as a jet engine mechanic or other "loud, noisy businesses."

The Noise Ordinance would also give local police a tool to use to control late night parties and events that might annoy neighbors.

Bojorquez said that having a noise ordinance would help police. Calling it "the exact kind of ordinance small cities have," Bojorquez said that cities have the power to regulate nuisances and that without

an ordinance on the books, noise becomes like obscenity, "you know it when you see it. It becomes something you can't even enforce."

Chief Rogers, in response to a question, said that he has issued disturbing the peace citations without the use of a decibel level meter. He said that when he has responded to calls from neighbors, the parties involved typically abided when he would ask them to turn down the volume.

Bojorquez said that the ordinance sets standards about "who gets to make a racket and who doesn't, it draws the line somewhere."

He added that the proposed ordinance was drafted rather specifically to the needs of Salado, adding that this is a new Village and citizens "are not used to this level of regulation."

Jackie Mills asked if there were other regulations that would be in place if the Village did not adopt the Noise Ordinance. Chief Rogers said that state law does not allow noise to surpass the 85-decibel level at the bounding property line.

Citizens were given the chance to voice their opinion. During that portion of the meeting, Jill Shipman told aldermen that she thought the ordinance was "very restrictive and descriptive."

Johnny Shipman said that he thinks the ordinance

puts the Village "on the fast track to being oppressive."

Mary Priest told aldermen she thought aldermen have "gone way too far" with the proposed ordinance.

The board will likely further discuss the Noise Ordinance at a later meeting.

Sign approved

Aldermen approved a variance request to the sign ordinance from Skip and Gail Blancett, owners of Essengee's on Pace Park Dr. The couple requested variance to the number of signs allowed on a business property.

Skip Blancett explained why he requested permission to place a sign of eight foot by four foot near the decks at the back of their Essengee's shop. The sign would be aimed at foot traffic on Main St. and across Salado Creek.

Blancett said that the frame house in which Essengee's is located looks like a residence from the back to shoppers crossing the creek on the Main Street bridge. The sign will be located on the southwest corner of the decks so that people walking across the bridge can see that the building is a retail business.

Alderman Suzi Epps said that considering "the revenue generated by the business, it would be prudent to allow him to do this." She added that the board might consider the cul-de-sac leading down

to Sirena across Salado Creek might be considered a secondary road to the Essengee's property, which would allow a sign on the back of the property under the sign ordinance.

Troy Kelley said that having the stand-alone sign in the floodway of the Salado Creek would be a "distraction to the ambience of the creek." Kelley added that the property adjacent to the bridge could now request the same consideration for a new sign. He asked aldermen to consider requiring the sign to be attached to the decks of the building, rather than standing alone six feet from the building.

Blancett said that he would move the sign as close to the building and its decks as possible, but that it could not be attached to the decks.

The board approved the request on a 4-0 vote, with a motion by Epps and second by Means.

Solicitation Ordinance

Aldermen continued work on a proposed solicitation ordinance. Bojorquez told the board that he edited the proposed ordinance to include three permits: a one-day \$10 permit, a 30-day \$25 permit and a six-month \$100 permit. The 30-day and six-month permits would require a bond, but the one-day permit would not, Bojorquez said.

He said that the Solicitation Ordinance is "the

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FORUM

An Open Exchange of Ideas



Spendthrift States Must Pay the Piper

Any college kid with too much credit-card debt might look longingly at state governments these days and wonder: How can I do that? The states are having a fiscal crisis without reducing spending.

If the states are facing the worst fiscal emergency since World War II, as governors are wont to complain, they aren't acting like it.

According to USA Today, state spending increased 6.3 percent in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002. It increased another 5 percent in the fiscal year ending last month. During the past two years, states have added workers, hiring another 74,000 people at a time when the private sector is shedding jobs.

It is imprecise to say that the states are suffering from fiscal crises. They are really suffering from overspending crises, fueled during the boom when it seemed the good times would never end and continuing through today.

Through the 1990s, state spending grew at two times the rate of federal spending. From 1997 to 2002 it rose 38 percent, an increase on average of more than \$1,000 per person.

Yes, states generally cut taxes in the late 1990s, but this doesn't account for their fiscal troubles now. As a report from the libertarian Cato Institute notes: "During the 1990s, large tax revenue increases occurred despite substantial state tax cuts. Indeed, total state tax revenues grew \$186 billion between 1994 and 2001, even though states enacted net tax cuts of \$33 billion."

The level of taxation doesn't determine the fiscal health of states. Low-tax Colorado, for instance, has been spared the tide of red ink overtaking other states.

Colorado voters enacted an initiative in the early 1990s capping state spending growth at the inflation rate plus population

The Rich Lowry Column

growth. Almost every politician in the state opposed the initiative, but it served to impose by law a fiscal responsibility that lawmakers probably wouldn't have been capable of on their own.

Likewise, Georgia, Utah and Delaware didn't go on a spending spree during the boom and quickly trimmed their finances when the bust came. They aren't feeling the dire effects of the overspending crisis.

The National Governors Association recently demanded that Congress "provide substantial funds to every state territory," since "the governors believe the most powerful immediate economic stimulus for the nation's failing economy is to provide fiscal assistance to the states."

If state spending were the key to economic growth, the economy never would have experienced a recession in the first place. The recently passed Bush tax cut nonetheless included \$10 billion in aid to states this year and another \$10 billion next year.

This federal bailout just takes money from taxpayers in frugal states to subsidize taxpayers in spendthrift states. There is likely only to be more such demands from governors as they try to avoid the most basic act of governance: living within their means. Governors see the "crisis" as having to trim the state budget. This is what they don't get: That's the solution.

Petitioners come up short but Commissioners decide to call for public vote on jail-courthouse

In a series of surprising moves early last week, Bell County Commissioners, delayed and later cancelled their planned vote to issue \$61 million in Certificates of Obligation that would finance a new jail and courthouse to be located near the Expo Center.

It all started bright and early Monday morning (June 30), when Commissioners were hit with a mass of additional petitions that appeared to be more than enough to force a public vote on the proposed multi-million dollar expenditure. By delaying their decision, Commissioners in effect, killed the matter for the time being, due to legal ramifications associated with marketing certificates of obligation including interest rate fluctuations, timing of the appropriate ordinances, and related notices.

Commissioners then huddled with their bond attorneys and decided to sell a smaller Certificate of Obligation to refinance current outstanding county bonds at a lower interest rate. This was done at a savings to the jurisdiction of some \$700,000.

By Tuesday morning, after an outside audit team had certified the petitions, it was reported to the Court that petitioners had failed to produce the required number of qualified signatures to force a vote. They were in fact, over a thousand names short.

Commissioners then voted to meet July 14, to call for a public vote on the proposed jail-courthouse project.

Between now and then, a number of election decisions will be made in association with the firm that is handling the bond sale for the County.

VOTE DATE SET

The County Bosses' first decision was to select Saturday, September 13, as the date they will (on July 14) put the jail-courthouse matter before the public in a vote.

Another major decision the Court must make is how to structure the ballot, either through an "up or down" vote giving Commissioners permission to issue new Certificates of Obligation in an amount that will pay for the entire jail-courthouse project, or call for a bond issue that would require separate votes on each item to be financed.

COUNTY BOSSES FLARE BACK

It was understandable that County Judge Jon Burrows and his court would be unhappy at the turn of events - but they were particularly incensed at what they called "outrageous misinformation" aimed at the project by several who opposed building a new jail and courthouse. Tim Brown, Salado's Commissioner, joined Burrows in specifically blasting petition leader John Galligan for what they termed "misrepresenting" facts about the construction proposal.

Attorney Galligan is building a law office near the present jail and courthouse. He has denied that had anything to do with his opposition to the Commissioner's planned sale of the \$61 million certificate of obligation.

PERRY'S MOVE IS POLITICALLY SMART

In what has to be the smartest political move made by Rick Perry since he backed into the Governor's Mansion, took place two days after the legislature returned June 30 for a special congressional redistricting session. It was the addition of a number of power-grabbing proposals to the redistricting agenda - all designed to give the Governor authority to not only name cronies and contributors to the various State Commissions but also appoint the chairman and executive directors of all state agencies.

Off the Record

by Ken Clapp



Guv's addition to special session viewed as "smart" political move. Many wonder who thought it up since it's "first" for Reluctant Rick.

Don't know who thought this one up - but it's a doozie and a "first" for Perry. Possibilities are two-fold. First (if passed) it would give the Guv more executive authority and secondly, provide old Rick the Reluctant with some trading chits to get the kind of redistricting map he and Tom "Bugsy" DeLay are seeking.

In the final analysis - it could be a "trump" for Perry if either of the proposals pass, that is, adding strength to the Governor's Office - or redistricting that adds GOP seats in Congress. If both pass muster, it will be a double coup that will have the Grand Old Party snake-dancing down Congress Avenue.

Conversely, many would argue that defeat of all matters before the current special session would be a "victory" for the people of Texas!

CALIFORNIANS MAY HAVE STRANGE CHOICES

We would call your attention briefly to what is going on in California these days as unhappy voters try to oust Democratic Governor Gray Davis through their "Recall" law.

Problem stems from a \$38 billion budget deficit and Davis' plan to cut services, education - the list is naturally endless, as are complaints by fellow liberals, egged on by Republicans who would love to have one of their own take his place.

It requires 900,000 signatures to get the job done and to date Recallers have more than half the needed number certified and until September 2, to get the remainder.

POLITICAL LEMON LAW

Typical punster-type comment from the "Land of Fruits and Nuts" is that "Recalling" the Governor is a new type "Lemon Law!" "We elected a lemon and we are returning him," hollered many unhappy Californians. Most States have "lemon" laws that allow customers to return cars that cannot be fixed.

Also typical of that west coast "Zone-of-Zaniness" are their two most talked about candidates to replace the embattled Davis - Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger and film producer Rob Reiner, a Democrat.

You may recall Reiner as Archy Bunker's ("you liberal, Polack, meathead - you!") son-in-law (All In The Family). And who can forget (despite trying) Schwarzenegger-the-Terminator who is a surprisingly "moderate" Republican and might pick up enough moderate-liberal votes in both political camps to win all the marbles.

And then what?

If California Democrats have any sense (and here we enter the realm of speculation) they should, if petitioners get close to the magic recall number, have Davis resign, move the Democratic Lt. Governor up a notch and keep the GOPers from the governorship - at least until the next election.

There will be plenty more of this west coast tomfoolery to be reported on as the day's dwindle down to September.

That's -30-

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Making sense

It makes sense that education is the most important thing we do in state government. Texas has seen impressive improvement in student achievement in recent years. We've made progress on accountability, teacher pay and standards. One reform, however, has yet to be made: an overhaul of the state's school finance system. Without comprehensive reform in this most crucial area, long-term gains will elude us and new problems will arise.

The state has long relied on property taxes as its chief funding mechanism for schools, but that over-reliance on one source of income has its problems. It has resulted in court rulings creating the unpopular funding system. It has led to a rise in property taxes as cash-strapped school districts move inexorably towards the \$1.50 maximum tax rate. Almost all districts are being pushed up to this rate, creating a system that courts have ruled would effectively be a statewide property tax, which is unconstitutional. In addition, the state has paid an increasingly smaller percentage of the cost for our schools, forcing the problems of school finance down to the local governments. For these reasons, the current system must be replaced.

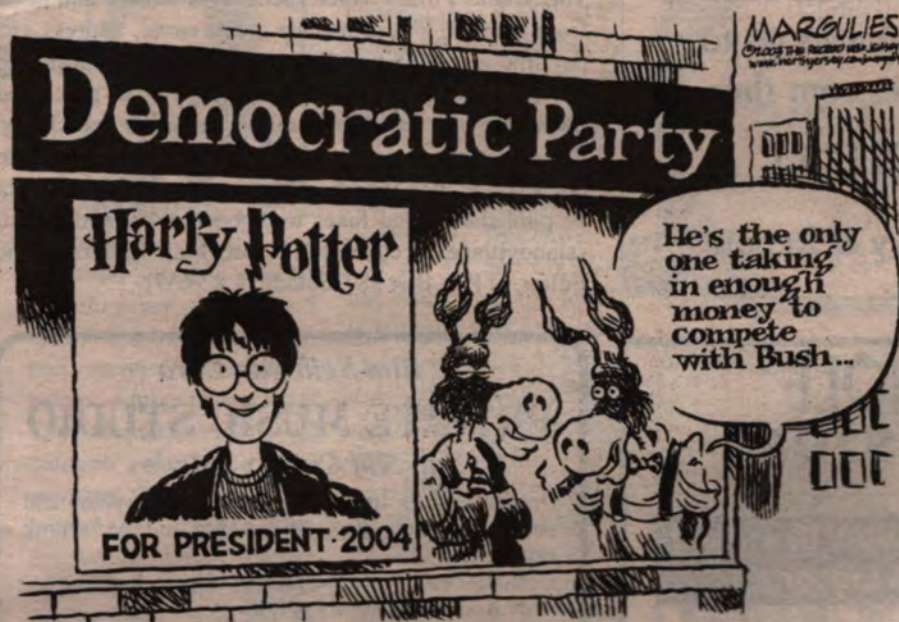
To address these needs, the Speaker of the House of Representatives has named a Select Committee on Public School Finance. He has appointed me to this committee, which has already begun meeting to study the issue of school finance and

develop recommendations to forward to the full House of Representatives. A number of proposals for generating revenue are on the table, from expansion of the cigarette tax to video poker, closing the "Delaware Sub" loophole to expansion of the sales tax to services. As legislators, we cannot rule any idea out, but we must realize that there is no silver bullet. Before we talk about new taxes that could hurt our state's economy, we must be sure that those taxes will actually solve the problems we face.

As part of this committee, the Speaker has appointed me chair of the Subcommittee on Salary and Benefits. The key to our educational system is recruiting, retaining and rewarding the best teachers possible. This subcommittee gives us the opportunity to explore that issue and ensure that Texas continues to make progress in teacher excellence. It is an issue I have worked on in the past, and one on which I am proud to work on today.

The ideas and recommendations generated by the Select Committee on Public School Finance will likely be brought before the full House in a special session. We can neither wait until the next legislative session or attempt a band-aid solution in this special session. Texas needs a plan for school finance that will offer hope of a permanent resolution of this critical issue. Creating a tax system that promotes equal access, an excellent education, and improved student achievement just makes sense.

FORUM



Texans want choice

By CHRIS PATTERSON
TEXAS PUBLIC POLICY FOUNDATION

How can an idea be so publicly popular, offer such demonstrable benefits, have the endorsement of the Supreme Court, and yet still be categorically rejected by so many in the education and media establishment?

That's the question I've pondered these last several days in reviewing the results of a recently conducted opinion poll. The scientific poll asked Texans a very straightforward question: "Do you favor or oppose a proposal that would create a school choice program whereby education scholarships would be given by the state to pay for a child's education at any public, private or parochial school?"

Who supports school choice? At first glance, you find about 60 percent of us. But when we look more closely, the numbers show support for school choice crosses every social, economic, and political boundary.

Texans without a college diploma are the strongest advocates of school choice. Eighty-one percent of reg-

istered voters without college degrees (the bulk of Texans, mind you), between the ages of 18 and 44, support it. For college grads in the same age group, support is right at 60 percent.

Texans who struggle to make ends meet solidly advocate school choice. Sixty-six percent of people earning less than \$30,000 a year want school choice. In the \$30-\$50,000 range, it's 57 percent.

School choice is not restricted to conservative enclaves. Just shy of 60 percent of women who make less than \$50,000 demand school choice for their kids. And women who vote Democratic? About 61 percent. But going to the other end of the gender and political spectrum, 57 percent of GOP-voting men also favor school choice.

Choice is not just a dream for the inner-city poor. Rural voters support school choice 62 percent of the time, while urban-dwellers give it 56 percent support.

Every kind of Texan wants parents to be free to select the school best suited for their children, and have no problem in using tax dollars to pay for it.

Why such opposition from individuals who often portray themselves as champions of the disadvantaged? According to the poll, the state's poor, Hispanics (73 percent) and African-Americans (63 percent) overwhelmingly support educational freedom.

Do school choice opponents not trust poor and minority parents to make good decisions? Surely choice opponents do not believe only government is smart enough to recognize effective educational programs?

Opponents of choice can no longer hide behind

the law. Last year the US Supreme Court declared vouchers constitutional. So the leading argument against school choice has become money. Vouchers, opponents claim, will siphon money from cash-strapped public schools. One could make the case that's not a problem.

Our poll asked Texans: "Do you think public schools spend money in a wasteful fashion?"

Yes, said 56 percent of Texans. This response should send shivers down the spines of many in the bloated administrations of our education bureaucracy. Cheerleaders for the existing public school monopoly like to say there are no problems more money cannot fix.

But that is simply not true. Numbers compiled by Rep. David Swinford demonstrates that higher performing schools actually under-spend poorly performing schools.

Giving parents freedom to choose the public, private or parochial school of their choice will put those bloated bureaucracies on a strict diet.

Day in and day out, every school would have to prove its academic value to the parent of every child. Just as stiff competition forces athletes to focus and finely tune their efforts, so would choice drive school systems to greater academic achievement and economic efficiency.

When the legislature convenes for a special session on school finance, most likely next spring, school choice should top their to-do list. Texas parents want what's best for their children, and they need real choices to get the best. The bureaucracies want only to protect the bloated. It's now up to legislators to do the right thing and represent the will of the majority of Texans.

Importing foreign workers to replace our own



Jim Hightower

Once again, we're offered a sterling example of the incredible ingenuity of big American corporations --- outfits that never cease to amaze with their clever ability to stiff their own employees.

Their latest ingenious gimmick is an obscure provision in our nation's immigration laws. It's called the L-1 Visa, and apparently the "L" stands for Loophole. It's certainly a big one, allowing such corporations as Cigna, General Electric, and Merrill Lynch to import low-wage technology workers from India to replace their American employees.

The L-1 Visa was meant to allow U.S. corporations to transfer a few of their own foreign employees from an overseas branch into company offices here.

But now, these corporations are driving an immigration truck right through this L-1 loophole, having already used it to bring some 325,000 computer engineers, programmers, and other high-tech employees from abroad, mostly from India.

Here's how the game is played: The foreign workers are hired wholesale by Indian-based recruitment firms that then ship them to their U.S. branches, claiming that they are L-1 transfers. Once here, these workers are contracted to American corporations.

The gimmick is that, technically, the immigrants are still employed by the Indian firms --- but the bottom line is that major U.S. corporations have been able to smuggle in foreign workers and pay them a third to a half less than the Americans they replace.

The L-1 Visa does not require that imported tech workers be paid the prevailing wage, nor is there a limit on how many can be brought in. Not only does this loophole allow Americans to be displaced, but it's also common for the corporations to require their American employees to train the foreign workers who'll be given their jobs.

To help stop this wage-busting rip-off, Call Rep. John Mica: 202-225-4035.

Citizens respond to article, thank Post Office

Dear Editor:

I have read your editorial in the July 2 edition of the *Salado Village Voice* entitled "Time to Make Noise."

I agree wholeheartedly with the opinions expressed in the editorial. The elected officials are spending too much time making ordinances that have the effect of restricting unduly the residents of a Village that over the past 150 years has grown to be one that many people love to visit and

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adore to live in.

It is becoming so restricted that some of the citizens are about ready to look elsewhere.

Keep up the good work.

J.B. (Jack) Hardin,
Salado

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank the Salado Post Office, Post Master for her help in retrieving an item I accidentally put in the outside mail

box. Their time to retrieve this for me in their busy day was really appreciated. The Postal employees are degraded by the press and others almost on a daily basis.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Old timers say shop Salado first

Dear Editor:

To those of us who are so-called "old-timers," we will remember that the sales tax and franchise fees imposed by the Village of Salado pay for our city government and city services, such as police, road maintenance, etc.

Unlike our neighbors, we do not have a property tax (yet?) as your city government has been working hard to keep it that way, because, you see, they too are residents of our village.

Again, an important source of income here in Salado is the city sales tax. When we spend our money in Salado, tax dollars are returned by the state to fund our local needs. When we spend

our dollars in Belton, Temple, Austin or wherever else, then those tax dollars flow to those respective cities, not back to Salado.

So, I would like to make a very important point.

Shop Salado first. The sales tax is approximately the same, but the benefits to Salado are dramatically different. When we shop elsewhere we deprive our community of an important source of income and that, in turn, could force us to either cut services or generate income from other sources.

And, while I'm on this subject, please be reminded that most of our local merchants recently joined together to extend their business day each Friday until 7 p.m. This makes it even easier for us to shop Salado first and, at the same time, makes Salado more attractive as a weekend destination for out-of-towners who come to shop, sleep, eat and play, and that can also increase tax revenue.

Most of us live in Salado by choice, not chance. We choose to live here because Salado is a charming, unique village. Help us help ourselves in keeping Salado just as it is, and one very positive way is to always shop Salado first. And don't forget to support the extended shopping hours on Fridays.

Jack Shrock,
 Salado



Preparing to be a Wildflower Belle, approximately 30 sophomore girls and their moms from Salado, Belton, Temple and surrounding areas were honored with a tea recently at Wildflower Country Club.

Red Raider Round Up held in Temple July 10

The Texas Tech Alumni Association will host "Red Raider Round Up" 5:30 p.m. July 10 at Market Street Cafe in Temple.

The Bell County Chapter welcomes Dr. Don Haragan, Interim President, Texas Tech University as the guest speaker for the Kick Off Meeting.

Admission to the event is at no charge to the guest, however food and beverage may be purchased at Market Street Cafe's Bar and Restaurant.

Alumni Staff will also be present to show a Texas Tech Video and announce

campus updates.

"I am grateful for Texas Tech Alumni Association's assistance in reviving its presence in the Bell County area," says Brooke McCombs. "We have had an amazing response so far and look forward to a successful turnout."

Interested area volunteers must attend to be considered for immediate positions on the Bell County Board.

Those attending should RSVP to Brooke McCombs: 254-778-8616, or e-mail at uwct@sbcglobal.net.

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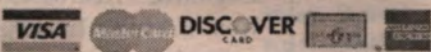
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Victoria and Gregory are excited to announce the arrival of their little sister Rebekah Faith Brumlow. She was born at home, as planned, on the Goodnight Ranch 4:20 a.m. June 10, weighing in at 9lbs 6oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Thankful and proud parent's are David and Stephanie Brumlow. Grandparent's are Ronnie and Nancy Goodnight and Rebecca and Jim Brumlow of Ohio. Great-Grandparent's are Jackie Goodnight and Irene Ashworth of Killeen. Uncles are Cole and Joshua Goodnight.

Share your good news with the rest of the Village. The Salado Village Voice publishes baby announcements, anniversaries, wedding and engagement announcements. Photos should accompany the forms that are available at the newspaper office. There is no charge for baby or anniversary announcements. There is a \$10 charge for wedding and engagement announcements with photos.

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Donna Sue England passes away home July 1

Donna Sue England, 54, of Salado, died at her residence July 1, 2003.

Graveside services were held July 5 at the Salado Cemetery, with Rev. Bobby Ellis officiating.

She was born to Ray and Jessie Ewing England in Beaumont on November 21, 1948. She had been a resident of Salado for the past 29 years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her parents, Ray and Jessie England of Salado; one sister, Rae Anne Sloan of Salado; and paternal grandmother, Ezell England of Salado.

Heartfield Funeral Home in Belton was in charge of arrangements.



Wright awarded Doctorate of Cognitive Neuroscience

W. Geoffrey Wright, son of Bill and Joyce Wright of Salado, was awarded a Doctorate of Cognitive Neuroscience from Brandeis University in Waltham (Boston), MA. His dissertation was on conducted research related to human senses and motor systems in altered-gravitoinertial force fields.

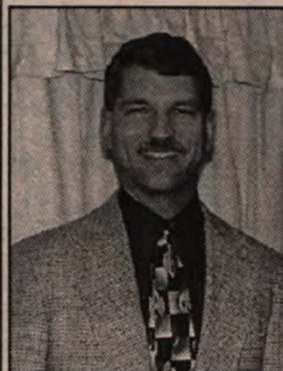
He is currently doing research at Ludwig-Maximilians University in Munich, Germany on a Deutscher Akademischer Fellowship.

He received his undergraduate degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, VA in Aerospace Engineering. He served in the U.S. Air Force, stationed at USAF Space Command in Colorado Springs, CO as a Satellite Operations Engineer and an Operational Test Engineer.



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The Second Institute for Voice and Teaching will be held July 13-18 at Allen Hall, located behind the Inn at Salado on Main St. The Voice and Teaching Institute was founded in 2002 by Salado residents, Drs. John and Kim Van Cura, and is dedicated to offering practical applications and techniques for teaching voice and singing in the professional world.

Registration will be held 3-5 p.m. July 13 at Allen Hall, with an opening dinner at 5:30 p.m. A lecture/demonstration titled "Body Awareness" will be presented by Professor Bonnie Buss at 7 p.m.

Participants will receive one-to-one lessons with master teachers of voice, acting/coaching, and movement and body awareness; as well as attend lectures related to teaching and singing. The Institute focuses on professional singer, choral directors, ministers of music, teachers, and advanced students of singing.

Staff will include Dr. John Van Cura, Professor of Voice at Baylor University and an internationally known teacher of singing; Dr. Vince Racioppo, Director of the Center for Expert

Performance in Chicago, IL; Prof. Buss, formerly of Augustana College, Rock Island, IL, Body Awareness and Voice Education; Dr. Kim Neill Van Cura, a private piano and voice teacher and vocal accompanist; and Ken Van Cura, Minister of Music and opera singer, of San Antonio. Prof. Deborah Mogford, director and teacher from San Antonio, will present classes in acting for singing.

Daily lectures include "Fitness and Nutrition" by Ken Van Cura, July 14; "Looking Inward" by Dr. Kim Van Cura, July 15; "Your Beliefs and How They Affect What You Do" by Dr. Racioppo, July 16; and "Fundamentally Speaking" (The Importance of Being Grounded in Your Technique) by Dr. John Van Cura and Prof. Mogford.

Master classes with the singers will be held 6:30-9 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. at Allen Hall.

Participants already enrolled are from Illinois, Arizona, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, and New York. Classroom teachers, ministers, or other public speakers experiencing vocal problems can contact the Institute for possible lessons; as well as other

singers interested in auditing lectures, technique sessions, or master classes. Call (254) 947-5592 or kjvancura@earthlink.net for fees and registration.

A final concert of vocal music will be presented by participants and staff at 7 p.m. July 18. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Mills expressed her desires to protect the "veggie man" from the regulatory and permitting required by the ordinance.

The licensing portion of the ordinance does not apply to charitable groups, such as school groups, church groups and civic groups.

The board directed Bojorquez and Chief Rogers to be sure the ordinance does not require farmers to pay the \$10 one-day fee. "That may be more than they sell that day," Mills said. "We don't want to hurt them."

Other business

Aldermen adopted a purchasing policy and an e-mail policy. The purchasing policy requires: purchase orders on any purchases of \$500 or more; budget amendments by the board on any purchase over \$500 not in the approved budget; price quotes from three businesses on purchases of \$500 or more; purchases in the budget for less than \$500 do not require purchase orders or competitive pricing. The e-mail policy warns employees that they have no privacy of any kind when using city computers for personal business. It warns employees not to excessively use city computers for personal busi-

ness. The board also finalized its list of goals as part of the budgeting process. The goals were listed in the *Salado Village Voice* last month.

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SPORTS

Sports writers name two Eagles to All-State

By CHRIS MCGREGOR
STAFF WRITER

Salado Eagles Lane Wolff, a senior, and junior Scott Bates were named to the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) Class AA All-State Baseball Team, released July 2. The two were key members of a team which finished runner up in District 25AA, behind Jarrell.

Wolff was voted to the second team as a designated hitter, and Bates the third team as a third baseman.

In his final season as an Eagle, Wolff batted .405, including a .475 district average. He clubbed 11 doubles and drove in 29 runs on the year. Most

of his time defensively was spent behind the plate, however, he made the most of his infrequent time on the mound, putting together a spotless 5-0 record with 55 strikeouts in only 33 innings of work. In the final week of the season, Wolff no-hit the Somerville Yeguas, striking out seven and allowing only two baserunners in the five-inning win. Wolff was also a first team all-district selection.

Bates landed on the all-state sports writers squad for the second year in a row. As a sophomore, he made the first team as a designated hitter. This season, Bates hit for an impressive .535 batting average, scored 36 runs, drove in 29, and had 12 doubles to go along



Lane Wolff and Scott Bates

with three home runs.

He was 5-2 on the mound in district, notching 79 strike outs in 55 innings of work. Like Wolff, Bates was also a first team all-district selection, the third time in as many years he has been given that distinction. In early June, Bates was named to the first team

of the All-State Coaches Team.

The Eagles defeated Junction in a three game bi-district playoff series, advancing to the area round, where they were dispatched in a one-game set by eventual state champion Weimar. They finished the season with a 15-9 record.

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Pictured are the Salado Dragons Midget Boys Champions. Back row, L-R: Assist. Coach Wayne Womac, Brandon Womac, Johnny Jordan, Sam Barrett, Kyle Suhling, Barton Cheatham, and Coach Keith Martin. Front row, L-R: Ryan Flores, Eric McGregor, Kase Spears, Sean Moore, Matthew Holdampf and Bryce Martin. Not pictured, Assisant Coach Keith Spears.

Salado Dragons headed to state

The Salado Dragons little league team has advanced to the state playoffs as the champions of the Salado Youth Baseball Association (SYBA) Midget Boys Division. Their first place division finish automatically gives them a bye from having to compete in the regional

playoffs.

Their regular season record was 10-2.

The Dragons are sponsored by Hidden Springs of Salado. They recently played in a local warm-up tournament, to help prepare them for the state playoffs, which is also being spon-

sored by Hidden Springs.

The state playoffs will be held at the end of July with dates TBA.

Coach Keith Martin said, "I really appreciate all the hard work the boys have put into the season and how supportive the parents have been."

Slots still open for July 21-24 football camp

Salado head football coach and athletic director Jeff Cheatham, along with the rest of the Eagle coaching staff, will be holding a four-day non-contact football camp for incoming third through ninth graders July 21-24 at the High School football field.

The camp will be held 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day.

Areas to be covered will be punting, passing and kicking, as well as basic fundamentals.

Cost for the camp is \$40 for one child, \$70 for two children and \$100 for three children. Each camper will receive a camp t-shirt.

Pre-registration deadline is July 12. Registration forms are available at the High School office or the Athletic Department office.

Late registration will be accepted the day of the camp. Cheatham asks that children that wish to attend contact him as soon as possible, as he needs their t-shirt size.

For more information, contact Coach Cheatham at 947-0803 or e-mail: jcheatham@saladoisd.org.

Girls basketball camp July 28-31

The Salado High School girl's coaching staff will host the Salado Lady Eagles Basketball Camp, 8:30 a.m.-noon July 28-31 at Coach Smith Gym.

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Financial Focus

by Allen Mantanona



the fact is that it's never too late to seek pension money that is owed to you - and, if you're lucky, you might even get it.

Where should you look? You can start by contacting the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC), a federal government agency that ensures the minimum pension benefits of approximately 35,000 private companies. Since 1974, all companies with 25 or more participants in defined benefit plans have been required to register with the PBGC. If a company ends a pension plan that isn't fully funded, the PBGC takes over as plan trustee and guarantees basic benefit payments. The PBGC also tracks benefits of employees who can't be located.

If you think you may have some pension funds somewhere out there, contact the PBGC through its web site at www.pbgc.gov. You'll be able to enter information about your former employer's pension plan and, hopefully, start the process toward garnering your missing money.

Contacting the PBGC may be helpful if you've

lost touch with your pension information. But if you're still employed by the company that will pay your pension, or if you've recently left it, you'll want to stay current on your benefits. That's why you should request an "individual benefit statement" on the status of your pension. This statement should contain the status of your pension, when you're eligible to retire and an estimate of how much your pension will be. Request your statement in writing from the plan administrator - not a company official. If you don't get the statement within a few weeks, be persistent, you have a legal right to the information within 30 days.

At the same time you request your benefit statement, ask for copies of all benefits statements in your file and all pension plan documents, including the "trust documents" that show how the plan is administered.

You worked hard to earn your pension - so do whatever it takes to collect your benefits. You may have to be proactive to get what you deserve, but it's well worth the effort.

CTCOG to collect haz wastes

The Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) is holding two additional household hazardous waste collection events for residents in the seven county CTCOG area. This includes the counties of Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba.

The events will be held 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the following locations: July 26 at the Kempner Fire Station, 1085 S. Hwy 281, and Aug. 2 in San Saba at the City Maintenance Yard, at the 900 Block of E. Storey St.

Residents in the seven county CTCOG area may drop off material at either of the collection sites. Participants must show proof of residency. This collection is for households only. Material will not be accepted from businesses, commercial, or agricultural operations.

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Even extenders can use Free File

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers who have filing extensions that they can e-file their tax returns until Oct. 15.

More than 8.5 million taxpayers are estimated to have tax returns due on Aug. 15 because they requested an automatic extension to file. The IRS estimates that almost three million taxpayers will request an additional extension giving them until Oct. 15. All of these taxpayers can take advantage of IRS e-file.

"IRS e-file is the quick, smart, fast way to get taxes done," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson. "Taxpayers receiving refunds can receive them more quickly through IRS e-file especially when they choose the direct deposit option."

Taxpayers with a balance due can also pay their taxes electronically by scheduling a safe and convenient electronic funds withdrawal from their bank account or pay with a credit card. Taxpayers can also sign up through Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) to make their payment electronically.

Taxpayers have several ways to e-file. They can use tax preparation software on their own computers. Or they can have a tax professional that offers e-filing prepare and trans-

mit their return. Some taxpayers can still participate in the Free File program and e-file their tax returns for free.

Free File, the tax preparation and electronic filing service, remains available for people who received filing extensions. Free File,

which debuted Jan. 16, is a public-private partnership between the IRS and the Free File Alliance, a consortium of tax preparation software companies.

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CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

Barbara Elmore to attend Salado Book Fair

The second Salado Book Fair, a project of Salado Press, Inc., will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 2 at the Stagecoach Convention Center.

Children's author and native Texan Barbara Elmore will be present with her newest release, *Saviors of the Bugle*.

The story centers around 14-year old Wendy Wright and her two best friends, all residents of the small, fictitious town of Moffat Corner.

When the girls discover the town's newspaper is in danger of closing down, they decide to take action, volunteering their help to

the paper as reporters and photographers. Their assignment to find Roomer, the lost dog, leads them straight to danger.

Little do they know that saving the newspaper will be the least of their worries. As they get deeper into a story about a missing dog, the more they learn about Moffat Corner than they ever wanted to know.

Saviors of the Bugle is Elmore's third book of young adult fiction. As a veteran journalist, she has covered everything from murder and mayhem to fashion and religion.

Elmore began inventing her own stories as a

child growing up in Johnson City. She worked on her high school paper, the Southwest Texas State University newspaper, the *University Star*, *The Waco Tribune-Herald* and the *Luling Newsboy*. She has worked as both an editor and reporter. After many years in Waco, Elmore returned to Johnson City with her husband, Don, where she now writes full time.

She says of incorporating her newspaper experiences into *Saviors of the Bugle*: "People can get news from TV, but a community newspaper remains the only mass medium that

offers deeper coverage of events and is available to everyone, regardless of income or education level. And newspapers are more complete and accurate than any other news medium."

Elmore is also the author of *Breathing Room*, and *Crookwood*, both of which won the Texas Institute of Letter's Best Book for Children or Young People. More information about her work can be obtained at www.mudpiepress.com.

For more information about the Book Fair, contact James Lee at 947-0080, or e-mail lee@saladopress.com.

Depression and exercise

Question: I suffer from bouts of depression. Can exercise help? What types of exercises should I do?

Answer: Depression varies in form and severity. Some people feel blue for a few months due to current life issues; others suffer chronic depression that results in more serious symptoms.

Consulting your physician should always be the first step in identifying what steps you should take for treatment.

That being said, research suggests that exercise is very effective treatment for depression.

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In a study conducted by James Blumenthal, Ph.D., a psychologist at Duke University, 156 people over age 50 with major depression were examined. He had a group participate three times a week for four months in group aerobic exercise. At the end of that time, he found the group showed significant improvement. A follow-up six months later showed that those who continued

to exercise were much less likely to relapse into depression. "The effectiveness of exercise seems to persist over time. ... Patients who respond well to exercise and maintain their exercise have a much smaller risk of relapsing," he concluded.

Exercise and proper nutrition are both known to decrease stress, blood pressure and insomnia, and improve overall health.


Improving your fitness level can not only keep you in great physical health, but in great mental health as well.

Aerobic exercises such as walking, cycling and swimming are a great way to fend off depression. If you're unsure of what types of aerobic exercises are appropriate, consult a medical or fitness professional.

Andrea Renee Wyatt, M.S.S., C.S.C.S., is a personal trainer with an extensive background in strength and conditioning & therapeutic recreation.

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Some facts about breast cancer

Dear Dr. Donohue:

How can a woman lower her risk of coming down with breast cancer? I cannot tell you how the thought of it frightens me. My husband says I have gone overboard with this, but I can't conquer my fear, no matter how hard I try.

Answer: Heart disease, not breast cancer, is the No. 1 killer of women. Early detection of breast cancer and early treatment usually assure a woman of having a normal life span. I can give you some tips that might lower the risk of breast cancer.

What significance diet plays in breast cancer prevention is up in the air. Some studies suggest that the following foods are protective: sweet potatoes, red bell peppers, carrots, peaches, cantaloupes, leafy green vegetables such as romaine lettuce and spinach, apricots and winter squash. Not all studies, however, support

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by Paul G. Donohue, M.D.



the protective effect of these foods.

Omega-3 fatty acids are touted as shields against breast cancer. These acids are found in fish, particularly mackerel, salmon, sardines, herring, anchovies and tuna.

Alcohol, on the other hand, increases breast cancer risk. One drink a day only slightly raises the risk. Heavy use greatly ups it. A drink equals 12 ounces of beer, 5 ounces of wine or 1.5 ounces of liquor. Women do not need to forgo a glass of wine at dinner if they'd like to have one.

Soy has been proclaimed as a woman's best friend when it comes to breast cancer protection.

Asian women have a low incidence of this cancer, and they eat a soy-based diet. When they move here, their seeming resistance to breast cancer disappears upon adopting our diet. Soy contains genistein, a weak estrogen. Proponents say it blocks real estrogen from nourishing breast cancer cells. Opponents say just the opposite. It might be wise to wait for the final answer before relying on soy as a preventive.

Shedding extra pounds and exercising daily do help ward off breast cancer.

The breast cancer pamphlet provides up-to-date information on this common cancer. Readers can obtain a copy by

writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 1101W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.50 U.S./\$6.50 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Allow four weeks for delivery.

Dear Dr. Donohue:

I am 72, and my PSA has risen from 0.6 to 0.9 in the past five years. Do I need to be concerned? Is it an indication that I am coming down with prostate cancer?

Answer: Such a minute change does not indicate the presence of cancer.

"PSA," for readers not familiar with it, stands for "prostate specific antigen." Blood levels of PSA are used for detection of that cancer.

If your rise is not within the margin of error for that lab test, it might mean that your prostate gland has grown a bit. Relax. That's nothing to worry about either.

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Thunderstorm anxiety? Blame static electricity

By SAM MAZZOTTA

Question: My husband and I read in a recent publication that one of the reasons it's so hard to extinguish thunderstorm phobia is that the dogs may be responding to static electricity in the air. The article suggested that certain breeds are more prone to the phobia, and to feeling static electricity, and that one of the reasons why the dogs tend to go into bathtubs and near plumbing is to get grounded -- a number of things that all rang true for our dog.

Our dog is highly phobic, and she's a lot better if we take off any

collar that has metal in it -- she looks much less anxious once we do this.

Needless to say, she was 10 by the time we learned this, so lots of things trigger her anxiety. At night we set her up in the living room with all the lights on (so she doesn't see the lightning) and with a radio turned up loud and on a station that won't have static with the lightning crashes.

Answer: It's great to hear that you've found a way to alleviate your dog's fear and discomfort during thunderstorms! Many pet owners experience worry and frustration with their dogs' reactions to crashing

lightning and thunder.

As you've demonstrated, reducing a dog's fear during storms takes time. Researching thunderstorm phobia as completely as possible, and trying different methods to see which gets the best reaction will help owners develop effective strategies to combat fear-based behavior.

Whether or not sensitivity to static electricity is truly a factor in thunderstorm phobia (and researchers are becoming more and more convinced that it is), the system you've designed to help your dog get through the event is a comfort to her in itself.

Prostate Support Group to meet July 10 at Grace Presbyterian Church

The Central Texas Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet 3:30 p.m. July 10 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Temple.

Mary Peterson, RN, OCN of Zale Lipshy University Hospital in Dallas will present "Better

Bone Health." Bone health is important to everyone, but especially to cancer patients, she says.

The group, which is affiliated with the American Cancer Society, meets the second Thursday of each month. Anyone who

would like information about prostate cancer is welcome.

Call the Scott & White Center for Cancer Prevention and Care, 254-724-1053, for more information.

Ostomey Support Group offered at Metroplex Hospital

A new Ostomey support group will be meeting 2 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month, beginning in August at Metroplex Hospital. The group will meet in the Lovett Ledger Conference

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Ostomey patients and family members are encouraged to attend. The group will have guest speakers and information on new products and services.

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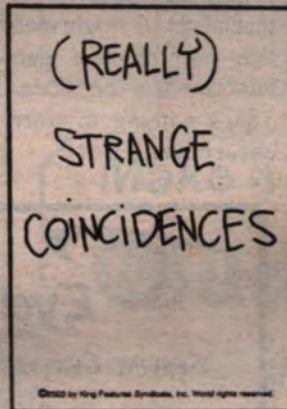
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Farmers' returns to homeowners market

Farmers Insurance recently announced its limited return to the new Texas homeowners market. Effective July 7, Farmers will begin to insure a limited number of new homeowners' insurance customers and will begin writing new renters' insurance policies.

Since Nov. 2002, Farmers Insurance has renewed homeowners insurance for its existing customers, but has not written any new homeowners insurance policies in Texas.

"This is a positive first step," said John Hageman, Vice President and Texas State Executive officer for Farmers Insurance. "Although there remains some uncertainty regarding the Texas insurance marketplace, this is Farmers' way of demonstrating our commitment to our loyal customers and to our terrific agency force."

Beginning July 7, -Aug. 15, Farmers Insurance will allow its approximately 2,000 Texas agents each to write up to 10 brand new homeowners insurance policies. The only condition is that those 10 new policies be written for households with an existing Farmers Insurance auto policy.

In addition, effective July 7 Farmers Insurance will allow its agents to transfer homeowners policies when a Farmers Insurance customer in Texas moves to a new location. In other words, if an existing Farmers Insurance customer moves to a new household within Texas, or from another state to Texas, Farmers agents will be allowed to write their new homeowners insurance policy. Also beginning July 7 Farmers Insurance will begin opening the market for renters'

insurance with no limitations on the number of new policies written.

After Aug. 15, Farmers Insurance will re-evaluate these steps regarding its future homeowners insurance business.

"The last year has been one of the most difficult years in our 75 year history," said Hageman. "We are taking a first step in re-entering the Texas homeowners market slowly, so that level of service and level of commitment to our existing customers is not jeopardized," said Hageman. "We are pleased to begin moving forward for the sake of our loyal customers and dedicated agents."

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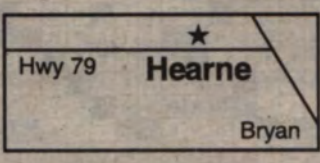
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Silver Spur Film Series continues at the Stagecoach Inn July 12

The Silver Spur Film Series continues with its second installment 7:30 p.m. July 12 at the Stagecoach Inn's Longhorn Conference Room.

Hosts Grainger and Penny Esch will present the 1947 John Wayne classic, *Angel and the Badman*, a delightful western packed with both action and romance.

In addition, there will be a short comedy film, door prizes, and live entertainment provided by the Esch's. Other showings are planned throughout the summer.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Stagecoach Inn front desk or at the door of the Longhorn Conference Room half an hour before show time. Admission price also includes a soda and a snack. For more information about the performance, call Stagecoach at 947-5111.



Penny and Grainger Esch perform at film series

Messina Hof Winery tasting set for July 11

The Range at the Barton House will host a wine tasting with representatives of the Messina Hof Winery 6-9 p.m. July 11.

The Messina Hof Winery, located just east of Bryan, released its first vintage in 1983. The winery is the result of the partnership between Paul and Merrill Bonarrigo. Paul's wine making heritage dates back over 200 years to the region of Messina, Sicily. Merrill's family originates from Hof, Germany.

Their wines have been acclaimed as being accessible to not only the connoisseur, but the casual wine drinker as well.

Cost for the event is \$25 per person, which includes four oz. servings of Messina Hof wines, in addition to Chef Dave Hermann's hors d'oeuvres. Guests will also have the opportunity to visit with the Messina Hof representatives. Live classical guitar music will be featured.

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Each year the chapters come together to sponsor an event that will offer a variety of topics and dis-

seminate pertinent information to help women from diverse business backgrounds enhance their professional and personal lives.

This year's theme is "Unmasking the Mystery of Leadership," and will feature the following speakers and topics: Paula Brown, "Using Creative Thinking to Accomplish

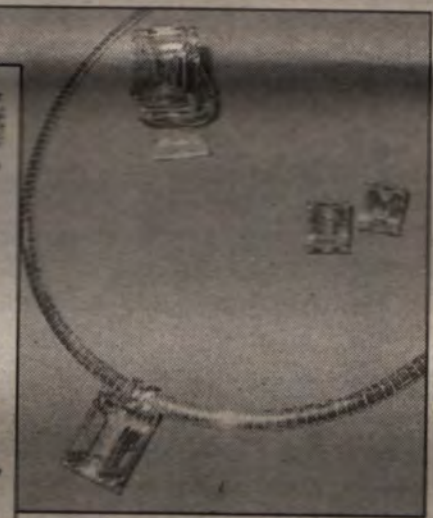
the Task;" Jan Anderson, leadership forum "Embrace the Energy;" Darleen Martin, "So Your Cheese was Moved...Now What?;" and Linda Webster, "Common Issues in Estate Planning."

Registration will be 8-8:45 a.m., with a continental breakfast provided. Lunch will be served following the last session of the

workshop, and the entertainment will be magicians from Special Occasions. Door prizes will be awarded. Closing time is set for 2 p.m.

Cost for the entire program and luncheon is \$15. Certificates of Continuing Education will be available for an additional \$5. To make a reservation, call 254-526-0373 no later than July 11.

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Regular Meetings

Mondays

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

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

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

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

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

Salado Public Library: Summer reading program for Pre-K through fifth grade, 11 a.m.-noon during July. Call 947-9191.

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: June 9-Aug. 11, 8:30-9:30 a.m., except first Monday of the month, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Class includes stretching, strengthening and

Pilates. Held 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 the Halley House.

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 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.

Scottish Country Dance Lessons 8-9:30 p.m. at the Scots Hall of the Clans. 947-0325 for info.

Moms Club walking at the High School track, 8:45 a.m. Every fourth Wednesday, monthly meeting 10:30 a.m. at SUMC. Call 947-5507.

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 Business Association: General meetings, 3rd Thursday

What's happening here?

JULY 12

Communities in Schools 5th Annual Golf Tournament, at Mill Creek. Benefitting CIS programs. Call 947-1700 for info.

JULY 13-18

Second Institute for Voice and Teaching presented by Drs. John and Kim Van Cura, at Allen Hall, behind Inn at Salado. Final public concert 7 p.m. July 18. For info call 947-5592 or e-mail kjvancura@earthlink.net.

JULY 19

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

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.

JULY 21-24

Salado Eagles Football Camp, 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily. Incoming 3rd-9th graders. Cost is \$40. 947-0803 or jcheatham@saladoisd.org for info.

AUGUST 2

Book Fair at Stagecoach Convention Center 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information call 254-947-0456 or visit www.saladopress.com.

AUGUST 2-3

37th Annual Salado Art Fair.

AUGUST 4

Salado Democrats monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

AUGUST 13

First day of school for teachers.

AUGUST 11-12

Salado Intermediate School registration, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at SIS. Aug. 11 for incoming 5th-6th

graders. Aug. 12 for incoming 7th-8th graders. Aug. 8, all students new to SIS.

AUGUST 16

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

AUGUST 18

First day of school for students.

AUGUST 30

Salado Salutes Texas Educators, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at various Salado businesses. For info, www.SaladoTex.com.

SEPTEMBER 1

Salado Village Voice office closed. Advertising deadline for Sept. 3 issue: 12 noon Aug. 28.

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 15

Eleventh Annual Thomas Arnold Elem. PTO Golf Tournament, 1 p.m. at Mill Creek. Deadline for entry is Sept. 8. For info, call Kathlyn Smith at 947-8239.

SEPTEMBER 20

Bell County Jamboree event, for specifics call 254-939-8560, or visit www.allcentex.com/jamboree.

SEPTEMBER 20-21

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SEPTEMBER 22

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SEPTEMBER 27

Chisholm Trail ABWA Style Show, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Celebration Center. 947-9000 for info.

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 17-19

Second annual Titanic Texas Weekend: Gathering for anyone interested in the Titanic. For info: willingham@vvm.com, or www.encyclopedia-titanica.org.

OCT. 25, 31, Nov. 1

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

NOVEMBER 22

Empty Bowl Project benefiting Salado Family Relief Fund. 1-6 p.m. at SIS auditorium. Call 947-5321 for info.

DECEMBER 2

Mill Creek Community Association annual Christmas Party at Creekside Restaurant. Happy hour, 6-7 p.m., dinner 7 p.m. Call 947-3901 for info.

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06/09	Criminal trespass	Armstrong Rd.
06/09	Terroristic threat	Kuykendall Rd.
06/10	Civil matter	FM 2484
06/13	Civil matter	Andre Loop
06/13	Terroristic threat	Crows Ranch Rd.
06/13	Criminal trespass	FM 2484
06/13	Terroristic threat	Thomas Arnold
06/16	Burglary of habitation	Salado Springs
06/16	Harassment by communication	Ridgewood Dr.
06/18	Theft over \$500 under \$1,500	Windy Hill Rd.
06/18	Public intoxication	Cedar Valley Rd.
06/23	Criminal mischief	Gooseneck Rd.
06/24	Identity theft	Lakeview Dr.
06/26	Mental evaluation	Salado Springs
06/28	Burglary of a building	FM 2484
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The **Salado: A Jewel in the Crown of Texas** is 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

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The Jewel is distributed 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 Salado are provided boxes of the magazine. Included in the Jewel magazine is a user friendly shopping map of

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Native of Salado, Mollie Garner, has been named Head Chef/Kitchen Manager for Devereaux Buffet (formerly Thai Spice).

Her duties working at Devereaux include helping owner/manager Keith Stevens to establish a good environment and to make sure that the kitchen is run well.

Devereaux is billed as "fine dining at casual prices." They serve an assortment of food including Tex-Mex, Cajun, and French.

Garner is a 1998 graduate of Salado High School. She graduated from the Western Culinary Institute Le Cordon Bleu in Portland, OR in August 2002. "It is a two-year school

rolled into one year," she said.

"You go through five programs during the course of the year. These include a la carte, garnier, deli/diner, bake shop, and fine dining," she stated.

One of the projects they are given is the Black Box, that is where students are given a "Black Box" filled with proteins, starch, grains, salad, and ingredients for a dessert. She said at that point students are given one hour to fix the recipe you haven't seen until you open the box.

One of her other favorite projects was an ice sculpture she made of a swan and turtle.

"I was inspired to attend the Culinary school after my mom died," she said. "I knew then that I needed to do something.

My mom and dad both loved to cook and had done so for over 38 years."

She has been employed previously by The Salado Mansion and Stagecoach Inn.

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*The following was submitted by Weeta Holland Evans of Salado.

In 1948, three young girls entered Lucille Rosser's first grade class at Salado Elementary School. Their names were Betty Berry, Mary Norwood, and Weeta Holland. The girls went to church together at Salado United Methodist Church. They all had birthdays in March, so they immediately found desks close to one another for the first day of school, a new adventure for them to tackle.

Their friendship grew closer through the first eight years at Salado School. Then in the summer of 1956, Norwood's parents to McGregor and Berry's family moved to Ker-

ville. This left Holland to begin ninth grade without her two sidekicks. All the young girls survived the separation. Even though they attended high school in different towns, distance did not effect their close friendship. They kept in touch. They shared their lives by being in each others' weddings, sharing their children's antics as their families grew. Writing, calling, and visiting continued.

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just like the Lion (Norwood), the Scarecrow (Berry), and the Tin Man (Holland), and they enjoy the Yellow Brick Road right here in Salado.

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Rotary Club installs officers for 2003-2004 year

SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL
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The Rotary Club of Salado installed the officers for the 2003-2004 year June 30 at the home of Dale and LaVerne Gore.

Outgoing President LaFon Ditzler turned the gavel over to incoming President Eldon Carey. Carmen (Bear) Berrier will take over President-Elect.

Officers inducted included Jake McClure, Secretary; John Pettijohn, Treasurer; Rip Van Winkle, Sergeant of Arms; Dale Gore, Community Service; Gerry Reihsen, Club Service; Bill Price, International Service; Carmen Berrier, Vocational Service; and Jeff McClure, Parliamentarian.

Pat Derk, Past District Governor of Killeen, gave



The Rotary Club of Salado 2003-2004 officers take oath of office, June 30 by Pat Derk (pictured top photo, far right.) (PHOTO BY SCHUYLER KUYKENDALL)

the oath to the incoming officers.

The Rotarians presented Ditzler with an award to show their appreciation for

her services as President for 2002-2003.

More Fort Hood soldiers return from Iraq

Approximately 90 soldiers from the 62nd Engineer Battalion returned to Fort Hood from Iraq July 4.

The soldiers from Company A of the 62nd Engineer Battalion, part of the 13th Corps Support Com-

mand, deployed from Fort Hood on Jan. 14 this year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Family members and friends met the returning soldiers at the Abrams Physical Fitness Center to welcome them back to Fort

Hood.

In addition to other missions during the past six months, the 62nd Engineer Battalion has assisted in the building of the Inland Petroleum Distribution System. The IPDS is a lightweight, rapidly

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Texas Archeology Month (TAM) is right around the corner. The month-long celebration in October is an educational and public outreach program co-sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission (THC), the Texas Archeological Society and the Council of Texas Archeologists.

A record number of people attended last year's events that included 80 programs or fairs in 54 Texas communities. As a

result, several landowners have approached the THC for assistance in protecting archeological sites on their property. More than 90 percent of the state's archeological sites are on private property and the THC acknowledges those who take steps to protect them with a Historic Texas Lands Plaque.

Something new this year is the name of the celebration. Formerly known as Texas Archeology Awareness Month, or TAAM, the

new name puts a fresh face on an event that has grown in both attendance and exposure over the years.

Seven educational brochures are now available from the THC, in addition to the publications How to Plan and Manage an Archeology Fair and Texas Archeology in the Classroom: A Unit for Teachers.

Sponsors of TAM events must submit their event forms this month to be sure they are featured in the TAM 2003 Calendar of Events produced by the THC.

Forms may be downloaded from the "Texas Archeology Month" page on the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us. Events are featured in the TAM 2003 Calendar of Events produced by the THC.

For more information call Molly Gardner at 512/463-6095 or email molly.gardner@thc.state.tx.us. To order materials, download an order form from the THC web site or contact Donna McCarver at 512/463-6090.

More Victorian Lectures This Summer

Each summer, the Historic Waco Foundation hosts a series of three luncheons. This year's theme is the Victorian-era intertwined with Waco history.

The June luncheon with guest speaker Alan Mayfield was a success, and the next two promise to delight audiences of all tastes.

The next luncheon will be held 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. July 22 in the fellowship hall of the Austin Avenue United Methodist Church, located at 1300 Austin Ave.

The final lecture and the Victorian Tea will be held 3-5 p.m. Aug. 7 at Ridgewood Country Club.

On July 22, B.J. Greaves will present the story of Milton Scott in his lecture "Milton Scott: My Hero."

Greaves, a registered architect, will tell the story of a man whose architectural designs include Waco's First Baptist Church, the Artesian Manufacturing and Bottling Co. (now the Dr Pepper Museum), Waco High, and the Albert T. Clifton residence, all of which left a lasting imprint on Waco.

On Aug. 7, Doreen Ravenscroft will present "Victorian Flower Arrangements for Today." An afternoon tea while learning the art of making Victorian flower arrangements.

Spaces are limited for the series and reservations are required. The cost for each luncheon is \$15 and \$25 for the Victorian Tea. Reservations must be received by July 18 for the July luncheon and by Aug. 1 for the Victorian Tea.

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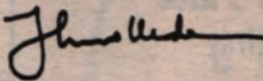
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I make at least one commencement address every year. This year, I had the privilege of speaking to the Greenwood High School Class of 2003.

The event was held in Midland's Chaparral Center. Graduating seniors at Greenwood have a special tradition. When the school board member hands them their diploma, they hand him something back. This year, it was a one-inch beach thong. The tiny shoes were in bright colors of pink and yellow and green.

In previous years, the object has been a penny, a marble or something just as ridiculous. Some years the object is big enough so the board member has to empty his pockets during the graduation ceremonies.

Occasionally the board member gets a condom. High school and college graduates are trying to figure out just what they're going to be doing for the

rest of their lives. Weldon Bigony of Big Spring is a recent college graduate and he's like others in his class: thinking about the future.

Weldon has made lots of news lately. He's been on Ophra, the Today Show, in People Magazine and dozens of other media. He got the publicity because he is 82 years old.

"I started out with the class of 42 but finished with the class of 03.

You could say I'm a slow learner," says weldon.

After graduation, he competed in the national senior games in the fast walking category. "I finished," he told Ophra when she asked him how he placed in the race.

In 1941, Weldon was in his senior year at Baylor. He was attending the university on a football scholarship. Baylor was on the quarter system then and when Weldon finished his fall quarter, just after Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Navy. He didn't hesitate

to do so, even though he was just two quarters (6 months) away from getting his college degree.

Weldon had a career as a pilot, retiring in 1981 when he was 61. He played golf, traveled and ran marathons. Over the years, he regretted not getting his degree. "I kinda hate to leave things unfinished," says weldon.

Last year he decided to ask Baylor if he could get his scholarship back. He told the school he had given them 4 football seasons, as his contract stated, but he hadn't finished his education. Baylor said come on down. He got nearly a full scholarship. All he

had to pay for were room and board.

During the school year, Weldon wore tennis shoes, a back pack and baseball cap. He worked hard and passed his courses. "I had to, man," says Weldon. "The pressure was on. If I hadn't passed, after Baylor had done all it had done for me, it would have been bad."

At graduation, the entire class gave him a standing ovation. Soon everybody in the coliseum was standing.

Like a lot of new graduates with a BBA Degree, Weldon is weighing his options. He doesn't know what his next job will be.

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.

Easy Chicken & Dumplings

- 1 large fryer
- 1 large can flaky biscuits
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can flour

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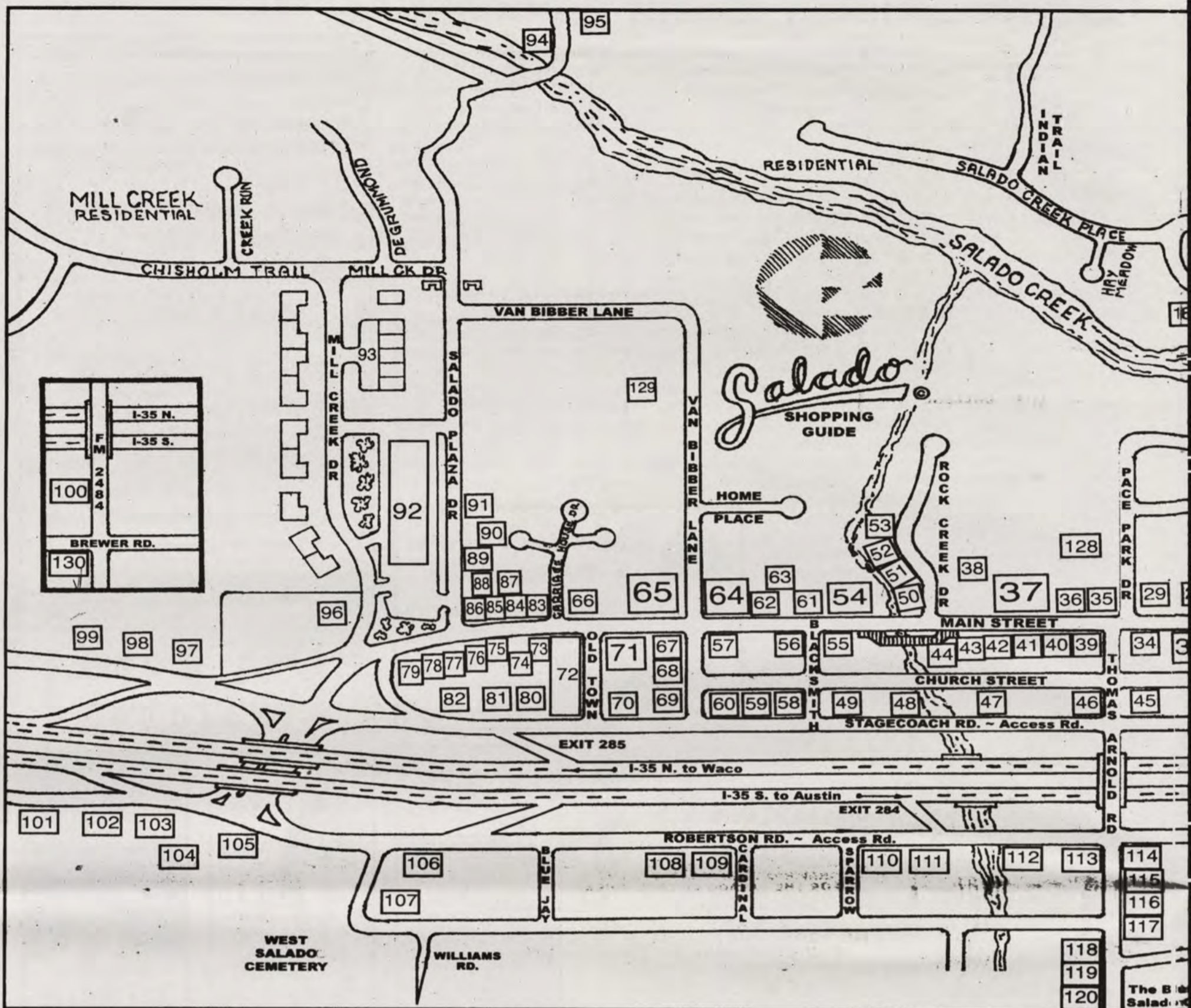
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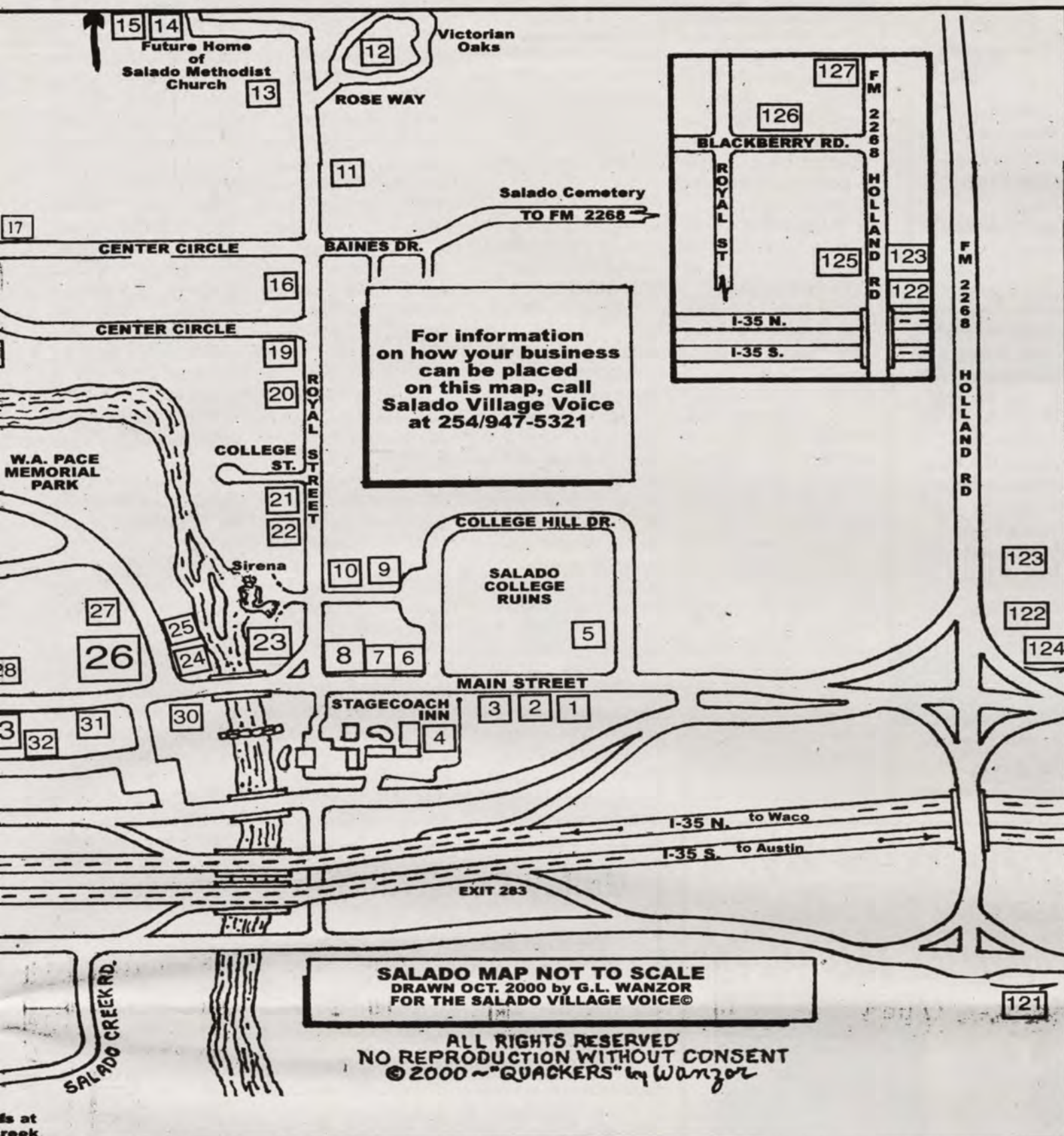
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The 20th Anniversary tour of "Greater Tuna," the comedy with "Tex Appeal" starring Broadway's Jaston Williams and Texas favorite, Larry Randolph, makes its limited engagement premiere in Temple at the Frank W. Mayborn Auditorium, Cultural Activities Center (July 17-19, call (254) 773-9926 for tickets).

This multi-award winning comedy is a funny, loving portrait of rural America -- big hearts, small minds and all -- that takes a look into daily life in Tuna, the third smallest town in Texas, where the Lions Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies.

Master comedians Williams and Randolph (assisted by more than 40 lightning-quick costume changes), portray all 20 characters: men, women, children and animals. "Greater Tuna" has been a favorite of theatre audiences and critics alike from its beginnings in a Sixth Street cabaret in Austin, to New York, the White

House and even as an HBO Special.

"The audience all but exploded the theatre with laughter," exclaimed the *New York Post*, and the *Washington Post* declared TUNA, "Hilarious! A tribute to the art of Acting!" *Texas Monthly* summed it up by naming GREATER TUNA the "Play of the Century!"

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Although written and first performed 20 years ago, the residents of Tuna could not be more up-to-date. World events and politics have put the tongue-in-cheek comedy in "Greater Tuna" right back on the front pages of today's newspapers.

Vera Carp is still leading the Smut Snatchers of the New Order in their campaign to clear the library shelves of dirty books like *Huckleberry Finn* and *Romeo and Juliet*. Elmer Watkins speaks up for the Ku Klux Klan, Petey Fisk argues for animal rights. And everybody is talking about a

celebrity murder. UFO Sightings to boot? Is this the cover of *Time Magazine*? No, it's just an average day in Tuna, Texas.

Owing its longevity and popularity to the universal humor of families and small towns, Greater Tuna has spawned two sequels, "A Tuna Christmas" and "Red, White and Tuna," which have quickly become audience favorites. The Tuna trilogy is among the most successful of all time.

Jaston Williams has been touring extensively with the Tuna productions for the past 20 years. He has received Washington D.C.'s Helen Hayes Award nominations for "A Tuna Christmas" and "Red, White and Tuna" and the San Francisco Bay Area Critics Award and L.A. Dramalogue Award for "Greater Tuna." Williams received the Texas Governors Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Arts by a Native Texan and has performed at the White House on three occasions.

In his hometown of Austin, Williams has

appeared at the State Theatre in Eugene Ionesco's *The Chairs* and at Zachary Scott Theatre in Jay Presson Allen's *Tru*, for which he received the Austin Critics Table Award for Best Actor in a drama.

He most recently appeared at Zachary Scott in "The Laramie Project." His new play, "Romeo and Thorazine," work-shopped at Zachary Scott last November and he has two new plays in progress, "Morning Stars" and "A Little Iffy."

For several years, Williams toured in Larry Shues "The Foreigner," for which he received a Helen Hayes Award nomination for Best Actor. He performed in "The Fantasticks" at Washington's Fords Theatre and directed the musical "Bad Girls Upset by the Truth" at Atlanta's Alliance Theatre.

Larry Randolph returns to his favorite town in Texas after having racked up a remarkable three-year, 1200-performance run of "Greater Tuna" in San Francisco.

His long association with Jaston Williams traces to Texas Tech, where Randolph was Williams' acting professor and directed him in "The Lion in Winter." Their most recent collaboration was at Zachary Scott Theatre Center (Austin) where Larry directed Jaston in an award-winning production of "Tru."

A few of Larry's TV appearances include Walker: Texas Ranger, Days of our Lives, Columbo, and the TV movie Two Mothers for Zachery (starring Vanessa Redgrave). Motion pictures include Chaplin, It's in the Water and Prime Target. He has directed in theatres across the country such as the Bing Theatre at USC and the Virginia Shakespeare Festival in Williamsburg. For the last several years he has been a guest actor and director at the historic Granbury Opera House in Granbury. There he has directed 16 productions and appeared in 11.

Besides "Greater Tuna," his two other most favorite theatre experiences include directing the award-winning "The Knife Thrower's Assistant" in Edinburgh, Scotland (written by and starring Ronnie Claire Edwards) and performing as King George III at the Hollywood Bowl with a full orchestra and fireworks.

"Greater Tuna" features scenery by television, film and opera designer Kevin Rupnik. Costumes are by Broadway designer SEE GREATER TUNA PAGE 13B

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6/01	12:18 p.m.	Brush, grass mixture fire
6/01	6:18 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/02	4:28 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
6/03	7:31 a.m.	Authorized controlled burning
6/03	6:50 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/04	4:14 p.m.	Authorized controlled burning
6/04	5:16 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
6/04	5:38 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/04	10:28 p.m.	Vehicle accident, general clean-up
6/05	3:32 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/05	9:53 a.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
6/07	12:34 p.m.	Grass fire
6/07	12:07 a.m.	Grass fire
6/07	1:59 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/08	11:33 a.m.	False alarm, false call, other
6/09	11:08 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/13	11:30 a.m.	Grass fire
6/13	1:56 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/14	6:26 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/14	2:55 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/16	10:21 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/17	10:38 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/18	1:14 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/18	7:12 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
6/18	1:41 p.m.	Power line down
6/18	5:33 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/18	6:25 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/19	6:56 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/20	11:11 a.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
6/20	11:23 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/21	6:13 p.m.	Alarm sounded, no fire - unintentional
6/26	1:19 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/26	4:55 a.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
6/26	4:29 p.m.	Alarm sounded, no fire - unintentional
6/26	7:46 p.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/27	2:32 p.m.	Vehicle accident w/injuries
6/27	3:31 p.m.	Dispatched and canceled en route
6/27	5:48 p.m.	Person in distress, other
6/28	10:37 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/28	8:35 p.m.	Grass fire
6/29	12:10 a.m.	Structure fire other than building
6/29	11:14 a.m.	Medical assist, assist EMS
6/29	9:43 p.m.	Building fire
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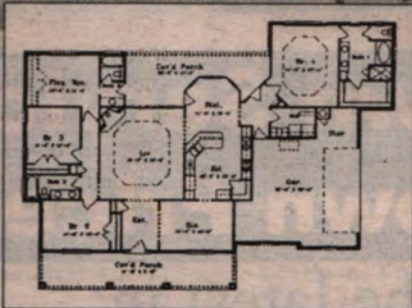
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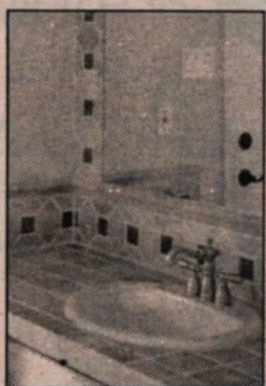
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Attorney General Abbott cautions Texas seniors on problems with Living Wills

By GREG ABBOTT
 ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

Our office has heard reports about unethical sales of living trusts. Some victims have paid as much as \$1,800 for a living trust on the advice of door-to-door sales persons. Too often, the sale is made without regard for whether a living trust really is in the client's best interests. The fact is, for a majority of seniors, a living trust is not preferable to a will and a durable power of attorney.

A living trust is a legal document that usually is created for the purpose of allowing another person to assist you in managing your assets while you are alive, and for distributing your assets after you are gone.

A living trust is different from a "living will" (now called a "directive to physicians and family or surrogates,") which expresses your health care wishes about being kept alive or not if you are seriously injured or terminally

ill. A living trust involves three parties: the grantor, the trustee and the beneficiary. As grantor, you transfer ownership and control of your money, property, and other assets to the trust, which is managed by the trustee for the benefit of the beneficiary. You can serve as the grantor, trustee and the beneficiary of the trust. You can also name another person or an institution such as your bank to serve as the trustee for you. This option is typically used when you are facing a debilitating or terminal illness that may impair your judgment.

If you are currently serving as your own trustee, the successor trustee will distribute the remainder of the trust after your death. The distribution of your assets after your death will be governed by the directions you provide in the trust document. Some sales people often lead victims to believe that probate proceedings are overly lengthy and costly, and a living trust should be used in order to avoid probate. In fact, the probate process in Texas is one of the least expensive and simplest in the United States. Also, remember that a living trust is not the only way to avoid probate. "A living trust will reduce death taxes on your estate" is a frequently used, misleading statement. Most Texans will not face estate taxes. If your estate is subject to taxes, you can use a will to accomplish the same tax savings as a trust, usually at a much lower cost.

Living trusts are not appropriate for the majority of seniors. In fact, for some people, the expense of creating, administering, maintaining and funding a living trust can outweigh the benefit of having a living trust. In deciding if a living trust is right for you, be sure not to succumb to high-pressure sales tactics. Be wary of phrases like "once in a lifetime," "act now," and "don't let this

pass you by." Whether a living trust is an appropriate estate planning tool depends on your personal financial situation, health condition and goals. For example, living trusts are often appropriate for someone who is facing a serious incapacity like Alzheimer's. You should discuss the benefits and drawbacks with accountants, attorneys and financial planners who are experienced in this area and whom you trust before taking any action. You should also be cautious about allowing a living trust salesperson to see your assets and your net worth because the salesperson may use this knowledge to sell you inappropriate investments. If you are subsequently contacted by a salesperson offering annuity products, you should be aware that there are several types of annuities, many of which are not appropriate for seniors as a tool for financial planning. You can find more information on living trusts and other forms of advance planning on the Senior Texans Section of our Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us. Be sure also to visit the State Bar's Web Site at www.texasbar.com for information related to this subject. If you believe you have been victimized by a living trust scam, you can file a complaint in the Consumer Protection Section of our Web site. You can also request a complaint form by calling the Consumer Protection Division at (800) 621-0508. Information on this and other topics is available on the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

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Clothing workshop, pig show on tap for local 4-H'ers

By T. RANDALL RAKOWITZ
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Jeffrey Roper of the Academy 4-H Club was recently selected for National 4-H Congress. The event will be held Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 in Atlanta, GA. During Congress, Roper will be involved with youth leadership activities and will have the opportunity to work with youth and adults from throughout the United States. Congratulations Roper, we know you will represent Bell County well.

A clothing workshop for 4-H members will be held 1-4 p.m. July 17 at Academy High School. Bring your material and supplies and we will have a pattern for you to make pillows. Pre-registration is required by July 11 along with a \$3 registration fee to the Bell County Extension Office.

Have you ever wondered how to decorate a cake? 4-H members will have an opportunity to learn this unique craft on 9 a.m.-noon July 26 at the Killeen Community Center. Each participant will be able to decorate his/her own cake. Cost for this event is \$5 and registration is due to the County Extension Office by July 18. This event is limited to the first 20 youth who register. For more information, contact the Bell County Extension Office at 254-933-5305.

The Bell County 4-H is sponsoring the Bell County Classic Pig Show and fund-raiser on July 12-13 at the Bell County Expo Center. Volunteers who would like to help should contact Randall by July 10 at 254-933-5305. Also, any 4-H members who have items to donate to the Silent Auction for this event should have those items to the County Extension office by 5 p.m. July 10.

June rains big help to pastures

By JAMES M. DAVIS,
COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT- AG.

Rain during June was most helpful to pastures, ranges and hay meadows all across Central Texas. However, now that plants are green and growing again, most people do not realize how precarious a situation we are in at this

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time. We virtually got zero spring growth of grasses. We are in the process of making our first cutting of hay now which would have normally been cut in May. At this time we should be harvesting our second cutting of hay. In my way of thinking, we are already at below 50 percent of normal hay production. July and August are traditionally poor growing months because it is hot and dry. If we stay wet in July and August, we will more than make up for the missed first cutting of hay. However, if we have our usual hot, dry weather the hay supply would be rather short going into winter.

West Nile Virus

The following is a note

from Dr. Terry Conger, Veterinarian and State Epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission.

As of July 1, 38 cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) have been reported this year by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) Zoonosis Control Division, which maintains the state's statistical database for reporting laboratory-confirmed WNV cases in humans, mosquitoes, birds and horses.

According to the TDH, the 38 cases have been confirmed in one horse each in Angelina, Calhoun and Tarrant counties, and two in Van Zandt County. WNV also has

been detected in six birds and four mosquito pools in Harris County; one bird each in Hunt, Smith, and Orange counties; three birds and four mosquito pools in Dallas County; five mosquito pools in Tarrant County, three mosquito pools in Jefferson; two in Nueces, and one in Travis County. An infected bird and mosquito pool has been detected in Brazos County.

In June 2002, Texas has its first case of WNV, and by year's end, 1,699 equine cases have been reported. Bell County had seven reported equine cases. Denton County was hit hardest, with 69 equine cases.

Equine owners are

urged to vaccinate their animals for WNV, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE). WNV, EEE and WEE are going to be with us always, as these diseases have become endemic in our country. Even if you try to reduce the mosquito population in your area, vaccinating against these mosquito-borne diseases still needs to be part of routine health maintenance.

The WNV vaccine for horse's vaccination requires a series of two shots, administered three to six weeks apart. After the second injection, sev-

Leaky roof needs quick fix

This is a Hammer

by Samantha Mazzotta

Question: Darn it! This year's rainy spring and summer have really taken a toll on my roof. I walked into the back bedroom this morning, and water was dripping from the ceiling! The leak doesn't look too bad now, but what can I do to patch it between showers and before the professionals can come and fix it?

Answer: In some parts of the country, this year isn't shaping up well at all for major outdoor projects! Along the East Coast, house painting and roof repair have often had to be put on hold in hopes of drier weather.

Late July and August are the prime season for

roof repair, because the hot days allow professionals to complete their jobs quickly. However, you need a quick fix before August, and before the bedroom's occupants have to paddle to breakfast.

Minimize damage to the bedroom ceiling by driving an awl or a nail into the center of the watermark. This will release any water pooling above the ceiling. Be sure to put a bucket beneath the leak.

Now, pinpoint the leak: Climb into the attic (or crawlspace if you can) and look for damp areas above the bedroom. Before cleaning up the water, look up -- at the underside of the roof. Find the exact spot where water is dripping in. Mark it and measure the distance from the leak to the peak of the roof. Then, clean up standing water and damp areas in the crawlspace. (Wait to repair the bedroom ceiling until the roof problem is fixed.)

When the rain ends, go up onto the roof and, using the measurement you took inside the house, find the other side of the leak. Visible damage may be evident at that spot -- such as a broken or torn shingle, or damaged flashing. Go ahead and make spot repairs using plastic roofing cement to tack down loose or buckled shingles. Torn (asphalt) shingles should be replaced rather than patched.

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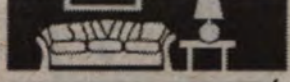


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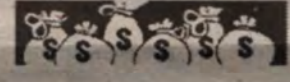
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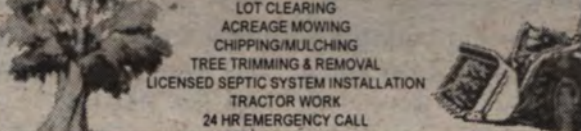
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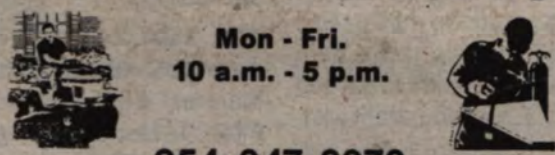
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Other Lots

- **Royal Oaks** - \$30,000 - Under Contract
- **Royal Oaks** - \$31,500 - Under Contract
- **Rita Bend Drive** - \$39,900
- **Windy Hill Ranch** - 2 acre lots - \$55,000 to \$90,000

Hidden Springs

- **Lot 82** - 4.87 acres - \$83,000

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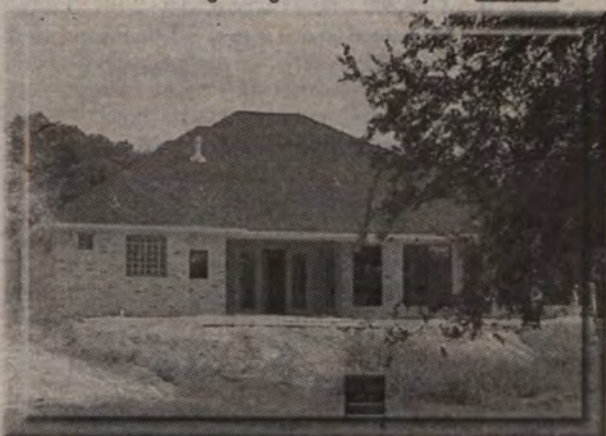
Charming country home west of Salado. 3 BR/2 BA with tile and hardwood flooring. Large fenced back yard. **\$89,500.**



Great four bedroom house with formal dining. Fenced yard with covered porch. Like new! Priced at **\$159,900.**



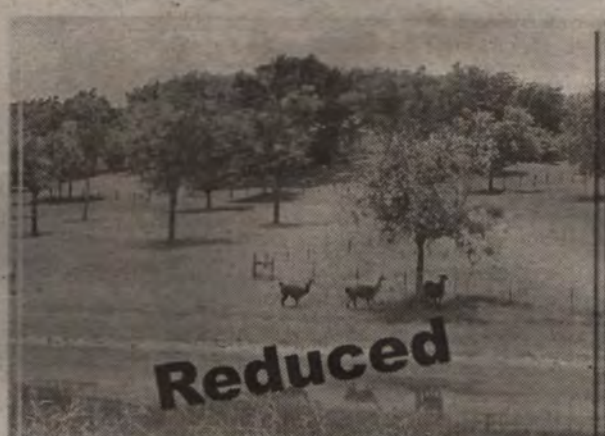
In Salado 3/2 split level home with loft and 2 living areas, plus formal dining. **\$139,900.**



New home under construction on the golf course overlooking Salado Creek. Absolutely beautiful view. Ten to fourteen foot ceilings thruout the home. Priced at **\$310,000.**



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. **\$337,000.**



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. **\$399,000.**



Secluded country home with over 4,400 SF in main house 5+ BR, 4 BA, 3 car garage, workshop, gameroom, storage and more on 10-1/2 acres. **\$437,000.**



Beautiful wooded lot in the Woods of Salado subdivision. 3BR/2BA, brick fireplace, covered patio deck in back, storage shed. **\$129,900.**



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

Acreage

- Lots w/ sewage & water on Shady Lane. **\$10,000/lot.**
- Approximately 2 acres near golf course in Mill Creek. Beautiful trees. **\$38,995.**
- 2 acre lot sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$28,900.**
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- 2.7 acres fronting FM 2843. **\$29,900** or 1.35 acres for **\$20,000.**
- 3.018 acres on FM 2843. Large pecan trees & live water on Butter Milk Creek. **\$39,900.**
- 3 BR/2 BA mobile home on 3.5 acres w/ hilltop view overlooking valley and lake. **\$50,000.**
- 3.5 acres with septic & water. **\$38,000.**
- 3.52 acres, mostly wooded. **\$49,900.**
- 4 acres SW of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **\$56,800.**
- 5.13 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful trees. Excellent homesite. **Reduced to \$44,900.**
- 20 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Heavily wooded with Great views. Priced at **\$125,000.**
- 29 acres sw of Salado on Buttermilk Creek. Priced at \$7,000 per acre. Beautiful Trees and outstanding wildlife.
- 51 acres Buttermilk Creek, spectacular views, excellent tree coverage, sw of Salado.
- 53 acres south of Salado. **\$2,990/acre.**
- 130 acres Rolling hills with great views. **\$4,500/acre.**



245 acres priced at \$6,000 per acre. beautiful rolling hills with large live oak trees and a 3 acre lake. Outstanding development opportunity.

928 acres sw of Salado. Beautiful rolling tree country w/ live creek & large lake on property. Excellent views. Outstanding wildlife.

Three 250 acre tracts ssw 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/ approx. 60 acres of woods. **\$1,950/acre. SOLD**

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. SOLD**



Gorgeous tree covered corner lot with 3BR/2BA home in a prime location of Mill Creek. **\$169,900.**

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 - **\$39,000.**

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.**